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NEW HIGH WATER MARK FOR SAN SABA RIVER

(San Saba News)

All former high water marks are blotted out along the San Saba river and desolation, wreck and ruin are painted on the face of the valley. As the News goes to press the people have not started to rally from the shock. At two o'clock Wednesday the water is receding slowly and telephone reports bring the news that another big rise is on the way from the Brady and Menard sections.

Three big rains have fallen this week. The first Monday afternoon, again Monday night and then the veritable cloudburst Tuesday night. The Tuesday night storm struck San Saba about 10 o'clock and for two hours the rain fell in torrents. This was accompanied by a strong north wind, which at some times reached the proportions of a cyclone.

The full impact of the flood was not realized in San Saba until about 4 o'clock Wednesday morning, when the people of the town were aroused and called to help the people from the valley north of the railroad had come out early, but a few felt secure and some were sleeping soundly as the mad waters crept around the house and up over the floors. In Lindley Addition the water stood on most of the houses half way between the floor and the roof, many of them being submerged to the roof completely. The Light plant was put out of commission about 4:30 and the town found itself in total darkness.

Fortunately no lives were lost, but the stock and farm damage is incalculable. There has been no train from Lometa or from Eden today.

At Harkeyville the report comes that the water is near four feet above the flood of 1899. Wednesday morning about 9 o'clock the railroad dump at Harkeyville gave way.

No one will attempt yet to estimate the damage. The fuel oil tanks at the Light plant and at the Childress Mill were washed away and it will take several thousand dollars to replace the damage to these two plants alone. All along the valley the houses are showing only to roofs, lots of stock have been drowned and thousands of dollars worth of feed has been swept away. Fences are down and the new crops are a complete loss. Henry Schultz and family on Wallace creek spent the night in trees.

In San Saba town more than 200 people are homeless.

S. J. THORNE RETURNED HOME FROM BROWNWOOD LAST WEEK

Mr. S. J. Thorne, who was called to Brownwood last week to the bedside of his daughter, Mrs. H. C. Durst, returned home last Thursday afternoon. He stated he left Mrs. Durst some improved, but according to physicians her condition is considered to be such that might prove serious very rapidly should a change for the worse occur.

Mr. Thorne says Mrs. Durst is suffering from a growth over her heart and an X-ray examination revealed the fact that the growth has been growing in size very rapidly. Physicians seem to think there is danger of this growth breaking and causing instant death, but with special care and precaution, are holding out hopes for her recovery. He stated physicians have ordered her to remain perfectly quiet to prevent any excitement which might cause the growth to enlarge or that would cause it to break. It is believed her condition is such that will require her to remain in bed under special treatment and care for a period of at least three months even should she get along nicely.

After having received about all the rain that could conveniently be carried off by the creeks and rivers of the county last week up to Wednesday at noon, we have had still more rain since.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Haines, who live in the Peters Prairie community, was operated on Wednesday at the local sanitarium and reports are that she is doing nicely.

O. H. HOLLOWAY FOR SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR

In this week's News the name of O. H. Holloway appears in the announcement column as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Mason County, subject to the Democratic Primaries. Mr. Holloway is a resident of the Fredonia section and for the past few years has carried the mail from Fredonia to Mason. He was born and reared in the county and is a man of splendid habits and of worthy character. He feels he is competent in every way to fill the office to which he aspires and assures the public of exerting every effort towards making a dutiful official should he be elected.

Mr. Holloway solicits the support and influence of the voters of the county in behalf of his candidacy and asks an investigation as to his ability and character.

COMMERCIAL CLUB PLANS TWO DAY FAIR & EXHIBIT FOR FALL

At the regular meeting of the Mason Commercial Club, which was held Monday night in the office of Judge Banks, in the court house, it was decided by that body to begin now to lay plans for the holding of a two days' fair and exhibit in Mason in the early fall. It will be remembered that an event of this nature was held in Mason last fall and an unusual amount of interest and enthusiasm was created. The affair brought about much favorable comment and the community School Exhibits were so splendid and complete that it was then determined to hold a similar exhibit this fall, but to hold it early enough that a county exhibit could be selected and sent to represent Mason county at the State Fair at Dallas. In this connection a committee was appointed to begin to make arrangements and plans for the holding of the event and to encourage interest on the part of farmers and stockmen of the county. The committee is composed of W. I. Marschall, Geo. Moneyhon, M. D. Loring, W. M. Martin and K. M. Eckert.

The club gave the local baseball team permission to use the canvas for fencing in the baseball grounds this season, with the understanding that the canvas might be called in by the club at any time its members saw fit to do so.

A matter pertaining to some land that belongs to the county near Hedwigs Hill river crossing, but which is fenced in, was brought up for discussion and it was decided to appoint a committee to go before the County Commissioners Court next Monday and ask that they investigate the fencing in of this property and to ascertain if the land might not be opened for the benefit of campers and others that desire to get to the river at this point. The land referred to is situated on the right hand side of the road as one approaches the bridge from this side of the river. The committee appointed to go before the court on this matter is composed of Chas. Bierschwale, H. S. Wood and J. S. King.

LAST WEEK'S RAIN CAUSED MUCH LOSS TO RANCH BRANCH

The rains of last week were heavier in the Ranch Branch section than in any other portion of the county, according to reports given out here last Saturday. A number of parties reported the rain so heavy and the downpour so steady in that community that the creeks and branches made new records for high water. In a number of instances stock was drowned and it is said practically all fences had to be rebuilt as a result of the rains and high water. Farmers report their fields were lakes of water and all signs of cultivation were swept away.

J. W. Coffey stated that practically all of the farmers would have to replant all crops. J. W. Alexander stated that the rain of Tuesday night was accompanied with much hail and told of having all of the pains beaten out of a window at his home.

It is stated that C. E. and Frank Vandever were losers of some drowned stock and the report is also that about thirty head of goats on the Wm. Hofmann ranch were drowned.

