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OZARK TRAIL COMMITTEE WENT TO CANYON TO THE MEETING

Where Big Guys of Proposed Route Had Their Eyes Opened as to What We Had to Offer

Ready Made Road and the Shortest Route to El Paso and a Certain Government Trail

R. L. Blanton, Roy W. Connally and W. E. Lindsey attended the Ozark Trail meeting held at Canyon City, Texas, and they report that material progress was made at that meeting. Among other things, it was pointed out that the route proposed by our representatives, when completed and the proper markings and sign posts put in, would, without doubt, be used by the government for their supply route. It is known that the government is constantly buying more automobiles and trucks for use on the border and heretofore the trucks and automobiles have been shipped from the point of purchase to the front. With a route, like the one offered by our delegates, they could be driven through, loaded to the guards with needed supplies, saving the freight on both the machines and the supplies so carried. It was also pointed out that this road, being already built, would be marked and posted and, being the shortest and best road to El Paso, would get the traffic any way. It is hardly believed that the commission will adopt a route that will wind in, around and about all those little mountains, hills and sand beds that would have to be encountered should the Las Vegas route be decided upon. The Canyon City meeting did much to open the eyes of the commission as to just what was offered by our delegates and they learned much about the roads that we already have. The next general meeting will occur at Amarillo on June 1, 1917, at which time the route will be permanently located, at least as far as Amarillo.

There will be a meeting at Roswell on January 10th for the purpose of preparing for an organized effort on the part of Clovis, Portales, Roswell, Artesia and Corlsbad to bring the route from Amarillo via Canyon City and Hereford to connect with our route at Clovis. This meeting should be participated in by every town on the proposed line and an organization perfected that will be capable of putting up a determined fight for the selection of our road.

We already have a completed road in Portales to Albuquerque, the state is now working upon the connection between Clovis and Clayton to a junction with the Colorado and Gulf trail, we have a direct road from Portales to El Paso. Given the eastern connections which the contemplated Ozark Trail would furnish and we have direct connecting lines with all parts of the United States. It is feared that the people do not fully realize the importance of this road, that they have not thoroughly awakened to the fact that we have been for years trying to get into communication with the balance of the United States. This meeting at Ros-

well is called for the purpose of inaugurating a campaign of education, for arousing the enthusiasm of the interested towns and to perfect a working organization that will be capable of getting results. See to it that Portales sends a strong delegation to this meeting, and see to it also that they are clothed with full authority to pledge the necessary moral and financial support of a united and determined Portales citizenship.

Read the Christmas Ads Next Week

Commencing with the issue of next week the News will be an all home print paper, the regular size of which will be eight pages, however, for next week there will be something like sixteen or twenty pages. There will be Christmas stories and Christmas advertisements. To those who will have Christmas presents to buy, the News would say, read those advertisements closely and you will, without doubt, find in some of the lists just what you are in search of. The merchants who are represented in this holiday edition are all live wires. They have searched the markets thoroughly to the end that they might have suitable offerings for this particular season of the year, also, they think enough of your patronage to spend some money to secure it. If they are willing to spend money to get your business, it naturally follows that they will so endeavor to fill your wants at reasonable prices that you will come back when in need of something else.

New Sign Posts

The town board has had sign posts put up in the middle of the streets around the square bearing notices to drivers to turn to the right. This is in conformity to a proposed ordinance regulating vehicle traffic within the town limits and is a measure that has been much needed for some time. Under the new ordinance motor and other vehicles will not be permitted to turn around except at corners. If in the middle of a block they must go straight ahead to the corner and turn around the sign post always turning to the right. With this regulation the danger of collisions will be minimized as much as it lies in human effort to do so. All parties driving on the public streets will know just which way another vehicle is going to turn, if at all, and, unless they lose their head, they need not apprehend any accident. Of course there is no protection against the jay driver except to bar him from driving and, it is understood that this phase of the problem will, also, be taken care of. It will also be provided that parties in an intoxicated condition may not drive an automobile under any conditions. Violations of any of the provisions of the proposed ordinance will be punished by heavy penalties. It is expected that the board will pass this ordinance at its first meeting.

An Enjoyable Occasion

Mr. and Mrs. Trigg Tuesday night of this week gave a social function in honor of Mr and Mrs. M. F. Jabara and her sister, Miss Bryant, lately arrived from Dallas, Texas. The guests gathered at an early hour and thoroughly enjoyed themselves until time to go home. Splendid music was furnished to which the young people danced to their hearts' content. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Neer, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gail, Mr. and Mrs. J. Roy, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown, Messrs. Elmer Walker, Cramer, Carlisle, Everett Tusha, Bascom Howard, Clyde Boucher, "Deacon" Jones, Gideon Darby, John McDonald, Joe Rahhal, and Miss Bryant. The guests departed at an early hour wishing the host and hostess all the good things of this world and thanking them for an enjoyable occasion.

PORTALES PEOPLE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR SOPRANO OF NATIONAL FAME NEXT TUESDAY

The Womans Club Has Secured Mamie Harris Rankin who Will Appear in an Especially Prepared Program, at the Methodist Church, Tuesday Night, December 12th

Mrs. Rankin Formerly Lived in Portales, at Which Time Her Voice Was a Source of Wonderment and Pleasure to Her Friends. Since that Time She has Received Training from the Greatest Masters in Voice Culture and has Made Good

Mrs. Mamie Harris Rankin gave a song recital at the First Christian church last night to an appreciative audience made up of the best musical people of Amarillo. The audience was proud and justly so of Mrs. Rankin's fine voice which her training of the past few years has brought under such splendid control. Her vocal equipment compares favorably to artists of the highest

PROGRAM
Aria "Louise"—Carpentier.
(a) Joy of the Morning—Harriet Ware
(b) Summer Time—W. Stevens
(c) Daddy's Sweetheart—Lehmann.
Overture "Poet and Peasant"—Suppe; Mignon Jones, Mrs. Nixon.
(a) The Nightingale Has a Lyre of Gold—Whelpley.



type. Her diction was splendid. It was easy for her auditors to understand her English even on the heaviest numbers she sang, and this adds much to the enjoyment of song recitals and to promoting general interest in the art of singing.

If Mrs. Rankin pursues her study during the coming years along the same lines as she has during the few years since she left Amarillo we can only predict that she will be truly a singer of national reputation. Amarillo is proud of Mrs. Rankin.

Miss Elsie B. Eggleston, accompanist, gave two excellent numbers which not only pleased but captivated her audience. Amarillo Daily News.

The Woman's Club of Portales presents Mamie Harris-Rankin, soprano, in song recital Tuesday, December 12th, at the Methodist church, 7:15 p. m.

More Good Cattle

Carl Mueller returned last week from Mena, Arkansas, with a car of the best bred Jersey cows, heifers and bulls that ever have been brought into the country. They are from such famous sires as Eminent II, St. Cloud and King Lambert. Eminent II and his progeny are among the oldest Jersey strains in the United States and have always, and are now, holding the records for butter and milk tests. Other strains are Black Fox and Fisherman.

Mr. Mueller got out of this bunch eight cows, one heifer and one bull, Eminent Maiden Ladd. Carl offered the owner \$500.00 for the dam of Eminent Maiden Ladd, and the owner asked him if he was trying to insult him.

John A. Fairly got four heifers and two bulls, J. P. Deen three cows.

This stock was bought from E. B. Ashburn, of Mena, Arkansas, who is one of the famous Jersey breeders of the southwest. This is the character of stock that is needed in this country. We have the best creamery in the west but it will prove to be a white elephant unless our people take sufficient interest in it to breed up their dairy stock to where they can get a reasonable return for their labor. The Jerseys and Guernseys are given up to be the best cattle for dairy purposes known. The News believes that the only proper way to put and keep this creamery on its feet is by the introduction of such breeds of cattle as are best fitted for the dairy business. Once our dairy farmers get into the better breeds and learn from practical experience the difference between an ordinary cow and one that is especially adapted to his business, there will be no further trouble in disposing of dairy stuff, neither will there be any further question as to the permanency of the creamery.

New Mexico Poultry Show

Dr. John L. Reid, secretary of the Eastern New Mexico Poultry association, of Portales and Clovis, is visiting El Paso in the interest of the above association, which will hold its show December 10th to 17th. About thirty cups will be offered as well as a full list of special prizes.

This show is the official state exhibition of the American Poultry association. A number of El Paso breeders will make a creditable display, and there will be birds from California to the west, and Pennsylvania to the east. The show opens at Portales on December 10, then will be moved to Clovis in special express cars on December 14th.

