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Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon and were conducted by Rev. Allford, Christian minister, of which church, Mr. Polk was a member. Interment was made in the Polk cemetery.

S. W. Polk took an active part in the war between the states, and came to Texas in 1865.

"Grandpa" Polk was a man of generous impulses and never forgot the hospitable ways of the pioneer. The stranger, even though a beggar, never failed to find food and shelter if he sought it at his hands, and he was at home by the bedside of the sick, but he is gone; another name is stricken from the ever lessening roll of our old settlers.

Deceased was well known to many Mason county people who will regret to learn of his death.

Below is given a bit of poetry which has been contributed by a friend of the deceased:

'Twas the hour some one has called darkest

The hour just about twelve
When silently out of the stillness
A sweet voice seemed to say
'Tis enough, 'tis enough, come higher
And our father was called away.

Eighty-nine years and four months to
bless us

Our dear old father stayed
God surely meant not to distress us
When His hand on his was laid.

He has gone from this earth of trouble
To meet his loved ones above;

If we live the life that is righteous
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The eight surviving children are I. W. Polk, D. C. Polk, A. P. Polk, and Claude Polk, of Mason County, Mrs. H. O. Brockman and Mrs. Louis Kothmann, of Mason county, Mrs. Tom Reed of Big Springs, Texas, and Mrs. Dick Lindsey of Pecos, Texas. He is also survived by forty-seven grandchildren and sixty-nine great-grandchildren, and one brother, Gray Polk of McAllen, Texas.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon and were conducted by Rev. Allford, Christian minister, of which church, Mr. Polk was a member. Interment was made in the Polk cemetery.

S. W. Polk took an active part in the war between the states, and came to Texas in 1865.

"Grandpa" Polk was a man of generous impulses and never forgot the hospitable ways of the pioneer. The stranger, even though a beggar, never failed to find food and shelter if he sought it at his hands, and he was at home by the bedside of the sick, but he is gone; another name is stricken from the ever lessening roll of our old settlers.

Deceased was well known to many Mason county people who will regret to learn of his death.

Below is given a bit of poetry which has been contributed by a friend of the deceased:

'Twas the hour some one has called darkest

The hour just about twelve

When silently out of the stillness

A sweet voice seemed to say

'Tis enough, 'tis enough, come higher

And our father was called away.

Eighty-nine years and four months to

bless us

Our dear old father stayed

God surely meant not to distress us

When His hand on his was laid.

He has gone from this earth of trouble

To meet his loved ones above;

If we live the life that is righteous

We will meet him in Heaven above.

Dearest father he has left us;

Left us, yes, forever more,

Though we hope to meet our father

On that bright and happy shore.

MRS. L. F. JORDAN

Mrs. L. F. Jordan died at San Antonio Wednesday morning at 3:30 o'clock after having undergone an operation last Friday.

The remains were brought to Mason and funeral services will be held this afternoon and interment will be made in the Gooch cemetery.

Miss Lena Donop was married to Mr. Louis Jordan about eleven years ago, and to this union have been born three children, two boys and one girl.

Deceased was born in 1888, having attained the age of thirty-six years. Surviving are her husband and three children, her mother, Mrs. Otto Donop, two brothers, Edwin and Chas. Mason county, and two sisters, Mrs. Herman Neu, of St. Paul, Texas, and Mrs. Ernest Willmann, of this city.

The News joins a host of friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL MEET

Monday night, June 2nd, is regular meeting night for the Mason Commercial Club. It is urged by Secretary Moneyhon that a good attendance be had.

HOMER FLEMING FOUND GUILTY AND GIVEN LIFE IMPRISONMENT

(From Llano News)

Homer Fleming, charged by indictment of a Kimble County grand jury for the murder of his wife, was found guilty by a Llano county petit jury and was given the severe penalty of life imprisonment for the crime.

Thus ended one of the most sensational cases ever tried in the District Court of Llano County. A case that attracted the attention of Llano as well as Kimble County citizens.

As stated last week, more than a hundred witnesses were brought here to appear in this case, however only twenty-four were used, and from information furnished this office by Court Stenographer A. J. Ritter, the witnesses placed on the stand in this trial were:

For the State—Dr. H. S. Stone, Joe Fritz, Dee Gibbs, J. C. Murff, Mrs. N. A. Chaison, Jim Anderson, and Mrs. Herpst.

For the Defendant—J. C. Murff, Mrs. Nonna Anderson, L. A. Clark, Mrs. Euford Brown, Gille Fleming and Homer Fleming.

Rebuttal by State—E. Holekamp, Mrs. W. C. Warton, Dr. D. S. Stone, Dee Gibbs, A. O. Lawler, N. R. Skaggs, George Purl, Bob Furr and Wilson Buster.

Sir rebuttal by Defendant—L. A. Clark, Jesse W. Gilmer, Ira A. Wheat, Mark Bens, Walker Ragsdale and Sam Epperson.

Dr. D. S. Stone, perhaps the most important witness, was the first to take the stand last Thursday morning and the entire forenoon was consumed in taking this gentleman's testimony, in which he described the wounds, as he was called to attend Mrs. Fleming after she had been shot. Dr. Stone also testified as to statements made to him or in his presence by those connected with the difficulty or about the place when the tragedy occurred. This gentleman gave some very strong evidence for the State.

Perhaps the most important witness for defense, besides the defendant himself, was Mrs. Nonna Anderson, and from her testimony, substantiated by that of other defense witnesses, the attorneys for the defendant attempted to prove that the killing was accidental. But in this they failed according to the verdict of the jury.

The testimony was concluded in this case last Saturday night. Then on Monday morning the argument of the counsel on either side was taken up. When court took recess at six o'clock Monday afternoon until after supper. Attorneys, Coke Stevenson, E. J. Duncryple and M. E. Blackburn had spoken for the defense and Fred Knetsch and Horace E. Wilson for the State.

