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25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News Dec. 6, 1895—
R. H. Spiller is carrying a broken arm in a sling.
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Simon, a girl, Nov. 27.
C. C. Smith and son, Howard, returned Wednesday from a visit in Atlanta, Georgia.
Mr. John Leslie and Miss Josie Wilhelm were married Wednesday, Rev. Mangham officiating.
Slight snow fell in many places over the State on the 27th.
L. H. King and R. E. Crawford were hunting a few days ago.

15 YEARS AGO

From Mason News Dec. 1, 1905—
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kyger, a boy, Nov. 24th.
Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ischar are the parents of a new boy.
Miss Clara Greer spent Sunday with friends at Katemey.
C. C. Wood has taken a bunch of mules to Williamson county to place on the market.
Born—To Dr. and Mrs. Jim L. Dailey, a girl, Nov. 23rd.
Mr. Geo. Brandenberger, aged 49, died Tuesday night of typhoid fever at his home near Hilda.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Woman's Missionary Society will have their annual Christmas Bazaar at the C. C. Smith Hall on Thursday night, December 9th. General admission 10c.

POLK-MAYO

Mr. Frank Polk and Miss May Mayo were quietly married Sunday afternoon, Rev. Garrett officiating. The groom is a son of Mr. and A. P. Polk and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Mayo. Both these young people were born and reared in our midst and have many friends who will join the News in wishing them every happiness through life.

Use your phone and tell the News the news. Phone 57.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. S. A. McCollum Tuesday afternoon, December 7th at 3 o'clock.
Subject—The Child Worker.
Leader—Mrs. Lamar Paxton.
Bible Lesson—In Christ the Real Solution of the World's Need.
Instrumental Recital.
Hymn No. 76—If the Heart Keeps Right.
Prayer—Mrs. Ery Hamilton.
The Child's New Day—Mrs. Thos. Murray.
The Home of the Child—Mrs. Henry Saunders.
Reading—One Left Out—Mrs. Ben Jordan.
Vocal Duet—Mrs. Carl Runge and Mrs. Dan Lehmborg.
Organization of Child Welfare—Mrs. Otto Schmidt.
Work Yet to Be Done—Mrs. Jim Hey.
The Dawn of a New Day—Mrs. Dan Hooster.
The Near East—Mrs. Ed Smith.
Free Will Offering for the People of the Near East.
Hymn No. 95—Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.
Business.

DONOP-FISCHER

Chas. Donop stole a march on his friends last week. He went to Schertz, Texas, and on Thanksgiving Day was married to Miss Bertha Fischer. Mr. and Mrs. Donop will reside at the old John Keller ranch home, which place he and his brother, Edwin purchased recently. The News extends the happy couple congratulations.

Mrs. Lyle returned home Monday from an extended visit with friends in San Antonio and Taylor.

Methodist Church

There will not be any services at the M. E. Church, South, next Sunday, December 5th, as the pastor will be out of town. Neither will there be preaching at the Behrens School House. The next quarterly conference will be held on December 12th. Bro. S. B. Johnston, our new presiding elder, will preach in Mason on the same date.
Roy G. Rader, P. C.

HOME TALENT PLAY AT STAR MONDAY NIGHT

The public will have an opportunity to witness the second home talent play of the season at the Star Opera House Monday night, December 6. The play is to be staged for the benefit of the Mason High School Athletic Association, and the characters have been selected from the high school students. The title of the play is "Parlor Matches" and promises to afford the public plenty of amusement as well as an opportunity to assist in carrying on athletics in our schools. Rehearsals have been held most every night for the past two weeks under the direction of Miss Tipps, of the High School Faculty, and it is announced that participants will be prepared to render a splendid performance.
An admission of fifty cents will be charged for reserved seats, and thirty-five cents for general admission. Tickets will be on sale Friday at the Masor Drug Store.

Phone the News for prices on printed greeting cards.

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

ONE OF AMERICA'S FEW WOMEN ENGINEERS



Women in business and professional life are no longer an oddity. It remained for Miss Lou Alta Melton of Denver, however, to seek entrance to a sphere which has hitherto been almost exclusively occupied by the stronger sex—civil engineering. She was the only girl in the civil engineering class which graduated from the University of Colorado last June, and she is now employed as an assistant bridge engineer for the United States bureau of public roads in Denver. In addition Miss Melton is the first and only woman member of the Colorado Society of Engineers. She is twenty-five years old.

BIRDS ATTACKED PLANE

Broke Propellers and Jammed Rudder Control Wires.
A flock of small birds attacked a scout machine, near El bu Kir, Egypt, piloted by Lieut. John Sharpe Griffiths of Los Angeles, Cal., a member of the British Royal Air force, and sent the machine crashing to the earth.
"When I saw the birds were trying to damage my machine," said Lieut. Griffiths, "I put the plane through all the tricks I knew, rolling, looping, diving, doing Immelman turns, and diving in turn, but the birds followed me and eventually flew into the propellers, breaking them. They jammed my rudder control wires and sent the machine crashing to earth. Luckily I escaped with a few bruises and cuts."

A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. If not sold by your drug store, by mail \$1.25. Small bottle often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo.

PRODUCERS MUST ORGANIZE

Business capital is organized. When business interests make demands, they are acceded to.
Labor is organized. When union labor speaks it is listened to.
What do producers do? Just kick and let things go on. Labor represents 4 out of 8 percent of the voting population of the state. The laborer pays from 1 to 4 percent of his wages to protect his job. Is your job—is your investment worth protecting?
Who is going to protect it? The man who spends his money for luxuries and then cries for cheaper food?
Who is the man who prices the products you raise, it is yours, do you say what you can afford to raise it for?
Does the man who works 8 hours a day want you to work 14 hours a day that he may have cheap food? As sure as you live these men will not protect your interests.

They are organized, they work to their own interests and it is up to you to work to yours. Will you do it? Will you try? Will you join with others in the effort? Will you go in together and control the markets? You nor any one else can not do it alone. But suppose we have 100 members in Mason county and suppose each county is organized and we have 150,000 members in the state, would the secretary of an association like that have any power?
Thirty-three states have organized, one and one-half million have already joined, and now just a few questions: if the solid South were organized, could the secretary with such backing, price the cotton? If the grazing sections were together solid, could they price livestock? Could the wool men price their wool?
Join The Farm Bureau And Do Your Part In This One Great Effort.

Mrs. D. H. Bickenbach and Miss Mayme and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bickenbach and baby left Monday for Fort Worth to reside. They carry with them the best wishes of many Mason friends.

Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

GAS DETECTOR ADDED TO MINE RESCUE TOOLS

West Virginia Bureau Makes Greater Provision for Safety in Saving Entombed Men.

The West Virginia bureau of mines, which is credited by experts with the best equipment in the country for rescuing entombed miners, has just added to its outfit for that work three new pieces of apparatus—a geophone, a carbon monoxide detector and a brass-increased thermometer.
The geophone is similar to a physician's stethoscope. As the stethoscope is used to detect irregularities in the human body by sound, so the geophone is used to detect earth sounds. In this way entombed miners can be located by noting the direction from which the sound vibrations come.
The brass-increased thermometer records maximum and minimum temperatures, whereby it can be ascertained when it is safe to enter mines sealed to smother fires. Hitherto it has been a problem to know when to enter the shafts, but with the thermometer dropped through a hole in the barricade, this can be determined easily.
The carbon monoxide detector is considered the most important piece of apparatus from the point of protecting the lives of rescuers. The gas is detected by a color tube and a color scale on the instrument. Formerly canary birds were used, but their use was not entirely satisfactory, as the birds often succumbed to other gases, while a color detector instrument shows no other gas than carbon monoxide present. One-tenth of 1 percent of the gas is said to be fatal to a human being.

