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DISTRICT COURT WILL CONVENE NEXT MONDAY IN MASON

The March term of District Court will convene in Mason next Monday morning at 9 o'clock. District Judge, J. H. McLean will preside and District Attorney, Geo. Christian, and it is probable a number of prominent attorneys of this section will also be in attendance.

The list of grand jurors for the term is composed of Messrs. Harry Biersch-wale, Dave Kinsey, W. J. Griffith, Geo. Sorrells, W. S. Gates, J. B. Martin, William Schmidt, Otto Loeffler, J. G. Kidd, Henry Hoerster, Hiram Eakers, T. Simon, Lon Webster, Emil Durst, Dan Starks, Dan Schuessler.

Indications are there will not be a great deal of court, although six new cases have been filed on each of the two dockets and both dockets have a number of cases that were continued from last term.

Below is given the cases now on file:

Civil Docket

Alfred Eckert vs. Cora Hoy and W. S. Hoy, suit on note and foreclosure of lien.

Ruby Mobley vs. J. W. Mobley, suit for divorce.

State vs. Harold Kensing, contempt of court.

Erv Hamilton vs. A. J. and G. R. Ivy, suit on note.

N. Z. Bethel vs. I. O. K. Kothmann, et al., suit on note.

Ruby Brooks vs. Alton Brooks, suit for divorce.

Louis J. Kettner vs. W. H. Taylor and Ruth Taylor, suit on note and foreclosure.

Alfred Reichenau vs. Leon Mayo, suit on sworn account.

Mrs. W. H. Smith vs. T. C. Poyner and B. M. Taylor, suit on note.

Criminal Docket

State vs. theft of horse.

State vs. Arthur Styles, theft of one head of cattle.

State vs. Mike Miller, selling intoxicating liquor.

State vs. Mike Miller, transporting intoxicating liquor.

State vs. Howard Holt, selling intoxicating liquor.

State vs. Albert Simon, unlawfully carrying pistol.

State vs. Alex Aldridge, transporting intoxicating liquor.

State vs. swindling under value of \$50.

State vs. Joe Wimberley, carrying pistol.

State vs. Dave Taylor, carrying pistol.

State vs. theft; felony.

State vs. Memory Pike and Bob Smart, theft, misdemeanor.

State vs. Erwin Petry, hunting with spot light.

State vs. Edwin S. Bronough, hunting with spot light.

State vs. Raymond Barry, case not styled.

State vs. J. Z. Pickens, case not styled.

State vs. Frank R. Arnold, case not styled.

State vs. R. E. Arnold, case not styled.

MASON CO. TEACHERS TO MEET

The News is requested by Prof. L. W. Dumas, principal of the local high school, to announce that the Mason County Teachers' Association will meet next Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the new school building in Mason. It is urged that all teachers in the county be present, for this meeting is called for the purpose of discussing plans for the Interscholastic Meet.

This meeting was scheduled to have been held on last Saturday afternoon, but due to the extremely bad weather, it was postponed until the coming Saturday.

S. A. McCollum, who recently returned from Marlin, where he was receiving treatment for rheumatism for several weeks, was in Mason Monday shaking hands and greeting friends for the first time since December. He reports his improvement quite slow, but is of the opinion the Marlin treatment greatly benefitted him and he plans a return to that place some time about the first of April.

Herbert Gamel was here a few days the past week from his ranch in the Harper section.

CARTOONETTES



BASEBALL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT C. H. THURSDAY NITE

It is announced a meeting will be held at the court house in Mason next Thursday night, March 8th, at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a baseball team in Mason for the season of 1923.

All those who played on the team last year are urged to be present and also everyone interested or the least bit enthusiastic about a baseball team for this year is cordially invited and requested to attend the meeting.

Several matters of vital importance will be brought before the meeting and the ball players, alone, do not want to control the meeting or have to take action in any direction without the sentiment of the people, who are called upon to support and maintain the team. The baseball team is the town's asset and the town is more than the individuals who compose the ball team.

The management of last year's team knows advice and suggestions were freely offered on various occasions, sometimes upon solicitation and sometimes they came unsolicited. This advice was always considered, regardless of personal ideas and without resentment, but lets have these suggestions at the beginning this year and all of us have a say about adopting policies to be followed and at electing managers, whom we will be willing to support.

RECITAL AND CONCERT AT HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM WED. NITE

News readers will learn with interest that Miss Hilda Lemberg, soprano, Miss Gertrude Saynish, reader, and Mr. Louis Saynish, pianist, all of San Antonio, will be in Mason next Wednesday evening to appear in a recital and concert to be held in the high school auditorium.

The entertainment is being fostered by the local Parent-Teachers' Association.

Miss Lemberg is a Mason girl, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lemberg, of this city, but for the past several years has been making her home in San Antonio. She has appeared before the people of Mason on several occasions and her ability as a soloist is too well known here for any comment from the News.

It is said Mr. and Miss Saynish are very capable entertainers and received much favorable mention in the San Antonio papers during the world war, at which time they were engaged in concert work in connection with entertaining the soldiers at the various cantonments in that city.

Elsewhere in the News appears an announcement relative to the entertainment and the admission charge.

CLEAN TOWN CLUB WILL MEET ON NEXT MONDAY

The News is requested to announce that a meeting of the Clean Town Club of Mason will be held at the court house next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT ASKED TO BUY DUMPING GROUNDS

For some time this city has suffered the inconvenience of having no public dumping grounds and on various occasions efforts have been made to remedy the condition, but the result is that conditions are today where they were several years ago, when the question of purchasing a dumping ground first arose—the city has yet to own one.

On Wednesday afternoon Dr. W. W. Beach, County Health Officer of Mason County, called a representative meeting of the business firms of Mason and the local Clean Town Club and met with the Commissioners' Court, at which time an effort was made to bring before the court the serious need of a public dumping ground for the town and the court was requested to take some action.

It developed that this question had heretofore been brought before the court on various occasions and in each instance, commissioners from precincts other than No. 1 have opposed the spending of county money for the purchasing of the much needed grounds, but on this occasion an effort was made to show the entire court wherein a dumping ground is of benefit to the county and wherein it would be a just procedure for the general funds of the county to be made available for this purpose.

It is said the law authorizes the Commissioners' Courts of the various counties of the State of Texas to purchase dumping grounds, but since the law does not specifically require courts to furnish such grounds, that members of the court residing outside of the town of Mason are reluctant about voicing their approval for a plan whereby Mason county should buy a dumping ground which would be of convenience to the town of Mason.

Judge Banks announced the present court would take up the matter and in the meantime he appointed a committee composed of E. J. Lemberg, Howard Smith, H. S. Wood, C. S. Vedder and Dr. W. W. Beach to make inquiries and select suitable grounds that might be purchased in the event the court takes favorable action in the matter.

Grover McDougall went to Junction Wednesday to be absent a few days, during which time he will do some sign painting in that city.

BAD WEATHER PREVENTED SUCCESS OF HOME DEMONSTRATIONS

It is announced by County Agent, W. I. Marshall, that bad weather greatly interfered with the demonstrations which were given by Miss Mary Joseph Stone, who was in this county a few days last week to give some public demonstrations and lectures on the work being taught by the Extension Department of the A. & M. College.

The demonstration which was given at Kamecy on Thursday afternoon was fairly well attended, considering weather conditions, but Mr. Marshall said he felt confident the demonstration would have been of far more benefit had weather conditions been more favorable.

Due to the rain and continued unsettled conditions the Long Mountain meeting was not held, nor was the Saturday morning meeting held at Mason.

Miss Stone had a small attendance at the demonstration she gave at the court house on Saturday afternoon, but neither she nor Mr. Marshall were satisfied, and the latter announces that arrangements will be made for the lady to return to Mason in the near future, at which time it is hoped more favorable weather will prevail and the work and lectures can be more successfully given.

LIST OF NEWLY APPOINTED ROAD OVERSEERS OF MASON COUNTY

Following are the names of road overseers for Mason county who were appointed by the Commissioners' Court during their February term:

August Metzger, Will Johnson, Shirley Stapp, Ben Willmann, Chas. L. Eckert, Otto Starks, Harry Behrens, Floyd Capps, Alton Behrens, Charlie Thomas, John L. King, Ned Polk, Louis Willmann, Jephie Farmer, A. J. Nixon, J. S. Holloway, Bob Webster, F. C. Elliott, Marvin Leifeste, Isaac Henry, J. W. Capps, Henry Leach, Rob Cavness, S. M. Allen, Ben Kensing, A. L. Smart, Floyd Waller, W. L. Landry, Horace Kinsey, H. Sell, Henry Jones, Fred Dobbs, R. S. Sallee, S. S. Fleming, Emil Ischar, W. R. Kirchoff, Hugo Schulze, Harry Crenwelge, Frank Loeffler, Perry Leifeste, Marvin Kothmann, Jim Leifeste, Arthur Leifeste, Ervin Brandenberger, Martin Andregg, W. J. Bolt, Elgin Eckert, O. C. Keyser, Dan Grote, H. L. Thames, Benno Reichenau, Henry Knatcher.

