

Mason County News.

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ESTAB 1877

MARTIN 'PHONE COM'Y WILL INSTALL ELECTRIC SWITCHBOARD

The Martin Telephone Company, with headquarters at Llano, which for several years has maintained a small switch board in our city, is now making preparations to install a larger switch board at this place. Men are now at work placing posts about the town to be used for swinging a large cable. The new electric switch board which is to be installed, has been here for several months and within a very reasonable time, will be installed. The Martin Telephone Company is now owned and managed by Mr. J. C. Stribling, financier of Llano, and since acquiring the management, Mr. Stribling is making improvements on all of his lines over this section of the State. He has recently been at considerable expense in putting in additional equipment at Llano and also at Fredericksburg.

It is said that a construction crew will arrive in Mason within a short time to start the work here.

At present all telephones of the town are of the "cranking" model and this new electrical system should prove quite a convenience.

While the Martin Exchange has heretofore had only a few subscribers in Mason, it is the hope of Mr. Stribling to secure quite a number of additional subscribers by having the new apparatus installed, and within a short time, expects to have customers and patrons in all parts of the county. At present the Martin exchange affords the town the only phone connection with the Loyal Valley, Pontotoc and Fredonia sections of the county and as these are some of the most thickly settled sections of the county the Martin service has heretofore been almost indispensable in spite of the fact the local subscribers are few. With the improved facilities in operation the service will be greatly enhanced; and even in case Mr. Stribling should not receive the increased number of subscribers he anticipates, he will receive remuneration in the additional number of toll calls which will go over his lines.

WILL SERVE LUNCH

The Ladies Aid and the Queen Esther societies of the German Methodist church will serve lunch in the Hoerster building Saturday, April 2, at 11 o'clock. The ladies extend you an invitation to patronize them on this occasion.

SUDAN SEED

Several persons have asked me whether I would order Sudan seed this year. I have written for prices on Sudan seed, and those wanting seed, please notify me before March 1, as I will only make one order.

DOR W. BROWN,
County Demonstration Agent.

The Parent-Teachers' Association will meet in regular session at the school house Monday, Feb. 21. All chairmen of various committees of the recent carnival, are requested to be present.

Ellie Eastman is wearing a broad smile this week. He says he has his field fixed beyond a doubt. With L. F. Eckert's terracing machine and Dor W. Brown to stake off the terraces, he has saved himself one field and he now contemplates terracing all of his fields.

Robt. Priess and E. W. Kothmann visited the ranch of Elgin O. Kothmann Wednesday, looking over his Herefords and outlining plans for an exhibit of beef cattle at the Mason County Stock Show on April 2. Let other committees do likewise. Get together and all plan for the best exhibit Mason County has ever had.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dent and little son were in Mason Saturday from the Jeffers ranch, on James River.

DIRECTORS MASON CO. FARM BUREAU MEETS

The President and Board of Directors of the Mason County Farm Bureau met at the court house in Mason last Saturday afternoon in conference with Mr. Lancaster from the Extension Service of A. & M. College and discussed some of the ways by which the Mason County Farm Bureau might be a benefit to Mason County.

Many of the farmers of the county have peanuts on hand that must be marketed before the next crop is gathered and before the weevil ruins them. The directors decided to advance money to these farmers to send a man to the factories and get the best offer possible, direct from the factory, the money advanced, to be refunded when they sell their peanuts.

They then discussed the growing of a longer and better staple of cotton and how to arrive at what variety of the longer staples would be better for Mason County.

They decided to buy seed for some experimental plots of ten acres each in each of the four commissioners' precincts; each precinct to plant a different breed of cotton and plant ten acres on light soil and ten acres on heavier soil. Each man planting this ten acres agreeing to keep an accurate record of the amount of seed cotton and per cent of lintage ginned and to have this graded as to staple and sold with a consideration of staple.

In other counties they are receiving from 4 to 10 cents bonus where they grow this longer staple.

Of these breeds of cotton, some will make better on certain soils and climates than others.

A record of these experiments will be kept and given to the public and the farmer will know what to plant to receive the most money for.

Everyone is asked to watch these experimental plots and see for himself and keep up with the results.

Several other propositions, such as a small ment packing plant, peanut sheller, etc., were discussed.

FORT MASON AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET ON FEBRUARY 19TH

The Fort Mason camp of the American Legion will hold its first meeting since organization at the court house in Mason on next Saturday night, February 19th. The meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock.

It is requested that all members be present and any ex-service men who have not yet joined the order, are urged to attend this meeting and become members.

An outline of the program to be had at the meeting is as follows:

1. Prayer by Chaplin.
2. Address by Prof. Dumas.
3. Hail! Hail! The Gang's All Here.
4. Round Table Discussion—Pluenneke and Brandenberger, leaders.
5. Quartett—Dr. P. A. Baze, Alex Grosse, O. A. Hensch, Ernest Jordan.
6. Boxing Bout—Grover McDougall vs. Roy Doell.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT STILL IN SESSION

The Commissioners' Court of Mason county met in regular quarterly session at the court house on Monday morning of this week. Since the court had quite a bit of unfinished business Wednesday, it is supposed they will be in session for the remainder of the week, at least, and probably will not be able to finish the docket until next week. Proceedings of the session will appear in our next issue.

Leon Mayo is now operating his garage at the Star Garage location; having recently rented the building from W. H. Neill, who is preparing to move to San Antonio to reside.

Wes Smith went to Llano Monday to attend to some business affairs.

El McCollum is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. McCollum.

APRIL 2 WILL BE A BIG DAY IN MASON

MERCHANTS SHOULD MAKE IT A TRADES DAY

April 2 will be another occasion for a great gathering in Mason. Our county stock shows and poultry exhibits have always been successful, and the one for Saturday, April 2nd, is being looked forward to as the one which will climax all previous events of this nature, which the town and county has held.

Dor W. Brown, president of the Mason Commercial Club, has appointed the various committees to serve in making arrangements for the different exhibits for the occasion. Mr. Brown did not appoint these committees in a hurry nor in a haphazard way. He deliberated over the matter long enough to select representative committeemen for each respective exhibit, and it is believed that as a result more exhibits will be had than usual and that more interest will be manifested. A list of the various committees as were appointed by Mr. Brown appeared in our issue of last week, but for fear some of our readers do not remember the personnel of each committee we are herewith republishing the same.

The following committees were appointed to arrange for the various exhibits:

Beef Cattle—E. W. Kothmann, Elgin Kothmann and Robt. Priess.

Dairy Cattle—Frank Willmann and Henry G. Saunders.

Swine—Houston Baxter, Murray Kyger and Dr. P. A. Baze.

Sheep—Emmett Keller, John Ruegger and Fred Curren.

Goats—G. W. Herring and Otto Hofmann.

Horses and Jacks—Dave Kiser and Adolph Kothmann.

Poultry—Geo. Moneyhon and T. A. Saunders.

Finance Committee—Robt. Hofmann, C. S. Vedder and H. S. Wood.

Advertising Committee—Dor Brown and Martin D. Loring.

This event is not a restricted town affair by any means; it is to be county wide, and every livestock and poultry raiser of the county is expected to take an active interest. If you do not understand anything about some particular exhibit, you are urged to ask one of the respective committeemen who will be glad to give you such information as you may desire.

The News is unable to say at this time whether the local business firms will take advantage of the occasion and make it a Trades Day event, but, in our opinion, they will be overlooking a splendid opportunity if they don't. We hope to be able to give more light on this subject in a subsequent issue.

SIMON-GERDES

Last Thursday, Rev. C. H. Garrett united the lives of Mr. Frank Simon and Miss Mary Gerdes in matrimony.

The groom is one of the county's foremost ranchers and is widely acquainted with the people of this county. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Gerdes, who reside a few miles south of Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon will make their home on the Simon ranch.

The News extends them congratulations and best wishes.

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John Weidemann was here Wednesday from his ranch near Beaver Creek.