EASTMAN-GLEGHORN

Mr. Joe Eastman and Miss Mary Gleghorn were united in marriage on Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Mr. A. V. Gleghorn. Rev. Rader officiated. The News extends heartiest congratulations.

TEXAS FARM BUREAU MAN IS IN MASON

Frances V. D. Harr, in answer to an invitation of the farmers of Mason county, who met on November 10 and discussed the organization of a Farm Bureau in Mason county, mailing out literature explaining the work of the Farm Bureau and sending out literature to the farmers and ranchmen that they may be informed on the subject when the captains of the different precincts make the drive for membership.
The Farm Bureau handles every commodity and the producers are determined to organize this time and not be the only class of people on earth which is not organized. All of the cotton organizations in the South save one small one have been merged into this one organization.
The different divisions: live stock, wool, cotton, peanuts and grains, etc., are all handled thru this organization and let all the producers do their part and not sit on the "tail of progress and holier, 'Whoa!'"
Get into the collar and do your pulling. This is one organization that the U. S. Department of Agriculture and A. & M. College recommends. The one end of it all is to help the producer, that they may all pull together, sell together and market right and at the right time. It is hoped that Mason county goes 100 percent strong.

M. C. C. TO ENTERTAIN ITS MEMBERS

The Mason Commercial Club will entertain its members with a special picture show at the Star Opera House on Wednesday night, December 8. Following the picture show the members will gather at the W. O. W. Hall, where an Oyster Supper will be served.
This entertainment has been provided for the club members with their wives or sweethearts. Each club member is allowed not over two plates at the oyster supper. Invitations were mailed out on November 27, and Mr. C. S. Vedder, chairman of the entertainment committee, set Wednesday, December 1st, as the last day for members of the club to get in their acceptance and make reservations for the supper.
Only members of the club who were in good standing, received invitations to this entertainment, and parents will not be allowed admission for children not in their arms.

Last Thursday night Miss Nellie Lee Boston entertained with a Thanksgiving supper. Everyone present enjoyed themselves very much, and after supper all went to a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frenzel. Miss Nellie Lee's guests included Misses May Mayo, Aitha Kothmann, Jessie Garner and Messrs. Frank Polk, Ulva and Clay Walker.

Tricycles and air rifles at L. C. Probst's 38tf

Wesley Leach, formerly of the Fredonia section, was in Mason last Saturday and informed the News that he had moved to Burnett county. Mr. Leach stated he did not intend to leave Mason county permanently and would probably be back next year.

Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Byler went to San Antonio last week, where Dr. Byler attended the annual convention of the State Dental Association. Dr. Byler returned to Mason Monday, but Mrs. Byler remained in San Antonio where she will receive medical treatment for her throat.

The News is prepared to print your greeting cards.

COUNTY OFFICIALS

The newly elected officials of Mason county qualified for their respective offices on Wednesday, December 1st. Commissioner Hoester, of precinct No. 4, is the only old official who is still in office.

Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

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LADY IN ATTENDANCE
Phone 81 Brady, Texas.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Woman's Missionary Society will have their annual Christmas Bazaar at the C. C. Smith Hall Thursday night, December 9.

H. F. Cromer of Nashville, Tenn. was a guest of Miss Jennie White during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mrs. W. H. Francis, after a visit here with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Lindsay, left Friday to visit relatives in Kimble county.

KILL the BLUE BUGS AND ALL BLOOD SUCKING INSECTS by feeding "Martin's Blue Bug Killer" to your chickens.

Miss Mildred Kelso of Ft. Worth, spent a few days in Mason last week visiting in the M. F. Carter home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lindsay and little A. J. and C. C. Smith went to Junction Saturday for a visit with relatives.

NOTICE—All parties holding bills against Coleman & Jenkins for labor, material, etc., used on Highway No. 9, will please file their claims with the County Clerk immediately.

SHOW WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Next Wednesday night, December 28th, following the special show for the Mason Commercial Club, I will show the picture, "God's Country and the Woman", for the general public.

***** GASOLINE THIRTY CENTS A GAL. FOR CASH W. H. NEILL *****

It is rumored that Mr. Elgin Leifaste, a prominent young man of the Phebeville section, has gone to Seguin, where he is to marry a Miss Pape.

Miss Clara Fritz, of Junction, was a past week-end guest of Miss Mary Jane Puckey.

Advertisement for Jas. L. Fullerton, Joplin, Mo., featuring a 5-ton White truck and Ever-Tyte Rings. Includes an illustration of the truck and the Ever-Tyte logo.

TELLS STORY OF GERMAN SLAVERY

Russian Serves Four Years in Bondage on Farm.

HELD AS AN ALIEN ENEMY

One Day in 1914 He Was Taken Off the Roof of a Building Where He Was Working and the Next Day He Found Himself Bound Out to a German Farmer—His Day's Work Started Before Sunrise and Ended Only When There Was Nothing Further to Do.

Just what serfdom means is understood by Simon Hack of West Chester as well as it was ever understood by any man.

For Hack transition from the state of a free man industriously engaged in a remunerative occupation, was about as quick as was ever experienced by any negro during the days of slavery in this country.

The transition was effected one day in 1914 by a detail of German police. Hack was taken off the roof of the building and the next day found himself bound out to a German farmer operating a 45-acre tract of land near the city.

Once on the farm he found himself completely buried so far as world activities were concerned. The only news he was permitted to receive was that recounting the early victories of the German armies in Belgium and France.

Ten Marks a Month and Board.

How the serf fared is an interesting revelation of the German method of treating compounded alien enemies. In the first place he was assured that he would be paid for his labor.

Naturally he was not inclined to infringe on the German farmer's hospitality any longer than necessary. But this was anticipated by the farmer, who could not afford to dispense with the services of his slave while doing his bit helping to feed the German armies.

When Hack arrived he wore his working clothes. The trousers were a fairly good fit. The farmer looked them over. He also observed that they were supported by a belt.

Had to Return String.

Each night Hack was required to return the piece of string. Until morning he moved around holding up the misfit garment, or during summer discarded it entirely.

which might have been utilized to support the misfits he was forced to wear. Of course this made it impossible for him to run away or to appear in public.

During the day he worked in the field. The day for him started before sunrise and ended only when it was impossible to find any more for him to do.

During the four years he put in as a serf he was prohibited from talking with anyone not connected with the farm. This made it impossible to get word of his condition to relatives in America.

Information Became Meager.

All the information which came to him flowed through the German farmer and toward the end of the war it became meager. This led Simon to believe that things were not going so well with the German armies as at first.

As the war drew to an end the ration of horse meat grew smaller. At last it ceased entirely. This reduced him to a vegetarian diet, and even that became limited.