Roosevelt county fanciers of fine poultry should not fail to attend this show, as there will be an opportunity not likely to occur again soon for poultry raisers to see some of the best poultry in the United States, and inasmuch as poultry is quite an item in producing pocket change for the farmers of this county, those who desire to improve their flocks will be able to get in touch with the kind of birds they like, and when it is just as easy to raise good blooded poultry which will produce more money than the scrub. Remember the show opens December 10th and moves to Clovis December 14th.

Porter Deen, manager of the Deen-Neer company, made a business trip to Texas last week, returning Wednesday of this week.

George Henderson and family, of Estelline, Texas, is here for the holidays visiting with Mr. Henderson's parents, Judge and Mrs. J. P. Henderson.

MORE STATE ROADS COMPLETED IN THIS PORTION OF THE STATE

Have Closed Gaps and Now Have a Good Road from Portales to City of Albuquerque

Next on Program is to Connect the Portales-Clovis Road With the Colorado-Gulf Highway

D. W. Jones, road supervisor for this portion of the state, was in town Saturday and, as usual, boosting for good and better roads. He says that the Clovis to Albuquerque road is, practically, complete, he having just finished a stretch of one hundred and fifty miles. The bridges and culverts are now being put in. The bridge at Fort Sumner, that crosses the Pecos, is of steel and is a good one. The twelve miles of sand at Ricardo, Yesso and Evanola are now a thing of the past and auto drivers may now run straight into Albuquerque without change of gear.

Mr. Jones says that the next piece of work will be to extend the Portales-Clovis road to Clayton and connect with the Colorado-Gulf highway. This is one of the big roads of the nation and the importance of this connection can hardly be estimated too high.

With the right kind of work done at the proper time, the Ozark Trail should be secured for Portales and, should this be brought about, we will then have direct connection with all parts of the United States. Given these travel facilities, it will then be up to us to get our portion of the tourist travel which of itself, is no inconsiderable consideration. However, this matter of tourist travel but touches lightly on the main proposition. Roosevelt county needs more people, needs more capital for development, needs more stock farmers and more farmers who will have nothing but the higher priced irrigated lands. We have everything here that they can possibly want, and at prices that have not been inflated by booms. These lands can be bought so that their owners can make profits on their investment. The trouble heretofore, has been to get prospective purchasers to come and look the country over. Our travel facilities have been confined to railroad transportation and this has stopped those who prefer to take their time and travel by auto so that they may have opportunity of seeing all the country. These new highway facilities will give us an opportunity to get this class of prospectors into our country and after we do get them it will be no ones fault but our own if we do not make citizens of them. It is to be hoped that the importance of this Ozark Trail will not be overlooked.

De Baca Getting Well

Authentic information comes from Los Angeles that Governor-elect De Baca is gaining in general health during his stay in a lower altitude, and that his progress has been very satisfactory. The governor will in all probability, return shortly before January 1st, greatly improved in health, and ready for the arduous duties which will confront him. — Las Vegas Journal.

HOME

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*A Story of
Today and
of All Days*

CHAPTER XXXIV—Continued.

A hard light came into Alix's eyes. Gerry felt himself suddenly alone. He went doggedly on. He told of the chase and the capture, of how he and the girl had seen the canoe drift out into the clutch of the eddy and swirl out into the river and away. He told her of how they laughed and Alix shrank. Gerry paused, his brow puckered. He wished he could tell in words the battle of his spirit, the utter ruin of his downfall. He could not and instead he sighed.

There was something in that sigh so eloquent of defeated expression that it succeeded where words might have failed. It called to Alix with the strong call of helpless things. It drew back her mind to Gerry. With him and the girl she threaded the path to Fazenda Flores. Its ruin sprang upon her through his eyes. With him she discovered the traces of an ancient ditch, with him and the old darky she dug along that line through long, hot months. She grew to know Lieber as the tale went on and finally to love him because of all things Lieber seemed to need love—somebody else's love—most. She amused herself with Kemp and his drawl. She tried to keep her thoughts away from Margarita and at the coming of Margarita's boy, she winced.

As he finished telling of the coming of the Man, Gerry stopped short. The thought came to him with tremendous force that Alix too had gone through that for him. The impulse to get up and throw himself before her and on his knees to thank her almost tore him from his seat but he fought it down. He hurried on with his story. He told of the coming of Alan and of the revelation he had brought. And then in a choked voice and only because he had set himself to tell the whole truth he pictured the flood, the death of True Blue, and the overwhelming by the waters before his very eyes of Margarita and the Man. Then he arose and with hands braced on the table leaned towards Alix. "I have told you this so that perhaps you may understand what I am going to tell you now. If the flood had not come—if Margarita and the Man had lived—I would not have come back."

Alix sat very still and studied Gerry's face. He had finished the task he had set himself to do and he was suddenly very tired. His eyes dropped as though from their own weight and then he raised them again to her inscrutable face.

"Well?" he asked after a long pause.

"Well?" replied Alix. Gerry's stalwart figure drooped. "It is quite just," he said, "after all that, that you should not want me. I have spent the last weeks making myself ready for that. You waited for me; I didn't wait for you. If you do not want me, I will go away."

Alix rose slowly to her feet. She looked very slim and tall in her clinging

stropped down, picked her up tenderly and laid her on the great leather couch. He knelt beside her. On one arm he pillowed her head, with the other hand he sought hers. "Please, Alix," he begged, "please don't cry."

"I'm not crying," sobbed Alix. "I'm laughing." Gerry smiled and waited. Soon Alix became quiet. Her eyes closed. She drew a long, quivering breath and then she opened her eyes again and her lips broke into the old dear smile, the smile of an opening flower. "I am tired—tired," she said, "but I believe I'm almost hungrier than I am tired."

"I'm glad you said it first," replied Gerry, giving serious thought to the fact that he was faint with hunger himself. "Ever since some funny Johnny wrote, 'Feed the brute,' we men have been shy about echoing our stomachs. It's four o'clock. Hours after lunch time."

"Really?" said Alix, nestling down closer to his arm and letting her smiling eyes wander over him. "How well this suit fits you. There's something about it—It isn't, is it?"

Gerry nodded. "Same old suit. By the way, when I came in John said you told him to telephone to the club and say you wished to see me. What made you think I would go to the club first?"

Alix looked puzzled. "I didn't. I didn't tell John to telephone." She paused, still puzzling, then her face cleared. "Why—poor old John—he's getting very old, you know, Gerry. That was three years ago I told him to telephone—the day you never came back. It must have been the suit. He saw you standing there in the same suit and three years became as one day to the old fellow."

Gerry sighed. "Alix, do you want those three years to become as a day to us?"

Alix shook her head slowly from side to side. "No, dear, I don't. They have given me—given us both—far more than they took away." She put her bare arms around his neck, drew him down and kissed him. "You do not know yet all that they have given you. You think you have come back and found me, a frittering butterfly in a great empty house. But you've found only my abandoned cocoon. I'm not here at all. I've packed myself into the dearest little bundle of pink fat, yellow curls and chubby legs, and left the bundle on Red Hill."

Gerry nodded but he was grave and silent. Not in a day nor a month could he altogether forget the Man.

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Gerry had always been quiet but during the long drive from the station to the Firs, his silence amounted to a penetrating stillness. Alix felt it but it did not depress her; she knew herself to be in the presence of a communion. Gerry was devoting the hour of his return to the scenes of his boyhood to a slight consecration. These cool valleys and hollows; the Low road, with its purling accompaniment of hidden waters; the embowered still nave of Long lane, were as the ancestral halls of the Lansings. It was right that he should do homage to the memories they evoked.

To his mother Gerry made no explanations. He knew that to her it was enough that her boy had come back. When Mrs. Lansing released him, Alix caught his hand and led him up to the nursery. Together they looked down upon their sleeping child.

Gerry, Jr., was fat to the verge of a split. His curly tow head was tousled and on his brow a slight perspiration testified to the labor of sound sleep. His arms were outstretched. His legs had kinks at the knees, they were so chubby. His petulant little mouth was half open, disclosing tiny teeth.

"Isn't he a beauty?" asked Alix a little loudly, wishing he would awaken. Gerry nodded. With his eyes still on the child he put his arm around Alix and drew her to him. What Margarita had done for him, Alix had done. As he felt her frail body quivering in his embrace, as he looked back and measured the sacrifice by what the awful night of the coming of the Man had taught him, he was overwhelmed by a new humility. He turned Alix's face up to his. His lips moved in an effort to thank her but words failed him. Alix understood. She lifted her arms around his neck and drew his head down. He held her body very close as he kissed her, softly, adoringly. Alix hid her face against his shoulder for a moment and then threw back her head and shook the tears from her eyelashes. She smiled through wet eyes. "I am afraid he's not quite perfect—inside. Such a temper, Gerry. I'm afraid he'll grow up into a man about town and awfully wild." She turned grave eyes on Gerry, Jr., and her brows puckered. "What do you think?"

