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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?

CLARITY IN NIGHT THOUGHTS

Brain Is Frequently at Best During the Still, Quiet Hours of the Darkness.

Many writers sleep with pencil and notebook under their pillows and a lamp at hand, so that they may dash off the thoughts that come to them in the watches of the night. There is about these thoughts a clarity that does not come with daytime thinking—a sureness of vision that approaches the clairvoyant. Misfortunes never loom so full or realistic as after midnight; but joy and pleasure lose something of their glamor, their evidence; doubt creeps in with them.

A problem which we have wrestled in the daylight, weighing it with all our intelligence, is settled in a certain way, calmly and judiciously and after mature reflection. Our decision seems the right one. And then, suddenly, in the dead of the night, that self-same issue hobs up before our mental vision, wakes us from a sound sleep and settles itself in quite another way, in one great flash. A strong white light has been turned upon the brain and has revealed there a conclusion of which we had no inkling before. The processes of arriving at it are a closed chapter. The clairvoyant brain has registered a result only. And again and again it will be found to be the right, the expedient solution.

Memory, too, is peculiarly keen in the silences between midnight and four in the morning. All the cobwebs have been swept from the brain by the first hours of sleep; the body and nerve centers are singularly rested; there are no noises to disturb and some subconscious power is at work within us.

THAT LUCKY RABBIT'S FOOT

Must Be Procured Only Under Certain Circumstances if the Charm Is to Have Power.

You have undoubtedly heard about wearing a rabbit's foot for luck. Do you know what is the significance of it, where it is to be carried, and why it is lucky? Well, here it is:

"The rabbit's foot is esteemed a powerful talisman to bring good fortune to the wearer and protect him from all dangers," says an authority. "As this belief is more or less common throughout the South it may be well to state how the charm is prepared, for the benefit of those who wish to be put on the royal road to health, wealth and prosperity.

"It must be the left hind foot of a graveyard rabbit, and that is one caught in a graveyard, although one captured under the gallows would probably answer as well. It must be taken at the midnight hour and the foot amputated. The foot must then be carried secretly in the pocket until by chance the owner happens upon a hollow stump in which water has collected from recent rains. The foot is then dipped three times into this water and the charm is complete.

"Among the negroes and uneducated whites of the South the reputed possessor of this potent talisman is at once feared and respected."

Silk Cultivation in China.

That the secret of the silkworm was jealously guarded is well known, and a tradition is told of a Chinese princess who tried to import the insects into the country whither she was going. Certainly it seems probable that silk making was known as long ago as 3500 B. C., when Emperor Chin Hwang, to whom is ascribed the invention of the plow, is said to have begun the planting of mulberry trees, and his successor, Hoan-ti, entrusted to his wife the investigation into the rearing of the silkworms. In the year 2680 B. C. Certainly her work was successful, and her name to this day is held in high honor, an encouragement to those who, like Lui Tsu Si Ling Chi, devote their time to the care of any form of investigation work.

ROBS OTHER BIRDS OF PREY

"Frigate Pelican" Secures Its Food Chiefly by Forcing Its Weaker Brethren to Disgorge.

The frigate bird, also called the man-of-war hawk and the "frigate pelican," is a sea bird, so called from its attacks on other birds. This bird, very large and with black plumage, is capable of very powerful and rapid flight. It sometimes measures ten feet from tip to tip of its extended wings. On account of its immense extent of wing and its dashing habits, it has been called the swiftest bird that sweeps the seas.

The frigate bird is a tropical sea bird of two species. The larger ranges all round the world within the tropics; the smaller is found only near the eastern seas from Madagascar to Moluccas and southward to Australia. Both species breed in large colonies, building their nests on rocks, high cliffs or lofty trees on uninhabited islands. The birds often fly far out to sea, but most of the time they remain near shore.

The frigate bird's aerial evolutions are extremely graceful and it soars to great heights. It is said never to dive for its prey, but to seize fishes only when they appear at the surface or above it. Flying fishes form a great part of its food. This bird of prey also pursues gulls and terns and eats the fish it forces them to disgorge. The male acquires under its bill a bright scarlet pouch which is capable of inflation.

HOUSED IN OLD BUILDINGS

Financial Institutions of Yorktown, Virginia, Do Business Among Historic Surroundings.

Within 20 miles of where the first English settlement in America was made at Jamestown is the scene where Capt. John Smith records the story of his rescue by Pocahontas, the daughter of the Indian chief, Powhatan. Within a circle of 20 miles is to be found the oldest Protestant church in America; the kitchen where Martha Washington cooked in good colonial style; the college which has graduated three presidents; Bruton church, in which more men of historical importance have worshipped than in any other church in America—and Yorktown, where Cornwallis surrendered to Washington.

Although Yorktown has a population of less than two hundred, it has two banks, both of which are working in what are probably the two oldest buildings used for banks in America. One of these banks, operating under state and trust company laws, is housed in the historic oldest custom-house built in America—erected in 1715. Here the ships for Philadelphia were once compelled to enter and clear. Here at one time was the gathering place of the financiers of the early colonists. Wall street has taken away the financiers, but has left the same old building with its same old walls of English brick, some 24 by 40 feet square and two stories high.

Panama Canal Locks.

There are few things more interesting to the average traveler than to pass through the great locks of the Panama canal. The vessel enters very slowly and as she does lines are taken aboard leading to electric motors or "mules," which keep her in the center of the lock. Then the great gates at the rear swing together and the water is turned into the enclosure thus formed. Looking over the side of the steamer one sees a great bubble of water rise from the bottom, then a second and third appear until finally the whole surface of the lock is boiling. The pressure is so great that often fish sucked into the drains that lead from the Gatun lake, are drawn in and thrown several feet into the air. When the proper level is finally reached the gate ahead of the vessel opens and the "mules start forward, dragging the vessel free from the lock before she moves ahead under her own power.

Mrs. Wm. Momborg and son are here from Caldwell, Idaho, for a visit with relatives and friends. Mrs. Momborg was formerly Miss Agnes Zesch, of this city.

Mrs. H. C. Drawe, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lefeste, and her brother, Hilton, were pleasant callers at this office last Tuesday from the Lefeste ranch near Art.

GOES TO JUNCTION TO OPEN BOOT AND SHOE SHOP

It is announced that Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lowgren will leave shortly for Junction to reside, and where Mr. Lowgren has made arrangements to open a boot and shoe shop. For a number of years, Mr. Lowgren has been in the employ of Oscar Senquist, and is considered as an expert at his profession. It will be learned with much regret that Mason is to lose Mr. and Mrs. Lowgren, but their many friends will be glad to join the News in wishing for them every success in all future undertakings.

PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED IN SAN ANTONIO, LISTED—BOOK

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 18.—A booklet which should be of considerable interest to all merchants as well as consumers, of Southwest Texas, has been published by the Manufacturers Association of San Antonio. It contains a list of all products manufactured in San Antonio and the name of the manufacturer.

The booklet emphasizes that Texas is rapidly becoming a great industrial State and that consumers can help further development by insisting upon Texas made products. The booklet, which has been given wide circulation, points out that Texas leads in agriculture, that its 1920 crop value was \$727,400,000, that it leads in oil, that it leads in cattle and in other ways.

Copies of the booklet will be sent immediately upon application to G. M. Knebel, Secretary of the Manufacturers Association of San Antonio.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Births

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robinson, a boy, March 11th.

Marriage License

Mr. Howard Smith and Mrs. Maggie Cavance, March 19th.

WITTY AND WISE.

Looks like a pretty well-edited Calumet, eh?—Boston Transcript.

"It's me" and "He don't" are called Chicagoese. But they ain't.—Chicago Daily News.

It would seem that Columbia is becoming the gym of the ocean.—Chicago Journal of Commerce.

Seems like good old times to meet a man now and then, again, with egg on his vest.—Detroit News.

What has become of the o. f. little girl who put on long skirts and played house?—Quincy (Ill.) Whig-Journal.

A recent convention of plumbers was delayed while the chairman went back to the shop for a gavel.—St. Paul News.

One thing can be said for golf; it doesn't need any high arbiters at \$42,500 a year, to keep it honest.—El Paso Herald.

Some of the recently uncovered ears look pretty pale and sickly, like the grass one sees on raising an old board sidewalk.—Kansas City Star.

Our idea of the line of demarcation between girlhood and womanhood is when she begins to look funny when she runs.—Ohio State Journal.

Anyway, it will soon be time for the Sweet Young Thing to pick her bathing suit out of the moth's hollow tooth and hie her to the beach.—Nashville Tennessean.

The "myriads of green bugs" which are overrunning Oklahoma, may be nothing more than scraps of gilt-edged oil stock certificates blowing about.—Indianapolis News.

An item in the agricultural appropriation bill provides \$20,000 for "study of the behavior of fruit in transportation." For chaperones, maybe, for the peaches.—Detroit News.

Do you remember the old fashioned workman who used to come down town on Saturday night and boast about how much work he could do in a day?—Golden (Colo.) Republican.

Chas. Doell made a business trip to Junction last Sunday. He was accompanied by Misses Sweet Oatman, Sarah Puckey and Genevieve King, who spent the day visiting friends.

NOVEMBER 11 IS MADE LEGAL TEXAS HOLIDAY

AUSTIN, March 22.—Nov. 11 is now a legal holiday in Texas. The bill by Senator Rogers designating that day as "Victory Day" was signed by Governor Neff today.

The Governor also signed the bill appropriating \$550,000 to pay the debts of the penitentiary system of Texas; also the bill putting the highway system under the control of the Legislature.

Betting on any election in Texas was also made a misdemeanor today when the Governor signed the bill to that effect.

FIRST WOOL SALE IN TEXAS THIS YEAR, AT TALPA—14½c TO 16½c

SAN ANGELO, March 17.—The first wool sales this year in Texas were made yesterday at Talpa, Coleman county, when approximately 280,000 pounds twelve month's fleeces of the 1920 spring production were sold at prices ranging from 14 1/2 to 16 1/2c per pound. The same wool ten months ago would have brought 70c a pound, according to the Coleman County Wool association. Two-thirds of last year's Texas crop of 18,000,000 pounds of wool remains unsold, the association estimated.

"The Victim" will be screened at the Star Opera House on next Saturday night. It is played by an All Star Cast and will prove highly entertaining for men, women and children. Regular price of admission.

BABSON SAYS INCOME TAX COSTS MORE THAN YIELDS

(By Roger W. Babson.)

People little realize what the income and other Federal taxes are doing to kill prosperity and enterprise.

The bank clearings, building permits, and other figures now coming out for the two weeks preceding March 15 (when the Federal tax statements were due) indicate that the time which 5,000,000 people have given simply to preparing these reports resulted in a loss of about \$1,000,000,000 in sales \$500,000,000 in manufacturing and \$500,000,000 in other lines. If we add to these figures the time of bookkeepers, accountants, government tax officials, collectors and inspectors whose work is wholly unproductive and who, from the economist's point of view—are simply parasites on the country, we have far greater losses.

But some say: "Think of the \$4,000,000,000 which the Government will be able to spend this year." This is where we are all being fooled. If the making out of these returns and the collecting of the money did not cost one cent, the country would not be any better off. The whole process is simply the robbing of Peter to pay Paul, and the "robbing" costs the American people about \$2,000,000,000 a year in actual cash. Add to this the psychological effect upon men of enterprise (I r e s e) to the retarding, the dampening effect of this whole tax business on the ambitions and efforts of the men who play and promote great enterprises—the men who really make prosperity—and the losses above indicated must be multiplied many fold.

I believe in an income tax and know that Commissioner of Internal Revenue Williams and his entire staff have handled a most difficult problem in a most efficient and impartial manner. The American people, however, should not fool themselves as to what a drag our present tax system is on prosperity.