Promptly at seven-thirty Monday night when Sheriff Johnson called for order in the court room, that room was packed to its capacity; every seat was taken, and they stood about the aisles and against the walls, and far out at either entrance, people stood seager to catch the words of Dave Watson and George Christian, who spoke for defendant and State respectively during the evening hour.

It was after ten o'clock Monday night when Mr. Christian closed his argument for the State, in which he asked that the severe penalty be given Homer Fleming.

When the District Attorney concluded his remarks, this case which had been in process of trial for more than a week, went into the hands of the jury, who retired for the night. On Tuesday morning only two ballots were taken; they first found the defendant guilty by these twelve gentlemen and the second assessed his punishment at life in the penitentiary. However, there were men on that jury who were ready and willing to give the severe penalty of death, because they believed beyond a shadow of a doubt that the State had proved Homer Fleming guilty of the murder of his wife. However, each jurymen believed that, had they not, the life imprisonment decision would have never been reached.

The counsel for the defendant are now preparing a motion asking for a new trial. If this motion is over ruled, they will in all probability appeal the case to the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Then if this motion for a new trial is overruled by the Court, Judge McLean will pass sentence upon the defendant in open court.

While the News has been requested to elaborate upon this case, yet this paper has no desire to give more than that which its news columns call for.

The jury, composed of twelve of as

good men as might be found within this county, have heard the testimony in this case, they have weighed the evidence, they have heard the Court's charge, they have heard the able arguments for counsel on either side; and after all this, these twelve men retired, and in a cool and deliberate manner, passed upon every phase of the trial, and each of those twelve men wrote the verdict that Homer Fleming was guilty of the crime of taking the life of his wife.

Their verdict is an honest verdict, because it was passed upon by twelve men, not one of whom is not considered honest and honorable by those who know him.

Then too, perhaps no jury was ever guarded closer than this one. At the beginning, Judge McLean told each man in the box what the Court expected of him, and what the law was governing jurymen. Allen S. Johnson, the sheriff or one of his deputies saw that these instructions were carried out to the letter, not that any man was considered dishonest, but to guard against any criticism that could have been made, had the jury been given full liberty to mangle and talk with any person, while they were sitting upon this case.

AN OLD SALE BILL—1849

F. P. Stevens of Coleman has recently received a copy of his old home town paper printed in Cyathiana, Indiana, in which appears the following unique sale bill of the days of 1849, in old Kentucky:

A SALE

Having sold my farm, and am leaving for "Oregon Territory" by ox team, will offer on March 1st, 1849, all of my personal property, to-wit:

- All ox teams, except 2 teams, Buck and Ben and Tom and Jerry; 2 milch cows; 1 gray mare and colt; 1 pair oxen and yoke; 1 baby yoke; 2 ox carts; 1 iron plow with wood mole board; 800 feet of popular weather boards; 1,000 threefoot clapboards; 1,500 ten-foot fence rails; 1 60-gallon soap kettle; 85 sugar troughs, made of white ash timber; 10 gallons of maple syrup; 2 spinning wheels; 30 pounds of nutron tallow; 20 pounds of beef tallow; 1 large loom made by Jerry Wilson; 300 poles; 100 split hoops; 100 empty barrels; 1 32-gal. barrel of Johnson-Miller whiskey, 7 years old; 20 gallons apple brandy; 1 40-gallon copper still; 4 sides of oak tanned leather; 1 dozen red hooks; 2 handle hooks; 3 sythes and cradles; 1 dozen wooden pitchforks; one-half interest in tan yard; 1 32-caliber rifle, bullet molds and powder horn, rifle made by Ben Miller; 50 gallons of soft soap; hams, bacon and lard; 40 gallons of sorghum molasses; 6 head of fox hounds, all soft-mouthed.
- At the same time I will sell my six negro slaves—2 men, 35 and 50 years old; 2 boys 12 and 18 years old; 2

STORM TUESDAY NIGHT WRECKS MUCH DAMAGE

Richland Springs Hit Hardest. Rain Falls in Sheets and Wind a Twister. Hall is Light.

The second wind and rain storm hit this county late Tuesday afternoon. In some places the wind was a veritable twister and tornado. The worst damage reported to noon Wednesday was at Richland Springs. There some 15 houses were wrecked or damaged. The spurlock Tailor Shop was wrecked. This was blown against the D. J. Chapman Drug Store, considerably damaging the drug store. The Baptist church had one side demolished and the house was blown several feet off the foundation. The plate glass fronts in the First State Bank and in the Tombs building were smashed and crashed.

The hail is reported to have been light and fortunately no one was hurt. At Algerita the Baptist church was blown off the foundation.

At San Saba and Harkeyville the wind was very severe but no real damage is reported. The rain fell in torrents and is estimated at all the way from two to three inches. At San Saba the rain gauge showed the fall to be exactly 1.6 inches.—San Saba News.

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J. L. MOSS

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IF?

IF you were the woman and your wife were the man would you feel perfectly satisfied if she carried for you the same amount of insurance that you now carry for her?

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IF you were your wife and she were you—if you were your little girl and she were you—if you were your little boy and he were you—would you be perfectly satisfied that everything would be taken care of WHEN YOU DIE?

There is an organization in the world that is almost unknown to some people, it is an organization named the "HAVE NOTS." It is composed of women and children whose husbands and fathers have died and left them unprotected, it has no capital it has no assets, it has no credit rating, it's a hopeless organization, and the only thing in it's possession is the immortal souls of it's members, striving to make ends meet, against adverse circumstances.

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ADVICE TO GIRLS

"Wear gaudy clothes, be aggressive and catch your man." New York working girls are advised by the president of the Young Women's National Industrial Assembly. The trouble is that the advice to the girls is hardly needed, and that their success is their downfall, owing to the fact that the kind of men caught by such methods usually are worth less than nothing after they are caught.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

FARMERS MAY GET STRAW GAS

Science now can take a ton of straw and turn it into 10,000 cubic feet of gas for lighting the home and cooking meals. In addition, the straw yields such by-products as 10 gallons of tar, 625 pounds of carbon, ammonia, etc.