One day the German farmer brought him the trousers he had worn when he arrived and his old belt. He was told to get into them and then to get out.

Was Left Penniless.

But Hack was not discouraged. The German government had his 45 marks. He would get that at Danzig. So he trotted off for the German city.

In this extremity he found a friend, one who looked after him until a letter could be sent to his brother in New York, telling of his situation.

Now he is in West Chester with his cousin, Harry Segel, a tailor. He has arranged to return to his first trade as a shoemaker.

But he is not in the least discouraged at the prospect and tells one through an interpreter—for he has the still further task before him of learning the English language—that he will become a first-class shoemaker.

Incidentally he has not heard from his parents in Russia in four years. Eventually they were driven out of their old home.

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Advertisement for Royal Baking Powder. Features a large illustration of the product box and detailed text describing its uses and benefits. Includes a recipe for 3-Egg Angel and Sunshine Cakes.

Advertisement for Leon F. Mayo, located at West Side Square. Services include automobile accessories, oils, greases, and genuine Ford parts. All work positively guaranteed.

Advertisement for Corn Meal. Features a large illustration of a mill and text stating: "We have recently installed an exceptionally good mill, and are prepared to turn out an exceptional QUALITY of good corn meal."

Advertisement for Great Western Monument Co., Dallas, Texas. Features an illustration of a monument and text: "What does an unmarked Grave designate—Love or Negligence?"

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ADVERTISING RATES

Local readers and classified ads 5 cents per line per issue. Display rates made known on application.

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MICKIE SAYS

SAY, YA GOTTA FRIEND WHO USTA LIVE HERE, AINT YA? AN' YA DONT WRITE T' THAT FRIENDS AS OFTEN AS YOU SHOULD, DO YA? THEN WHAT YA OUGHTA DO IS TO COME IN 'N ORDER TH' O' HOME TOWN PAPER SENT TO 'EM REG'LAR. THAT WILL SURE PLEASE 'EM



CONSCIENCE TROUBLES HIM

Payroll Thief Confesses Crime to Save Innocent Man.

Qualms of conscience had troubled James Reynolds since last July, when he fell for temptation and fled with the payroll of the Mercantile Lunch company, 192 Franklin street, New York. Since then he had been on self-imposed exile, visiting large cities and living the life of a king. He learned that Robert Hartley, a chauffeur, had been sent "over the road" for two years for his (Reynolds') crime. He decided on the moment to give himself up and face the music.

This was the story he unfolded to Sergts. John T. Vincent and M. J. Carney at Central station, Pittsburgh, to whom he surrendered and asked to be sent back to New York.

"Hartley's got a wife and kids; I couldn't stand to have him serve the sentence which rightfully belongs to me," said Reynolds. "I have no kin, nobody dependent on me; I guess I can stand it."

Reynolds is forty years old.

TWINS HAVE SAME ILLS

Scientific Investigation of Unusual Psychic Phenomenon Being Made.

When Clarence L. Marsh of Akron, O., becomes ill, his twin sister, who lives at Frederick, Ind., also becomes ill, and in a manner startlingly similar. A scientific investigation of what is regarded as an unusual psychic phenomenon is being made.

The unusual bond between the twins long noticed in the family became publicly known when their mother revealed that when her son was placed under an anesthetic at Akron, her daughter showed symptoms of nausea and fever.

Several months ago the daughter had nosebleed. Several days later a letter from the son showed that he had suffered a nosebleed at the same time.

The daughter, Clara L. Marsh, says that she is always afflicted with colds when her brother has them.

OLD WOMAN PROPOSES.

She Was Over a Century in Age—Wanted to Marry Aged Man.

"Better too late than never," is the philosophy of one of Omaha's oldest—in fact, the oldest—female resident.

Mrs. Patrick Convey, aged 103, recently took advantage of the leap year opportunities and proposed to Daniel Kennedy, aged 100, of Seward, Neb., by the mail route.

Kennedy, who recently made a trip to New York and other cities, taking \$10,000 with him, received the proposition with little enthusiasm. He stated that he was too busy at the present time to accept the invitation, and also declared that his lawyers had tied his money up so that marriage was almost out of the question.

Utah Sugar Men Indicted.

Indictments charging the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, its officers and a number of other Salt Lake City and Ogden business men with profiteering in sugar, in violation of the Lever act, have been returned by a federal grand jury, which held a secret session in Salt Lake City, Utah. Bench warrants were issued for the arrest of those indicted.

Wrote Sister After 52 Years.

A letter addressed to Mrs. Ross Bowles Dawson of Hancock, Md., cheerfully shattered her belief that Johnson Bowles, her brother, had been dead for 52 years.

Bowles, who is a Civil war veteran, is spending his last years at a veteran's home at Napa, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lemburg and children were here from San Antonio a few days the past week. They spent Thanksgiving Day in Menard with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ellis.

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Money to Lend—Runge & Runge
Mrs. C. L. Hofmann celebrated her birthday anniversary last Sunday. A large number of relatives surprised her quite agreeably on the occasion.

Miss Dela Withers left to day for her home in Johnson City after a visit with Miss Estella Hofmann.

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

Christmas Greeting Cards are economical and sensible expressions of appreciation for your friends. We have a nice assortment of samples at the News Office. Place your order early and avoid delay.

E. L. Horton is local representative of the Stroud Motor Manufacturing Ass'n. Parties interested in buying stock in this Ass'n will find Mr. Horton willing at all times to explain and give full information.

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The following have made subscription payments to this great weekly since our last report. Watch the label on your paper and if the date is not changed within two weeks after the list is published we will appreciate your calling our attention to the fact.

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- J. G. Kidd 1.50
- Chas. Eckert 1.50
- R. E. L. Clark 1.50
- Mrs. H. L. Simon .75
- M. W. Nichols 1.50
- Mrs. D. H. Bickenbach 1.50
- J. W. Willmann 1.50
- Wesley Leach 3.00

We thank you Who's next?

UNDER THE XMAS PLATE

Does your husband work for wages or a salary? Spending as you go? Why don't you give him a Bank Book for a Christmas present? One wife gave her husband last Christmas a Bank Book with \$5.00 entered in it. Today he has \$250 tucked away in that account. It made him ambitious. He is now in business for himself—and succeeding. Why not start your husband this Christmas? \$1.00—\$5.00—\$10.00. Any sum opens a Christmas account here.

THE COMMERCIAL BANK (Unincorporated)

Buy your light bread and pies at the Live Oak Restaurant. 38tf

Fred Horn has returned to Mason from the oil district and is making boots for Seagist.

Mrs. Kurt Martin and children and Miss Ruth Martin are at home from a visit in San Antonio.

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50 Years Ago



a young man who practiced medicine in a rural district became famous and was called in consultation in many towns and cities because of his success in the treatment of disease. This was Dr. Pierce who afterward moved to Buffalo, N. Y. He made up his mind to place some of his medicines before the public, and he put up what he called his "Favorite Prescription," and placed it with the druggists in every state in the Union. For fifty years Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has sold more largely throughout the United States than any other medicine of like character. It's the testimony of thousands of women that it has benefited or entirely eradicated such distressing ailments as women are prone to. It is now sold by druggists in tablet form as well as liquid.