Gerry smiled. "From the looks of him I predict he gets his letter in

freshman year—center on the football team."

"Yes, perhaps," said Alix thoughtfully. "Everybody calls him Fatty already."

It was from Alan that Gerry learned that Kemp was still in town closing up his connection with the orchid firm. Gerry wired him, begging him to come to The Firs for a few days before he went West. Alix had told of Kemp's word of comfort.

After the first excitement of getting home was over Gerry found himself restless with the same restlessness that had attacked him during the days at Piranhas. He tried for a solution in the same way. Day after day, long before the rest of the Hill was awake, he was off for a ten-mile walk.

At first it was with head dropped and eyes on the ground that he plowed his way through a dew-soaked world, but there came a time when he walked with head thrown back, full lungs and level eyes.

Then Kemp arrived. Gerry tried to get him to join him in his walks but Kemp shook his head sadly.

"If you can't let me have a horse, Mr. Lansing," he said, "I'll ride the cow." Gerry laughed. They saddled the horses themselves and started out. On the top of old Bald Head Gerry dismounted and sat down on a rock. Kemp followed suit.

"Kemp," said Gerry. "I want to thank you for the things you said to my wife—Alix."

Kemp flushed and waved a deprecating hand.

"You saw things straight," went on Gerry, "and I want to thank you, too, for letting me hog-tie myself."

"I ain't curious about that, Mr. Lansing," said Kemp, "so much's about what you're goin' to do when you 'untle yourself."

"Well," said Gerry, "I've thought that out too. For a while it used to break my heart to think about Fazenda Flores but I came to me the other day that what there is of me that amounts to anything is just Fazenda Flores."

"When a man learns to eat work just like he does food because he's hungry for it, there's bound to be a place for him anywhere. It has struck me there are a lot of fields around here, some of them mine, that are about ready for resurrection, and resurrection is my job."

"I don't know exactly how I'm going to start but it may be planting potatoes. You can begin a resurrection with any one of a number of simple things. It doesn't matter much which one you pick on as long as you start right down at the bottom and spread yourself in the subsoil of things. Everything that grows starts down deep except your orchids and they are parasites—"

"Easy on orchids," interjected Kemp. "Sorry, Kemp. Orchids are ornamental but excepting your favorites they're not even beautiful. Look at a *Cypripedium Veilartium*—"

"Hybrid," grunted Kemp. "A man in his D. T.'s couldn't beat it for gorgeous horror," finished Gerry. "But that's neither here nor there. What I'm driving at is this. If I had never been tossed over the home fence I would have lived and died an ornamental citizen with the girth of a beer barrel. But now my eyes are a bit open and I can see that the simple things of life are the big things. Growth from the roots is the strength of a man and of his people. I've come home in more senses than one. I'm going to send down my roots right here."

Kemp had been whittling. When Gerry had finished he pocketed his knife and gazed thoughtfully down the valley. "It seems to me, Mr. Lansing, that you 'nd me have been traveling different trails but come together at the same gap. You remember 'The Purple City'?"

Gerry nodded. "Wal, seems to me that 'ceptin' in a man's own mind the ain't no purple cities. What a man's got to find ain't purple cities but the power to see one when he's got it. You had your right here in this valley an' you side on Red Hill. You growed up in it but you never seen it—not till you learned how. What you been sayin' about the simple things of life—the things that is at the bottom—has he'ped my seein' parts a powerful lot. I knowed before I come to Red Hill that I was goin' out West to stay but I didn't rightly know why. Now if you ask me what I know I can tell you I know considerable."

"Out in Noo Mexico they's a ranch in the fork of Big and Little creek that's the greenest patch in the shadow of White mountain. It's mine and it's got a three-room shack on it that could grow holdin' a four-flush against an orchid's weak pair till she's just about sick of the game, but she's drew and filled on the last hand though she hain't had a chanse to look at her cards yet."

"For some while the's been a purple light hangin' over Big and Little creek an' I reckon I'll be able to see it plain an' a planer the nigher I get to it an'

if the girl will he'p me I reckon that in a small way we'll soon be growin' a purple city that will feed from yo' hand. Ef ever you feel the need of some bran' new air, Mr. Lansing, you come out to Big and Little. There won't be much besides air but it'll be fresh made on White mountain an' you can smell it comin' down through the pines an see it playin' with the leaves on the cottonwoods an' plowin' through the tops of the sorghum."

They sat for some time in silence then Gerry said, "I've been calling you 'Kemp' since I first saw you but you still hang on to the 'mister' when you talk to me. Cut it out, Kemp."

Kemp flushed slightly. "Some things is fittin' an' some ain't," he said, "an' we can't always rightly say why. Some folks is governed by conscience but most by pride. Its goin' to be 'Kemp' and 'Mister Lansing' to the end of the chapter, Mr. Lansing, an' no friendship lost either. Shake."

They shook hands solemnly, mounted and started back to Red Hill. Gerry had found the key to Kemp's strength. It was the key of strength. Kemp belonged on the Hill, and with the people of true blood anywhere, not only because he was himself always but because he intended what he could hold and no more. He was a definition of independence.

CHAPTER XXXVI

It was late afternoon of a day in the gorgeous month. A shower had fallen on Red Hill and after it had come the sun. Wisps of mare's-tail cloud hurried across the clean-washed heavens



The Sun Took a Long, Last Look at Red Hill.

as though they were ashamed to be caught in their ragged clothes under a blue sky. Downy-topped masses of cumulus poked drowsy heads over the horizon and watched them run. Out of the dome of heaven filtered a single trill of song.

The Hill was very still but presently from far away on the West Lake road came the whinny of a horse; a little later, a little nearer, a peal of laughter; then the sound of wheels and chattering voices. A wagonette, two spring wagons and a pony cart burst from Long lane and wheeled right and left. They were full of grown-ups turned young for a day and youths that thought they would be young forever.

The wagonette, swinging down the road toward Maple house, suddenly swerved and plowed through the tall grass. Alan and Clem on the end seats were almost thrown out. Alan looked back at the road and stared. A fat donkey had claimed the right of way and held it. Several lengths of legs stuck out from her bawling sides. Behind her hurried a panting nurse.

Alan turned to Clem. "Do donkeys never die?"

"Oh! I hope not," said Clem gravely. "You change them. We changed ours while you were away."

"So she has been changed," said Alan. "Well, that's something."

"Silly," said Clem, "you've been seeing that donkey every day for weeks."

"No," said Alan, "this is the first time I've really seen her."

The sun took a last long look at Red Hill and dropped out of sight. Then, as though he would come back and look again, he sent up a broad afterglow that climbed and climbed till the tip of the very clouds that peeped over East mountain were tinged with the rosy light.

From an open upstairs window came Clem's soft voice. "Yes, dears, pink night-caps. Those big sleepy clouds are putting them on because they are just glad to go to bed."

"I want a pink night-cap."

"Why, darling, night-caps are only for white-headed people and white-headed clouds. Just wait until you're white-headed. Now climb into bed and I'll tell—"

away, followed into the silence by soft laughter. From The Firs came the last angry wall of the fat young god, choked off in midflight by the soft sound of sleep. Then the scurrying of many feet along the dusty road, silence, and last of all, the trailing whistle of a boy signaling good-night—sound saying good-by to a happy day.

Hours passed before the moon popped into the sky, hurrying just at first as though she knew she were forty minutes late again. One by one lights went out. Other lights gleamed from upper windows; then they, in turn, went out. Red Hill had gone to bed.

From Maple house Alan slipped out to smoke a last cigar. He hesitated a moment and then strode through the long grass laden with seed and just decking itself with dewy jewels for the night. He crossed to the old church. The door was open. He entered and climbed the crumbling stairs to the belfry. He jumped into one of the arches and sat down, his legs dangling.

His eyes wandered slowly over the familiar scene. From behind their trees Maple house, The Firs and Elm house blinked up at him dreamily. Before them ran the ribbon of road, white under moonlight, dipping at each end into the wide world. Up and down the road before The Firs, paced two figures—Gerry and Alix. Gerry's arm was around her. Long black shadows, all pointing to the west, like fallen silhouettes cut the moonlight. Above them, the autumn-painted trees gave out a golden echo of light.

Alan drew a great, quivering breath. "My boy, you have been far, far away," J. Y. had said and he had answered, "yes, but I have come back." But it was only now, tonight, that he had really come back.

Alan's wandering eyes settled on Maple house. "Even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings," he whispered.