"THE VICTIM AT THE STAR SATURDAY NIGHT."

Otto Schmidt, manager of the local opera house, announces that for Saturday night he will have a highly recommended picture, the title of which is "The Victim". He states that the picture has been shown in practically all of the larger cities and that it has created much favorable comment among movie fans. The picture is made up of an All Star Cast and it is one of the latest films. Don't miss "The Victim". Regular prices of admission.

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MASON COUNTY EXPERIMENT ON HOGS AND PEANUTS

H. A. Jordan, of the Peters Prairie community, put thirty-one well bred hogs in a pen and fed them peanuts. The hogs weighed 120 pounds each when he began feeding them. After thirty-three days of feeding, they weighed 186 pounds and were fed 154 bushels of peanuts.

The hogs were sold at 7 cents per pound. They put on one pound of pork to 2,238 pounds of peanuts or nearly 2 1/4 pounds of nuts.

The peanuts brought 91 cents per bushel.

At the same time the above experiment was made, both Mr. Jordan and George Sorrells tried feeding some razorbacks on peanuts. They fattened so slow that all of them were not ready for the market, and the buyers, Will Zesch and Alvin Murray, state that they lost money on the razorbacks and made on the other hogs, and that the packers make nearly as much difference in the price of good hogs and razorbacks as they make in the price of good cattle and sows.

Peanuts and Hogs vs. Cotton.

While you are considering what to plant for a money crop and how much of it to plant, let us consider a few figures on peanuts and hogs along with figures on cotton.

An average crop of peanuts is at least 50 bushels per acre. They threshed more than that this year and at least twenty per cent was left on the vine.

Good, thrifty, well bred hogs will put on 15 pounds of fat to the bushel, making 750 pounds of pork to the acre. Now figure your pork at 6 cents per pound and you have \$45 per acre with hogs gathering the crop, and you do not contend with the boll weevil and the storms and rain will not ruin your crop.

Figuring your cotton at one-half bale to the acre and count your picking at \$15 per bale and your seed paying for the ginning and you have \$75 per bale, at 30 cents per pound, less \$15 for picking, and you have \$60 or \$17.50 per acre.

Planting seed for peanuts will cost more than that for cotton, but not more than the chopping of the cotton will cost, and the cost of each crop remains the same. Which is the better crop this year?

Hogs put on more fat if they gather the peanuts than when you feed them the threshed peanuts.

MRS. MARY STAPLETON IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Mrs. Mary O. Stapleton, 65, widow of the late Judge J. T. Stapleton, died Monday night at her home, 1026 Upson Avenue. The body is being held at the Peak-Hagedorn undertaking establishment awaiting the arrival of a daughter, Mrs. May Haller, from Texarkana. Mrs. Stapleton had lived in El Paso 18 years. Her husband died 10 years ago. The following children survive her: C. C. and O. S. Stapleton, of El Paso, Guy Stapleton of Orange, Miss Eva Stapleton, teacher in the Manhattan Heights school here, and the daughter in Texarkana.—El Paso Herald.

THIRTY DOLLARS SAVED FOR EVERY AMERICAN FARMER

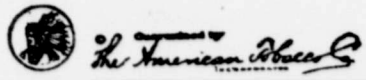
DALLAS, Tex., March 24.—Thirty dollars for every American farmer was saved by a single action of the American Farm Bureau Federation, authorities of the organization figured out when it became known that the efforts of the Farm Bureau have resulted in the reduction of the valuation of property claimed by the railroads of the Nation. The reduction on railroad valuations amounted to \$1,700,000.

A recent statement from the national headquarters of the Farm Bureau, points out that this reduction in the claimed valuation, prevented a raise in freight rates of \$100,000,000 for the year 1921. Half of this increase would have fallen on the farmers, according to the statement. Thirty dollars pays the Texas Farm Bureau dues for three years.

How about your subscription to the News, have you advanced it for another year?



LUCKY STRIKE
cigarette. Flavor is sealed in by toasting



DENVER HOTEL CHANGES HAND

Mr. and Mrs. F. Lange, who for the past several years have operated the Denver Hotel, have recently sold the business to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Churchwell, who recently moved to this place from San Saba county. Mr. and Mrs. Churchwell have already taken charge of the hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Lange having moved to their home in the western portion of town.

You'll enjoy the pictures at the Star Opera House, shows every Tuesday, Saturday and Friday night. Don't forget it starts at 7:45 o'clock.

Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Finley and children, of Lohm, were in Mason last Saturday and Sunday for a short visit with their aged parents, Major and Mrs. David Doole.

Miss Margaret McCallum, of Brady, was a guest of Miss Genevieve King last weekend.

Will Not Stiffen The Hat.

When you want to dye your old straw hat and make a new one of it, use a dye which will not stiffen the hat. It is a simple matter to dye an old hat and make it look like new, but it is necessary to get the correct dye. Fidelity Straw Hat Dye will not stiffen the hat. It can be had in all standard colors, and is sold and recommended by all druggists and in Mason, by Mason Drug Company, and in Fredonia, by W. C. Ellison.

Ben Franklin Took Poker Into Paris.
In Paris poker was first introduced by Benjamin Franklin, first United States ambassador, who taught members of the court that poker had dominoes beat a mile. To this day a group of white-haired Frenchmen, descendants of the club Franklin founded, meet every night at six o'clock on the first floor of the Tavern Royale and play poker, with many ejaculations and the most absorbed seriousness until it is time for dinner. They number among them two millionaires, the head of a famous dressmaking firm, a senator and a famous Socialist author, and they play with sous as chips and a limit of 50 centimes—about 7 cents at present rate of exchange—on the game.

One of Franklin's peculiarities was a contention that a flush beat a full house, and even now the majority of Frenchmen play that way.

Wood That Does Not Rot.

The wood of the mangrove tree, which is found in French Guiana, is considered by the French as a wood that will not rot. All exposure and efforts to break down its fiber in four years' experiments by the French railway service have been useless.

The grain of the wood is so close as practically to exclude all moisture. Its density is placed at 110, as against 40 for fir and 70 for oak. In addition to this closeness of fiber the mangrove has a large amount of tanning in its composition. This protects it from insects and such blights as mold and damp. While not as brittle as oak, it has twice the resistance to flexion and has about the same potency against crushing and twisting.

No Exchange.

"There's one thing about selling postage stamps," said the tired druggist.

"What is it?" asked the customer. "There's no profit in the deal, of course, but it's one thing I sell that my customers don't bring back and want to exchange for something else." —Detroit Free Press.

Embarrassment.

"Of course," remarked Senator Sorghum. "I was proud to have a vote so overwhelmingly in my favor. And yet it has its disadvantages."

"In what way?" "I am compelled to feel a sense of obligation toward everybody who votes for me; and a landslide makes the number so great that I can scarcely keep up with the responsibilities."

STALLION AND JACK

Mr. Registered Stallion and Jack will make the season, 1921, at my place 1 1/2 miles west of Kateney. Terms: Insured \$12.50, \$15. No Sunday service. 1-2tp. ERNEST PROBST.

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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.

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BAPTIST FOR FIRST TIME IS PRESIDENT UNITED STATES

The Mirror is indebted to W. B. Blaine, one of Temple's best known attorneys for some interesting data concerning the religious professions, early occupations and political affiliations of the twenty-eight men who have held the office of president of the United States. There have been twenty-nine presidents, but Grover Cleveland is counted twice, he having been elected after having served one term and being defeated for a second time.

Mr. Blaine furnishes the following interesting data concerning the various presidents:

Warren Gamaliel Harding—29th President of the United States, was born near Blooming Grove, Ohio, Nov. 2, 1865.

Baptist in religion, and an editor, his calling.

As per statistics, it is shown that the religious affiliations of Presidents were as follows:

- Episcopalians 8
- Presbyterians 8
- Methodists 4
- Unitarians 4
- Reformed Dutch 2
- Disciples 1
- Baptist 1

It will be noted that Cleveland was elected twice, that is, with an intervening election of an opponent.

Occupation When Elected

- Planter 1
- Farmer 1
- Publicist 1
- Editor 1
- Statesman 3
- Lawyer 19
- Soldier 2

Their First Occupation in Life.

- 1—Washington, surveyor.
- 2—John Adams, teacher.
- 3—Thomas Jefferson, lawyer.
- 4—James Madison, lawyer.
- 5—James Monroe, lawyer.
- 6—John Q. Adams, lawyer.
- 7—Andrew Jackson, lawyer.
- 8—Martin Van Buren, lawyer.
- 9—Wm. Harrison, soldier.
- 10—John Tyler, lawyer.
- 11—James K. Polk, lawyer.
- 12—Zachary Taylor, soldier.
- 13—Millard Fillmore, tailor.
- 14—Franklin Pierce, lawyer.
- 15—James Buchanan, lawyer.
- 16—Abraham Lincoln, farmer.
- 17—Andrew Johnson, tailor.
- 18—U. S. Grant, soldier.
- 19—R. B. Hayes, lawyer.
- 20—J. A. Garfield, teacher.
- 21—Chester Arthur, teacher.
- 22—Grover Cleveland, teacher.
- 23—Benj. Harrison, lawyer.
- 24—Grover Cleveland, second term.
- 25—Wm. McKinley, lawyer.
- 26—Theodore Roosevelt, publicist.
- 27—Wm. Taft, lawyer.
- 28—Woodrow Wilson, teacher.
- 29—Warren G. Harding, editor.

Politics When Elected

- Federalists 2
- Whigs 5
- Democrats 7
- Republicans 14

Public Auction Sale of Premier Ranch Registered Hereford Cattle to be held in Mason, Saturday afternoon, April 9th. Col. Lefe Burger, an experienced auctioneer of Wellington, Kansas will have charge of the auction, which will start promptly at two o'clock. Elgin O. Kothmann. 1-4tc

Otis Shearer is at home from Brownwood, where he has been the past year keeping books for one of the Planters Gin Company's establishments. He will remain here through the summer.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured
by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Circulars free. Druggists, 75c.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

ANNUAL EXHIBIT
And Financial Statement of Mason County, Tex.
for 1920.

Showing aggregate amount received and paid out of each fund, and to their Credit or Debit.

Also amount to Debit and Credit of each Officer.
Also amount of Indebtedness of County, to whom and for what with dates of same for the year ending January 31, 1921.