This is announced by the Department of Agriculture. However, it cautions, the straw-converting machine is not yet practical enough for farm use. But there is hope.

The farmer of the future will be a laboratory chemist. This tendency is realized from comparing modern farming with that of the past.

FOREIGNERS TAX FARMERS

The Department of Commerce has unearthed facts showing that control of prices and distribution of many of many necessities by foreign syndicates add to the high cost of what the farmer buys.

Imported raw materials essential to American farming operations are largely in the hands of foreign trusts and combinations actually in control of prices.

For instance, sisal for binding twine is controlled by a combination of producers backed by the government of Yucatan. Nitrates and iodine are controlled through a British selling agency backed by the government of Chile. Germany controls potash as Brazil controls coffee and Great Britain controls tin.

The Department of Commerce shows that \$525,000,000 of 1923 imports are materials distribution and prices of which are largely in the hands of foreign trusts.

As an illustration, a few years ago, the raw material for binder twine was advanced 300 per cent and fully \$100,000,000 of excess prices was taken from our producers.

This is only one instance out of many forms of extortion practiced at the expense of American producers which cannot be reached under the Sherman act.

Secretary Hoover shows facts to prove that foreign monopolies or combinations are actually in control of many articles that American farmers must have to carry on their business.

ON TO HIGH SCHOOL THROUGH DIFFICULTIES

May and June are red-letter months for thousands of farm boys and girls because they have received diplomas entitling them to enter high school. These have usually been presented by county or town superintendents, in the presence of parents and schoolmates, at appropriate exercises held in honor of the occasion. The slogan has probably been: "On to high school."

Whether many of these boys and girls do go on to high school next September depends very largely upon the attitude of their parents towards education and their ability to solve difficulties. If there is no high school within walking distance of home and so train or bus service some way will need to be devised of overcoming the obstacle of distance between home and

school. If there is a high school within reasonable driving distance the solution is easy—the family can furnish its own transportation. If there is no high school within driving distance the child must either be boarded in town or the family must move to town. If the family income is small there must be considerable sacrifice on the part of both parents and children. But there is a will, there is usually a way. Many a country boy and girl has exchanged domestic service for board and room while attending high school. Chambers of Commerce, Rotary clubs, Y. W. C. A.'s and other civic and religious organizations are glad to help worthy boys and girls find a job.

Parents who fail to provide an opportunity for their children to secure a high school education handicap them in the race of life. Within the last two years the high school attendance in this country has been increasing at the rate of 200,000 a year. Between 1910 and 1920 its increase was 100,000 a year. Boys and girls of the present day will come in contact with more educated people than their parents. They need, at least, a high school education in order to compete with the generation in which they are to live.

INTERPRETING MARRIAGE CONTRACT

The departure in divorce proceedings recorded in Texas recently by the filing of civil suits by disgruntled wives seeking pecuniary remedy for alleged breach of the marriage contract has attracted a good deal of attention to Texas' divorce industry which otherwise would have been gobbled up by Nevada and other "standard" regions of relief from galling matrimonial yokes. Some newspapers of other states have assured us that the whole country is watching the experiment in Texas, as a verdict for the plaintiff, if upheld by the highest courts, would do away with divorce suits and substitute civil damages in a lump sum instead of installments, in states where such under the name of alimony is permitted. Present more or less stringent requirements as to divorceable grounds would be eliminated, and it would only be necessary to prove that the agreement implied or expressed at the altar had been violated. I would make divorces uniform throughout the State, as contract laws are basically the same everywhere. Remarriages would be permissible immediately, as a breach of contract would terminate the contract.

If the country is watching so interestedly, we might as well give it the latest score. One such suit filed in Texas has progressed through the lower appellate courts. The district court's verdict in favor of the plaintiff was

BONUS MEASURE PROVIDES 20-YEAR ENDOWMENT POLICIES FOR VETERANS

Washington, May 19.—The Senate today overrode President Coolidge's veto of the soldier bonus bill by a vote of 59 to 26, two more votes than was necessary. The measure now automatically becomes law, the House having taken similar action Saturday by a vote of 258 to 54.

What the Bill Provides.

The bill provides for 20-year endowment insurance policies and for cash payments to veterans not entitled to more than \$50 in adjusted service credits.

The insurance certificates would be dated next January 1, while the cash payments would be nine months after enactment of the bill. Administration of the bill would be in the hands of the veterans bureau.

Loans would be authorized on the certificates up to 90 per cent of their current cash value for two years from date of issuance.

Enactment of the bonus bill into law has laid upon the shoulders of the government departments an administrative task so huge that the figures involved stagger the imagination. They must explore to veritable mountain of war records. From that mass of dusty documents they must pick out the individual war histories of more than 6,893,000 men to provide the data upon which alone bonus payments of any kind can be made.

It will require 27 separate checking operations to make the examination of the files and it will take 2,800 clerks to do the work in the war department alone.

Cost of Measure.

The cost of the bonus has been variously estimated at from \$2,250,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000, treasury officials making the higher estimate. It is estimated that 3,038,238 veterans will be entitled to the insurance policies while 399,583 will be paid cash \$50 or less.

One form of application will be used for all services and these applications will be distributed throughout the country through the post offices, the American Red Cross, the American Legion and other service societies.

Pay Notary Fees Only.

"Do not pay fees other than a notary charge," runs the language of an emphatic notice which will be circulated everywhere. "The law prohibits any persons from charging a fee for assistance in the collection of the compensation."

reversed by the Court of Appeals upon the ground that marriage was not a civil contract. Further deponent sayeth not.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Legion posts everywhere have agreed to serve not only Legion members but all war veterans in filling out the blanks. In the same way every army post or detachment, every nation-

al guard center and every official of the federal government of whatever kind will give voluntary aid to the veterans as they need it.

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Society

Miss Averil Bellows who has been teaching at Nixon, has returned home.

Miss Mamie Doell has returned home from Wichita Falls, where she taught school the past term.

Miss Floy Branum, one of our high school teachers, left Saturday for her home in Brownwood.