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MISS RUTH MARTIN ENTERTAINS AT C. C. SMITH HALL

Last Monday was St. Valentine's Day and was also the occasion of Miss Ruth Martin's birthday. Miss Martin entertained very delightfully in honor of the occasions on Monday evening from 7:30 to 11:30 at the C. C. Smith Hall. The affair took the form of a masquerade party.

There were in the neighborhood of seventy-five guests present to enjoy the splendid hospitality of the hostess. The hall had been appropriately decorated for the occasion and in the center was placed a library table on which was a victrola and numerous records; at one end was placed another table and on this was a large punch bowl filled with delicious punch; at the opposite end were several tables for those desiring to play cards or dominoes. The victrola was played and many of the guests had a pleasant evening at dancing, while others kept the card and domino tables busy. Piano selections rendered by Mrs. R. D. Byler and Mrs. Max Martin proved to be features of the occasion.

The hostess awarded three prizes: one going to the best masked lady, one to the best masked gentleman and a booby prize. The first was presented to Miss Grace Phillips, the second went to Dr. R. D. Byler and the consolation was received by Arch Carter.

At a late hour the guests departed declaring they had enjoyed a most pleasant evening and all were unanimous in voting Miss Ruth a charming and delightful hostess.

Mrs. Ross, of Itasca, spent a short time in Mason last week visiting with Mrs. L. H. King. She left on Sunday for Llano, where she will spend a short time visiting before returning to her home.

Mrs. and Mrs. S. C. Brockman came up last Sunday night from Austin and are visiting a few days in the home of Mrs. Brockman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leslie.

Mrs. Anna Martin, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Martin, left Tuesday in the former's car for Austin where she will have some dental work done by Dr. Weber. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Martin will attend the District Banker's Convention, which is in session at Austin. Arch Metzger drove the car down.

Miss Pearl Lund is again back at her position at the switchboard of the local Southwestern Bell Telephone Exchange, after having had a short vacation which she spent visiting Dr. and Mrs. O. H. Richardson, of Austin.

TWO AUTOS COLLIDE ON STREET

Tuesday evening about 7:30 o'clock a Ford car driven by Chas. Grote and a Buick Six driven by Robert Fischer, collided at the northwest corner of the square in front of J. J. Johnson's store. The driver of the Buick appeared to have been at fault, having turned to the left instead of the right.

Mrs. Grote who was in the car with Mr. Grote sustained some very painful bruises about the face, but were not serious. No other occupants of the cars were hurt.

The Ford was damaged a little, but the Buick was not injured, except for a small damage to one fender.

LADIES AID MET MONDAY

The Ladies Aid of the Christian Church had their regular meeting Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ben Pluenneke.

After a very interesting lesson, Mrs. Pluenneke served a dainty lunch to the following members: Mesdames Ellen Sands, Chas. Bierschwale, J. C. Lemberg, R. H. Kidd, R. D. Byler, Erv Hamilton, Wes Smith, J. S. King, Kennie Eckert, Martin D. Loring, Elgin Eckert and Miss Sarah Puckey. Guests for the afternoon were Mrs. P. A. Baze and Mrs. Otto Schmidt.

The next meeting of the Aid will be with Mrs. Martin D. Loring on Monday, March 14.

Mr. August Kothmann, a prominent ranchman of the Castell section, was a business visitor in Mason Wednesday.

PARENT-TEACHERS NET APPROXIMATELY \$275 AT THEIR CARNIVAL

The home-talent carnival held last Thursday evening under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers' Association of Mason was well attended and royally supported by the citizenship of the town and county. One of the largest crowds that ever gathered on our streets at night attended.

The eating booth, where the ladies served hot tamales, chili, brown beans, hamburgers, chocolate, coffee and sandwiches, received a very liberal patronage and the eatables were entirely sold out before many who had planned on patronizing the stand had had the opportunity to do so. The novelty booth, where balloons, confetti, peanuts, pop corn and home-made candy were on sale, also did a good business.

The vaudeville show in the Star Opera House was seen by an audience which it is said was the largest that has ever been in the building. The vaudeville was good and about the only criticisms which the writer has heard offered was that the admission price should have been 25 cents instead of 15 cents.

Following the vaudeville a little midget show was presented at a price of 10 cents admission. This little entertainment is credited by many as being the best feature of the evening. Both were very good and enjoyed greatly. A boxing match was staged at an admission of 10 cents and a splendid audience supported this feature of the occasion.

The little five and ten cent side shows, on the outside of the Opera House, did well and helped to swell the total receipts for the Association.

According to information furnished the News, the total receipts amounted to \$327.98, which, after all expenses have been paid, will leave the Parent-Teachers' Association approximately \$275 to be used by the association in improving play ground conditions and in purchasing additional amusement apparatus for the children of the Mason Public Schools.

The Association has asked the News to announce that they are very thankful to all who assisted in making the affair the success it was. Especially are they grateful to those who devoted their time and worked so diligently in making arrangements; also those who, by their encouraging words, helped to lighten the many difficulties encountered, and last, but not least, they heartily appreciate the splendid patronage received.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS

All teachers of Mason County interested in the University Interscholastic League are requested to meet at the court house Saturday, February 19, at 2:30 p. m. to arrange for a county meet.

P. A. BENNETT.

The Commercial Bank was selected as the County Depository by the Commissioners' Court on last Monday. The bank is to pay interest at the rate of 6 per cent.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

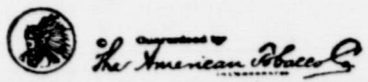
The business meeting of the Young People's Missionary Society was held at the M. E. Church, South, with a good attendance. A special drill on the duties of the officers, and by-laws was given by the superintendent. Three new members joined, Celeta Gamel, Ella Mae Metzger and Mary Wood. It was voted to have an open meeting Friday night, February 18, at the court house for securing new members. We then voted to have two meetings each month on the afternoons of the 2nd and 4th Sundays at four o'clock.

Contributed.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wood left the latter part of last week for their home in Allen, Oklahoma, after a visit in Mason with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wood.



LUCKY STRIKE
cigarette. Flavor is sealed in by toasting



LESSON IN HONORS TO FOUNDERS OF NATION

George Washington Born Feb. 22, 1732

It is always fitting that Washington's birthday should be made a special occasion for impressing on all just what his achievements and those of his associates who established the government of the United States and founded a nation really mean. While there has never been any lack of enthusiasm over the man who was first in the hearts of his countrymen, it is well that the full significance of what clusters about the name and fame of Washington shall be set out beyond all peradventure.

It is not only the uninformed alien who fails to understand our debt to the past, so, despite the highly intelligent and intensive efforts of the public schools to deal with Washington as the great national hero, the extraordinary nature of the government of a people and by a people and for a people which his efforts set up cannot be too emphatically described, since we all tend to get rusty on historic facts, and altogether too many forget that blatant idealistic reformers the world over today are claiming as freshly discovered panaceas some of the simplest practices laid down by the forefathers in the Mayflower, again in 1776, and finally in the Constitution of 1787. That the forefathers, with Washington and Jefferson and Lee in the lead in the constructive period of the Revolution, proved to be practical men, as well as idealists believing in certain great principles that lie at the base of human freedom, and established human liberty under conditions that protected each from the other, obliterating class distinctions, is not the least thing to their credit.

As pulpit and platform draw the lessons from what the past accords in the way of men and principles as exemplars for all time, it will be the

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part of wisdom if the simple, undisputed facts as to what this great experiment did set out to do and has accomplished be brought home to all. For after all, it is the overwhelming actualities of a free government maintained by a free people that gives the luster to the name of Washington as the father and founder and justifies all that the most extravagant eulogy may pronounce as to his claims to an affectionate immortality.

BIG PASTURE FIRE

This week, J. W. White had quite a bunch of hands at work at his Mill Creek ranch, burning off the grass and brush in what is known as his Blue Mountain pasture. The hands had been busy the preceding week burning out a right of way around the pasture to prevent the fire from spreading into other quarters when the main pasture was fired.

The smoke was easily seen from town on Tuesday afternoon and several people from town went out there in their cars to see the big fire.