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RAINS CONTINUE TO FALL IN THIS SECTION

Last week the News carried statistics on the rainfall for this vicinity for the week, including all rains up to Wednesday at noon. Since that time we have had 2.30 inches, according to the gauge at the Mason National Bank. The rains fell as follows: Wednesday night, .62; Sunday, .89; Tuesday, .79. The total precipitation for the year up to this time already exceeds the total for the year of 1921.

MASON COUNTY WOLF CLUB INCREASES BOUNTY ON PUPS

C. D. McMillan, secretary for the Mason County Wolf Club, advises us that at a meeting of the board of directors of the association, which was held last Saturday afternoon, it was decided to increase the amount of the bounty offered for wolf pups. The bounty for pups has been \$2.50, but at the meeting Saturday the board raised the amount to \$10, and the new bounty became effective on the first of May, according to Mr. McMillan.

The secretary was not in a position to give us a full report on the amount paid out up to date in time for this week's issue of the News, but promised us this data for next week.

FIVE LYCEUM ATTRACTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR IS REPORT

It is announced that the local Parent-Teachers' Association has signed up a contract for the presenting of a number of Lyceum attractions at this place during the coming session of school.

The News is not familiar with details concerning this report, but we are informed the course will consist of five numbers and will be of high class and educational talent and that arrangements are that the numbers will be presented at various times during the year.

DAUGHTER OF J. C. KELSO DIED FOLLOWING OPERATION

Little Miss Lillie Kelso, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kelso, of the Wagram community, died at the local sanitarium on Tuesday night of this week, following an operation which was performed earlier in the day for appendicitis.

It is said the little body was taken to the Wagram cemetery for interment Wednesday afternoon.

SAN ANGELO TO SAN ANTONIO BUS LINE NOW OPERATING

The San Angelo to San Antonio Bus Line, which was put into operation under the management and supervision of J. W. Owens, made its initial trip the latter part of last week. It is the intention of Mr. Owens to have a double daily service out of Mason each day to both cities, but he says that the condition of the roads at this time will not permit the inaugurating of this service at this time. Because of high water and washouts along the route north of here from the heavy rains of last week, Mr. Owens says the roads are almost impassable and it would be unwise to attempt to give maximum service of the line under such conditions.

CLEAN TOWN CLUB SETS CLEANING AND HAULING DAYS

The News has been requested to announce that the Clean Town Club of Mason has set next Thursday, May 11th, as a day for cleaning up in our little city and has also set Friday, May 12th, as a day for the wagon to go around and remove the trash and rubbish after it has been put in piles. The club asks that the residents of Mason co-operate with it in observing these days and also requests that the trash be placed in as convenient places as possible for the wagon.

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LOCAL TRUSTEES ELECT A NUMBER OF TEACHERS FOR NEXT YR.

It is stated the local board of School Trustees met last Monday night and among the business disposed of included the electing of eight teachers for the next term of school. D. F. Lehmburg, secretary of the board, stated Wednesday that the teachers who have been elected have until the 12th of this month to accept and he also said that the board has yet to elect three teachers; one for the high school and two for the grades. Superintendent Bennett was re-elected a short time ago and it is said the board already has his acceptance.

The instructors elected Monday night are L. W. Dumas, Misses Theresa Klapproth, Grace Phillips, Mayme Doell, Jessie Roark, Winnie Walker, Marie Brockman, Bettle Tribble.

LOCAL BASEBALL TEAM TO OPEN SEASON SATURDAY

The baseball team of Mason is ready for the staging of their first game of the season on next Saturday afternoon. The game will be played with a team representing Willow Creek or what is known as the Polk Community north of town.

Through liberal donations from local business firms and individuals the local baseball club has been enabled to erect some bleacher seats and make some other noticeable improvements on the local diamond. The canvas which was bought several years ago for the purpose of fencing in the diamond will be used this season and a gate admission will be charged for all games played.

It seems that the players, as well as the local enthusiasts, are showing more interest in baseball this season than for several years and from all indications, Mason will have a good team to represent the town. While the team has not been definitely selected, there are about twenty candidates trying for positions on the team and all of them are making a good showing. In next Saturday's game, it is likely most of the candidates will be given a trial in the lineup. Alf Polk, who is one of the best pitchers in the county, resides in the Willow Creek section and will in all probability occupy the mound for the visitors in Saturday's game, although Alf will be used by the locals this season when Mason plays with teams from other towns. Just who will pitch for the locals in Saturday's contest is not decided, but Harold Zesch, Henry Saunders and Robert Zesch will likely be called on for pitching duty. Emil Payne and Herbert Pluenneke are also candidates for pitchers and then "Big Boy" Shearer is eligible for the box and can be used if needed, but his ability as a maskman will not permit figuring him as a slabsman.

The game next Saturday will be started at 3:30 o'clock and an admission of ten cents will be charged. The ball park has been arranged so that a limited number of autos may be admitted, but a charge of 25 cents will be assessed against autos parking inside of the canvas. This charge will come extra as all occupants of the car will be expected to pay the ten cent entrance fee also.

SAN SABA AND LLANO RIVERS ON RISES AGAIN WEDNESDAY

Reports here Wednesday were that the Llano and San Saba rivers were each on another rise from the rains of Tuesday night. It is said the Llano again ran over the Hedwigs Hill bridge and a rumor on the street was to the effect that the San Saba was on a pretty good rise and the low water bridge at Camp San Saba had been washed away at the north end. No Brady mail was received here yesterday and it is likely the service will be interrupted for several days if the reports concerning the bridge at Camp is correct.

We are informed the concrete slab which had been put down only a short time ago in Bluff Creek, near Streeter, has also been washed away and this is making traffic along the Mason and Junction road a delayed journey when one gets stuck in that creek.