Miss Lois Reeves one of the instructors in the local High School the past term, has returned to her home in Dallas.

Mrs. C. L. McCollum and son, Aubrey returned home today from San Marcos where they have been during the past school term.

Miss Theresa Klapproth has returned to her home in Midland, Texas after having taught in the local High School the past term.

Miss Ida Winkel who taught at Woodsboro the past year, returned home Thursday. She went via Houston to visit with her brother, Ervin, before coming home. Miss Winkel has been re-elected to the same position for another year.

Miss Louise who has been teaching in San Antonio the past term, returned home the latter part of last week, and after spending a couple of weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Latham, near Fredonia, she will go to Denton to attend summer school.

Mrs. G. T. Baze, Mrs. Carl Behn and Misses Maggie and Fay Hey spent several days the past week visiting on the Wilhelm ranches in Menard county with Miss Clara Wilhelm and Mr. Fritz Wilhelm. They also visited at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brandenberger near Capitola. A most enjoyable time was enjoyed visiting these good people.

Intermediate League

The Intermediate League of the M. E. Church, South, will meet Sunday, June 1st, at 3 o'clock where the following program will be rendered:

- Song
- Bible Lesson—Matt. 3:13-15; John 9:4-15; Luke 22:39-46.
- Song
- Prayer.
- Your Vacation and What It Should Mean—Mildred Montgomery.
- Music—Violet Vedder.
- Christ's Loyalty—Smith Lewis.
- Obedience to the Father's Will—Chester Doyal.
- Doing Duty Brings the Master—Kermit Gibbons.
- Music—Ethye Lehnberg.
- A Psalm of Life—Beatrice Jordan.
- Song
- League Benediction.

B. Y. P. U. Program

- Song 241.
- Prayer.
- Song 181.
- Daily Bible Drill—Mrs. Banta.
- Introduction—Ruby Jordan.
- Prayer, "The Soul's Desire"—Elin Doell.
- The Model Prayer—Helen Jordan.
- Pray, Because Bible Commands—Ruth Hey.
- God Hears and Answers—John Fleming.
- Pray to Know God's Will—Jack Garrett.
- A Habit that Helps—Coralea Tinsley.
- Song.
- Lord's Prayer in unison.

Missionary Society

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. S. A. McCollum on Tuesday afternoon, June 3rd, at 3 o'clock.

- Subject—Work and Play.
- Leader—Mrs. Ery Hamilton.
- Song.
- Bible Lesson
- Prayer
- Work and Play, Mrs. John Starks.
- Opportunities for Play Needed, Mrs. H. King.
- The Play Ground and its Importance, Mrs. Ed Smith.
- Clubs for Girls and Boys, Mrs. Robt. Lee.
- Play in the Rural Region, Mrs. Brockman.
- Music.
- A Mining Camp, Mrs. Carl Runge.
- The Problem of Work, Mrs. Eli Jordan.
- Need for a Constructive Program of Work, Mrs. Jim Brown.
- Song.
- Collection of Dues.

Tributes Are Due to Fallen Heroes

Observance of Memorial Day Is Duty and Privilege of Americans.

MEMORIAL Day, originated as a tribute to the fallen heroes of the Civil war, has come in these later years to mean much more than that, says a writer in the Detroit Free Press. The dwindling lines of the Old Guard, representing the Grand Army of the Republic, will soon pass in last review before the inspector general, and the heroes of other, later wars will take their places.

It is well that we Americans keep in memory all our men who struggled in battle to keep Old Glory flying in the heavens. These men, heroes of the Spanish-American war and those of the World war conflict, now loom large on the national horizon, and to them, as well as to the remnant of the Old Guard that kept watch and ward along the Potomac and in the Mississippi valley during the dark days of the Civil war, our solemn graciousness is due.

We can never do enough to show our appreciation of what they did in time of trial, and it is meet that we assemble each Memorial Day and give thanks to Almighty God for the victories won by these sons of the republic on so many ensanguined fields of war.

The blue-clad armies that met and conquered the hosts of Lee in the sixties have their counterparts in the lads in khaki who stemmed the German flood of frightfulness in the Argonne, Belleau and on other fields of gore, teaching the hitherto conquering hordes of the kaiser that the despised Yankee from across the brine was not visiting the Rhineland for picnic sport, but to terminate once for all the claims of an absolute monarchy that it ruled the world.

Memorial Day is the one day in all the year when the men and women of America can show more reverently, more sympathetically, more heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for our boys who in the World war as in all other conflicts in which the republic has been engaged, led the van, causing victory to perch upon the banners of righteousness.

Bring flowers to garland the graves of America's soldier dead. What more appropriate? Tears for the dead, help for the living. We must not forget the maimed and suffering, that legacy left by the frightfulness of the most ferocious and heartless war in the history of the world. Kaiser Wilhelm sits in the shadow of Dutch hospitality and broods over the fall of the Hohenzollern dynasty. His punishment is small compared to the suffering his guilty reign inflicted on his fellow beings. Doubtless he is now counting the cost when it is too late to save him from the just condemnation of mankind.

Many thousands of graves will this year be decorated in France, graves of American soldiers who paid with their lives for their patriotic stand for God and country when the bugle sounded for the march across the ocean.

THE BOY SCOUT HIKE TO RIVER

Last Thursday morning the Boy Scouts of America, Troop No. 1 of Mason, went to the river. The master being absent, Rev. G. T. Gibbons went as an assistant. One of the two patrols (a patrol consisted of 8 scouts) was all that went, which was made up of Leroy Lange, Fred "Beck" Clarence "Shorty" and Gordon Ray, Willard "Runt" Gibbons, Garner "Pot" Senquist, Smith "Ears" Lewis, Ernest "Ants" Lemburg.

We left town and tried to keep step in double file as far as the residence of Wm. Hofmann, then we broke into a dog trot until we came to the home of "Ears". From there we were going in the pasture and came out at three mile crossing on Comanche creek. We parted after we entered the pasture and "Ears" led one bunch and "Shorty" the other. "Ears" thought he knew so much and went too far to the left. Then "Shorty" went in the lead about three miles.

