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MASON TEAM BLANKS COPELAND BROS. SHOW TEAM ON MONDAY

Monday marked the first game of the season of 1923 for the Mason Baseball team, when the Tigers cleaned up on the Copeland Bros' Show team by the score of 13 to 0.

The locals showed up well in the opener and looked and played like tigers to such an appreciable degree that the management has decided on giving the team that name for the season.

Johnson went all the way in the box for Copeland Bros., while Saunders tossed five innings for the locals; Pluenke and Zesch dividing the remaining four innings.

The Box Score

COPELAND BROS.		AB	R	H	E
Welsch, cf.	3	0	1	1	
Copeland, C. C., c.	4	0	0	0	
Copeland, Ed, 2b.	4	0	0	3	
Wood, lf.	3	0	1	1	
Schuessler, lf.	1	0	0	0	
Chamberlain, ss.	3	0	0	1	
Fox, 3rd.	3	0	0	2	
Eaton, rf.	3	0	0	0	
Hackworth, 1st.	3	0	0	0	
Totals	30	0	2	8	
TIGERS		AB	R	H	E
P. Wartenbach, 2b.	3	2	1	0	
Christillis, 2b.	2	1	1	0	
Larrimore, lf.	5	2	2	0	
Shearer, O., c. 1st	5	1	2	0	
Zesch, rf. p.	5	0	3	0	
Schuessler, E., cf.	3	0	1	0	
Schuessler, L. cf.	2	0	0	0	
Willmann, B., ss.	2	0	0	0	
Willmann, W., ss.	3	0	0	0	
Shearer, H. 3rd.	4	2	0	2	
Dannheim, 1st. c.	4	3	2	0	
Saunders, p.	2	1	1	0	
Pluenke, p. rf.	3	1	1	0	
Totals	43	13	14	2	

Score by Innings

Copeland Bros.	000	000	000
Tigers	324	010	03x

Summary—Struck out by Saunders, 5; by Pluenke, 3; by Zesch, 5; by Johnson, 1. Base on balls, off Saunders, 1; off Pluenke, 1; off Johnson, 1; hit by pitcher, by Johnson, 1 (H. Shearer) Umpires, V. Miller and Tom Strong. Time of game, 1 hour, 55 minutes.

"LEANS" TRIM "FATS" IN CLOSE GAME OF BALL LAST THURSDAY

The baseball game which was played last Thursday afternoon for the benefit of the Mason first team between the "fats" and "leans" was a very interesting affair and resulted in a 15 to 13 victory for the "leans". The proceeds cleared a little better than \$20 for the Mason team. The personnel of the two teams were as follows:

"Fats"—Henderson Doell, P. W. Parker, Ervin Splittgerber, Wm. Splittgerber, John Johnson, Howard Smith, Tom Cooper, Lee Luckie, F. C. Beyer, Louis Johnson, Clyde Huckabay, Holmes King, Jim Brown.
 "Leans"—Erv King, Chas. Hofmann, Arch Metzger, W. W. Boston, Ed Keller, Allen Murray, Pete Schmidt, Jack King, Alva Tinsley, W. O. Bode, John Banks, O. A. Hensch, W. A. Zesch, R. E. Lee.

Fredericksburg and Mason High School Teams to Meet Friday

It is announced the local high school baseball team will meet the Fredericksburg High school team on the local diamond Friday afternoon, April 27th, at 3:30 o'clock, for the second match game between the teams for the season. The first game was at Fredericksburg a few weeks ago and was a victory for the Frittown boys. The locals are practicing and looking forward for revenge on Friday afternoon.

MEMBER OF HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY RESIGNED LAST WEEK

Miss Florence Patton, a member of the local High School faculty, resigned her position last week and on Saturday left for her home in Dallas.

Miss Patton was instructor of English and it is said her resignation was greatly regretted by the local school board as well as by pupils of the school and other members of the faculty.

It is announced Mrs. E. E. Lee has been secured to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the present school term.

Typewriter ribbons, 80c. News Office.

Most Unpopular Man In Town



WM. BUNTYN GETS BOUNTY ON TEN WOLF PUPS RECENTLY

B. F. Buntyn, of the Wagram community was here Monday and brought with him ten wolf pups, which his son, Wm. caught on Sunday afternoon in a pasture joining the Buntyn pasture. Mr. Buntyn stated that his son had been working almost a month to catch the grown wolf, but without success. On Sunday he located a den and found the ten pups which he immediately took charge of, but a several hours' watch at the den for the old wolf was without results. The ten wolf pups were worth \$100 to Mr. Buntyn, as the Mason County Wolf Club is paying \$10 a head on pups.

Mr. Buntyn stated he felt confident his son would eventually get the old wolf and receive a bounty of \$50 on her. He said the wolves in his section are very few and he believes this old wolf to be about the only one bothering in that section at present.

RAINFALL TO APRIL 25TH BETTER THAN 12 INCHES FOR YEAR.

The rainfall in Mason and vicinity for the year 1923 has been a great deal above the average up to the present time. According to the records kept by the Mason National Bank the total precipitation for the month of April, including the rain of Tuesday night, amounts to 4.37 inches. The total rainfall received here since the first of January is 12.21 inches. Below is given the record of the bank for 1923, up to date:

January 21	.60
January 29	.15
January 31	1.09
February 3	.1
February 4 and 5th, snow	.45
February 16	1.22
Feb. 22, 23, 24	.95
February 27	.59
March 3	.33
March 27	1.32
March 29	.53
April 11	1.31
April 12	.37
April 15	.88
April 16	.24
April 20	.69
April 25	.88
Total	12.21

Ben Mayo returned last week from Big Springs where he recently moved the family of Ed Garner. It is said Mr. Garner purchased a crop between Big Springs and Sterling City and is highly pleased with his prospective outlook.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Grote were week-end visitors in San Antonio.

TWO HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR GRIT LAST SUNDAY

A car was turned over near Grit Sunday afternoon when the radius rod broke and two of the three occupants of the car were hurt rather severely and the third party escaped with only a few scratches and a bad scare.

The car was being driven by Carrell Herring and just as he approached a small ditch in the road the radius rod broke and caused the front wheel to double back under the car and caused it to turn turtle. Goodall Wootton and Dan Wadell were other occupants of the car. The latter escaped injury, but Herring suffered a bad scratch on the face together with a broken blood vessel and tore loose a ligament in his arm. Wootton received a broken arm.

It is considered a miracle how the three escaped the accident without mortal injury.

WALTER SANDS AND ERV KING LEAVE FOR MARICOPA, ARIZ.

Walter Sands and Erv King left Wednesday for Maricopa, Arizona, for an absence of several months. The former has accepted a position as cook for a telephone construction gang which is located near that place, and stated he would likely be on the job some seven or eight months. Erv will probably get a job with the crew of workmen.

Walter has been in Mason for some time and since the opening of the Corner Cafe a short time ago, has been employed as chef by that firm. He is an exceptionally talented chef and has a reputation as a cook, consequently, he was offered a job with the construction gang at Maricopa at a substantial figure.

Rev. M. Heinrich and P. C. Rode returned home Monday from Taylor where they attended the annual meeting of the Lutheran Synod. They were accompanied home by Rev. Hugo Probst, who is stationed at a Lutheran charge in Louisiana and who was also in attendance at the annual meeting. He will visit in this section a short time with relatives and friends.

Walter Schmidt and King Charles Smith were here from Austin the past week-end, visiting among relatives and friends.

"OVER THE HILL"

May 3rd and 5th

Star Theater

COPELAND BROS. SHOW DRAWING BIG CROWDS THIS WEEK

The Copeland Bros' Tent Show, which has been playing Mason a portion of last week and are to be here all of this week, has been entertaining good crowds on every night of their engagement. These people have a splendid show and the "show-going" public of Mason is showing their approval by their regular attendance. Below is a program announced for the rest of this week:

Thursday Night—"No Man's Land", a story of the cattle rustling days in the old Panhandle country.

Friday Night—"When Toby Comes to Town", all comedy.

Saturday Matinee at 3 o'clock—"The Saint, The Sinner, The Hypocrite".

Saturday Night—"The Flaming Arrow", a fine Indian play.

COMMISSIONERS SETTLE WITH COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

The Commissioners Court of Mason County met last Monday for their annual settlement with Tax Collector, Chas. Leslie.

It is announced the court also set Monday, May 21st, when the court would meet and sit as a board of equalization.

Judge Banks announced that honorable body advised Will Laud, who was recently awarded the contract for graveling a portion of the Mason-Fredericksburg road, to postpone any work on that project until further word from the court. The reason for this is said to be caused by some tie-up in Austin in connection with the State aid the county is to receive on the work.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Marriage Licenses

Mr. D. H. Maddox and Miss Annie Solomon, April 21st.