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MASON SCHOOL NEWS CONTRIBUTED BY NINTH GRADE

The following pupils have been absent: Emilie Fischer, Viva, Emma and Alta Eppler, James, John and Arthur Fleming, Vera Dannheim, Raymond Bolt, Ida and Roseda Dannheim, Adolf and Leonard Kothmann, Ruth Bruce, Nell Curlee Bierschwale, Nelda Baxter and Alton Clark.

Percy Metzger was hit with a ball while playing Tuesday morning at recess.

The General Science class went on a field trip Tuesday morning, to make a study of flowers.

Miss Averil Bellows is teaching in Miss Sadie Lindsay's place, as Miss Sadie is sick.

Misses Alamo Puckett and Louise Latham visited school Tuesday afternoon.

The senior examinations begin Friday of this week and end Wednesday of next week.

Prof. J. W. Colham, of the University of Texas, will make the Commencement address May 19. Rev. M. Heinrich will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, May 14th.

There are twenty in the senior class this year. This is the largest graduating class in the history of Mason High School.

Mrs. Lola McCollum of Junction is planning to open a kindergarten here next fall.

The seniors are working on their play for commencement week.

The scholarship honor students from U. of T., Trinity U., T. W. C. and C. I. A., and practically all colleges of states received given only to school of first class, worth from \$30 to \$100 each to holder.

The reporters for this week are Ella Mae Metzger, Helen Keller and Matt Dees.

Last Saturday, the Llano high school baseball team defeated Mason by a score of 6 to 7. Barnett, of Llano scored the winning run in the first of the 10th by stealing home. Duncan, of Llano, did good work at the bat, getting three hits out of five trips to the plate. Zesch, of Mason, pitched a good game, getting seventeen strikeouts, but did not have the support that Duncan had. Duncan got eleven strikeouts. The game was marred by a few bad decisions by the base umpire which cost Mason the game.

LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER REQUESTS GENERAL CLEANUP

County Health Officer, Dr. C. L. McCollum, this week issued the following statement:

"Clean up your premises; since the heavy rains, it is more necessary to clean up. Commence to pick up the tin cans, buckets and other receptacles that will catch water and serve as breeding places for mosquitoes. Ditch your premises where there is a tendency for water to flow over or stand. Keep the weeds cut and give as much air and sunshine as possible. Clean out your lots and ditch same so the water will flow away. Clean out your closets and keep them clean; sprinkle plenty of lime in those places so as to disinfect and remove the odors. Destroy the places of filth, for they act as breeding places for flies. Mosquitoes are carriers of disease, especially malaria and diseases of that type. Flies can carry almost anything that is dangerous and destructive to human life. Screen your house, that you may hinder these agents of disease from entering and infecting some one of your loved ones and cause a death in your family—then it is too late to clean up and you will always wish you had. Suppose a stranger should look east from the post office. I imagine he would wonder if the town ever had a cleaning, for that part, as well as other parts, is in a deplorable condition.

"Let's everybody commence to clean now to make a more beautiful and fit place to live.

C. L. McCOLLUM,
Health Officer for Mason County."

Alf Reeves was here Saturday from his home in the Capitola section. While here he ordered the News sent to his daughter, Mrs. Tennie Bell, at Eden.

GRADUATION GIFTS THAT LAST

The Gift Worth While Is the Gift that lives down the years; that may be passed on to your children and to their children.

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WATCH REPAIRING ENGRAVING JEWELRY REPAIRING

COUNTY AGENT RECEIVES LETTER OF INTEREST CATTLEMEN

The following extracts from letters by Dr. J. R. Mohler, Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry is being sent you for your information:

"An article appeared in the March 19 issue of the San Antonio Express, stating that many cattle are being imported into Mexico from South America, and that they are being sold at such low prices that our Texas cattlemen are practically excluded from the Mexican markets because they are unable to compete with the importers of South American stock.

"As foot-and-mouth disease exists extensively in South America, infection is apt to be carried into Mexico. Since there is a possibility of the disease suddenly reaching the United States through infected cattle from South America, or Mexican cattle that have become infected from them, Bureau representatives located in the Southwest are cautioned to keep in close touch with the condition and movement of cattle along the Mexican border in order to guard as much as possible an invasion of foot-and-mouth disease from that source. Please instruct the members of your force accordingly.

"Dear Sir: Referring to previous letters from the Bureau relative to foot-and-mouth disease, according to the reports received by the Bureau from January 1 to March 5, this disease appeared in 966 herds in Great Britain, requiring the slaughter of 43,735 animals. The United States has been very fortunate thus far in having escaped an invasion of the plague, as it is exposed by commercial contact with many countries in which the disease has been unusually prevalent since the war. The Bureau of Animal Industry is using every reasonable precaution to prevent an invasion of the disease, and it will continue to do so, but there are some sources of danger which are very difficult to guard against. For instance, it seems possible for the virus of the disease to be carried long distances in the clothing or other belongings of immigrant farm laborers, or in hay and straw used as packing for crockery and other goods.

"It is believed that the State regulatory authorities should give publicity to the danger of an invasion of the plague to which we are now exposed, in order that all who are interested directly or indirectly in our livestock industry will be on the alert for the first appearance of the disease should we be so unfortunate as to have another outbreak. It is suggested that State and municipal authorities prevent, if possible, hay and straw used for packing imported goods from reaching susceptible animals, and that where possible the animals attended by immigrant farm laborers arriving recently in a community be observed from time to time to ascertain whether or not they develop the disease. Yours very truly, (signed) J. R. Mohler, Chief of Bureau.

Note:—Up to March 25, the disease has appeared in 1,045 herds."

