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FORD DRAWING TO BE HELD AT FOUR O'CLOCK NEXT WED'DAY

Next Wednesday, December 20th, at 4 o'clock on the court house lawn near the band stand a big ticket drawing contest will be held and some lucky party will receive a new Ford touring car. Several cash prizes will also be given away.

Information in the hands of the News is to the effect that all local merchants will cease giving tickets with \$1 purchases at 1 o'clock on that day, and at 3:30 o'clock the committee in charge of the drawing will remove the cans at the local banks, where the tickets are now being deposited, so parties having tickets must deposit them before that time.

Promptly at 4 o'clock the drawing will be held and it is announced Mr. E. W. Jordan, of the Kateomy section, will serve as chairman of the drawing committee. Four other men residing out side of the town of Mason, will be selected to assist Mr. Jordan and to act as judges.

The drawing will be done by some child who will be blindfolded, the number on the winning ticket will be read and then written on a black board with the name of the person signing the ticket, which will be conveniently placed that everybody can see. Full fifteen minutes will be given the party holding the winning stub to present it to the committee, but in case the party holding the stub does not appear before the time expires or has lost the stub, a second drawing will be had.

Seven prizes are to be given away: first, a Ford Touring Car, 2nd, \$25 in cash, 3rd, \$25 in cash, and five prizes of \$10 each in cash. In each instance five tickets will be drawn and the fifth ticket will represent the winner.

Parties holding tickets in this contest should bear in mind that they must be in Mason that day if they hope to win either of the prizes and that they cannot win unless they can produce a duplicate stub of the ticket declared as the winning ticket.

Further announcement concerning the drawing, should any be necessary, will be given out on the day of the 20th

LOCAL LEGION POST ENJOYED BIG BANQUET ON MON. NIGHT

On Monday night of this week, the Fort Mason Post of American Legion had one of the most enjoyable occasions in the history of the organization when the Legion Hall was the scene of a "get together party" and banquet. A splendid attendance was had and a lunch consisting of sandwiches, cake and coffee was served. An abundance of good cigars and cigarettes were in evidence and a great social hour was enjoyed.

Messrs. Carl Runge, R. E. Lee, A. E. Grosse and L. W. Dumas responded to requests for talks and each of these gentlemen gave some very interesting remarks on various opportune subjects.

It is announced that all members of the post in attendance paid up dues to the organization for the coming year and seven new members were added to the roll. A program committee was appointed to get up a special program for the next regular meeting night, which is the second Monday night in January.

WALLACE REID AT THE STAR OPERA HOUSE SATURDAY NITE

We think we are doing you a favor, (knowing you to be an ardent admirer of Wallace Reid) to inform you that picture, "The World's Champion" at this theatre next Saturday night, December 16th. Mr. Reid has the unique role of a prize fighter whose career is fans will find this picture highly relishable—More so than usual. Don't miss it.

Sincerely yours,
OTTO SCHMIDT, Manager.

Dr. R. D. Byler, of San Antonio, accompanied by his brother and father have been in this section this week enjoying a hunt on the Robt. Kidd ranch, near London. They left for their home on Wednesday, but without and trophies of their efforts.

Mrs. O. H. Mebus has been spending a few days at Fredonia this week with the family of her daughter, Mrs. Mike Jennings.

A Christmas Tragedy--F'r Pop



GERMAN METHODIST LADIES WILL NOT SERVE A DINNER

Since last week's issue of the News, we have been informed that the dinner advertised to be served at the Star Opera House on Wednesday, December 20th, has been called off. An advertisement calling attention to the dinner appeared in this paper and announced the Ladies' Aid Society of the local German Methodist Church would do the serving, but due to some reason it has since been decided by the Society to give up the idea and the News has been requested to announce the fact through its columns.

ENROLLMENT IN LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL LARGEST EVER HAD

The total enrollment in the Mason High for the present session is 146. This is an increase of 67 per cent over the session 1920-21, or an increase of over 100 per cent over the session of 1919-20. The enrollment in the elementary school is practically the same as for each of the last four years. The increase in the High School is due to transfers from the rural districts. Several counties are now represented in our high school. Almost 50 per cent of the high school is made up of transfers.

Report cards were given out on Wednesday afternoon of last week. If your child did not get one please notify either his teacher or the superintendent. This, the last time reports will be given out until the close of the first term in January. The method of determining credit for high school work and promotion for elementary school work is to average the monthly grades, multiply this by two, add the grade made on examination, and divide the sum by three. If the quotient is "C" (70) or above credit is given.

The teachers are anxious to have a high percentage of high grades, however they are unable to do more than put down what the pupil makes. Watch the work of your child closely for the next few weeks and see that home study is not neglected. Christmas is not yet here. Every cent spent for celebration now is likely to subtract from the final grade of the child's spending the money. It is child nature to celebrate at all times. Your influence must be exerted to counteract this tendency and properly direct the right kind of celebrating.

Misses A. Mogford, Sadie Westbrook and Pauline Mogford returned the first of last week from attending the Teachers Convention at Houston. They report a splendid time. They also attended the football game between A. & M. and Varsity while away.

NEWS WILL APPEAR FOR LAST TIME THIS YEAR IN NEXT ISSUE

Next week the News will issue its final number for the year, 1922. In conformity with the custom established years ago with this publication, the week between Christmas and New Year is "lay off" week and no paper is published. We advise our readers of this fact, that any advertising matter intended for the public before our issue of January 4th, may be prepared and brought in to us in time for insertion in our issue of December 21st. We urgently request all advertisers in next week's paper to get their copy to us as early as possible as an extra amount of advertising space has already been reserved for this particular issue and the publishers will have much work on hand at that time. It is our intention to fill every order turned in at this office before Christmas and we ask the co-operation of our customers to the extent of placing their orders for printing as soon as possible that we will not have to turn anything away because of inability to get it out before the holidays.

Beginning with the first Sunday in November, the Mason Ice & Power Co. started to giving electric light service on Sunday mornings, the same as on week days. This service will be continued through the winter months.

A. R. Latham, of the Fredonia Community, was a business visitor in Mason on Wednesday.

BIG FREE ATTRACTION AT OPERA HOUSE HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY

County Agent, W. I. Marshall is in receipt of an announcement from the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, informing him that arrangements will be made to give an educational moving picture show in Mason on next Wednesday, December 20th. This picture will be presented absolutely free and announcement of the exact time of the show will be given at a later date. Mr. C. C. French, of Fort Worth, will arrive in Mason today to complete arrangements in connection with the special event.

The News is informed the show to be presented will be one of unusual interest to everybody and especially to the stockman and farmer. It is a joint affair put out by the A. & M. College, The International Harvester Co., The United States Department of Agriculture, The Fort Worth Live Stock Association and the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. Motion pictures will be shown and lectures on the different phases of farm life will be given.

Upon the arrival of Mr. French in our city more accurate information will be obtained and as soon as the exact time of the performance is determined some special advertising matter will be gotten out for distribution, according to Mr. Marshall.

Mrs. Louis C. Probst and daughter, Miss Sila Mae returned home Saturday from a visit of several days in San Antonio.

Your Christmas Gifts Will Land Here If--

This is only one table in a large room of the "Gone Astray" department of the Postal Service where thousands of Christmas packages arrive each year--due to poor wrapping and addressing by the senders. Uncle Sam warns you again this year through this newspaper to wrap your gift packages securely and address them plainly and accurately.



ZORK BUILDING IS DAMAGED BY FIRE WEDNESDAY MORNING

Wednesday morning about 8 o'clock the Zork Building, located on the west side of the public square and occupied by the Myers Bros. Dry Goods Store, was discovered to be on fire. The first evidence of the fire was noticed when smoke began pouring from the upper story, next to the roof. The fire alarm was sounded and within a very few minutes the local fire department and hundreds of willing helpers were immediately on the scene and quick work extinguished the fire in record time.

Not a great deal of loss resulted from the blaze, but it is believed the loss as building that the fire fighters might get to the blaze will amount to several hundred dollars.

The dry goods stock of Myers Bros. was considerably damaged from handling and much of it got wet from water used in extinguishing the fire. This firm was in the middle of preparations for a big sale to be opened on Saturday and it is said the damage would probably reach two thousand dollars. None of the goods were destroyed by the fire, but practically the entire stock was damaged to some extent.

Mr. Davis, who is managing the store, stated the cause of the fire is attributed to a faulty line and its outbreak occurred shortly after he had started a fire in the store.

Mr. Myers came over from Brady after being advised of the fire and says just as soon as the roof can be fixed on the building and it cleaned out he will move his stock back into the stand and in all probability will put on the big sale he had planned. Mr. Myers stated he is anxious to get the stock re-arranged as early as possible and get the cogs of the local store again in motion, as he is well pleased with the business the store has been doing and stated he has no idea of leaving Mason, but has established a business here to stay.