"Ears" and his bunch played around and got to the camping place too late for dinner. We had to hustle to get something to eat. After dinner we were setting out trot lines and found that we were very near the girls camp, so we had to fish and swim down the river. We fished in the afternoon, but caught nothing. We had supper and tried to sleep, but the pillow fight was too hot, so we got up, drank some black coffee and ran trot lines until 2 o'clock.

The next morning "Beck" and Leroy were to cook breakfast. They put salt in the sugar bowl and cooked pan cakes that anyone could knock a mule down with.

After breakfast we had our Bible and Scout drill. Then we went to hunt

and vsh. A few vsh were caught and some snakes were killed.

We had a good dinner and again we had our Bible drill, after which we were again off. At 6 o'clock we had supper. It consisted of fish, bacon, eggs, light bread (four loaves) and coffee. After dark we ran trot lines and "Ears" got stung by a red wasp. We were soon all in camp and in bed, but not long the girls began to yell. "They shall have nothing on us", said "Shorty". So up we come and yelled fifteen raps for Boy Scouts, then fifteen raps for girls. They answered, then we tried to sleep, but no use, the girls camp was making so much noise that no one could sleep and they kept it up until about 1 o'clock. After that time we slept good.

We got up Saturday morning and

ate breakfast and made ready to hike home. We reached town without any difficulty in about three hours. We went to the home of Rev. and Mrs. Gibbons and all went from there home, having had a wonderful time.

This is the Scouts' first hike and hope that all will be as pleasant as this one.

One of The Scouts.

Christian Church

Sunday will be Childrens Day. Dedicated to Foreign Missions. The evening service will be conducted by the children and young people.

Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.

Prayer Meeting each Wednesday evening.

J. J. RAY, Pastor

M. E. Church, Sunday, June 1st

Preaching service at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m.

If there is no service at your church, you are invited to ours.

G. T. GIBBONS, P. C.

Girls with natural peach-bloom complexions who criticize their sallow sisters for rouging, are poor sports—anybody could win with a straight flush.—Columbus Ohio State Journal.

Religios, to some people, is as the perfume of the lily and the rose. On others, it reacts like an overdose of garlic and red pepper.—Columbia Record.

Miss Catherine Brown, of Llano, is visiting in the home of her aunt, Miss Lillie Wheeler.

BANKS WILL CLOSE

FRIDAY, MAY 30—MEMORIAL DAY AND
TUESDAY, JUNE 3rd—THOMAS JEFFERSON'S BIRTHDAY

Patrons will please bear this in mind that no inconvenience might be caused, and arrange their bankig business accordingly.

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 If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices.
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You'll enjoy seeing the picture shows at the Star Opera House on Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 8:15 o'clock.

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The News is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary:

For Judge, 33rd Judicial District:

J. H. McLEAN
 N. T. STUBBS

For County Judge:

J. H. JONES
 JOHN T. BANKS (Re-election)
 BEN HEY
 GLENN W. SMITH

For Tax Assessor:

M. L. WEBSTER
 T. O. REARDON
 W. O. BODE (Re-election)
 ALFRED KUHLMANN
 BEN E. HASSE
 ALSON BEHRENS

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:

ALLEN MURRAY.
 CHAS. LESLIE (Re-election)
 R. W. WHITE
 H. W. KELLER

For County Treasurer:

S. J. THORNE.
 ALVA TINSLEY
 L. F. JORDAN
 GLADYS E. LORING
 C. H. GARRETT
 O. H. ROBBINS.
 A. M. WIER

For District and County Clerk:

R. E. LEE, (Re-Election)

For Commissioner, Pre. No. 2;

T. M. BUTLER (Re-election)

For Commissioner Precinct No. 3:

G. W. HERRING

For Commissioner, Prec't. No. 4:

D. A. JORDAN

For Public Weigher, Prec't. No. 1:

CHAS. BECK
 H. PUCKEY, (Re-election)

SALE OF CONCESSIONS

The sale of the concessions for the celebration to be held at Mason on July 3rd and 4th, will be made on Saturday, June 14th, at 2 o'clock at the picnic grounds in Mason. 11-3tc

Auto Enamel at—
R. GROOSE'S LUMBER YARD

Mrs. C. H. Garrett and daughter Miss Opal, are visiting relatives in Richland Springs

Mrs. Jennie Reynolds is in receipt of a message from her son, Ed, and wife at Casper, Wyoming, announcing the arrival of a fine boy who arrived at their home on May 24th.

The new Persian Government offers its oil concessions in exchange for a loan of \$10,000,000. That must make Mr. Fall feel like a cheap skate.—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

*** CHURCH NOTICES ***

GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.—E. A. Loeffler, Supt.
 Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.
 Prayer Meeting every Tuesday night at 8 p. m.
 English services on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays at night.
REV. J. W. A WITT, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services by Rev. Wood every 2nd and 4th Sundays. A cordial invitation extended to everyone to attend.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

Preaching Service at Mason first and third Sundays at 11 a. m., and every Sunday night at 7:45.
 Sunday School at 10 a. m.—Chas. Grote, Supt. Mrs. Eli Jordan, Supt. of Cradle Roll.
 Senior League at 4 p. m.—Prof. Dobie, president.
 Intermediate League at 3 p. m.—Miss Bessie Grote, manager.
 Mrs. Robt Hofmann, president of the Woman's Missionary Society.
 Preaching service at Bethel every fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Sunday School Supt., Arthur Prater.
 Preaching service at Loyal Valley every second Sunday at 11 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Ben Kidd Sunday School Supt.
 Preaching service at Grit Friday night before the first Sunday in each month and every third Sunday at 3 p. m. Starks, Sunday School, Supt. Nichols Charge Lay Leader.
G. T. GIBBONS, P. C.

