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LIST OF PEOPLE DONATING COWS SHIPPED TO GERMANY

Below is given a list of the names of people in Mason, Llano and Menard counties who donated cows which were recently shipped to Germany to help save the starving children:

Max Martin, 4; Mrs. Herman Zesch, 1; Ernest Vater, 1; Louis Vater, 1; Emil Hoerster, 1; Eugene Zesch, 1; Ben Kothmann, 2; E. O. Kothmann, 1; Charles Grote, 1; Alex Kothmann, 1; J. E. Jordan, 1; Charles Kettner, 1; A. D. Kothmann, 2; Conrad Simon, 1; John Brandenberger, 1; Mrs. Selma Kirchoff, 1; Mrs. J. Wilhelm, 5; Miss Clara Wilhelm, 1; Adolph Eckert, 1; Charles Kothmann, 2; H. O. Kothmann, 1; Dan Jordan, 1; C. L. Martin, 3; F. Geistweidt, 2; E. Lefeste, 1; M. E. Grote, 1; Ph. Eckert, 1; H. C. Pluenneke, 1; Mrs. Lange, 1; Ad. Loeffler, 1; Ad. Bober, 1; Chas. Geistweidt, 2; Jim Brandenberger, 1; W. D. Morris, 1; Peter Jordan, 1; Wm. Schmidt, 1; Dan Willmann, 1; W. Lehmann, 1; Henry Geistweidt, 1; Wm. Geistweidt, 1; Eugene Gross, 1; Ad. Schuessler, 1; Anton Willmann, 1; Albert Kothmann, 2; Mrs. Katharine Schmidt, 2; Mrs. Ph. Schmidt, 2; F. A. Grote, 1; F. Grote, Jr., 1; Dan Jordan, Jr., 1; John Geistweidt, 2; Wilko Bode, 1; E. C. Lefeste, 1; F. H. Lefeste, 1; Fred Schmidt, 1; F. Evers, 1; C. C. Oestreich, 1; C. Kowierschke, 1; Mrs. George Brandenberger, 1; Fritz Kothmann, 1; August Willmann, 1; August Kothmann, 1.

Besides, each person paid \$5 for each cow for freight and other expenses from Mason to Houston. Also, during this drive, an extra donation was received for food and clothing, amounting to one thousand eighty dollars to be sent to the starving children of Germany.

—Contributed.

Seth Baze arrived in Mason Monday from San Antonio and after a short visit here, will go to Melvin, McCulloch county, to accept a position there in a bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom White will move next week, from the Mill Creek Ranch, to the Seaquist farm, two miles south of town, which was recently purchased by J. W. White.

"HONEY MINE" SOUGHT BY ATLANTA MAN NEAR RICHLAND SPRINGS, TEXAS.

The famed, fabled, fabulous "honey mine" of Texas has again been located, and this time near Richland Springs, Texas, our neighbor on the east. While not posing as a pessimist, or attempting to wet-blanket any enterprise, The Standard editor here and now registers the opinion that whoever may attempt to uncover or recover this mine of honey is most certain to get "stung" in the endeavor.—Brady Standard.

Concerning the "honey mine" the Richland Springs Eye-Witness reprints the following news dispatch from Fort Worth:

Fort Worth, Nov. 30.—C. B. Rees of Atlanta, who is in Fort Worth trying to locate the biggest "bee hive" in the world, received information which may result in him locating the "honey mine."

According to information, the "mine" is located on Brady creek near Richland Springs.

Rees came here after reading in a magazine of the place where bees have swarmed for years and which has never been robbed of its honey because of being in the side of a perpendicular rock cliff. One man is said to have been stung to death while trying to rob the "mine." Another was seriously injured when he tried to blast the rock away from the cave of sweetness.

According to Rees, it is the intention of his company to erect a "honey refinery" near the cave.

"Experts have estimated that there is 100,000,000,000 pounds of honey in the mine which is valued at \$50,000,000,000.

PIG CLUB ORGANIZED IN GILLESPIE COUNTY

County Agent, Dor W. Brown, visited Fredericksburg last week and organized a Pig Club.

Mason County exhibited some of the club members' hogs at the Fredericksburg Fair last Fall, and they saw what some real hogs were and asked that they have a club organized there.

We wish for the club members of our neighbor city as much success with their work as our home boys have made.

Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

WILL ORGANIZE WOLF BOUNTY FARM BUREAU MOVEMENTS OF MASON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

H. A. Jordan and Geo. Sorrells, of the Peters Prairie section, were here Saturday and were circulating a petition among the residents of a certain portion of the county, asking that they join an organization to protect their sheep and goat interests the wolves by agreeing to pay a certain prorata share for each wolf and coyote killed or trapped within the described territory. The boundaries of the proposed organization would include territory bounded on the west by the Wm. Hofmann ranch, on the east by Dave Kiser's pasture, on the south by the A. J. Lindsay home place and on the north by Ed W. Jordan's place.

John Holt has been trapping in this community and has caught 10 wolves and several wild cats and the residents of this section have been paying for his services, but it is the desire of some to form an organization in order to prolong the good work which has been accomplished up to date.

NEWS TO BE A DAY EARLY NEXT WEEK

The next issue of the News will be the last one for the year 1920, and as the force is anxious to have a couple days before Christmas in which to do "last minute" job printing, we will issue the above mentioned paper on Wednesday, December 22. All advertisements and announcements must be in the office not later than Monday night, December 20th, in order to appear in our issue of December 22.

In conformity with the long established custom of this office, there will be no paper published for the week between Christmas and New Year's. The issue to be skipped this year will be the one of December 30th.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BOOKS

The Parent-Teachers' Association of Mason, has just received a large assortment of books for children from the Austin Book Store. These books are to be placed on sale next Saturday on the streets of Mason and the local Parent-Teachers' Club is to receive 15 per cent of the gross sales.

We are informed that the books to be offered for sale are by best authors, and are books in great demand. This should afford an opportunity to get such books for your children as you want, and at the same time your purchase will benefit the Mason Parent-Teachers' Association to a small extent in a financial way.

GOT THE SQUIRREL

Hunter Stopped to Swat Mosquito, but It Helped His Aim.

That the League of Nations, or some other competent authority, bar mosquitoes during hunting season is the earnest desire of Charles Yockey, plumber, of Woodfield, O.

Numerous able-bodied representatives of this type of pest infest Monroe county woods.

While on a hunting expedition recently Yockey spied a squirrel in a tree.

But he was kept busy swatting the skeeters.

Just as he had everything ready to bag his game a mosquito lit on his nose.

In the act of swatting the insect he gave his nose a wallop and accidentally fired his gun. Something fell. It was the squirrel.

Yockey went home with both the squirrel and a swollen nose.

Aged Frenchman Killed in Duel. A quarrel over land which both claimed led to a rifle duel between Louis Durendeu, sixty-five years old, and Pierre Quell, both residents of the village of Englefontaine, France. Quell sent a bullet from his British service rifle through the heart of Durendeu.

AN IDEAL XMAS GIFT

Get an Edison or a Victrola on easy terms. Pay for it by the month.

Mason Drug Co.

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

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

FARM BUREAU MOVEMENTS OF MASON COUNTY

The Farm Bureau chapters are to begin their drive this week.

Farmers of Lona Valley met Monday night to discuss the Farm Bureau. The meeting was poorly advertised, but all who were there, joined, and at the request of John Weidemann, because of his illness, those present elected Ben Kidd as the Captain for that precinct.

All present joined the Bureau, and to use the language of Henry Keller and Ben Kidd, "There is one thing sure, it is our business, and no one but us can or will adjust these problems or help us in marketing, and we certainly ought to have sense enough to join and try".

A meeting was held at Katemey Wednesday night to organize there, and a meeting will be held at Fredonia and Pontotoc the last of the week.

After the drive is complete, all members are requested to meet at the court house at Mason to organize, and all are invited to attend this meeting whether a member or not.

Farmers and ranchmen, all please remember that this is your organization, and handles everything for the producer, and that no one else will fight your battles.