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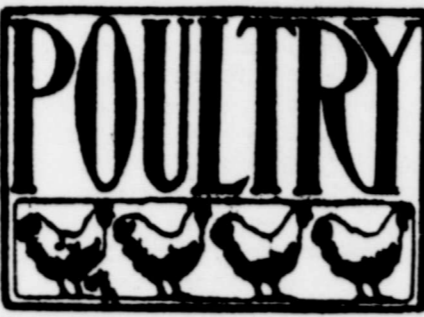
The story of a man who "returned" his wife to her mother after six weeks' marriage comes from a London (England) magistrate. The couple, said the mother, seemed quite happy, but on Sunday the husband took his wife back to her home and said her mother could have her back again. "She is not satisfactory," he said, "so I am returning her to the person from whom I obtained her." "But you can't do that," said the mother. "Oh, yes, I can," the husband replied. "We married at a registry office, and I understood that I was taking her on approval for six weeks."

FIND HIDDEN TURKEY NESTS

When Confined in Pen Until Late in Day, Laying Hen Will Go Straight to Her Eggs.

A quick and easy way to find stolen nests of turkeys is to confine the birds from early morning to late afternoon. The laying hens will then go straight to their nests to lay the eggs which they are holding, say poultry specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. When turkey hens have free range they nest usually in obscure places and often wander a half mile or more from home before they find a nesting place that suits them.

If attractive nesting places are prepared about the barnyard, the turkeys sometimes lay in them. Such nests are easily made from boxes or barrels, or by scooping out a little earth in the shape of a shallow bowl, piling brush round it to satisfy the hen's desire for seclusion. The nest most preferred by turkeys consists of a barrel laid on its side, in which straw or hay is placed. When confined in a breeding pen several turkey hens may lay in the same nest, but on free range each bird usually makes her own nest. Turkeys do not range far during cold weather. In the north, where the laying season often begins when there is still snow on the ground, the hens are more likely to select their nests near home.



PIGMIES OF POULTRY WORLD

Bantam Breeds Have Distinct Utility Value for Egg Production for Family Use.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The Bantam breeds gained their popularity as ornamental fowl and as playthings for children and grown-ups, but, says the United States Department of Agriculture, they have also a distinct utility value for egg production for family use. There is also a good demand for eggs for hatching and for breeding stock of good quality. Because of their small size these pigmy breeds often have the advantage over larger fowls where only a very small space is available for the flock. They are easy for children to handle, and the ownership of a few Bantams often is the beginning of a real interest in poultry raising.

The various breeds of Bantams, their characteristics, and methods of management are discussed in Farmers' Bulletin 1251, The Bantam Breeds and Varieties, the fifth of a series on Standard Varieties of Chickens. The various breeds, says the bulletin, have not been raised with the idea of egg production and, as a result, the average is not very high, probably around 175 eggs in a year. The eggs vary in size, as do the different Bantam breeds, ranging from 12 ounces a dozen to 18 or 20 ounces. The color of the eggs runs from white to dark brown. Some of the breeds have a tendency to lay for a fairly long period, but the Brahmas, Cochins and Silkies are apt to be broody. Since many of these kinds have been de-



White Cochon Bantam.

veloped from the larger standard breeds they have many of the same characteristics.

Reports collected from Bantam breeders show that the average hen will eat from 25 to 35 pounds of feed in a year, which is about one-half as much as a hen of the Mediterranean breeds or one-third as much as a hen of the larger breeds would eat.

A copy of the bulletin may be obtained free by addressing the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C.

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QUITS BENCH TO BE POSTMASTER

Fredericksburg, April 23.—A. H. Kneese has resigned as county judge of Gillespie county, effective Monday. He has been appointed postmaster at Fredericksburg. He will succeed August Gold, whose second term expired in January.

Herman Usener has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Judge Kneese.

CHICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices. J. J. JOHNSON. 31-1f

FATTY ISN'T BROKE YET

Altho "Fatty's" three trials which finally resulted in his acquittal, cost \$150,000, the film interests settled the bill. Milton Cohen, the fat comedian's lawyer, says he wishes he were as well fixed financially as Arbuckle. So Fatty isn't worrying, notwithstanding the display of his films has been banned temporarily. Arbuckle's movie contract was not canceled during the three trials, and tho it was materially cut he was never without an income. And there has been a steady flow of receipts from Europe and South America, where Arbuckle films were not held up. Fatty isn't going to starve just yet awhile.

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PARENTS AT 14 AND 15

A 10-pound baby is born to a young couple in Kansas City. The father is 15, the mother 14. This makes a lot of talk among grown-up, ranging from pity to indignation. In India and other oriental countries, it is not unusual for girls to marry at 11. Some are brides by their eighth birthday. Maturity, however, comes early in the tropics.

LEAKY POULTRY HOUSE ROOF

More Annoyance From Damp Quarters in Spring Than in Winter on Account of Rain.

There is usually more annoyance from leaky poultry house roofs in the spring than in the winter, because more rain occurs. Also, in winter, ice and snow may remain for weeks on a roof without melting, and really assist to protect against the winds; but in spring any leaky places will be openings for beating rains. Roofs should be repaired at once, if there are any cracks or leaks at all or the result will be damp quarters and the flock will probably be ravaged by colds and roup.



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"He who receives and entertains his friends, and who does not, himself, personally, give supervision of the repast which he offers them, is not worthy of having friends."

THE EVERYDAY PRUNE

In country places and small towns where one cannot always procure the fresh fruits, prunes are a most desirable fruit. The ordinary method of serving prunes (boarding house style) has put them into disrepute, but there is no fruit richer in food and with marked medicinal value. One pound of prunes will furnish more nutriment than the same weight of lean meat or bread.

Prune Bread.—To a pint of light bread sponge prepared with milk add two tablespoonfuls of sugar and graham flour to make a stiff batter. Add a cupful of steamed prunes that have been stoned and cut fine. Turn the dough into the pans and let rise, then bake in a moderate oven.