Mr. Clarence Jones and Miss Ethel Baze, April 23rd.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Jahn Neavy, a girl, April 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Stepp, a boy, April 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bode, a boy, April 24th.

Rivers on Rise

Both the San Saba and Llano rivers were on big rise Wednesday as a result of the heavy rains of Tuesday night. The low water bridges on both streams were entirely covered, and more, too. It was reported Wednesday afternoon, the Llano was about eight feet high.

FREDERICKSBURG GIANTS HERE FOR GAME WITH TIGERS WED.

The Mason Tigers have a ball game matched with the Fredericksburg Giants to be played on the local diamond next Wednesday afternoon, May 2, at 4 o'clock. By that time the Tigers hope to be going at a splendid gate and realizing the Giants put up one of the hardest games our team will have to contend with should cause them to put in a lot of spare time at practicing before next Wednesday's conflict.

The Tigers look strong and followers of the game believe Mason has an exceptionally strong team this season and will come in for many wins. The pitching staff is stronger than last season and with the addition of one or two infielders and a couple outfielders the team is materially strengthened in every department. Then too, many of the players of last season experienced their first year on the team and these players should be much better this season with a year's experience to their credit.

Indications are the locals will have better support this season and with the encouragement of a loyal bunch of fans behind them the managers are confident the boys will deliver the goods up to expectations, but, let us say here, the team must have the backing and encouragement of the fans if we want a winning aggregation.

Thursday's game of last week was not a closely contested affair, consequently many fans were not able to appreciate the working of the players to as great advantage as would have been the case had the game been a hard fought one. The game, however, was a splendid opportunity for fans to see the Tigers in action and get a line up on their style and ability of playing and the game scheduled for next Wednesday will be a certain test for them, and you may rest assured the Mason players are going to get into this game with a greater determination to win than they have ever demonstrated in the past. The Giants have had about seven or eight games this season and might be called a more seasoned team than the Tigers, but our boys believe it in them to beat the Giants and the recollection of having lost four games to them last year by close margins has put a lot of vim and determination in them to beat Fredericksburg this season, and hope to administer defeat to them on more occasions than they received during the season of 1922.

The locals have five moundsmen this season: Zesch, Saunders, Polk, Pluenke and Christillis, all of whom are good and are showing up well. Just which one will start the game against the Giants has not yet been determined, but in all probability Zesch or Saunders will open the thing with the entire staff in readiness to take a hand when called upon. The managers expect to give the Giants a hard run for the edge in this game and if necessary will work all the twirlers in an effort to give the Tigers a taste of victory.

An effort is being made now by the managers to get a game with Menard on the local diamond for Monday, April 30th.

Change Made in Grounds

A change has recently been made at the local ball park, whereby cars will be stopped at the extreme north end of the grounds with the privilege of driving in next to the fence for parking at an additional charge of 25 cents for each car. This arrangement will necessitate two gate-keepers, one at the north end of the park and one near the bank of the creek on the southwest corner of the park, but it will make the matter of putting up the canvas for each game unnecessary.

It is announced the admission prices for this season's games will be 15 and 35 cents, with probable variations on some occasions.

MR. JAKE LEE

The News is informed of the sad news that Mr. Jake Lee, long time resident of this county, died last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ance Smith, in Menard County.

Mr. Lee has been in failing health for some time.

A number of friends joins the News in extending sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Poem

by UNCLE JOHN



If I was makin' sejestions, which I seldom attempt to do, I might remark that old friends is giner'ly safer'n new. . . . If you feel that Spring is upon us, remember this sage advice: Be slow to part with yer fuzzies, till you're feelin' the need of ice.

SPRING WARNING If I should admonish my neighbors, which I hardly expect to try, I'd start with the freaks of weather, from now till about July, —an' I'd sorter dwell on the danger of takin' a blasted cold, if you peel off the winter fuzzies, because they're a trifle old. . . .

If I was disposed to orate on matters of health in spring, I might refer to the changes that April is bound to bring: an' the crime of clippin' yer whiskers a month and a half too soon, is as fatal as sheddin' yer fuzzies before it's the tenth of June.

HOMELY PHILOSOPHY

for 1923

Ah, the joy of childhood!—to romp, to swim, to fish, to play, to while away the live long day filling the storehouse of the mind with memories that last through life. And youth—the thrill at vision—life, its possibilities, its potentialities, the expanding intellect, the virility of the hour, the ardour of sweet companionship, the birth of love. And middle age—the satisfaction of accomplishment, the rounding out, the home, the pride in recreation, the honor of responsibility, of guidance to the young. And age—repose, the vision of the setting sun, reflection of the day well spent, the task performed, the kindly word, the deeper understanding of humanity. Tired? Comes the day of passing, the end of weariness, the entry into the great new world.

Richard Lloyd Jones Says

Your Success is Within Yourself



Others can bring you up carefully; can give you equipment and education, but at the end there is but one power that decrees for or against our success, and that is yourself.

Stevenson said, "One man I had to make good. Myself. All others I have to make happy—if I can."

Yourself is your direct point of contact with the world and those about you. Yourself is the point that needs study and adjustment because the world by all the laws of physics and metaphysics is bound to react upon you as you affect it.

Were it not for the real serious business of training and bringing the best out of yourself, the business of bringing happiness out of this world would be automatic.

As the world has grown complex, more and more study of the relation of each individual to his surroundings has been necessary.

There are certain qualities that belong to you yourself. Your most devoted friend cannot force them on you. Your most relentless enemy cannot take them away. They are a free gift of your inheritance.

If your birth has been niggardly with these qualities, then all your life you work to disadvantage, but if yourself be mostly of the right spirit, you will triumph anyway.

There are unfortunate, ill-born souls who come into the world with their heritage of self-mastery stolen from them. They are foredoomed to be a drain on humanity and a burden to their fellowmen. They

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may have many gifts of brilliancy and power, but they are like a fine and delicate machine that cannot be co-ordinated into productive power.

This is an age of attempt to study oneself with the idea of making oneself of use to others. More and more religions center on the necessity and duty of being right-minded.

You say, superficially, "My duty in this world is to others—not to myself." The truth is, your pre-eminent duty in this world is just to yourself. Only by doing the very highest best for yourself can you do the very highest best for others.

No man can teach mathematics who has not himself mastered mathematics. You can only teach astronomy so far as you have studied the story of the stars.

You cannot hope to make others cheerful until you have made cheerfulness your habit. You cannot give sympathy until you have acquired sympathy.

Emerson said that the best thing a boy got out of college was a room to himself.

Every wise man, like the wise merchant, knows where he stands because he knows the worth of pause for involve. Take stock of yourself. If on reviewing your shelves, or your jars of generosity be empty, get more of those commodities in your storehouse. You need them to make yourself good to yourself and therefore good to others.

It is only the poorly man who shies of self-study.

ENTIRE VILLAGE IS BUILT FOR PICTURE IN THE FAR NORTH

An entire village was constructed to provide the requisite settings for certain scenes used in "Flower of the North," a James Oliver Curwood story, which will be shown at the Star Theater on Saturday night.

In this village some of the most dramatic sequences of the production occur. A battle between mutineers on one end and the faithful employees of a fishing and developing company of the north on the other end is one of the most striking and spectacular scenes of the film.

In addition to this a tribe of Indians whom the mutineers are impersonating

rush into the fray and put the outlaws to flight.

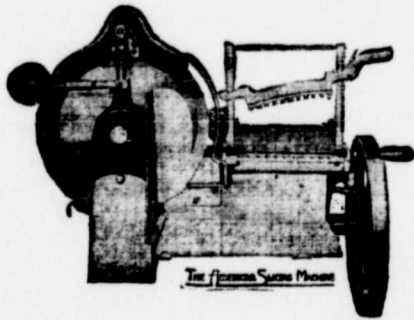
Pauline Starke, who won fame in "The Courage of Marge O'Doone," another Curwood picture, has an exceptionally trying role in this production. Her biggest scene perhaps is the one in which she rushes almost to her death into rapids in a paddleless canoe. Opposite her is Henry B. Walthall in a role which is equally exacting and in which he has many trying scenes.

The production was directed by David Smith. Walthall appears as Phillip Whittemore, a young man from the south, who comes into the heart of a forest land as yet untouched by the inroads of civilization. The wonders of the country impress him vividly. Be-

fore long he heads a constructive movement wherein the right of way to build a road is of greatest importance. Decades past, enraptured by the silence and beauty of it all, French chevaliers had built a residence in the heart of the forest. The girl, Jeanne, is a descendant of these chevaliers. Fate so weaves its threads that Whittemore, at first fighting only for his business interests, makes common cause with the friends of Jeanne and goes out to win the girl, just on the brink of womanhood, in which love and the tortures of doubt develop an unfathomable depth of tenderness.