Louis C. Probst returned Tuesday from San Antonio where his wife underwent an operation at the Santa Rosa Hospital. Mr. Probst stated he left his wife doing as nicely as could be expected.

M. H. S. HONOR ROLL FOR FIRST MONTH OF SECOND TERM

Below is given the honor roll for the first month of the second term of school. It will be noticed that the list is unusually short this month. This is probably due to two causes, bad weather and illness. Many pupils who usually make high grades did not make the honor roll this month because of being absent several days during the month.

High School—"A" students, Ethel Gipson, Emily Jordan, Louis Vater, Esther Christilles; "B" students, Lina Simon, Jessie Farmer, Cordeia Tinsley, Lucille Lange, Eva Jean Kidd, Olga Fay Wood, Chris Sanders, Ruby Phuenneke, Dossie Hoerster.

Seventh Grade—"A" students, Mildred Montgomery; "B" students, Ethel Lehmburg, Rosal Sanders, Mary Capps, Lucille Rode.

Sixth Grade—"A" students, Christina Gipson, Sadie Herring; "B" students, Esther Vater, Carl Heinrich, M. J. Green, Ervin Shafer, Roy Schweers, Joycelyn Ellis.

Fifth Grade—"A" students, Evelyn Willmann, Violet Vedder, Lucille Probst, Lina Millaire, Louise Breunzel; "B" students, Dorothy Gamel, Ernest Doyal, Walker Jordan, Henry Phuenneke, Daniel Raines, Sterling Wartenbach, Jewel Schmiedlin, Maud Smart, Ovel Ruegner, Virginia Metzger.

Fourth Grade—"A" students, Ruby Danneholm, Virginia Eckert, Elfrida Loeffler, Jesse Raines; "B" students, Lora Hoy, Emma Hoy, Grace McMillan, Maudie Starks, Ruth Heinrich, John Keller.

Third Grade—"A" students, Vera Beck, Mary O'Neil Lawson, Charles Gipson, Lee Roy Eckert; "B" students, Elma Storch, Nellie Kothmann, Edmond Gierlich, Ray Eastman, Milton Vater, Arch Ritter.

Second Grade—"A" students, May-Lette Grose, Juanita Lumburg, Ruby Schweers; "B" students, Louisa Beach, Mary Faye Banks, Runie Lee Anthony, Leona Banta, Alice Loeffler, Thelma Land, Alice Willmann, Pauline Key, Estella Hartmann, Jenevieve Johnson, Bennie Metzger.

First Grade—"A" students, Florence Clark, Karita Hofmann, Maggie Sanders, Delmar Sanders, Margaret Martin, Velma Lucy Vedder; "B" students, J. W. Boston, Jane Loring, Jack Lindsay, Henry Leifeste, Anna Marie Rode, Lee Roy Strackelbin, Margaret Wartenbach, Tom White, Jr.

FREDERICKSBURG DIST. COURT

Below are a few items pertaining to District Court in Gillespie County the last week that were taken from the Radio Post and will be of interest to News readers:

State vs. Texas vs. John Weber, Incest, Jury trial, Returns verdict and assesses penalty at three years in the penitentiary. Defendant's motion for a new trial overruled. Defendant excepts and gives notice of appeal. Sentence pronounced. Bond on appeal fixed at \$3,500. Recognition of John Weber as principal and Ad. Weber, Walter C. Weber, Ernest Herbert, Ed. G. Oehler, Arthur Fisher and Arthur Kuenemann as sureties in the sum of \$3,500 taken in open court.

State of Texas vs. Peter Kleck, Libel, Jury trial, Returns verdict of guilty and assesses penalty at \$350 fine. Motion for new trial overruled. Defendant excepts and gives notice of appeal. Bond fixed at \$1,200 with Peter Kleck as principal and Ad. Gold and R. S. Klett as sureties.

State of Texas vs. Robert Keller, Proceedings for refusing to answer grand jury. Upon motion made by grand jury, Robert Keller is adjudged to be in contempt of this court and fined in the sum of \$100 and ordered to jail until such fine is paid and he is willing to purge himself of such contempt by appearing before grand jury and truthfully answering the proper questions asked him. The jury having been discharged, placing it beyond the power to purge, the contempt, the sheriff is ordered upon payment of fine, to release defendant in view of condition of his mother.

L. F. Eckert has recently installed a radio at his home.

S. C. Brockman recently purchased a new Star touring car.

From Millionaire To Milliner



Mrs. Anne Stillman, recently divorced wife of James A. Stillman, ex-president of America's great bank, The National City Bank of N. Y., has opened a mill-

inery shop. Her two boys Baby Guy and Alexander, are with her. Mrs. Stillman successfully repudiated all charges of her husband in the sensational divorce suit.

300,000 ACRES OF TIMBER ATTACKED BY BARK BEETLE

About 5,000,000 board feet of yellow-pine timber in the Happy Camp area in the Sequoia National Forest in California is seriously infested by a destructive bark beetle, according to the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

A preliminary survey recently completed by the Forest Service shows the area attacked to cover 43,000 acres, of which 145,000 acres is privately owned. The beetles are taking an enormous toll of sound, healthy trees from this area. The report recommends immediate action by the Forest Service and private owners.

The infestation is being brought to the attention of the State forester of California in the hope of getting State legislation similar to that provided in Oregon, where, in the Klamath Falls region, owners of land are required to contribute to the cost of insect control on their holdings.

This pest is controlled by stripping the bark and exposing the larvae to the effects of hot sunlight.

Gates Super-Tread Tires and Tread Tubes. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 13-1f

I am always in the market for hogs and chickens. Get me prices. J. Johnson. 21-1f

FORMER BRADY MAN WRITING SCENARIOS FOR PICTURES

His friends in Brady will be interested in the following clipping from Brownwood Bulletin of the success full sale by J. E. Mayo, formerly of this city, of a motion picture scenario. Jess Mayo is a former printer of this city, and for a number of years was employed on the old McCulloch County Star, and worked for the Sentinel at different times. In addition to being a very capable printer he is also a photographer in which business he is engaged in Brownwood. The clipping follows:

J. E. Mayo, of Mayo Studios, in addition to his duties as photographer, is also writing and has just had the good luck to sell a two-reel comedy to one of the big producing companies at Hollywood, California. Mr. Mayo is now at work on a five-reel drama which involves all manner of thrilling episodes, hair breadth escapes, love scrapes and cupid tangles but which all work out just right, and the people involved live happily ever afterward.—Brady Sentinel.

Louisville Slugger bats and the famous D. & M. baseball goods at the Owl Drug Store. 51-1f

SOMETHING NEW Whitman's Pink Package at MASON DRUG COMPY. 45

MRS. FLORENCE COOK DIES AT ALVORD

Saturday morning Mrs. Oren C. Reid received a telegram that her sister at Alvord, who was formerly Miss Florence Sheppard, was critically ill and was not expected to live. Mr. and Mrs. Reid left that afternoon and arrived at Alvord about noon Sunday. They were there only an hour before Mrs. Cook passed away. Her parents, Mrs. Reid and a brother, Tom Sheppard, were with her at the time of her death.

Mrs. Cook was thirty years of age and was born in Mason County. She had been married about six years.

She is well known here, having taught in the public schools in this county for four years, leaving here about four years ago. She is survived by an adopted daughter about eighteen months of age, her husband, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sheppard of Ada, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Oren C. Reid, who is her only sister, and two brothers, Tom Sheppard of Cameron, and Gus Sheppard of Los Angeles, California.

Interment was made at the Alvord cemetery Monday afternoon.

The many friends of Mrs. Cook will regret to learn of her untimely death, and join the Eagle in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid returned Tuesday. —Junction Eagle.

Whitman's Celebrated Box Candies at Mason Drug Company. 45

Get your fishing tackle at the Owl Drug Store. 51-1f

If the local editor were to publish all that is told to him, sent to him and heard by him he would be in the hospital some of the time, and in jail a large part of the time and in the poor house the rest of the time. So don't blame the editor if he misses the mark occasionally in the exercise of discretion in matters of duty and public policy. The editor who can avoid sins of omission and commission is a prodigy, but the one who really tries to do his best and keep the profession on a high plane is at least as much to be commended as the minister, the lawyer or doctor who is serving humanity according to its best interest.—Scoop.

Claims Capture of Clara Phillips



Catherine Uribe, former chorus girl, claims she has Clara Phillip, "The Tiger Woman" of Los Angeles, ax murder fame, under guard in Mexico. She would turn Clara over to California for release of her husband and brother, who are held for auto-theft in Los Angeles.