HOUSTON, TEXAS.—"Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription is an excellent medicine. I have taken it for feminine troubles and when run-down, weak and nervous, and it was very quick in building me up and relieving me of my trouble. I always felt better." — MRS. H. E. WILLIAMS, 2424 Freeman Street.

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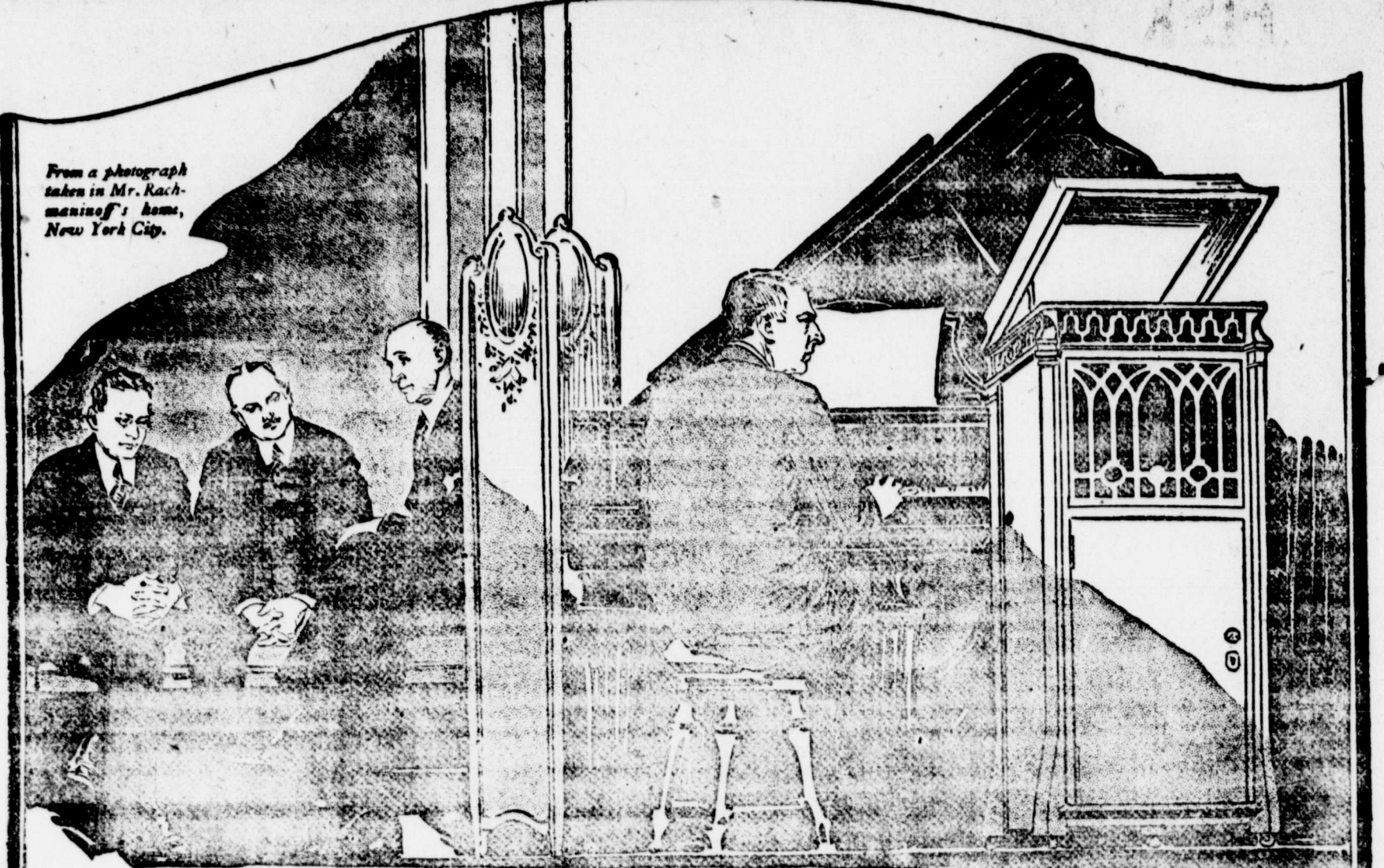
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Come-hear Rachmaninoff on the New Edison

RACHMANINOFF has not only made RE-CREATIONS for the New Edison. He has also made recordings for one of the standard talking-machines.

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Let us play Rachmaninoff's Edison RE-CREATIONS for you. Mark how clear, how true the piano tone. See how every note in his runs, every accent in his interpretation, every shade in his pedalling is perfectly RE-CREATED.

This was proved by a test made at Mr. Rachmaninoff's home in New York City. He played the Second Hungarian Rhapsodie (Liszt) in direct comparison with the RE-CREATION of his perform-

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Following the death of his little son in an accident in Paris, Edward B. McLean of Washington disposed of the jewel and it fell into the hands of the De Hautville family of Paris.

Disasters quickly overwhelmed the De Hautville family. Mme. De Hautville was killed by an automobile three months after her husband bought the

stone. Then the eldest son drank poison and died under distressing circumstances. A sister was drowned a few months ago, and recently the youngest son of the family was killed by the bursting of a gun.

Doctor Robbed on Visit to "Patient."

Dr. Emil Hartung of Brooklyn was held up, beaten and robbed of \$3,000 by two thugs when he went to the house of a sham patient. As the doctor leaned over the bed of the fainting man an accomplice beat the physician to insensibility with a hammer and chisel.

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POSSESSIONS IN PACIFIC MANY

United States Owns Scores of Smaller Islands.

ISLAND OF YAP IN DISPUTE

Japanese Claim Ownership of Yap, Which is of Great Importance to United States Cable Communications From the Far East—In American Samoa United States Maintains a South Sea Soldiery—Day of Sword Passes in Philippines.

As many well-informed Americans seem to think, the United States possessions in the Pacific are not limited to the Philippines and Hawaii. They include also 75 of the Guano Islands, a portion of the Samoan group, Guam, Wake and Midway; and a claim on Yap, as against Japan's treaty right to the island. The supreme council of the League of Nations is to determine whether Yap, which is of great importance to American cable communications from the Far East, shall be added to the insular holdings of the United States.

Count von Bernstorff speaks repeatedly in his book, "My Three Years in America," of the "Imperialistic party" in the United States. Japanese publica-

tions refer frequently to the United States as imperialist in its ambitions, and even in China there are factions which regard Washington with suspicion. Their distrust is stimulated by the assumption in the United States of a holier-than-thou attitude of altruism toward the Far East, toward China in particular, naively unaware of the national territorial, commercial and political interests in the Pacific.

No one familiar with American traditions and aspirations is likely to believe that Washington will embark on a policy of conquest or aggrandizement, but a righteous pretense that American interests are wholly unselfish does more harm than good. In the Philippines alone are more than 100,000 square miles of territory and 10,000,000 people. Honolulu is of vital value as a trading post and naval strategic point.

In the American Samoas the United States government maintains a South sea soldiery, and at Pago Pago on the island of Tutuila, one of the finest harbors of the Pacific, it has a naval station. The station lies at a trade cross-roads between North America and Australia, Panama and the Orient. The navy department has supervision of Tutuila, and naval officers govern this and five other islands.

A Picturesque Soldiery.