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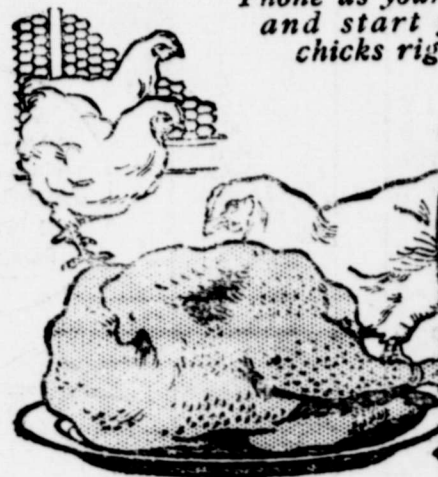
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Uncle John's Josh



Boyohboy
A dame I love
Is Alice Fern;
She don't know much,
But willin' to learn.

Our Obituary
Lived, Loved, Paid Income Tax—and Died.

Drug Store Sign
"If you don't use our soaps, then for heaven's sake use our perfumes."

Literal Lem Again
Judge Smythe—"The reckless drivers must go!"
Prosecutor—"Yes, but why go so fast."

Rap-rap-rap—Order in the courtroom
It's the Truth, Mabel
We turned the plea of a beggar down,
He gave us a look that was mean and black.
He got even with us as we walked down the street,
He ran us down with his Cadillac.

Has It's Good Points, Too
Some one has expressed the opinion that the letter "E" is the most unfortunate letter in the English alphabet, because it is always out of cash, forever in debt, never out of danger, and in hell all the time. For some reason, he overlooked the good fortune of the letter, so we call his attention to the fact "E" is never in war, always in peace and never in prison. It is the beginning of existence, the commencement of ease and the end of trouble. Without it there would be no life, no heaven, no sleep and no cats. It is the center of honesty, makes love perfect, and without it there would be no League.

Which Beach, Sis?
Betty—"Oh, I see you got another letter."
Hettie—"No, that's the envelope my new bathing suit came in."

Two-handed Eater
Doctor—"Here, here, little boy. You shouldn't be eating that cake. It's too heavy for you."
Boy—"Aw, I'm using both my hands to hold it."

Correct! Call the Next Witness
Attorney—"Now, tell us, where did you see the defendant milking the cow?"
City Witness—"A little past center, sir."

Fire When Ready, Gridley
Has anyone seen Pete?
Pete who?
Petroleum.
Yes, kerosene him yesterday and he hasn't benzine since.

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

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TOM SIMS SAYS—

Nature gave the skinny people more than they can bare.

The hardest thing about loafing is buying cigarettes on credit.

A cowcatcher is what is put on engines to catch autos.

A draft is an ill wind that blows nobody good.

Los Angeles is where people go to find something to do until they can get into the movies.

Perhaps statistics show twice as many men as women are killed because women never marry women.

Chicago is where a man has to eat with one hand if he has any money in his pocket.

The female of the spring cleaners isn't as deadly as the male.

Group of senators visiting our national forests report we are not yet out of the woods.

Pacific coast cities report a flood of bad \$20 bills which did some damage to property.

Boston bandits were frightened when a woman appeared, proving some bandits are married.

People who worry about everything will worry about nothing also.

Dictionary is what you use when you can't think of what you use when you can't think of what to use in place of a word you can't spell.

Secrets are nothing to speak of.

Man returns to dust, but not to dust the carpets.

The hard thing about making money last is making it first.

Some walkers are so lucky they get run over by doctors' autos.

Love is something that makes midnight seem like nine o'clock.

I am always in the market for fat hogs and chickens. Get my prices, J. J. Johnson. 31-1f

C. S. Vedder returned home Sunday from San Antonio, where he attended the fiesta for a few days.

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

DEATH OF BERNARD KASSELL

Bernard Kassel, who for the past number of years has made his home in Chicago, where he was an expert engraver, died at the home of his father, C. Kassel, near Castell Wednesday about noon, and was buried with Masonic services Thursday afternoon in the family cemetery, the Masons going from this lodge to hold the services.

Mr. Kassel was reared in this county, but for a long number of years has made his home in Chicago. He has been in failing health for some time, and several weeks ago returned to his father's home in the hopes of regaining his health.

The News was unable to secure any particulars concerning Mr. Kassel's life and connections at this time.—Llano News.

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

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

Max Bogusch, of Sanderson, and Paul Bogusch and little son, of Brenham, spent a short time in Mason last week for a visit with their aged father, Mr. Karl Bogusch, who is critically ill and has been bedfast for a couple of weeks. It is reported this aged gentleman is suffering from bright's disease. Mr. Bogusch is about seventy-four years old.

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From Our Early Files

From Mason News, April 29, 1898: Miss Nettie Hill will close her school at Fredonia Friday.

Mr. Henry Hipp and Miss May Schooley were married last Wednesday.

A big Sunday School picnic is to be held at Centennial Springs on May 3rd. The following spent Sunday at F. E. Husband's ranch: Misses May Hamilton, Ada Garner, Emma Chenault, Emma Lindsay; Messrs. Will Lemburg, Otto Evers.

F. E. Husband has sold his ranch to Erv Hamilton for \$2,000 and also sold Adolph Keller several hundred acres of school land for \$500. He gives possession in about three weeks.

Mrs. J. W. White is in from the ranch this week with a sick baby.

Messrs. Fred Kleck, Weyrick and Ochs, of Fredericksburg, were here Wednesday night to furnish music for the school exercises.

From Mason News, April 24, 1908: The Forty-Two Club enjoyed a delightful evening last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Anna Martin.

Mr. James T. Brown and Miss Katherine Lindsay were married Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Alva Tinsley, a girl, April 14th; to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt, a boy, April 19th; to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lemburg, Jr., a boy, on April 21st.

Frank Wilhelm, of Menard County, recently bought 1200 yearlings from J. W. White at \$15.

The following enjoyed a pleasant 42 party at the home of Mr. Tom Garner: Misses Odie and Cora Garner, Fannie Land and Barbara Bruce; Messrs. Dud Price, George Humphry, Harvey and Will Land and Ray Garner.

I. D. Wier and Wilson Hey have been elected delegates from the Ft. Mason Camp U. C. V. to the National reunion at Birmingham.

Dan and John Schuessler, Jr., delivered 100 head of 2-year-old steers to J. M. Stewart Wednesday, to be taken to Menard County for Wm. Bevans.

Less crime in the days when the prisoner and not the sentence was suspended.—Wall Street Journal.

According to a recent estimate England has 938 poets, three of whom have not lectured in this country.—New York Evening News.

The outlook in the automobile trade is excellent as there are still thousands of houses that haven't been mortgaged to buy cars.—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

Bryan says wealth is a disease, but does not tell how to catch it.—Greenville Piedmont.

There is one telephone for every eight persons in this country—and nine times out of ten, two of the other seven are using it when we need it.—Tampa Tribune.

Some girls can make up their faces more easily than their minds.—Greenville Piedmont.

It's a hard world. Your friends won't believe you make as much as you say you do, and the Government won't believe you make as little.—Manitoba Free Press.

Canary birds have to demonstrate their ability to sing before they can be imported into this country. What a pity that doesn't apply also to imported opera singers.—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

E. J. Haines was here Saturday from his farm near Mason Mountain. He stated he has been enjoying a visit from his mother recently from McClulloch County.

He is Un-American who Puts Self Wealth Above the Commonwealth

The Cost of Our Local Improvements

From all parts of the country come reports of great activity in towns and villages in the matter of public improvement. Nothing could be more encouraging providing the problem is sensibly attacked, but if your villages begin to run wild and act without a proper perspective of finance then many of them are brewing serious trouble. Taxation is on the jump almost everywhere. The amount of taxes now paid by the American people is larger than the whole foreign trade of the United States both incoming. The sum total of taxation is four times as great as the American profit on all foreign trade.

In Germany is heard the cry that taxation has brought utter ruin to the people. We hear the echo from France, and also from England. Let us not forget that the law of economics is not national. It is universal. America cannot escape the effect of exchange taxation any more than can Great Britain or the benighted Chocktongs of Passamaquaddy.

The business of the world today needs more capital than ever. The trouble is the man on the street does not grasp the first rules of national business building.

With restricted capital business cannot expand. It requires more money to harvest and market a hundred acre crop than it does a ten acre crop and if American industry is to expand and prices be kept within the normal, liquid capital and legitimate credit must be increased. We cannot have our cake and eat it. If the money of the nation is spent because of a sudden craze for improvements something else will have to go by the board.

Steering Business Ships to Success

Fred P. Mann is a drygoods merchant in Devil's Lake, North Dakota. He sells a half million dollars' worth of goods every year in a town of five thousand population. He has built his business from nothing. His capital has been intelligence. He stands today an inspiration for any small town merchant who seeks to build a paying business on a sound foundation.