Prune Scones.—Cream one-quarter of a cupful of butter, add one-half cupful of sugar, one beaten egg and one cupful of flour sifted with one-half teaspoonful of baking powder. Add one-quarter of a cupful of mashed drained prunes, roll the dough into a roll and cut in rounds; dust with sugar and bake in a slow oven.

A prune omelet is one which the family will like. Stew, stone and mash the prunes, using a cupful, adding a little sugar if needed, spread over the omelet just before turning.

Children's Supper Dish.—Rub through a sieve one cupful of cooked prunes and the same quantity of cooked rice; add sugar to sweeten, if needed, a little grated lemon peel, an egg yolk beaten and thinned slightly with water; cook until well heated through. Serve with cream and sugar hot or cold.

Prune Bread Pudding.—Butter slices of stale bread, cover with hot milk, add layers of stewed prunes and repeat until the dish is full. Bake in a moderate oven until well heated through. Serve with sauce prepared by cooking a pint of water and a tablespoonful of cornstarch mixed with two tablespoonfuls of sugar; when well cooked add a cupful of orange juice. A beaten egg may be added and cooked in the mixture, if a richer sauce is required.

Miss Maxwell

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the deepest depression in the United States, some estimates placing its lowest point at 337 feet below sea level. Greenland ranch is 178 feet below sea level. White people find the midsummer heat intolerable, and even the Indians go up to the Panamint Range during July and August.

The normal annual precipitation in Death Valley is less than 2 inches. Successful agriculture can not be maintained on less than 15 or 20 inches of annual precipitation without the aid of irrigation. A group of springs serve as the source of irrigation-water supply for Greenland ranch. The water has a temperature of about 100 degrees F. and is only sufficient to irrigate 70 acres. Four crops of alfalfa are gathered each year. The principal product of the ranch is dressed meat, but experiments are being made in raising poultry and in growing vegetables, dates, citrus, and deciduous fruits.

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EVERYDAY GOOD THINGS

If there is a baby or invalid in the family give them prune-barley water.

Wash a tablespoonful of pearl barley, add three teaspoonfuls of sugar and one cupful of stewed prunes. Pour over this mixture one quart of boiling water, cover and let stand for three hours, then strain.

Prune Cake Filling.—Chop one-half pound of steamed prunes, add two tablespoonfuls of sugar, a third of a cupful of boiling water and a tablespoonful of lemon juice. Mix and cook in a double boiler until thick enough to spread on the cake. This filling spread on bread or toast for luncheon or for sandwich filling is delicious.

Apples may be cored and baked until nearly cooked, then the centers filled with raisins and prunes. Cover with a meringue and bake until brown. Serve as a dessert with cream and sugar.

Gelatin Prune Dessert.—Soak one-half pound of prunes in two cupfuls of water overnight. Cook them in the same water until soft, then stone and cut them into quarters. To the prune liquor add enough boiling water to make two cupfuls, soak two tablespoonfuls of gelatin in one-half cupful of cold water. Add one-half cupful of sugar with a quarter cupful of lemon juice to the hot liquid. Strain and add the prunes and chill. Stir while cooling to prevent the prunes from settling. Serve with sugar and cream.

Apple Pudding.—Beat one egg, add to it a third of a teaspoonful of salt, two teaspoonfuls of sugar and a cupful of thin sweet cream, then add two cupfuls of flour mixed with four teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Grease a two-quart pudding pan, half fill with pared and quartered sour apples, spread the batter over them and steam in a steamer two hours or bake in a hot oven. The apples if not easily cooked may be cooked a little before adding the batter. Serve with a lemon sauce or sugar and cream.

Nellie Maywell

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MOST ARTISTIC RAZZER

George Stallings is as tough a loser in the International as he was in the National league. He is perhaps the most artistic razzer of players in any league. One of his bright young Rochester players stood on third base one day when he had a fair chance to score.

"Well, you sweet-scented scion of the world famous Imbecille," he shouted in rage. "There you stand on third when you might have scored. Just stand there a moment longer, you anchored ape, until I picture you."

Putting his action to his words he solemnly got out his camera and snapped the hapless player standing tight on the bag which Stallings thought he should have quitted long before.

"DOTS" MILLER WILL INSTRUCT O'CONNELL

Veteran Will Drill Coast Leaguer in Big League Tactics.

Manager John McGraw of New York Giants Was Anxious to Protect His \$75,000 Rookie Playing on San Francisco Team.

An interesting story concerns the appointment of Dots Miller, veteran infielder of the Phils, to the post of manager of the San Francisco club.

Several National league clubs would not waive on Dots and there had to be a lot of pressure to get waivers. From the Phils? No. From the Giants.

It seems that when John McGraw heard that San Francisco wanted Miller as manager he decided to use all his help possible to have the deal consummated.

The reason is obvious. The biggest asset on the San Francisco team is Infielder O'Connell, who cost the Giants \$75,000, and McGraw naturally wants that investment protected.

As Miller is one of the oldest players in point of service in the National league, having been in the circuit continuously since 1900, he reasoned that the expensive rookies would benefit greatly by Dots' knowledge of National league ways and coaching.

In other words, a National league veteran would be of much bigger help to O'Connell than some other selection who did not know National league ways. Therefore, he was eager to see that Dots copped the post.

Miller should be extremely valuable to the San Francisco club, as a player as well as a manager.

Typewriter ribbons, 80c. News Office.

NEWS FROM FREDONIA

(Too Late for Last Week)

Water, water everywhere, and more falling. We have had the heaviest rains lately that we have received in a number of years. The Brady mail went Saturday for the first time since Tuesday. The roads have been impassable.

Most everyone is busy building fences which were washed down by recent heavy rains.

Quite a number of children in, and around Fredonia, have whooping cough. Messrs. Boston and Faulkner, the well known blind musicians gave a musical at the school house Friday night.

Miss Mabel Farmer is visiting at Isora at present.

Little Miss Ruth Jennings spent the week-end with Miss Velma Miller.