And then the peace of home descended upon him. On his scarred spirit he felt the touch of the healing hands of home. Its sweetness and its power, its love everlasting demanding love forever, knocking at his waking heart and found the door open. Far, far had he wandered in the world of mind and the world of men, but in the end he had come back like a Wayne to the eternal mother of the Waynes. Tonight he knew that his drifting soul had dropped anchor at last.

(THE END.)

KILLED SEEKING TO ESCAPE

How General Morgan, Famous Confederate Raider, Ended His Long Series of Forays.

In December, 1863, Longstreet, who had been conducting an active campaign in Tennessee, returned into Virginia, leaving the noted guerrilla, Col. John H. Morgan, to carry on the struggle in East Tennessee. December 29 there was a fight between General Sturgis and Morgan—the latter having an army of about 6,000—near New Market. In another fight January 16, 1864, Morgan made the attack and Sturgis was driven back to Strawberry Plains. Morgan lingered in East Tennessee until May, and late in the month, with a small band of men, he went over the mountains and raided through eastern Kentucky, plundering the wealthy district as he went through. He captured several small towns, dashed into Lexington, burning the railway station and other property there, and hurried on to Frankfort. But General Burbridge was in pursuit, and came up with Morgan's men near Cynthiana, and in the fight which followed, Morgan lost 200 in killed and wounded, 400 prisoners, and 1,000 horses captured. Morgan now retreated into East Tennessee. In September he had his force at Greenville, and Morgan himself and his staff were at the house of a Mrs. Williams. General Gillem, with troops, surrounded the house, and Morgan was killed while trying to escape. His body was sent through the lines by a flag of truce, and was buried with imposing ceremonies at Abingdon, Va.

Knew Extremes of Fortune.

Few careers have covered wider extremes of fortune than did that of John of Cappadocia. He was a Roman officer of very high rank under Emperor Justinian, in the sixth century. He was a very able man, and under his direction the finances of the government flourished wonderfully. Incidentally he amassed a great fortune for himself. But he was very corrupt, and the revenues were raised "on the deaths of thousands, the poverty of millions, the ruins of cities, and the desolation of provinces." He lived most extravagantly, and indulged in all sorts of wicked practices. But his life of ostentatious profligacy was suddenly changed into one of abject poverty. Though guilty of many crimes, he was accused of one of which he seems to have been innocent, and was condemned to be scourged like the lowest of criminals. Nothing of his vast fortune was left him but one old ragged cloak, and it is said that for seven years he begged bread in the streets of cities that once had trembled at his name.

Infringing.

One morning little Mary hung about the kitchen continually, bothering the busy cook to death. The cook lost patience finally.

"Clear out o' here, ye sassy little brat!" she shouted, thumping the table with a rolling pin.

The little girl gave the cook a haughty look.

"I never allow anyone but my mother to speak to me like that," she said.

Home Town Helps

GOOD CITIZENSHIP IN THIS

Every Community Would Be Bettered If All Would Subscribe to the Following Creed.

The man who loves his city—its people, its institutions, its churches, schools and parks, its flowers, trees and vine-clad homes—that man is the good citizen. He can, in good faith, subscribe to this creed, the author of which is now unknown: "I believe in her people, in her boys and girls. I will make myself a committee of one to make my town a good place in which to live and a mighty hard place to leave. I believe in my town. I believe in her schools; in her churches; in her stores. I believe in the street broom, and the street cleaner and the paint pot. I do not believe in empty cans on vacant lots; never again will I throw waste paper or trash in its streets. I believe in trees; grass instead of ash heaps, flowers instead of weeds. God bless the tongues that give honest praise and may be doubly bless the ear that is deaf to scandal and gossip. If we cannot speak good of our neighbors, let's hold our peace! When it costs me nothing, at least, I will spend my money at home and by so doing leave a part of the purchase price to circulate in channels where its equivalent in wealth was originally created; and to do good among the folk who are a part of the community of which I am a part in the place that I call home." And if every man would live according to the terms of this creed, how much more desirable his world be.—Houston Post.

KEEPING UP RURAL SCHOOLS

Important Matter That is Just Now Engaging the Attention of Illinois Educational Authorities.

"Many good school people are viewing with alarm the new campaign for better school buildings," says a bulletin issued by the Illinois department of public instruction. "They fear that every dollar put into new buildings and equipment fixes more firmly the position of the small district and consequently postpones the time for consolidation."

"It must be admitted that there is some ground for this fear. Every improvement in the local one-teacher school district will constitute an argument against its discontinuance. However, it is manifestly unjust to the 300,000 children in these rural schools today to keep them living and working under unfit and insanitary conditions in order that children of a later generation may enjoy a better school opportunity. Everyone will agree, no doubt, that where the people of several adjoining districts are practically agreed upon consolidation, a delay in the large improvement of existing buildings for a year may be advisable."

AIM TO HAVE MODEL TOWN

Founders of Hopewell, Va., Are Men Who Recognize the Spirit of the Times.

Hopewell, Va., is the youngest industrial city in the United States. A year ago its site was a peaceful Virginia farm a few miles from Petersburg. Then industry waved its magic wand and planted a great factory in the solitude. Now it has a population of 25,000 and is growing daily. So metropolitan is Hopewell that municipal information is printed in five different languages. A liberal percentage of native Americans in the professional and commercial class, however, are enthusiastically aiding in planning a city capable of ideal civic attainment.

Hopewell was founded as the permanent center for a large manufacturing plant supplying munitions of war to European nations. Its plans were based upon the full recognition of the fact that the highest efficiency of the worker can only be expected under the best living conditions.

Arrangement of Home.

No more important question confronts the home builder than the exposure of the rooms in his prospective home, for no matter how charming a house may be, nor how convenient its interior arrangement, it cannot be entirely successful unless each room has a favorable exposure.

A living room having windows on its east and west sides may capture both the morning and afternoon sun, and if in addition it opens out on a porch facing the south, no more satisfactory arrangement is possible.

A porch facing the south makes a pleasant open-air living room in warm weather, and a cheery, glassed-in sun parlor in the winter.

For the dining room an easterly exposure is desirable, thus giving one a cheerful amount of sunshine for what is apt to be in many households the most trying meal of the day.

The model kitchen will have windows facing both north and south. This makes for comfort in summer, and admits the late afternoon sun, which considerably lengthens the hours of daylight.

South and west for the chambers is the correct exposure, with windows facing both ways, if possible.

THE PORTALES VALLEY NEWS

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The Red Cross Seal

The object of the societies for the study and prevention of tuberculosis is more the eradication of the cause than the relieving of the effect in their fight against tuberculosis, for they realize the only way to rid humanity of this curse is to strike at its fundamental causes.

The yearly campaign waged is of untold educational value, as it brings the matter directly before the people, while the money secured is expended in further dissemination of educational knowledge.

In New Mexico, which presents a problem peculiarly its own, with more healthseekers per capita than any state in the union, most of the money is spent in teaching prevention, instructing the newcomer in the observance of the proper hygienic and sanitary precautions.

We New Mexicans have a mission to perform, offering as we do, our state as a haven to the healthseeker, who when cured and even before, becomes a valuable asset to the community.

All Home Print After This Week

This is the last week for the patent inside in so far as the News is concerned. Commencing with next week this paper will do all of its own printing and thus eliminate most, if not all, of its foreign and patent medicine advertising.

Read carefully the provisions of the new traffic ordinance published on this page. It was enacted for the safety and convenience of the public and is a measure that has been long needed in Portales.

Notice of Publication

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Ft. Sumner, N. M., October 28, 1916. Notice is hereby given that Theodore Wilmes, of Claude, N. M., who on September 5, 1912, made homestead entry number 010822 for west half of section 16, township 2 south, range 20 east, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before C. A. Coffey, U. S. Commissioner, in his office at Elida, N. M., on the 14th day of December, 1916.

Notice of Publication

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Ft. Sumner, New Mexico, October 27, 1916. Notice is hereby given that Henry W. Miller, of Elida, New Mexico, who on September 19, 1912, made homestead entry No. 010548, for northwest quarter section 10, township 2 south, range 22 east, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before C. A. Coffey, U. S. Commissioner, in his office at Elida, N. M., on the 14th day of December, 1916.

Notice of Publication

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Ft. Sumner, N. M., August 30, 1916. Notice is hereby given that John E. Glover, of Elida, N. M., who on August 19, 1912, made homestead entry No. 010262, for east half northwest quarter, section 31, township 4 south, range 20 east, New Mexico Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before C. A. Coffey, U. S. Commissioner, in his office at Elida, N. M., on the 14th day of December, 1916.