There are thousands of merchants who flop along without any definite aim except an instinctive desire to accomplish. These are the merchandising derelicts. The ship that reaches port in time to win the cargo is one that is steered with a definite purpose and along a course thoroughly charted.

Mr. Mann frankly says his success is one of two things—sensible buying and vigorous newspaper advertising. He spends more money in newspaper advertising than any small merchant in the United States. The answer is he does more business than any small merchant in the United States.

Half the local merchants in small towns see in advertising nothing but typographical announcements. The money they waste in direct by mail advertising is astounding. There is not a skilled advertising man in the whole of the United States who uses a direct-by-mail advertising except as a supplement to the newspaper. Without the newspaper the rest is useless. If we fail to learn by the experience of others who have succeeded than we fall behind in the march of progress.

John Wanamaker, Marshall Field and Fred P. Mann are not fools. Hitch your wagon to a star, not to a doubting Thomas.

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The school board of San Saba recently re-elected Mr. W. W. Hart as superintendent of the San Saba School for next year.

On Sunday afternoon of last week Hays Cummings, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cummins, of Llano, died. The young man accidentally shot himself in the thigh with a twelve-gauge shot gun while out squirrel hunting. He died within thirty minutes after the accident.

Try our "merchant's lunch" at 40¢ cents. Corner Cafe. 7-1f

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

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

Johnnie Reichenau was here a short time this week from San Antonio, bringing Mrs. Doyal home, after a visit in San Antonio for several weeks.

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Punchettes

Rev. M. A. Matthews
D.D.L.D.
AUTOCASTER

THE CHURCH BLACKHAND

As has been said by many who are students of the condition, there are two tendencies that are working together to disrupt all orthodox evangelical denominations. These two forces might properly be called false teaching and autocracy.

The false teacher has been in the church since the first century. He tried to destroy with his false doctrine the little group of Christians who began in the first century, and since that time he has been marching across the continents of time.

The rationalist is compelled to set up a human gospel, a piece of human machinery, and to build his little bureaus in order that he may advance his cause. He is corrupt at heart, designing in his motives, autocratic in his methods, bureaucratic in his government.

A great many of those who are teaching and who have taught false doctrines have taught them because they wanted to reduce God's standard and mode of living, or because they have never become regenerated Christians.

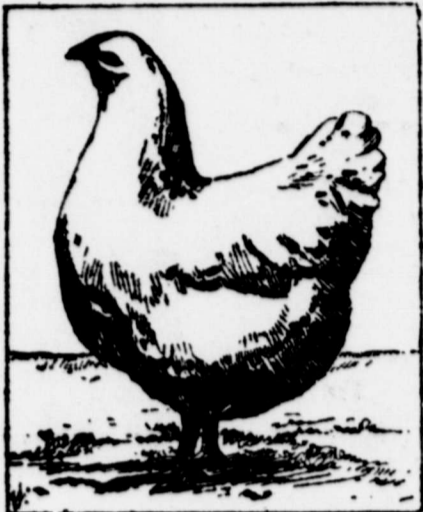
The false teachers and the advocates of the vicious doctrines are perfectly willing to use money, political machinery, or any other means that they can devise, to destroy the influence and power of the great Christian leaders of the day. They use every method of chicanery to keep such ministers out of pulpits, to prevent their being called to permanent pulpits, and to deprive them of leadership in their denominations.

No regenerated man has ever denied or will ever deny the deity of Christ. Therefore, any such denial on the part of any man who claims to be a minister of the gospel is prima facie evidence that he has never been regenerated.

These false teachers and rationalistic agents enter our denominations and try to destroy our church governments and establish their Nero-like autocratic, bureaucratic government of destruction.

Will the laymen awake and drive this black hand from the church?

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CHURCH NOTICES

GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.—Harry Plunneke, Supt.
Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 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. WITT, Pastor.

F. LANGE
has secured the services of G. R. Wilson of Dallas, an experienced plumber, and invites those wanting up-to-date plumbing and tinwork done, to call on F. Lange. 52-tfc

"We buy Packing stock Butter". Mayhew Produce Company. 5-3tc

Victrola Phonographs on easy terms at Mason Drug Company. 36

School Picnic
A school picnic will be given at Union school on May 4th. A baseball game in the afternoon at 2 o'clock; barbecue after the game, and a program at 7:30 p. m. Everybody invited to come.

Nice screen doors and galvanized screen wire. R. Grosse. 7

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith returned a few days ago from a visit of several days in San Antonio during Fiesta Week.

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

Typewriter ribbons, 80c. News Office.

"We buy Packing stock Butter". Mayhew Produce Company. 5-3tc

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

When renewing your subscription to your daily or semi-weekly paper or for farm papers and magazines; hand the business to the News. We will appreciate the favor.

DR. W. M. THAXTON
Veterinarian
MASON - - BRADY

RAINES' Blacksmith Shop
I have opened a blacksmith and general repair shop in the building west of the Zerk Building, where I will be pleased to have my friends call on me when in need of blacksmithing or tool sharpening. Will grind your dull axe for 15 cents.
HENRY RAINES

Society

Entertain for Miss Duncan

As Miss Duncan is the guardian of the eighth grade, we felt like we should do something for her to pay for all the worry we had given her during this term of school, so we decided to give her a surprise party.

At 7:30 o'clock Friday night we met at the residence of R. H. Kidd and sent for Miss Duncan to come and play forty-two with the family. She came and when she passed through the dining room and saw the table decorated with flowers and cakes, said "she thought it funny so much trouble for a forty-two game", and about that time the door opened and we greeted her with a loud applause.

We played many games and at 9 o'clock we went to the dining room and were served cake and ice cream, after which we had several contests. The first contest tied by Miss Duncan and Chester Hofmann, Esther Christillis and Byron Brown. They drew straws and Esther Christillis and Byron Brown won. Gladys Behrens and Irvin Willmann won the booby prize.

The second contest was won by Miss Duncan and Chester Hofmann, the booby going to Melvin Kyger and partner.

We enjoyed every minute of the time until we left at 10:30.

DERBY-SMART

Mr. Bud F. Derby and Miss Gussie Smart, of this city, were recently married in Fredericksburg. Following their marriage the couple went to San Antonio, where they spent a few days, after which they returned to this city to make their home.

Mr. Derby is a co-partner in the Manhattan Cafe and is an industrious and ambitious young man, while Mrs. Derby is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smart, of this city. They both have numerous friends and acquaintances in our midst who will join the News in wishing them every happiness in life.

Mrs. S. L. Baze Entertains

Mrs. Seth L. Baze entertained a number of ladies Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. W. S. Banks, of Temple. Those present were Mesdames Banks, Jennie Reynolds, J. W. White, Chas. Bierschwale, Erv Hamilton, J. C. Lemburg, Belle W. Bridges; Miss Betsy White.

The rooms were fragrant with flowers, and delicious sherbet with cake and confections were served.

G. W. Moneyhon spent several days in Dallas this week, attending the Rex-all Convention.

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GOOCH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION WILL MEET MONDAY, MAY 7TH

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Gooch Cemetery Association of Mason will be held at the court house in Mason on the first Monday in May, the same being Monday, May 7th, at 3 o'clock.

Officers for the Association for the ensuing year are to be elected, and other business as may come before the organization will also be transacted.

It is urged that all members of the Association pay their dues at once to either E. J. Lemburg or Otto Schmidt, as the treasurer is badly in need of funds to meet expenses in connection with having the cemetery cleaned of the weeds and grass at this time. Every one interested is also urged to attend the meeting on May 7th.
E. J. LEMBURG, President.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Mason County will convene at the court house in Mason on the third Monday in May, 1923, the same being the 21st day of May, to sit as a board of equalization.
R. E. LEE,
County Clerk, Mason County, Mason, Texas. 7-2tc

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MASON COUNTY NEWS

Walter Schmidt and Miss Dora Jenkins spent Saturday in San Antonio, taking in the sights of the Battle of Flowers.

SEED POTATOES
4 cents per pound, \$3.50 per 100 lbs., \$5 per bag, 11 pecks.
49tf J. J. JOHNSON.

GLORY IN THEIR PLUCK

(Brady Standard)

The citizens of Mason, at a recent meeting of their Commercial Club, went on record as favoring a direct move to secure an extension of the Frisco railway through Mason, and expressed their willingness to meet any reasonable demands or requests of any road that would build a line through Mason. They also promise co-operation with Fredericksburg, whose citizens recently went on record as offering a \$100,000 bonus for through railroad connections to the north.