CATHOLIC

Services every first Sunday.
 Mass at 10 a. m.
 Sunday School from 2 to 3 p. m.
 Rosary, Sermon, Benediction from 3 to 4 p. m.
 Any question concerning Catholic Church or its teachings will be courteously answered at the afternoon services.
 Everybody welcome.
JOS. F. DWAN, Pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Services every 2nd and 4th Sundays, both morning and evening.
 Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.
Z. E. PARKER, P. C.

Roy McCollum is home from Mission where he has been an instructor in the school the past term. Roy has accepted the same position for next year.



FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From Mason News, May 28, 1900: Marriage License—Mr. J. H. Pike and Miss A. L. Tisch.
 Mr. Christian Keyser died Wednesday morning, May 19th, at Austin.
 Frank Bickenbach and Tom White have returned from Roswell, N. M., where they attended school.
 Herman Ischar was severely kicked by a horse last Friday while shoeing the animal.
 Harry Bierschwale and wife left this week for Denton to attend the closing exercises of the Denton Normal, where Miss Mollie graduates.
 The heavy hail near Katemey is said to have denuded some of the fruit trees of the bark.
 Henry Eckert was here Saturday from Hilda and sold his wool clip of 1800 pounds for 21 cents.
 The famous Boogher Red broncho busting show exhibited here Tuesday night to a good crowd.
 C. S. Vedder recently purchased a 320-acre farm six miles this side of London from J. G. Trimble for \$4,000.
 John Banks is authority for the statement that hail was three feet deep on the level in the Katemey country.
 Mrs. J. S. King and child came in Wednesday from a visit to Mrs. Sands, of El Paso.
 Walter Sands is here from El Paso to visit relatives.
 Misses Lizzie Jordan and Amanda Grote leave this week for San Marcos to attend the normal.
 Mrs. E. W. Schroeder and child went to Junction Tuesday to visit her parents.
 Miss Ruby Payne returned home a few days ago from McCulloch county, where she has been teaching.
 Miss Alice Lee returned last week from San Marcos where she attended the normal.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Births
 Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Keyser, a boy, May 25th.
 Mr. and Mrs. Max Martin, Mrs. Emil Keller and daughter, Miss Norma, and Mrs. Louis C. Probst returned from San Antonio this week, after a few days visit.
 Will Ellebracht of San Antonio was here the past week-end visiting with home folks.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From Mason News, June 2, 1890: Miss Alice Ricks and Miss Edda Cunningham are in the country visiting Miss Virgie Collier.
 Wm. Caviness and family, Joe Hightower and family and Misses Edna Schmidt, Bell Bird and Mr. Dee Gibbs spent several days last week on the river fishing.
 Miss Iva Anderson entertained a number of friends last Monday afternoon on the occasion of her sixth birthday anniversary.
 Judge Ben F. Gooch and wife returned Thursday from Austin.
 Henry Doell had a steel chip strike him in the eye last week, but he is getting all right.
 Alvin Bernhard and wife have been on a visit this week to friends in Kerrville.
 W. E. Wheeler and daughters, Misses Daisy and Lily, and Miss Ruth McGinnis left Saturday for a visit in Brownwood. Miss Daisy will go to Hartsborn, I. T., to spend the summer with John Crosby and family.
 Mrs. Jim Crosby who has been visiting here for some time, left Monday for her home in New Mexico. She was accompanied by Miss Ann Crosby who goes for a visit, and Gratton Crosby who is looking out a location.
 Louis, Jim and Herman Schmidt and H. Zork brought in a 48 pound cat fish on Wednesday.
 Commissioner T. A. Rolston was in from his ranch Tuesday. He reports the sale of his wool clip at 15 cents per pound.
 Charley Hofmann and Alfred Keller have just finished a big contract of painting for Mrs. Anna Martin.
 Just as radio is about to become the nation's favorite recreation, Congress threatens to broadcast its proceedings.—New York Herald Tribune.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine

Those who are in a "run down" condition will notice that Catarrh bothers them much more than when they are in good health. This fact proves that white Catarrh is a local disease, it is greatly influenced by constitutional conditions.
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MEMORIAL DAY

All stand upon a common ground this day, duty bound make this nation a living monument to our soldiers of all wars who gave their lives in the cause of Liberty and the furtherance of our national ideals.

We want to join you in honoring our heroes and are happy to cease material tasks of the day and turn to the lofty and the spiritual. We bow in respectful silence and renew that prayer of freemen that this nation "shall not perish from the earth."

Ours is a nation free at last from all lines—no North—no South—no East—no West—a world leader in every great movement for peace and happiness. We are eternally grateful for our enviable position as a nation.

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The twinkling feet of time are moving on. What is there in bank for YOUR old age?

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1924--MEMORIAL DAY--1924

UNDER the Light of a Great New Truth, America Was Born. It was a Thought in Government so New and Overwhelming That it Thrilled Men's Souls. For it They Would Face Any Fate.

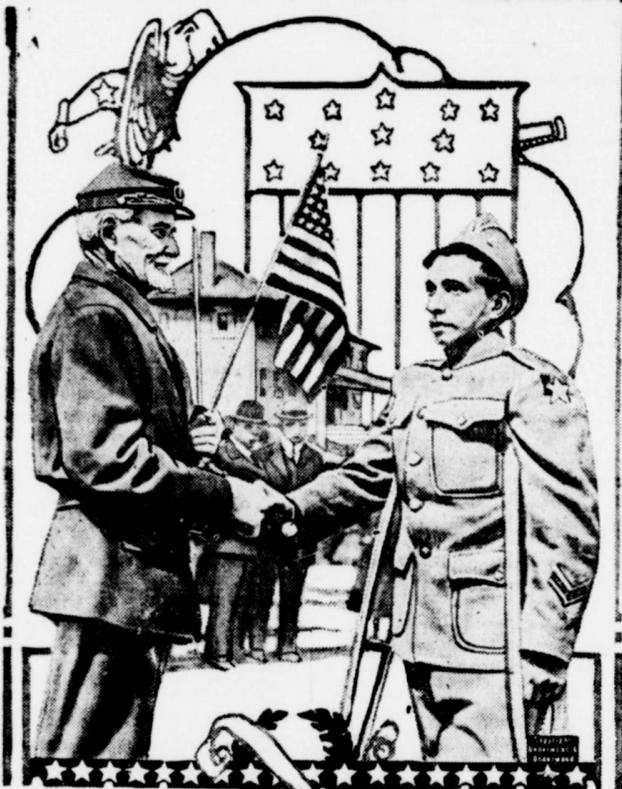
It Was the Idea That All Men Are Born Free and Equal. The Most Receptive Brains of That Time Crouched in a Wonderful Phrasing of Our Declaration of Independence. In That Setting, We Have Cherished it to the Present Day and Will Cherish it for all Time to Come. It Has Been the Big Theme About Which Have Clustered Big Deeds and Big Sentiments for a Century

and More.