WORK ON NEW HOTEL BEGUN LAST MONDAY; WILL BE PUSHED TO COMPLETION

From Brady Sentinel

While there were no special ceremonies, dirt was broken for the new Hotel Brady, Brady's new \$85,000 hostelry last Monday afternoon and contractor Richards has a large crew busy this week making the necessary excavations for the foundation and the basement. Several days will be taken up with the work of excavation and it is likely that the laying of the brick will not be begun for some 30 days.

Practically all material for the job has arrived and the work will be pushed to completion. It is believed that it will take about six months to build the hotel and have it ready for occupancy, and it will likely be thrown open to the public early in the fall.

Mrs. Dan Martin has been confined to her bed for several weeks with influenza. Her granddaughter has been staying with her.

The Nation's lumber shipment in 1929 was about 2,070,000 carloads, and the average haul for each carload 485 miles. According to the best estimate of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, the freight bill on lumber for that year was \$275,000,000. A fraction of this sum, says the Forest Service, wisely invested each year in forest protection and rehabilitation would grow timber where it is needed, reduce the Nation's freight bill, cheapen lumber, and release vast amounts of railroad equipment and labor for unavoidable transport. Oak and iron can not be grown, but timber can be.

After Every Meal

WRIGLEYS

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FOR THE CHILDREN

A. & M. WILL HAVE LARGE EXHIBIT AT STOCK SHOW

College Station, Texas, Feb. 1.—A. & M. is grooming the fine individuals of its livestock herds in preparation for their exhibition at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Ft. Worth this month. Both the Animal Husbandry and Dairy Departments will show animals.

All together the College will send a total of 78 animals, 19 steers, 35 hogs, 7 horses, 9 sheep and 8 dairy cattle. While the exhibit is smaller in number than that of last year it may not be concluded that it will win less in premiums, for among the number are animals that have already become familiar with the show ring. Of the steer herd 7 are individuals that swept the field of prizes at the American Royal Livestock Show at Kansas City and at the International Expedition and Livestock Show at Chicago last fall, where they won more premiums than the herd of any other exhibitor.

Galvanized roofing at R. Grosse's.

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Richard Lloyd Jones tells ABOUT TOWN BUILDING

WHEN Chicago burned, its bankers and builders were in despair, until its leading real estate operator, who at the time was in California, was reached by wire with the question, "What shall we do?" The one word answer came back, "BUILD." It was that faith in the future that remade the inter-oceanic metropolis.

Every city is as great as the faith of its staunchest citizens. No greater. The real asset of a city is not its past but its future.

Complacency is as deadly to a community as to an individual. The town that waits to be discovered has hardly a gambler's chance of growth. The town that has discovered itself has opened future's door to greatness. The city that would find for itself a future must utilize the NEW and not the old. Each age demands improvement on the past.

The merchant who respects ancient methods that he ignores the newest ideas in merchandising, must lose his lead to the merchant who is eager to employ the last in salesman efficiency.

The town that holds fast to obsolete ideas and ideals surrenders supremacy. The community that expects to fall by accident into industrial greatness through no effort of its own, has a child-like faith in modern miracles, and has as little chance of its hope's fulfillment as has the youth who, by wishing, would see the river change to honey.

The wish is worthless without the will. Imagination precedes the architect's pencil in its course, but the mason must follow that tracing ere the castle in air is anchored to earth.

Ethical laws are as essential to life and the growth of things as physical laws. The flower unfolds according to a well-ordered plan. Town problems are merely the common problems of individuals. The town that is without plan and purpose, without ideas and ideals, is as colorless and as hopeless as the individual who lacks these attributes, as the mason without blueprints before him.

The town that permits selfish interests to outplay common interests, that allows personal wants to warp community ideals, and low aims to thwart high aims, handicaps its chances of being bigger and better.

Many minds are wiser than one mind. We create instruments of government, develop boards of commerce and clubs dedicated to civic interests to pool the intelligence of thinking minds. Secure is the town whose destinies are carved out by the common judgment of minds, endowed with the enthusiasm of common sense.

The satisfied mind wants nothing, does nothing, accomplishes nothing. But the mind that is obsessed with a wholesome unrest is likely to bless the world with benefits.

So with the town. The community that is eager to be better is destined to be bigger, healthier, wealthier and wiser.

HONEY PHILOSOPHY for 1923

IF you have a dollar and you take off ten per cent you have ninety cents left. If you put ten per cent back again, however, you haven't got your dollar back again. You've got ninety-nine cents. One cent has vanished in the operation of tearing down and building up. You can bank on it whenever you begin to monkey with something you're hundred per cent wrong you're going to suffer somehow. It's all very well to tear down before you build up, but it's best to be sure that the thing you attack can be improved. Tearing down before the plan of rebuilding is well in mind is a risky business. Watch your step. Better keep on building. The useless things wither away of their own account.

poem by UNCLE JOHN

With all of the rubbish that litters our minds, we only endure the impossible kinds; there's some that blows in, with the dust of the day, but it's never much trouble to brush 'em away. . . . There's other afflictions that do us to death: they sizzle our whiskers and shorten our breath—and the geezer in front of the villainous clan.—

THE MENACE is what we may term "the impossible man."

The wisdom of sages is stored in his bean—he's the knowngest critter that ever was seen. . . . He's allers around where there's nothin' to do,—discussin' religion and politics, too! He can periscope, publish, and piffle, and plan—this most super-human, impossible man. . . . He's full, to the muzzle, of virulent gall, and generally fights with his back to the wall—for no one endorses his militant jazz—if any one did it he's sorry he has,—we're sick of his bombast, and babble, and bosh—he ort to be sent to the Senate, begosh!

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The sun was shining all day Monday for the first time in more than a week, during which time this section received a continuous slow downpour of rain, but by Tuesday morning the cloudy weather was again with us and more rain began to fall.

*M*C*N*

In spite of the many who have heretofore sworn they would never complain about it raining in this section, you occasionally hear a wish for clear weather. Better let her rain and quit grumbling, for there's not much inconvenience to be suffered for laying-off at this season of the year anyhow, and the News is confident the ambitious land tiller will have plenty of clear days later on in which to work if he can retain his ambition that long.

*M*C*N*

If there's anything in the old saying "thunder in February means frost in April" this section can look for several frosts.

*M*C*N*

A meeting will be held Thursday evening, March 8th, at 7:30 o'clock at the court house, for the purpose of organizing a baseball team to represent Mason this season. It is not to be a meeting for only those who expect to play ball, but everybody interested in a baseball organization for Mason and its welfare are invited to be present. It will be an opportunity for both players and fans to show the extent of interest they expect to manifest.

*M*C*N*

"Talk is cheap," and like advice, is usually quite plentiful, but sometimes a fellow is asked to "get his money where his mouth is".

*M*C*N*

Incessant rain last week interfered with the Clean Town Club's plans for a general cleanup day on Thursday, but the Club meets again next Monday afternoon, and it is announced another day will be designated with the same object in view.

*M*C*N*

Come out to the Commercial Club meeting next Monday night, March 5. Although we are ashamed to admit it, the body has not met in regular session during the year 1923. Let's have a banner meeting with a record attendance for March.

*M*C*N*

Don't forget that every tin can or anything else that holds water will furnish the mosquito a breeding place and from the amount of rainfall being received you'll have to act promptly to avert an over production of the pests.

*M*C*N*

Prospects look quite favorable for a well balanced baseball team for Mason this year and talk is that the team will receive staunch support if Sunday games are not played this season. Back-

ing is as important for the success of a ball team as players, with either missing, the management is handicapped, but with both in evidence—well, that is sufficient.

Even in February

"Turn hard times into good times. Don't let your courage die; And if you've got a lemon, Just make the lemon aid."

Morning Grouch

She: "A fire in the dark woods at night is a great deal like having a man in the house. Probably it won't do any good—but it makes your mind easier."

He: "A wife is a good deal like an elephant. It isn't the original cost that breaks a man—it's the upkeep that puts him on the rocks."

How Old Are You?

At ten a child; at twenty wild;
At thirty, tame—if ever,
At forty, wise; at fifty, rich;
At sixty, good—if ever.

LESSONS IN ETIQUETTE

By Miss Vera Dence
It is extremely bad form to hold HER hand in the movies—while the lights are on.

Yea Bo

French dressing is expensive stuff,
As costly as a pearl—
Whether it is put on salad, or
Upon a pretty girl.

Editor a Song Writer

Sung to the tune of "Old Oaken Bucket to all delinquent subscribers.

How dear to our heart is the old silver dollar,
When some kind subscriber presents it to view;
The Liberty head without necktie or collar,
And all the strange things which to us seem so new;
The wide-spreading eagle, the arrows below it,
The stars and the words and the strange things they tell;
The coin of our fathers, we're glad that we knew it,
For some time or other 'twill come in right well;
The spread-eagle dollar, the star-spangled dollar,
The old silver dollar we all love so well."