The spirit of the citizens of Mason and Fredericksburg is to be commended and will carry into and through this rich territory should no longer remain an ephemeral dream, but should become a reality in the not-distant future. Now that the Frisco merger bill has passed the legislature and has become a law by reason of the signature of Governor Neff, nothing further should be allowed to intervene in the consummation of this long-desired Frisco extension from Brady through Mason and Fredericksburg to San Antonio. It is a project which Brady and every town along the route can enthusiastically support and advocate.

The News is in recent receipt of a letter from its friend, Dr. Wm. Thaxton assistant veterinarian of the State Sanitary Department with headquarters at Fort Worth, in which he stated he would be in Mason in the near future for a vacation and visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Thaxton. He states he will be in a position to practice his profession while in Mason should any of our people need the advice or assistance of a veterinarian. Attention is called to Dr. Thaxton's card appearing elsewhere in this issue.

The News handles cardboard in assorted colors, carbon paper, blotting paper, shipping tags, typewriter ribbons Steko-O Paste Powder, and bond paper is our "long suit".

Matt Dees returned from a visit to San Antonio a few days ago, where he consulted an eye specialist in regard to his eye. Mention was made last week in the News of his having had amonia in one of his opticals. He says the specialist stated he anticipated no trouble as a result and believed he would have the use of the eye in a short time.

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SAYS "ARK" WAS A PYRAMID

Egyptologist Deals Blow to Long-Accepted Theory Concerning Noah and His Boat.

The general belief that Noah's ark was fashioned of wood, that it was filled with animals and that the storm-driven craft was eventually beached upon the slopes of Mount Ararat, has recently been dealt a blow by an Egyptologist, Dr. C. E. Getzinger, remarks the Compressed Air Magazine.

After years of research, Dr. Getzinger declares that the ark is still very much with us, indeed, that it is still intact, after 30,000 years; and, what is equally surprising, he asserts the ark never left the home port, in fact, was never launched, for the good and sufficient reason that it could not have moved even if its builders had so wished. This archaeologist says the ark was not an ark, but, instead, the pyramid of Cheops. Just the same, the structure, like the other Egyptian pyramids, had to battle with the sea for a goodly while, Dr. Getzinger claims. In proof of this, he informs us that near the top of each of the pyramids, at the same level, is a high water mark where the surf of the far-off ages cut into the stone. And, finally, it seems that a thick incrustation, found on the inner passage ways of the pyramids, has been revealed by chemical analysis to be sea salt.

EXPERIENCED



Dick—Am I the very first man you ever loved, dear?
Dora—Of course you are! How foolish men are! You all ask the same question.

FIND GOLD ON BEACH

After a period of seven years' ill luck, surf washers along the beach

at Nome, Alaska, are deriving good incomes from fine gold obtained in the newly piled sand. Small particles of the mineral are concentrated in the dark streaks caused by the waves of the Bering sea washing up black sand. Ten years ago fortunes were made in this manner of mining, but the gold supply suddenly vanished. Recently the yellow metal has been found in paying amounts. A peculiar sluice box built on stilts just a short distance into the surf washes the impurities from the gold. Quicksilver held in cleats at the bottom of the sluice aids in collecting the minute gold dust. Hundreds of Nome's citizens are again shoveling over the beach for the third and fourth successive times.

FROM THUNDERSTORMS

It was Scriber of the Hanyald observatory, at Kalosca, in Hungary, who invented an electric apparatus for recording distant thunderstorms. An electric wave set in motion by a flash of lightning is registered by a detector resembling in its action that used in the Marconi telegraph system. The impulse is communicated to a pen connected with a disk moved by clockwork, and when the pen makes its record a bell is rung whose vibration resets the coherer. Storms raging invisibly 20 miles away are thus recorded, and on one occasion, on a bright day, the apparatus made known the prevalence of a violent storm in Budapest, 68 miles distant.

ANYWAY!

Sir Charles Hawtrej, the English actor, was playing golf with some friends one day, when, at the very first hole, he got into a bunker. While he was trying to extricate his ball his caddie took out a clay pipe and began to fill it.

At Hawtrej's fifteenth stroke, the caddie struck a match on his trousers. Hawtrej paused and looked at him.

"Well," said the caddie, "it's a fine day, anyway."

Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Jordan, of the Peters Prairie section, is in a critical condition, according to a report given out Wednesday morning. The boy was operated upon some six weeks ago for appendicitis, and it is stated complications have brought his condition to a critical stage.

F. C. Beyer left yesterday for Dallas to attend the annual convention of the State Ginners' Association.

Motor Engine Speeds for 600 Hours



Uncle Sam's Naval Air Service has a new engine which has speeded at a 75-mile per hour clip for 600 continuous hours—long enough to circle the world 2 1/2 times without a stop—a startling new record.

Between Money and Love

By H. M. EGBERT

Corporal Waterford of the Northwest Mounted Police reined in his horse before Monsieur Poullard's cottage on the Beaver river. He fastened it to a sapling and knocked at the door. A dark-haired, dark-eyed French girl opened to him, and flung her arms round his neck with a cry of joy.

"It is thou, John," she murmured, rapturously, and with the kiss that followed, John Waterford forgot his hundred-mile ride across the prairies in the bitter wind.

Soon they were snugly gathered round the stove: the corporal, Louise, and Monsieur Poullard, and exchanging news.

"And so one month will see us all married people," said the old Frenchman, winking at Waterford, while Louise blushed divinely.

Corporal Waterford's period of service would expire with the last month of the year. He was not to re-enlist, for, with the savings of his period of service, he was to open a trading store. The three would live together, but Louise would become John's wife.

"But it was a long ride here from Edmonton, my friend," said Monsieur Poullard. "What brought thee before next week, when we expected thee?"

"Why, I am going to Toronto," answered Waterford. "A little matter of business, so I thought I would look in on you two before I started."

Neither Louise nor her father asked any questions. The word "business" kept them silent. Waterford would be the last man in the world to divulge the secrets of the police. They had no doubt that he was going to take in some criminal for trial, though they imagined it must be an unusual case that required his presence in Toronto.

But it was not a police matter at all. As Waterford rode away on the next morning he was sick at heart.

Presently he reined in his horse and pulled a notebook from his pocket, in which was a newspaper clipping. He read it to himself aloud:

"WANTED—News of John Waterford, formerly of Highbury Hall, Stockton, England, believed to be in the Canadian Northwest. Any person who can inform Messrs. Lawson and Jones of No. 47 Orpington street, Toronto, of the whereabouts of said John Waterford will be rewarded."

The clipping had been placed before the corporal by his captain.

"This seems to refer to you, John," he had said. "If you want to, take a week's furlough and run in to Toronto."

The captain looked at him searchingly, for he knew that Waterford was a gentleman by birth, and surmised that he had come into his father's property.

Waterford knew that, too. His father had died a few months before—killed in the hunting field, in his eighty-second year. And John was the only son. And the Waterford estates, together with the mining royalties, brought in nearly thirty thousand pounds annually.

But John was thirty-four, and it was fifteen years since he had seen his father. They had quarreled bitterly over a woman whom John had wanted to make his wife. His father had ordered him never to enter the house again while he was alive. With simple literalness John had obeyed. And to add to the poignancy, the woman had promptly thrown John over, for she could not afford to wait an indefinite number of years to get possession of whatever the old baronet might leave to his son. The estate was not entailed.

And Sir James had left him everything. John had read that and read, also, that the heir was being sought for. After a dozen years in Canada, years of privation and hardening, John had come into his own.

A year before he would have rejoiced at the prospect of returning to England. But during the past year pretty Louise Poullard, with her shy eyes and endearing ways, had come into his life, and he was dubious now.

He knew that if he took her to England her life would be made wretched. She, the prairie rose, could not flourish among the English roses, the products of a thousand years of civilization and breeding. True, he might claim the estate and then go back to Louise. But he knew the weakness of his own nature; he knew how strong is the tug of the home land upon one's heartstrings. If he went home he would never go back to pretty Louise and Canada.

He took the train at Edmonton and in due course arrived at Toronto. An hour later he was standing in the presence of Mr. Lawson.

"I am John Waterford," he said.

Mr. Lawson looked at him gravely. "Of course you can produce some evidence," he said. "Not that I doubt you, but you see this is an important matter. Now, how can you show me that you are John Waterford?"

"The record of my service in the police, sir," answered John, and Mr. Lawson smiled.

"Of course, I do not doubt you," he said again, "but even if we assume that you enlisted under your right name—which I don't doubt—how can you prove that you are the John Waterford for whom we are seeking?"

John was silent. He did not know what to say. Mr. Lawson resumed:

"I may say that I have been in England recently; in fact, my cousin, Arthur Farrell, was your father's lawyer, and so I am personally acquainted with the members of your family, including Miss Ethel Barrington, a young lady who should certainly stimulate your memory."

"Why, sir?" asked John.

"Because, under the terms of the will, you are to inherit the property subject to one condition—that you ask Miss Barrington to be your wife within six months. You are not, of course, married, Mr. Waterford? That would exclude you from the inheritance."