Nearly all who understand the Farm Bureau, believe and join. A few who do not persist in trying to criticize, and howl, it won't work; they charge too much, etc. You big stiff, did you sit as a member of the committee and figure out all the expense or are you too short to help your own business, and please tell me when you think such work will help you as a producer. Go on, just get you a big fat seat right on the tail of progress and holler whoa, and may be with your help, we can get as much as 4 cents for your cotton, or hogs, and 10 cents a peck for your peanuts, and get a law passed making it a criminal offense for any producer to sell direct to the consumer.

Now, there is one thing sure, this is an organization, trying to help, in some way, and by some means work out a plan whereby we can get nearer the cost of production, and let the producer get as near as possible the last price of his product.

No one is going to beg you to join this association, but if you think it is time you were getting together on a few things and trying, just hunt up some man who has a blank and give him your name.

DOR W. BROWN,
County Demonstration Ag't.

CHRISTIAN LADIES' AID MET WITH MRS. H. S. WOOD, MON

Mrs. H. S. Wood entertained at her home in the west part of town, Monday afternoon for the Christian Ladies' Aid. After a business session was held, several very interesting and enlightening papers on "Adam and Eve" were read by Mmes. Bierschwale, Ambrose, and Lemburg, which were very much enjoyed.

Refreshments of chocolate and cake were served to the following members and guests: Mmes. R. H. Kidd, O. H. Mebus, Chas. Bierschwale, J. C. Lemburg, R. L. Ambrose, Ben Pluenneke, J. S. King, Kenney Eckert, Elgin Eckert, W. W. Lindsay, Martin D. Loring, H. S. Wood; Mrs. Elmer Barber being a guest of the Club.

Program for January Meeting

The Club will meet with Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale in January, at which time the following program will be rendered:

Music, Mrs. Elgin Eckert; prayer, Mrs. Hamilton; lesson, Mrs. Wes Smith; Scripture Lesson; paper, Mrs. R. H. Kidd, "About Noah"; music, Miss Genevieve King.

BAZAAR NETS \$185.90

The Christmas Bazaar given at the C. C. Smith hall on last Thursday night, under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society, netted a total of \$185.90, according to Mrs. Land, president of the society.

Mrs. Land advises us that the tea, which the society served at the Smith hall on Saturday afternoon, netted the organization \$11.75.

REDUCED PRICES

We are offering all Simmons K. K. Auto inner tubes and car tires at cost. There is no better tubes or fabric casing made. Larimore & Grote. tf

HISGEN, ONCE TAFT RIVAL, IN FT. WORTH

Thomas Hisgen of Springfield, Mass., was prepared Tuesday to greet Judge William H. Taft in a more friendly spirit politically and otherwise than either entertained toward the other a dozen years ago. Both Taft and Hisgen were in Fort Worth at the same time Tuesday. Twelve years ago both were candidate for President, Hisgen running on the Independent ticket against William Jennings Bryan and a few others also ran. Taft was the successful candidate that year.

Hisgen visited Fort Worth during the campaign in 1908. It was a different Fort Worth he looked upon Tuesday—different in more ways than one, but particularly in the matter of friendliness.

"I spoke here twelve years ago and my tone was particularly bitter against Senator Joseph W. Bailey," said Hisgen. This is Hisgen's first visit to Fort Worth since then.

Willbur Parker, capitalist in Northampton and political leader in Massachusetts, and Frederick L. Haskins, publisher and writer of Springfield, Mass., are here with Hisgen looking over the oil fields. They have interests in Mason, Llano and other counties and expect to develop wildcat fields.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

OIL HOLDINGS IN MASON COUNTY MAY BE DEVELOPED IN 90 DAYS

The party of three men mentioned in the above story, came direct from Fort Worth to Mason, and spent several hours in our town Wednesday afternoon.

In an interview, the gentlemen stated that they have holdings amounting to 30,000 acres in Mason county, which they are very anxious to develop in the very near future.

Mrs. Hisgen was in the retail and wholesale oil business in Massachusetts and New York for thirty-five years, having sold his interests three years ago to Sinclair interests for a sum of one and one-half million dollars.

In speaking of the Texas oil fields, Mr. Hisgen said, "We have often heard of the oil fields in Texas, but we never knew that Texas was so large, and we had concluded that all the State had been developed, but upon visiting here, we find that the ground has only been scratched, so to speak."

It was not stated definitely as to when drilling would be commenced, but we were informed that it is the intention of these gentlemen to have one or two strings of tools coming to Mason within 60 to 90 days.

Elmer Lay, of the Fredonia section, was a pleasant caller at the News office Wednesday, and advised us that he just completed moving his family and household effects back to this country, from Big Springs, where he has resided for the past several years. Mr. Lay has taken charge of the place of his father, Mr. W. R. Lay, near Fredonia.

FARM BUREAU MEETINGS

Meetings to explain Farm Bureau federation, will be held on the following dates:

Katemey, Friday night.

Pontotoc, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Fredonia, Saturday night.

Francis Har from Dallas, will make an address and it will be worth your time to hear him.

DOR W. BROWN,
County Demonstration Ag't.

PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION TO MEET MONDAY, DEC. 20

The Parent-Teachers' Association is to meet in regular monthly session on Monday afternoon, at the school building at three o'clock.

It has not been learned whether or not a program will be rendered.

MONEY TO LEND
On Farms and Ranches
INTEREST PAYABLE AT ANY TIME OF YEAR
No Delays
Runge & Runge

CHAS. BIERSCHWALE
REAL ESTATE
ABSTRACTOR AND NOTARY
IN BUSINESS SINCE 1885
MASON : : : TEXAS

YOUR TEETH MAY BE THE CAUSE OF THAT AILMENT YOU HAVE
IT HAS BEEN PROVEN THAT BAD TEETH AND GUMS HAVE CAUSED RHEUMATISM, KIDNEY AND HEART TROUBLE, AND MANY OTHER AILMENTS, ALSO DEATH.
I have just finished a post graduate course at the Columbia University in New York City on Diagnosis, Radiograph, Oral Surgery, Pyorrhea, etc. This is one of the highest courses in dentistry, and I am thereby enabled to make scientific diagnosis and treatment of your teeth and gums. Consultation free.
Dr. H. W. Lindley, Dentist
LADY IN ATTENDANCE
Phone 81 Brady, Texas.

How about your subscription to the News, have you advanced it for another year?
Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

The Commercial Bank

(Unincorporated)

CAPITAL STOCK \$100,000.00
Over \$2,500,000.00 Responsibility.

DO YOU OWE DEBTS OR OWN DOLLARS?

One of the greatest evils of this age is the Debt Habit. Men owe more dollars than they own dollars. The person who forms the Debt Habit is sooner or later coming to grief. The Road to the Poor House and to a Pauper's Grave is paved with Debts. If you are in debt, stop short right now. Don't charge up another cent. Open an account here no matter how small it may be. Add to it sums of money no matter how small they may be. Pay your debts and build up your account and you will free your self from your worries and anxieties.

DIRECTORS

- Mrs. Anna Martin, Pres.
- Max Martin
- Dr. P. A. Baze
- Walter M. Martin, Cashier
- C. L. Martin, Vice-Pres.
- Howard C. Smith
- Frank Brandenberger
- L. F. Clark

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Missionary Society meets Tuesday afternoon, December 21. Members are urged to be present. Officers for the new year will be elected.

This is the last meeting this year and all dues and pledges must be paid. The books may be kept in order.

MRS. KING, Sec'y. W. M. S.

The News is in receipt of a subscription renewal from Dr. Robert J. Baze, of Chickasha, Oklahoma, and a note accompanying same states that he is able to sit up some, after a long and serious illness. His many friends here will learn of his improvement with much pleasure.

EX-SERVICE MEN IN MASON COUNTY SHOULD MAKE APPLICATION FOR VICTORY MEDALS

The U. S. Army Recruiting Station, 1003 1/2 Congress Avenue, Houston, Texas, has received two consignments of Victory Medals. One shipment bearing the clasp for service in France and the other for service in the United States.