Maybe Not Ice Cream, Tom

Tom—"There's no bunk about girls liking ice cream."
Harry—"Have you been feeding some blonde again?"
Tom—"Nope—studying arithmetic—that's all—and it says one gal is equal to four quarts."

These Ad Writers

"The house shortage is still something awful."
"Oh, I don't think it is acute."
"Don't, huh? Well, listen to this want ad: 'Lady wishes to share kennel with some dog owner.'"

A Lincoln Story

Lincoln was sued for killing a dog with a pitchfork.
Judge—"Why didn't you use the other end of the fork?"
Lincoln—"Why didn't the dog come at me with the other end?"

CHICKENS

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

Vietrola Phonographs on easy terms at Mason Drug Company. 36

Alabama has the largest acreage in peanuts of any State, according to reports of the United States Department of Agriculture. In 1922 about 200,000 acres were devoted to this crop.

Norris Exquisite Box Candy at Mason Drug Company.

The value of the peanut crop in 1922 is estimated at \$29,222,000 by the United States Department of Agriculture. In 1921 the value was estimated at \$37,097,000 and in 1920 at \$44,256,000.

LUNGARDIA FOR COUGHS AND COLDS

The quicker you can remove a Cough or Cold, the better. Deep-seated ones are a menace to the Lungs. If LUNGARDIA is not better and does not act quicker in Coughs and Colds of all kinds, sore throat, difficult breathing, spasmodic Croup, and for the relief of Whooping Cough,—your money back. Use it to ward off Influenza. Thousands praise LUNGARDIA.

For Sale by MASON DRUG CO. 51-5tp

From Our Early Files

From Mason News, March 4, 1898:

Mrs. J. E. Baze died suddenly last week near Voca. She leaves a husband and six small children.

Miss Bertha Ott, teacher of the Hedwigs Hill school, was here Saturday. Chas. Bierschwale spent a few days on business in Menard County this week.

Mrs. J. A. Hoerster and Miss Alice are visiting relatives in Fredericksburg this week.

Thos. Ratney opened his ten pin alley for business last Saturday.

Mr. H. B. Eakers and Miss Dona Capps were married last Wednesday night.

Dr. Grandstaff has been suffering with something in his eye for several days.

There were four accessions to the Baptist church Sunday; three Misses Elders and Mrs. Derby.

From Mason News, February 28, 1908:

Misses Olga and Ella Ischar left

Monday for Brownwood to be absent some time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kountz, of Junction, are here visiting their daughter, Mrs. Ben Hey.

R. L. Parker, living on the Eppler place near Streeter, has recently made several finds of tobez on the place of Chas. Worlie.

The Mason Volunteer Fire Company will give a mask ball at the Geistweid Hall, Friday night, March 6th.

Mrs. Bertha Todd is at home from a several week's visit in El Paso.

Mr. J. J. Wilhelm was seriously injured Wednesday by the kick of a horse.

Wm. "Snakey" Johnson, died Wednesday at the home of his stepson, John Everhart, north of town. He was 83 years of age.

J. Moore and Will Harris, of San Angelo, spent a few days here this week. Mr. Harris is a blind boy and a school mate of Virgil Boston and the two went west together to give musical entertainments.

TOM SIMS SAYS—

Fat people are happy because they have the bulge on slender people.

If all of us got everything we wanted, where on earth would we put it?

Trouble with saying it with flowers in you have to keep repenting.

Perhaps the greatest blessing of the radio is the headpiece makes your ears stay back.

Profiteers were making money so fast during the war they haven't been able to stop yet.

A fool laughs when his wife's corns hurt, while a wise man goes to a movie. It is estimated that alarm clocks have added 600 cuss words to our language.

Some of the coal dealers should mend their weights.

The poor we have with us always—the rich are often against us.

An old flame makes things hot for many a man.

All the world is a stage and it is a fine if you play fair.

Men who think they know it all do not know all they think.

Put confidence in too many strangers and you soon won't have any.

Our language tickles. Being down in the mouth gets one up in the air.

Run around and you go in a circle.

"Anyone could lick our navy," says Sims. We saw a man who tried it get a black eye.

Detroit woman shot at her husband because she loved him. Better throw some dishes at your wife.

The question of the hour is, "Is it that late?"

A girl with no complexion will make up for it.

Two may not live cheaper than one, but they can live more.

Take in the picture show at the Star Opera house each Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 7:15 o'clock.

Edison At 76



Thomas A. Edison, one of the greatest of American inventors, celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday in the laboratory at West Orange, N. J., February 12, by working as usual most of the day.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF ESTRAY

State of Texas,
County of Mason.

Taken up by A. T. Murray and estrayed before S. J. Thomas, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. One, Mason County; One red, white faced steer about two and one-half (2 1/2) years old. Ranging on what is known as Thos. Murray ranch in Mason County, Texas.

Appraised at fifteen (\$15) dollars.

The owner of said stock is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take the same away, or it will be dealt with as the law directs.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 23rd day of February, 1923.

(Seal) R. E. LEE,
51-3te Clerk County Court, Mason Co.

Let your next tire be a Gate's Super-Tread. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 334f

Punchettes



WHY MEN STAY HOME

WHY do men neglect church attendance? The following reasons can be assigned why certain classes neglect this important duty:

FIRST: A sacred Sabbath conscience sends men to the golf links on the Holy Sabbath.

SECOND: The gasoline mania causes thousands to take the family, the dog, and the lunch basket into the automobile early Sabbath morning when they begin to break the Ten Commandments, the speed laws, the rules of domestic tranquility, and Sabbath observance.

THIRD: Screenitis sends thousands into the motion picture houses where they make a pagan attack upon God's Holy Day.

FOURTH: Laziness keeps thousands at home wrapped in the bed clothes—too indolent and sloven to dress and attend divine worship.

FIFTH: False conception of worship or because the sermon is poor, they drift into the habit of neglecting church attendance.

SIXTH: A large number of those who stay away do so because they are plain pagans; their education is defective. No well-bred, well-trained, modern, up-to-date, and otherwise normal man stays away from church services.

SEVENTH: There are thousands of business, professional, political and official men who neglect church because they are conscious of the fact that they are grossly sinful, selfish, conceited, and derelict in the performance of their duties. They know that if they face the gospel as expounded from God's infallible Word they will have to surrender their selfish, mean, conceited business and professional attitude toward the church and the gospel. They are trying to avoid the doctrine of responsibility, accountability, and judgment. They are foolish. Every sensible man ought to prepare to meet His God. Every desirable, worthy citizen ought to be found in his pew every Sunday morning worshipping God.

Editorial

"AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE"

Government Costs You \$220 A Year

William P. Helm, Jr., who delves into statistics for the National Budget Committee, tells us that nearly eight and one-half billion dollars are spent every year in governing the United States.

In round figures, there are forty millions of workers in the country having a gross income of \$60,000,000,000. This means that the burden of government on every man and woman in business or professional life, including the 2,000,000 persons on the public payrolls, stands at \$220 per head annually. Surely, if this fact were driven home there would be a deeper civic interest manifest among our thoughtless and spendthrift people.

If the annual governmental expenditure was paid in labor instead of in money, every worker in the United States would be giving up as his or her share, more than seven weeks' of work every year.

The cost of government becomes staggering when closely considered. The number of public servants in the United States is greater than the number of all the military forces we sent abroad for the world war. If their salaries had to be paid in gold it would require all the gold in the world to meet the bill for a single year.

Counting the average family as five persons, the actual cost of government is about \$400 per family per year. All of which comes as a result of lack of interest in public affairs. The situation is a sad reflection on the intelligent understanding of a businesslike people.

Cheer Up, You'll Pay Just the Same

There is a delightful humor in the announcement that the bituminous coal operators and miners in the central competitive field have come to an agreement to have no strike this year. The miners evidently have awakened to the fact that a strike spells only one thing—a greater exploitation of the public of which they themselves are a part. For the operators, their profits are secure either way.

The understanding to maintain peace was reached when the operators agreed not to reduce the present wage rates. That was the issue last year, so that technically, the miners have won a point. The operators, however, also have won, and now it only remains for the consumers to pay the price.

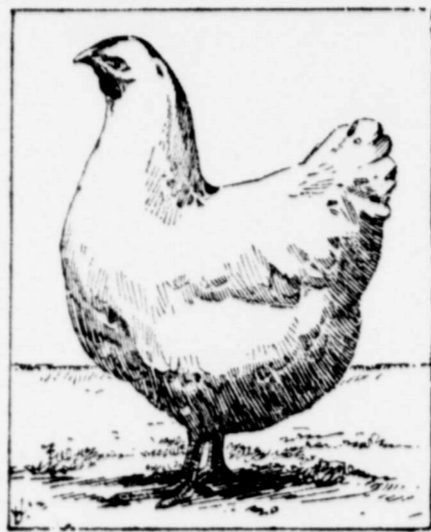
Wages are now fixed on a basis that the miners will have to work approximately only two-thirds of the time.