"No, sir," said John, trying to think hard.

"Then, no doubt, you can answer a few questions. Your mother's maiden name? Good. Your father's family; how many brothers and sisters did he have? Three? Correct again. And your mother's family consisted of? Correct, Mr. Waterford. I see that these proceedings are going to be only a formality. So many impostors, you know! You will pardon me for having to put you to this ordeal. Where were you educated?"

"Eton!" snapped John Waterford.

The lawyer looked at him in astonishment.

"I mean—I mean Harrow," said John hastily. "My memory played me a trick."

The lawyer turned the pages of a memorandum book.

"Now, as to your mother—was she dark or fair? Dark, you say? Well, it depends, of course, on what one means by dark. Now, Mr. Waterford, answer me this: What was the full name of your brother who died in infancy?"

"I knew once, but I can't remember," faltered John.

Mr. Lawson glared at him indignantly.

"You have betrayed yourself. You never had a brother. You are an impostor, sir," he stormed. "Leave this office at once, or I'll—I'll have you indicted for conspiracy. Leave me, you unspeakable scoundrel, you cuckoo, trying to foist yourself into another nest!"

With downcast head John made for

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the door, and the indignant old man hurried vituperations after him until he had closed it behind him. But when John reached the street his face was radiant.

He had made his choice, as once before, between money and love, and again he had chosen love. But this time he knew that he had made no such mistake as before. Louise loved him as a poor man; he had wooed her and won her, and he would never break his troth.

"Well, Waterford," said his captain when he got back, "you have good news of yourself, I hope?"

"No, sir," John answered. "I was the wrong man."

It was one month later when he rode over the prairies toward the little cottage on Beaver river. He was not alone this time, however, for beside him rode a cheery little man whose face was the most welcome of any within a thousand miles of Edmonton.

A knock at the cottage door and the same greeting. And then, while still in John's arms, Louise catches sight of the stranger and blushes like a rose, and hides her face in her lover's shoulder. It is there that she hears her father's greeting:

"Bonjour, John. Bonjour, Monsieur le Cure. Come in and eat, and after supper we shall be three married people."

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REACTION TO HIGH ALTITUDES

Recent Scientific Findings That Hint a Whole Lot of Interest to Aviators.

Observations of great significance are disclosed by scientists returning from the Andes. Up to 17,000 feet the condition of whites and natives was studied. At sea level the arterial blood is saturated with oxygen; in the mountains, this content is lower and in equilibrium with the oxygen content of the air; this would seem to dispose of the theory that in oxygen deprivation the lungs secrete oxygen to make up the deficit. Anthropometric measurements and X-ray pictures contributed greatly to success; the blood was tested in numerous ways and the basal metabolism came under observation. The findings have a practical bearing on aviation, and on the fitness of industrial representatives for high altitude work. Light may also be shed upon the proper treatment of diseases of the lungs and the circulatory system.—Scientific American.

NATURAL TASTE FOR SUGAR

Desire for Sweetstuffs Implanted in Humanity as Indispensable Adjunct to Good Health.

Fruits, vegetables, nuts, roots, grains, fish, flesh and fowl are examples of natural foods. Sugar is a good example of an artificial food. Arthur R. Reynolds, M. D., writes in the Health Builder. Nowhere in nature does free sugar exist. It is an extract. Every living creature likes sugar. To like sugar is not an acquired taste. Nature gave it to us, but nature produces no commercial sugar with which to satisfy that taste. Why was the taste for sugar given to us? That we might seek it in those foods where it is stored, and stored in a form easy on the digestive organs and in addition obtaining other elements indispensable to good digestion and good health. Sugar cannot be digested in its commercial form. The digestive apparatus is compelled to convert sugar when swallowed into another substance before it is of any value to nutrition. All natural foodstuffs contain sugar. It is most abundant in fruits.

HENRY BALDRIDGE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY HOUSTON KENNEDY AT FIVE FRIDAY P. M.

Henry Baldrige, well known citizen of Fife community, was shot and seriously wounded last Friday shortly after noon, by Houston Kennedy, also well known and life-long resident of the north part of the county. Three shots, it is stated, were fired by Kennedy, using a .38 Remington automatic. One bullet struck Baldrige on the right side of the neck, plowing a course just under the skin around and emerging at the back of the neck; another struck him in the left shoulder, emerging at the back above the shoulder blade, and a third penetrated the right side, emerging down towards the small of the back. It was thought the last named may have penetrated the lung. Medical attention was summoned from Brady, and the wounded man was, at last reports, resting easy with good chances for an early recovery, providing no complications arise.

The shooting occurred in Rance's store, and followed some remarks by Baldrige, alleged half in jest, to which Kennedy took exception.

Kennedy came to Brady late Friday evening and voluntarily surrendered to the officers. He was released under \$5000 bond, set by Justice of the Peace W. G. Lyle, and date of examining trial set for the 21st of next month.—Daily Standard.

Reprimand.

He was a small boy and he was speaking. Very proud of it he was, too, until a man went up to him and scolded him soundly.

The man went away, but in a moment or two returned. In his mouth was an unlighted cigarette. He had been fumbling in his pockets. Not a man was in sight. Only the woman, who waited for the car, and the small boy. The small boy seized the more likely prospect.

"Say, kid," the man continued, in more friendly tones, "you haven't got a match to give me, have you?"

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HOME SWEET HOME

Oscar Doesn't Want To Be Misquoted

by Terry Gilkison

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ACRES OF DIAMONDS IN TEXAS

(By G. M. Knebel, vice-president, Mgr., Texas State Manufacturers Association, State Headquarters, San Antonio, Texas.)

The noted lecturer Russell H. Conwell told the story of a successful farmer by the name of Ali Hafed, who lived near the river Indus in ancient Persia. He was contented, happy and prosperous until he was told by a Buddhist priest, a wise man of the East, of the formation of minerals, and finally of the diamond, describing it as a "congealed drop of sunlight". Said the priest: "For a diamond the size of your thumb you can purchase an entire county, a diamond mine would place all your children on thrones". Ali Hafed awoke the next morning discontented—nothing but a diamond mine would satisfy him. Selling his farm, leaving his wife and children with friends, he began his hunt for a diamond mine. Starting at the mountain of the Moon, he wandered about until he reached Palestine—after a tiresome search he reached Europe, and eventually arrived at the shore of the Bay of

Barcelona. By this time he was a perfect type of wretchedness, in rags and poverty. Looking at the great waves that dashed between the Pillars of Hercules, he cast himself into the sea, ending his life.

Shortly after Ali Hafed had departed on his search for a diamond mine, the man to whom he had sold the farm, leading a camel into the garden to drink, saw shining from the water a stone of great brilliance. He took the stone to the house, and when the priest came he pronounced it a diamond. So the finding of this stone was the beginning of the great Golconda diamond mine, which is credited with excellent Kimberly and produced the great Kohinoor and Orloff crown jewels of England and Russia. Ali Hafed's farm abounded in diamonds of the rarest sort.

We have acres of diamonds right here in Texas—they are all about us—if we are to find these riches we must begin at home—in our own community. Take for instance the matter of supporting the industries of Texas and those of every community within the State—do we give preference in our purchases to Texas Made Products? What are we the citizens of Texas doing to help keep the 150,000 workers in our industries employed? The manufacturers of Texas do not desire to build a fence about the State in order to keep out products from other sections—this would be foolish—for we need the products from other sections

—they need ours—however if we expect the industries of every community in Texas to grow and expand—we as citizens of the grand old State must do our part by giving preference in our contracts and purchases to Texas Made Products. We have no fight to make upon the manufacturers and business houses located thousands of miles away—but we do want to remind the good people of Texas that the Manufacturers, Jobbers, Merchants and Business men of Texas are making it possible for the State to grow—for they support our State Government—our Schools, our churches—and respond to the hundreds of calls made upon them for worthy causes—and the money we spend with them stays here in circulation—in our own community and State.

It is indeed a poor citizen who makes his living within the State of Texas, yet at every opportunity seems to take pride in sending his Texas made money out of the State for the comforts and necessities of life. Stand back of your Home Merchant—stand back of the Industries of Texas, stand back of our Architects, contractors, and professional men of Texas—learn to live at home, for in no other way will a community prosper. If we spend our money for Products Made in Texas we get a second chance at the same old dollar; when that dollar goes out of the State it's "Good-bye Mary".

Texas needs capital for a greater development of her Industries. Capital should be encouraged in the making of investments in Texas, and Capital should be made to feel that after the investment is made, that it will be protected in its rights. Let us all work for a Greater Texas.