INCOME TAX FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Frequent inquiries are received by collectors of internal revenue from storekeepers and other business men as to whether the taxpayer in business for himself may deduct from his gross earnings an amount of salary paid to himself. Wages or salary drawn by a taxpayer from his own business are more in the nature of a charge out of profits than a charge against profits. If deductible they would merely be added to his income and the effect would be to take money out of one pocket and put it in another. Therefore, claims for such deductions are not allowable.

Salaries paid to minor children employed in the conduct of a taxpayer's business are not allowable deductions. If, however, a son or daughter has attained majority, or is allowed free use of their earnings without restriction, a reasonable amount paid as compensation for their services may be claimed.

A farmer who employs a man to assist in the operation of his farm may deduct from gross income the amount paid for such services. Likewise, if he employs a woman whose entire time is occupied in taking care of the milk, cream, butter, and churns or if her services are devoted entirely to the preparation and serving of meals furnished farm laborers and in caring for their rooms, the compensation paid her is an allowable deduction. If, however, she is employed solely in caring for the farmer's own household no deduction can be made.

In arriving at net income upon which the tax is assessed, deductions may be made for ordinary and necessary business expenses. The revenue act specifically prohibits the deduction of personal, family, or living expenses. Such expenses include rent for a home, wages of servants, cost of food and clothing for the family, education of children, and all items connected with the maintenance, well-being, and pleasure of the taxpayer and his family.

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Music—Violet Vedder.
Prayer.
Bible Lesson—A Missionary's Prayer—Gen. XVIII 23-33.
Story—The Story of St. Roch, the Plague Healer.—Modell Henrich.
Recitation—Mildred Alexander.
Story—The Crooked Old Road and The Glad House.—Lena Simon.
Music—Virgil Banks.
Closing Song.

PLEASE SETTLE

All parties in debt to me will please settle their account as soon as possible, as I need the money. F. H. Schuessler. 47-2c.

Various Races.

The Anglo-Saxon race is usually considered to include the people descended from the tribes that invaded Britain and settled there 1,500 years ago. The English people and the lowland Scotch, with their descendants in various parts of the world, are Anglo-Saxons, while the Welsh and Scotch highlanders are of Celtic origin, like the Irish. The French are a Latin race, the Scandinavians Teutonic.

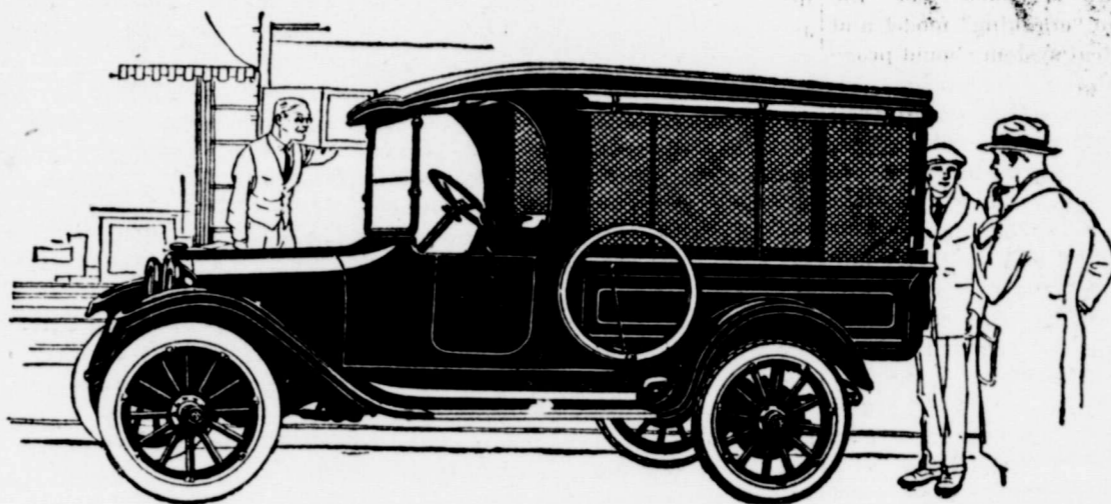
State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.
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ENTERTAINED WITH VALENTINE PARTY FRIDAY EVE.

(Contributed)

One of the nicest and prettiest little parties that has been given in Mason for a long time, was a Valentine party given by Miss Edna Kettner last Friday evening, February 11, when she entertained the Campfire Girls.

When all the boys and girls arrived, all were taken into a room, where each tried to open arrows to the center of a heart. Murray Kyger, although, he had his arm broken, succeeded in winning out first in this game.

Another game which was very interesting, was Cupid's Game of Archery. Opal Garrett and Henry Kettner won in this game. Some other events that were enjoyed was matching hearts music and fortune-telling.

After the games, all had to find their partners by matching hearts and then we were taken into the dining room. The table was adorned with little red baskets filled with cake and lighted candles in little red candle holders, while Cupid hearts were suspended from a little aeroplane just above the table, and this brought to

one's mind the nearness of Valentine season.

Those present were Misses Genevieve King, Willie Mae Doell, Thelma Wood, Ella Doell, Ruby Jordan, Willie Mae Beckenbach, Ethel Gipson, Celeta Gamel, Opal Garrett; Messrs. Murray Kyger, Jack Garrett, Crawford Lemburg, Elmer Rader, Robert Kidd, Robert Owen Lange, Henry Kettner, Miss Bettie Tribble and the hostess.

"I HAVE GOT \$10 WHERE I CANNOT SPEND IT"

When father was sick he gave me \$1 a month to help with the milking. I got up at half past four and milked four or five cows. I have sent \$10 to the Bank. I have got \$10 where I cannot spend it. We want Thrifty Boys! Boys who work hard for what they make. Bring \$1 or more here. We want Thrifty Boys!

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Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Francis and daughter, of Chicago, were here several days the past week, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. King, Mrs. Francis being a sister of Mrs. King's.

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*M*C*N*

Yes, it's the little things that hurt. A common every-day nasty little fly will make an orthodox Christian swear forty strokes to the minute, while if the same man had his head taken off by a July tornado he wouldn't say a word about it.

*M*C*N*

Nearly all the watch signs, probably ninety out of 100, have hands set at 8:18, but comparatively few people know why this is. It is no accident. We K. Washburn, of New York, was painting a sign for a jeweler of that city

when the news of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, April 14, 1865, was received in New York and the latter ordered the painter to put upon the dial the hands the exact time when the fatal shot was fired, namely 8:18, and so they have continued ever since. Whenever you see a sign after this, recall the fact that it points to the fatal moment.

*M*C*N*

As a rule it is easier for a caterer to explain to guests the failure of the wedding feast to arrive or for the dressmaker to explain failure to deliver the bride's gown on time, than it is for an editor to explain to a disgruntled subscriber why some particular pet article was left out of the paper. These are the chestnut burrs which get into the editorial bed.

*M*C*N*

A man may be engaged to a woman ten years, but he will never hear that she has duties she owes to her relatives until after he has married her.

*M*C*N*

The recent carnival should have given new inspiration to the people of our community to lend every aid and assistance in making our school first-class and conditions thereat just as near ideal as possible for the many children, who by their actions and efforts, showed their enthusiastic interest in the school to be very great. We should be as interested as the children. We have a splendid corps of teachers and we should do all in our power to make these instructors realize our interest in them, the children and the school in general.

*M*C*N*

Farmers in general are needing rain and unless we get a good rain pretty soon, farmers will have an uphill job.

*M*C*N*

One who did not help with the school benefit carnival says it was not because their heart was not in the right place nor because they are not interested in the school; for it is this party's desire to see the school the foremost and first consideration of our town. The splendid success which the carnival represented was indeed pleasing and gratifying to one who couldn't help.

*M*C*N*

The "Bringing Up Father" comed at the local picture theater, which was shown a couple weeks ago was a feature much enjoyed by local movie fans. Mr. Schmidt, manager of the Star Theatre, has announced another Jiggs picture for next Saturday night. The title is "Jiggs and the Social Lion." The usual price of admission will be charged.

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LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING UNCALLED FOR IN POSTOFFICE

For week ending February 12, 1921.
Roberts, J. F.
Wallis, Mrs. D. R. (2)
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office February 28, 1921 if not delivered before. In calling for the above, please say "Advertised," giving date of list.