The following amounts have been received and paid out of each leaving balances on hand or overpaid at the close of the year, viz:

	DR.	CR.
Jury Fund, First Class		
To amount received since and on hand January 31, 1920.....	\$ 1,309.60	
By Amount Paid Out.....		\$ 447.67
By amount transferred to other funds.....		140.00
Balance on hand January 31, 1921.....		721.93
Total	\$1,309.60	\$1,309.60
Road and Bridge Fund, Second Class.		
To amount received since and on hand January 31, 1920.....	\$15,025.41	
To amount transferred from other funds.....	500.00	
By amount paid out.....		9,750.79
By amount transferred to other funds.....		2,000.00
By balance, January 31, 1921.....		3,774.62
Total	\$15,525.41	\$15,525.41
General Fund, Third Class.		
To amount received since and on hand January 31, 1920.....	\$18,426.58	
By amount paid out.....		\$17,168.41
By amount transferred to other funds.....		500.00
By balance, January 31, 1921.....		758.17
Total	\$48,426.58	\$18,426.58
Court House Fund, Fifth Class		
To amount received since and on hand Jan. 31, 1920.....	\$21,861.00	
To amount transferred from other funds.....	140.10	
By amount paid out.....		\$12,277.32
By balance, January 31, 1921.....		9,723.68
Total	\$22,001.00	\$22,001.00
Special Road Fund, Sixth Class		
To amount received since and on hand Jan. 31, 1920.....	\$14,610.19	
To amount transferred from other funds.....	6,034.23	
By amount paid out.....		\$ 9,905.06
By amount transferred to other funds.....		7,472.27
By balance, Jan. 31, 1921.....		3,287.09
Total	\$20,644.42	\$20,644.42
State Highway Fund, Seventh Class		
To amount received since and on hand Jan. 31, 1920.....	\$ 6,371.88	
By amount paid out.....		\$ 2,244.40
By amount transferred to other funds.....		1,065.98
By balance, January 31, 1921.....		2,461.50
Total	\$ 6,371.88	\$ 6,371.88
State and Federal Aid, Eighth Class		
To amount received since and on hand, Jan. 31, 1920.....	\$29,038.81	
To amount transferred from other funds.....	7,676.30	
By amount paid out.....		\$23,078.24
By amount transferred to other funds.....		4,181.77
By balance, Jan. 31, 1921.....		465.10
Total	\$27,715.11	\$27,715.11
County, State and Federal Aid, Ninth Class		
To amount received since and on hand Jan. 31, 1920.....	\$ 9,226.12	
To amount transferred from other funds.....	2,000.00	
By amount paid out.....		\$ 9,807.17
By amount transferred to other funds.....		370.50
By balance, January 31, 1921.....		1,048.45
Total	\$11,226.12	\$11,226.12

The following balances appear to the Debit or Credit of the several officers of the County at the close of the year, viz:

Tax Collector, First Class Fund.....	\$ 1,226.10	\$ 367.32
Tax Collector, Second Class Fund.....	9,194.98	2,754.93
Tax Collector, Third Class Fund.....	15,326.61	4.75
Tax Collector, Fifth Class Fund.....	3,065.36	918.90
Tax Collector, Sixth Class Fund.....	9,194.98	2,754.93

Outstanding indebtedness of county at close of January, 1921:

McKay, Mrs. S. E., March 1, 1920, 172, her support.....	\$ 6.00
Bohmfolk, C. H., May 12, 1920, 251, trustee election.....	1.00
Kothmann, A. D., May 12, 1920, 253, trustee election.....	1.00
Geistweidt, John, June 19, 1920, 299, School Tax Election.....	2.00
Brandenberger, W. A., June 19, 1920, 308, School Tax Election.....	2.00
Weindel, L. S., June 19, 1920, 309, School Tax Election.....	2.00
Willmann, Frank, June 19, 1920, 311, Holding Trustee Election.....	1.00
Biefeldt, Wm., June 19, 1920, 315, Holding Trustee Election.....	1.00
White, J. W., July 1, 1920, 328, house rent for Mrs. Sherill.....	7.00
Bierschwale, Chas., Oct. 14, 1920, 474, 5 days on Finance Committee.....	15.00
White, J. W., Nov. 1, 1920, 492, house rent for Mrs. Sherill.....	7.00
Grosse, R., Nov. 12, 1920, 500, paint, etc.....	.80
Brandenberger, W. A., Nov. 12, 1920, 516, Election Officer's Pay.....	4.00
Kothmann, Elgin O., Nov. 12, 1920, 549, Election Officer's Pay.....	4.00
Kidd, B. P., Nov. 12, 1920, 550, Election Officer's Pay.....	4.00
Keller, Henry W., Nov. 12, 1920, 551, Election Officer's Pay.....	4.00
Willmann, J. H. E., Nov. 12, 1920, 556, Election Officer's Pay.....	4.00
Vandever, C. E., Nov. 12, 1920, 575, Election Officer's Pay.....	4.00
Kothmann, Marvin, Nov. 12, 1920, 579, Election Officer's Pay.....	4.00
Palestin Printing Co., Jan. 11, 1921, 655, Cards for Co. School Supt.....	5.75

Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness of the County at Close of Jan. 31, 1921:

Sixty-Four Court House Bonds @ \$500.....	\$32,000.00
One Special Road Warrant @ \$1,000.....	1,000.00
Eighteen Special Road Warrants @ \$500.....	31,000.00
One Special Road Warrant @ \$460.....	460.00
One Special Road Warrant.....	3,655.32

Assets in addition to actual cash:

Six No. 26 School District School House Bonds @ \$100.....	\$ 600
Four No. 27 School District School House Bonds @ \$500.....	2,000.00
Two Hundred W. S. S. @ \$5.....	1,000.00

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report for the year ending February 1st, 1921, as required by Art. 935a, General Laws of Texas, approved May 11th, 1893.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Mason, Texas, on this the 22nd day of March, A. D., 1921.

R. E. LEE,
County Clerk, Mason County, Texas.

A Woman Wrote The Canby News; Minn., December 10, as Follows:
"If any subscribers ask what you think of Rat-Snap, tell them it's the best rat exterminator I know. Rats were taking our eggs, oats, corn; had full swing in our cellar. I used Rat-Snap for two days and rats have cleared out completely." Threesizes: 35c, 65c, \$1.25.
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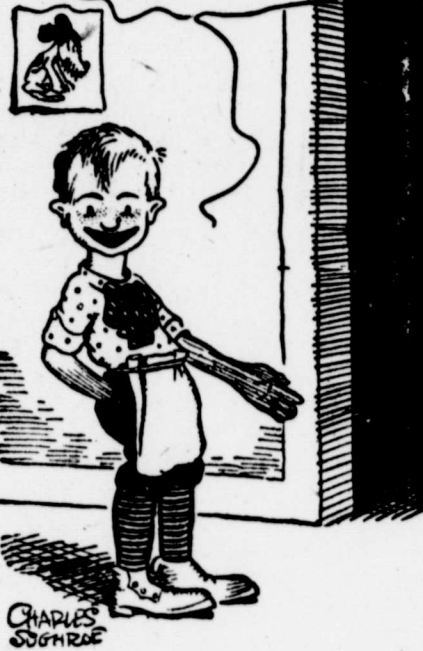
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ONE OF THE BEST BUSINESS MEN IN TOWN SAID IN HERE THE OTHER DAY, "CONDUCTING A BUSINESS WITHOUT ADVERTISING IS LIKE RUNNING A CAR ON LOW-IT CAN BE DONE, BUT WHO WANTS TO TRAVEL ON LOW?"



Don't claim an ignorance of evil, but rise up and over it to purer realms of thought, and help yourself and humanity by thinking and talking of the good things all about us. Beautiful love, fine friendship, noble charities. Look for them and you will find them.
 *M*C*N*

When children begin to attend school, their thoughts should be directed constantly to their work, and between the school and needed exercise, there is not much time to think of clothing, save that to be neat and clean and suitable to the means of the parents. God never intended the people derate means to rival the bliss of paradise in raiment. The mother talks dress and flattery constantly must not expect to bring up children who care for questions of church and state and humanity when grown. In some families, it is a subject under constant consideration and the problem of clothes is a much greater one than any one of the great ones on truth and right and justice and patriotism.
 *M*C*N*

To be rich in friends is to be poor in nothing.
 *M*C*N*

Nobody's sweetheart is ugly. Wives should always be sweethearts.
 *M*C*N*

Marriage is never a failure, but every wedding does not make a marriage.
 *M*C*N*

It is not the best policy in the world to be always telling somebody else what you intend to do. The story soon gets to be very tiresome. When you want to do anything and are placed in a position to do it, jump right in; do business from a business basis and talk all you want to later on in the battle of life.
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It is not until the storm comes that we find out the real timber of the ship.

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 The Nation's Hair and Scalp Remedy
 Positively eradicates dandruff - corrects excessive scalp - stops falling hair - promotes luxuriant growth - adds lustre, beauty, health - action immediate and certain. Money-Back Guarantee.
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Exit Woodrow Wilson. Enter Warren Gamaliel Harding. March 4, Woodrow Wilson retired as president of the United States. Mr. Harding now occupies the executive chair as chief magistrate of the greatest republic held in the skeleton hand of time. From the inaugural ceremonies Mr. Wilson went direct to the Wilson mansion in Washington. He has announced that he will practice law in Washington, in partnership with Banbridge Colby, his erstwhile Secretary of State. What of Woodrow Wilson? What of his administration? Henry Watterson, the venerable editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, and one of the keenest of American blades, writes in the New York World: "Nothing is surer, whether we like or dislike Woodrow Wilson, than that he will show up on the record." No great benefactor was ever judged correctly while he lived. The politicians, the swashbucklers, the office-seekers, the disgruntled, the malignants, the discontents, the soreheads, the fault-finders, the political Pharisees have said much during the last two years about "Wilsonianism," "Wilson's decline and downfall," and all that, and few of these detractors are worthy to stoop down and unloose the shoe strings on his feet. Washington went to his Mt. Vernon estate from the White House while the halls of congress and the country were ringing with vilest denunciation. Lincoln, now a world figure, was denounced by the politicians, leading journals and by Henry Ward Beecher. He was asked to resign as he was unequal to the task. Lincoln is today proclaimed one of the world's greatest patriots. The body of Cromwell, the great English commoner, was dug out of its grave, dragged thru the London streets to Tyburn and hanged in the gibbet. Not only this but the bodies of Cromwell's wife and daughter were dragged thru the streets and thrown into a common pit. Today the statue of Cromwell stands inside of England's Parliament house, the only monument of its kind that has ever been allowed a place there. Even so they murmured against Moses, and "Homer, living, begged his bread; seven cities claimed Homer dead." The Westminster Gazette, of London, says of Mr. Wilson: "America refuses to sign the treaty which contains the covenant. Nevertheless we are grateful to President Wilson, and tho his idea is temporarily rejected by his own people, we can still salute him as one who set up a land mark in history which will not be removed." Eight years ago he accepted the leadership of this great people. In the perfection of his fine powers he faced the whole great future of himself and his country with a consummate confidence. He never faltered. These eight years have been the most fateful of all time. It has been the most significant period of human endeavor. Every movement of American forces in the world war was a marvel. Mr. Wilson proclaimed for the first time in history a world democracy. He led the way, from one gilded height of hope to another until he stood in the council halls at Versailles the one towering figure; the one heart pure enough, the one mind keen and clear enough to lead the way. He met the enemies of "world democracy" in Europe and America, the "Scribes, Pharisees, Herodians and lawyers" who conspired how they might entangle world peace, and put them all to silence. "And no man was able to answer him a word." Then he was stricken. Fell helpless a physical wreck. Stricken while pleading with his people for a world peace; that there should be no more wars and carnage. Today he is broken, an invalid; broken upon the wheel of service to others—his life and his work behind him, the dark shadows lengthening ahead. He wanted to make the world a better place in which to live. He did it. Exit Woodrow Wilson, "the gentlest, sweetest memory of our earth." God bless him.

THE HARVEST
 How did you make out this year with your crops? Fairly well? Why don't you put a certain amount of the money you received in an account here? Don't touch it. Keep it here. You can get it at any time. If SAFETY—SECRECY—SERVICE strike you as right, may we have your account, Brother Farmer?

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 Wm. Splittgerber.
 H. P. Gartrell. 2-1p.

They, who for wisdom would give great price, are like watches without jewels and the Chinese without rice.—S. H. Rains.

A rain which amounted to little better than an inch fell here on last Friday night.

The many friends of the venerable D. Doole, will learn with a great deal of regret that he is growing quite feeble and that his condition is considered critical. This esteemed gentleman passed his 88th birthday on the 25th of last November.

A petition is being circulated and is being signed by a large number, asking District Judge J. H. McClean to use his power and influence in securing a pardon for Clarence Barber, who was recently sentenced to two years in the penitentiary on a charge of burglary.

Mrs. Willie Wehmeyer, of Fredericksburg, has been here visiting her mother, Mrs. Wm. Danheim.