Notice of Publication

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Ft. Sumner, N. M., August 30, 1916. Notice is hereby given that Sol Maxwell, of Portales, N. M., who on June 16, 1913, made homestead entry No. 010727, for east half northeast quarter, west half southeast quarter, east half southwest quarter section 6, northwest quarter northeast quarter, northeast quarter northwest quarter section 7, township 10 south, range 25 east, New Mexico Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. Commissioner, at Portales, N. M., on the 10th day of January, 1917.

Notice of Publication

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Ft. Sumner, N. M., August 30, 1916. Notice is hereby given that H. Brewer, of Benson, N. M., who on October 20, 1913, made homestead entry No. 010727, for south half section 6, township 10 south, range 25 east, New Mexico Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. Commissioner, in his office at Portales, N. M., on the 10th day of January, 1917.

Notice of Publication

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Ft. Sumner, New Mexico, October 19, 1916. Notice is hereby given that H. Brewer, of Benson, N. M., who on October 20, 1913, made homestead entry No. 010727, for southeast quarter, east half southwest quarter, and lots 3 and 4, section 31, township 10 south, range 25 east, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. Commissioner, in his office at Portales, N. M., on the 10th day of January, 1917.

Notice of Publication

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Ft. Sumner, N. M., October 30, 1916. Notice is hereby given that Charles L. Bass, of Casey, Roosevelt county, New Mexico, who on October 1, 1915, made homestead entry No. 010655, for northwest quarter section 14, Township 18S, Range 36E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. Land Commissioner, at Portales, N. M., on the 10th day of December, 1916.

Notice of Publication

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Ft. Sumner, N. M., December 1916. Notice is hereby given that Henry W. Brandon, of Judon, New Mexico, who on March 14, 1912, made homestead entry No. 010605, for north east quarter section 21, township 5 south, range 34 east, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. Commissioner, at Nobe, N. M., on the 18th day of January, 1917.

Notice of Publication

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Ft. Sumner, N. M., August 30, 1916. Notice is hereby given that Henry W. Brandon, of Judon, New Mexico, who on March 14, 1912, made homestead entry No. 010605, for north east quarter section 21, township 5 south, range 34 east, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. Commissioner, at Nobe, N. M., on the 18th day of January, 1917.

Notice of Contest

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at Fort Sumner, N. M., October 10th, 1916. To Dallas Holley, record address Deroso, N. M., Contestee: You are hereby notified that Walter B. Gwyn, who lives Hurley, Texas, as his postoffice address, did on September 12th, 1916, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead entry serial No. 010825, made together let, 1914, for lots 1, 2, 3 and south half north half section 1, township 1 south, range 28 east, N. M. P. M., and as grounds for his contest he alleges that the said entryman died on or about October, 1915, leaving Hawley, his widow, his only heir at law and next of kin, that the said Hawley widow, has failed and neglected to cultivate the said land and to keep her residence thereon, or otherwise occupy or improve the said land, and that the said husband that all the improvements that were on the said land have been removed therefrom and the said land is wholly unoccupied, unenclosed and unencultivated; that this affiant has been informed that the said Hawley widow, resides in Amarillo, Texas.

Notice of Foreclosure Sale

Whereas, on the 27th day of September, 1916, in cause No. 120, pending in the district court of Roosevelt county, New Mexico, wherein C. H. Jordan is plaintiff and J. W. Ross, D. F. Ross, M. C. Roswell, Mattie E. Mitchell and Joyce Fruit Company are defendants, and wherein the said M. C. Roswell and Mattie E. Mitchell are cross-complainants, the plaintiff and said cross-complainants recovered judgments as follows: The plaintiff, C. H. Jordan, recovered judgment upon promissory note and a mortgage against the said J. W. Ross and James W. Ross, and D. F. Ross or Dora F. Ross, in the sum of \$1201.45, together with all costs and a decree declaring the mortgage of said plaintiff, given to secure said sum a second mortgage and foreclosing same upon the following described property, to-wit: The southeast quarter of section nineteen and the northeast quarter of section thirty, in township two south of range thirty-seven east of New Mexico Meridian, New Mexico, which said judgment at the date of sale hereinafter mentioned was amount to \$1221.68 with costs of suit. The cross-complainant, M. C. Roswell, recovered a judgment upon a promissory note and mortgage securing same for the sum of \$534.45, with costs of suit, and a decree foreclosing said mortgage upon the southeast quarter of section nineteen in township two south of range thirty-seven east of the New Mexico meridian, New Mexico, and decree declaring said cross-complainant's mortgage upon said land a prior and first mortgage thereon, which said judgment at the date of the sale hereinafter mentioned will amount to the sum of \$550.48 with costs of suit. The cross-complainant, Mattie E. Mitchell, recovered judgment upon a promissory note and mortgage securing same against the defendants, James W. Ross and Dora F. Ross, in the sum of \$452.35, with costs of suit, and a decree declaring her said mortgage a first lien and foreclosing said mortgage upon the northeast quarter of section thirty, in township two south of range thirty-seven east of New Mexico Meridian, New Mexico, which said judgment at the date of sale hereinafter mentioned will amount to the sum of \$472.44 and costs of suit. That the court also decreed that the defendant, Joyce Fruit Company have a third lien upon all of said described lands and. Therefore, the court do said cause appointed the undersigned, P. E. Jordan, special commissioner and directed that all of said lands be sold and that each be sold separately, and that the bid of the highest bidder for cash, after due advertisement thereof for the purpose of satisfying the said judgments and costs of suit.

Ordinance No. 55

An ordinance regulating traffic and travel upon the public streets of the Town of Portales, New Mexico. Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Portales, New Mexico: SECTION 1. As used in this ordinance, the word "street" shall be held and construed to include every street, avenue, highway, roadway, lane, alley, or place laid out for the use of vehicles. The word "curb" as used in this ordinance shall be held and construed to mean the lateral boundaries of a street. The word "vehicle" shall be held and construed to mean every wagon, hack, coach, carriage, omnibus, bus, cart, bicycle, automobile and other conveyance except baby carriages and railway cars. The word "driver" shall be held and construed to mean the rider, driver or person in charge of the vehicle or animal. The word "drive" shall be held and construed to mean ride, drive, propel or operate. The word "animal" shall be construed to mean horse, pony, donkey, mule, burro, or other animal which may be ridden or driven. The "business district" of the town of Portales is hereby defined to be the territory embraced within the following exterior boundaries, to-wit: MAIN STREET From the south boundary of Union street north to the railroad of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway company. COLORADO STREET From the south boundary of Union street north to the railroad of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway company. STATE STREET From the west boundary of Colorado street east to the east boundary of Main street. LIBERTY STREET From the west boundary of Colorado street east to the east boundary of Main street. SECTION 2. Any driver of any vehicle on any street shall drive in a careful manner with due regard to the safety and convenience of pedestrians and other vehicles. SECTION 3. The driver of any vehicle shall turn to the right when meeting another vehicle and shall at all times travel on the right hand side of the street, as near the curb as possible; but this shall not apply to street sprinklers. SECTION 4. The driver of a slow moving vehicle shall keep as near the right hand curb as possible. SECTION 5. Where there are but two wheel tracks, the driver shall turn to the right on meeting another vehicle and surrender the left hand track to the other vehicle. SECTION 6. The driver, when overtaking and passing a vehicle, shall pass to the left and shall not turn to the right again until clear of such vehicle; and the vehicle being so passed shall give way to the right so as to allow the passing vehicle to pass. SECTION 7. The driver of any vehicle shall, before stopping, turning or changing the course of said vehicle, first see that there is sufficient space to make such movement in safety and shall give a visible signal to drivers of vehicles following of his intention to make such movement, by raising his hand or whip and indicating with it the direction in which he wishes to go. SECTION 8. The driver of any vehicle in turning to the right from one street to another, shall turn the corner as near the right hand curb as possible. SECTION 9. The driver of any vehicle shall, in turning to the left from one

street into another, pass to the right of and beyond the center of the intersection of the streets before turning to the left.

Section 10. The driver of any vehicle in crossing from one side of the street to the other side thereof, in the business district, shall pass to the first intersecting street, cross the center intersection thereof, and then turn to the left so as to head in the direction in which the traffic is moving.

Section 11. It shall be unlawful to stop any vehicle in the business district with the left side next to the curb, except in cases of emergency when the stop is made to avoid accident or to allow pedestrians or other vehicles to cross in front of such vehicle, or when made in obedience to a signal from the marshal of the town.

Section 12. It shall be unlawful to allow any vehicle to remain backed up to the curb except when loading or unloading.

Section 13. It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle standing at the curb to refuse to give way promptly to any vehicle for the purpose of receiving or discharging freight or passengers.