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If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices. J. J. JOHNSON. 51-tf

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

W. H. Todd and family, of Llano, spent last Sunday in Mason, visiting relatives and friends.

If you have a friend or a neighbor that is borrowing your News to read, ask him to subscribe. It only costs \$1.50 a year and if it is worth borrowing occasionally, it is worth that money figure.

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

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BLINN MEMORIAL COLLEGE TO CELEBRATE 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Brenham, Texas, April 26.—Elaborate arrangements are being made by the Blinn Memorial College Ex-Students Association, of which George Neu is president, to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the establishment of the school with a re-union of ex-students on June 4, while commencement exercises are in progress. Among the activities that will feature Ex-Students Day will be group meetings of former students, a barbecue and baseball game at Firemen's Park, a general business and social session of ex-students, and an informal reception and band concert on the college campus.

The committee in charge of ex-student activities is very anxious to secure a complete list of former students at Blinn College, and to this end it is requested that any ex-student who sees this item will send his or her present name and address to Prof. Arthur Niebuhr, Blinn Memorial College, Brenham, Texas. In places where there are enough ex-students to make it practicable it is urged that branches of the Blinn Ex-Students Association be formed. Write to Pres. J. L. Neu, Blinn College, Brenham, Texas, and he will endeavor to have a representative attend the meeting.

It is expected that hundreds of former Blinn students will come to Brenham for the big reunion June 4, and local ex-students will do everything possible for entertainment of the visitors.

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 Dr. Jones, the Eye Man, at Dr. McCollum's office, Thursday, May 10th. Eyes Examined, Glasses fitted, Headache and Eye Strain Relieved.
 At Pontotoc Wednesday, 9th. 7-2tc

Galvanized roofing at R. Grosse's.

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

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White House Doesn't Tempt Mrs. Ford



"I have no desire to live in the White House," says Mrs. Henry Ford, as interviewed here about the presidential home for her husband. "I don't know where it started and I'm not even interested," says Mrs. Ford.

See us for Purina Chows that will save your Young Turkeys. Mayhew Produce Company.

SENATOR OF THIS DISTRICT ELECTED MAYOR OF EL PASO

State Senator, R. M. Dudley, of this, the twenty-fifth senatorial district, has been elected mayor of El Paso, and has resigned from the Senate.

We re-produce below, a copy of a letter received by the News from Mr. Dudley:

"April 20, 1923.
"Editor, Mason County News, Mason, Texas.

"Dear Mr. Editor:

"As you probably know I was elected Mayor of El Paso recently and shall resign my place in the Senate in a day or two to assume the duties of that office.

"During the time between my resignation and the adjournment of this session the business of the District as far as my office as Senator is concerned, will be carried on just the same and any request that my constituents wish to communicate to me should be made to me at Austin in care of the Senate Chamber just the same as before. This is because the Senate will allow my secretary to act for me in matters of arranging notary appointments, giving information and communicating their desires to other senators who will act for me. In this way the business of the District will go on without interruption or, until a successor is elected to take my place.

I shall, of course, be glad at all times to receive personal communications from the members of my District who desire my personal advice or assistance. These letters should be sent to me at El Paso.

"I shall always feel under so many obligations to the good people of the Twenty-Fifth Senatorial District and am willing to dedicate my services at all times when I can serve them. It is with sadness and regret that I leave the State Senate as representative of this grand old District, the Twenty-Fifth. The people have been kind and good to me while I have tried to serve them faithfully, yet I realize my shortcomings and thank the people that in spite of these shortcomings they have stood by me loyally and have ever backed me up at Austin.

"I wish through your columns to especially thank the people of your county for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me in the days gone by.

"Very sincerely yours,
R. M. DUDLEY"

Purina Startona fed with Baby Chick Chow will save from ninety to one hundred per cent of your Young Turkeys. Mayhew Produce Company. 5

Eat where the eats are eatable. Corner Cafe. 7-tfc

If you know of some news item that would interest News readers, phone it in. If you don't know the details, give us an idea and we will do our best to get the particulars.

J. C. Kelso, one of the good farmers and prosperous fruit growers, of the Wagram community was here Saturday and subscribed for the News to be sent to Lem Gibbs, of Pioneer, Texas, and R. N. Kelso, of Holland, Texas.

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

Frank Keyser, one of Mason County's prosperous stock farmers, left a pleasant reminder with the News while in Mason on business Saturday from the Keyserville section.

Let your next tire be a Gate's Super-Tread. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 13tf

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Daniels, of Wichita Falls, have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McMillan, of the Fredonia section the past week.

"We buy Packing stock Butter". Mayhew Produce Company. 5-3tc

Wm. Kruse was here Saturday from his farm in the Katemey section and took a renewal lease on the News.

Leonard Wood was here from San Antonio to spend the past week-end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wood.

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CHICKENS

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

J. J. JOHNSON.

Miss Bessie Wartenbach, R. T. N., left the first of the week for San Antonio, following a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wartenbach. She has recently returned from Junction, where she was on a case.

The News is headquarters for good bond papers; quality being our motto. We make a specialty of handling bond paper in bulk and sell it in large or small lots cut to any size desired.

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

F. B. McCollum, of San Antonio, came up the first of the week on business. He will likely be in Mason all of this week.

CATARRHAL DEAFNESS

is often caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing. Unless the inflammation can be reduced, your hearing may be destroyed forever.

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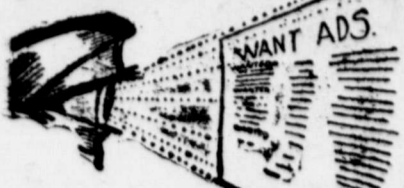
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WANT COLUMNS

FOR SALE—Large size galvanized milk cooler. Apply to Mrs. W. A. Zesch. 7-2c.

COTTON SEED—Have a limited amount of Mebane seed for planting, for sale at 2.75 per bushel. Mason Ice & Power Co. 7-tfc

NOTICE—White Leghorn Cocks for sale. Have just taken my roosters from my hens and parties interested in getting some fine strain roosters will do well to see me at once. J. W. White. Itc

FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red roosters and cockerels and a few hens. E. J. Schuessler. 7-3tc

Nice screen doors and galvanized screen wire. R. Grosse. 7

GENUINE SPUR FETERITA for sale. Henry Doell. 6-4tp

STOLEN—Sack of mohair from the Wharton ranch about April 5th; will pay \$100 for information leading to recovery or identification of the thieves. L. C. Bratton, Katemey. 6-2tp

FOR SALE—Bronze turkey eggs for setting; per dozen, \$6. Send orders at once to Aug. Lange, Katemey. 6-3tc

PORTORICO and forked leaf potato slips, \$2.75 per 1000, prepaid. R. W. Stansland, Valley Springs, Texas. 6-2tc

RANCH BARGAIN

We have just taken under foreclosure a 10,000 acre ranch only fifteen minutes drive from the county seat of San Saba County. We will sell as a whole or in parts, at a sacrifice for immediate sale. It is well improved and watered by living springs and has about 300 acres of agricultural land. Public road on two sides, only few minutes drive to the shipping pens on the Santa Fe Ry. We have no agents and will not consider any trade, but will give easy terms. Write or come to see us. We own the property and there will be no fees or commissions to pay.

BROWN BROS.
Austin, Texas.

FOR SALE—Four Big Bone Poland China pigs. Come get them quick. Milton Loeffler, Mason, Texas. 5

RAMS—Registered Ramboulllets for sale. Come and look at them before I shear. John W. Ruegner, Katemey, Texas. 5-tfc

WHIPPORWILL PEAS for planting, 5 cents per pound. Phone Robert Green. 5-tfc

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

AN OLD SECRET



Bill—A woman can't keep a secret.

Beatrice—Oh, I don't know. I've kept my age a secret since I was twenty-one.

Bill—Yes, and some day you'll simply have to tell it.

Beatrice—No, I won't. I've kept it secret seven years and I won't weaken now.

A. L. Bierschwald made a combined business and pleasure trip to San Antonio last week, returning home Tuesday.

It Was for Nancy's Sake

By CAROLINE DIGBY

"Sometimes," said Nancy Milford, "a girl gets tired of working, Jim."

"Meaning?" inquired Jim Rogers, with the smile that always angered Nancy, because it betokened perfect comprehension, whereas Jim understood her about as well as—well, less than any of her friends.

"You know the saying about all work and no whirl making a slow girl?" Nancy inquired politely. "Well, Jim, because I've been engaged to you for nearly two years doesn't seem to me any reason why I shouldn't let other men take me to theaters once in a while. I'm not a sacrifice, Jim. I'm not cut out for one."

"All right," said Jim. "I guess I am slow, but the girl I marry isn't going to fool round with men like Hooper. Give me my ring."

"What do you mean? How dare you!" exclaimed Nancy, paralyzed with astonishment. Then she took off the gold band with its solitaire and threw it at him. "There!" she said. "Now go and give it to some girl who's as slow as you are."