For the present emergency Martin Cooney has agreed to allow Mr. Myers to store his goods in the north side of the Mason Mercantile Building, where he is maintaining his grocery business.

GREAT INTEREST BEING MANIFESTED POULTRY RAISING

That the people of Mason County are taking an increasing interest in purebred poultry was well demonstrated the past week. There were eleven exhibitors from Mason County at the Hill Country Poultry Show held in Fredericksburg. There were seventy-six birds on exhibition and they won 16 first prizes, 5 seconds and 6 third prizes.

This is a record to be proud of and speaks well for the quality of poultry raised here.

The following breeders exhibited: Rev. R. G. Rader, Mason, Rhode Island Reds; E. J. Schuessler, Mason, Rhode Island Reds; Geo. Moneyhon, Mason, Rhode Island Reds.

Emil A. Jordan, Mason, Buff Orpingtons and Dark Plymouth Rocks and Rhode Island Reds.

Mrs. Erich Bogusch, Grit, Buff Orpingtons and Buff Minorcas.

Miss Dessie Hoerster, Art, Buff Orpingtons; Irvin Jordan, Art, White Orpingtons.

Otto Schmidt, Mason, Cornish Games A. C. Mogford, Streeter, Mammoth Bronze Turkeys.

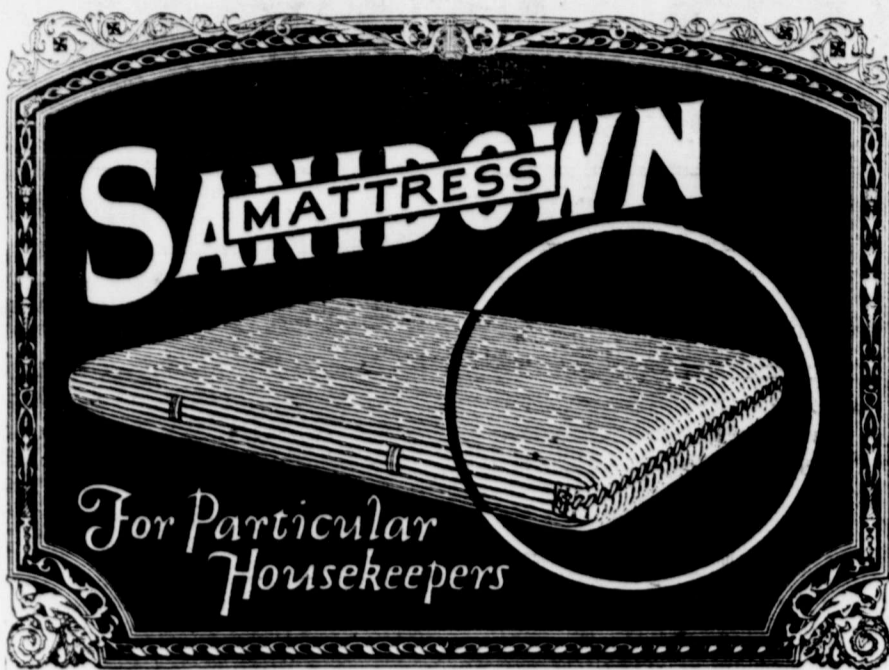
Howard Horn and Marvin Burns were in Mason Wednesday from Fredonia. The former gentleman, who is the operator of the Fredonia gin, stated his gin had turned out 780 bales this season and has prospects for something like a dozen more.

NOTICE TO BREEDERS OF PURE BRED POULTRY:

There will be a meeting in the County Agent's office, Saturday at 2 p. m. for the purpose of discussing plans and organizing the Mason County Poultry Growers' Association. All who raise purebred poultry are urged to come.

REV. R. G. RADER,
GEO. MONEYHON,
E. J. SCHUESSLER,
W. I. MARSCHALL,
Committee.

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were first built strictly for hospital use—where a sanitary, comfortable bed was absolutely essential. Today they are lulling sleep to thousands of tired, afflicted bodies in hospitals and sanitariums all over America.

The came the demand from **PARTICULAR HOUSEKEEPERS** and now hundreds of dealers are selling SANIDOWN MATTRESSES for home use.

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 - Have removable double ticking—concealed tufting.
 - A sanitary mattress of downy softness.
 - Positively guaranteed for 20 years.
- Come in and we will show you.

Price \$27.75

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All Leather Shoes at Hofmann Dry Goods Company.

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Paris Chocolates in Fancy Christmas boxes and Japanese Hand Painted Baskets. Other Christmas Candies of all kinds.

We have an entire new stock of Christmas Toys.

Also a complete new stock of Ivory Goods, Stationery, Toilet Articles and Books.

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Our scientific method of pressing clothes kills all germ life, restores life and luster to the clothes and positively produces in every garment

The Natural Body Shape

CLEANING ALTERING REPAIRING

ROY E. DOELL

WITH J. S. KING, THE JEWELER

MISS ELLA DURST DEAD

The shadow of the Death Angel has fallen heavily in our community the past year, but especially the past week. A young lady, in the flower of youth, has been plucked from the life as one would pluck flowers from the wilds of nature.

Our subject is Miss Ella Lena Durst, who was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Durst of Fly Gap on November 20, 1901 and departed this life at her home on last Thanksgiving morning at 5 o'clock to live with the Angels in Paradise.

Miss Ella had reached the age of 21 years and 10 days. She had never been sick very much during her short life until last July, when she contracted a fatal disease, which soon undermined her health. Every attention of physician, nurses and friends were tendered her and for a while her friends were in hopes she would recover, but how frail were all of their efforts against the grim Reaper of Death.

This lady was brought to Castell last autumn, where she was carefully and patiently nursed at the home of Mrs. Wm. Houy for over two months by Miss Roseda Houy, as the parents were anxious to have their daughter near a good physician.

Miss Durst was a promising bride of one of our faithful young citizens, Mr. Alton Dulchau, to whom she had given her trust for life. The wedding day had been set for Thanksgiving, the day on which she died. The intended groom had purchased a house and was busily preparing a cozy home for the expected bride, but God saw fit to carry her home from this world of sorrow and care.

Weep not for her, friends. She has gone to Heaven and we trust you will meet her in the Great Beyond.

A short time before death of this promising young lady, she was taken to her home, but only to go there to die.

The deceased leaves a father and mother, five sisters and one brother to mourn her death. The sisters and brother are, Mrs. Alvin Leifeste, Art; Mrs. Elo Kothmann, Menard; Miss Cora Durst, Dallas; Mr. Fred Durst, Fly Gap; Miss Roseda Durst, Austin; Miss Nell Durst, Fly Gap.

The remains were brought to Mrs. Wm. Houy's residence Thursday evening, and Friday, the body was laid to rest in the Castell cemetery at one o'clock, before a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives, Revs. Hardt, Moerner, Jordan and Urbantke conducting the funeral service. The grave was beautifully decorated with flowers of all kinds.

Never has a death here affected so many people. It came like a bolt of destruction from a clear sky, seeming to say to everyone in our immediate section, "God's will be done, not ours."

We extend condolence to the bereaved and kindly beg them to look to Jesus for grace in this trying hour. Remember loved ones, that your loss is her eternal gain.—A Friend in Llano News.

A GOOD SHOW COMING

The original and only authorized Matt and Jeff Musical Comedy Co. will come to Mason for one night only, Saturday this week. For good singing, dancing and pure fun they exceed all other shows traveling. A real laughing show for kids from five to sixty. Fifteen big song hits. Don't fail to attend. Popular prices. Itc

(Advertisement)

A gift for the whole family—silver plated Hollow ware. J. S. King Jeweler.

Gates' Super-Tread Tires and Tested Tubes. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 13tf

Vietrola Phonographs on easy terms at Mason Drug Company. 36

Wright's Condensed Smoke. Wright's Ham Pickle. Wright's Smoke Flavor. At Mason Drug Company. 36

Men's work and dress shoes; all leather. See me before buying elsewhere. Herbert Hofmann. 39-tf

Galvanized roofing at E. Grosse's. She'll be delighted with a box of King's delicious candy. Owl Drug Store.

CHICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices. 31-tf

J. J. JOHNSON.

A new supply of Ladies' and Men's Sweaters at Hofmann Dry Goods Co. 38

NORRIS BOX CANDY

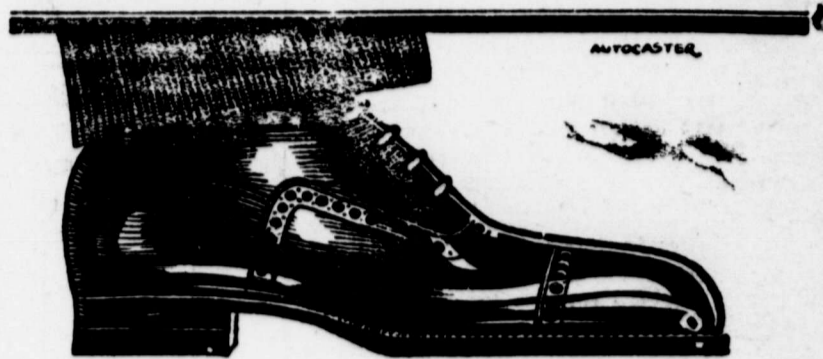
Chocolate Nuts and Fruits. Chocolate Covered Cherries. Chocolate Cream Brazil Nuts. Norris Gold Boxes. Dates with Pecans.