How To Dye Hats

That beautiful hat of your friend's is probably an old one dyed and made new. You can easily dye your old straw hat in any color you want and give it a beautiful new glossy finish with Fidelity Straw Hat Dye, which unlike many dyes will not stiffen the hat. Sold and recommended by all druggists, and in Mason by Mason Drug Company, and in Fredonia, by W. C. Ellison.

Indications are that sure enough spring is here. The trees, grass and shrubbery of every kind has greened up so as to lend a beautiful scene to lovers of nature within the past couple weeks. A little cool snap the first of the week, however, did not harmonize with the delightful weather which we have been having.

"SKIN GAME" INVESTMENT IS OFFERED BROWNWOOD MAN

(Brownwood News)

S. P. McInnis is in receipt of the following letter from a Dallas friend, who in burlesque humor, presents a unique enterprise as follows:

"Dear Friend: Believing that you may be interested in 'Skin Games,' I take the liberty of presenting to you what seems to me to be the most wonderful business proposition, and in which, no doubt, you will take a lively interest, and, perhaps wire me to subscribe toward the formation of the company.

"The object of the company is to operate a large cat ranch near Dallas, where land can be advantageously purchased for this purpose.

"To start with, we will collect, say about 1,000,000 cats; each cat will average twelve kittens per year; the skins will sell for ten cents each for the white ones to seventy-five cents each for the pure black. This, as you will readily see, will give us 12,000,000 cat skins per year to sell at an average of not less than thirty cents each, making our sales about \$3,600,000 per day gross.

"A man can skin sixty cats a day for \$2. It will take one hundred men to operate the ranch, and therefore the net profits will be about \$9,800 per day.

"We will feed the cats on rats and start a rat ranch next door. But as rats multiply four times as fast as cats; if we start with 1,000,000 rats, we will therefore have four rats per day for each cat, which will be plenty.

"Now, then, we will feed the rats on the carcasses of the cats from which the skins have been taken, thus giving each rat one-fourth of a cat per day. It will thus be seen that the business will be re-acting and automatic all the way through—the cats will eat the rats and the rats will eat the cats, and we will get the grapes—or in plain words the skins of the cats.

FROM NEWS FILES OF 25 YEARS AGO
 From Mason News, March 27, 1896:
 M. V. Bridges and J. A. Hoerster left Monday for Austin as delegates to the State Republican Convention. Misses Carrie Lemburg and Annie Hoerster accompanied them to see the sights of the city.
 Mrs. Dona Franklin gave a dance Wednesday night to quite a crowd of young people.
 J. A. Westbrook is putting up a gin and mill at the six-mile well on the Menard road.
 James F. Leslie, of Evansville, Ind., is here visiting his uncles, Messrs. Wm. J. W. and A. M. Leslie, whom he has not seen in 25 years.
 Adam Rebeck has sold his house and lot to M. Moran for \$600.
 Mrs. Schmidt is visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. F. E. Husband.
 T. D. Lindsay is preparing to build a residence on his lot on Rauck St. Herman Mebus has resumed work on his residence in Gooch Addition.
 O. H. Mebus purchased the interest of Henry Ruegner in the meat market, and the latter has bought an interest with Ben Ritter.

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We repair and recharge Storage Batteries of any make. L. F. Eckert Garage.

A paper is being circulated for signers which will petition the Commissioners' Court to secure the services of an expert auditor to audit the County finances. Just what progress is being made in the way of securing signers, the News is unprepared to state.

It costs no more to raise good cattle than it does to raise scrub cattle. Don't be satisfied until you are raising the best. Premier Ranch Herefords cannot be beat. Come to the auction sale in Mason on Saturday afternoon, April 9th, and see for yourself what Premier Ranch registered Herefords are, and then figure what a few of them mixed with your cattle will do in the way of grading up your bunch. Sale starts promptly at two o'clock. Elgin G. Kothmann. 1-4c

FROM NEWS FILES OF 25 YEARS AGO

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 Little Miss Willie Baze entertained a number of friends last Saturday afternoon with a mask party.
 It is believed that the heavy frosts of the past week have killed most of the fruit.
 A. W. Kooek and lady will go to Austin Sunday to see the Divine Sara Barnhardt.
 Work is progressing very rapidly upon the Weber & Pluenecke building, all the available mechanics being at work thereon.
 Mr. and Mrs. Walter Russell, who have been visiting Mrs. Grandstaff, left Sunday for their home at Cedarville, Kan.
 Mrs. Joseph Greer and Miss Clara left Wednesday for Brownwood for a few days' visit.
 John Owens fell from his barn loft Monday night and severely hurt his knee.
 T. A. Smart marketed cotton in Mason Tuesday, receiving 10 cents for it.

Type writer ribbons at News Office.
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Don't fret and fume at the petty ills of life; remember that the wheels which go round without creaking last longest.

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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.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

State of Texas, County of Mason. On this the 5th day of March, 1921, this court being in special session, came on to be considered the petition of A. D. Turner and over one hundred other persons, praying that bonds be issued by said defined Road District No. One of Mason County, Texas, in the sum of \$20,000, bearing five and one-half (5 1/2) per cent per annum rate of interest, payable annually, and all of said bonds shall become due and payable thirty years from their date, but all or any number of said bonds may be redeemed at the pleasure of said defined Road District No. One, at any interest paying date after five years from their date, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, gravelled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof.

And it appearing to the court that said petition is signed by more than fifty of the resident property tax-paying voters of said defined Road District No. One of Mason County, Texas, said defined Road District No. One having been established by an order of the commissioners' court of Mason County, dated the 17th day of February, 1921, of record in Book 1, pages 239 to 242 inclusive of the Road Minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Mason County, Texas, within the following metes and bounds, to-wit:

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the Mason-McCulloch County line where the same intersects the east line of S. C. Berry survey No. 216 and the west line of R. T. Fikes survey No. 10 at a point 633 vrs. south of the north line of survey No. 216 and 143 vrs. south of the northwest corner of said survey No. 90; thence south 872 vrs. with west line of said survey No. 90 to the southwest corner of said survey; thence west 289 vrs. to the northwest corner of J. M. Fikes survey No. 91; thence south 391 vrs. to a corner of said survey No. 91; thence east 385 vrs. to an inner corner of said survey No. 91 and northeast corner of M. A. Hunt survey No. 127; thence south with east line of said Hunt survey No. 127 and west line of survey No. 91 J. M. Fikes 448 vrs. to southwest corner of said survey No. 91; thence east with south line of said survey No. 91, 950 vrs. to southeast corner of survey No. 91 and N. E. corner survey No. 101, I. & G. N. R. Co; thence north 364 vrs. with east line of said survey No. 11 and west line of survey No. 571, M. Martin to N. W. corner of said survey No. 871; thence east with north line of said survey No. 871 a distance north line of M. Wortmann survey No. 739 at 950 vrs. the N. E. corner of No. 871, at 1,660 vrs. the N. E. corner of said survey No. 459; thence south with east line of said survey No. 759 at 1,660 vrs. its southeast corner and N. E. corner of survey No. 54 J. W. Lee at 2,850 vrs. S. E. corner of said survey No. 54 in west line of F. & M. survey No. 373; thence east 475 vrs. to N. E. corner of a tract owned by Ed Harris, south 475 vrs. east 475 vrs. south 475 vrs. to south line of said survey No. 373; thence west 950 vrs. to S. W. corner of Harris tract and S. W. corner of said survey No. 373 and the N. E. corner of F. & M. survey No. 357; thence south with east line of said survey No. 357 and west line of C. H. Gorman survey No. 39 at 1,900 vrs. S. E. corner of said survey No. 357 and S. W. corner of said survey No. 29 and N. W. corner of John Collins survey No. 273; thence east 950 vrs. with north line of Collins survey and south line of said survey No. 29 to N. E. corner of said survey No. 273 and N. W. corner of J. W. White survey No. 120; thence south with east line of said survey No. 273 and west line of said survey No. 111 Z. T. Vandever, 950 vrs. the S. E. corner of said survey No. 273, John Collins and northwest corner of W. R. Vandever survey No. 110; thence east 950 vrs. with north line of said survey No. 110 to its N. E. corner and S. E. corner of said survey No. 111; thence south 950 vrs. with east line of said survey No. 110 and west line of W. Mueller survey No. 41 the S. E. corner of said survey No. 110 and N. E. corner of Nicholas Freibig survey No. 466; thence west 335 vrs. with north line of said survey No. 466 and south line of said survey No. 110 the N. W. corner of a tract of land now owned by John W. Ruegner; thence south 950 vrs. with west line of the Ruegner tract to a stake in south line of said survey No. 466 and north line of Nicholas Freibig survey No. 474; thence east at 535 vrs. the N. E. corner of said survey No. 474 at 1,130 vrs. the N. E. corner of Dan Cummings survey No. 105 now owned by Wm. Kruse; thence south with east line of said survey No. 105 at 1,500 vrs. its S. E. corner and N. E. corner of Conner survey No. 95 at 1,820 vrs. the S. E. corner of said Conner survey No. 95; thence west 935 vrs. the S. W. corner of said Conner survey No. 95, the N. W. corner of Conner survey No. 90 a stake in east line of D. Steffin survey No. 480; thence south 971 vrs. with east line of said survey No. 480 to its S. E. corner and S. W. corner of said survey No. 90 and N. W. corner of C. Jaeger survey No. 488; thence east 1,129 vrs. with north line of survey No. 488 and south line of survey No. 90 to N. E. corner of survey No. 488; thence south 800 vrs. with east line of said Jaeger survey No. 488 to its S. E. corner; thence south 93 vrs. to an inner corner of C. M. Jones survey No. 90; thence east 331 vrs. with north line of said survey No. 90 to its N. E. corner; thence south with east line of said Jones survey No. 90 and west line of E. Schleck survey No. 486 at 547 vrs. the S. E. corner of said survey No. 90 and N. E. corner of survey No. 482 G.