Commencing today the above classes of medals will be issued at the Army Recruiting Station, Houston, Texas, and applications should be made to the nearest Recruiting Station or direct to the District Recruiting Station, Houston, Texas.

Men discharged from the army, who are entitled to battle clasps are requested to make applications to this office and their medals, with appropriate battle clasps will be forwarded direct to them from the Depot Officer, General Supply Depot, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

SORTING OF MAIL ON SHIPS TO BE RESTORED

General Speeding Up and Investigation of Salaries Also Are Planned.

Restoration of the mail post to sort American mail during its voyage from foreign lands is being considered by the efficiency engineers employed to investigate the entire post office department with a view to speeding up its work.

Before the war post office employees traveled on all mail-carrying steamers, sorting and routing letters and packages during the trip. Government vessels met the big ship at quarantine and rushed the pouches to railway terminals in New York and Jersey City, but this has been discontinued.

Now mail arrives unsorted, and the pouches remain on the ship until they dock, often many hours after arrival at quarantine.

Speeding up the transmission of mail to the men in the navy, nearly all of which is routed through New York to the ships at sea, also is being considered. Expediting the millions of letters which pass through New York from Canada, New England and the middle Atlantic states to various parts of the country is another aim of the efficiency engineers.

They expect soon to make a thorough investigation of salaries in the department, pointing out that the efficiency of the system is affected by the morale of the employees. All other phases of the post office department, from its biggest terminals connected by fast airplane to remote rural delivery routes, are to be investigated.

Whatever changes the engineers recommend to abolish sluggish spots in the mail-moving apparatus will first be considered by the joint committee on postal service, which then will pass the matter on to congress.

MASON JUNIORS LOSE TO JUNCTION JUNIORS

Last Saturday afternoon, the Junior football elevens of the Junction school and the Mason school engaged in a foot ball contest on the local gridiron. The final results showed a defeat for the locals, the score being 12 to 0.

Mrs. Wes Smith and son and daughter, Cecil and Velma, are spending a few days this week visiting relatives and friends in Junction.

WILLIAM S. HART in "THE TOLL GATE"

When the man who had never known a good woman met the woman who had never known a good man—what happened; Come and see the picture story BILL HART has been waiting three years to produce!

Six months in the making, with every detail of its amazing story made perfect, William S. Hart has put every thing he has into the producing of this wonderful entertainment. No time, no expense, no trouble has been spared, down to the minutest detail, to make "The Toll Gate" the great, human, thrilling, astounding dramatic entertainment that it is. No one can afford to miss it.

At the Star Opera House, Friday and Saturday nights, December 17 and 18th. Admission 25 and 50 cents.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Cas Brown will be interested to learn that they are now residing in Georgetown, Texas.

NOTICE

LOYAL VALLEY GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

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 "Headlight."

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. and Treas.
Ben Kidd, Rube Kidd,
Ad. Marshall, L. E. Keyser,
Ad. Marshall, Albert Keyser,
M. J. Nichols, Alf Klingenshoefer,
Mrs. M. J. Kidd, Mrs. Chas. Keller,
Will Kidd, J. W. Nard,
Geistweidt Bros. 33-9tc.

WARNING TO HUNTERS
No hunting allowed in the James River Pasture lying in Mason and Kimbrell Counties. Violators will be prosecuted without exception. 32-J1 S. L. Jeffers.

POSTED NOTICE
This is to notify the general public that all lands owned or

CORN MEAL

We have recently installed an exceptionally good mill, and are prepared to turn out an exceptional QUALITY of good corn meal. Bring your corn to us for grinding.

Mason Ice & Power Co.



Have you lost your appetite? Do you get so tired with the day's duties that you're unable to enjoy an evening with friends or at the movies once in a while? Are you losing your rosy cheeks and your springy step?

Dr. Miles' Tonic

was made to restore health to people in your condition. It has been of permanent benefit to thousands who were afflicted just as you are. Why don't you try a bottle? Get in line for better health—beginning today. Every Drug Store carries Dr. Miles' Medicines.

controlled by the undersigned, 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. 34-2m Max Martin, Mason, Tex.

POSTED NOTICE

All land owned by us, is posted against hunting, trapping or trespassing of any kind. Violators will be prosecuted. We have enough of it. 33-3tp. PAT & JOHN ROGERS.

POSTED NOTICE

This is to notify the public that all land owned or controlled by the undersigned is posted accord-

ing to law and all hunters, trappers and trespassers are warned stay out. 33-3mp

A. R. Evers,
Emil Kordzik.

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. 38-4t Max Martin.

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. 38-4t J. W. White.

Pains Were Terrific

Read how Mrs. Albert Gregory, of R. F. D. No. 1, Blufford, Ill., got rid of her ills. "During . . . I was awfully weak . . . My pains were terrific. I thought I would die. The bearing-down pains were actually so severe I could not stand the pressure of my hands on the lower part of my stomach . . . I simply felt as if life was for but a short time. My husband was worried . . . One evening, while reading the Birthday Almanac, he came across a case similar to mine, and went straight for some Cardui for me to try.

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"I took it faithfully and the results were immediate," adds Mrs. Gregory. "I continued to get better, all my ills left me, and I went through . . . with no further trouble. My baby was fat and strong, and myself—thank God—am once more hale and hearty, can walk miles, do my work, though 44 years old, feel like a new person. All I owe to Cardui." For many years Cardui has been found helpful in building up the system when run down by disorders peculiar to women.

Take Cardui

L. 82

Star Opera House

Program of pictures to be shown from December 24, 1920 to January 5, 1921

TUESDAY,

December 21.
TENTH EPISODE OF
"HIDDEN DANGERS"
Admission 15 and 25 cents

TUESDAY,

December 28.
ELEVENTH EPISODE OF
"HIDDEN DANGERS"
Also a comedy
Admission 15 and 25 cents

THURSDAY

December 30
CHAS. RAY IN
"STRING BEANS"
Arbuckle Comedy—"LOVE"
Admission 20 and 30 cents

SATURDAY

January 1
"FAR BETTER OR FAR WORSE"
Arbuckle Comedy—"DESERT HERO"
Admission 20 and 30 cents

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
December 24 and 25.
Paramount Arterraft Special
"ON WITH THE DANCE"
Admission 25 and 50 cents

WEDNESDAY

December 29
"BRANDING BROADWAY"
By Wm. S. Hart
Arbuckle Comedy—"Camping Out"
Admission 20 and 30 cents

FRIDAY

December 31
HARRY T. MOREY IN
"THE GAUNTLET"

Admission 20 and 30 cents

TUESDAY

January 4
TWELFTH EPISODE OF
"HIDDEN DANGERS"
Also a Comedy
Admission 15 and 25 cents

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Notice of church entertainments where a charge of admission is made, obituaries, cards of thanks, resolutions of respect, and all matters not news, will be charged at the regular advertising rates.

ADVERTISING RATES

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

Subscription (always in advance) one year. \$1.50

MICKIE SAYS

WHASSAT? DID I HEAR A VOICE HOLLERIN' PER LI'L MICKIE? REMEMBER, FOLKS, I'M READY T' GALLOP TO ANY PLACE IN TOWN AFTER AOS ER JOBWORK, MOST ANY TIME—AN' IF I'M TOO BUSY, I'LL SEND TH' BOSS!



Editors are unfortunate cusses. They have so many opportunities to display their ignorance of the language and to misspell various words, and the disagreeable and embarrassing feature of it all, is that when the editor makes a blunder, everybody sees and knows it; while the lawyer, doctor, merchant or other professional man can be ever so frequent at misspelling words and can invent some of the most absurd and unheard of sentences and still be can profess to be the most learned grammarian of the community for his writings and expressions are rarely ever seen and judged by the public. There are always more wise suggestions made than are wise actions performed.

The reflective country publisher sees that if the price of paper does not come down, the shoemakers will have to go back to using leather.—American Press.

Statistics recently given out are to the effect that there were 80,000 tons less newsprint paper manufactured in the world during 1920 than was manufactured during the year 1919.