MASON DRUG COMPY.

The Famous Justin Boggs for sale by Hofmann Dry Goods Company.

People are Telling Us--

that we have never before offered such wonderful values.



All Leather Shoes for Every member of the family

ABOUT THIS TIME OF YEAR

it feels fine to get into an inviting warm suit of winter underwear, such as we are showing.

FALL SUITS FOR MEN AND YOUNG MEN

There are no ready-to-wear clothes just like ours; no others made as well; no others of the same distinctive woolens.

WARM WRAPS

We have coats, caps, and overcoats. Men, women and children can equip themselves for cold weather at

E. Lemburg & Bro's.

STAR OPERA HOUSE

FRIDAY NIGHT, DEC. 15TH
William Fox Presents Shirley Mason in "JACKIE"

SATURDAY NIGHT, DEC. 16TH
Wallace Reid in "WORLD'S CHAMPION"

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, DEC. 20TH
Tom Mix in "CHASING THE MOON"

SHOW STARTS AT 7:15 O'CLOCK

Admission: 15 & 25 Cents

PROF. IRA NEWFIELD

SELLS PIANOS

Ready to do all kinds of piano and organ tuning and repairing. You all know him well, as he's been coming here for 20 years.

Have Newfield make a player out of your old instrument. He works the case over, interior and exterior, making it look like new when completed. You'll then have an instrument equal to a \$700 or \$800 piano player for a moderate cost.

For Quotations, Phone or write him, Box 345, Mason, Texas, care Denver Hotel.

Ask Your Dealer For HOME GROUND CORN MEAL

Every Sack Guaranteed

We exchange meal any day of the week. You don't have to wait until Saturday to have your corn ground.

Mason Ice & Power Co.

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

ADVERTISING RATES

Local readers and classified ads 7 1/2 cents per line per issue. Display rates made known on application.
SUBSCRIPTION (always in advance one year) \$1.50

All ads placed in this paper, will be run until ordered out.

Foreign Advertising Representatives THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

Uncle John's Josh

IT'S A GOOD THING, THAT ONE HALF OF THE WORLD DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THE OTHER HALF SAYS ABOUT IT!



Daughter of Eve

He: May I kiss you?
She: If you do I'll tell father.
Silence.
She: Er-r—I might mention—that father hardly ever believes anything I tell him.
Silence—but much sweeter.

Cruel Crack

Inventor: I've had this idea in my head for two years.
Investor: Aged in wood, eh?

Behind The Times

Hootch Hound: He—Say, ain't the girls wearing broad belts these days?
Hootch Houndress: Them ain't belts—their dresses.

Lazy Larry

Larry hates to go to bed,
He frets and worries, so he said;
'Cause in the morning it's a bore,
To wake and wash his face once more.

Was He Game?

She—What are you thinking of?
He—Same thing you are.
She—My lips are chapped now—and I'll slap your face if you try.

It Will Happen

"Br-r-r! I'm chilled to the bone."
"Well, why don't you wear a hat?"

Observing Ole

"This sure makes me feel sheepish," he said, as he pulled on his new fleeced lined underwear.

At Prison Gates

Warden—What's your name and occupation?
Prisoner—My name is Spark; I'm an electrician, and I was sent up for assault and battery.
Warden—Hey, guard! Give this man a nice dry cell.

DUMB DAN

He's so stupid he thinks—that Spirits of Camphor is a ghost story.
that The Yule Log comes from Santa's family tree.
that The Three "Wise Men Of The East" is the name of a new movie.
that candles grow on Christmas trees.
Do you know a Dumb Dan? Tell us what he thinks.

JUNCTION-MASON FOOTBALL CONTEST THROWN OUT OF LEAGUE

Below is reproduced a letter recently received by Supt. P. A. Bennett from the office of the Interscholastic League at Austin which is self-explanatory:

Austin, Texas, November 29, 1922.
Superintendent P. A. Bennett,
Mason, Texas.

Dear Mr. Bennett:—
This is to advise that at the meeting of the State Executive Committee yesterday afternoon, the case of Johnie Blackburn of Junction was considered, and he was found to be ineligible under the half-year rule. The Committee ordered that all games in which Blackburn has participated this year be thrown out of consideration insofar as the Interscholastic League is concerned.

Cordially yours,
ROY B. HENDERSON.

The decision announced by this letter leaves Mason losing only one Interscholastic League game this season, the one to Brady. The loss of other games should not be counted in determining the strength of the team, as the other teams did not play under the League regulations, and therefore had a decided advantage over Mason. This can easily be seen by recalling the Junction-Mason game: Many of the spectators that day expressed their opinion that the result would have been different if Mason's star full back, Zesch, had been permitted to play. Naturally he would have gone in if Mason had not been playing according to the League rules, and had not signed a contract to be governed by the League. The Mason team expected the same rigid compliance with these rules by Junction, and relied on the League to enforce its rules, as it has done in this instance.

We trust, however, that this one apparent lapse of strictness in athletics by Junction will not cause us to forget the many clean, hard fought games that have been played between the two schools. We should be careful also in condemning either the coach or the school authorities at Junction for this apparent breach of agreement. All of the high school teachers including the superintendent and principal are in Junction school for the first time this year, and the coach would naturally know nothing about attendance after the season closed. Some schools keep very inadequate records. In this way an honest mistake could easily be made in the matter of a few weeks attendance the year before.

The introduction of the League rules in Texas scholastic athletics has brought changes that some are slow to understand. The oldtimer with his insistent cry of "Win-by-any-means" fails to catch the new spirit. He does not realize that athletics that do not build character as well as body have no place in a publicly supported institution. In other words, athletics in public schools must of necessity always be a means to an end and not an end within itself. A majority of the sport lovers of Mason are to be complimented on their spirit of demanding clean playing and clean sportsmanship even at the price of weakening the team temporarily. They regard honesty and hard playing of greater value than the mere winning of games, even if there was an opportunity of winning unfairly and not having the decision reversed.

THAT FUNNY MUTT AND JEFF COMING

Mutt and Jeff Musical Comedy Co. one night only, Saturday, December 16 in their big tent theatre. You have laughed at the Mutt and Jeff cartoons and pictures; now is the original stage production of Mutt & Jeff in Panama, at the races, the honeymoon and they will surely make you laugh. So don't miss going. Itc

Men's All Wool Suits from \$18.50 to \$27.50 at Hofmann Dry Goods Co. 33

Smoking Sets help solve the "Husband" problem. J. S. King, Jeweler

Richard Lloyd Jones tells

How to Get Our Problems Solved



WE have heard much through the last two years about the farm bloc. When this movement began most people looked upon it as a political curiosity. But it drew to its support so many conscientious and earnest men that the nation began to realize that there was something elemental in the idea that must demand serious national consideration.

The Non-Partisan League was a forerunner of this protest. It advocated a right program for its members. But it could prosper only in a state like North Dakota where the larger majority of the people are engaged in just one business—grain growing. It could not spread. We can't have a government of grain-growers. Any one vocation government is oligarchy. There is where this right protest took on impossible political form.

The Populist party back in the 80's and early 90's that flourished in Kansas was the beginning of the present farm bloc movement.

Cities live on the soil. The big city lives on the little city, and the little city lives upon the farm.

Science has come along with the automobile, the telephone and a hundred things that multiply efficiency, speed up industry with economy but always with the economy that costs. We have been learning how to live better. The lesson has gone out to the open acres. Fifty years ago few farm boys had ever tasted ice cream. The soda fountain today is a village need, and the movie a community demand. Minnesota eats Florida fruit. There are a thousand legal, economic, marketing, industrial problems today where fifty years ago there was one. In consequence the cost of administering all government, township, town, county, state and nation, has mounted with the multiplication of the problems that grew out of

our ever increasingly intricate life. All these make taxes.

In a normal farming community in Nebraska the tax rate on tilled land has gone from \$93 to \$494 in just six years. The farmer says he can't stand the gaff. The tax cost is exceeding the profit on production.

The same complaint comes from the city banker and manufacturer. The farmer has no monopoly on tax complaints. Did you ever hear of a popular tax?

It doesn't cost anything to live in a wilderness. We want all things that progress has brought us. We don't want to part with the soda fountain or the telephone. We can't give up the auto or the university extension. Very well then, what are we going to do?