JENNIE REYNOLDS, P. M.

Walter Lindsay went to Junction last Friday and on Saturday returned, accompanied by his wife and son, who had spent a short time visiting Mrs. J. L. Jones of that city.

BLANTON FIGHTS INCREASE IN SALARY FOR CONGRESSMEN

Below, the News reproduces a letter from Congressman Thomas L. Blanton, of the 17th Representative District of Texas, in which Mr. Blanton states he must have assistance of the newspapers to prevent an appropriation being made by Congress whereby the salaries of the congressmen would be raised.

The letter is self-explanatory and we believe our readers will appreciate the stand Congressman Blanton has taken in the matter. The Congressional Record shows that Mr. Blanton has been a bitter enemy to the framers of the proposition, and it is to be hoped other of our congressmen will come to themselves and realize the absurdity of increasing their salaries at this very inappropriate time. The fact that our government is now facing a great financial deficiency, makes the proposition all the more absurd.

The letter follows:

Washington, D. C.,
February 7, 1921.

My Dear Editor:

I need your prompt help to prevent a wrong proposed against the Public. There is a determined effort now, both in the House and Senate, to pass before adjournment a measure to increase the salary of Congressmen and Senators at least to \$10,000, and to \$12,000 if possible. The influence greatest of all in controlling congressional action, is public sentiment crystallized and quickened by the editor's page of our public press. Won't you help to prevent this wrong?

For three years I have been forced to remain on the floor of the House constantly to prevent this proposal from being attached as a rider on appropriation bills. By making bills, and I have kept it from coming up as a separate legislative proposition solely by threats that I would force a record vote. The fear of going upon record has thus far held the matter in abeyance. Both in the 65th, as well as the present Congress, the Members having in charge the matter, have urged me either to absent myself at the proper time, or else let the matter be decided without a record vote, and I have made enemies through my determined stand.

Senator Sherman is insisting on an increase to \$12,000, and has charge of the matter in the Senate, while Congressman Campbell of Pennsylvania now has charge of it in the House. As an amendment he recently tried to force it on a supply bill, but I had it stricken out on a point of order. As it must be passed by March 4, to be in effect next session, members are becoming bold, and will likely brave a record vote to pass it. It must be defeated.

Congressman Langley and his Committee are also trying to pass a bill to spend millions furnishing each Senator and Congressman with a luxurious apartment to live in. Such proposal is outrageous. During this crucial period of reconstruction when our Government is facing a deficit of \$3,000,000,000, if Senators and Congressmen are not willing to make sacrifices and serve on their present salaries they should resign and let others take their places.

Very Sincerely Yours,
THOMAS L. BLANTON.

WITTY AND WISE

Enemies of jazz music say there is syn in syncopation.—Saginaw News-Courier.

You'll never miss the promoter till the well comes in dry.—Minneapolis Better Way.

A lazy man is no worse than a dead one, but he takes up more room.—Delphi (Ind.) Citizen-Times.

For all we know the closed shop may be all right, but a closed factory isn't. St. Joseph's News-Press.

It looks as though we are to have a mild winter. We see "Philippine underwear" advertised in the dailies.—Harveyville (Kan.) Monitor.

"Better price for calf hide," says a farm publication. Probably due to scarcity. You seldom see calves hide now.—Baltimore Sun.

"Why not teach grammar in the schools?" somebody asks. What for? Nobody ever uses it, so far as we can hear.—Wheeling Intelligence.

Funny that all the young ladies who write diaries that later are published in the yellow newspapers always write them in newspaper style.—Blue Island (Ill.) Sun-Standard.

An eastern firm declares that it is going to try to do business without money. Information on the subject will be cheerfully furnished by almost any country editor.—Cheyenne Wells (Colo.) News.

FROM NEWS FILES OF 25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Feb. 21, 1896:

A party was given at the home of O. H. McEus last Wednesday night.

Ed Todd and Miss Willie Burman are to be married next Wednesday. Beno Schmidt is visiting at Frank Husband's ranch.

J. D. Gaines and Bob Baird spent a short time in Brownwood the past week.

Someone entered the meat shop of Ritter & Allen last Saturday night and stole several hunks of sausage.

J. W. White spent a short time in Austin on business last week.

Alfred Keller gave a dance at Hedwigs Hill last Saturday night.

Rev. Mangham returned Tuesday from a trip to Paint Rock.

Ernest Lemburg returned Sunday from a business trip to San Antonio.

Work has begun on the Patton & Bierschwale building, to be used as a furniture house.

Wm. Ellebracht is now operating the Kooek mill one day out of each week.

Chas. Kothmann and Geo. Durst were here Thursday from the Castell country.

15 Years Ago in Mason

From Mason News, Feb. 16, 1906:

On Saturday, February 3, Mr. Vince Holt, Sr., died at his home near Fredonia.

A delightful mask ball took place last Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Anna Martin at Hedwigs Hill.

Christian Keyser celebrated his 74th birthday last Saturday.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Will Lindsay died last Tuesday morning.

C. M. Kyger and Allen Murray have opened a livery stable.

Max Crenwelge, who wandered away from home on the 4th, was found dead about seven miles from his home, near Loyal Valley, on Sunday.

Tom Mangum and B. P. Woody were here from London last Saturday.

Mrs. Bertha Todd is having a delightful visit with her daughter, Mrs. M. A. Hamilton and family at Chickasha, Oklahoma. She writes of having seen J. W. Light and wife, Will Dodd and Walter Buckbee, former residents of Mason.

Miss Mollie Bierschwale is helping with the work in the Commercial Bank during the illness of Dan Lehmborg.

The 8-months-old child of Willis Leverett of Llano, was burned to death last week by falling into the fireplace.

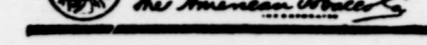
MARTIN TELEPHONE CO. CLOSES EXCHANGE AT BRADY.

The Martin Telephone Co., which



50 good cigarettes for 10c from one sack of

GENUINE "BULL" DURHAM TOBACCO



has operated a long distance exchange here for about eight years, closed the plant the past week and transferred the operator, Miss Mike Gay, to Burnett, where she will hold a similar position.

The Martin lines to San Saba and Fredonia have been taken over by the West Texas Telephone Co., of this city, and will be operated out of the local exchange.—Brady Sentinel.

CORROGATED IRON ROOFING

I have plenty of corrugated iron roofing in stock and owing to a recent decline in the prices, can make you some interesting quotations. See me for your needs.

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FREDONIA ITEMS

(By Green Leaf)

O. Holloway was thrown from a horse Thursday, but was not seriously hurt.

A Valentine box was enjoyed by the school children Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Hallett returned home Friday from Austin, where she placed her daughter, Mary, in school.

Mrs. Ennis Wood visited in Fredonia Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs visited their son, Dave, this week.

The Burns garage is being repaired this week.

G. A. Perry and family, of Voca, were in Fredonia last week.

Mrs. W. H. Holloway, of Pontotoc is visiting her son, Othy.

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We ask our respective patrons to arrange to do any banking, which will not wait until Wednesday, on Monday.

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T. J. Wood	1.50
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Fred Key	1.50
Mrs. C. C. Soules	1.50
Mrs. J. P. Lyle	1.50
Alonzo Keller	3.00
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TURKEY HELPED BY GERMANS

Jute Bags, Designed to Block Suez Canal, Are Now Being Put to Peaceful Use.

It is always a pleasure to acknowledge a debt of gratitude to one's foes. The German occupation has left many a nightmare in this poor land; but some benefits as well. One of these has recently come to light. Hundreds of poor are peddling on the streets of Constantinople jute bags, with handles, which are very convenient for carrying home rice or onions or bread or patiljan (egg-plant) or any other purchase. For six or seven cents, one can have a good strong bag.

The story of these is interesting. During the early days of the war, when the campaign against Egypt was undertaken, the plan was conceived of driving the British back to the Suez canal, filling up the canal with the sands of the desert, and walking over into the new Promised Land, and thus "delivering" Egypt from the yoke of tyranny. To facilitate this project, the Germans sent into this country millions of jute bags, which were to be filled with sand and piled into the canal in a hurry when the conquering invaders reached its banks.