THE TIME? RIGHT NOW.
Local Merchants Face Conditions that Spell Bigger Advertising Campaigns.
The story of declining prices told in every newspaper in the country spells advertising opportunity to the wide-awake man.

Many merchants have stocked up at higher prices. Many of them must face a loss. The loss can be minimized by a rapid turnover and advertising means just that.—American Press.

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

How's This?
We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions.
After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.
Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Dec. 20, 1895:

The National Republican convention will be held at St. Louis on June 16th. J. M. Baird of Fredonia, shot his fingers badly a few days ago while handling a gun.

August Lehmann was up from Loyal Valley Wednesday to deliver cattle to Bud Mogford.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rogers, a girl, on the 12th. To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kettner, a boy, on the 12th.

Last Friday evening, a pleasant social hop was given at the residence of Mrs. C. Crosby. Those present were Misses Hettie Todd, Mary, Ella and Constance Schmidt, Bell and Lola Bird, Della and Emma Hindsley, Mollie King, Quint and Ada Garner, Daisy Wheeler, Winnie Murray, Nora Harris, Carrie and Kate Hey, Ann Crosby, Bernice Doole, Olive Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Loyd, Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, Messrs. Emil Teep, Jim Garcia, Sam Good, Chas. and Will Worthe, Otto Koock, Ben Hey, Marion Morrow, Yancy Yarbrough, Eugene Murray, Frank Moody, M. L. Iden and J. M. Hilliard, of Chicago, John and Will Harris, Fred, Gratton and Walter Crosby, Bud Garner, Paul Doole, Bud Martin.

Miss Lida Holden was married at Llano Wednesday to Mr. Roberts.

A pleasant party was given Saturday evening at the home of Sheriff Baird.

Marriage License—J. H. Molder and Lucy J. Sanders; W. F. Latham and R. M. Slaughter.

15 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Dec. 15, 1905:

Dor Brown, who is running a goat ranch in Edwards County, was in Mason this week.

Last Sunday evening, at the bride's home in Field Creek, Cleveland Perry and Miss Maud Mayo were married.

Sterling King and bride returned Friday from El Paso and will locate here permanently.

Miss Ella Bierschwale entertained a few young friends at dinner Sunday; among those present being Misses Benellen Reynolds, Acile and Gles Loring; Messrs. Harry Bogusch and Grover Peeler.

Will Sands is here from El Paso to visit his mother, after being absent from Mason about five years.

Wash Ellison was reported seriously cut by Will Gentry at a dance last Friday night, near Spice Rock.

Jim Lemburg and wife entertained all of the Lemburgs Sunday, it being in the nature of a family reunion.

Last Friday night, Mr. and Mrs. Max Martin entertained a few friends at cards at their handsome new residence.

An enjoyable dance was given Friday evening last at the Geistweidt hall.

Marriage License—Mr. Allan Doyal and Miss Lola McGinnis.

We have just received a new lot Diamond casings. All sizes. Star Garage.

W. W. Boston, local paper hanger and painter, has begun the work of painting the handsome new residence of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Runge.

The News is informed that Walter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jordan, is quite ill. Reports are that he has bronchial pneumonia. We hope an early recovery for him.



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MOUSE LIKES "JAZZ"

This Fact is Attested by an Official Report.

Just what the festive mouse finds in the seductive charms of "jazz" music is uncertain, but the fact that a mouse does like jazz music is attested to by A. L. Olinger, secretary of the chamber of commerce; Charles Steinberg of Steinberg's orchestra and several local business men who attended the manufacturers' dinner at the chamber of commerce in Topeka. The orchestra was playing for the dinner from a position in one corner of the dining room. When it broke out with its first jazz a little gray mouse came tripping out from behind a radiator and started a "can-can" dance around the piano stool. When the music stopped, bang! Mr. Mouse skipped behind his radiator. The smoothest waltzes, an old-fashioned ballad and several popular song airs failed to attract the mouse from his retreat, but every time a jazz number was played he repeated his dance turn. Olinger, Steinberg and a group of merchants and manufacturers who watched the mouse all vouch for the story. They consider appointing an investigating committee to investigate why a mouse likes jazz music.

RODE 3,000 MILES TO WED

Western Man Fell in Love With Sweet-heart's Sister.

John Burford of Ritzville, Wash., decided to marry. He packed his carpet bag, turned the farm over to the hired man and took the train for Long Island City, N. Y. Soon after his arrival he took out a license to wed Miss Kathryn Rupy.

Two weeks later he tripped into the marriage license bureau with Miss Anna Rupy, a sister of Kathryn. Burford requested to have the old license torn up and a new one issued, explaining to the puzzled clerk that he had a misunderstanding with Kathryn and wished to wed Anna.

BANKS SET NEW RECORD

Financial Institutions Had Revenue for Year of \$1,109,000,000.

The \$1,157 national banks of the country reported a gross revenue of \$1,109,000,000, or 24 per cent on their capital, for the fiscal year ending last June 30, according to a statement made public by John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency. This, said Mr. Williams, was a new high record.

Only five banks went into the hands of receivers during the year, a record exceeded only by that of the year before, when there were no failures.

A CORRECTION.

For some unknown reason, the News stated last week, that the local schools would resume classes after the holidays, on January 21st. This was an error, as school will take up on the first Monday after New Year's, which will be Monday, January 3rd.

Wear Diamond tires on your auto. They last longer and are moderately priced. Star Garage.

Caruso, the famous musician, burst a blood vessel in his throat recently while singing in New York.

APPLES AND ORANGES

We have a complete line of all kinds and sizes, and the right price. Come in and let us show them to you before you buy elsewhere. J. J. Johnson. 40

CUERO CUTS OUT FREAK ADS.

Cuero, Tex., Dec. 7.—At the regular meeting of the Cuero Chamber of Commerce last night resolutions of condemnation were passed against methods of organizations and outside people in soliciting ads for program of entertainment and for signs in hotels, barber shops, etc. Members expressed themselves as more willing to contribute outright to worthy causes than to be bled for patronage in which the funds are to be split up, and the expense of printing paid. It was the sense of the business men present that program advertising is without value, and those present agreed to discourage solicitors in the future.

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Say it with Jewelry.—Gifts That Last. J. S. King.

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WE carry a line of rings made by the largest ring manufacturer in the country and each one is stamped with their trade-mark O-B, which is their guarantee of quality. Rings are always in vogue. Our line is complete and we want you to come in and see the rings for yourself. We feel that those of our customers who like to be particularly careful in the selection of gifts will be glad of this opportunity to become familiar with the O-B Line.

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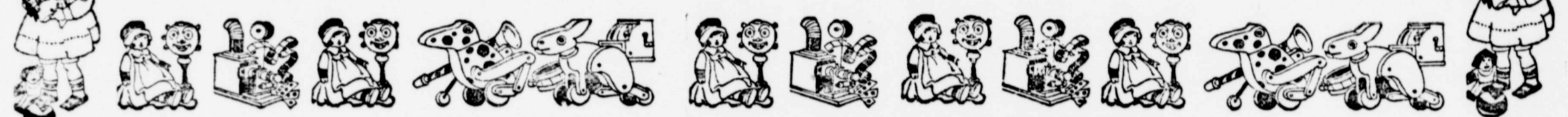
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BOTH STORES



Who got the Silverware this Christmas? "GHS That Last", J. S. King.

Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

ASK YOUR NEIGHBOR!

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.—"Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription has been very beneficial to my health.

I was suffering with weakness which caused me to become all run-down and nervous. I was just miserable but by the use of the 'Favorite Prescription' I was completely restored to strength and good health. Knowing what 'Favorite Prescription' has done for me, I do not hesitate to recommend it to other women who suffer."—MRS. J. B. NAYLOR, 216 Rische Street.



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All druggists sell the Prescription in both fluid and tablet form.