C. F. Giesecke at 1497 vrs. the S. E. corner of said survey No. 482 and N. E. corner of J. Zimmermann survey No. 70 at 2447 vrs. the S. E. corner of said survey No. 70 N. E. corner of F. & M. survey No. 359 and N. W. corner of A. Heymann survey No. 79; at 4347 vrs. the S. W. corner of said Heymann survey No. 79 the S. E. corner of F. & M. survey No. 359; thence east 488 vrs. with south line of said survey No. 79 to a stake in south line of said survey No. 79, 25 vrs. north of northwest corner of Bankston survey No. 107; thence south at 25 vrs. N. W. corner of Bankston survey No. 107 N. E. corner of Olsson survey No. 767 at 450 vrs. S. E. corner of No. 767 a distance S. W. corner No. 107 in north line of M. Hamilton survey No. 108; thence east 492 vrs. to N. E. corner of survey No. 108; thence south 950 vrs. with east line of No. 108 and west line of Wm. Bivens survey No. 768 to a point in north line of Louise Keiser survey No. 78 midway between its N. E. corner and N. W. corners; thence south at 950 vrs. the south line of said survey No. 78 and north line of Louise Keiser survey No. 77 at 1,900 vrs. the south line of survey No. 77 and the north line of F. & M. survey No. 417; thence west 797 vrs. to the west line of a tract of said survey No. 417 now owned by Ery Hamilton and to the east line of the old Mason to Brady road; thence following the west line of said Hamilton tract and the east side of said road south 9 degrees, east 330 vrs. south 5 degrees, east 594 vrs. south 9 degrees, east 140 vrs. to N. W. corner of rock fence of old Crosby Homestead; thence with the meanders of said rock fence as follows: N. 120 vrs., south 73 degrees, east 90 vrs., south 44 degrees, east 70 vrs., north 14 degrees, east 33 vrs., north 64 degrees, east 170 vrs., north 41 degrees, east 88 vrs., north 21 degrees, east 41 vrs., north 70 degrees, east 60 vrs., south 85 degrees, east 100 vrs., south 74 degrees, east 30 vrs., south 56 degrees, east 130 vrs., south 10 degrees, east 309 vrs. to a point where the field and pasture fence join; north 77 degrees, east 190 vrs., north 73 degrees, east 60 vrs., north 60 degrees, east 309 vrs., north 45 degrees, east 30 vrs., north 51 degrees, east 50 vrs., north 53 degrees, east 170 vrs., the middle of main Comanche Creek for a S. E. corner of said Hamilton tract; thence in a southeasterly direction down said Comanche Creek with its meanders 496 vrs. to the east line of said survey No. 417 and west line of M. E. Grenwelle survey No. 86; thence south with said lines of surveys Nos. 417 and 86 at 234 vrs. south line of Jehu Miller tract and north line of F. A. Godes tract at 838 3/5 vrs. the S. E. corner of said survey No. 417 and S. W. corner of said survey No. 86; thence east with south line of said survey No. 86 and Pontotoc street 100 vrs. to the east line of Spring Avenue; thence south with east line of Spring Avenue 810 vrs., more or less to an alley between First Street and the Court House Square in Block Block; thence east 250 feet, more or less, with the north line of said alley to a point north and opposite the N. W. corner of lot No. 3A which corner is in the south line of said alley; thence south across the alley to said N. W. corner of lot No. 3A now owned by Oscar Sequist, which said corner is also the N. E. corner of lot No. 4A now owned by S. A. Hoerster; thence south 110 feet with east line of said lot No. 4A and west line of said lot No. 3A to the S. E. corner of said lot No. 4A and S. W. corner of said lot No. 3A on north side of Public Square; thence east 90 feet along the south lines of lots Nos. 3A; 2A and 1A to the S. E. corner of lot No. 1A, which is also the S. E. corner of Block Block; thence continuing east 40 feet across Broad street to the S. W. corner of Block No. one (1) which is also the S. W. corner of lot No. twelve (12) in said Block No. 1; thence continuing east 310 feet with the south line of said Block No. 1 to the S. E. corner of said Block No. 1 in the west line of Bowser street; thence north 84 vrs. to a point where second street intersects Bowser Street; thence following Bowser Street north 35 degrees, east 110 vrs. to bed of Comanche Creek; thence following the meanders of Comanche Creek in a southeasterly direction 525 vrs. to a point 85 vrs. south of the S. E. corner of Block No. 9, Gooch addition to the town of Mason; thence north 85 vrs. to southeast corner of said block No. 9; thence continuing north along the west line of blocks Nos. 9, 4 and 3, 850 vrs. to a point in the south line of M. E. Grenwelle survey No. 86; thence east along the south line of said Grenwelle survey No. 86, 1,229 vrs. to the S. E. corner of said survey No. 86; thence north with east line of said survey No. 86, 950 vrs. to the N. E. corner of said survey No. 86; thence east along the south line of surveys J. Beam No. 765 and Peter Schoonover 709, 1979 vrs. to S. E. corner of said survey No. 769; thence north 1000 vrs. to N. E. corner of said survey No. 769 which is also the S. W. corner of I. R. R. Co. survey No. 57; thence continuing north 1900 vrs. to the N. W. corner of said survey No. 57, 2850 vrs. to N. E. corner of John Corrigan survey No. 849; thence west 950 vrs. N. W. corner of said survey No. 849, 1900 vrs. to S. E. corner of survey No. 910 J. T. Wilson; 2340 vrs. to west side of Mason to Fredonia road in south line of survey No. 910 in name of J. T. Wilson; thence with the meanders on the west side of said road north 36 degrees, east across surveys 910 J. T. Wilson, 757 Ger. Emigration Co., Conrad Behrens 95 and 96, Oliver Morrell 756, F. Merkin 97, C. S. Cox No. 819, 5500 vrs.; thence north 73 degrees, east 250 vrs. to a point 36 vrs. north of Southwest

corner of Carl Franz survey No. 425 in the west line of Mason to Voca Road; thence north following west line of said Voca road 1611 vrs. to Northwest corner of C. Franz survey No. 425; thence north 11 degrees, west 6 vrs. to a point in north line of L. C. Looney survey No. 24, thence continuing same course across Robert S. Hamilton survey No. 22, 3806 vrs. to S. E. corner of H. Marburger survey No. 230; thence north 950 vrs. to N. E. corner said survey No. 230, 1900 vrs. to N. E. corner H. Marburger survey No. 231, 2800 vrs. to N. E. corner Solomon D. Hild survey No. 876, 5700 vrs. to N. E. corner A. C. H. & B. survey No. 954, 7600 vrs. to N. E. corner of J. M. West survey No. 954, 9250 vrs. to Mason & McCulloch county line where east line of A. C. H. & B. survey No. 949 intersects said county line; thence west following said Mason-McCulloch county line 1300 vrs. to a point in west line of A. C. H. & B. survey No. 949, 3800 vrs. to a point in west line of J. T. Fleming survey No. 950, 5700 vrs. to a point in west line of Phillip Hohlfield survey No. 212, 6650 vrs. to point in west line of Gottlieb Kunst survey No. 105, 7600 vrs. to a point in west line of Gottlieb Kunst survey No. 104, 8550 vrs. to a point in west line of F. & M. survey No. 372, 9500 vrs. to a point in west line of W. P. Matthews survey No. 872, 10450 vrs. to a point in west line of Matthias Schilling survey No. 101, 11400 vrs. to a point in west line of Matthias Schilling survey No. 98, 12,273 vrs. to the place of beginning. It is therefore considered and ordered by the court that an election be held in said Road District No. One of Mason County, Texas, on the 5th day of April, 1921, which is not less than thirty (30) days from the date of this order, to determine whether or not the bonds of said Road District No. One of Mason County, Texas, shall be issued in the amount of \$20,000.00; said bond to be of the denomination of \$500 each to bear interest at the rate of five and one-half per cent (5 1/2 per cent) per annum, payable annually; and all of said bonds shall become due and payable thirty (30) years from their date, but all or any number of said bonds may be redeemed at the pleasure of said Road District No. One of Mason County, Texas, at any interest paying date after five years from their date; and whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the property of said Road District No. One of Mason County, Texas, subject to taxation for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity. Notice of said election shall be given by publication in a newspaper published in said County for four successive weeks before the date of said election, and in addition thereto, there shall be posted notices of such election at three public places in the said Road District No. One of Mason County, Texas, one of which shall be at the court house door, one at the post office door at Mason, Texas, one at the post office door at Kamey, Texas, and one at the four mile board on the Mason and Kamey Road at the Jim Lee lane, for three weeks prior to said election. Said election shall be held at the Goldswold Building, formerly occupied by the Mason National Bank, in the town of Mason, Texas, and at the building known as the Christian Church building at Kamey, Texas, and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers of said election; S. A. McCollum for said voting place at Mason, Texas, and E. W. Jordan for said voting place at Kamey, Texas. Said election shall be held under the provisions of Articles 627 to 641, inclusive of Chapter 2, Title 18, Revised Statutes, 1911, and as amended by Chapter 263, Acts 1917; page 271 Acts of 1909, Special Session; Acts of 1919 Second Called Session Chapter 38; and Acts of 1918, 4th Called Session, Chapter 18; and only qualified voters who are property tax payers of said Road District No. One of Mason County, Texas, shall be allowed to vote, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "For the issuance of bonds and the levying of the tax in payment therefor." And those opposed shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "Against the issuance of bonds and the levying of the tax in payment therefor." The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws governing general elections in this State. A copy of this order, signed by the county judge of said county, shall serve as a proper notice of said election, and the county judge is directed to cause said notice to be published in a newspaper published in said Road District No. One of Mason County, Texas, for four successive weeks next preceding such election, and cause to be posted a notice thereof at three public places in said Road District No. One of Mason County, Texas, one of which shall be at the courthouse door, for three weeks prior to said election. Read and approved in open court this 5th day of March, A. D., 1921. JOHN T. BANKS, County Judge of Mason County, Texas. You will miss something if you are not in Mason on Saturday, April 9th, to attend the Public Auction Sale of 15 head of Registered Hereford cattle. Elgin O. Kothmann. 1-4c

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DR. L. R. SCARBOROUGH, Chairman Conservation Commission, Baptist 75-Million Campaign.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, who was general director of the Baptist 75-Million Campaign, and who was later elected chairman of the Conservation Commission that is seeking to conserve all the interests of that campaign, has issued a report from the Nashville headquarters showing the various interests that have profited from the \$16,851,100.68 collected on campaign pledges up to Dec. 1, 1920. With its receipts of \$2,958,808.07, the Foreign Mission Board has added to its territory five new provinces in China and made the beginning for opening up work in the new fields of Spain, Hungary, Roumania, Jugoslavia, and the Ukraine in Russia; strengthened its work in Syria and Palestine, made a beginning in Eastern Siberia, added 100 new workers to its force of American missionaries in foreign lands, provided new houses of worship, hospitals, schools, publishing plants and other institutions needed in the prosecution of missionary work. What is of even more importance, in the estimation of Secretary Love, is the completion of many institutions and undertakings that had been held up for lack of funds.

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Conrad Hartman has recently purchased the residence belonging to the John Lumburg, Sr., estate, which is located northeast of the News office. The purchase price was \$1200, so we are informed.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

MISSIONARY SOCIETY ENTERTAINS

The Ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society entertained the honorary members, The Young People's Missionary Society and The Junior Missionary Society last Thursday evening at the Star Opera House.

A short program was rendered, after which, delicious refreshments of cake and punch were served to about one hundred and seventy-five guests.

SMITH-CAVANESS

Last Sunday afternoon at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. C. C. Smith, Mr. Howard Smith and Mrs. Maggie Cavaness were united in marriage. Rev. C. H. Garrett officiated.

The pretty bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ace Emanuel, who reside in the Streeter section. She is a young lady of many charms and graces of mind, while the groom is one of the county's most prominent ranchmen.

The happy couple left Monday for Mr. Smith's ranch in the southwestern part of the county, where they will make their home.

The News joins a host of friends in extending best wishes and congratulations.

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METHODIST CHURCH

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

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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.

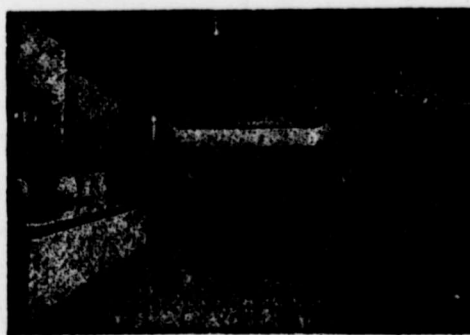
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MASON ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2
BOND ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 28th day of March, A. D. 1921 at the Peters Prairie School House and in the north side of the Fritz Hoerster store building in the town of Mason, both places being in Mason Road District No. 2, hereinafter described by metes and bounds, and both within Mason County, Texas for the purpose of determining whether or not bonds shall be issued by said district in the amount of Twenty Six Thousand (\$26,000) dollars for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a graveled road or roads within said district leading from the town of Mason in a northwesterly course to the intersection of the Katerney-Brady road at Alfred Probst's place near the McCulloch County line, following as near as practical the course of the present Old Brady Road a distance of about twelve (12) miles, and whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the property of said district subject to taxation for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof; said bonds to be known as Road Bonds of Mason Road District No. 2, to bear interest at the rate of five and one-half (5 1/2) per cent per annum, to be due thirty (30) years after their date, but to provide that the whole amount of said bonds, or any part thereof, may be paid in ten (10) years, or at any interest paying date thereafter.