In other words, there are too many miners for the needed amount of coal, and so the public must carry the burden of the idle time. When there are too few workers the public pays the high prices because of lack of production.

We could understand this economic operation if there were any law compelling a man to be a coal miner, but as there is not, it would seem that the coal business is being conducted with really scientific inefficiency and a total disregard of the public. The robbing of the people this year is little short of flagrant grand larceny.

The Hen that Never Cackles Seldom Lays an Egg

CHOLERINE KEEPS THEM CACKLING



Cholerine comes in tablet or liquid form and is recommended for cholera, croup, limber neck, white diarrhea and as a BODY BUILDER AND EGG STIMULATOR

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CONCERT

Miss Hilda Leuberg, soloist, Miss Gertrude Saynisch, reader, and Mr. Louis Saynisch, pianist, all of San Antonio, will give a concert at the High School auditorium, under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers Club, Wednesday night, March 7th. Admission 25c; reserved seats 50 cents; on sale at Mason Drug Company, beginning Saturday, March 3rd. 1tc

Pie Supper

Everyone has a special invitation to a "pie supper" at the Peters Prairie school house on Saturday night, March 3, 1923. 50-2tc

Mr. and Mrs. Seth L. Baze entertained Dr. and Mrs. P. A. Baze and little son, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Grote at a six o'clock dinner last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith returned Wednesday after spending several days in San Antonio with Mr. and Mrs. Neal Coleman.

The new front is about complete for the Hofmann Dry Goods Company.

NEED GLASSES?

Dr. Jones, the Eye Man, at Dr. McCollum's office, Wednesday, March 7th. Eyes Examined, Glasses Fitted, Headache and Eye Strain Relieved.

At Katemey, March 6th; Pontotoc, March 8th. 1tc

Society

Ladies' Aid

On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. H. S. Wood, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. W. I. Marschall, entertained the Ladies Aid of the Christian Church.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Mrs. Ben Plunneke, president; Mrs. Wood re-elected vice-president; Mrs. Oscar Shearer, secretary-treasurer.

After the regular lesson a salad course was served the following ladies: Mmes. Chas. Bierschwale, J. C. Lemburg, Mary Ellen Sands, J. Splittgerber, H. Puckey, Irvin Ellebracht, Walter Lindsay, Oscar Shearer, Arch Metzger, H. Behrens, J. S. King, K. M. Eckert, M. D. Loring and Miss Zella Wood. Mesdames Herring and James Brown were guests.

Woman's Literary Club

The Woman's Literary Club met last Thursday, February 22nd, at the home of Mrs. Belle W. Bridges.

Program—"George Washington and poems".

Courtship of Washington—Mrs. John Lemburg.

Sketch of Washington—Mrs. Ery Hamilton.

Character of Washington—Miss Edna Kettner.

Program for next meeting, March 1—"Passion Play".

Answer the roll call with a quotation from the Bible.

Program for March 8—"Oscar Wilde and His Dramas".

Program for March 15—"Henrick Ibsen and Dramas".

Entertains S. S. Class

Last Friday afternoon Mrs. John Banks was at home to her Sunday School class and several invited guests from 3 to 6. The afternoon was spent in conversation and in piecing a quilt. The ladies decided when the quilt was completed they would send it to some charity institution.

Delicious refreshments of salad, crackers, cake and cocoa were served to the following ladies: Mmes. James Stengel, Fred Stengel, W. H. Larimore.

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MUELLER-STANDKE

A quiet home wedding was solemnized Sunday afternoon, February 18th, at 2 o'clock when Miss Minnie Standke, daughter of Mrs. H. Standke, of Ari, and Mr. Frank W. Mueller were united in marriage by Rev. J. W. A. Witt.

The wedding march was played by Miss Bertha Standke, sister of the bride, whereupon the bridal couple entered the room, which was beautifully decorated in an archway design with green and white.

The bride was attired in a dress of blue silk crepe meteor and satin combined, and wore a black hat and slippers to match. She carried a bouquet of white carnations and ferns.

The groom wore a suit of navy blue serge.

Following the ceremony the guests were welcomed to the wedding dinner at which the bride cut the wedding cake.

Miss Standke is an accomplished young lady, having taught school for the past five years.

Mr. Mueller is a son of Mrs. G. A. Lorenz, of Simonsville, and is known as one of the most popular young men of that community.

Those present were Rev. and Mrs. Witt, Mrs. Max Reichelhan who baked the wedding cake, and the parents of both the bride and groom.

Both of these young people have a number of friends in our midst who will join the News in extending to them congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy journey along life's pathway.

Presto Music Club

The Presto Music Club met last Friday, February 23rd.

The house was called to order by the president and the roll was called, after which a short business meeting was held.

A lesson in harmony which consisted of the building of triads of the first and second inversions. About forty-five minutes were devoted to harmony, fifteen to history, and twenty to public school music.

The Club will not have its regular meeting next Friday, owing to the fact that a public recital will be given on Saturday night, provided the weather is favorable. This will be free to everyone.

The older pupils will appear in the recital on Saturday evening, and on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 the younger pupils will appear.

Subscribe for the News today.

ACTRESS SILENCES 5,000 GYPSIES BY WONDERFUL WORK

The incomparable Mme. Rejane, one of the most famous of French actresses overcame the religious scruples of the romans of the road in producing a scene for the Louis Mercanton production, "Gypsy Passion," which will be shown at the Star Theater on Saturday night.

Every year on May 25 gypsies from all over the world foregather at Sainte Maries to venerate the memory of Sarah, the gypsy servant of the two Marys who landed there.

Around the Gey village of Saint Maries well over 5,000 gypsies encamped, when Mr. Mercanton took the big scenes of the production of "Gypsy Passion."

In the morning a special service was held in the church, which was crammed to capacity with gypsies from France, Italy, Sicily, Greece and Bulgaria.

In the afternoon, on Mercanton was filming Rejane's big death scene in the crypt of the church, an episode which occurs in "Gypsy Passion."

The gypsies got wind of this, and in the interval they invaded the church, rushed down the steps leading into the crypt, angrily demanding that the film producer should cease his operations.

Sweet reasonableness did not prevail, and the producer was compelled to stop filming, extinguish his powerful studio lights, and gradually the crowd dispersed.

As soon as he thought they were once more safely away he relighted his lamps and started work again in the crypt.

He was not left unmolested for long. The dissentients returned again, more than ever incensed by what they deemed an act of sacrilege to their place of worship.

The persistency of Mercanton was eclipsed by the stubborn spirit of the superb Rejane, who continued to portray the death throes of the gypsy fortune-teller of Jean Richepin's story as though the maddening, distracting crowd were not there.

Presently Mercanton glanced around with an expression of surprise. The crowd was still there—but silent!

Rejane had achieved her latest and greatest triumph.

I will have plenty of Cane Seed. See me if you need any. J. J. Johnson. 49tc

Whitman's Sampler Box Candy at Mason Drug Company. 45

Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale is in Dallas for a few days absence on pleasure. Miss Margaret, who teaches at Stephenville, met her there and the two attended a concert given by a renowned violinist.

Mrs. Austin Leslie, of Houston, is visiting in the home of Mrs. Bill Leslie.

BEAUTIFUL

New and Crisp Spring Merchandise Arriving
COMING IN EVERY DAY
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Dresses in Chiffon, Taffeta, Flat Crepe and Canton Crepe.
MADE BY THE BEST MANUFACTURERS IN NEW YORK AT \$16.75, \$20.75, \$26.75, AND \$29.75.
The most beautiful showing of Spring and Summer Dress Goods ever brought to Mason. Having all been bought before the recent advance, will all be sold at last year's prices.

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IT HAS MADE THE HAND-WRITTEN LETTER AN ODDITY IN BUSINESS.

IT HAS PUT HAIR OIL ON HEADS WHERE NO HAIR OIL WOULD DO ANY GOOD, AND ON HEADS WHERE NO HAIR OIL WAS NEEDED.