Section 14. It shall be unlawful to back any vehicle in any street, if by so doing other vehicles are impeded; and no driver shall back any vehicle without first giving warning to drivers of other vehicles and pedestrians in the rear of the vehicle to be backed.

Section 15. Whenever any vehicle shall be backed up to the curb, the animal or animals attached thereto shall be turned at right angles to such vehicle and headed in the direction in which traffic is moving.

Section 16. It shall be unlawful to drive any animal or vehicle over any newly made pavement.

Section 17. It shall be unlawful to operate any motor vehicle unless the motor is provided with a muffler properly attached to such vehicle or motor and of such construction as to muffle or deaden the sound of the exhaust from such motor.

Section 18. It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of fourteen years to drive any motor vehicle upon any public street, and shall likewise be unlawful for and person to permit or cause any motor vehicle to be driven on any street by any person under the age of fourteen years.

Section 19. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive any animal or vehicle upon the sidewalk or permit any animal or vehicle to stand upon any street in such a manner as to obstruct the use thereof.

Section 20. The drivers of vehicles in or upon every street must look out for and give right of way to vehicles approaching simultaneously from their right at street intersections, except as otherwise provided herein.

Section 21. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or attempt to drive any motor vehicle in said town while in an intoxicated condition.

Section 22. Vehicles parked or left standing in or upon any street or public way in the town of Portales, shall be parked or left standing in the direction in which traffic is facing with the front wheel nearest the curb against the curb, and the rear wheel nearest the curb not more than six feet from the curb.

Section 23. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride, drive or propel, or to permit anyone to ride, drive or propel any vehicle in or upon any street in said town at a rate of speed greater than fifteen (15) miles per hour, or to turn any corner of a public street in said town, at a rate of speed greater than five (5) miles per hour.

Section 24. It shall be unlawful for any person to stop any vehicle, or permit the same to stand within the intersection of any street or within ten feet of a street corner.

Section 25. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to drivers of vehicles used by the fire department in the course of their business, in going to or returning from a fire.

Section 26. Every motor vehicle operated or driven upon the streets, avenues or other public places in the town of Portales, New Mexico, shall be provided with brakes in good working order, and sufficient to control such vehicle at all times, and a suitable bell or horn or other signalling device, and shall, during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, display at least two lighted lamps on the front and one on the rear of such vehicle; and every motorcycle shall, between the hours aforesaid, at least one light on the front thereof.

Section 27. It shall be the duty of every person owning or operating any vehicle in the town of Portales, New Mexico, for which a state license is required by Chapter ten (10) of New Mexico Code of 1915, to register annually in the office of the town clerk of the town of Portales, his said vehicle by the number assigned to it by the secretary of state in issuing the state license; and for such registration shall pay to the said clerk a fee of fifty cents for each registration and the fee so received by the clerk shall be turned over to the town treasurer; and such registration shall be made within ten days after such person shall have received his state license.

Section 28. Any person who shall

violate any of the provisions of this ordinance or who shall fail or refuse to perform the conditions thereof, shall, upon conviction, be fined in any sum not less than five dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in the town or county jail for not less than three, nor more than thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court trying the case.

Section 29. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after five days after its publication.

Passed and approved this 6th day of December, 1916. [Seal] J. P. DEEN, Mayor. Attest: W. H. BRALEY, Clerk.

New Hope News

School is progressing nicely with an enrollment of thirty. There are several others to come in later and the capacity of the building will be taxed to the utmost. The children are all very sorry to lose their fellow pupil, Essie Lemon.

A number of the New Hopites visit the Floyd literary society each Saturday evening and quite often assist in the programs. Last Saturday the Floyd community decided to have a Xmas tree and many will attend from here.

Last Friday afternoon there was a spelling match at the school. Joel Richardson was the accredited speller. This Friday there will be a short program at which time definite information will be given out as to whether New Hope will have a Christmas tree.

A number of young folks attended the party at Mr. King's in the Floyd community last Friday evening and all report a fine time.

The day before Thanksgiving Mr. Dallas Hawkins celebrated his seventieth birthday, with a community dinner. There was nearly a dozen people present that were about his age, and quite a number of the younger generations. Mr. Hawkins is one of the oldest settlers here and has taken a great interest in the upbuilding of the community. In fact, the community generally goes by the name of Hawkins.

Mr. Lemon traded out his farm to Mr. Taylor last Saturday and is leaving us this week. In losing Mr. Lemon and family the community all feels sorrow. Mr. Lemon's family will likely spend considerable time visiting among relatives before settling again. The young folks will greatly miss their chum, Essie, while the church workers will have a hard time filling the place of Mr. and Mrs. Lemon. Mr. Taylor is moving out and will do all in his power to fill the place of Mr. Lemon, having turned his star route over to Mr. Jones.

Longs Items

Several of the young people of Longs attended the pie supper at Carter. All report a pleasant time.

Miss Inez Mullins was a visitor at Longs Thursday and Misses Esther Marrs and Verna and Sarah Walker, who are staying at Portales, came home during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Aunt Betty Williams, of Inez, is seriously ill at this writing. We hope she will be better soon.

The basket ball grounds are completed and we are ready to play, and are planning to play a game with the Rogers team December 22nd.

The singing at the home of L. M. Walker was not very largely attended but all had a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Kendall and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Haislip were visitors at the home of Mrs. U. S. Frazee last Sunday.

W. J. Anderson went to town Wednesday.

Billie Anderson has been building fence this week.

We are very sorry to announce that Mrs. Tom Brooks died last week. Everyone sincerely sympathizes with the family in their grief.

Christmas Specialties

It is not necessary to send your Christmas orders out of the city to get them filled. I will duplicate all mail order house prices on identical quality goods. I have some splendid values to show you in the following lines:

LA VALLIERES, FROM \$2.50 TO \$25.00
 DORINE SETS, BELT BUCKLES, TOILET SETS
 SMALLEST WRIST WATCHES MADE
 PIN SETS, BIRTH STONE RINGS, SOUVENIR SPOONS,
 FLEXIBLE BRACELETS PERFUME BALL AND CHAIN
 CUT GLASS, SILVERWARE, ETC.

Any of the above would be a gift sure to be appreciated by the lady or gentleman receiving it. Come early and make your selections, leave a small deposit, if you wish, and I will reserve them for you until later.

Lyric, the Ford of the Graphophone, \$25.00

C. J. Whitcomb
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RECOGNIZE VALUE OF SALT.

Scientists Now Are Practically Unanimous in Their Appreciation of the Humble Mineral.

The preservative, the cleansing and the soothing effects of salt have been known for ages. To this extent, and with some recognition of existing practices, the use of saline solutions in British military hospitals, noted in a cable despatch, is not new. The interesting points are in the evolution of salt to the position of a sole healing agent, and in the method of application by a constant stream which, in a single flowing, washes the wound, guards it from infection and contributes healing power.

An ancient and common household article thus supplants, after the initial disinfecting, the highly scientific, antiseptic appliances of the day.

This elaboration of an old remedy recalls to mind the medical stir which followed in 1901 the publication from the University of Chicago, by Dr. Jacques Loeb and Prof. D. J. Lingie, of the theory that a solution of common salt in the blood, neutralized by calcium and possibly potassium salt solutions, was the cause of the rhythmic beating of the heart. All doctors had known of saline injections to stimulate the heart. Those who hesitated over the new proposition admitted the physiological importance of salt and its ability, after a hemorrhage, to supply the deficiency in circulation until new blood is made.

Inland people of old esteemed saline springs as gifts of the gods. Chips of salt were anciently used as money, and the mineral stood as many passages in the Bible testify, for high religious symbolism. The sharing of salt represented in other days a sacred pledge of friendship. A precious and essential quantity in our daily living, though but casually regarded on the grocer's bill for supplies, salt may yet be revealed in a more intimate relation to life itself than daring scientists have guessed.

Wartime "Kid."

"Kids" Another word consecrated by usage and recognized by lexicographers. The term embraces all the bold and lissies, urchins, hobbide-boys, chits and little ones, but somehow it means more than all these, writes Maurice Donnay in Cartoons magazine.

In 1870 I, too, was a kid. How did I look upon the war? What memories do I retain of it? I was a 9 year old, and went to school at the Vanves Lyceum, which was then the "Lycee du Prince Imperial." It was in July, and the war had just been declared. As it happened, Father Michaut held his class in history on this historic day, and not because of this, but simply because we had arrived at Charles VII, he related to us the glorious adventure of Joan of Arc.

Among us was one pupil who remained listless. Questioned, he refused to answer, and our venerable professor was hurt. I still remember his reproachful tones.