Miss Lerline Stone, of Voca, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. George, at present.

Miss Opal Eaves and little brother, of Lost Creek, are visiting relatives here.

INTERESTING SPORT NOTES

The Ice Palace of Philadelphia will hold boxing contests all summer.

John James Mackay, 1922, of New York city, has been elected captain of the Yale wrestling team.

F. E. (Red) Byers, varsity guard for two years on the University of Pittsburgh basketball team, has been elected captain of next season's squad.

Evidently the new crop of English featherweights is not ripe, when they trot out Jim Driscoll at the age of forty-one.

Harold E. Rounds, '23, of Malden was elected captain of the Tufts college basketball team for next season. He plays center.

Jim Corbett was an amateur first, but fought as a professional before his reputation extended outside the limits of a San Francisco bank.

Colleges of Japan are taking up all forms of sports. Golf, hockey, rugby and soccer football are among latest to be introduced.

Elmer Oliphant, assistant director of gymnastics and to the physical director at West Point, has signed a contract to become athletic director at Union college.

Gordon Wallace of Rochester has been elected captain of the University of Rochester football team for 1923. John Dunn of Scotsville, N. Y., was made captain of the track team.

Take in the picture show at the Star opera House each Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 8:00 o'clock.

FOOD VALUE OF NUTS LARGE

According to Writer in English Magazine, There Can Be No Better Article of Diet.

Nut crackers are not considered a necessary equipment of the ordinary household dining table. The dietary value of nuts not being fully recognized, this implement is rarely required nowadays.

Yet there is no better form of diet than nuts, declares a writer in London Answers. The family fable which consigns them to the catalogue of the indigestibles is "an unconscionable time a-dying." A child's taste, however, is often the best criterion of a food's value, and all children love nuts, even as do monkeys.

We should consume nuts all the year round, eating, say, a certain quantity daily, chewing them methodically.

If children had as free access to the nut crop as have monkeys there would be fewer digestive weaklings. This applies to grownups as well.

If nuts disagree, even with the most delicate, it is because they are partaken of at the wrong time. When consumed between meals they are almost certain to disagree, as they will also if eaten after a heavy meal of other food or insufficiently masticated.

The proper time to eat nuts is just at the beginning of meals. Then they fill the mouth with a copious flow of saliva which will assist in emulsifying the fats stored in this important food.

In cold weather they are invaluable, assisting greatly in maintaining the bodily heat. Nothing, therefore, can compare with them as a morning diet for children and a small saucerful will not be too large a supply.

WEDDING STOOD FOR PLEDGE

In Ancient Times It Was Not a Marriage, as That Term is Understood Today.

"Wedding" is now synonymous with "marrying," but this is a comparatively late development. Originally the two words stood for distinct things. "Marrying" meant marrying as the term is now used, but "wedding" meant a mere pledging which held for a year, after which the couple would agree to continue the trial marriage longer or separate and find other partners.

Under the Danish influence in England "wedding" became so common that an archbishop felt compelled to condemn it. Other churchmen were not so strict. The custom, observes Alice Arayton Greenwood in the opening volume of her "History of the People of England," was rife in the north, where even a bishop allowed his daughter to wed in this manner. This daughter had three husbands, to each of whom she brought as dowry six states which her father had bestowed upon her, but which had really belonged to his cathedral church and not to him. Eventually these estates went to her son and became hereditary. Things had a way of becoming hereditary in those days; there was even hereditary parish clergy.

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THREE INCH RAIN FOR MENARD COUNTY

A rain amounting to .65 of an inch fell during the early hours Monday morning. About noon Monday a cloud from the north gave us an additional 1.30 of an inch while Monday night about eleven o'clock we had another down-pour of 1.30 of an inch, making a total of 3.25 of an inch, according to the government gauge at the Bevans National Bank. The rain Monday night was accompanied by some hail, but so far as we have been able to learn, no serious damage was done.

The river came down on a twelve or fifteen foot rise.

The rain was not out of time, because the high winds of the past weeks had dried the ground out to where the farmers were complaining of a lack of moisture.

All surface watering places are full to overflowing, farming land is thoroughly saturated and ranges are in the best condition they have been in for more than two years.

Good rains are reported over a greater part of the State with a waterspout at Fort Worth which did a great amount of damage to property and it is feared several lives were lost.

Brady had 3.6 inches, McKavett 2.5, Wilhelm ranch 4, Junction 5, London big rain, San Angelo good rain, Eden 1.5.

The river at Algerita, ten miles above San Saba was reported to be on a 35 foot rise Tuesday morning and still rising.

To Tuesday morning the rainfall in Menard county for 1922 had been 8.1

The rainfall for the year 1921 was only 9.9.

Later—The rain gauge is wholly inadequate but up to the time we are preparing to go to press the rainfall has been more than five inches, the rain is falling in torrents and black, threatening clouds are coming from every direction. The rice and ribbon cane crop is now assured.—Menard Messenger.

A real bargain, 6 bars of Laundry Soap for 25 cents. E. Lemburg & Bro.

Spalding Baseball Goods at Mason Drug Company.

CHICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices.

31-1f J. J. JOHNSON.

ORDERS NEARLY EQUAL 1917

Sears-Roebuck mail order sales in March totaled \$15,801,601 against \$12,413,398 in February. It's the customary seasonal gain. Mail order sales are now nearly as big as in 1917, measured in dollars.

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WATER SPOUT MONDAY NIGHT TAKES OUT PORTION OF LAKE SHROPSHIRE DAM NEAR BRADY

Fifty yards of the east end of the big dam at Lake Shropshire, four miles east of town, was taken out by a heavy rain, said to be a water spout, on the head draws leading to the lake Monday night or early Tuesday morning. Recent heavy rains had filled the lake to within a few feet of the top of the dam, and the structure being new the heavy flow of water pouring round and over the dam was too much for it and was the cause of the break.