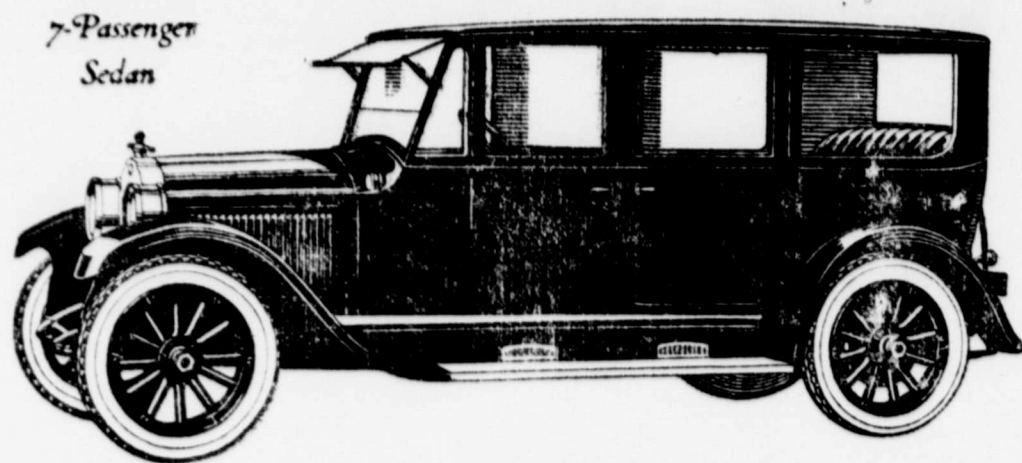
IT HAS PUT CASTORIA DOWN YOUR THROAT, LEFT BRISTLES IN YOUR GUMS, AND THEN CAME ALONG WITH A RUBBER-SET AND TOOK THEM OUT.

IT HAS PUT SOZODONT, PEBECO AND PEP-SO DENT ON YOUR TEETH.

MASON COUNTY NEWS

BOND PAPERS, CARDBOARDS, LARGE BLOTTERS, CARBON PAPER, TYPEWRITER RIBBONS, SECOND SHEETS, SHIPPING TAGS, INDEX CARDS

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New Comfort for Seven

THE new Willys-Knight models include two low-sprung seven-passenger cars—a commodious, fully appointed Sedan and a roomy, comfortable Touring car. Both are powered by the motor that actually improves with use.

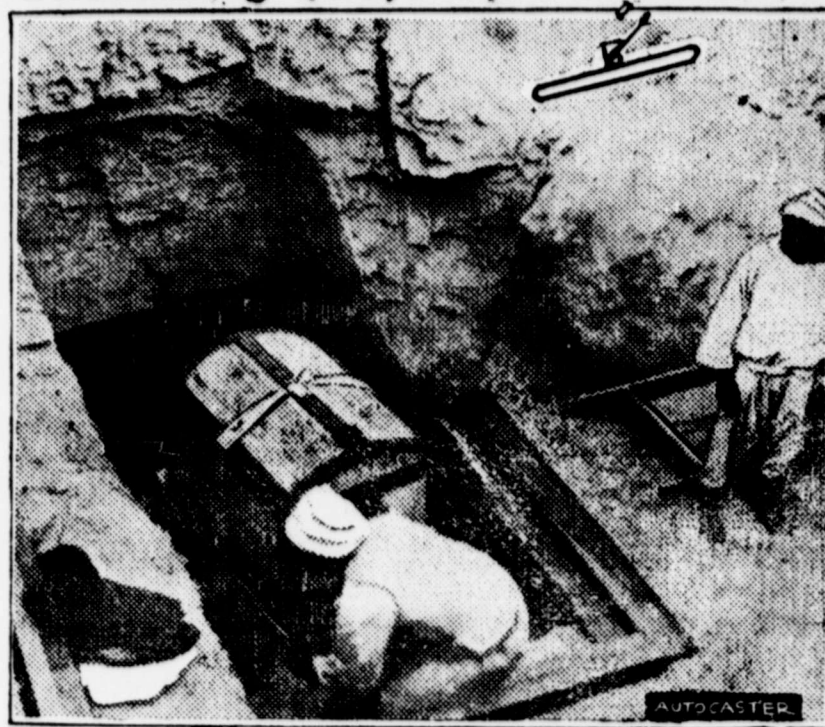
See the Willys-Knight advertisement in the February 24th Saturday Evening Post

TOURING 5-pass. . . . \$1235	COUPE-SEDAN 5-pass. \$1595
TOURING 7-pass. . . . \$1435	SEDAN 7-pass. . . . \$1995
ROADSTER 3-pass. . . . \$1235	COUPE 3-pass. . . . \$1695
SEDAN 5-pass. . . . \$1795	All prices f. o. b. Toledo

WILLYS-KNIGHT

WOOD AUTO CO.,
Mason, Texas.

Unearthing \$15,000,000 Treasure



World wide interest is focused on the valley of the kings along the Nile in Egypt—where Howard Carter, an American, discovered the tomb of King Tutankhamen for Lord Carnarvon of England. This is last of the tomb of Egyptian kings who ruled four thousand years ago. The treasure is valued at \$15,000,000. Native troops are on guard night and day. Upper photo shows natives emerging from the outer tomb with a large blue cabinet containing valuable fabrics. On it were names of king and queen lettered in gold. Lower photo shows wonderful chair being carried from the tomb under guard. All treasures show their effect of time.

SNAKE THAT "PLAYS POSSUM"

American Reptile Is Expert in Feigning Death When There is Danger at Hand.

Of the numerous species of snakes which populate the earth that known as the American hog-nosed snake is an expert in the practice of feigning death, says W. S. Berridge, in "Marvels of the Animal World." It is a small species, rarely exceeding three and a half feet in length, and is remarkable for its curious up-turned and shovel-like snout, which serves it in good stead when burrowing.

In spite of the fact that it is quite harmless and seldom bites a human being, no matter how much it may be provoked, the natives of its habitat regard it as being poisonous. This belief is due, doubtless, to the habits of the reptile, for, when alarmed, it does its best to disguise itself as a venomous cobra by raising its head and expanding the skin folds of its neck, accompanying the action by hissing vigorously. Should these tactics fail, it then shams death as a last resource, writhing its body about as if it were in convulsions, and finally rolling over upon its back and remaining motionless.

EXALTATION



"What wonderful daughters you have, Mr. Longsbury! Goddesses of Wisdom, I might call them."
Mr. L. (sighing)—Yes! Unhappily! They're much admired and worshiped—but never married!

PREVENTS FOG FROM RISING

Experiments made at Pittsburgh seem to indicate that it is possible to dispel a fog. The experiment consisted of lubricating the Monongahela river from Rice's Landing to a point one and one-half miles up-

"Our Family Medicine"

"I WILL WRITE you in regard to Black-Draught liver medicine, as I have been using it more than 18 years," says a letter from Mr. S. F. Mintz, of R. F. D. 2, Leland, N. C. "I keep it in my home all the time, for it is mostly our family medicine. When we begin to feel feverish or sluggish, with trouble from the liver or stomach, we take a dose of Thedford's Black-Draught and the trouble is soon over. I usually buy a dollar package at a time, and it has saved me many a bill."
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Get a package of Black-Draught liver medicine from your druggist or dealer, today. Be sure to get the genuine—Thedford's.

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SHIRLEY MASON

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Come and enjoy a good show and an hour of good music, and at the same time help out the Band.

15c Admission 35c

OH BOY! LET'S ALL GO!

ATTEMPT MADE TO BURN R. R. BRIDGE OF FRED'G. N. RY. CO.

What might have proved fatal to the Fbg. & Northern Ry. Co. and to our county, was prevented by Mr. Lamar Thaxton of Mason last Thursday, when he extinguished a fire underneath the railroad bridge that crosses the Fredericksburg to San Antonio Highway near the tunnel.

Mr. Thaxton was returning from San Antonio as he noticed the small blaze which had probably been ignited by unscrupulous persons who had left only a few minutes before he arrived.

A description of all vehicles that had passed five or ten minutes previously was obtained.

On Jan. 14th an attempt to derail the passenger car of the same train was made near the same place.

Rewards are now being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the guilty party or parties.—Fredericksburg Standard.

KODAKERS ATTENTION

Llano Photo Studio under new management. Kodak finishing at city prices. Films developed free. Prints 3, 4 and 5 cents each. Twenty-four hour service.

BOX 13—LLANO PHOTO STUDIO, 51-11c.

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Edison Phonographs (all kinds) on easy terms at Mason Drug Com'ly. .36

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 \$1.25. Small bottle often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 4926 Olive Street St. Louis Mo.

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The City Meat Market & Bakery
W. A. ZESCH & SON Props.
Located in the Bridges Building, one door east of Louis Schmidt's Store
Galvanized Roofing at R. Grosse's.

COMMERCIAL FISHING IN CERTAIN COUNTIES TABOO

The House Monday afternoon adopted an amendment to the present fishing laws by which commercial depletion of streams in specified counties will be stopped. Representative Faubion, author of the bill, said that it is desired to stop the operations of fishermen who send their catch to the cities for sale. The bill prohibits the sale of bass, white perch, crappie and catfish caught in the following counties: Burnet, Llano, San Saba, Pecos, Travis, Bastrop, Lampasas, Medina, Cherokee, Hunt, Rannels, Rains, Kimble, Lee, Williamson, Houston, Zavala, Dimmit, Wood, Burleson, and Milam.