New England had a great idea in the town meeting. Philadelphia with her nearly two millions of people, is now talking the town meeting idea. Out in the corn belt of the middle west the town meeting is again taking hold. And when, in a town of only 300 people surprise was expressed because over 200 were in attendance, the answer came, "We have to go to the town meeting. It's the only way we can ever solve our problem."

That's the only way we ever can.

Public ownership of public utilities and a scientific marketing system of the products of the land will both save our civilization and supply its cost. The only way we are ever going to get there is to get together, talk it over and thresh it out. Find out what we can do, what we want to do, and then send to our state legislatures and to our Congress not a lot of half-baked country lawyers but practical producers—men who know what we want done and who will do it.

Poem by UNCLE JOHN

When the breezes blow contrary, an' you're stranded on the beach, where there ain't a sign of light-house, or a harbor in yer reach.—When yer haversack is empty an' you can't produce a dime.—Remember that we've all be there—many a time!

TAKE HEART
When you think yer lot is harder than yer mortal frame can stand. . . . An' it's plainer every mimm't that you're runnin' out of sand.—It makes me want to cheer ye with a soul-in-spirin' rhyme.—Remember that we've all been there—many a time!

We got to have a sperit that is able to contend, if we'd reach the crown of glory that is just around the bend. . . . There never was a mountain-top that courage couldn't climb.—Remember that we've all been there—many a time!

For your own Uncle John.

HOMIEY PHILOSOPHY for 1922

THERE'S goin' to be many a sad heart at Christmas time. It's always so. The sleigh bells tinkle for some of us and the church bells toll for others. Perhaps there may be comfort in the thought that on the day that Jesus came to us he gathers to Himself the weary and the blessed. What a Christmas gift is Death! The passing into the glory of the morn—the smoothing of the furrowed brow, the end of earthly care. In mournful tones we hear the preacher tell us that the moment a man begins to live that moment he begins to die, but amid the Christmas laughter of our children we seem to think the moment man begins to die that moment he begins to live.

FROM NEWS FILES OF 25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Dec. 17, 1897:

Mrs. Sarah Gowing and family will leave here about January 1st to take charge of the Benham Hotel at Brady. J. W. White and family returned Tuesday from a visit of a few weeks to relatives in Gonzales.

Marriage License—Mr. Alfred Kelso and Miss Cunningham. Mr. Cunningham and Miss Clarey.

W. H. Sheppard and family leave this week for Sterling, where they will locate for a time.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Young died Wednesday morning.

Thos. Wood is an applicant for the post office at Katemey, now held by Mr. Dobbs.

Geo. Edmunson was given 27 years in the pen at San Saba on a charge of rape.

15 Years Ago In Mason

From Mason News, Dec. 13, 1907:

Mrs. Holtzer died at Castell Sunday morning, aged 72 years.

Cotton is selling at 10 1-2 cents on the local market and lots of it is being sold.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark are the parents of a new girl.

Chas. Schuessler has sold the mineral right on his farm to Nunnally & Moore of Llano for \$4,800, retaining one-fifth interest.

Sam Sanders has sold half interest in his gin to W. A. Zesch.

Joe Barker and family left this week for Wilson County to locate.

Candle Sticks, Perfume Bottles, Delta Pearls. J. S. King, Jeweler.

New arrivals of Ladies Suits, Dresses and Coats from New York weekly at Hofmann Dry Goods Company. 33

A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.50 Small bottle often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. R. W. Hall 3826 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo.



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COURT HOUSE NEWS SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

Births
 Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kobb, a boy, December 10th.
 Mr. and Mrs. James Wright, a boy, December 11th.

A useful Gift, "Bracelet Watch".
 J. S. King, Jeweler.

Chas. Brite was in Mason last Friday from the Streeter section and left several dollars with the News to insure its weekly visits for some time to come. Mr. Brite states that his brother, Tom, is not contemplating leaving this country and the mention the News recently made in that connection was in error. He said however, Mr. Brite is preparing to retire from the store business at Streeter.

C. C. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Smith, returned home last Saturday from San Antonio, where he had been for some time undergoing special medical treatment. His many local friends will learn with pleasure that his health is much improved.

Albert Metzger left the first of the week for San Antonio for a visit with his son, Howard. Mr. Metzger expects to attend to some business while in that city.

Everything in the Dry Goods Line at Hofmann Dry Goods Company. 32

A Clearance Sale of Fall Millinery

Every hat in the house now going at cost. Sale starts Saturday, December 10th.

Be sure you don't miss this wonderful opportunity.

MRS. MORROW'S HAT SHOPPE

Christmas Post Cards at Mason Drug Company. 49

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE COMMERCIAL BANK (Unincorporated)

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Commercial Bank, unincorporated, will be held at the banking house in Mason on the second Tuesday in January, same being January 9th, 1923, at 2 o'clock p. m.

All stockholders are urged to be present, but if you find you are unable to attend, you will please authorize some one else to act for you.

Respectfully,

Walter W. Hartman

40-31e Cashier.

PLEASE REMEMBER

One hundred surprise boxes go on sale at F. J. Maier's "Clean Sweep Close Out Sale" next Saturday, Dec. 16. You may get a Suit of Clothes, good Hat, Shoes, or other useful item for the small sum of 25 or 50c, at any rate you get your money's worth, in many instances 10 and 20 times of what you invest. Saturday, Dec. 16.

F. J. MAIER'S
 "Clean Sweep Close Out Sale."
 Fredericksburg, Texas. 11c

Christmas Toys at Mason Drug Co.

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

- Mrs. C. W. Young 1.50
- W. I. Marschall 1.50
- Mrs. R. E. L. Clark 1.50
- John Schnessler 1.50
- J. E. Jordan 1.50
- Mrs. Lena Koock 3.00
- W. W. Wartenbach 1.50
- John W. Leslie 1.50
- F. R. Waller 1.50
- Joe G. Kidd 1.50
- Annetta Moran 1.50
- H. O. Brockman 1.50
- Lee Looffler 1.50
- Leo Gugenheim 1.50
- Albert Kothmann 3.00
- L. B. Baxter 1.50
- Mrs. R. Kirkpatrick 1.50
- Emil Hoerster 1.50
- Fritz Guentert 3.00
- John T. Banks 1.50
- Tom Holmes 1.50
- Mrs. Th. Bernhard 1.50
- R. O. Green 1.50
- Rubin Kothmann 3.00
- H. J. Jordan 1.50
- Chas. Brite 6.00
- Lawrence Schmidt 1.50
- Miss A. Mogford 1.50
- R. A. Howard 1.50
- O. H. Richardson 4.50
- City Gro. Co. 1.50
- Arch Emanuel 1.50
- Ed Heinrich 1.50
- Chas. Coffey 1.50

We thank you Who's next?

SEETOM MIX IN "CHASING THE MOON" AT STAR DECEMBER 20

On Wednesday, December 20th, the drawing for the Ford car to be given away by the business firms of Mason will be conducted, but if you don't win the car, don't be disheartened, but go to the Star Theater that night and see Tom Mix in "Chasing the Moon." You'll laugh and enjoy yourself so much you'll forget you ever had a chance at the car. 11c

Up-to-the-minute Millinery every few days at Hofmann Dry Goods Co. 33

Last Saturday this section witnessed the first real cold weather of the winter and each day since, the temperature has been of a frosty nature. The first ice of this winter was seen on Sunday morning.

Mason did not have as many people on the streets last Saturday as is ordinarily the case and it was surprising, with Christmas so close at hand.

WARDROBE TRUNKS

only cost a few dollars more than a regular trunk. Come and see them at **F. J. MAIER'S**
 "Clean Sweep Close Out Sale."
 Fredericksburg, Texas. 11c

Christmas Candy at Mason Drug Co.

Perilous.

She had studied all the modern fads, and was rather amused at the latest theory about kissing. Doctors said it was most unhygienic and dangerous. Finding herself alone with a rather silent young man, she mistook his silence for shyness. "Do you think kissing dangerous?" she asked. "Terribly," he answered. "Why? Whatever can it produce?" "Marriage," he snapped.

Fifty Thousand Dollars For a Strawberry Plant



Frank E. Beatty, of Three Rivers, Michigan, has set a record price for strawberry plants. He paid Harry Rockhill of Conrad, Ia., \$50,000 for an everbearing plant which has taken fourteen years to develop. The berries grown on this plant are gigantic. Mr. Beatty has named it the Rockhill berry.

Society

Birthday Party

Little Effie Lindsay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lindsay, was a kind little hostess to a number of her little friends on Monday afternoon at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Gamel, the occasion being her fourth birthday anniversary.

The little folks gathering to enjoy the occasion were Hilton Moneyhoar, Arnold and Bell Bennett, A. J. Lindsay, Margaret Martin, Mildred and Jeff, Jr. Montgomery, Tom Jr., White, Maxine Beach, Billie Dick Grosse, Lee Roy Eckert, Sam Hoerster, Lucille Smith, Velma Smith, Billie Hofmann, Jack and Effie Lindsay, Dorothy Gamel, Joy Ellis.