When the American committee for relief in the near East sent out its shipments of supplies for the starving of this country, and no warehouses could be had for love or money at Constantinople, the fine large German warehouses at Derindje, on the gulf of

Nicomedia, were requisitioned for this humanitarian purpose, and granted to the relief committee. In these were found about one million of these German bags. For a long time they were left alone; but recently some enterprising firm has got hold of them, cut each one in two so as to make it of convenient size, stitched up the ends, put handles on—and the population of Constantinople thanks the Germans for their unintentional gift! And the Suez canal is still open for traffic.—From the Orient, Constantinople.

WAGE WAR ON ALFALFA PESTS

Parasites Will Be Imported to Fight Destructive Work of Weevil in Many States.

Within the last dozen years a destructive insect called the alfalfa weevil has appeared numerously in northern Utah and parts of Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado. It is a small beetle, and does a lot of damage to one of the most important forage crops.

The United States bureau of entomology has been called upon to fight this beetle, and in addition to devising means for destroying it has gone so far as to import from Europe (whence the insect came) fly parasites that prey upon it over there. The parasites are hatched and bred in little wire cages covered with cheesecloth, which are scattered thickly over the alfalfa fields.

What is most desired is to prevent the spread of the beetle into other regions. By adopting the control measures already worked out the farmer can prevent injury to his alfalfa at a cost of only \$1 an acre per annum—a cheap rate.

DUCK FLIGHT HITS THEORY

May Lead to New Discoveries Concerning the Migratory Habits of Certain Wild Fowls.

Carl Jensen of Camrose, Alberta, recently shot a pintail duck whose leg was encircled by a metal band, on which was engraved, "Released by the American museum at New York. Will the finder please notify us." The distance between New York and Camrose is 2,500 miles.

Jensen owns a farm in the newly settled area along the Canadian National railways, which is a meeting ground for wild geese and many varieties of ducks. These fowl had already begun their migration southward when the pintail was killed. How far this particular duck had been North is not known. The summer habitat of the pintail extends as far as the Arctic ocean.

But the direction of this duck's flight from New York, it is pointed out, is scientifically interesting. In their spring migrations, aquatic fowl, it has been thought, fly straight north. If the pintail had lived up to this tradition, it would have gone from New York into the highlands of Ontario or Labrador. The fact that it winged its way westward half across the continent has upset existing theories and may lead to new discoveries regarding the migratory habits of wild fowl.

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.

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Give me the flowing river that runs between the pine clad shores! Give me the babbling brook with its rippling music! And you may have the crowded streams of commerce that rush and toss between the high piles of granite, writes L. J. Muir in the Utah Chronicle.

Give me the twinkling stars—the glow of the silver moon! And a million electric torches that illuminate the great cities are yours.

Give me the music of the wind swept trees! And keep your symphonies. Give me the bellowing herd, the crowing cock, the chirp of the new hatched brood! And your Carusos and McCormacks will not be missed.

Give me the joyous vision of the budding rose that fills the untilled fields, the bluebells by the brook, the cowslip in the marshy bed! And you may have all the forced blooms, the result of man's effort to improve on the works of God.

New Sign Posts.

One of the things most admired in France by the doughboy intrusted with the delivery of important messages, or truck loads of ammunition, was the sign posts telling him precisely how far he was from his destination. But they were antiquated in some instances, and so small that they could not be read at a distance. Just before the outbreak of the war France was planning to have them replaced by larger ones arranged on a more scientific basis. Then came the war. It now costs 135 francs to set up one sign post, and France needs 35,000 of them.

The French government, being unwilling to finance the scheme at the present high cost of iron, concrete and paint, Andre Michelin, president of the Aero club of France, has undertaken to supply the republic with the necessary guides.

Villa Now Good Citizen.

Revolutionary to ranchmen operating in a big way is the transition through which Francisco Villa is now passing, says the Nation's Business. The ranch given him by the Mexican government measures up in area to the requirements of a patriarchal estate, as it runs into the thousands of acres. Work is to be on a corresponding scale. The initial equipment in tractors, motortrucks, plows, harness, picks, shovels and all other old and new mechanical aids to agriculture is to cost about \$150,000.

Economic Novelties.

Economic novelties continue to be the order of the day in international trade, says the Nation's Business. American ship plates are now being used in British yards for steamers that will fly the union jack. Not to be behind the times, South Africa has come forward as a textile manufacturer, and has actually shipped woolen goods to London, thus committing an economic feat that excels shipping coal to Newcastle.

As the Neighbors See It.

Walter Pultzer met a lady at a concert who proudly informed him that no less than six of her children were vocal students. "Our home," she wound up, "is a veritable nest of singing birds." "No doubt," said Mr. Pultzer, "the neighbors wish some cruel person had stolen the eggs."—New York Post.

* * * * * CHURCH NOTICES * * * * *

SPECIAL PROGRAM AT GERMAN M. E. CHURCH SUNDAY

It is announced the young people of the German M. E. Church have prepared a special program to be rendered at the church on next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock to supplement the usual preaching service by Rev. Schreiber.

The program will be in English and everybody is invited to attend.

COMMITTEE.

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Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30.

GERMAN M. E. CHURCH

First Sunday—English Sun. School 10 a. m. to 11 a. m.

Preaching by Rev. G. W. Schreiber from 11 a. m. to 12 m. and from 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Second Sunday—English Sunday School 10 to 11 a. m. Preaching by Rev. Robt. Moerner 11 a. m. to 12 m. Preaching by Rev. G. W. Schreiber, 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Third Sunday—English Sun. School from 10 to 11 a. m. Preaching by Rev. G. W. Schreiber from 11 a. m. to 12 m., and from 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Fourth Sunday—English Sunday School from 10 to 11 a. m. Preaching by Rev. G. W. Schreiber 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Fifth Sunday—English Sun. School from 10 to 11 a. m. Preaching by Rev. G. W. Schreiber 11 a. m. to 12 m., and from 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Prayer meeting every Tuesday night at 7:30.

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GENERAL NEWS

ST. LOUIS—Knocked down by a blow on the back of the head, George Laulenschlager, cashier for the A. Moll Grocery Company, was robbed of \$11,000 and \$6,000 in checks at Seventh and Morgan Streets, the heart of the downtown shopping district, early Monday morning.

NEW YORK—The Standard Oil Company of New York Monday reduced the price of gasoline 2 cents a gallon, making the wholesale price 28 cents. This is a drop of 3 cents from the high mark of 31 cents reached in 1920. Kerosene was also reduced one cent a gallon, making the wholesale price 17 cents.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The center of population as disclosed by the 1920 census is located in the extreme south east corner of Owen County, Indiana, 8.3 miles southeast of the town of Spencer, the Census Bureau announced Monday.

During the last decade the center of population continued to move westward, advancing 9.8 miles in that direction and about one-fift of a mile north from Bloomington, Ind., where it was located by the census of 1910. The bureau attributed the westward movement in the last decade "principally to the increase of more than 1,000,000 in the population of the State of California."

SAN FRANCISCO—California refiners today announced an increase in the wholesale price of sugar from \$7.50 to \$8 a hundred. This is the first increase in many months, the market having fallen steadily.

NEW YORK—William F. McCombs, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, who has been seriously ill in this city for several

REMOVAL NOTICE

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LEON F. MAYO

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Births

The following births have been recorded by County Clerk, R. E. Lee, since our last report:

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Britton, a girl, February 8.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Watkins, a girl, February 7.

Marriage Licenses

County Clerk, R. E. Lee, issued license to wed to the following on the 10th inst.:

Mr. Herman Ake and Miss Mary Crouch.

Mr. Frank Simon and Miss Mary Gerdes.

STATE BREVITIES

GRANDVIEW—James McDonald, 47 years old, and Paul Lockhart, 18, of Henrietta, Texas, lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the Commercial Hotel here Monday.