The bill was first engrossed and then finally passed under suspension of the rules by a vote of 167 to 1.

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TWPEWRITER RIBBONS

For almost every make of machine at the News Office.

The attention of the News has been called to an item recently appearing in the San Antonio Express telling of an accident to the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ambrose, of that city, in which the child was run over by an auto and sustained a broken arm and leg. The Ambrose family formerly resided in Mason at which time Mr. Ambrose was in charge of the local Southwestern Telephone exchange and the family has many warm friends in our midst who will learn of this incident with regret and sympathy.

"COLD IN THE HEAD"

is an acute attack of Nasal Catarrh. Those subject to frequent "colds" are generally in a "run down" condition. **HAL'S CATARRH MEDICINE** is a treatment consisting of an Ointment, to be used locally, and a Tonic, which acts quickly through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces, building up the System, and making you less liable to "colds." Sold by druggists for over 40 Years. **F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.**

RINGS IMPORTANT IN BRAZIL

Various Stones Used to Advertise to the World the Profession of the Wearer.

Professional men in Brazil wear a large ring on their index finger to denote the profession to which they belong. Lawyers, for instance, wear a ring with a large ruby; doctors a ring with an emerald; engineers, a sapphire; priests, amethyst; military engineers, topaz; and bachelors of letters, opal. The stones invariably are very large, usually being oblong in shape and about half an inch wide and three-quarters of an inch or more long, so they can be distinguished at some distance.

Rings play a more important part in the life of the average Brazilian than they do to an American, and every married man in Brazil carries his sign of bondage in the shape of a plain gold-band wedding ring.

Even normal school students wear rings to indicate that they have reached that pinnacle of education, and they use a collection of five jewels which tell the world they know. The stones worn by these students in one ring are sapphire, amethyst, brilliant, emerald and ruby. The first letters of these words spell the Brazil word "saber," which means "to know."

NOVELTY



The Customer—See here, this watch you sold me gains from a half an hour to an hour a day and regulating does it no good.

The Dealer—Ah, I see! You have one of our latest models, the daylight saving watch. There will be no extra charge.

ONLY THERE

The law student had been asked a question and was told to answer yes or no. He didn't know the answer and those around him were trying to prompt him in low whispers. Unfortunately, some said yes and some said no.

"Well, sir," he finally spoke up, "there seems to be a conflict in authorities."

"There may be a conflict in your immediate vicinity," retorted the professor. "In fact, I see there is. But not elsewhere—not elsewhere, my young friend."

DOUBLE USE FOR TRACTOR

That a small gas tractor can be readily changed into an efficient light roller for road work was demonstrated recently in a very simple manner, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. Each of the traction wheels was replaced by a golf-course wheel with extension rims that had been filled with cement inside the rim, so as to make its outer face smooth, and like a stone roller with a tread of 20 inches. The cement brought the weight of the tractor up to 5,000 pounds.

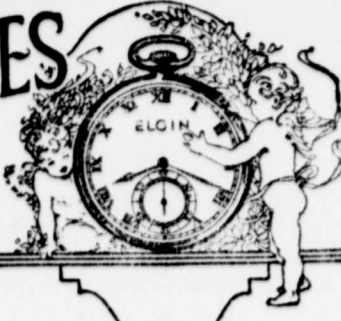
WOMEN MOVIE OPERATORS

Out of some twenty-five hundred applicants for licenses as moving picture operators in New York, only three are women operators. One has been engaged as an operator for five or six years, and is a steady worker. The other two are newcomers, and only work when they feel like it, or need a new hat or something.

It has been a good while since we have thanked some of our subscribers for a renewal payment on subscription.

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"GIFTS THAT LAST"

J. S. KING, Jeweler

WATCH REPAIRING ENGRAVING JEWELRY REPAIRING

3600 STUDENTS TO TRAIN IN EIGHTH CORPS AREA

The following definite information covering the Citizens Military Training Camps for the summer of 1923 has been received from the C. M. T. C. office, Headquarters 8th Corps Area, Ft. Sam Houston.

The 8th Corps, which includes the States of Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona, has been allotted the training of 3600 students. Four camps are to be held in the Corps Area at the following places: Ft. Sam Houston, Texas; Ft. Sill, Oklahoma; Ft. Logan, Colorado and Ft. Huachuca, Arizona.

The Camp at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas will train 1000 students in all the branches of the service. Ft. Sam Houston being the largest and one of the oldest military posts in the United States, offers all possible facilities for this training.

The Camp at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, the home of the largest and probably the finest Field Artillery School in the world, will train 1200 students in In-

fantry and Field Artillery, and in other branches if sufficient applications warrant.

The Camp at Ft. Logan, Colorado will train 600 students in Infantry. Ft. Logan is situated near Denver, Colorado in the heart of the Rocky Mountains and is an ideal place to spend the month of August.

The Camp at Ft. Huachuca, which is situated in the picturesque mountains in Cochise County, Arizona, will train 200 students in Infantry and Cavalry.

The Camps will open July 30th and close August 28th.

Application blanks will be ready by March 15th but requests for them should be made as early as possible. Preference will be given candidates who make early application. Inquiries about the Camps are invited. Address all communications to C. M. T. C. Officers, Headquarters 8th Corps Area, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

The Menard Messenger says that city will bid for the location of the West Texas Technological College. A bill for which recently passed both houses of the Texas Legislature.

PIE SUPPER AT PETER'S PRAIRIE

There will be a declamation tryout at the Peter's Prairie school house Saturday night, March 3rd. After the tryout there will be a pie supper given by the Parent-Teachers' Association for the benefit of the school.

Come if you like pies—all kinds from chicken to "basses."

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

CARDBOARD—BLOTTERS

The News has a good stock of cardboard in assorted colors; also have the large white blotters.

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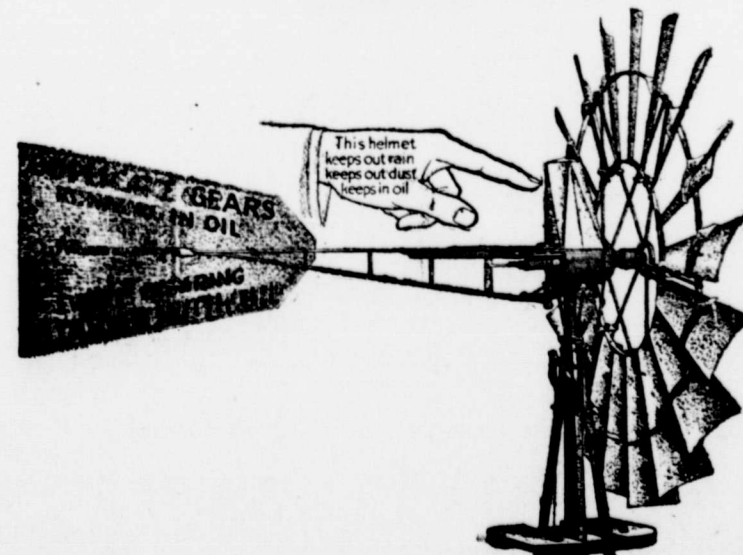
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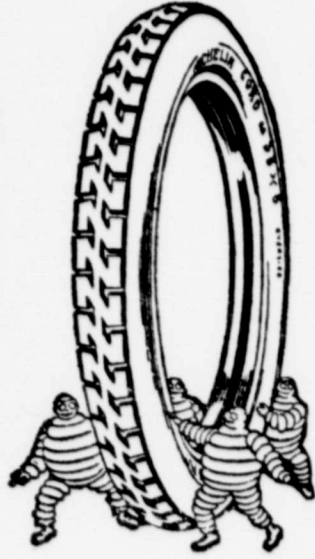
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School Notes

As reported in the News last issue, Miss Georgia Walker, Rural School Supervisor, in company with County Superintendent John T. Banks, inspected all the rural schools in Mason County, applying for State aid last week, and we are informed by Mr. Banks that Miss Walker recommended that the \$1200 that had been allotted to Mason County be prorated among the schools as follows:

To school district No. 2, Union, \$100; to school district No. 4, Fredonia, \$250; to school district No. 13, Long Mountain, \$155; to school district No. 22, Peter's Prairie, \$195; to school district No. 27, Katy, \$250; and to school district No. 31, Pontotoc, \$250.

Mr. Banks asks us to publish as a notice, and item of interest to all schools, the following letter from State Superintendent Marrs announcing that the State per capita tax has been raised from \$13 per capita to \$13 per capita effective February 21, 1923.