Mrs. Anna Martin enjoyed a very pleasant birthday anniversary last Friday. Mrs. Martin, with the families of her children and grandchildren and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Mebus and Mrs. Bertha Todd were entertained delightfully on the occasion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Martin at Hedwigs Hill. The News wishes for Mrs. Martin many more such happy anniversaries.

Building licenses were issued last week to Governor-Elect, Ben C. Hyde, of Missouri. Mr. Hyde was with a party of four, and spent a couple days hunting on the Mill Creek ranch, after which they went on to Kerrville.

We have a nice line of Ivory Toilet Articles. J. S. King.

Ed Rowe, of Austin, spent last week on the Mill Creek Ranch, a guest of his cousin, Tom White, and family.

Mrs. M. F. Carter returned home last week from a visit of several weeks with friends in Port Arthur.

Marriage License

Mr. Henry Ruegner, Jr., and Miss Ruby Wright, Dec. 15, 1920.

Miss Jean Woodward, of Ft. Worth, who is visiting Miss Hattie Hasse, of Castell, are both spending a couple days with the Misses Ella and Nettie Hasse, of Plehweville.

Mrs. H. C. Drawe, of Wentz, Texas, is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Leifeste, of the Plehweville section.

B. L. Ambrose and family are preparing to move to San Antonio to reside. They expect to leave shortly after the first of the year.

NOTICE

I have plenty of nice Christmas candy. Come in and look over my line. J. J. Johnson. 40

Asbury Montgomery was here Saturday from the Grit section and informed us that the people of his community have organized a community library and that an order for a large number of popular books has been made.

It's Nice

It's nice to have dollars to spend— isn't it? But it is a great deal nicer not to spend them. If you have a good income—good wages—don't spend every cent of it—no, not if you are a very poor man or a very rich man. Pile up something at this Bank in an Account. The spent dollar comes not back. In the very last analysis the only money of value to you is the money that is here in your Bank Account.

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Rich Philadelphia Man Is Sequestered by His Nephew.

NONE ALLOWED TO SEE HIM

Relatives Now Claim That Property Has Been Disposed of by Nephew and Seek the Appointment of a Guardian—Wealthy Manufacturer Disappeared One Day in 1904—Now Penniless and Dependent on Gifts of Nephew to Whom He Deeded His Property.

One night in 1904 George Griffiths, a wealthy manufacturer, who lived at No. 2102 Spruce street, Philadelphia, retired after he had been seen and greeted by associates during the day and had returned their greetings in his usual manner. The next morning he was gone, and for sixteen years he dropped out of sight.

The other day it was declared in a court action that, aged, helpless and blind, he is still alive, but sequestered at Wayne, under the constant attendance of a male nurse, penniless and dependent on the gifts of a nephew-in-law, Louis L. Reichner, to whom it is alleged he deeded his property, worth more than \$150,000.

Former Judge James Gay Gordon in common pleas as counsel for Mrs. J. H. Kurtz of Elkins Park and a

niece of Griffiths applied for the appointment of a guardian for the old man. He told of finding Mr. Griffiths at No. 200 West Wayne avenue, Wayne, last spring. Relating Mr. Griffiths' deeding of his property he told of the refusal of the nephew-in-law to make known the whereabouts of the vanished manufacturer while he was shifted from one residence to another, some of which were leased by the nephew and others being sanitariums and asylums for the insane.

Asks for a Guardian.

In his petition Judge Gordon asked for the appointment of a guardian to protect Mr. Griffiths. He told of the honorable record Mr. Griffith had up to the time of his disappearance. He was prominently identified with the First Presbyterian church at Seventh street and Washington square. He built the Albert Barnes Memorial at a cost of more than \$50,000 in honor of a former pastor. At the time of his disappearance he was treasurer of the Christian league, of which he was a founder. He was then sixty-three years old.

"From investigations which were made by Mr. Scott and myself last spring, when we succeeded in locating Mr. Griffiths," said Judge Gordon, "we were able to learn that when Mr. Griffiths disappeared in 1904 he was taken to Folcroft, a hospital for the insane in Delaware county.

"It will be shown that up to the day he disappeared Mr. Griffiths' health was good. It will be shown that his brother Joseph, father of the petitioner, had made inquiries of Attorney Louis L. Reichner as to where his brother was, and the only satisfaction he received was to be told that Griffiths had been ill but was being taken care of and was doing well, but he could not be seen except upon the order of his doctor.

Property Disposed Of.

"Joseph Griffiths is now dead, but from evidence in our possession we expect to show that when he became insistent in his inquiries he was taken to Folcroft by Attorney Reichner, who took him on a long walk, and coming in view of a large building Reichner pointed to a man who could be seen on the porch and said: 'That is your brother; but don't try to attract his attention or speak to him.'

"We will show that Joseph Griffiths, after seeing his brother on this occasion, never saw him again, and that no other member of the family laid

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eyes on him for sixteen years. We will show that during this time Mr. Griffiths had parted with all his property giving to Louis F. Reichner his entire estate. We will show that this man Reichner has sold house after house and virtually disposed of the entire estate."

FAKE INVENTOR IN JAIL

Used Hidden Barrels of Alcohol to Make Substitute Motor Fuel Work.

A formula designed to "revolutionize" the motor fuel industry by mixing corn stalks, cane sugar and yeast as a substitute for gasoline worked because the inventor, Prof. P. John Chasler of Brooklyn, N. Y., had two barrels of alcohol hidden behind the wall and connected by a pipe to a tank containing the apparatus.

Chasler's arrest followed an investigation by the district attorney's office of a complaint of a delegation representing 200 persons from the East side, who said they had invested in stock in a company said to have been formed for the manufacture of the substitute motor fuel.

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100 PER CENT EFFICIENT.
By CRAWFORD LUTTRELL.

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"You're always busy, Miss Martin, aren't you?" asked Austin Sheridan, pausing on his rounds of the store to look over the ribbon counter at the young clerk whose white fingers were never idle. "What are you making, thingumajigs for pretty girls to wear to parties?"

She took a last stitch in the rosette of blue ribbon that she was fashioning so deftly. "Something nicer than that," she smiled. "Bows for baby bonnets." She tacked the ribbon in place on a sheer little garment made of fine lace and batiste. "I wish that the management would put this in the window. I could sell fifty pairs of these bows in a week if they would. Besides that, it would help the infant department sell bonnets, too."

"Sure it would," agreed Austin, regarding the lacy bit of headgear. "I'll put it in myself." Marian looked around cautiously. "Be careful!" she warned. "Don't make Rigsby mad! He'll be awfully cross about everything you do if you try to tell him anything about the window displays."

"Yes; but I'd hate to see you get into trouble here. You've only been in the store for a few weeks. I've been here for five years, and I know that Rigsby stands in with the boss, and that if he gets mad at anybody the boss backs him in anything he wants to go."

"I'd like to see him try to pick on you. Just once! That would be about enough." A faint color crept into the girl's pale cheeks. She shook the threads from her black sateen apron before she answered him. "You know when



Rose as She Entered and Offered Her His Hand.

you first came here I was so hurt because they made you buyer for my department when you were new here, and I had been here for so long and had worked so hard that I just

couldn't like you a bit. But I know better now, and I want to tell you that I appreciate all the kind things you have done for me more than I can say. It was nice of you to take me to the hotel yesterday to see the drummer's samples and to let me select my spring stock. I certainly did get pretty things. I hope there won't be any strikes to tie up production or delivery."

"You are really interested in your job, aren't you?" "Yes, I am," she declared vigorously. "Why shouldn't I be?"

"Most girls aren't. Business with them is just a means to an end. They want to get married."

"So do I. All girls do," said Marian promptly and then blushed to the roots of her smooth brown hair. "But that natural ambition doesn't prevent me from trying to make a success of my position here. When I keep house I'll feel the same way about that. I'll do the best I can, and if fate wills that I stand behind this counter the rest of my life I'll be 100 per cent efficient. And I'll be contented even if I am not particularly happy." She was holding the little cap on her hand, fluffing out the soft, pretty bows that would some day cover tiny pink ears. She smiled a little, then she looked at the young man eagerly. "I wish that we could put this on a figure in the window! It would double my sales tomorrow."