When a native soldiery was recruited in the Samoas, the naval officers thought the costume to which they were accustomed too undignified for the service of the United States, and prescribed a regulation uniform; but the Fita-Fitas, as they are called, suffered so under the surplus of clothes that they were permitted considerably to return to their accustomed garb. The fatigue uniform now consists of a black kilt or short shirt with a bright red stripe around the bottom, a leather belt, a dagger and a red turban. The dress uniform consists of the kilt, called a lava-lava, a sleeveless white cotton shirt, the turban and the dagger. The native soldiery acts also as a police force, guards prisoners and quells personal fights in addition to its military duties. The men are tall, broad-shouldered and good looking, and would be a source of pride if more Americans knew they had such picturesque fighters among their forces under arms.

In the Philippines and Guano Islands the United States maintains native constabularies. In all American eastern possessions detachments of the regular army are on duty or readily available to call.

Most Americans are familiar to some degree with the conditions under which the United States acquired the Philippines and Hawaii, and the method of government there, but many of them forget that the sultan of Sulu is not merely a comic opera figure, but once lived as a ruler, and that Leonard Wood relieved him of his duties and for ten years maintained a military supremacy. The government of Moroland, as well as the rest of the Philippines, is now civil, and the Mohammedan Moros, who once thought it a distinction and a privilege to attack Christians, live peacefully with the Filipinos of different faith. The day of the sword seems to have passed, and the day of the text-book to have come. The natives are being educated and the islands developed agriculturally. As the process goes ahead, the commercial interest of the United States grows proportionately, and so does the interest of Japan.

The Japanese.

Mindanao is the second largest of the Philippine islands. Its best-developed agricultural region is the fertile valley of the Gulf of Davao. Here American, European and Japanese planters have developed magnificent hemp plantations. Of late Japanese capitalists have bought up most of them. The labor supply is a serious problem there, and the increasing stream of Japanese immigrants has helped to solve it, while at the same time has set up a new issue. In 1916 only 600 Japanese went to the Philippines, but in 1917 this figure was multiplied nearly 500 per cent, and has been growing since; and there are reports that many are entering in small boats, thus escaping official tabulation.

There has come about in the Philippines, therefore, and especially in Mindanao, somewhat the same question which is troubling California afresh, the question of restricted immigration. California has pending a referendum to prohibit the right of citizenship even to Japanese children born in the state. The Japanese are sensitive and proud. Discrimination against them involves possibilities of grave misunderstanding. The United States cannot dictate the policy of California, for the matter is admirably within the state's rights, but it must meet the issue both there and in its Pacific possessions.

Japan has a prior claim to the island of Yap. Before the United States entered the world war, it was agreed secretly between Great Britain, France and Japan that the German islands in the Pacific south of the equator should be apportioned to Great Britain or her dependencies, and those north of the equator to Japan. Yap is in the Egei group of the Caroline islands, north of the equator, and presumably was to go to Japan; but the American delegates to the peace conference at Paris, because of the strategic importance of the island and because of its position as a center of communication, insisted that the secret treaty be disregarded in so far as it affected this possession. The matter was referred to the supreme council, which has not yet made a decision.

The Pacific Cable Problem.

It is as a cable center that Yap seems now of most importance to this country. After the United States acquired the Hawaiian Islands and the Philippines, President McKinley urged that cable communications be established, touching only American soil, and the task fell to the Commercial Pacific Cable company, connecting California, Honolulu and Guam. The distance to Honolulu is 2,276 miles, and the distance thence to Guam was too great for a single stretch, so the United States utilized the tiny island of Midway, then a mere sand heap, 1,332 miles east of Honolulu. From Midway to Guam is 2,607 miles.

From Guam a cable was laid to Bonin island, 800 miles to the north, to connect with the Japanese line there; another was laid to Manila, 1,632 miles east, and thence in a general northerly direction 1,264 miles to Shanghai. An all-American line to China was thus completed but not perfected, for in case of any damage to the cable there was no alternate route.

Yap provided an alternate line beyond Guam, but until the war the cables there were owned by Germany. From Yap there was a direct line to Shanghai, another to Guam, another to the Philippines, another to Mendocino. The Japanese ousted the Germans from the island at the outset of the war, and cut and sealed the cables, which have been disused since then, to the irritation of American traders, whose communication with the Far East, the Philippines and the Dutch East Indies was seriously hampered. The supreme council is to decide not merely the possession of the island of Yap, but the ownership of these former German cables.

In the Far East it is impossible to disentangle economic and political interests. Even though the United

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SAVE LONG-BURIED MULES.

Animals Caught in a Mine Dug Out After Three Weeks.

Sixteen mules entombed three weeks at the McTurks Coal company colliery at Girardville, Pa., were found alive one night and were brought to the surface uninjured.

Inclosed in a living grave by a cave-in the mules kicked their way out of the mule stable in which they were at the time of the accident.

The cave-in so damaged the pumps that operation was impossible and the water gradually rose to the necks of the animals, but with almost human intelligence they made their way to higher levels, at times finding a bite to eat from interior stables. When men were heard nearby for the first time in weeks the mules whinnied and feverish efforts to get the pumps going soon reduced the water. The mules are valued at \$7,000.

GIRL HELD HOUR UNDER PLOW

Horses Stand Still Until Father Discovers Daughter's Predicament.

Mary Mai, 17 years old, daughter of Peter Mai, a farmer near Wakeeney, Kan., while assisting her father in farm work, was thrown beneath the blades of a disc she was riding. The team stopped and Miss Mai was held prisoner in her perilous position for one hour. The father, working in another field, noticed the team standing and investigated. He found that had the horses moved the machine three inches his daughter would have been dangerously cut by the disc.

WATCHMAN FIRED PLANT.

Causes Loss of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Because his demand for an assistant and for higher pay was refused, Rufus Morgan, night watchman for the Tatge Mahogany company plant, at Indianapolis, Ind., started two fires in the establishment, the police say, which caused a loss of \$200,000 and its total destruction.

MEET AFTER 44 YEARS

Brothers Separated Almost Half a Century Are Reunited.

After being separated 44 years, each believing the other dead, Patrick Ryan, aged 84, and Peter Ryan, aged 81, brothers, met at Wheeling, W. Va. Patrick had been in the Old Soldiers' Home, Dayton. A short time ago, ascertaining that his brother was in the home, Peter of this city wrote him a postcard, giving his local address. Patrick came here to visit him, but lost the address. He appealed at police headquarters, and after a search lasting almost all day, found Peter in the Union mission, where the reunion took place.

80,000,000 MARKS OUT

Official Statement of German Paper Money in Circulation.

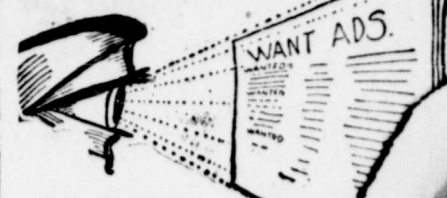
More than 80,000,000,000 marks in German paper money was in circulation at the end of September, according to the Reichsbank statement covering that period.

This announcement closely follows an official admission that the current budget shows a deficit of 7,000,000,000 marks.

Boy Scouts Earn \$300 Killing Rats.