To County and City Superintendents: The Legislature has passed an act appropriating the million dollars to supplement the available school fund for the year 1922-1923. This act was signed by Governor Neff last Saturday, and the State Board of Education has declared a supplemental apportionment of three dollars which, added to the former apportionment of ten dollars, will make the per capita apportionment of the State available school fund for 1922-1923 amount to thirteen dollars.

The restrictions placed upon this supplemental fund are as follows:

"The funds herein appropriated shall not be used for school year 1922-1923 for any purpose except to extend the school term for the year 1922-1923, and no part of the funds herein appropriated shall ever be used for the purpose of raising salaries.

"Persons guilty of violating the provisions of the act, upon conviction shall be fined in the sum of not less than fifty (\$50) dollars nor more than one hundred (\$100) dollars, and provided further that each and every separate act shall constitute a separate offense."

Certificates of this apportionment shall be mailed to the depositories as soon as practicable and the funds will be paid from time to time as the cash is available. It is my opinion that we may expect, under reasonable conditions, the payment of the full thirteen dollars by September 1, 1923.

NOTICE

The Thaxton Ranch is posted. No one will be allowed on said premises without our permission. Some stock have been stolen out of the pasture. We are reasonably sure we know who these parties are, but still it is necessary for us to keep everyone out. This is also a warning to parties who hunt with dogs and tear the fences down. The pasture will be watched; anyone caught will be prosecuted.

H. L. BRALY.
EUGENE BRALY.

CHICKENS

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

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Doyal, a boy, Feb. 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hahn, a girl, February 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. Marian Vandevor, a boy, February 8th.

Marriage License

Frank Mueller and Miss Minnie Standke, February 15th.

Colorez Gomez and Kerns Mialies, February 19th.

Mr. M. M. Robertson and Miss Ellis Thompson, February 24th.

The many friends of S. A. Hoerster will be pleased to learn he has sufficiently recovered from his recent operation, as to justify his removal from the hospital to his home on Wednesday.

SEED POTATOES

4 cents per pound, \$3.50 per 100 lbs., 85 per bag, 11 pecks.
J. J. JOHNSON.

GIVE US YOUR ORDERS

If you intend to subscribe for any magazine or newspaper, we will appreciate receiving the subscription. It will cost you no more to let us send it in and we will receive a small commission from the publishing company. We will be glad to handle your order whether it be large or small.

MASON COUNTY NEWS.

Necessity for Saving.

Any man who cannot save money is bound to be dependent on relatives or charity when he attains old age and is unable to earn a salary.

The News is equipped to do any and all kinds of commercial, legal or social printing. Let us figure with you on all problems concerning printing.

Kentucky Tobacco Crop Leads.

Before the Civil war Virginia was the largest tobacco-producing state, but Kentucky took the lead in 1889 and has held it ever since.

Something to Chew.

Throughout the tropical Orient the natives employ a substitute for tobacco consisting of a slice of arecanna nut, wrapped in betel leaf, flavored with a fine lime made of native seashells and colored with carmine.—Boston Eagle.

PUBLIC SALES

We have purchased 122,000 pair U. S. Army Munson last shoes, sizes 5½ to 12 which was the entire surplus stock of one of the largest U. S. Government shoe contractors. This shoe is guaranteed one hundred percent solid leather, color dark tan, bellows tongue, dirt and waterproof. The actual value of this shoe is \$6.00. Owing to this tremendous buy we can offer same to the public at \$2.95. Send correct size. Pay postman on delivery or send money order. If shoes are not as represented we will cheerfully refund your money promptly upon request.

National Bav State Shoe Company

THROUGH THE WANT COLUMNS

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS—(Aristocrat strain), good layers. Eggs \$1.50 per 15, delivered. Mrs. Otto Birk, Pontotoc, Texas. 51-5tc

SALE—ARMY SHOES—SALE

We have just bought a tremendous stock of Army Munson last shoes to be sold to the public direct. Price 2.75. These shoes are 100 per cent solid leather with heavy double soles sewed and nailed. The uppers are of heavy tan chrome leather with bellows tongue thereby making them waterproof. These shoes are selling very fast and we advise you to order at once to insure your order being filled.

The sizes are 6 to 11 all widths; Pay Postman on receipt of goods or send money order. Money refunded if shoes are not satisfactory.

THE U. S. STORES CO.,
1441 Broadway, New York City.
51-tfc

BLUE HOGS, PEDIGREED—Attractive BLUE in color. They grow large and mature quickly. Fancy show animals and have big litters. Write for literature. Our General Sales Manager, Mr. Eugene F. Kehoe, will be at Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, Texas, during month of March. Also write or call on him, Blue Hog Breeding Co., Wilmington, Massachusetts. 51-tfc

GRAND VIEW POULTRY FARM will sell you setting eggs of trapnested hens from \$1.50 to \$3. Have Buff Orpingtons, R. I. Reds, Dark Barred P. Rocks, and White Leghorns. Emil A. Jordan, Prop. 50-2tp

WANTED—Good, young, gentle work horse, weighing 1300 or over. Apply to Aug. Kothmann. 50-3tp

WANTED—Your chickens, turkeys, and eggs. I pay highest prices. Wm. Splittgerber. 50-tfc

FOR SALE—Ford truck, or will trade. For particulars, apply to Wm. Splittgerber. 49-tfc

EGGS—English Strain White Leghorns, fifteen for \$1. See J. W. White. 49-tfc

FOR SALE—Used Car Bargains: One Ford sedan, two Ford Touring cars, one Ford Truck with stake body. All in good condition. Granite City Motor Co., Llano, Texas. 43-tfc

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 150x150 feet just north of above lots. Apply to F. A. Gerdes, Mason, Texas. 34-tfc

The County Commissioners' Court has been in special call session this week.

STAR OPERA HOUSE

FRIDAY NIGHT

"VERY TRULY YOURS"

Featuring Shirley Mason, Adm. 15 and 35 cents.

SATURDAY NIGHT

"GYPSY PASSION"

Featuring An All Star Cast

SHOW STARTS AT 7:30 O'CLOCK

Admission: 15 & 25 Cents

READY FOR BUSINESS

We wish to announce we have opened a tinning and plumbing business on the west side of the public square and are now ready for business in our line.

We do all kinds of sheet metal work and windmill repair and plumbing work. Will appreciate an opportunity to serve you when in need of anything in our line.

DOELL BROS.

CHAS. DOELL HENDERSON DOELL RUDOLPH DOELL

CHURCH NOTICES

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Services at the Christian Church Sunday. It shall be my purpose to discuss themes that will exalt the Christ and to present Him as the world's Savior and greatest Friend. Come, be with us.

J. J. RAY, Pastor.

GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.—Harry Pluemcke, Supt.

Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. (except 4th Sunday at 11 a. m.)

Prayer Meeting every Tuesday night at 7 p. m.

English services on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays at night.

REV. J. W. A. WITTE, Pastor.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH—CALENDAR

Preaching in Mason next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.

Preaching at Grit Friday night at 7:30.

Preaching at Street Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

Sunday School every Sunday.

Prayer meeting next Wednesday night at 7:30.

The Conference and District authorities have designated March 18 to 25 as Centenary Pay Up Week. Let's beat it, let's pay up before the time comes. It remains to be proven that the Mason Charge can be met in anything of this kind. Let's show 'em.

ROY G. RADER, P. C.

Typewriter ribbons, 80c. News Office

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Whereas, it has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove from his earthly home the husband of our dear sister, Mrs. Will Leslie,

Therefore, be it resolved:

That, we, The Woman's Missionary Society, do hereby tender to her and the bereft families, viz: Chas. Leslie and family, Jess Leslie and family, Mrs. Austin Leslie and family, George Leslie and family, A. O. Johnson and family, Mr. Frank Leslie, Miss Mackie Leslie and Erwin, Edith and Averil Bellows, our tenderest sympathy and Christian love in their sad hour of bereavement, and do earnestly pray that the strong arm of God may support their broken hearts, and bring light and peace and wisdom from on high to their sad homes.

MRS. WM. SPLITTGERBER,
MRS. ED SMITH,
MRS. WILL LAND,

Committee.

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

SECOND HAND



From \$60 up
With and without
Starters
Best Second Hand
Value we ever had

L. F. ECKERT'S
GARAGE

Myers Bros' Store News

WATCH OUR SHOW WINDOWS—NEW SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS ARE ARRIVING

GROWNUPS—SHOES—CHILDREN

We have what you'll want in footwear at lowest possible prices. Patent leather, kid and satin finishes for the ladies and the latest styles and shapes. Our shoes for men and children are the kind that wear.

LOOK AT THESE SPECIALS

For next Saturday, March 3rd, we offer the following leaders:

60 cent values in fancy tissue ginghams, per yard, 49c
24 cent values in best grades of gingham, per yard, 21c
Boys' and Men's Spring Suits at \$14 to 24.50