SAN ANGELO—One of four shots fired by Henry Bowens, a former Dallas negro, at his wife struck the woman squarely between the eyes, but glanced, and caused only a superficial wound. Three other bullets seriously injured the woman.

BURKBURNETT—Fire which started in the laboratory of the casinghead gasoline plant of the C. F. Noble Oil and Gas Company here destroyed the laboratory, the contents of seven 15,000 gallon gasoline tanks and a number of employees' shacks. Total loss is estimated at \$15,000 to \$18,000.

McKINNEY—Ruby Gene, 3-year-old daughter of Mrs. Cordia Lewis, was burned to death while playing in the yard at the family home at Parker. The body was burned almost to a crisp.

BROWNWOOD—At the meeting of farmers held here, when the working of the Farm Bureau was explained, it was decided to organize Brown County and with that purpose in view a campaign will be started Feb. 13.

HOUSTON—A bandit entered the Blue Ridge State Bank at Hobby, twelve miles from here at 10 a. m., beat the cashier, Robert L. Kirby, to death and escaped with every cent in the bank except about \$10.

EDINBURG—F. A. Scheenfeld has set a record in hog-raising in Edinburg community. A Duroc Jersey was butchered this week weighing 562 pounds dressed. Mr. Scheenfeld said the hog would have been two years old February 28. He got 210 pounds of lard from the hog.

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BIG ENOUGH FOR TWO



"No," said boarding house lady to fat man, "I'm sorry, but we only take in single gentlemen."

"Great Scott, madam! Do you think I'm twins?"

HORNERS AND FLETCHERS.

The Lord Mayor's show in London, though shorn of much of its usual pageantry, still retains the feature of the old London guilds, this year. Most of the great city companies were established in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth centuries, and admission to the freedom of the city was dependent upon membership in a trade. At present the Horners, the Loriners and the Fletchers are represented, but not every one knows the Horners were workers in horn, and were the makers of the old horn books, many of which they still preserve; the Loriners were those who made brides, bits and spurs and the Fletchers, the makers of bows and arrows.—Christian Science Monitor.

WHEAT AND POTATOES MIXED.

A 50-50 mixture of wheat flour from the United States and potato flour of domestic make is being ordered by the Netherlands government for its people with the hope of keeping down the price of bread. Unless something is done to keep down the price of the imported wheat it will soon be out of reach of the populace. Potato starch was used a great deal during the war for the purpose of piecing out the wheat flour supply, and it was not generally acceptable by the people, but potato flour will not be open to the same criticism, and it is anticipated will prove more palatable.

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3. Weather (What is the weather?)

4. What kind of music did you listen to?

5. What was your mental impression immediately preceding test?

6. As a result of the test, what were your most noticeable mood changes?

7. Please comment on manner in which mood changes occurred.

8. Name of person who gave you the chart.

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Make the experiment in your own home. Come in. Let us give you a supply of Mood Change Charts. Have your family and your friends fill them out. They will find it more fun than Ouija.

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A TEXAS LEGISLATOR FREED FROM CANCER

C. K. Walter of Waelder Says Two Malignant Growths Were Permanently Cured by Dr. O. A. Johnson.

A recent experience has convinced the Hon. C. K. Walter of Waelder, former member of the Texas Legislature, that cancer is curable. After being freed from two malignant growths by Dr. O. A. Johnson, Kansas City cancer specialist, Mr. Walter writes:

"I have remained silent for several months for the reason that I wanted to be sure I had received a permanent cure. I now state without the slightest hesitancy that, in my opinion, not only have both of my cancers been permanently healed by you, but that your very efficient constitutional treatment has eliminated all the poisonous matter from my system."

"A little over three years ago a small sore appeared on the left side of my face. I tried the various salves to be found in the drug stores. Then I resorted to doctors. The first one treated me with an electric needle, but I received no benefit. I doctored a while at home, after which I spent three weeks in San Antonio, eight weeks in Houston and eleven in Galveston. While being treated in Galveston, another cancer appeared, on my left ear."

"About that time I concluded to go to Dr. Johnson. I did, and in less than eight weeks both cancers were cured. Had I gone to Dr. Johnson earlier (when I first received the book, 'Cancer Truths') I would have saved two out of the four doctor bills and doubtless would have received a cure inside of three weeks. To every person suffering with a cancer, I would urge you to lose no time in going to Dr. Johnson."

Dr. Johnson is one of the foremost cancer specialists. He has studied cancer many years and has treated thousands of cases successfully without the use of the knife. His book, "Cancer Truths," explaining his mild, non-surgical treatment and the various forms of cancer, will be sent free, postpaid, to anyone who writes to him at his research laboratories. Simply address Dr. O. A. Johnson, Suite 560, 1324 Main Street, Kansas City, Mo. (Advertisement)

Mr. August Reichter has had the foundation laid for a new dwelling house, which he is having erected on his property just south of Mrs. Anna Martin's home. Mr. Harry Bierschwale has the contract for the building and will build it of concrete blocks.

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A big dance was given at Junction last Monday night, under the auspices of the Junction Entertainment Club, the occasion being St. Valentine.

ON TIME

By CORONA REMINGTON.

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"Gee! I'm insane!" he ejaculated as he let the paper fall from his hand and plunged toward the door.

"What's the matter, Langdon?" asked an astonished fellow club member.

"Just noticed the date on that paper—It's the twenty-eighth and tomorrow—"

His friend did not hear the rest as the door slammed behind him.

"Most absent-minded fellow I ever knew; always forgetting some dinner engagement or something," volunteered another member who was sitting nearby.

John Langdon dashed up to his room, glanced at the clock, threw a few things into a suitcase, laid a brand-new suit carefully on top, picked up his hat, overcoat and valise and rushed down to the street. As he opened the front door a gust of snow-laden wind nearly knocked him over. He blinked as the sharp particles hit his face, but hurried to the corner, where a taxi picked him up.

"Grand Central," he ordered, "in a hurry." And a few minutes later he was scrambling up the steps of Number Thirty-eight.

"Golly! That was a close squeak!" he ejaculated as he dropped limply into a nearby seat and in another second the train began slowly moving out of the station.

It was a typical February night, and Langdon's young, clear-cut features took on an expression of anxiety as he reviewed the possibilities of becoming snowbound.

"And the farther west we go the worse it's apt to get," he groaned under his breath.

Thoroughly exhausted he retired early. When he awoke the next morning he rang for the porter.

"How long before we get to Huntington?" he asked.

"Due at five-twenty, but we're three hours late already, sah," and the black head withdrew.

"Good Lord! And we were to be married at eight," moaned Langdon. "She'll never forgive me."

His face turned a ghastly white as the situation impressed itself upon him. Before he could even hope to reach Huntington the guests would have begun to assemble, the minister would be there to perform the ceremony, and he, the bridegroom would be—where? Adele would never forgive him.

"Have to let it go at that," he said at last, as he reread his latest efforts: "I know you can never forgive me, but shall not reach Huntington before 8:15 or 8:30 at least. Whatever you do about it I shall love you always. Will explain when I arrive."

When the wire reached Huntington Adele read it in bewilderment. "What can it mean?" she asked as she handed it to her mother.



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UNIVERSITY LEGISLATION PENDING

"I can't understand it at all," she answered. Langdon will never forget that day.

The world cannot abuse one forever. At last 38 crawled into Huntington and Langdon leaped from the car before it came to a standstill. As he rushed through the station he glanced at the clock. Eight thirty-five, it placidly announced. He jumped into the first taxi and soon found himself standing at the Hamiltons' front door, with his heart missing every other beat.

He was dumbfounded to find that no guests were assembled, no carriages stood without. Had she decided not to marry him and sent them all away? He reeled as the thought flashed into his mind, and for a second, contemplated flight. An instant later she was beside him. He never remembered having entered the house.

"Dear Jack, do tell me what's the matter. Everything's so strange and incomprehensible. I've been nearly distracted since your telegram came this morning."

"Darling, can you ever forgive me?" he pleaded.

"Forgive you for what?" she demanded, growing pale with anticipation.

"For what?" he shrieked. "Why, for being late. You know we were to be married at 8 o'clock and it's nearly 9 now."