Boy scouts at Corpus Christi, Tex., have killed more than 6,000 rats, at an average cost of five cents a rat, officials conducting the campaign against the rodents have announced. No bubonic plague germs were found on any of the rats.

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Anti "Reds" Riots in Petrograd. Serious anti-Bolshevik rioting is taking place in Petrograd. Six of the Bolshevik commissioners have been drowned in the Neva river, while the others have been compelled to seek places of refuge. The riots followed news of the defeat of the soviet forces.

Bolt Killed 160 Sparrows in One Tree. One hundred and sixty sparrows were killed when a bolt of lightning struck a cherry tree in front of the home of J. W. Small of near Martinsburg, Md.

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Opening Song No 84

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LIME IN BAIT, SHARK EXPLODES

Wily Monster Finally Is Tricked by Yankee Sailor.

MADE SOME GREAT CATCHES

Chief Pharmacist of the U. S. S. Wilmington Has Some Interesting Sport While Vessel Is in Harbor at Saigon, the Worst Shark-Infested Place in the World—Every Shark Is Preceded by Two Small Fish Acting as Scouting Expedition for Monster.

Matching brains with a shark is the only way to catch one of these wily man eaters, according to Chief Pharmacist's Mate Hugh Thompson of the recruiting station of the navy at El Paso, Tex. Thompson says the sharks are so shrewd that ordinary means often fail, and it is then that strategy comes in. He backs it up with a yarn. The U. S. S. Wilmington was in the harbor of Saigon, which Thompson says is the worst shark-infested place in the world. Hundreds of sharks surrounded the boat, and Chief Master at Arms George Strollum was in his glory hunting sharks. A huge steel hook, baited with meat, was thrown out at the end of a line composed of steel chain and manila rope.

Biggest One Is Elusive.

Strollum made some great catches, but there was one shark, the biggest in the school, which Strollum could not snare. Tempting morsels of meat were offered, but the monster, 20 feet long, seemed to sense the presence of the hook and winked at the shark hunter as he passed by the alluring bait.

Every shark, Thompson says, is preceded by two small fish which swim just ahead of the shark's nose. If one of these fish is killed, its place is taken by another from somewhere. The two fish are always present, acting as feelers and a scouting expedition for the monster.

When a piece of pork was thrown into the water, the fish would investigate. If there was no hook inside, they would so report and the shark would enjoy a meal, but as soon as a baited hook had been cast into the water, the small fish would advise the shark and the meal would be left to toss about on the waves.

Lime Causes Explosion.

For several days Strollum tried to induce the shark to grab the hook without result. As a last resort, Thompson went below and came on deck with several bottles of chlorinated fresh lime. A huge piece of pork was brought up. An incision was made and several pounds of the lime inserted and then covered so water could not reach it.

When this was thrown overboard, the scout fish investigated, made a favorable report and the shark rolled over on its back and swallowed the big meal.

For several minutes nothing happened. Then the shark began to show discomfort. It splashed wildly. Soon it rolled over on its back and gas began to bubble from its mouth. Its stomach swelled up like a gas balloon. A few minutes more and the soaking lime did its work. There was a loud explosion and natives picked up shark meat 200 yards away in the mangrove thickets.

LOSES SHOT AT DEER

Hunter Had Used All His Ammunition Killing Twenty-Three Snakes.

Stanley Roscoe, rancher of the Upper Mattole valley south of Eureka, Cal., has returned from a deer hunting trip.

He is full of remorse at the fact that he encountered his first deer immediately after he had used all his ammunition defending himself from a nest of rattlesnakes. He was following a buck's tracks when he found himself standing on a rattler. He killed the reptile and then discovered he was in a rattler's nest. He shot twenty-three before all his ammunition was gone.

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No. 1203

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the

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At Mason, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 15th day of Nov., 1920 published in the Mason News, a newspaper printed and published at Mason, State of Texas, on the 2nd day of Dec., 1920.

—Resources—

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	111,120.54
Overdrafts	3,574.00
Furniture and fixtures	4,387.78
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	34,260.15
Interest on Depositor's Guaranty Fund	750.00
Other Resources	23.97
TOTAL	154,116.44
—Liabilities—	
Capital Stock paid in	25,000.00

Undivided Profits, net	3,409.26
Individual Deposits subject to check	108,056.12
Time Certificates of Deposit	2,575.00
Cashier's Checks	76.06
Bills Payable and Rediscouunts	15,000.00
TOTAL	154,116.44

STATE OF TEXAS
County of Mason

We, J. D. Eckert, as president, and W. E. Jordan, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. D. Eckert, President.
W. E. Jordan, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of Nov., A. D. 1920.

(L. S.) Roscoe Runge
Notary Public Mason County Texas
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RESOURCES

Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c)	235,971.03	235,971.03
Total loans		235,971.03
Overdrafts, secured, none; unsecured, \$3,355.21		3,355.21
U. S. Government securities owned:		
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)	25,000.00	
Owned and unpledged	12,650.00	37,650.00
Total U. S. Government securities		37,650.00
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)		3,000.00
Value of banking house, owned and unincumbered	17,780.98	17,780.98
Furniture and fixtures		3,357.33
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank		22,097.99
Cash in vault and net amount due from national banks		51,612.78
Net amounts due from banks and bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 11, 12, or 13)		2,093.78
Checks on other banks in the same city or town of reporting bank (other than Item 15)	2,093.78	
Total of Items 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16		51,612.78
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items		42.46
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		1,250.00
Interest earned but not collected—approximate—on Notes and Bills Receivable not past due		290.20
Total		378,501.76
LIABILITIES		
Capital stock paid in	50,000.00	50,000.00
Surplus fund		50,000.00
Undivided profits	12,512.88	
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	4,442.94	8,069.94
Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate)		3,732.70
Circulating notes outstanding		25,000.00
Net Amounts Due to National banks		3,306.68
Total of Items 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32	3,306.68	
Individual deposits subject to check		238,392.44
Total		378,501.76

*Of the total loans and discounts shown above, the amount on which interest and discount was charged at rates in excess of those permitted by law (Sec. 5197, Rev. Stat.) (exclusive of notes upon which total charge not to exceed 50 cents was made) was none. The number of such loans was none.

State of Texas, County of Mason, ss.

I, J. W. White, President of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. W. White, President.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of Nov., 1920.
Roscoe Runge, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

Erv Hamilton
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We the undersigned land-owners have formed an organization which is known as the Loyal Valley Game Protective Association. The object of the association is to protect all wild game and also to render a co-operative protection to all members of said organization.

The association offers the following rewards for evidence leading to conviction of parties violating the following rules:

Twenty-five dollars reward for any party or parties caught trespassing on any of the land or lands owned, leased or controlled by us without a written permit, with dog, gun or trap.

Fifty dollars reward for party or parties killing a buck out of season or a doe or spotted fawn at any time.

One hundred dollars reward for party or parties caught hunting on any premises of the undersigned with what is called a "Head-Light."

A posted sign painted in red has been adopted by the association, and all parties will take notice of the posted sign.

Signed:
H. C. Keyser, Pres.
Henry Kothe, Sec. and Treas.
Henry W. Keller, Asst. Sec. & Treas.
Ben Kidd, Rube Kidd,
Jim Kidd, L. E. Keller,
Ad. Marshall, Albert Keyser,
Mit Nichols, Alf Klingelhoefter,
Mrs. M. J. Kidd, Mrs. Chas Keller,
Will Kidd, J. W. Nard,
Geistweidt Bros. 33-9tc.