The news was brought to town early Tuesday morning by Henry Spivey, who has charge of the Shropshire place and lives near the dam. Mr. Spivey says that the rain was the heaviest he has ever seen fall and really could be termed a water spout. He says that the water flowed over the dam in several places and that the spillway just simply was not sufficient to carry off the large volume fast enough.

The lake, which was finished last June, was the property of the Shropshire Lake Club, composed of something over 40 local business and professional men. The dam was built at a cost of about \$4,000, and was surveyed by Floyd Cochran, an oil man operating in this county last year. The lake had caught no water until the recent rains and had been filled to within a few feet of the top of the dam by the rains Monday morning. Members of the Club going out to the lake Monday afternoon were elated with the magnificent body of water and all believed that the big rain on Monday night would just about finish filling the lake.

A committee of the members of the Club went down to the lake Tuesday afternoon and looked the situation over and plans are now being made to fill in the washed out portion of the dam and to strengthen the weak places. And it is said to be quite likely that the dam will be repaired in time to again catch it full of water before the heavy spring and early summer rains are over.

The lake had already been stocked with a large quantity of native fish and a requisition is out to the State fish hatchery for a large shipment of bass. It is planned to make the lake the greatest fishing resort in this section.—Brady Sentinel.

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Silence Frequently Golden.

Talking is like playing on the harp; there is as much in laying the hands on the strings to stop their vibrations as in twanging them to bring out their music.—Holmes.

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MASON CO. WOOL AND MOHAIR ASSOCIATION MET SATURDAY

The Mason County members of the Southwestern Farm Bureau Wool and Mohair Association met in the County Agent's office Saturday afternoon, April 22 for the purpose of electing a State director from Mason County, and to decide on a way to ship the wool to Houston this year.

Mr. Fritz W. Mogford, of Streeter, was elected State director and will represent this section on that board, thus assuring wool pool members of direct representation in the management of their affairs.

It was further decided that all wool and mohair from this county be pooled and shipped in car lots from Brady.

Instructions for shipping and marking of the wool can be secured from the County Agent. All members will be notified as to what time to have wool at Brady.

Those members present when asked, stated that their wool had netted from 18 to 22 cents per pound this past season, and expressed themselves as being well pleased with the pool.

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SAN SABA IS HARD HIT BY HIGH WATER

San Saba River on Highest Rise Since 1899; Much Property Damage Along River

Menger reports from San Saba are to the effect that the valley along the river is hard hit by high water. The telephone line to San Saba has been out for more than two days but some news has come in over the Santa Fe wire, which is still working. The river is said to be higher than at any time since the great flood of 1899. It is stated that property damage in the town of San Saba is light, but farms along the river have suffered heavily. Reports here are that several families have been rescued from trees along the river. Many Brady people will remember the beautiful Baxter home on the river just this side of the bridge and a few miles out of San Saba. It is stated that the water practically covered the house but last reports were that the house was not washed away.

Water has covered the Santa Fe tracks at Harkeyville for two days and there is also a wash out between Lometa and San Saba. No trains have run on the Santa Fe for two days. A work train is working on the washout between Lometa and San Saba and will come to Harkeyville as soon as the water recedes.

The report that the water was up in the San Saba depot is said to be untrue by the San Saba agent.—Brady Sentinel.

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FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION FOR ALL DENOMINATIONS

Dallas, Texas, May 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 1922; City Temple, First Baptist Church Central Christian Church

Final plans for Texas' largest and greatest State Sunday School Convention for all denominations which meets in Dallas, May 3 to 7, have been announced and the Sunday Schools of Dallas have arranged for free entertainment, for lodging and breakfast in the homes of Dallas people for the big army of Sunday School workers from every section of the State. "It's In Dallas." The Churches of all denominations in all of their departments are working hand in hand together with the Sunday Schools to make this the largest and best State Sunday School Convention ever held in Texas.

All business and trade interests, all financial interests, all manufacturing interests and civic interests of Dallas as well welcome this great army of the Sunday Schools of Texas to their City. Several of the business institutions are sending out literature inviting their customers and friends to the Convention.

"Dallas welcomes you. Come on. That is the message of love that is going out to every section of Texas. You cannot afford to miss this Annual Texas Sunday School Convention, the most important in the history of the Sunday School work for all denominations in Texas.

It is expected that the Convention will be the largest of its kind ever held in the Southwest. Pre-convention pledge cards of attendance at one or more of the four special sessions, have been sent to Sunday Schools over the entire State and indications are that over 5,000 will attend.

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IS YOUR HEALTH GRADUALLY SLIPPING?

Interesting Experience of a Texas Lady Who Declares That if More Women Knew About Cardui They Would Be Spared Much Sickness and Worry.

Navasota, Texas.—Mrs. W. M. Peden, of this place, relates the following interesting account of how she recovered her strength, having realized that she was actually losing her health:

"Health is the greatest thing in the world, and when you feel that gradually slipping away from you, you certainly sit up and take notice. That is what I did some time ago when I found myself in a very nervous, run-down condition of health. I was so tired and felt so lifeless I could hardly go at all.

"I was just no account for work. I would get a bucket of water and would feel so weak I would have to set it down before I felt like I could lift it to the shelf. In this condition, of course, to do even my housework was a task almost impossible to accomplish.

"I was . . . nervous and easily upset.

I couldn't rest well at night and was . . . just lifeless.

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JERSEY BULL—Three years old, subject to registration. Priced right. See Louis Schmidt. 4-1f

WANTED—Running gear for a hack. See Tom White. 4-1f.

Miss Esther Donop, one of the operators at the Sw. Bell Telephone Co.'s switchboard, is now enjoying a vacation from her work. It is a custom of the company to give all its operators a two weeks' pay vacation and local operators usually take a month's vacation, taking an additional two weeks at their own expense.