"But we decided that the wedding was to be tomorrow, the first of March and my birthday."

"But today is the first of March. Yesterday was the last day of February."

"No, it wasn't, Jack. Yesterday was the 28th. This is leap-year, you know." It was Langdon's turn to be surprised now. An expression of intense relief and happiness overspread his face as he sprang off the couch in a bound and caught the little girl in his arms.

"Tomorrow we will drink a toast to the leap-year and all the leap-years to come," he laughingly said. And they did.

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 17.—An unusual amount of proposed legislation relating to the University of Texas and the Agricultural and Mechanical College is pending in the House and Senate. Foremost of these measures are those which provide for the removal of the Main University from its present site. This proposition alone is many-sided, so far as the provisions of the different bills and joint resolutions are concerned.

Another effort to bring about the divorcement of the University and the Agricultural and Mechanical College by means of an amendment to the Constitution is also to be made. The proposed amendment of this kind was voted down more than a year ago by a small majority, but the proponents of the proposition believe that its defeat was due to a lack of understanding of the real meaning of the amendment on the part of the people.

One of the most important of the latter bills affecting the University is that which was introduced in the Senate, providing for the sale of all University lands. According to original surveys these lands aggregated 2,000,320 acres, but that the acreage is really greater than the original surveys show is apparent by the fact that there are under lease at this time 2,079,520 acres. The annual revenue derived from this source is \$214,779. The lease rental ranges from 3 cents to 15 cents per acre. Much of the land is also under lease for oil exploration and exploitation purposes. The amount of annual revenue derived from these leases is not given. Under the provisions of the Senate bill the land shall be sold without settlement, in lots not to exceed two sections each, and on 40 years' time with interest at 5 per cent per annum on deferred payments, the money thus derived to go to the University permanent fund.

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and conditions, General W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad, in a statement to the board in session at Chicago said in part:

Many railroads are not now earning, and with present operating costs and traffic have no prospect of earning, even their bare operating expenses, leaving them without any net return and unable to meet their fixed charges.

The emergency presented can be met either by an advance in freight and passenger rates, or by a reduction in operating expenses.

With declining prices and wages in industry and agriculture, the country demands that the solvency of the railroads must be assured by a reduction in operating expenses, and not by a further advance of rates.

The National Agreements, rules and working conditions forced on the railroads as war measures cause gross waste and inefficiency.

Would Save \$300,000,000
I estimate that the elimination of this waste would reduce railway operating expenses at least \$300,000,000. It would be far better to save this sum by restoring conditions of efficient and economical operation than to reduce wages.

We believe that as the wages of railroad employees were the last to go up they should also be the last to come down, but we do insist that for an ample wage an honest day's work shall be given. The public has the right to insist that this must be obtained.

The public has also the right to expect that the railway executives, with the co-operation of the regulatory bodies and the employees, will as rapidly as possible reduce the cost of railway operation so as to insure eventually a reduction in rates. Ultimately a readjustment of basic wages will be required. Meantime it is to the interests of all concerned, including labor, that the rules and working conditions shall be made conducive to the highest efficiency in output per man.

Losses in Income Irreparable
When wages have been too low the harm done has been offset by retroactive increases. Losses of railway net operating income are irreparable. You cannot make retroactive tomorrow the savings that should have been made today.

The board cannot possibly write the rules and working conditions of every railroad in this country and adjust them equitably to varying geographical, operating and social conditions.

It rests entirely with the board to determine whether this whole situation shall drift into chaos, and orderly procedure become impossible except at the price of railroad bankruptcy, financial shock and still wider unemployment.

The Labor Board can prevent this catastrophe by declaring that the National agreements, rules and working conditions coming over from the war period are terminated at once; that the question of reasonable and economical rules and working conditions shall be remanded to negotiations between each carrier and its own employees; and that as the basis for such negotiations, the agreements, rules, and working conditions in effect on each railroad as of December 31, 1917, shall be re-established.

If the board will do this, the Labor Committee of the Association of Railway Executives will urge upon every railroad company a party to Decision No. 2, that no proposal for

the reduction of basic wages shall be made within the next succeeding ninety days. This will afford an opportunity to gauge the economies which can be accomplished through more efficient rules and working conditions.

It also will afford additional time in which to realize the benefits of a further decline in the cost of living.

Relief Imperative and Equitable
The course which we are recommending is not only imperative but equitable.

The War Labor Board declared that the war period was an interregnum, to be used neither by employer nor employee for the purpose of bettering or impairing the position of either.

To perpetuate as the normal rules and working conditions on the railroads, the extraordinary provisions of the war period is a distinct violation of all promises. The war has now been over more than two years. The time has come when, if the railroads are to be efficiently and economically operated, in accordance with the provisions of the Transportation act, normal conditions of employment and of working conditions must be restored and increased efficiency of labor be secured.

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Herein fail not, but have before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of the District Court at office in Mason, Texas, this 8th day of February, A. D. 1921.
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WAS EARLY VICTIM TO CUPID

Napoleon Said to Have Had His First Love Affair at the Tender Age of Six.

Napoleon had a love affair before he was six years old. The affair began shortly after the young Corsican was placed in a school, and the object of it was a pretty little Italian maiden named Giacomietta, who had that unusual gift among Italian women, hair of richest gold. Napoleon was attracted to her the moment he first saw her, and his affection was as warmly returned.

Napoleon abandoned all games and sports of his playmates, as did the little Giacomietta. They took long walks hand in hand, or stood for hours by the side of a river and mused over the childish love that was filling their lives. Their playmates resented their aloofness, and began a series of persecutions and sneers and taunts, but neither Napoleon nor the girl appeared to even hear their remarks, and were in no wise abashed. The affair continued until Napoleon was taken from the school.

SURELY WORTHY OF BELIEF

After That Exhibition of Candor Any Statement of the Witness Would Be Accepted.

Senator James A. Reed, asked by a Kansas City reporter why he opposed a certain public utility bill which involved millions of dollars, answered:

"I oppose this thing because I have no confidence in the gang that is behind it."

Senator Reed smiled.

"You see," he continued, "these fellows don't inspire me with the same trust that a certain witness inspired in the county court judge before whom she appeared."

"Your name, madam?" the judge asked this witness.

"Matilda Hawkins, sir, age 46," came the prompt reply.

"Well, really!" exclaimed the judge, and addressing the jury, he added:

"Gentlemen, please take note of that answer, and because of it I will ask you to kindly believe everything Mrs. Hawkins has to say."

GRATITUDE.

The minister's salary was very low indeed and the village doctor who was on the church board, by hard work finally had it raised. He went home much elated over the accomplishment and boasted to his wife and children over it. Not once, but for many days did he do this.

Then one day the stork visited the minister's home and again the doctor went home to give his family the paragon news. His little son listened attentively. Then he grew excited. "You did get paid for helping raise his salary," he exclaimed admiringly to his father. "If he hadn't got that extra money the preacher never could have bought that baby of you."—Indianapolis News.

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The State of Texas: To all persons interested in the welfare of Cora Lee Tinsley, a minor, Alva Tinsley was appointed temporary guardian of said minor on November 22, 1920, and was so appointed guardian of both the person and estate of said minor. Said appointment will be made permanent at the next regular term of the County Court of Mason County, Texas, to be held at Mason, commencing the 28th day of February, 1921, if such appointment is not contested, and all persons interested in the welfare of said minor are hereby cited to appear at said term

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EVER AFTER

By MILDRED O. HOMORS.

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"You don't mind if we finish the story, do you, Ben? We have a story every night, don't we, kiddies?"

Two curly heads bobbed an eager assent.

"Tell us about the snow-white charger," little Jean demanded.

"So he rode away on his snow-white charger to fight the wrong and to follow the king, and he rode and rode, until he came to the hut where the old witch lived."

Ben Prentiss watched her, wistfully. With an arm around each child, her bright hair close to Jean's dark curls, Madge had never looked prettier or more unattainable.

"And when the castle gates were opened, a beggar boy was standing outside and no one knew that he was Prince Charming in disguise."

The pretty story drew to its triumphant close.