POSTED NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that all lands owned or controlled by me is posted according to law against hunting, trapping or trespassing in any form. Violators of this notice will be prosecuted.

John Geistweidt
Frank Geistweidt
Will Geistweidt
Chas. Geistweidt.
L. S. Wendell,
33-2mp

POSTED NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that all land owned or controlled by me is posted according to law against hunting, trapping and trespassing of any kind. Violators of this notice will be prosecuted.

Max Martin, Mason, Tex.
42-2m

WARNING TO HUNTERS

No hunting allowed in the James River Pasture lying in Mason and Kimble Counties. Violators will be prosecuted without exception.

S. L. Jeffers.
32-J1

POSTED NOTICE

This is to notify the public that all land owned or controlled by the undersigned is posted according to law and all hunters, trappers and trespassers are warned stay out.

A. R. Evers,
Emil Kordzik.
33-3mp

POSTED NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that all land owned by me is posted according to law against hunting, trapping and trespassing of any kind. Violators of this notice will be prosecuted.

Louis G. Eckert,
Mason, Texas.
38-4tc.

NO MORE HUNTING

This is to notify the public that I will allow no more hunting in any of my pastures, and I will prosecute violators of this notice.

Max Martin.
38tf

POSTED NOTICE

This is to warn the public that my Mill Creek pastures are posted against hunting, or trespassing of any nature, and violators will be prosecuted to the extent of the law.

J. W. White.
38-4t

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Woman's Missionary Society will have their annual Christmas Bazaar at the C. C. Smith Hall Thursday night, December 9. General admission 10 c.

You'll enjoy the pictures at the Star Opera House. Shows every Friday and Saturday night. Don't forget it starts at 7:30 o'clock.

Walker White was at home to spend the Thanksgiving holidays. He is a student of Terrell School at Dallas.

Money to Lend—Range & Runge

Ben Rubin and two others from Bishop, Texas, have been camped on the ranch of Wes Smith, enjoying a hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lindsay and children returned Saturday from San Antonio, where they enjoyed a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lauderdale for a few days.

**SIT IN CRIMINAL TRIAL?
"NOT ME," SAYS JUROR**

Society Which Tolerates Conditions That Breed Criminals Should Be Tried.

After he had been sworn in as a juror at the trial of Frank Mezzamora and Ricco Santerelli, who are charged with a serious offense, Edwin D. Wheelock of 557 West One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, New York, refused to serve.

"Why is it you do not want to serve?" asked Judge McIntyre.

"Because I am utterly opposed to the trial, conviction and punishment of these young men," answered Wheelock, who is said to be a Wall street broker. "Society itself, which tolerates conditions that breed criminals, should be tried and punished."

"Suppose one of your clerks should steal from you. Would you want him punished?"

"No. I hold that society is the real criminal in such cases. There should be a complete change in the conditions in society."

"Do you know that your attitude in declining to serve has put the county to a useless expense of at least \$1,000, and that it may cause a mistrial?" the judge asked.

"I can't help that, your honor." Wheelock replied. "I would never sit in a case of this kind. If society were on trial I would sit gladly."

"This is the most extraordinary statement I have ever heard from a juror," Judge McIntyre said. "If I believed you really knew what you were talking about I would adjudge you in contempt of court and punish you severely, but you are so illogical and unsound in your views that I am merely going to discharge you from the jury panel for the term. Leave this court room."

WOMAN ROUTS GAMBLERS

Scattered the Crap Shooters Where She Rushed Among Them.

Mrs. Thomas S. Chambers, one of the most prominent women in Trepton N. J., walked into the midst of 200 men and boys who were shooting crap on her property at the outskirts of the city, and accomplished in a few minutes what the police could not in as many months.

Money was on every side when Mrs. Chambers appeared. Stacks of it were piled on the ground and thick bundles of it were tossed about like so much paper. A man selling refreshments to the gamblers was also chased off the property by Mrs. Chambers.

She's 109 and Active.

Mahoning county has a candidate for the oldest-person-in-Ohio honor in Mrs. Rebecca Snyder, whose birth is given as May 11, 1811, and who has spent the 109 years of her life on the same farm. In Austintown township one-half mile west of Smith's Corners Mrs. Snyder is still active enough to work in her garden and uses glasses only for reading.

TIES WIFE TO TREE

Woman Objects to Treatment and Seeks Separate Support.

Charles F. Wells, Barre, Mass., tied his wife, Alice V. Wells, to a tree and broke one of her ribs, the wife says in a separate support petition she has filed in Probate court. Judge William T. Forbes is going to make a trip to Barre to hear further details of the case. Mrs. Wells sets out that her husband fails to support her and that he has deserted her. The petition recites: "He has repeatedly assaulted, beaten and misused her, and recently with the assistance of another has tied her hands and then tied her to a tree and broke one of her ribs." They have five children, the oldest 9 years and the youngest 6 months.

MANY MURDERS UNSOLVED

Perpetrators of 79 Killings in New York This Year Still at Large.

The police and district attorney's records in New York city contain 79 unsolved murders which occurred during the first nine months of 1920. The circumstances surrounding most of the murders are enveloped in mystery, and the perpetrators probably never will pay the penalty for their crimes.

The police succeeded in ascertaining the identity of the murderers in a few instances, but the evidence obtained by the detectives proved so flimsy that the prisoners were turned out in the lower courts, or grand juries failed to find indictments.

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Sewing Machine No better machine made, for sale by Larimore & Grobe.



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Most of the pain we suffer is unnecessary. Why continue to endure it—to sacrifice your youth, beauty, and enjoyment to it?

The combination of simple harmless medicines found in **Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills** is especially effective in relieving pain without bad after-effects.

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Why don't you try them?

ASK YOUR DRUGGIST

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ellebracht left Sunday for their home in San Antonio, after spending a few days in Mason last week.

A. B. Awalt, one of the splendid farmers of the Katemcy section, was a business visitor in Mason last Saturday.

Why Suffer?

Cardui "Did Wonders for Me," Declares This Lady.

"I suffered for a long time with womanly weakness," says Mrs. J. R. Simpson, of 57 Spruce St., Asheville, N. C. "I finally got to the place where it was an effort for me to go. I would have bearing-down pains in my side and back—especially severe across my back, and down in my side there was a great deal of soreness. I was nervous and easily upset."

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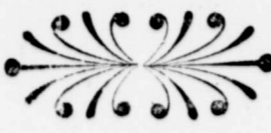
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"I heard of Cardui and decided to use it," continues Mrs. Simpson. "I saw shortly it was benefiting me, so I kept it up and it did wonders for me. And since then I have been glad to praise Cardui. It is the best woman's tonic made." Weak women need a tonic. Thousands and thousands, like Mrs. Simpson, have found Cardui of benefit to them. Try Cardui for your trouble.

ALL DRUGGISTS

AS COTTON IS STILL ON THE DECLINE AND IN ORDER TO MOVE OUR BIG STOCK OF DRY GOODS

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Our 50 cent outing now	25c.		Our 35 cent domestic now	20c.
Our 25 cent domestic now	15c.		Our 35c. bleached domestic	20c.