Bridge Club

Mrs. K. M. Eckert entertained the Bridge Club last Saturday afternoon at her home.

A dainty salad course was served to the following: Mmes. W. I. Marschall, Seth L. Baze, P. A. Bennett, M. D. Loring, Elgin Eckert, Albert Lee, Ben Grote, John Lindsay, Howard Smith; Misses Julia Bierschwale, Marie Brockman and Betty Tribble.

Celebrates Birthday

Mrs. Anna Martin celebrated her birthday anniversary on Sunday, December 10th. Her beautiful home in west end was the scene of an enjoyable gathering of relatives on this occasion. The News joins this esteemed lady's many friends in extending her congratulations.

Ross Wolfe, of Stephenville, has been in Mason this week on business and renewing acquaintances in our midst.

*** CHURCH NOTICES ***

METHODIST CALENDAR TO JAN. 1ST, 1923

Dec. 17th.—Preaching at Mason at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Roy G. Rader.
 Dec. 17th.—Preaching at Grit at 3 p. m. by Roy G. Rader.
 Dec. 24th.—Preaching at Bethel at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. by Roy G. Rader.
 Dec. 24th.—Preaching in Mason at 11 a. m. (English) at 3 p. m. (German) by D. G. Hardt.
 Dec. 24th.—Special Christmas Service in Mason at 7 p. m. Something interesting and inspiring for all. Everybody invited.—Roy G. Rader.
 Prayer meeting every week, Wednesday nights after the first and third Sundays. Services in English. Roy G. Rader.
 Wednesday nights after the second and fourth Sundays, services in German.—D. G. Hardt.
 Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m. An interesting and profitable hour for everyone.—Chas. Grote, Supt.

RALLY TO BE HELD WITH BAPTIST CHURCH AT BRADY 15-17

Following is the program to be carried out at the Educational Rally to be held with the Baptist Church at Brady, December 15th to 17th:

Friday

10:30 a. m.—Devotional, W. I. Newton, Brownwood.
 11:00 a. m.—Denominational Loyalty, R. A. Scranton, Brownwood.
 3:00 p. m.—The Association As A Denominational Asset, R. A. Scranton, Brownwood.
 7:00 p. m.—Devotional, W. R. Howell, Menard.
 7:15 p. m.—How to Grow A Great Association, Joe Davis, Abilene.

Saturday

10:30 a. m.—Devotional, W. J. Bris-

coe, Proctor.
 11:00 a. m.—Have We Outgrown the Bible? Dr. M. E. Davis, Brownwood.
 2:30 a. m.—Country Baptists—Their Problems and Their Value to the Denomination, Dean T. H. Taylor, Brownwood.
 3:15 p. m.—Our Mission Work in Brazil, C. F. Stapp, Brownwood.
 7:00 p. m.—Devotional, L. S. Richardson, Brownwood.
 7:30 p. m.—The Kind of Preaching We Need Today, Dr. M. E. Davis, Brownwood.

Sunday

9:30 a. m.—Sunday School Assemblies.
 10:30 a. m.—The Sunday School As A Denominational Asset, Dean T. H. Taylor, Brownwood.
 11:00 a. m.—The Christian College As A Denominational Asset, Dr. W. R. Hornburg, Brownwood.
 3:00 p. m.—A New Testament Deacon and His Duties, Joe Davis, Abilene. Followed by the Ordination of some Deacons.
 7:00 p. m.—Song and Praise Service.
 7:15 p. m.—Evangelistic Sermon, Dr. W. R. Hornburg, Brownwood.

All visitors will be given free entertainment. Make your plans to come.
BUREN SPARKS,
L. S. RICHARDSON,
W. R. HOWELL,
 Program Committee.

15 LBS. OF SUGAR

For only \$1.00. With every \$10 worth of Dry Goods or Groceries bought during the time that our block is closed for traffic, 15 lbs. of sugar will be given for \$1.00 at

F. J. MAIER'S
 "Clean Sweep Close Out Sale."
 Fredericksburg, Texas. 11c

Max Martin left the first of the week for San Antonio to spend a few days visiting Mrs. Martin and daughters.

Typewriter ribbons, 80c. News Office.

The Grand Finale



SEASON'S BONE PLAY GOES TO DICKINSON

Rutgers College Star Grid Player Is Given Credit.

After Recovering a Fumble He Loses Sense of Direction and Starts for Opponents' Goal and Is Tackled by Them.

What was the prize bonehead play of the year in baseball?

The Yankees in the world series pulled enough to last them a couple of seasons.

Bob Meusel, when he failed to run out a hit on which he would have easily been safe, only to have the next batter follow with a home run that would have tied up the game, was a thing of beauty.

There were scores of others in both major leagues that are eligible for first prize, but most of the experts concede the honor of pulling the prize bone of the year in baseball to Toporcer of the Cardinals.

Scot' up as a pinch hitter in a game at Philadelphia he hit the ball over the right field wall for a home run. There was a man on first base at the time. The runner on first feared the ball would be caught and stopped between first and second awaiting results. In the meantime, Toporcer, positive he had made a home run, dashed around the bases at full speed, passing the runner on first between that base and second.

For so doing Toporcer was, of course, automatically out the moment he passed a preceding runner. Instead of a home run he received credit for only a single.

What about the biggest bone in football?

That title goes to Dickinson of Rutgers college.

In a game with the University of West Virginia Dickinson, after recovering a fumble, lost his sense of direction and started for his opponent's goal.

Then to cap the climax, Setron and Howard of the West Virginia team completed the prize "bone" by tackling him instead of permitting him to go on his way.

BLOOMINGTON AFTER WILSON



It is reported that the first choice to manage the Bloomington team of the Three-I league was Jimmy Hamilton, but now that Hamilton has cast his lot with Nashville the Bloomington fans are interested in Art Wilson, veteran catcher, who had notable success as a manager in the Kitty league the past season.

WHEN WILHELM TWIRLED

Former Manager of Phillies Pitched 41 Games for Boston Braves—Salary Limit \$2,400.

Manager Wilhelm, formerly with the Phillies, points out that in 1904, when he was a member of the Boston Braves, he, together with Vic Willis and Charley Pittinger, pitched 102 of the 154-game schedule.

Willis pitched 43 games, Wilhelm 41 and Pittinger 80. The salary limit was \$2,400.

Zinc in the Human Body.

Professor Delezenne has discovered that zinc is an essential constituent of the human body. The metal exists in all organs, about 0.0001 by weight. The weight is variable, the highest proportion being found in the nervous centers.

Natural Resources.

Mushrooms are being imported into this country from Switzerland. We are still able to raise all the foodstuffs that are needed for home consumption.

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EGG PRODUCTION IN WINTER

Feeding a Well-Balanced Ration is of First Importance—Greens and Exercise Needed.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The pullets that are expected to be doing their bit in the laying flock this winter should have been put in winter quarters early in November and fed the sort of ration that will supply plenty of material for egg production. Every attention that will tend to stimulate laying is demanded by the pullets at this time, for a good early start may help to establish the habit of laying through a long season, say the poultrymen of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Good rations, however, cannot be expected to keep a flock laying properly if health conditions are not what they should be. Dropping boards and nests need cleaning and disinfection occasionally, and it goes almost without saying that there must be frequent changes of litter and always an abundant supply of clean water. A sick hen is about as poor a piece of property as a man can own, and many experienced poultry raisers go so far as to say that a sick one is less desirable than a dead one.

If pullets are a little slow in coming into laying it is sometimes possible to stimulate them by some changes in the feeding schedule. If the quantity of scratch feed allowed in the morning is cut down by one-half, it will make the birds hungrier during the day and they will consume more of the dry mash, which will frequently start them laying a week earlier than otherwise would be the case.

Another help is to feed a little of the mash wet at noon, as even this little variation seems to whet their appetites. The use of buttermilk in mixing this moist mash is one of the best stimulants to help start egg production. If the poultry keeper feels that he does not want to force the birds too hard he may cut down on this moistened mash. It is possible that forcing too much on the feed may cause the fowls to be weakened in fertility, but few farmers and back-yard chicken raisers will be inclined to overdo this matter of feeding. A little stimulus in the beginning may have a great deal to do with getting the hens started in their work, and once on their way it is probable that they will keep on if well fed and cared for.

If the weather is mild it may be possible to feed the hens outside, and when this is done they will generally get plenty of exercise. When the birds must be kept in, feeding the grain in



Cutting Green Feed Which is Necessary for the Laying Flock in Fall and Winter.

deep litter is the best way to get them to take the needed exercise. It is possible, however, to overdo such a good thing as exercise. Too much scratching and running around keeps the layers always hungry, and the demands of the body are so great that egg making may be interfered with. The hens should go to roost every night with a crop full of feed, and usually a handful of grain for each hen will be equivalent to a cropful.