"No, I shall not punish you," he said. "One does not punish young Frenchmen who are not interested in Joan of Arc. Rather, one pities them."

We didn't understand very well why Father Michaut had suddenly become so grave and reproachful, but we felt that there was a depth of meaning in his words. This meaning we realized better later on.

This is a "Mister" Country.

Despite the abundance of "colonels" who won their titular honors in the auction room by the cut of their mustaches, America is essentially a "mister" country. Where in the United States is a newspaper that would go to the extreme of the London Chronicle, which says:

"If Dr. Woodrow Wilson is again returned to the White House he will enjoy the experience of the only other successful Democratic candidate, President Grover Cleveland. In Cleveland's case, however, Brigadier General Benjamin Harrison served between the two terms of office."

Harrison's military title is only a biographical memory in America. The London Chronicle, however, referred to William McKinley, when he was president of the United States, and commander in chief of the army and navy, as Major McKinley, using his Civil war rank.—Minneapolis Journal.

Echo From San Francisco.

An event which was not without its regrettable aspects was the recent wrecking of the beautiful buildings and monuments of the exposition at San Francisco, which were erected only about two years ago, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. Despite any desire to preserve them that admirers may have had, the temporary character of the buildings made their demolition advisable. Many of the fine monumental structures, such as the "Arch of the Rising Sun" surmounted by a group entitled "The Nations of the East," were thrown to the ground by exploding charges of dynamite under them.

"Mr. Jobson, you will have to wait on our customers with more alacrity."

"I'm sorry, sir. I worked so hard in my garden this morning that I am tired out."

"Is your garden doing well?"

"Oh, yes, sir. I'm growing some of the finest vegetables you ever saw."

"Hum. A garden reduces the cost of living. In that case, I presume you can stand a slight reduction in your salary."

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- 4 four year old cows
- 3 one year old heifers
- 3 spring steers

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FARM ANIMALS

FEEDS FOR HOG PRODUCTION

Best Information on Efficient Forage and Grain Crops Given by Experiment Station.

The best information on the feeds available in the farmers' locality can be readily and accurately given by his state experiment station. Pigs make the best use of concentrates. These can be fed in a self-feeder and can be supplemented by various slaughterhouse, bakery, or table by-products, etc. A by-product to be economical should be fairly concentrated, should be moderate in price per 100 pounds of nutrients, and should be fresh and free from taint.

During the winter, leguminous hays fed in addition to the concentrate help reduce the cost of production in the summer, pasture crops such as rape, alfalfa, bur clover, crimson clover, rye, etc., make very economical and efficient supplements for hog feeding.

In practically every farming district in the United States cheap and efficient forage and grain crops are available for hog production. These should be diligently studied by the farmer, with the aid of the state and federal forces, and used in the most profitable manner.

ATTENTION TO WORK HORSES

Animal Should Be Fed Right to Secure Greatest Amount of Labor From Them.

To secure the greatest amount of work from the horse requires that it be fed right. There is a big difference in the feeding of horses and cattle. The horse's stomach holds only a few gallons, while a cow's paunch has a capacity of over a barrel, which means that the horse must be fed more concentrated food. It also takes more energy to digest roughage than grain.



Team Disking Corn Stubble.

The morning and noon feeds should be the lightest and should consist largely of grain, the heavy feed being given in the evening. Some make a practice of giving one-quarter of the daily ration in the morning, one-quarter of it at noon, and the other half in the evening. If the horse has a grain feed followed by a big feed of hay, the grain is pushed out of the stomach before being digested.

Watering before feeding is usually the best practice. The horse will eat better, and if a large amount of water is taken after the grain has been eaten, it will push some of the grain out of the stomach before it is digested.—North Dakota Experiment Station.

FEEDING THE WORKING MARE

She Will Require More Care and Feed Than One Turned into Pasture—Colt Must Exercise.

Where the services of the mare are required for farm work, the colt should be shut in a paddock or in a large box stall.

A Western authority on horse raising says the mare that is worked while nursing a foal will require more care in her feeding and general handling than the one that is turned out to pasture with nothing to do save raise the colt. The working mare must be furnished not only with energy sufficient for her to keep up her end of the work, but she must at the same time nourish another and growing body. The crushed oats and bran given the colt will aid greatly in keeping up his growth and development under such conditions.

As soon as he has passed his first weeks of life the colt should be given ample opportunity for exercise in a roomy lot. Where he has the run of a pasture at his mother's heels the requirement of exercise will take care of itself.

SHIPPING SWINE TO MARKET

Hog Is Not Cheap Animal and Is Well Worth Taking Care of—Crowding Is Not Profitable.

The average hog that goes to market these days returns very close to \$25. It is not a cheap animal. It is worth taking care of on the way, for the dead ones don't return any "twenty-five." They are a dead loss, literally. It is the very heavy ones that are most apt to be overcome by heat, overcrowding, etc. At this time of year the farmers are getting rid largely of old brood sows, culling the breeding stock. But the money these old roughs bring is as good as any, good enough to pay for careful shipping. Crowding to economize room is not profitable when a toll of dead ones is paid. And they need lots of water in them and under them.

UNOFFICIAL RETURNS

SHOW DEMOCRATS ELECTED SEVEN STATE OFFICIALS.

Republicans Get Five State Officers, and Will Have Majority in Both Houses of Legislature.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Santa Fe.—Election returns in the various counties have been canvassed by the county commissioners, constituting the county canvassing boards, and the state canvassing board, composed of Governor McDonald, Chief Justice Roberts and Secretary of State Lucero will start work on the returns on Monday, Nov. 27.

The unofficial returns give the Democrats the following offices: United States senator, congressman, governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general and corporation commissioner.

The Republicans, apparently, have elected the following: Land commissioner, state auditor, Supreme Court justice, state superintendent of public instruction and lieutenant governor.

The list of the candidates elected, according to present returns, follows:

United States Senator—A. A. Jones of Las Vegas.

Congressman—William B. Walton of Silver City.

Governor—E. C. DeBaca of Las Vegas.

Lieutenant Governor—W. E. Lindsey of Portales.

Secretary of State—Antonio Lucero of Santa Fe.

State Treasurer—H. L. Hall of Chama.

State Auditor—William G. Sargent of Santa Fe.

Supreme Court Justice—Clarence J. Roberts of Santa Fe.

Attorney General—Harry L. Patton of Clovis.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction—J. H. Wagner of Santa Fe.

State Land Commissioner—Robert P. Evelyn of Santa Fe.

State Corporation Commissioner—Bonifacio Montoya of Bernalillo.

The Legislature apparently will be Republican in both houses. The members of the State Senate elected on the face of the returns are: Republicans—Ramon Gallegos, East Las Vegas; Severo Salazar, Mora; John S. Clark, East Las Vegas; Perfecto Esquivel, Tierra Amarilla; Emiliano Lucero, Bernalillo; George A. Kaseman, Albuquerque; Ramon Sanchez, Penasco; Nabor Mirabal, Los Lunas; J. A. McDonald, Magdalena; J. V. Tully, Glencoe; J. E. Reinburg, Las Cruces; John A. Gordon, Gallup; James A. Baird, Alamogordo (still in doubt, however, as William Rutherford, Democrat, also claims to have been elected by a few votes); William D. Murray, Silver City. Democrats: Isaac Barth, Albuquerque (although J. H. Cristman, Aztec, Republican, claims that the official count will show he is elected); A. V. Lucero, Raton; G. C. Smith, Clayton; Melville T. Dunlavy, Santa Fe; Jesse S. Lea, Roswell; Dr. M. P. Skeen, Artesia; R. G. Bryant, Portales; Albert Callish of Tucuman; L. C. Mersfelder of Santa Fe at present, although formerly of Clovis.

The House will probably consist of the following: Republicans: Narciso Francis and Jesus Sanchez of Los Lunas; J. R. Gaunt and Elifjo Gurule of Socorro; R. P. Barnes, J. Felipe Armijo and Sotero Chavez, Albuquerque; Manuel Sanchez of Tierra Amarilla; Luis Ortiz, Chama; B. Griego, P. P. Sanchez and J. G. Romero, Las Vegas; Alejandro Aranda, Mora; Frank A. Roy, Roy; Clemente R. Mas carenas, Anastacio Santistevan, Taos; Manuel Otero, Estancia; O. E. Over son and L. Leyba, Gallup; W. H. H. Llewellyn, Jose Gonzales, Las Cruces.

Dr. Swearingin's Dates

Dr. Swearingin, the specialist from Roswell, New Mexico, will be in Portales, at Neer's drug store, on the 20th day of each month, to treat diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and to fit glasses.

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FAMOUS OLD PORT

MARSEILLES A POINT OF IMPORTANCE FOR CENTURIES.