It is announced the new Lutheran parsonage will soon be ready for occupancy by Rev. Mr. Heinrich and family. We are told the building is complete with the exception of painting and plans are that the building may be moved into by the middle of the month.

It is said the Pentecost school closed for the 1922 term on last Friday, after having experienced one of the most successful terms in the history of the school.

An Appreciated Letter

Below is a reproduction of a letter recently received at this office from Mr. J. W. Butler, of Galveston. It is the kind of letter that all business firms appreciate receiving. The third paragraph will no doubt be read with interest by our readers and especially by those who are personally acquainted with the writer:

"I am pleased to hand you my check for \$3. Please credit my subscription, renewing to April 1, 1923.

"Also please send the News for one year to my sister, Mrs. Myrtle Schow, Clifton, Texas.

"I wish all my Mason friends to know that I will be glad to see them down here at Galveston, 'The Treasure Island of America'. Soon the roar of the surf and the open road will be beckoning. Vacation time is close at hand and I hope many will come to this beautiful flower laden city with all its many attractions.

"I hope to see you and will appreciate an opportunity to contribute to your pleasure.

Yours sincerely,
J. W. BUTLER."

To the Public:—

Let us have your complaints. We are as anxious to give service as you are to receive it.

JENNIE REYNOLDS, Postmaster.

The report is out here that a young boy was accidentally killed above Eden one day last week. The rumor is that the victim is a son of Prof. Allison, but the News has learned no particulars regarding the incident, nor is it able to get in touch with anyone that can vouch for the veracity of the rumor.

Typewriter ribbons, 50c. News Office.

Mr. and Mrs. Young McCollum arrived here Wednesday afternoon from Eden for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. McCollum. It is said the roads from Eden to this place are fearfully bad, owing to the recent heavy rains and high water necessitated Mr. and Mrs. McCollum to come via London and succeeded in arriving here after being on the road since Tuesday morning.

A young bull dog belonging to Murray Kyger, has been the source of much comment the past week. The dog has been wearing three large K's painted in black paint on one side and I. W. W. on the other. Skull bones adorned the head above the eyes. It is thought a number of boys did this just for development, but the boys are keeping it to themselves.

FORMER MASON GIRL GRADUATES AS NURSE IN S. A.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin D. Loring have recently received an invitation to attend the Commencement Exercises of the Santa Rosa Infirmary at San Antonio to be held Friday evening, May 5th, at seven-thirty o'clock, at which time a class of seventeen young ladies will be graduated from that institution as nurses. It is noted with pleasure by the News that Miss Marie Plunkett's name appears among the list of graduates. Miss Plunkett is the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Worlie, of Port Arthur, but formerly residents of this place. News readers and local friends of the young lady will, no doubt read this item with interest.

The recent rains and high water in the Llano and San Saba rivers last week caused some interruptions in the mails coming in and going out of Mason. The Llano river was not as high as was the San Saba and we had to miss mail from the south and east but one or two times, while the mail from Brady was not received here at all from Sunday of last week up to Saturday afternoon. We also failed to get mail from Brady on Monday of this week, and it is said the mail service will be greatly hampered for some time owing to washouts on that route.

This section had so little rainfall for the past few years that we had become accustomed to dry weather, but the past few weeks have about caused us to forget the drouths and we now are becoming acquainted with conditions just as extreme from the opposite view point.

Some complaint is being heard locally to the effect that the fish ladders at the dam in Llano on the river are inadequate or that they are stopped up and do not permit fish in the stream to pass back and forth above and below the dam. The News is not familiar with the conditions as they actually exist at the dam, but it strikes us that if there is anything wrong with the fish ladders there that the citizens of Llano would not permit the matter to go unattended for the laws of the State governing fish ladders at dams are quite stringent and there's a heavy penalty for the violation of these laws.

The Art School closed a successful term on Wednesday of last week and it is said they have been planning to hold appropriate exercises at the school building almost every night since but rain has prevented.

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NEWS' CANDY OFFER TO BE SUSPENDED FOR PRESENT

The News wishes to announce that its offer of a box of candy for the first person finding a misspelled word in the Want Column each week, will be suspended for the present time. This offer was made in hopes of stimulating an interest in the Want Column and to encourage an increased patronage in that department. While the offer has been fruitful in one respect, we believe it has not brought about the desired results in every respect. It was the hopes of the News editors, when the offer was made, to secure an increased volume of want ads and thereby make it a worth while offer to give a box of candy to the party first finding a misspelled word in the column each week, but the want column is too short and contains too few advertisements to warrant our conducting the offer.

We have another plan which we hope to put in effect in a short time in an effort to lengthen the want ads out for a column or more and if the plan is successful we will again place the candy offer before our readers.

The Hilda school held their closing exercises last week and the community celebrated the closing with a picnic and barbecue on Friday. Quite a number of Mason people attended, including some of the candidates for county office, and all report a splendid time.

Walter Vater, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Vater, who is employed by the State Bank & Trust Company, of Houston, as bookkeeper, is at home for a vacation of a couple weeks.

Frank Jordan was here Wednesday from his ranch in the Art section. He stated the recent rains have been fine with them, but said he believed the rain they received on Tuesday night of this week was their heaviest. He estimated the fall would amount to something like an inch and a half.

Curtis McWilliams, of Port Arthur, arrived here last week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. McWilliams.

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15 Yds. Brown Domestic for...\$1.00	Boys' Shirts, White & Colors \$1.38	15 Yards Good Prints..... \$1.00	10 Yds. Nice Percale..... \$1.00	Men's All Wool Serge Suits..... \$15.00

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ON OPENING DAY OF OUR SALE, MAY 6TH, AT 9:00 A. M., WE WILL GIVE AWAY, FREE, HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF GOODS, AMONG WHICH WILL BE 3 MEN'S SUITS, 5 BOYS' SUITS, HATS, LADIES AND MISSES RAIN COATS, ETC.