G. A. Sorrell has been appointed Judge of the Election to be held at Peters Prairie School House and Sam Pirtle and T. E. Harris are to be assistants. S. A. Hoerster has been appointed Judge of the election to be held in the north side of the Fritz Hoerster store building and J. C. Lumburg and Lamar Thaxton are to be assistants. The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the general laws of the State and the returns of said election shall be made as now provided by law for making returns of elections held for the purpose of determining whether or not County bonds shall be issued.

Only qualified voters under the Constitution and Laws of Texas who are resident property tax paying voters living within said defined district shall be entitled to vote in said election.

Those favoring the issuance of bonds and levy of taxes for the above named purposes shall have written or printed on their ballots:

"For the issuance of bonds for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a graveled road or roads and for the levy and collection of a tax to provide for interest and sinking fund for said bonds."

Those opposing the issuance of bonds and the levy of taxes as herein provided shall have written or printed on their ballots:

"Against the issuance of bonds for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a graveled road or roads and for the levy and collection of a tax to provide for interest and sinking fund for said bonds."

Said Mason Road District No. 2 is described by metes and bounds, as follows:

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the Mason-McCulloch county line where the same intersects the east line of S. C. Berry Survey No. 216 and the west line of R. T. Fikes survey No. 90 at a point 633 vrs.

south of north line of survey No. 216 and 163 vrs. south of the northwest corner of said survey No. 90.

Thence south 97 1/2 vrs. with west line of said survey No. 90 to the southwest corner of said survey; thence west 289 vrs. to the northwest corner of J. M. Fikes survey No. 91 in east line of north side Smith survey No. 215; thence south 391 vrs. to a corner of said survey No. 91; thence east 285 vrs. to an inner corner of said survey No. 91 and northeast corner of M. A. Hunt survey No. 127, thence south with east line said Hunt survey No. 127 and west line of survey No. 91, J. M. Fikes, 448 vrs. to southwest corner of said survey No. 91; thence east with south line of said survey No. 91, 950 vrs. to southeast corner of survey No. 91 and N. E. corner survey No. 101, H. & G. N.; thence north 364 vrs. with east line of said survey No. 91 and west line of survey No. 871, M. Martin to N. W. corner of said survey No. 871; thence east with north line of said survey No. 871 and north line of M. Wertmann survey No. 759 at 950 vrs. the N. E. corner of No. 871, at 1900 vrs. the N. E. corner of said survey No. 759; thence south with east line of said survey No. 759 at 1900 vrs. its S. E. corner and N. E. corner of survey No. 54, J. W. Lee at 2850 vrs. S. E. corner of said survey No. 54 in west line of F. & M. survey No. 373; thence east 475 vrs. to N. E. corner of a tract owned by Ed Harris; south 475 vrs. east 475 vrs. south 475 vrs. to south line of said survey No. 373; thence west 950 vrs. to S. W. corner of Harris tract and S. W. corner of said survey No. 373; and the N. E. corner of F. & M. survey No. 357; thence south with east line of said survey No. 357 and west line of C. Hagerman survey No. 39 at 1900 vrs. S. E. corner of said survey No. 357 and S. W. Cor. of said survey No. 39 and N. W. Cor. of John Cairns Sur. No. 273; thence east 950 vrs. with north line of said survey No. 110 to its N. E. Cor. and S. E. Cor. of said Sur. No. 111; thence south 950 vrs. with east line of said Sur. No. 110 and west line of W. Mueller Sur. No. 41 the S. E. Cor. of said Sur. No. 110 and N. E. Cor. of Nicholas Freibig Sur. No. 466; thence west 535 vrs. with north line of said Sur. No. 466 and south line of said Sur. No. 110 the N. W. Cor. of a tract of land now owned by John W. Ruegner; thence south 950 vrs. with west line of the Ruegner tract to a stake in south line of said Sur. No. 466 and north line of Nicholas Freibig Sur. No. 474; thence east at 535 vrs. the N. E. Cor. of said Sur. No. 474 at 1130 vrs. the N. E. Cor. of Dan Cummings Sur. No. 105 now owned by Wm. Kruse; thence south with east line of said Sur. No. 105 at 1500 vrs. its S. E. Cor. and N. E. Cor. of Conner Sur. No. 95, at 1829 vrs. the S. E. Cor. of said Conner Sur. No. 95 and N. E. Cor. of Conner Sur. No. 90; thence west 935 vrs. the S. W. Cor. of said Conner Sur. No. 95, the N. W. Cor. of Conner Sur. No. 90 a stake in East line of D. Steffin Sur. No. 480; thence south 971 vrs. with east line of said Sur. No. 480 to its S. E. Cor. and survey No. 90 at a point 633 vrs.

same distance east of the N. W. cor. of F. & M. sur. No. 440 and being at a point about midway between the N. W. and N. E. corners of said sur. No. 440, F. & M. (The Lots, Blocks and Subdivisions in the paragraph immediately preceding this statement are so designated on Hooper King's map of the town of Mason, Mason County, Texas, and reference is here made to the said map for a more detailed description of said Lots, Blocks and Subdivisions.) Thence south 1900 vrs. to the south line of F. & M. sur. No. 440; thence west at 950 vrs. its S. W. cor. and S. E. cor. of J. F. Torgy & Co. sur. No. 49; thence, with south line of said sur. No. 49, 1900 vrs. west to its S. W. cor. and S. E. cor. of Gooch & Lockhart Sur. No. 50; thence north 1900 vrs. with west line of said sur. No. 49 and west line of M. E. Grenweize Sur. No. 713, to the N. W. cor. of said sur. No. 713; thence west 64 vrs. the S. W. cor. of I & G. N. R. Co. sur. No. 852 1/2; thence north, with west line of said survey No. 852 1/2, a distance of 475 vrs. to its N. W. cor.; thence east 64 vrs. the S. W. cor. of A. Weinheimer Sur. No. 852; thence north 475 vrs. with west line of said sur. No. 852, to S. W. cor. of sur. No. 724, John Lumburg; thence north 950 vrs. to N. W. cor. of said sur. No. 724; thence east 950 vrs. to N. E. cor. of said sur. No. 724 and S. W. cor. of F. & M. sur. No. 417; thence north 950 vrs., with west line of F. & M. sur. No. 417, to the N. E. cor. of Draub sur. No. 74, excepting, however, a one acre tract of said sur. No. 417 owned by Mrs. Lola Hofmann; thence west 950 vrs. with north line of sur. No. 74 and south line of H. Dechert sur. No. 73; thence north 950 vrs. to the middle of north line of H. Dechert sur. No. 73, a stake the S. W. cor. of F. & M. sur. No. 389 1/2, thence west 950 vrs., with north line of said sur. No. 73, to its N. W. cor. in east line of I. R. R. Co. Sur. No. 55; thence north 950 vrs., with east line of said sur. No. 55, to its N. E. cor. and S. E. cor. of G. W. Bird sur. No. 56; thence west 1900 vrs. with south line of said sur. No. 56 to its S. W. cor.; thence north 1900 vrs. with west line of said sur. No. 56 to its N. W. cor.; thence north 950 vrs. with west line of said sur. No. 56 to its N. E. cor. of G. W. Bird sur. No. 189 and N. E. cor. of A. Bauer sur. No. 66; thence west 1900 vrs. with north line of said Bauer sur. No. 66 and Bauer sur. No. 65 to the N. W. cor. of said sur. No. 65 and S. W. cor. of V. A. & M. C. Co., sur. No. 358; thence north 950 vrs. with west line of said sur. No. 358 in east line of C. Crosby sur. No. 155; thence west 376 vrs. cross said sur. No. 155 the S. E. cor. of A. Bolender sur. No. 28; thence north 1900 vrs. with east line of said sur. No. 28 to its N. E. cor. in south line of F. Von Doering sur. No. 821; thence west with south line of said sur. No. 821 a distance of 100 vrs. to its S. W. cor. and the S. E. cor. of Schuler Sur. No. 476; thence west 850 vrs. with south line of said sur. No. 476 to its S. W. cor. and S. E. cor. of J. J. Schmidt sur. No. 477; thence north 1400 vrs. with east line of sur. No. 477 to its N. E. cor.; thence west 1630 vrs. with north line of said sur. No. 477 to its N. W. cor.; thence south 600 vrs. to a S. E. cor. of John Davis sur. No. 28; thence west 522 vrs. with south line of said sur. No. 28 to its S. W. cor.; thence north 1616 vrs. with west line of said sur. No. 28 to an inner cor. of said sur. No. 28; thence west 1014 vrs. to the south cor. of Sebastian Reh sur. No. 833; thence north 35 degrees, west 1250 vrs. with a side of said sur. No. 833; thence north 55 degrees, east 98 vrs. to the south cor. of H. & G. N. R. Co. sur. No. 945; thence North 2320 vrs. with west line of said sur. No. 945 to its N. E. cor. in south line of A. B. & M. sur. No. 89; thence west 1900 vrs. with south line of A. B. & M. sur. No. 89 and south line of H. & G. N. R. Co. sur. No. 943 to S. W. cor. of said sur. No. 943; thence north with west line of said sur. No. 943 at 1900 vrs. its N. W. cor. and S. W. cor. of C. Crosby sur. No. 944 at 3800 vrs. N. W. cor. of said sur. No. 944 and S. E. cor. of C. I. Co. sur. No. 89; thence west 1900 vrs. with south line of sur. No. 89 to S. W. cor.; thence north 1900 vrs. with west line of said sur. No. 89 to N. W. cor. of said sur. No. 89 and N. E. cor. of F. W. Dobritz sur. No. 63; thence west at 950 vrs. N. W. cor. of said sur. No. 63 and N. E. cor. of E. Glass sur. No. 64 at 1900 vrs. N. W. cor. of said sur. No. 64 and N. E. cor. of I. R. R. Co. sur. No. 49 at 2850 vrs. N. W. cor. of said sur. No. 49 and N. E. cor. of J. P. Yoas sur. No. 50 at 3800 vrs. N. W. cor. of said sur. No. 50 and N. E. cor. of F. Jacoby sur. No. 66 at 4750 vrs. N. W.

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cor. of said sur. No. 66 and N. E. cor. of G. W. T. & P. R. Co. sur. No. 115 at 5700 vrs. N. W. cor. of said sur. No. 115 and N. E. cor. of Elsie Reeves sur. No. 116 at 6660 vrs. N. W. cor. of A. V. D. Co. sur. No. 605 at 7090 vrs. N. W. cor. of said sur. No. 605 and S. W. cor. of A. Schuler sur. No. 68; thence north 670 vrs. with west line of said sur. No. 68 to the south bank of the San Saba River; thence up the river with its meanders at 950 vrs. pass the N. W. cor. of H. Miller sur. No. 69 at 1900 vrs. pass the N. W. cor. of J. Priess sur. No. 70 at 2850 vrs. pass the N. W. cor. of B. F. Cabron sur. No. 71 at 3800 vrs. pass the N. W. cor. of F. Doebler sur. No. 72, said N. W. cor. of said sur. No. 72 being 167 1/2 vrs. west of the Menard county line; thence, beginning at that point where the Menard County line crosses the south bank of the Llano River, north with said Menard County line 1446 vrs. to the north line of L. Brunne sur. No. 250, said point being 323.8 vrs. west of the N. E. cor. of said sur.; thence north 1900 vrs. with the Menard County line to the north line of J. T. Kerr sur. No. 46 in south line of J. C. Meckels sur. No. 245; thence north 860.8 vrs. to the intersection of the Menard County line with the McCulloch County line on said sur. No. 245 the N. W. cor. of Mason County, Texas; thence east, following McCulloch County line, at 317 vrs. the east line of said sur. No. 245, at 2217 vrs. the east line of Andrew Allsup sur. No. 72 1/2, at 3167 vrs. the east line of W. Theiss sur. No. 254, at 4117 vrs. the east line of W. Theiss sur. No. 255, at 6017 vrs. the east line of Max Martin sur. No. 118, at 6967 vrs. the east line of C. Koepsel sur. No. 260, at 7917 vrs. the east line of Koepsel sur. No. 263, at 9817 vrs. the east line of L. Schultze sur. No. 301, at 12317 vrs. the east line of H. & G. N. R. Co. sur. No. 19, at 13100 vrs. the east line of Decker pre-emption sur. No. 40, at 14050 vrs. the east line of C. Hubner sur. No. 88, at 15000 vrs. the east line of C. Hubner sur. No. 89, at 16,900 vrs. the east line of Wm. Schmidt sur. No. 194, at 17850 vrs. the east line of W. Krone sur. No. 92, at 18800 vrs. the east line of W. Krone sur. No. 95, at 19750 vrs. the place of beginning. Said election was ordered by the Commissioners' Court of Mason County, Texas on the 24th day of February, A. D. 1921 and this notice is issued pursuant to said order.