He reached over the counter for the filmy bit of lace and ribbon. "Give it to me!" he said. "I'll manage it if you will go to lunch with me today."

"I'll go Dutch treat," she compromised. "I know where there is a new tearoom that is operated by a woman from Virginia. You can get a splendid lunch there for 35 cents."

"Righto!" she said stangily. "Now, I'm going to put this bonnet in the window if it costs me my job. It will run your sales up high enough to ring the bell and shake down a plum in the way of an increase in your pay envelope Saturday night."

"I wish that you were a true prophet," she sighed as she turned to greet a customer with her usual smile of welcome.

At one o'clock he was waiting for her just outside the big front door. "You're a nifty looking girl," he commented admiringly. "There's some class to you. I don't see how you manage on \$20 a week, paying board to your sister and keeping yourself as stylish as you look. Why, if you had real money, girl—say you could look like a million dollars on \$50 a week. Where's that tearoom?"

"Just around the corner. It has the cleanest little tables and there are always a few fresh flowers on each one every day. When I work up to \$35 a week I am going to try to get some girls to go in with me and rent a little apartment. I think that it would be wonderful to have a real home where I could cook things at night and on Sundays. Maybe I'll ask you to tea some Sunday when Rigsby recommends me for a raise; that is to say, if it happens before you are too old to walk."

"Can you cook?" asked Austin wonderingly. "Let you can't do it as well as you can tie ribbon bows!"

"Let I can," laughed Marian as they went into the tearoom.

He asked her to do the ordering for both of them, and marveled at her business-like manner. She quickly selected a few nourishing dishes. "It will be 25 cents for each of us," she told him smilingly.

"This is my set up today. You'll make a poor man a good wife," he said, looking at her so steadily that her eyes dropped before the unmistakable message in his. He thought of her blue eyes smiling at him over the filmy lace bonnet with its fluffy blue bows of soft ribbon. There was a little contraction in his throat, a terrific pounding in his young heart. He leaned over, and, careless of the throng in the dimly lighted room, laid his hand over hers. "Say, do you think we could manage, together, on fifty a week? Do you?"

"Oh!" cried Marian with a quick intaking of breath. "I could work too! We would make seventy together."

He caught her hand close at that. "No, I want you to be 100 per cent home maker," he told her quietly. "Gee," he breathed reverently, "I wish that I could kiss you while you have that look in your face!"

Late that afternoon he stopped at the ribbon counter. "The boss wants you in the office. I'll go along. I think it's a raise."

"It makes me ashamed to think that I was jealous of you because the management made you buyer for my department," she whispered as the elevator carried them to the big office of the rich merchant. "You've been so good to me."

"Not half as good as I am going to be," he answered, squeezing her hand, the look in his eyes a caress.

Marian trembled a little with excitement as she passed through the

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mahogany door. Twice before she had been summoned there. On both occasions she had been thanked for her interest in the business and had been granted a small increase in salary. She was visibly surprised when the white-haired old man on the far side of the big flat top desk rose as she entered and offered her his hand. "I have just heard from—ah—Mr. Sheridan here that you expect to resign the first of the year, Miss Martin. He is honest enough to say that you know more about ribbons than he will ever be able to learn. However, I am hopeful that you can teach him a great deal about your stock before you leave. I am going to make you buyer for your department at a salary of thirty-five a week, beginning last Monday."

Marian looked quickly at Austin Sheridan, her tender new secret blazoned on her face for the white-haired boss to see. "I—I don't know how to thank you—both," she stammered, catching her quivering lower lip between her even white teeth. "I—I am very grateful and even when I—I do leave, I'll still help Mr. Sheridan with my stock."

"You bet you will." The boss left his big revolving chair and went around the desk to pat the astonished girl on the shoulder. "You're going to be a partner worth having. Austin wasn't worth five dollars a week to me until he fell in love with you. Now, here's a little surprise. You're going to be our silent partner. You see, Austin is going under an assumed name here for business reasons until he learns everything there is to know about managing a department store. He's my only son and you're going to be my own dear little daughter."

"I put one over on you that time, girl, didn't I?" laughed the boy happily. "Even Rigsby can't tell me where to get off. Now, turn your back, dad! I haven't even kissed her yet."

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The following have made subscription payments to this great weekly since our last report

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We thank you Who's next?

POULTRY WANTED
We are always in the market for poultry and will pay you top prices for fryers, broilers, pullets, hens, roosters, ducks, geese and turkeys. Bring us anything you have in the line of poultry. 6-4
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Mrs. W. H. Neill and baby spent a short time in San Antonio last week, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kothmann, returning home Monday.

Andrew Wier, of the Wagram community, was in Mason Wednesday.

USED CAR BARGAINS
We have several second-hand cars at a bargain.
Have several Ford Touring cars with starters, slightly used. Come and look them over.
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KEYS Found—The News has some keys, which were found a few days ago. Owner may have same by calling at this office and paying for this advertisement. 40lf

FOR Sale—Span of big work horses; cheap. Apply to Chas. J. Fischer, Mason. 40-4fp

LOST—A purse, at Star Opera House, Finder, please return to News Office. 40rf

WANTED—To lease one thousand acres—ten and twenty year commercial leases. Will pay fifty cents and one dollar per acre respectively. If interested, give full descriptions and we will send you details. Virginia Company, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas. 4tp

WANTED—The News would like to have a reporter or correspondent in every community of the county. Write us for our proposition.

HOGS for Sale Cheap—Several good registered Duroc Jersey blood sows and gilts. If interested, see Wm. A. Willmann. 39-3te.

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A BARGAIN—Have ordered a new car and will give some one a bargain in my Chevrolet. It is in good mechanical shape and can be tried out any day. Will give good terms. Martin D. Loring.

LOST—Watch Bracelet; between W. R. Capps' and Mason. Finder, please return to News Office for reward. 38tf

FOR LEASE—Stock farm; 363 acres, well improved, 4 1/2 miles west of Mason; for terms and particulars apply to N. Z. Bethel, Katemey, Texas. 38f

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HUNT FOR RARE STAMPS GOES ON

War Did Not Interfere With Work of Collectors.

FRENCH DEALER AN ENIGMA

His Acquaintance Must Be Cultivated Before He Can Be Prevailed Upon to Show His Stock—Americans on Military Duty in Paris Kept Up Their Search for Rarities—Early United States Issues Are Scarce in Europe, Says Prominent American Philatelist.

Some interesting facts regarding the innocent pursuit of postage stamp collecting in Paris during the war period have just been related by Warren L. Babcock, president of the Detroit Philatelic society, who was on military duty in Paris during several months of the war, and in the summer of 1918 was in the command of Base hospital No. 6 at Bordeaux.

Mr. Babcock says that to an American the French stamp dealer is an enigma. When asked for United States stamps he is likely to answer, "None at all or very few." Seldom on first contact do these French dealers show any haste in producing what they have in stock. Subsequent visits, partly as social calls, are advised during which he will often show just what may be wanted or some other odd rarity. The French dealer seldom has a stock of United States stamps. He primarily caters to the French collector who is a specialist in France and French colonies. He seems disappointed if you are not a collector of those countries. His United States stamps he picks up here and there, a few at a time. If of good quality quick sales are made. As a result good United States stamps are moving from dealer to collector as rapidly as in this country and ul-

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Tells Experience.

In the September number of Scott's Monthly Journal Mr. Babcock tells something of the difficulties and successes in running down rare copies during the strenuous days of the war.

"Few United States stamps of the 1847 issue are to be found in Europe," he says. "Until 1851 letters addressed to France were usually forwarded without stamps. The 5 cent brown and the 10 cent black of this issue on foreign covers are rare and bring a well deserved premium. A long search brought me one in Bordeaux, a 5-cent on cover mailed from New Orleans.