Green feed is one of the essentials for laying hens and no good poultryman will neglect to supply it in some form or other. There is a great variety of this kind of feed, including cabbage, mangels, sprouted oats and cut green rye. It may be fed at noon, or such green stuff as cabbage and

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that the birds may peck at it.

PULLET CULLING PROFITABLE

Main Points to Consider Are Long, Broad Back and Full Abdomen—Many Are Slackers.

In culling pullets, the main points to consider are a long, broad back; full abdomen, deep, long breast; clean cut head; and a bright eye. Ten to fifteen per cent of the pullet crop can be killed without affecting the flocks prospects.

FOOTBALL IS GREAT CHARACTER BUILDER

Makes a Man Realize What He Is Good For, Says Fisher.

Lesson Learned on Field of "Never Give Up" Will Stay With Player Through Life—Game Being Constantly Developed.

Bob Fisher, head football coach at Harvard university, sees the real value of football in molding the character of the players.

"My idea has always been," says Fisher, "that football, properly han-



Coach Bob Fisher.

dled, is one of the greatest character builders to be found today.

"It brings out every bit of courage and grit that is in a man.

"And that lesson learned on the foot-

ball field—the lesson of 'never give up' will stay with him all his life.

"It will help him over the rough sledding and keep him plugging, when other men quit.

"No matter how letter perfect a team may be in the mechanical part of the game, unless the players have that proper mental viewpoint, they will not be a success."

Constant development of the game keeps a man busy, Fisher adds.

"Not only must he figure out his own mode of attack but he has to frame a defense against the other fellow's constantly changing attack," he says.

"Football is still in the evolutionary stage. While at present the tendency of the game is not to increase the use of the aerial attack, you can't tell from one season to the other what new formation will be devised.

"But I do not believe that any radical changes will be made.

BALL GAME WAS FORFEITED

Supply of Balls Had Been Exhausted and Rival Manager Refused to Sell to Home Team.

Jack Herbert of Saginaw, formerly manager of Pekin in the Illinois-Missouri league, tells of a game which had to be forfeited because the supply of balls had been exhausted.

In August, 1912, Pekin and Canton were playing at Beardstown, Ill., to which place the game had been transferred from Pekin.

Pekin was the home club under the conditions, and had to supply the balls. Herbert tried to buy some from the manager of the Canton team and he refused to sell. Then the umpire gave Pekin three minutes to play. No balls were available and Pekin had to forfeit in the seventh inning, although leading 6 to 4.

13 REASONS ARE SUBMITTED POSTMASTER GENERAL WORK FOR 13-CENT POSTAGE STAMP

Postmaster General Work is considering 13 reasons submitted by twelve thirteen students of Shepherd State Normal at Shepherdstown, W. Va., for reissuance of the 13-cent stamp, recently canceled.

The petition says that American history is bound up with the figure. Here are their reasons:

1. America was discovered on the eve of the 13th.
2. The United States originally consisted of 13 colonies.
3. The first official flag had 13 stripes and 13 stars.
4. The American eagle, national emblem, has 13 letters, as does the national motto: "E Pluribus Unum."
5. The first Atlantic cable message was sent on the 13th.
6. The silver quarter has 13 stars; its eagle, bearing an olive branch with 13 leaves in one claw, has 13 thunderbolts in the other.
7. There were 13 ships in the first American navy.
8. Perry's victory on Lake Erie was won on the 13th.
9. The Stars and Stripes were raised over Sumner on the 13th.
10. General Pershing reached France on June 13, 1917.
11. The 13th amendment abolished negro slavery.
12. It would not cost any more to make a 13-cent stamp than any other.

The students suggest several designs commemorating the 13 colonies upon the proposed stamp.

Postmaster General Work took one whole day to think it over.—Exchange.

Christmas Gifts at Mason Drug Co.

Sky The Limit For This Memorial



In the rotunda of the Mammoth Cave, Ky., is this memorial, which can reach to the sky—and still will be uncompleted. Visitors to the cave will bring stones from every State in the union to lay on it.



PROLONG YOUR PLEASURE

The greater part of your Christmas pleasure is in choosing the gifts you think will give the most enjoyment. Start early, shop leisurely, giving each gift consideration, and so prolong your Christmas pleasure.

J. S. KING, Jeweler
"GIFTS THAT LAST"

POSTED

This is to notify the public that I have leased the fur right on all lands owned and controlled by J. D. Eckert and sons and the same is posted according to law against hunting with dogs or trapping, or trespassing of any kind.

J. M. ECKERT,
 Katemey, Texas.
 38-4tp

POSTED NOTICE

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

LOUIS G. ECKERT.
 35-2mc

TRESPASS NOTICE

This is to give notice that all lands owned by us are posted against hunting, trapping or trespassing of any kind.

A. R. EVERS,
EMIL KORDZIK.
 34-2mp

POSTED

All land owned or controlled by me are posted according to law, and I warn the public against any and all kinds of hunting, trapping or otherwise trespassing.

AUGUST KOTHMANN.
 34-2mp

POSTED

Notice is hereby given that the former E. H. Kothmann place is posted according to law. No hunting of any description; all former permits herewith revoked. Anyone caught violating this notice will be prosecuted.

W. C. LEHMBERG.
 34-2mp

POSTED

There is to be no hunting, trapping or trespassing of any kind in our pastures.

HENRY JORDAN,
ARTHUR JORDAN,
JAMES STENGEL.
 36-4mp

NO HUNTING

On account of my pastures being stocked with sheep and goats, I hereby warn the public against hunting therein, with either gun or dogs.

FRANK SIMON.
 34-4fc

POSTED

I hereby warn the public against hunting, with dog, gun or traps, in any of the pastures owned or controlled by me.

D. A. JORDAN.
 25-3m

POSTED

All lands owned or controlled by the undersigned are posted and parties trespassing therein with dog, gun or traps will be prosecuted.

S. B. CAPPS, J. S. CAPPS, J. W. BROOKS, A. O. DRAPER, O. C. WISEMANN, H. R. EAKER, ROBT. PRIESS, W. R. CAPPS.
 37-2mp

POSTED NOTICE

Hunting or trespassing of any nature is strictly forbidden on any of the lands

owned or controlled by me. Parties desiring to hunt must get written permission or otherwise they will be prosecuted.

MAX MARTIN.
 32-2mc

POSTED

No trapping, or hunting of any kind will be permitted on any of the land owned or controlled by the undersigned.

E. & H. ZESCH.
 35-2mp

TRESPASS NOTICE

No hunting with gun or dogs, or trapping, or otherwise trespassing, will be allowed on the land owned or controlled by the Loyal Valley Game Protective Association without a privilege card properly signed.

Loyal Valley Game Protective Association.
 33-2m

POSTED

All my land is posted according to law, against hunting, trapping or trespassing of all descriptions. I warn the general public of this fact, as I will prosecute any and all violators of this notice.

J. W. WHITE.
 33-c

POSTED

All pastures owned or controlled by me are posted against hunting, trapping or otherwise trespassing in any way, and I warn the general public against violation of this notice.

ALVIN LEIFESTE.
 33-2mp

POSTED

Notice is hereby given that no hunting or trapping is allowed on the lands owned by us.

DAN JORDAN,
R. J. DURST.
 38-4tp

POSTED

All lands owned and controlled by the undersigned are posted against hunting and trapping, or otherwise trespassing.

EMIL HOERSTER,
ALBERT KOTHMANN.
 33-4tp

Make it a box of King's chocolates. Owl Drug Store. 28-4f

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SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas, County of Mason. F. W. Tatsch, Plaintiff vs. Edgar Kothmann, et al., defendants.

In the District Court of Gillespie County, Texas.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale, issued out of the District Court of Gillespie County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court, on the 21st day of September, A. D., 1922, in favor of the said F. W. Tatsch and against the said Edgar Kothmann et al., No. 1386, on the docket of said Court, I did, on the 4th day of December, A. D., 1922, at 2 o'clock p. m. levy upon the following described tract or parcel of land, situated in the County of Mason, State of Texas, and belonging to the said Edgar Kothmann, to-wit: the same being lot numbered one (1), in block numbered one (1), in the town of Mason, Mason County, Texas, as said lot and block are shown, designated and delineated on the map or plat of said town of Mason and known as the Geistweidt property; and on the 2nd day of January, A. D., 1923, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of said Mason County I will offer for sale and sell, at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of said Edgar Kothmann in and to said property.

Dated at Mason, Texas, this the 5th day of December, A. D., 1922.

CHAS. LESLIE,
 39. Sheriff of Mason County, Texas.

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For further information on this subject, we suggest that you come to our office or order Farmers Bulletin No. 1001 from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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TO THE SHARE-HOLDERS OF THE MASON NATIONAL BANK OF MASON, TEXAS:

You are hereby advised that the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Mason National Bank will be held at the banking house in Mason on the 2nd Tuesday in January, same being on the 9th day of January, 1923, at 10:30 a. m. At this meeting directors will be elected for the ensuing year, and such other business will be transacted as will properly come before the meeting.