All our shoes are reduced from 20 to 30 percent. We are sure to save you money there. Men and boys' clothing at replacement value. We have a fine selection to pick from and will sell them right. Have a few ladies' and children's coats left over at bargains. If you have trouble getting good hose try the celebrated Hole-Proof and you'll buy no other.

If you need anything in the grocery line we can save you money. We handle only high grade groceries and sell them as cheap as most grocers sell seconds.

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PONTOTOC PEARLS

Noticing no items of news from this section, we will attempt to shoot you a few

The health of the country is very good

Most of the farmers are thru gathering their crops and some are preparing for another crop

School is progressing nicely under the direction of our three efficient teachers

The people of this town and surrounding country met at the school house Thanksgiving night and the married men spelled against the like afflicted of the opposite sex, the ladies, of course, went in to win, but the men with a stubborn chivalry inherited from countless generations of lady-loving ancestors refused to battle valiantly for their side, so the ladies won with ease. After spelling the crowd was served with refreshments that were very much enjoyed by all. We intend to have gatherings of this kind from time to time, it helps to stimulate the teachers and children in their work and it helps the parents to remember that school is going on and that they should, by their interest and help, keep the teachers and children up to the top-notch.

It makes a difference to us who is elected president, governor or sheriff and it makes a difference how they perform the duties of their offices, but it should make more difference to us who is elected teacher for our home school and how he performs the duties of his office.

We would ask you to keep your eye on our school as we are headed for the front and coming strong.

Nickle. Hurrah! for you Nickle and for other good school boosters in your community. Good schools should be the first and most important enterprise in every community.—Editor.

The News is prepared to print your greeting cards.

VULCANIZING—I am prepared to do expert vulcanizing. Bring me your tubes and casings. Otto Schmidt.

GIN TO RUN THREE DAYS EACH WEEK

We take this means to inform the public that beginning with the week of Nov. 22 we will gin only on the last three days of the week. 37ff. Mason Ice & Power Co.

POLAND FACES TYPHUS SCOURGE

600 Victims Are Dying Every Day in Warsaw

DISEASE SWEEPS COUNTRY

Polish Bureau of Information Tells Plight of People of New Republic—Deaths of Thousands Predicted This Winter, in Spite of the Relief From America—Bolsheviki Tried to Solve Own Problem by Foisting Thousands of Their Sick on Poland.

The following statement was made public by the Polish bureau of information, telling of the conditions which Poland faces this coming winter:

"The Polish army has turned back the Bolsheviki before Warsaw. With the tension occasioned by danger of immediate attack over, comes news of the deplorable conditions in the city. For the last two months 600 a day have been dying in Warsaw from typhus. Even before the sick and wounded from the armies flooded the city all hospitals were filled to capacity with typhus and spotted fever victims.

"The Bolshevist advance threw tens of thousands of sick and starving refugees on the city, many of whom have had to remain there because they had no means of getting out. Warsaw, normally a city of 500,000 inhabitants, today has a population of 1,000,000 and home building has been at a standstill for the last six years. Before the Bolshevist advance the municipal authorities were caring for 40,000, the majority Russian, who were without homes of any sort.

"In June the agricultural ministry estimated this year's crops at about 60 per cent of normal. Of this potential food supply more than half was in the hands of the Bolsheviki and is a total loss.

Death of Thousands Predicted.

"The conditions that Warsaw faces prevail to a greater or lesser extent throughout the country. Dr. Jesse H. Holmes of Swarthmore, who returned in July from Poland, reports that thousands will die this winter from cold, hunger and typhus in spite of relief work now being carried on.

"Poland today, Doctor Holmes says, is fighting a far greater enemy than the Bolshevists. Typhus has already raged in that country and next

winter an extreme epidemic all over the country is expected.

In the first four months of 1920 2,000,000 refugees had come into the towns and cities of Poland, bringing fresh waves of disease with each new wave of exiles. In the advance of the Russians easily a million more have been turned out of their homes.

"The Bolsheviki have tried to solve their own problem by foisting thousands of their sick on the Poles, and have been sending armored trains before their advance into Poland loaded with typhus victims.

Poor Poles in Worst Plight.

"The story of Poland's refugees is by itself a tragic history. Six years ago Poland was mobilized for war—in three different armies, fighting on two sides of the same question. In 1914 a million Poles united on the ideal of an independent Poland were forced to take service in the Russian, German and Austrian armies, and more were called each year while the war lasted.

"Poland thus drained of its man power then became the theater of activities. Whatever way the tide of battle flowed, the Polish plain was inundated. At the beginning of the war came the Russian successes and the invasion of Austrian Poland. The retreating Germans and Austrians left a trail of devastation in their wake and drove before them all the refugees that were able to travel and the victorious Russians, led by advance guards of Cossack cavalry, finished the work of destruction as thoroughly as possible in the short time before the German counter-offensive. Thus twice in the early days of the war, devastation and the sad wave of refugees passed over Poland.

"But Poland was to face this most terrible feature of warfare again. The German counter-thrust and the Russian retreat commenced.

Plight of Civilian Population.

"The details of a retreat are always horrible, and the most horrible element is the plight of the civilian populations. Ordered destruction for military purposes and the confiscation of all medical supplies and food is followed by the vandalism of uncontrolled soldiers. Starvation and disease, the handmaidens of war, aided by the awful systematic destruction so efficient in the German school of warfare, continued to be Poland's lot.

"In 1918 came the end of the European conflict and the real commencement of Poland's struggle to realize her dream of a free Poland.

"The allied powers, the Red Cross and various relief committees from America and Europe had hardly commenced the fight against disease and starvation; the Polish soldiers had but begun to return to their homes and factories when war came once more to Poland. Retreats, devastations and more refugees. The Polish legions which fought first against the Russians and then against the Germans were called once more to the colors against the Ukraine, Czechoslovakia and the Bolsheviki, this time in the name of their own Poland, newborn, to save it from final destruction."

Henry Schweers fell from a load of fodder one day last week and jabbed two prongs of a pitch fork in his face; making an ugly, but not considered serious wound.

Place your order now for printed greeting cards with the News.

Walter Hey came in Tuesday from Oklahoma for a visit here with relatives and friends.

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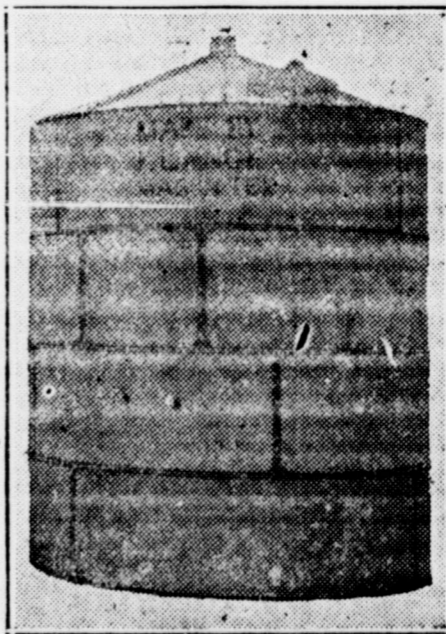
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