Both for America and for the World, Let us Keep the Enemy of our Flag, Whether That Enemy be Here or Overseas. Only by doing can We Hope to Honor Our Soldiers and Sailors for Their High, Unselfish and Heroic Services,—Only by so Doing can We Prevent Those Who Made the Supreme Sacrifice of Offering Their Lives on the Alter of Liberty From Having Died in Vain.

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In Memory of Men Like These—Memorial Day



Veterans both—of two great wars; one that divided and united a nation; one that divided and yet may lead to uniting the civilized world. And to honor the comrades of these heroes—Memorial Day.

A Woman on Decoration Day

By Mary Blake Woodson
in the Country Gentleman

I STAND in the crowd and I watch them,
As the wounded in battle go by—
How little they know as they pass me
That none are as wounded as I!

I have tears for what they have given—
Their youth, their Dawn of the Day—
But I'm hungry for all they have left
them,
Who gave in a bitter way.

The eyes that are blinded, the wound
stripes,
The limps, the wheel chair and
crutch,
Catch at my heart with the sorrow
That bodily blemishes clutch.

And I love them with terrible pity—
I whose body is whole—
But what if they saw my shattered
faith
Or looked at my wounded soul?

Would they know me at once for a
comrade
In pain, in courage more sad?
I, without glory of battle,
Who sent away all that I had?

Would they see how my whole life was
crippled?
Perhaps if these boys understood
It would humble those scars they are
proud of
As only such deeper scars could.

And perhaps I'd go limping out yonder,
Ahead of them all, at the start—
I, with my poor, maimed spirit—
I, with my broken heart!

LIGHTNING KILLS BLOODED HORSES

During the electrical storm Wednesday morning of last week, six of the fine blooded horses of W. J. Moore were killed in the Carroll pasture east from town. It seems the horses were

huddled under an oak tree, as all six were found in a pile by Jim Star later in the day.—San Saba Star.

Good idea to stop all business for two years prior to a Presidential election to avoid the possibility of scandal.—Wall Street Journal.



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MEMORIAL DAY



Homage to our soldiers of all wars, who gave their all in the cause of Liberty and the welfare of this Nation. They gave service without regard to personal safety or gain.

We all join in honoring the dead and are happy that our strong nation has the wisdom to cease material tasks for a day and turns its thoughts to the lofty and spiritual.

We all stand on common ground,—duty bound to make this nation better and greater. That only can be our lasting tribute to those who died for us.

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One of the First Decoration Days

Grave of Young Southerner Scene of Service That Drew Attention.

WHEN flags are fluttering, bands playing, feet tramping, cannon booming, hearts swelling and tears rising, as millions pay tribute to America's war dead, on May 30, an aged Southern woman, sitting at the window of her little home in Petersburg, Va., will remember a memorial day that antedated the famous "Order No. 11" by which Gen. John A. Logan, as commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., established the national custom, writes Ernest C. Pollard in the New York World.

Miss Nora Fontaine Maury Davidson, Petersburg residents claim, decorating the grave of a Southern patriot and the sight of the wreaths and flags on the Confederate graves at Petersburg, as described by Mrs. Logan to her husband, suggested to him the idea he carried out in Order No. 11 and later by a bill in congress.

Mrs. Logan, in her "Reminiscences of a Soldier's Wife," tells the story of her visit to Petersburg, and of the resulting action of General Logan, but she does not mention having seen or heard of Miss Davidson. Mrs. Logan died but recently.

This is the story, however, as Miss Davidson's friends tell it, and it is a firmly rooted tradition of the town.

In Spring of 1865.

In the spring of 1865, Petersburg, the historic old Virginia city, 22 miles from Richmond, the scene of some of the bloodiest fighting in the Civil war, was under martial law, and occupied by Federal troops. One day in March a squad of soldiers on duty were astonished by the appearance of the Confederate flag at the head of a procession of pretty girls, in stiffly starched white dresses and black sashes, marching out of the "Confederate school," a select seminary for young ladies, conducted by Miss Nora Davidson. Miss Davidson carried the big flag and, in addition, each girl wore a small flag on her shoulder.

"Halt!" ordered the officer in charge. The fluttering line stood still. The officer demanded the surrender of the big flag. Miss Davidson refused. He warned her that she might be arrested and imprisoned. She merely remarked: "Come, young ladies," and the white-gowned procession marched calmly past the dumfounded soldiers and climbed into two waiting omnibuses.

A young man, a friend of Miss Davidson's brothers, climbed up beside the driver of the first omnibus and, taking the flag, shouldered it himself. The old negro driver touched his whip to the horses and the buses started. The commanding officer, recovering from his astonishment, leaped upon his horse and galloped in front of the conveyance and, covering the young man with his revolver, demanded the surrender of the flag. The boy refused and the officer shot him dead. The flag wrapped itself about his body as he fell to the ground.

The street was instantly filled with excited citizens and the Federal soldiers carried the body away and buried it within the hour, without ceremony, but Miss Davidson and her girls followed it to the cemetery and when the soldiers had left they scattered some of the flowers they carried on the mound and marked the place with flags and stood in a circle while Miss Davidson led in prayers. It was then late evening, but the remaining flowers were carried through the city again to the old Blandford cemetery, where sleep "The Blue and the Gray." A short service was held and the graves decorated with flowers and small flags.