"So they were married and there was feasting and laughter for seven days and they lived happily ever after."

"Happily ever after!" breathed Bobby-boy.

"Yes, dear. Now run off to bed. Mother's waiting for you."

"Is Mr. Prentiss going to tell you a story now?"

"Perhaps."

"Are you going to tell me a story, Ben?"

"I don't know how to begin."

"All good stories begin with 'Once upon a time.'"

"Once upon a time there lived in a little cottage in the valley a poor woodchopper who had three sons. The oldest son was straight and fair and tall, and he longed for wealth and luxury as thirsty blossoms long for the dew. So one day, the old man gave him his blessing—for 'twas all he had to give—and he set out over the circling hills to the country that lies beyond. And by and by news of his adventures drifted back to the valley, but he never came back and he never found the pot of gold.

"Now, the second son was rosy and merry and dark. And one sunny day the father gave him his blessing, and he, too, set out over the circling hills. And because he was rosy and merry and dark, he met a maiden and they loved and married and lived in a little cottage of their own beside a sparkling stream.

"And the youngest son was a dreamer.

"Now, there lived in that same country a king whose gray castle crowned the hilltop. The king had a daughter, the Princess Winsome, whose hair was like spun gold and whose cheeks were like the apple blossoms in the spring-time. And the woodchopper's boy used to see the princess riding past his cottage, and he used to pick the prettiest wild flowers to give her as she passed. And once, at the feast of St. Valentine, he broke his little bank to buy a lacy token and put it on the castle steps.

"Now as the Princess Winsome grew up 'twas said that whoever had the most to offer—be he prince or only freeman—should win her hand in marriage. How the woodchopper's son longed for the day when he, too, should venture beyond the circling hills to sail the seven seas, for he dared to hope that he might bring back treasures rich enough and fair enough to win the hand of the Princess Winsome. But when he spoke of going, the father said:

"Who will chop the wood if thou shouldst leave me? Who will till the fields and tend the sheep?"

"So, because he was old and needed him, the youngest son stayed with the father and tried to forget the land beyond the hills."

"And how does the story end?" Madge prompted softly.

"I'm sorry, Madge," he blurted, "it's a silly story and couldn't interest you. I—I guess I'd better go."

Softly, as if she had not heard, she took up the story.

"And many suitors came to the castle on the hill and right royally were they entertained. Then one by one they boasted of their valiant deeds and begged the Princess Winsome to marry them. But she only smiled and shook her head, and one by one they went away. So the princess waited until one day the woodchopper's son appeared at the castle gate, and then the princess was very, very happy, for she knew he was her prince in disguise."

"Madge! You don't mean—you can't mean!"

In the moonlight her little face was like a flower, tip-tilted.

"But Madge, dear, I've nothing to offer you—except love."

"You have the only things I want—dreams and a heart of gold."

"Oh, Mr. Prentiss," Bobby-boy, pajama-clad and breathless, appeared in the doorway. "We couldn't hear the rest of your story. Did they get mar-

ried and live happily ever after?"

"Happily ever after," Ben agreed solemnly.

Bobby-boy disappeared with a jerk, and Jean's excited whisper shrilled through the summer night.

"Bobby! Auntie Madge was kissing him. I'm going to tell mamma."

Prentiss laughed and drew the girl closer. "And so they were married," he whispered.

"And there was feasting and laughter for seven days," Madge dimpled, "although the court gossips said 'twas the princess who proposed."

PUZZLED OVER WHALE'S LEGS

Scientists Very Much Stirred Up Over Recent Capture Off Coast of British Columbia.

The capture off the coast of British Columbia of a remarkable hump-back whale with two hind limbs became known recently, when the bones of the unique appendages arrived at the American Museum of Natural History, New York. Scientists attached to the museum thumbed their tomes on evolution, cudgelled their brains and concluded the legs might have been a singular reversion to primitive type.

Back in prehistoric ages, they said, the multigreat granddads of modern whales might have strutted about on land. But, so far as they knew, no other whale with bones outside the body had ever been seen by man.

There was no earthly or waterly reason for the rear legs on the whale found off the British Columbia coast. It couldn't walk on them, as they were only four feet long, while the whale weighed several tons. It couldn't use them for swimming, as they were not flappers nor were the pedal extremities webbed. They were simply excess baggage. But now they are the subject of lectures, lantern slides and profound discussion.

HAD THE TEACHER TICKETED

Youngsters Liked Her, but She Chewed Gum, and So She Was Given a Designation.

A mother of ten-year-old twins recently noticed, with some alarm, that they were becoming addicted to study.

"Hi, Danny! Are you about ready to play ball?" yelled Tommy. "Now!" said Danny. "You know what the L. M. T. C. G. would do to me if I didn't get this arithmetic."

Complete silence on Tommy's part made his mother wonder about the new secret society. Constant reference to it, all in the same vein, during the few weeks after convinced her that her sons had joined some youthful band which demanded scholarship.

Finally, one night, when Danny was in a communicative mood, she asked:

"What is your new play, the L. M. T. C. G.?"

"Tain't no play," said Danny. "It's the teacher."

"The teacher?"

"Yes. She's a good teacher and smart all right and we like her, but she chews gum all of the time so we call her L. M. T. C. G.—Louise Miller, teacher, chews gum—so we won't forget and think she is so much."—Indianapolis News.

MAN-MADE DIAMONDS FAIL.

The latest effort of scientists to manufacture genuine diamonds has failed, according to an announcement recently by William I. Rosenfield, vice president of the American Jewelers' Protective association and director of the Jewelers' Vigilance committee. The committee, he said, has made an exhaustive investigation of the reported discovery of a diamond-making formula by a German, and is convinced that the formula will not produce gems equal to nature's product. Report of the "discovery" several weeks ago, Mr. Rosenfield said, startled the jewelry and precious stone trade throughout the world.

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FOR SALE—Hand sheep shearing machine; about twenty knives and combs newly sharpened. Price \$15. Can be seen at Larimore & Grote's. 49tf.

FOR SALE—Surrey. Can be seen at Ed Henrich's Saddle Shop. 49-2tp

FOR SALE—Stock saddle, practically new. Will sell cheap. Apply to L. F. Clark. 48-2tp.

KEYS FOUND—The News has a bunch of keys which were found last week. The owner may have them by describing and paying for this advertisement. 48tf

MATRESSES

I am prepared to make new mattresses and also make over old ones. Price \$3 where cotton and ticking is furnished. Mrs. John Shafer, phone 916-F-11. 47-4tp

FOR SALE—Spring wagon and also a new 1 1/2 h. p. Fairbanks gasoline engine. Apply to H. Bierschwale. 46tf

WHITE SEED CORN—Extra high grade corn at \$2.25 per bushel. See or phone John Rueguer, Katemey, Texas. 46tf.

HOTEL FOR RENT—The Southern Hotel in Mason is for rent. It is furnished and we prefer to sell furniture to parties leasing the building. Enquire of Ory Garner. 45tf.

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

PEANUTS—Especially good for planting, \$1 per bushel, delivered at Mason. R. O. Green. 30tf.

Subscribe for the News today.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the sheriff or any constable of Mason County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published for at least ten days exclusive of the day of publication and before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in Mason County, Texas, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas: To all persons interested in the welfare of Edward, Hugh, Hattie and Rosey Soules, minors; Mrs. M. E. (Emilee) Soules was appointed temporary guardian of said minors on the first day of December, 1920, and was so appointed guardian of both the person and estate of said minors. Said appointment will be made permanent at the next regular term of the County Court of Mason County to be held at Mason, commencing the 28th day of February, 1921, if such appointment is not contested, and all persons interested in the welfare of said minors are hereby cited to appear at said term of court and contest such appointment if they so desire.

Herein, fail not, but have you before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 16th day of February, A. D. 1921.

(Seal) R. E. LEE, Clerk County Court, Mason County, Texas.

Watermelons for Christmas. In August when watermelons are plentiful jap-a-lac a good ripe one and bury it three feet deep in dry sand or bran in the cellar and when the snow flies you will be able to enjoy a good feast.

Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.