Witness my hand and the seal of the County Clerk of Mason County, Texas at office in Mason, Texas this 25th day of February, A. D. 1921.
R. E. LEE,
County Clerk, Mason County, Texas.

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Take in the picture show at the Star Opera House each Tuesday, Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 7:45 sharp.

County Attorney Roscoe Runge and bride returned home last Saturday, after an absence of several days in San Antonio and Austin.

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Local friends of H. Zork, of San Antonio, but formerly a resident and merchant of Mason, will be pleased to learn that he is on the road to recovery, after a recent medical operation.

The News is informed of a recent accident to Mrs. D. D. Camp, of Douglas, Arizona, in which she received painful injuries while entering a business store of that city, she was knocked down by a swinging door and an ankle and a knee were severely hurt. Mrs. Camp will be remembered in Mason as Miss Katie Doole.

E. M. Womack and family were over from Brady for a visit with relatives and friends last Saturday and Sunday.



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TRIMS EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS

Forty-Seven Items Cut From List and Appropriations Cut Down \$371,920.

Austin, Tex.—After having applied the pruning knife to the extent of \$371,920 the governor Saturday approved the emergency appropriation bill passed at the regular session of the 37th legislature.

The bill as originally passed carried a total of \$1,086,205 and after the governor had disapproved 47 items in the bill it carried a total of \$714,285.

In disapproving these 47 items the governor stated in a statement to the secretary of state that some of these items which were vetoed were for departments "which had extravagantly

spent the annual appropriations." This is a list of the 47 items vetoed by the governor:

To repair steps at west end of capitol, \$1200; to repair and paint dome of capitol, \$12,000; for outside painting of windows and doors at capitol, \$2700; general inside repairs to capitol, \$20,000; to pay off state bonds numbers 1, 3, 10, 11, \$107,500; to supplement appropriation of \$2000 heretofore made for monument to Joanna Troutman, \$2266; for new roof on power plant, epileptic colony \$6500; to rebuild barn to replace one destroyed by fire, epileptic colony \$5000; for traveling expenses for parole work including \$150 for traveling expenses of superintendent to attend conference of social workers to be held in Milwaukee; girls training school \$500; for repairs and improvements, deaf, dumb and blind for colored, \$500; to supplement salaries, deaf, dumb and blind for colored, \$1144; to pay state's part for hard surfacing street in front of Confederate Home property, Confederate Home \$153; stationery, juvenile training school, \$150; books and school supplies, juvenile training school, \$500; to purchase delivery car, state orphans home, \$600; for repairs, etc., Texas school for the blind, \$500; supplies for laundry, Texas school for the blind, \$250; books for library, state library, \$500; furniture and fixtures, insurance and banking department, \$1500; employment of physicians and expenses incident to examination, industrial accident board, \$750; for salary of one stenographer for six months at \$125 per month, industrial accident board, \$750; for one extra clerk for six months at \$100 per month, industrial accident board, \$600; for traveling expenses of high school supervisors department of education, \$1100; for repairing roofs on buildings at Camp Mabry adjutant general's department, \$1500; for lining vault, state treasurer's department, \$25,000; for cement curb for driveway in park and to repair concrete fence, Fannin State Park \$1750; to erect a fence around keeper's cottage, tool house and for other repairs about keeper's cottage, Fannin State Park, \$500; concrete floor for pavilion, San Jacinto State Park, \$1000; to construct open sheds in park, San Jacinto State Park, \$300; to build wharf 240 feet long, San Jacinto State Park, \$3500; entire appropriation made to the game, fish and oyster commission of Texas, consisting of 14 separate items, aggregating \$3264; for general overhauling, repairs and refitting governor's mansion, \$5000; traveling expenses of commissioner, or representatives outside of the state, department of agriculture, \$200; for fire protection, including insurance, inside improvements, repairs to buildings, machine shops, light, heat, power and fuel, and printing of official documents, Grubb's Vocational College, \$4000; for maintenance of the steam plant, Prairie View Normal, \$20,000; inside improvements John Tarlton College, \$500; farm fencing, John Tarlton College, \$1000; for equipping mechanical engineering building A. and M. College, \$25,000; for the erection of extension building to be complete, A. and M. College, \$30,000; to repair and remodel Gathright Hall to be used as boys' dormitory A. and M. College, \$10,000; vocational homes economics, Southwest Texas

Normal College, \$3000; for cafeteria, Sam Houston Normal Institute, \$608; three emergency clerks at \$100 per month at one-half time, comptroller's department, \$1000; salaries of two special examiners for seven months to be under the supervision of the chief auditor of the comptroller's office, \$200 per month, each, comptroller's department, \$2800; traveling expenses of same, comptroller's department, \$2,000; for traveling expenses of traveling inspector of the commission in the discharge of official duties rendered the public by the railroads, railroad commission, \$1575; for stationery, printing and publishing, markets and warehouse department, \$1500.

Another Big Fire at Breckenridge.

Breckenridge, Tex.—For the third time within the last three months, block 13, in which is located the Josele well, was destroyed by fire Sunday, entailing a loss of approximately \$100,000.

Kansas Man Appointed.

Washington—Edward C. Finney of Kansas, was given a recess appointment by President Harding Thursday as first assistant secretary of the interior.

Texas News

Another dipping vat was blown up in the Manchester community north of Clarksville recently.

The port of Texas City handled a total of 1,132,457 barrels of oil during the month of February, according to a report of port officials.

Governor Neff has appointed C. O. Hamlin of Breckenridge to be judge of the fifty-ninth district court, vice G. O. Batman of Breckenridge, resigned.

The commissioners court of Caldwell County has ordered that the work of dipping cattle for the eradication of the fever tick be continued in the county.

The Wharton County road bonds, voted more than a year ago, have at last been sold and the amount of \$633,000 is on deposit in the three county banks.

The 1922 convention of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association will be held at Fort Worth, delegates so voted at the convention in San Antonio's last week.

The state board of control has announced that the prices of merchandise are still too high to justify long contract, and the board is buying in the open market and will continue to do so through this fiscal year.

Several carloads of cane, Sudan grass and other forage crop seed have been shipped to Luling. It is estimated that fully twice as much acreage will be planted in crops of this kind this year than ever before.

Announcement has been made by President J. S. Althart that the Lavaca County Farmers' Union would convene at Yoakum April 4 for the purpose of discussing problems confronting the farmers at this time.

The attorney general's department has approved the following bond issues: Palestine permanent street bonds, \$250,000, maturing in 40 years, with 10-year option, 5 1/2 per cent interest; Mineral Wells waterworks, \$200,000 serially, 6 per cent.

Railroads in Texas Saturday began applying the 35 per cent increase in interstate traffic rates as approved by the interstate commerce commission. The 35 per cent increase is 1 1/3 per

cent higher than was awarded by the Texas railroad commission.

The four-mile shelling on the road from Placedo to the Calhoun County line on the Victoria-Port Lavaca road has been completed, and now gives a solid stretch of shell road from Placedo to Port Lavaca, with the road from Victoria to Placedo being gravelled.

A credit of 6 per cent on the final rate of insurance on account of good fire record for the past three years has been granted to city of Houston by the state fire insurance commission. This credit applies on all policies written on or after March 1, 1921, and expires on February 28, 1922.

Liquor permits issued through the controller's department to physicians, manufacturers and druggists under the Dean prohibition law are considerably fewer this year than in 1920. Last year the total number of permits issued was 1650 compared to 1035 so far this year, showing a decrease of 612 this year.

According to the latest government reports, Texas stands second in the value of live stock, E. M. Johnston of the bureau of crop estimate stated this week. The value of live stock in this state is set at \$435,000,000. Iowa ranks first with a valuation of \$437,000,000. Illinois is third, Missouri fourth and Wisconsin fifth.

The state board of education on Tuesday announced another per capita apportionment of \$2 of the available school fund, making a total of \$6 per capita so far apportioned during the month of March. The total per capita apportionment for this scholastic year was \$14.50, and only \$5.50 remains to be apportioned.

The attorney general's department has approved a \$1,000,000 issue of special road bonds of Eastland County, series D, maturing serially and bearing 5 1/2 per cent interest. Other bond issues approved are: Camp County, special road bonds, \$400,000, series C, serially, 5 1/2 per cent; Camp County special road bonds, \$35,000, series B, serially, 5 per cent.

Many violations of the law with reference to the sale of butter in less than one-pound cartons are being reported by inspectors of weights and measures. Estimates given indicate that the annual sale of butter in Texas is about 16,000,000 pounds. If sold in packages averaging a shortage of one ounce, this would indicate a loss to the consumer of 1,000,000 pounds of butter a year.

The architecture and construction of the buildings of the sanitarium near Kerrville for care and treatment of tubercular Texas soldiers are up to date in every particular, and the site and the plant are well adapted for the purpose intended, according to S. B. Cowell, chairman, and A. R. Johnson, of the board of control, who made a trip of inspection to the plant. Chairman Cowell said that the present plant, as soon as equipment was provided, would take care of sixty-six patients.

SOME OLD LONDON THEATERS

District of Shoreditch Had the First Building Erected for Purely Dramatic Purposes.

There was a time, shortly after the first theater was opened in London, when the opposition to the new form of entertainment was so great that an ordinance was passed by parliament for the compulsory closing of these "palaces of amusement," and making it a crime to be present as a spectator at a play.

This was in 1642, when only two theaters existed in London. The first building specially erected for dramatic purposes was built by an actor.

For Torpid Liver

"Black-Draught is, in my opinion, the best liver medicine on the market," states Mrs. R. H. Whiteside, of Keota, Okla. She continues: "I had a pain in my chest after eating—tight, uncomfortable feeling—and this was very disagreeable and brought on headache. I was constipated and knew it was indigestion and inactive liver. I began the use of Black-Draught, night and morning, and it sure is splendid and certainly gives relief."

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James Burbage, at Shoreditch, in 1576, and called the Theater. A year or so later a second theater known as the Curten was opened, also at Shoreditch, and these two playhouses catered to London audiences until the suppression of the theaters. When plays were once more permitted several new theaters opened, including the Globe, at Southwark, which was built by James Burbage, the Rose and the Blackfriars and Whitefriars theaters. Probably the most luxurious of these early theaters was the Fortune, built by Edward Alleyn, an actor, in 1599, and so christened because it cost its owner the then fabulous sum, including the ground it stood on, of £1320. The only illumination during the performance was that afforded by candlelight, gas being unknown until 1817, when the first performance by gaslight was given at Drury Lane.