"The stamps of the 1851 issue, imperforate, are found more frequently, especially the 5 cent and 10 cent in France and the 12 cent in England. From 1851 to 1869 the single rate to France was 15 cents, and to England 12 cents. France is therefore the main source of supply of the 5 cents and 10 cents in singles and strips of three, and England supplies most of the 12 cents pairs. Business houses of New Orleans, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York were the source of most of these stamps.

"The thriving export trade just before the Civil war is responsible for the many fine examples of the 1855 issue, especially the 5 and 10 cents. Here may be found the finest copies of the 5 cents, brick red (No. 45) that ever graced a collection. To be rewarded with a pair of these beautiful stamps after a long and tedious search is well worth the effort.

"The five-cent, type I, is considered the scarcer, though I found twice as many as of type II. The 30 cent is seldom, and the 90 cent rarely seen in good used condition. The 12 cent and 24 cents were, of course, seldom used on French mail, though I did find some covers with the 12 cent and 3 cent combinations. Of the 1861 issue the five-cent buff or mustard, the 10 cent green and 30 cent orange may be found, though the former is scarce. It was my good fortune to see two covers from New Orleans with the 90 cent, 1861, thereon, in all its glory. Each envelope carried 105 cents postage, showing, in addition to the 90 cent, a 10 cent, and a 5 cent.

Many in the Business.

"The glorious issue of 1869 comes next. The lower values were seldom seen in the shops but the 10 cent presented often, as did the 15 cent in both types. The 10 cent was usually atrocious in centering and cancellation. The 6 cent and 12 cent were scarce and the 24 cent stamps and 30 cent uncommon, though both were occasionally offered. From one stock I selected 30 of the best copies I had ever seen of the last two stamps. The 90 cent was conspicuous by its absence, the few copies offered or shown being notably damaged, with one or two exceptions.

"About 1870 the postal rate to France was reduced to 10 cents per half ounce and the 10 cent brown of 1870, without grill, came into use. Of the issues of 1870-79 few stamps of value were found, though from one

shop several blocks of the 10 cent with colored cancellations, found their way into my book.

"The French shops are favorable fields for odd cancellations, sub-varieties such as the 10 cent, 1851-1857, recuts, and to a lesser degree, the issues of 1875. A few of the scarcer types of the 1 cent, 1851, may be seen. "There are several hundred stamp dealers listed in Paris, and the search for their shops was of unflinching interest."

LIVES AS RED TO GET CURE FOR RADICALS

Doctor Morley Says Lack of Family Life Is Cause of Bolshevism.

Why is a Bolshevik? What does a bomb thrower think about? Why do "Americanization" campaigns fail to get to the heart of the foreign population?

Attired in old and ill fitting foreign-made clothes, Dr. Raymond Morley, director of the Cleveland foundation, went into the slums, the factory districts, the coffee houses and homes of the foreign population of Cleveland to find out. Doctor Morley, formerly of the faculty of Western Reserve university and the University of Minnesota, told the Chicago City club at luncheon about it.

"What makes a radical?" he said. "We found that lack of adjustment and lack of proper family life were two powerful elements. The men were not properly placed in industries. There never has been any attempt to place them. There is an enormous preponderance of men over women in the foreign districts. The men are either single or have left their families in Europe until they can afford to bring them to America, hence the men lack proper family life and home ties.

"They are a prey to homesickness, and the petty annoyances and the disillusionments to which they are subjected are magnified and become serious. America, of which they had heard such golden reports, appears to be a squalid world of black houses, black streets, dirty, screaming children, factory smoke, noisy nights, crowded cars, filth, hard work and misery.

"No amount of glowing words can talk the immigrant out of an unpleasant human experience. Americanization must begin at the bottom and work up, not at the top and work down. The only Americanization that will succeed is that which recognizes the immigrant's contribution to America and flatters them by accepting that contribution."

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Found! one place on the face of the earth where the high-cost-of-living jinks has failed to cut any capers.

Down in the tropic isle of Sulu, where gaudy parakeets nag the day long in the palmetto trees the average citizen is still able to maintain three or four wives without any perceptible strain on the family purse, and any man may keep a safe distance ahead of the sheriff on the exceedingly modest income of \$12.50 a month.

This glad intelligence has just been brought to America by Prince Hajis Jasana, favorite nephew of the Sultan of Sulu and son of Hajis Abubaker, former prime minister and chief advisor to his royal highness the Sultan.

Prince Hajis Jasana has enrolled as a cadet at the Pennsylvania Military college at Chester, Pa., where he intends to remain for three years preparatory to going to West Point. His idea is to absorb all of the best Yankee military training so that he will be equipped to return home and successfully tackle the arduous job of bossing the Sulu army.

For several years Jasana has been undergoing the exhilarating and instructive process of Americanization and for that reason he has discarded the title "prince" and insists upon being called plain Mr. Jasana. His arrival at college was not accompanied by any of the accustomed pomp and fanfare of the royal house of Sulu.

Not long ago Philadelphia had an opportunity of seeing his august uncle in a moving picture travelogue. In that picture the Sultan occupied a throne of silk and gold and fully a score of servile lackeys were endeavoring to make his royal highness as comfortable as possible. Seven blacks were keeping the humid Sulu atmosphere stirring about his majesty's person by means of long handled fans made of ostrich plumes and others were hurrying about preparing refreshments for the great dignitary.

Prince Grips Trunk Also.

But Prince Jasana came to P. M. C. much after the manner of any other plain American youth—in an over-worked taxi of mud encrusted wheels and faded varnish. And when he alighted at the college steps the erstwhile prince gave the driver a hand at the steamer trunk perched on the front seat. But when he tendered the taxi man a bill and murmured "Keep the change" in almost perfect English the driver beamed with surprise and content. The bill was not a small one.

The prince was attired in a well fitting suit of light gray and wore a becoming tie and a soft brown hat, which harmonized with the olive brown of his skin and the darker brown of his intelligent eyes. In the veins of this supple young Sulu runs

the blood of noble ancestors extending back more than 500 years.

His eyes glow with pride when he speaks of the traditions of his race, but he is a model of humbleness in his eagerness to grasp the very essence of American democracy. His father is very rich and his uncle, the Sultan, many times a millionaire. The latter in addition to presiding over the kingdom of Sulu under American supervision owns half of the romantic island of Borneo and draws huge revenues from his estates and plantations there.

Though for centuries there has been the custom of his race to have more than one wife and maintain harems, Jasana has been converted to the one wife idea and other commendable institutions of modern civilization with which he became acquainted while attending the American college at Manila.

"The high cost of living," said Jasana, "has never once nibbled at Sulu. Food is plentiful there and cheap. The same applies to clothing and other necessities of life. A man may live royally and support a family on \$12.50 a month in Sulu. That sum will provide him with a good home, food and clothing and enable him to support two or three wives comfortably. Of course, not much clothing is required in Sulu—that is one reason why wives can be supported so cheaply. Eighteen dollar shoes are also things unknown in Sulu, for which all Sulu husbands are very thankful.

"A man in Sulu may have as many wives as he can support. My uncle, the Sultan, has five at present. He could have as many as he desires, but of late he has seemed quite satisfied to let the number rest at five."

Praises U. S. Work in Sulu.

The young prince paid high praise to the American administration in Sulu.