You are urgently requested to be present, but should you find that you will be unable to attend, kindly authorize some person to act in your stead.

Yours very truly,

39-4tc D. F. LEHMBERG, Cashier.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE FIRST STATE BANK OF MASON, TEXAS:

You are hereby advised that the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the First State Bank will be held at the banking house in Mason on the second Wednesday in January, same being the 10th day of January, 1923, at 2 o'clock p. m.

At this meeting directors will be elected for the ensuing year, and such other business will be transacted as will properly come before the meeting.

You are urgently requested to be present, but should you find you are unable to attend, kindly authorize some person to act in your stead.

Yours very truly,

39-4tc W. E. JORDAN, Cashier.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends for the many acts of kindness and for the words of sympathy and for the floral offerings during the illness and at the death of our daughter and sister, Ella. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Durst and Family.

HEADQUARTERS for army clothing at big bargains. E. Lemburg & Bro. 32

Blankets, blankets, blankets at Hofmann Dry Goods Company. 33

Buy her a box of Norris Chocolate Brazil Nuts at Mason Drug Comp'y.

McCULLOCH COUNTY WOLF CLUB GETTING RESULTS IN WAR ON PREDATORY ANIMALS

Effective results are already being obtained by the McCulloch County Wolf club in its war on predatory animals, although the club has been organized but a comparatively short time. At the regular meeting of the directors, held the past week bounty was paid on 29 wolf scalps and 2 wild cat scalps. The bounty paid is \$10 per scalp for wolves and \$2 per scalp for wild cats. The good work is to be continued until the entire county is rid of all these pests.—Brady Standard.

Edison Phonographs (all kinds) on easy terms at Mason Drug Comp'y. 36

MUTT AND JEFF SHOW COMING

The Mutt and Jeff Musical Comedy Company will appear in Mason Saturday, Dec. 16th, one night only under their big tent theatre. This is not a movie, but a real stage show of thirty people. A novelty jazz orchestra, special scenery, electrical effects, pretty girls, funny comedians, elegant costumes. This company has played all the big city theatres and now for the first time touring the country under canvas. Mutt and Jeff are famous the world over as real laugh producers and it's a show for the whole family. Free concert on principle corner at 4 p. m. by their novelty orchestra. 1tc (Advertisement)

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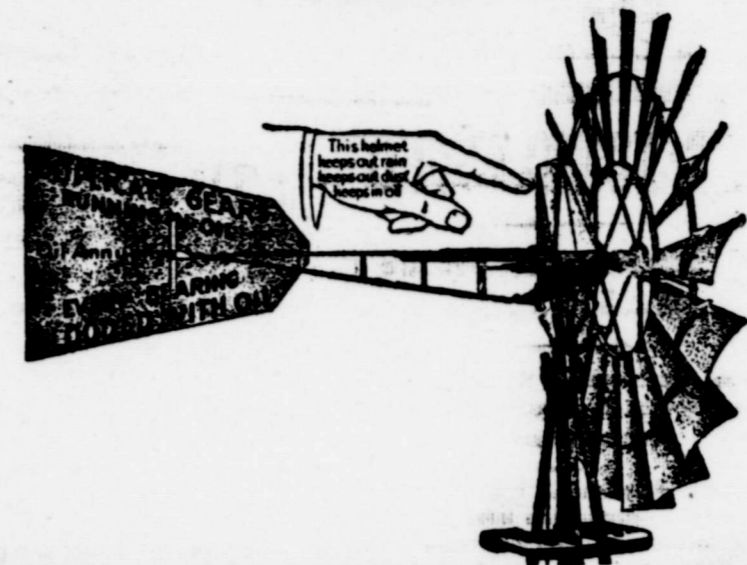
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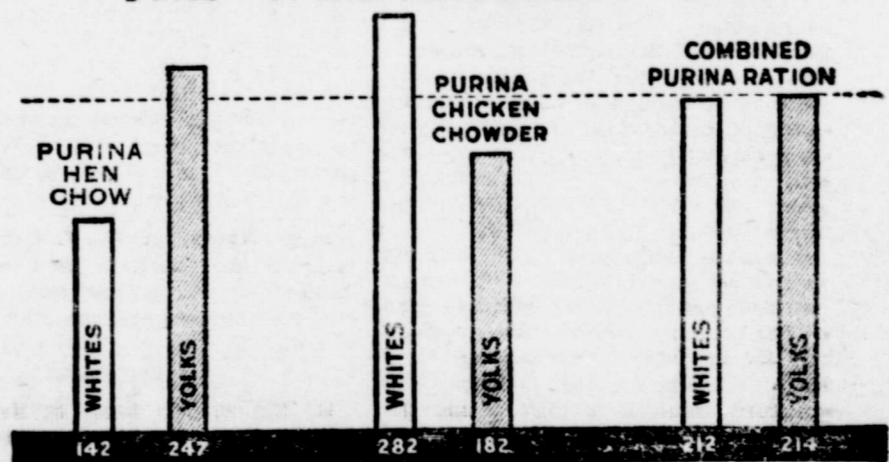
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Mason, Texas



NEW WELLS PLANNED IN MIRANDO FIELD

Drilling Will Be Active Webb, Jim Hogg and Zapata Counties Shortly.

San Antonio, Tex.—Drilling will be active in the extreme ends of Mirando field in Webb, Jim Hogg and Zapata counties within a short time and with an especial amount of activity in the section south of the Miranda Valley pool and on either side of the Zapata-Jim Hogg County line.

Some of the highest prices ever recorded in this wildcat territory have been paid lately by big companies for leases in the territory up in the vicinity of the Gates-Kirkpatrick ranch, north of the Carolina, Texas gas wells in Webb County. The Magnolia is said to have paid \$30 an acre for a section of land in the Gates-Kirkpatrick ranch known as section 28 and the Texas Company paid \$20 for section 29.

The last purchase recorded is said to have been made by the Sun Company, which is already interested in Southwest Texas and is drilling in Zavalla County. The Sun is reported to have bought the lease on surveys 33 and 13 of the Billings ranch northwest from the Carolina-Texas gas wells. This makes at least three of the big companies that are already in the extreme northern part of the Mirando territory.

At the other extreme end of the territory the Pippin well of the Gulf Standard has been rumored to be in with a good production of oil.

C. E. Lang of the Boston-Mirando Oil Company has announced that his company will drill three wells in a row on the Zapata side of the county line, the first well to the north being about two miles south of the Miranda Valley pool and the last one to the south being about eight miles. The Trussell rig now drilling the No. 2 well on the Thompson lease north of Randado, will drill the Lange wells, spudding in on the first as soon as the Thompson well is completed. The first well to the north will be on survey 69, the next south of survey 5 and the last to the south of survey 84.

These wells with the Pippin and Thompson wells and the wells which the Hallmaek Oil Company will drill on the Wilbur Allen ranch to the north of Randado, are expected to increase interest in that section. Leases are said to be selling lower in that section than in the northern part, but C. E. Lange of the Boston-Mirando Company believes that the richest pool in the entire field will be found there.

Drilling in Kosse Field.

Kosse, Tex.—Between now and January 1 some big production is expected in the Kosse field. The Humphreys-Bassett, which is the deepest test of the field, is making good progress at 435 feet. If pay is not reached at 460 feet, they will plug back to one of the higher levels where they had a large oil and gas showing; the Allea at 382 feet, has just finished a fishing job and this Humphreys well will be drilled to the depth of the Bassett, the Humphreys-Jones, the discovery well, is being swabbed and another outbreak of gas and oil is expected.

Orange Well Increases Flow.

Orange, Tex.—One of the best and most satisfactory wells of the week in the Orange field was brought in by the Supreme Oil Company in No. 2 Jackson at 3480 feet. This well came in with an initial yield of 350 barrels of pipe line oil. The flow in this well, like many others in that territory, continued to increase until the daily output reached 1200 barrels the third day after it came in.

Blossom Dome Test.

Wharton, Tex.—Report comes from Blossom Dome, Wharton County, that the wildcat test of the Hamilton Oil Association is showing oil. Recently the bit was sidetracked at 2400 feet and at 2700 feet hole started to gas heavily. Heavy mud was pumped in to hold down the gas pressure and Thursday it was reported that oil was flowing through the mud at the top of the casing.

Drilling Near Eagle Lake.

Eagle Lake, Tex.—After a suspension of work for several weeks while the company made changes in its organization and equipment, drilling has been resumed in the Columbus-Bernardo well, ten miles north of Eagle Lake. The well is down 1,800 feet and is said to have encountered very favorable indications.

Drilling Near Singleton.

Singleton, Tex.—Owners of the No. 3 Crawford oil well near Singleton have resumed operations after several weeks' delay due to shortage of water.