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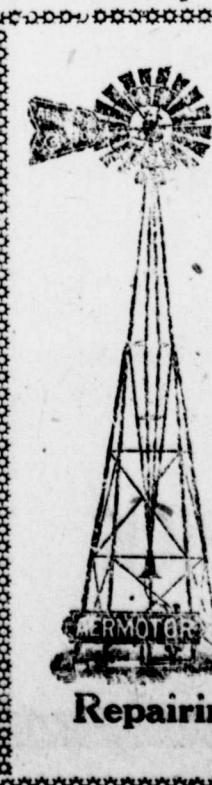
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FREDONIA ITEMS

(By Green Leaf.)

Another good rain fell here Friday night.

Miss Elma Ellison who has been sick the past week, was carried to the hospital at Temple Saturday for an operation.

Mrs. Tom Horn went to Temple Saturday.

The young folks of this community were entertained Friday night with a party at Chas. Longley's.

We are having some very cold weather this week.

A goat-roping contest was held in Fredonia Saturday afternoon. Mike Jennings took the prize.

Robert George visited in Mason Monday.

Most of the corn is up, and looking pretty.

Mr. Orbie Precies is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Marvin Burns is in Voca this week.

NEWS FROM STREETER

(By California Poppy.)

Corn is looming up beautifully now. In a few days, some will be big enough to plow.

A nice rain fell here last Friday night.

Ollie Martin was a visitor in Streeter Saturday evening.

Several people from here were in Mason Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kensing visited in the home of W. H. Hanson Saturday night.

Mr. Mastin made a nice talk at the school house Sunday night, which was appreciated by those present.

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MASON COUNTY NEWS.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE

Notice is hereby given that the Perry Telephone Company, having its principal places of business at Fredonia and Voca, Texas, will after proper notice of intention to incorporate, apply to the Secretary of the State of Texas for a charter to incorporate said Company under the name of the Perry Telephone Company.

J. R. PERRY, SR.
 J. R. PERRY, JR.
 G. C. PERRY.

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

Mrs. O. H. Mebus and daughter, Mrs. Mike Jennings, left Sunday for Austin, where Mrs. Mebus will remain under the care of Dr. Gilbert a short time and later will undergo a medical operation.

Will Ellebracht passed through Mason the latter part of last week en route for San Antonio, after a business trip to Junction.

Second hand car bargains—Runge and look them over. L. F. Eckert, Garage.

Mrs. Chas. Lange has accepted the position of local manager for the Central Texas Telephone Company which has its offices in the upper story of the Gooch Building.

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 9, at 11 o'clock. The ladies extend you an invitation to patronize them on this occasion.

Mrs. Martin D. Loring was hostess to the Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian Church last Friday afternoon.

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

Don't fail to see "The Victim" at the Star Opera House next Saturday night. It is a thrilling drama of mystery and surprise.

FIDO

By JOSEPHINE MURPHY.

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 It was Betty who lugged him home, to the intense disgust and, indeed, against the express command of mademoiselle.

"What a brute!" shuddered the governess. "Betty, do not touch him."

"Poor little puppy; was he dirty and hungry and wet, and had they been throwing stones at him?" cooed Betty, lifting the dragged, yellow cur from the sidewalk and holding him against her warm little heart.

Mademoiselle reported Betty's disobedience to Ruth, who ruled the big house and the little sister with the grave severity of twenty-two. But for once Ruth did not decree stringent punishment.

"Oh, let her keep it," she said. "One dog more or less—what does it matter?"

"Mees Ruth grow gentle all of a sudden," confided mademoiselle to Mr. Stanley's secretary, when next she met that young man. "An' I know de reason. She would like to 'ave 'er own way, yes; an' so she give 'er little sister 'er own way. Miss Ruth want to marry dat—vat is 'ees name?—dat Jimmy Woodford, an' 'er papa, 'e say nevaire. For dat Jimmy Woodford's fader made 'ees money—'ow Mistaire Black?"

"Ran a lottery," replied Mr. Black tersely. "Mr. Stanley is quite right. For his daughter to allow herself with a family of that kind would be a social crime."

"Oh!" said mademoiselle, narrowing her eyes and surveying young Mr. Black quizzically. "An' Mistaire Stanley never was dishonest in 'es family?"

"Never," declared young Mr. Black, loyally.

Mademoiselle turned to the window to conceal a skepticism and an amusement which were, perhaps, merely radical. Through the glass the little new dog was visible, gambolling about the stable. The older dogs were looking gravely on.

Before the end of the week he had won his place among them. Daily washings did wonders for his personal appearance; daily food filled out the hollows between his ribs. He learned eventually to respond to the name Betty gave him—Fido.

When Fido had been an inmate of the Stanley household for two weeks, he came tugging at Betty's skirts one morning. She followed where he led, and he revealed to her the hiding place of a fine, juicy chop. He wagged his tail and awaited her word of commendation. He seemed astonished and downcast when she gave him a scolding instead.

He was an incorrigible thief. Food was his plunder, and no kitchen sill in the whole neighborhood was safe from him after he learned the way to and from his own home. But of all the provisions in the region, he preferred the Woodfords'.

One week-end as they were walking along toward the farm they were accosted by a blind man.

"Excuse me, ma'am," he said, "but you are talking of dogs. I have lost my dog."

"When did you lose him?" asked mademoiselle.

"About two months ago."
 "We found a dog about that time," said mademoiselle again.

"If you will come this evening," said mademoiselle, "Mistaire Stanley he will see you about de dog." Then she and Betty moved on, leaving the old man muttering to himself.

The conference on Fido was almost over. Betty, swollen-eyed and resentful, and Ruth, dignified and regretful, sat together on the library lounge. Their father and the old man confronted each other across the table. The old man had confessed being arrested for vagrancy on the day Betty found Fido, and that he had spent two months in jail.

"Really," began Mr. Stanley, leaping upon the opportunity for preaching. "I scarcely know how to say it, but theft is theft, whether one commits it with one's hands or with one's dog."

"Theft is theft, is it?" retorted the old man. "Oh, I guess you don't always call it that. It's thieving all right when a blind man's dog snatches him a chop; but what about a big railroad robber who forces down the price of stock until he ruins the small holders so that he may buy it again? Your father, Mr. Stanley, was a financier."

"If it wasn't for him I'd be well off today. Read the old papers and see what they said of your father 30 years ago."

"If you can prove that," said Mr. Stanley, "I'll do something for you."

"I can," responded the blind man. "I have the documents and shall furnish them tomorrow."

The door had closed upon the old man.

"Why, Ruth!" exclaimed Mr. Stanley, "what do you find to make you so

If you want a good bull for your herd, get a Premier Ranch Registered Hereford Bull. They are accredited as being free from tuberculosis and are guaranteed against death from black leg. A good bull is half your herd. Ten bulls and five cows, two of which, have calves, from the Premier Ranch herd, will be sold at public auction in Mason on Saturday afternoon, April 9th. Elgin O. Kothmann.

Jovial? Does your grandfather's—er—reproach—

Ruth hid her brilliant face against his sleeve. "It's lovely to be no better than other people!" she said.

Her father gazed at her in bewilderment, but she did not stop to explain. She hastened to the telephone to bid Mr. James Woodford take courage. She made certain occult reference to the comparative blackness of the pot and the kettle, hearing which, the son of the ex-lottery chief laughed a deep laugh of content.

And only Betty wept for the loss of Fido.

HAVE BEER ALWAYS ON "TAP"

Beverage Free to All Members of African Tribe, but Little Drunkenness is Reported.

Among the Madi or Moru tribes of the White Nile in Africa, there exists a form of municipal brewery that would make a great hit among the thirsty in America. A special house is set aside for it, and all the women of the tribe spend part of their time in making beer from millet seed. White men who have tasted it declare it to be a first-rate drink of fine flavor and heady results. The beer is kept in enormous jars, and to each jar is attached a number of gourd dippers. The beer is free to anyone or everyone, the only restriction being that it be drunk in the brewery and not with meals. In spite of this freedom the tribe members seldom get drunk.

To make sure their women will stay on as brew-masters and not go running off with other men from nearby tribes, the girls are taken when ten or twelve years old and laid on the ground while a sharp stone is used to pry and knock out the four upper and lower incisors. The resulting effect is anything but beautiful—as the intention was. The clothing of the women consists of a string worn around the waist, and changed only when it gets so dirty that it cannot be seen against the dark skin.—Detroit News.

The Human Species.

The human species, according to the best theory I can form of it, is composed of two distinct races, the men who borrow and the men who lend. To these original diversities may be reduced all those impertinent classifications of Gothic and Celtic tribes, white men, black men, red men. All the dwellers upon the earth, Parthians, Medes and Elamites, flock hither and do fall in naturally with one or the other distinction. The infinite superiority of the former, which I choose to designate as the great race, is discernible in figure, port and a certain instinctive sovereignty. The latter are born degraded. He shall serve his brethren. There is something in the air of one of this cast, lean and suspicious; contrasting with the open, generous manners of the other.—Charles Lamb.

Credit Belongs to Franklin.

Everybody knows that the versatile Franklin was the originator of many things. But few realize that he was the first American cartoonist. "Join or Die," the familiar sketch of the chopped-up serpent, with each piece representing one of the Colonies, was entirely the work of Franklin. Even the cutting of the type-metal was done by his own hands. This first newspaper cartoon appeared in the Pennsylvania Gazette, May 9, 1754, and was a device for urging united action upon the Colonies at the time of the French and Indian wars. It may be noted also that he engraved a map of the siege of Louisburg and published it in the Gazette. This is said to have been the earliest attempt at illustrating news.—Asa Don Dickinson in New York Times.

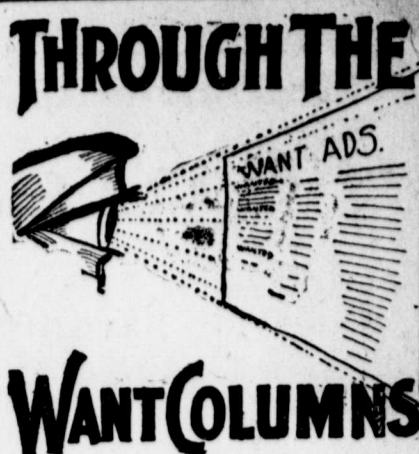
Weight of Air.

Until very recently nobody knew how much air weighed.

We cannot see the air, and, except when the wind blows, we do not feel it. Hence it seems to us to have almost no substance.

Yet it is a rather substantial fluid. When it moves at a rate of one hundred miles an hour it uproots great forest trees and throws the waters of the ocean into turmoil. If our bodies were empty of air the pressure of the atmosphere surrounding us would crush us to an immediate pulp.

A room ten feet long, ten feet wide and ten feet high contains 75 pounds of air.



WANT COLUMNS

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I would like to buy all of the Whipperwill peas Mason County farmers raised the past year. Will pay highest market price for them.

A. L. HAMRICK.

If you will investigate the price on our Grain Threshing Machinery, you will decide you can not afford to take a chance on losing your grain by weather conditions, waiting for some one to come along to do your threshing. SAN ANTONIO MACHINE & SUPPLY COMPANY

2-2tp. San Antonio, Texas.

LOST—Between my home and Art, Texas, a black fur scarf. Finder, please leave at News office or notify Mrs. Ernest F. Willmann.

WHIPPERWILL PEAS for sale at 4c per pound. Arthur Baxter, Katonney. 2-2tp.

FOUND—Lady's wrist watch, near school building. Owner may have same by identifying it and paying for this ad. See Ivy Lee Shearer.

FOR SALE—My store and postoffice and 1-2 acre lot; also 8 acres with good house and barn on it. Howard Allen, Write G. L. Allen, Streeter, Texas.

GUN FOUND—Owner may have same by applying at this office, describing same and paying for this notice. 52

Sweet Potato Plants
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