"Thanks," said Jim, and test her.

As soon as he had gone Nancy sat down and cried her heart out. She did love Jim. But Jim was only earning twenty dollars a week in a big law office, and they couldn't get married on that. And Nancy was bookkeeper for the Cleaves-Smith company, where Mr. Hooper was departmental manager. He knew how to give a girl a good time. Of late, though, there had been something in his manner that had rather frightened the girl, and once he had invited her to a rather flashy restaurant. Nancy had declined indignantly, but now—well, she preferred that sort of man to slow, easy-going Jim.

As a matter of fact, Jim was to be promoted to an important position that fall, at forty dollars. He had meant to keep the news as a surprise for Nancy, but after she had insisted



"I Know Where He Dines."

on amusing herself with other men he did not have the heart to tell her.

Now all was over; both saw that, for both had pride, though Jim's love was stronger than his pride and Nancy's was not. Nancy sat down and wrote Jim a letter that made him wince. Defiant, reckless, contemptuous, it told him that he need not see her again, but, if he wanted to, he could look in at Trimble's restaurant on Saturday night, where Mr. Hooper was taking her, "being able to earn money and not too stingy to spend it."

Nancy carefully blotted the tear that fell on her signature and sealed the letter. Then she posted it.

On Saturday morning Jim's employer called him into his private office, where a little woman in black was seated, dabbing at her eyes with a wet handkerchief.

"Rogers," he said, "I want you to undertake a confidential mission. This lady was deserted by her husband in Illinois two years ago. He's Hooper of the Cleaves-Smith company. What's the matter? You don't know him, do you?"

"I know a friend of his," answered Jim softly.

"Mrs. Hooper insists on seeing him. She thinks it would bring about a reconciliation and avoid trouble."

"I think it would be better to beat his head off, sir," said Jim.

"How dare you abuse my husband!" stormed the little lady, rising, and Jim subsided humbly.

"It's too late to get there before the store closes," said the head of the firm. "But perhaps on Monday morn-

ing you could take her—"

"I can take her tonight," said Jim. "I know where he dines. But if there's any chance of a row—"

"I am not that kind of a woman," cried Mrs. Hooper. "I believe in love. If my poor husband was enticed away from me I can win him back the moment I set eyes on him. He loves me, but he is weak."

"We'll strengthen him, Mrs. Hooper," said Jim, smiling. "Where shall I call for you tonight?"

He met her by appointment and took her to Trimble's in a taxicab. The thought of the publicity made him wince; but then, it was for Nancy's sake. A survey of the restaurant, however, did not reveal Hooper or Nancy.

"Mr. Hooper, sir?" inquired the porter. "I heard him order a cab to take him to the Central station not five minutes ago. Yes, there was a lady with him."

"Get me another cab," yelled Jim. "Central station as hard as you can go," he shouted, as he hoisted Mrs. Hooper inside. "Ten dollars if you make it fifteen minutes."

Jim was able to spend money sometimes.

The driver won the prize, and Jim, leaving Mrs. Hooper to shift for herself, dashed into the waiting room. The megaphone was just announcing the departure of the Chicago train. Jim hurried round, glancing wildly about him. He could not see Hooper or Nancy. The travelers were streaming toward the gate. Yes! There, waiting timidly behind a pillar, he saw her. He sprang toward her.

"Nancy! You were going away with that man!" he cried.

"What is that to you?" demanded the girl, in a trembling voice.

"I'll show you. Where is he?"

"He's getting the tickets," she faltered. "Listen, Jim! He loves me. He wants me to go with him. We are to be married on our arrival. Jim—please don't make a scene. It isn't wrong Jim!"

She was half crying, and the reaction bewildered her. She hardly knew what she was saying. Jim waited grimly for Hooper to come. He had forgotten his companion.

A cry, confusion, and everybody was streaming toward the entrance. Jim saw the porters running. There were calls of "Police!" He could see nothing for the crowd. Presently it dispersed, and a grinning mob made their way back toward their places.

"What's the trouble?" Jim inquired.

"Just a man and wife fight," answered a porter. "Little woman in black—five feet nothing. Big man, six-footer. Name of Hooper, I fancy, and he'd abandoned her. She had him down by the throat and was choking the life out of him when the cops came."

Jim looked at Nancy, and then an infinite pity for the girl came over him. He had failed, not she; for she needed the love and guardianship of a strong man. Henceforward, he vowed, he would command, not sue, because her nature needed that. And with his pity came a renewal of his love which, he knew, would never leave him.

He put his arm round her and led her from the station.

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MISS OLD-TIME "COBBLER"

Modern Methods of Doing the Work Declared by Writer to Be Far From Satisfactory.

The old-fashioned shoemaker with waxed thread has disappeared from the big city. In his place we now have foreigners operating electric machinery. Building a shoe by hand is a great work, and to produce an article of comfort it took time. While the soles were being hardened by successive soaking in water and hammering, the uppers were being softened on a last the size of your feet, the usual process being kneading with the shankbone of a reindeer. The effect was the creation of damp-proof soles and perfect, easy-fitting uppers.

The electric machinery now used for half-soleing and soiling shoes sends the shoes back to the owner smaller than they left him to be repaired—often too small to be worn, writes the New York correspondent in the Philadelphia Ledger. A fierce row in a Sixth avenue repair shop recently brought all this out, a customer having entered and thrown down a pair of shoes that the machine repairing had made worthless. It developed that with the machine much of the uppers has to be taken in, while in the old way by hand that sacrifice was easily obviated. As it now stands, one is lucky to get one half-soleing from an electric repair machine. The old-fashioned cobbler could give a shoe as many soles as the uppers would last.

Allan Doell, Misses Mayme and Willie Mae Doell, Sarah Kirkpatrick and Genevieve King were visitors in Brady the past week-end.

S. V. Wood is here from McCulloch County, visiting in the home of his son H. S. Wood.

STAR OPERA HOUSE

FRIDAY NIGHT

"WORLD APART"

Featuring Eugene O'Brien

SATURDAY NIGHT

"FLOWER OF THE NORTH"

Featuring Henry B. Walthall and Pauline Stark.

SHOW STARTS AT 8 O'CLOCK.

Admission: 15 & 25 Cents

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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.

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TULIPS COMMAND HIGH PRICE

English Admirers of the Flower Will Go the Limit for Specimen That Excites Admiration.

In England a tulip will produce more money than an oak. If one could be found, rare in terris, and black as the black swan of Juvenal, its price would equal that of a dozen acres of standing corn. In Scotland, towards the close of the Seventeenth century, the highest price for tulips, according to the authority of a writer in the Encyclopedia Britannica, was 10 guineas. Their value appears to have diminished from that time till 1769, when the two most valuable species in England were the Don Quevodo and the Valentinier, the former of which was worth two guineas and the latter two guineas and a half. These prices appear to have been the minimum.

In 1800 a common price was 15 guineas for a single bulb. In 1835 a bulb of the species called the Miss Fannie Kemble was sold by public auction in London for 75 pounds. Still more remarkable was the price of a tulip in the possession of a gardener in Chelsea. In his catalog it was labeled at 200 guineas.

CONSIDER BREAD AS SACRED

Scandinavians Have Many Pretty Superstitions and Customs Concerning the "Staff of Life."

The Scandinavians hold bread to be a potent love charm, and believe that the youth and maiden who eat of the same loaf will most probably fall in love with each other. Indeed, they have a score of pretty superstitions and customs concerning bread,

which is really held sacred throughout the peninsula. There is no prayer that a Scandinavian makes more fervently, more reverently, than "Give us this day our daily bread." Du Chaillu records:

"As I was going along I saw a woman put carefully on a stone a piece of bread which she had been eating. The Swede or Norwegian never throws bread on the ground, but, when on the road, after he has satisfied his hunger, lays the remainder on the spot where the passer-by, if hungry, may find and eat it. He thinks it sinful to cast away the gift of God. I have seen persons, when a piece of bread fell down, pick it up and kiss it."

INOCULATION FOR PLANTS

It appears from testimony afforded by scientists, both in the United States and abroad, that we are face to face with the possibility of treating some of the diseases of plants in a way similar to that in which animals are rendered immune to attacks of illness. In this relation there may be cited the experiments of Beauverie, who allowed cuttings of begonia to grow in earth impregnated with a species of fungus which is an attenuated form of the botrytis cinerea, a destructive parasite of plants. After impregnation the begonia plants were subjected to attack by the parasite and resisted it perfectly. Similar results have been obtained by other experimenters.

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—And Their Mother is Only 35



Mrs. O. D. Dalton, of Valdosta, Ga., age 35, is the mother of three beautiful children, the oldest 15 years and the youngest 14 months. Only one pair of twins is included. Mrs. Dalton is believed to be the youngest mother of ten.