WANT COLUMNS
FOR SALE—Registered Hereford Cattle, 8 dandy bull calves and 8 nice heifer calves, also four bulls one year old last May that weigh more than one thousand three hundred pounds each. In the four fairs shown they took all the blue and purple ribbons in their class, also grand championship over all others shown. Courts, Cleveland, Granbury, Texas. 40-2tp

BREEDING TURKEYS—Purebred Mammoth White, Toms \$10, hens \$7. See, write or phone H. C. Taylor, Pottotoc, Texas. 1tp

TURKEYS—Thoroughbred Bourbon Red Toms for sale, \$9 each. Phone or write Mrs. J. S. Capps, Jr., Fredonia, Texas. 40-2tp

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Wholesale Fish, Oyster and Crushed Shell business, established 32 years, average net profit ten per cent or better on valuation of \$75,000; for sale or trade for ranch or for ranch and stock. No place will be considered unless it is amply supplied with water. Address P. O. Box No. 408, Port Lavaca, Texas. 33-2tc

LOST—Young black dog with white ring around neck. About half Collie and half Shepherd. Finder, please notify Will Sheppard. 30-3tc

WANTED—To buy an old style wicker baby buggy with high springs and long body. Apply to Joe Conally. 39-2tc

FOR SALE—Bourbon Red Turkey Toms, \$7 each. See A. C. Loeffler. 30-2tc

FOR SALE—One Big Bone Poland China gilt, price \$10. Milton Loeffler. 39-2tc

BIG DOUBLE Disc Plow for sale; also a rowltider. Both in fine condition. If interested, see Aug. Willmann or inquire of E. F. Willmann. 39-4tp

FOR SALE—Jersey Milk Cows with calves about 2 months old. Heavy milkers. If interested apply to Ellis Massey, Streeter, Texas. 37-4tp

MULES FOR SALE—Several head. If interested, apply to Marvin Grote. 37-4tc

DODGE FOR SALE—A used Dodge touring car, in good condition. Apply to Mrs. J. W. Gamel. 35tf

TOWN PROPERTY For Sale—Undivided 1-2 interest in lots 8, 9 and 10 on N. W. cor. square. Fronts 112 feet and 110 feet deep. Also undivided 1-2 interest in lot 11. 150x150 feet just north of above lots. Apply to F. A. Gerdes, Mason, Texas. 34-4tc

FRAME BUILDINGS FOR SALE—Three 20x24 practically new buildings for sale. Located at old school house. Apply to C. S. Vedder. 33-4tc

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Our very liberal offer of **FREE PANTS** with every suit of clothes for Men and Boys, is only good until Christmas. The unusual opportunities don't last forever, and besides the assortment is being reduced every day at **F. J. MAIER'S** Fredericksburg, Texas. 1tc

Christmas Toys at Mason Drug Company. 40

Another Gasser Near Marshall. Marshall, Tex.—The Industrial Gas Company of Marshall has brought in another big gas well down in the Bethany-Elysian Fields district the past week, producing 6,000,000 feet of gas daily.

Milam County Production Increases. Rockdale.—The refinery pipe line runs for November showed an average of 351 barrels a day. Several new completions with good natural flowing production since November.

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HAS TONIC EFFECT

Christmas Day Pleasures Are of Benefit to People.

Mental State Does Everybody Good and Festivity Equals Prescription of Physician.

CLOSE observers in the ranks of the medical profession have noted one very interesting fact concerning the Christmas season—that it generally has a good tonic effect upon their patients. In explanation of this the London Lancet says that since Christmas has come to be regarded as a time for good cheer, a universal feeling of contentment and happiness is engendered at this time of joyousness, routine is for a while relieved, a certain freshness is given to the daily round, differences of opinion are sunk, and a charitable spirit prevails. In it, by the way, hoping for too much, asks the Lancet, that the season of good fellowship should leave some lasting effect upon the manners and methods of all?

It may not be easy to trace exactly why the sense of exhilaration and well-being comes with the advent of Christmas, for the psychological factors concerned are not simple. But the main point is that the mental state does everybody good, and the annual festivity is just as excellent an institution as the prescription of the physician which gives tone and vigor to the struggler in life's race. There is no need nowadays, thanks to the good sense of the people and the counsel of their medical advisers, to moralize about the evils of a stupid indulgence in food, alcohol and tobacco on a festive occasion such as the present. Practically everybody realizes the great physiological advantages of being wise on a merry occasion.

Many more persons than formerly feel where use ends and abuse begins, and they act sensibly accordingly; and so far from it being a crime to make the season festive by enjoying, on a little extended scale perhaps, the creature comforts of life, some decided good is done to both the mental and physical health of the individual.

The festive season may, therefore, be welcomed, which brings cheer to thousands, which induces the generous and charitable to brace the mental and physical functions of the community at large, giving it the opportunity of relinquishing its business and its worries for a time, to start again refreshed and ready for "the trivial round, the common task." The prescription "A Merry Christmas" is sound so long as the "signature" of good sense is observed.

A SPLENDID XMAS GIFT

What makes a nicer gift than a subscription to some good newspaper or magazine? The News is prepared to order any periodical published at publisher's rates and we guarantee correct datings. If you would order a magazine or paper for a gift to someone, you'd act wisely in placing that order at once if you want the Xmas issue.

MASON COUNTY NEWS.

Texas Items

Over 42,000 bales of cotton have been ginned and marketed in Bell County for this season.

The new \$30,000 brick school building at Fentress, seven miles west of Lockhart, has been finished.

The top crop of cotton near Cuero has been picked. It was considerably more than was expected to be made.

Work has begun on the pavement of Main street at Huntsville from the public square to Sam Houston Normal College.

The attorney general has approved \$3,000 Walnut Springs independent school district bonds, five-forties at 5 per cent.

Rains in the past two weeks have given winter wheat a good start in West Texas and conditions are looking much better.

A new concrete bridge has been completed across Brushy creek near Prairie Lea, correcting one of the worst places on the road between that place and Seguin.

Milam County has been granted \$55,000 by the state highway commission to help build a road between Beckdale and Gause, known as highway No. 43, and road districts 5 and 29.

Anderson's arithmetic has been adopted by the State text book commission as the text for Texas schools and contract let for the publication in three book series for six years.

The state board of control has had placed in the hall of the house of representatives at Austin eight new desks for members, made necessary by the act of the last legislature, increasing the membership from 142 to 110.

State Treasurer C. V. Terrell announces that there is now available in the general revenue fund \$239,151, and all warrants against that fund up to and including No. 7800 will be paid by the treasury department.

Of the 165,000 head of live stock sent through the dipping vats in De Witt County, during the month of November, not one was found to have ticks, it is reported. The total cost to Dec. 1 has been about \$24,000, paid out of the general fund with out special tax levy.

Minimum rates on lignite shipped within Texas has been increased from 35 to 39 cents per ton by the state railroad commission, effective December 29. Previously the minimum shipment classification was five miles, while under the new order the minimum is placed at ten miles at the rate of 39 cents per ton.

The state fire insurance commission has received the printed sheets of the newly revised general basis schedule and as soon as same are bound they will be issued and made effective. The completion of the printing insures the using of the new schedules at an early date.

HOLIDAY PRINTING

The News would be pleased at an opportunity to figure with you on any kind of printing. Party invitations neatly and attractively gotten up.

date. They have been under revision and printing for many months.

The state board of control has allowed the state reclamation engineer \$50,000 for two years to make surveys, maps and drawing in the Red River district in the event it should become necessary in the further defense of Texas boundary line along Red River. This appropriation was recommended at the instance of the attorney general.

The United State Zinc Company has bought forty acres of land about one-quarter mile from the city limits of Amarillo for the location of the smelter which is to be built within the next ninety days. Surveys are being made for the five-block smelter, which will cost about \$400,000. The smelter will be operated with natural gas from the Amarillo field.

An appropriation of \$150,000 with which to begin flood control measures will be presented to the next legislature in the form of a bill, it was announced this week following a conference between interested legislators at Austin. This body is headed by Leonard Hillotson of Saly, president of the Texas Conservation Congress. The work, if the appropriation is granted, will be started on the Brazos, Trinity and Colorado rivers, it was announced.

The state eleemosynary institutions are all crowded to maximum capacity, the state board of control announced this week, and it was stated that many persons eligible for admission are being inadequately cared for on the county farms and in the jails on account of insufficient facilities. "This intolerable condition must be relieved," says the board of control. "This board is recommending in its biennial budget appropriations providing for substantial enlargements and increased capacities. The thirty-eighth legislature will be in session within the next forty days.

Farm plowing and harrowing is now in full swing in Caldwell County and it is probable that all seed lands will be plowed by early spring planting.

Most of Rice Crop Harvested.

El Campo, Tex.—Most of the rice crop has been harvested at El Campo and what remains probably will be brought in this week. Threshing started last week and should continue in some sections for the remainder of the week.

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