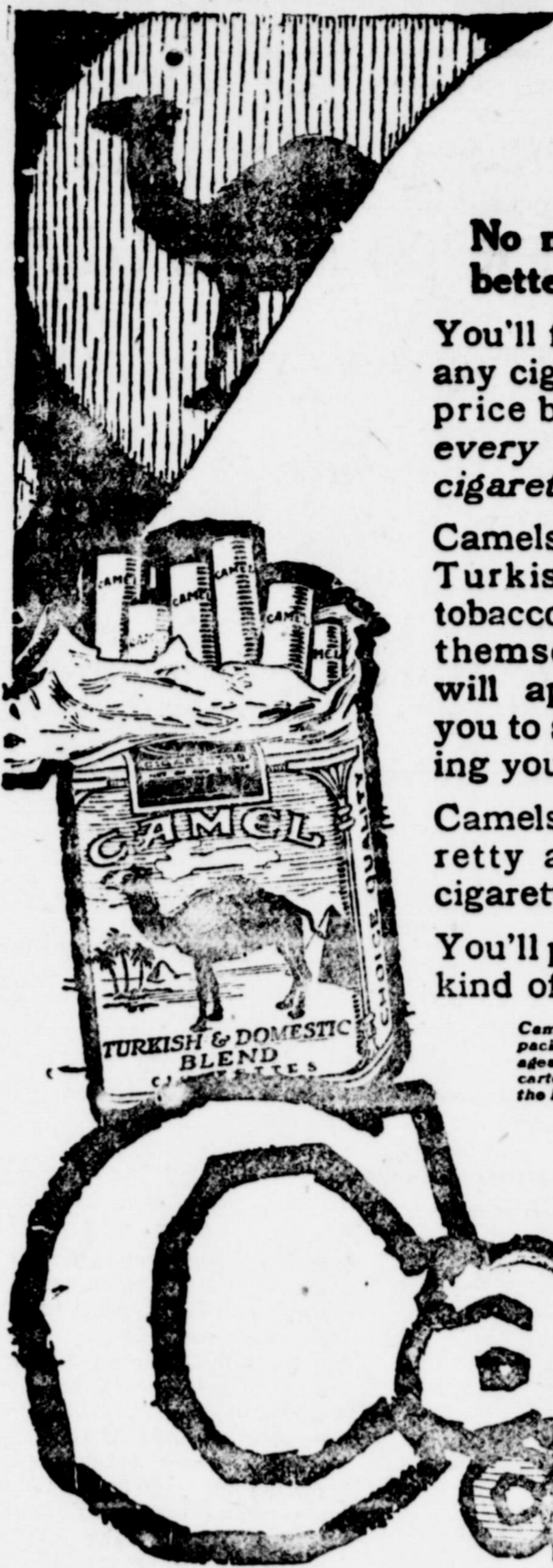
"Naturally," he said, "it came as a great shock to our traditions and our mode of living when we were obliged to pull down our national flag of five stars and how to the will of the United States. The coming of the Americans swept away our institutions of slavery, upon which our empire was founded.

"Over night thousands and thousands of men and women became free, and there was inaugurated a new economic system which shook the very bulwarks of the nation. My father's hundreds of slaves were immediately put upon a payroll and received freedom of action. For months everything was chaos, but gradually we began to fit ourselves to the new system and to feel its beneficial results.

"We Sulus do not share this craving for independence which is now agitating other races in the Luzon and Visaya groups. We realize that we still have much to learn before we can be self-governing. We Sulus refuse to accept any sort of independence unless the United States agrees to act as a protectorate, constantly on guard against invasion of the militaristic and materialistic Japanese. We know what Japan is doing to Corea and we know she will do the same to us if she gets the opportunity.

"The advancement of women is one of the most important and gratifying results of American occupation of Sulu. The women of Sulu are reaching out for full independence which is enjoyed in America. When it comes to marriage they want to be the one and only wife. Every year hundreds of Sulu young women are being graduated from high schools and colleges. Some are entering the professions, Americans Down Smallpox.

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Fred Banks was here Saturday from Katemey, bringing his sister-in-law, Mrs. Miles Banks, to see Dr. Baze. Mrs. Banks had the misfortune of running a sewing needle in her finger a few days previous and the members had swollen to a great extent and was causing her much pain.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmidt and sons, Otto and Sterling, went to Fredericksburg Sunday to attend the funeral of Mr. Schmidt's niece, Mrs. Eugene Vanderstucken, who died Saturday at her home in that city. Mrs. Vanderstucken was a daughter of Herman Ochs, former sheriff of Gillespie county, and is survived by her husband and a small child.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Tinsley and children went to Junction Sunday to spend a short time with relatives and friends.

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By GRACE E. RILEY.

Mrs. Bates was the axle on which revolved the wheels of life at Hilltop Inn. Nancy Bates, her sixteen-year-old daughter, might be said to comprise her family, since Mr. Bates, lazy as he was companionable, entered not at all into the scheme of things at the Inn.

Imagine the twittering excitement in rocking-chair row on a certain Monday morning in midsummer when it was known that Mrs. Bates had fallen downstairs and broken her hip.

"But who, my dear, will look out for things now?" asked one.

"And who, I ask you, will see that Queen Mary gets her proper food?" asked another, as the royalty mentioned purred contentedly in her lap.

These and many other questions were hurled at Nancy, as she stood with troubled brow and anxious mien in the doorway, waiting to welcome guests just arriving.

A tall, angular woman stepped from the machine, assisted by a bashful man hiding behind enormous tortoise-rimmed glasses. Nancy found herself being measured from top to toe through a lorgnette.

"I wish to see Mrs. Bates at once. She wrote that our train would be met at the station, instead of which my poor tired boy had to scour the village for a conveyance."

The "poor tired boy" nodded in acquiescence, and Nancy felt helpless, speechless before these two eye-glassed individuals.

"I am very sorry Mrs.—"
 "Mrs. Doolittle is my name."
 "Come right in and I will have you shown to your room at once. My mother had a serious accident this morning, which explains why you were not met."

"Humph!" sniffed the irate Mrs. Doolittle. "I consider it most important to have one's life so ordered that should one suddenly be called to face one's Maker" (here her eyes rolled so

high that Nancy feared they really were mounting heavenward) "that another can step right in and carry things to a perfect finish."

"That is a wonderful idea, Mrs. Doolittle," said Nancy, struggling between laughter and tears. "Here, Ned," she called to the one errand boy of the hotel, "carry these bags and show Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle to rooms 32 and 34."

"Well, Marie, what's your trouble?" "Miss Nancy, your mother was going to send Ned down first thing this morning for fruit for breakfast. Has he gone yet?"

As Ned put in an appearance he was dispatched for the fruit. Nancy turned again to be confronted by Mrs. Doolittle's lorgnette.

"Are your rooms satisfactory, Mrs. Doolittle?"

"Satisfactory? Would you call it satisfactory to be put in a room containing a bed with no mattress on it?"

"Mrs. Doolittle, I will see to your rooms at once."

The breakfast bell precluded further conversation on the subject, and Nancy, fully intending to give immediate attention to those rooms, was mounting the stairs when Marie called to her in a hoarse, agitated whisper:

"Oh, Miss Nancy, get the doctor, quick; Florrie has cut off her hand." Nancy grasped the stair-rail for support. "Marie! Where is she? I'll telephone for the doctor; you stay with Florrie."

"I can't, Miss Nancy, the folks are all getting nervous 'cause no one is waiting on them. Annie can't do the whole dining room all alone."

"Of course not. Wait. I'll call father."

"Dad!" Nancy went into their private dining room, where her father was peacefully consuming a tempting steak. "Dad, everything's wrong; the hotel is upside down; there aren't any mattresses on the beds, nor any fruit, and Florrie has just cut off her hand, and—"

"For goodness sake, child, spare my head—why should there be any fruit on the beds? And what's become of all the mattresses?"

"Don't argue, dad—do something! Telephone the doctor!"

She left him at the telephone and flew to the kitchen, where her father soon followed her. Here pandemonium reigned. Florrie, a girl of emotional temperament, rocked back and forth, crying desperately.

"They'll hear you if you yell like that, Florrie, and so will everyone else," said Mr. Bates. "Hold onto yourself until Doctor Brand gets here. Could this be Mr. Bates?" Florrie stopped a cry so suddenly that her

mouth remained open. It was then discovered that the hand which she had supposedly cut off proved to be but one of her fingers.

When Nancy returned to the kitchen an hour later peace hovered once more within its borders, while on the veranda guests, content in the memory of a good, if belated breakfast, laid plans for the day; and in the office an able general in the form of Elisha Bates was enthroned before the telephone, into which poured orders for meat, fish, fruit and vegetables, which boded well for luncheon and dinner.

"The wheels are grinding slowly, but exceedingly well," Nancy misquoted as with light heart and swiftly mounting respect for the new acquisition to the Bates family, she went up to her mother's room.

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