Custom Continued.

The custom was thereafter continued. Two years later, in March, 1868, Col. Charles L. Wilson, editor of the Chicago Journal, invited a party consisting of his niece, Miss Anna Wilson (later Mrs. Horatio May), Miss Farrar, his fiancée, General Logan and Mrs. Logan, all of whom are now dead, to accompany him on a visit to the battlefields around Richmond.

It was a bleak March day and snow was falling when the party visited Blandford cemetery, in Petersburg. As they entered they paused to let a large group of school girls and their teacher pass out. They had seen the girls and the young woman arise from their knees on the damp earth where they had been praying, and now they saw the graves strewn with flowers and fluttering little Confederate flags.

As is well known, when Mrs. Logan returned to Washington she told her husband of the old cemetery and the flower-strewn graves, and he declared he would establish the custom as a permanent one. As commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic he issued Order No. 11, which he afterward called "the proudest act of my life." As member of congress from Illinois, he introduced the bill June 22, 1868, and it was unanimously adopted.

Sacred to America Is This Spot in France



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MEETING OF EVANG. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF TEXAS

On May 6th at 5:45 a. m. Mr. C. L. Martin, Mr. Willie Eckert and the writer left Mason on an auto trip to McGregor, Texas. Our route carried us over Llano, Burnet, Lampasas, Gatesville, to McGregor. We found the roads from here to Lampasas ad again from Gatesville to McGregor tolerably good. The 41 miles from Lampasas to Gatesville were rough in consequence of recent heavy rains. At 5 p. m. we arrived at McGregor and found it to be a town about like our own, populated by about 2,000 people, located in a part of Texas with excellent farm land which is at present selling at from \$300 to \$400 per acre, and surrounded by fields and pastures covered with a luxuriant growth of wheat, oats, cotton and corn, and grasses, but destitute of trees. Our object in making this journey was to attend the meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas which is a district Synod of the Synod of Iowa and other states. Entering the town we drove up to the church of the Lutheran congregation and found the same to be a newly erected and excellent and spacious edifice to which its congregation can be congratulated, one of the practical arrangements of the building being a large basement for the purpose of conducting the Sunday school work, and having the Luther League, Ladies Aid Society, etc. At the church we found the pastor, Rev. Schwarz occupied with directing every delegate to his respective quarters for the time of his sojourn in the place. The writer was quartered with Mr. Theo. Uehrenkamp at his home about five blocks from the church; others had farther to go, but no matter where quartered the entire delegation was unanimous in the opinion that those people had succeeded well in making our presence with them one of most pleasant memories. On Wednesday morning the Synod opened its meeting with a service in which the president of the Synod, Rev. Theo. Bogisch was the speaker and in which the pastors of the Synod united in the celebration of Holy Communion, and during the time of the Synods meetings there were several other services, especially on the following Sunday and the attendance at each time was very good. On Friday night the congregation treated the delegates to a program and social. However, the Synod had not met in order only to enjoy the hospitality of the congregation or to partake in the services or to enjoy themselves, but to do some other necessary work. It therefore met in several different sessions in the forenoon and afternoons, until Saturday at 5 p. m. Reports of the officers and of the several standing committees were read. A vision was gained of the work accomplished and of work to be accomplished in the future and plans were made and resolutions of various sorts adopted. It would be going too far to enter into details of these. However, we may say that the reports of the president, secretary and treasurer and of the Mission board and the Board of Regents of the Ev. Luth. College at Seguin were very favorable and showed that the Synod had within a few years made very appreciable progress, but showed also that it has a tremendous amount of work ahead. Home and foreign mission fields are extending beyond the capacity of the Synod; the students mission at Austin which has the aim to offer to Lutheran University students a church home at Austin is progressing very nicely. The Lutheran College at Seguin will very probably build a new girls dormitory and a gymnasium in the near future and thus the work is progressing and extending in all directions.

Among the delegates present at the Synod we make mention of a few who are known here. Rev. C. Ziehe, for many years pastor of St. Pauls congre-

Mr. Sam Awalt was in town Tuesday from his farm in the Peters Prairie community and orders the News sent to his daughter, Miss Ernice, who is spending the summer in St. Louis, Mo.

Byron, Lindsey and Jack Brown left Sunday for El Dorado where they will spend a couple months on the ranch of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Crosby.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Shearer are here from Rochelle, visiting in the home of Mr and Mrs. S. K. Shearer.

M. A. Dees and Will Moore, of Llano were in Mason Wednesday transacting business.

W. E. Jordan, Dan Lehmborg and Walter Martin returned the latter part of last week from attending the Bankers convention.

Geo. Stengel and family were in Mason last week from Menard, visiting relatives here. George accompanied local bankers to the convention.

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gation, and his son, Paul and wife, who came from Fort Worth for the Sunday service. Rev. Dr. F. Richter, of Clinton, Iowa, representing the general Synod and Rev. J. Reinsche, superintendent of Missions of the general Synod of Duquaque, Iowa, and Rev. Hugo Probst and wife and children. On Monday May 12th, we returned to our home.

REV. M. HEINRICH.

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WANTED—I am again prepared to do all kinds of sewing. Will appreciate the sewing of all old customers and solicit new ones. Anyone wishing to take sewing lessons please call and see me. Mrs. Louie Johnson, south of News office. 11-2tc

WANTED—Hands to cut cord wood, by the cord or day. See S-tfc CHRISTIAN JORDAN, Art.

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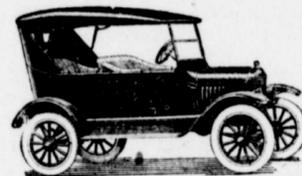
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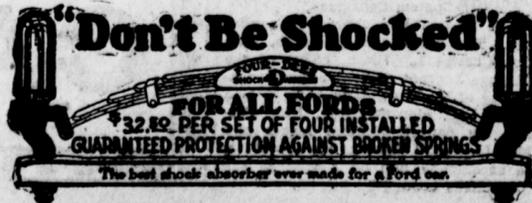
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