French City, Older Than the Country Itself, is Now the Naval Base of the Forces of the Entente Allies.

"Marseilles, the unwearyed contestant for Mediterranean trade during 26 centuries, and the city wherein the earliest naval traditions of France were formed, whence fleets were sent before Rome's day of power to challenge the great Mediterranean port-city, Carthage, is today the principal naval base for the allies upon the Middle ocean; and, with the shifting of the stress of the world-war toward the east, to the Balkans, to Turkey in Europe, to Syria and Mesopotamia, it is become a place of first strategic consequence, while, from its harbor, a steady stream of the 'snows of warfare' is pouring into the vital fields bordering the Eastern seacoast." begins the primer on war geography issued today by the National Geographic society.

"Marseilles has been an important city through all of Europe's historic ages. It has been in competition for the commerce of its inland sea from earliest times; has seen its competitors, one by one, reach their zenith and decline, while it still remains a foremost Mediterranean port. Its rivals today are of the younger set of cities, Genoa, comparatively youthful, and Trieste, a newcomer into the fold of contending world-ports.

"Genoa, though of about equal age with Marseilles as a harbor, first came into commercial fame during the early middle ages. Sidon, Tyre, Athens, Corinth, Carthage, Ragusa, Pisa, Venice and a host of other cities have at one time and another fought a bitter rivalry with Marseilles, and of some of those even the history of their affairs is forgotten, while their one-time rival has passed through several declines toward an even greater future.

"Tracing its descent from early Phœnician times, the fortunes of Marseilles have fluctuated with the fortunes of civilization upon the Mediterranean coasts. The Phœnicians, a Greek people whose trading instincts carried them beyond the confines of the known world of their day, came after the Phœnicians, took Marseilles from them and made it the New York of the ancient world. Due to their enterprise Marseilles became the first of trading cities, and, during the Punic wars, its aid saved Rome.

"Situated in the center of things Mediterranean on the Gulf of the Lion, enjoying the advantages of an excellent harbor, well equipped together with a rich and productive hinterland, Marseilles has again become the first port on the inland sea, the first port of France, the second city of the republic and one of the wealthiest communities in Europe. It lies 554 miles south-southeast of Paris, with which it is connected by the Paris-Lyon-Mediterranean railway. The manufacturing city of Lyons lies 219 miles to the north upon the River Rhone, whose principal channel reaches the Mediterranean sea, 25 miles west of Marseilles.

"While Marseilles possesses few architectural extravaganzas, it is well and solidly built and thoroughly modern. It has preserved no interesting remains from ancient times; for the modern spirit, which has characterized its long life, has left it little appetite for reminiscence, and the wars that have swept over it have destroyed much of its heritage. The public works of the city and its conveniences, however, are on a par with those of the best-administered municipalities of today.

"The port does a vast export and import in peace times; buying cattle, coffee, raw cotton and silk, hides and grain, and selling cotton and woolen goods, ribbons, soap, silk, sugar, grain, fruits, wine, oil and perfumes. Its shipping business is carried on along 12 miles of model quays where 2,500 vessels can be accommodated at one time."

Lightning's Freak.

Lightning recently at Spartansburg, S. C., snapped around the premises of J. Y. Cantrell. His two children, sitting in a swing fastened to one of two trees situated close together, had their dresses scorched by a bolt of lightning which struck the tree, tearing the bark off in places but not hurting the children in the least. Four mules hitched to a wagon in the road just opposite the tree were knocked down, one being killed. A fence 40 feet farther down the road was set on fire. A single bolt of lightning performed the whole feat. Besides knocking down the four mules hitched to the wagon in the road the lightning made a hole as large as a water bucket just behind the wagon. The bolt set the fence of a dogpen afire which was on the opposite side from the two trees, and at least 30 feet down the road.

Prussian Cities Buy Milk Goats.

A number of German cities have taken practical steps to solve the milk problem, which still is very serious in the large centers of population. Twelve of the largest Prussian municipalities have bought 75,000 goats in Switzerland. The animals have been turned over to the owners of small farms in the suburbs of the cities on condition that they deliver 70 per cent of the milk obtained from the goats to the relief stations, where it is distributed among poor families with small children. The goats furnish 200,000 quarts of milk a day.

HORSES and PIGS and CATTLE

GET BEEF FROM DAIRY STOCK

Discrimination in Color in Purchasing Meat Animals—Case of Red and White Holsteins.

Of course all cattle can be divided into two great classes—those of the dairy type and those of the beef type. In some cases members of the beef type have large milking capacities. These we call general or dual-purpose animals.

But all cattle may be used for beef. In fact, it is said that some of the strictly dairy types furnish a splendid quality of meat. The reason why



Dual-Purpose Shorthorn.

dairy cattle are discriminated against for beef purposes is that the percentage of offal as compared to that of meat is so great that they are unprofitable as beef animals.

In the West recently a lot of steers were sold, some of them Shorthorn and others Holsteins. The Shorthorn steers sold for a little higher price than the Holsteins, with the exception of one. Now and then a purebred Holstein is born that is red and white, and in this lot there was one such steer. This animal sold for as much as the Shorthorns. This indicates that there is a discrimination in color in purchasing beef animals. If all the Holsteins had been red and white, they would have sold undoubtedly for as much in the market as the Shorthorns.

GIVE SHEEP SOME ATTENTION

Lambs Must Be Well Cared for in Order to Make Best Growth Before Marketing in Fall.

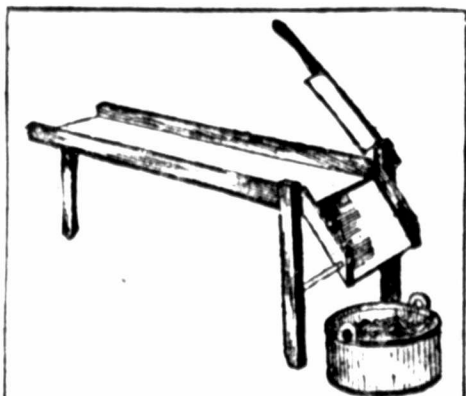
Many sheep owners have a tendency to let the sheep take care of themselves after shearing time has passed and there are so many other duties demanding attention.

Where there are young lambs they should be well cared for in order to make the best growth possible before marketing in the fall. They are hard to get in shape to sell when they have been forced to look out for themselves.

PUT FEED CUTTER TOGETHER

Body Is Made of Plank 1 by 12 Inches, and 4 Feet Long—Knife Blade Bolted on Leg.

The body of the feed cutter shown in the illustration herewith is made of plank 1 by 12 inches and 4 feet long, with sides 1 by 6 inches, one leg in the back and two in the front.



Handy Feed Cutter.

the latter 8 inches above the frame. The knife lever is bolted on left hind leg to allow using the right for cutting and to be used on the right also.

The knife may be made of a piece of crosscut saw or scythe blade. The blade is 14 inches long. With it, for example, may be cut any length.—Southern Agriculturist.

GOOD STOCK IS ON INCREASE

Farmers Begin to Realize Value of Purebred Stallion—Grade Animals Are Decreasing.

That the farmers are realizing the value of the purebred stallion is shown by the fact that the number of such horses registered has increased more than 50 per cent since 1910 and that the number of grade stallions registered has decreased more than 14 per cent in the same time.

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Resolutions

We, your committee on memorial, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, an all-wise providence of the universe has removed from our midst the beloved wife of our Brother T. H. Brooks;

Therefore, be it resolved, that Richland Lodge No. 201, O. O. F. extend to the bereaved brother and relatives our heartfelt sympathy and assure them death is only a promotion to a better life.

Be it further resolved, that while our sympathies go out to the bereaved relatives, that we bury all her imperfections beneath the clouds which rest upon her bosom, and cherish lively recollections of her virtues.

Be it further resolved that we spread a copy of this memorial upon the minutes of this lodge, and transmit a copy to the bereaved husband and the Portales Valley News.

T. C. Gunter,
J. H. Short,
L. H. Faw.

Committee.

Lost—in Portales

Young lady's coat, black plush trimmed in brown, and blue skirt. Finder leave at this office. Itp

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CONSIDER THE LILIES

By L. M. BENNINGTON.

The time has come for the annual shipments of Japanese and European lilies to reach America, and some thought must be given by prospective producers to the things that must be done in order to get results from these pretty and valuable plants.

In the first place, the amateur should be reminded—it is not necessary to tell the trained professional—that this big country has many degrees of climate. In many sections of the land the ground will be frozen before the bulbs can be received, much less planted.

A little forehanded precaution will serve to avoid the trouble that the cold brings. Manure, old bagging, or any other sort of recognized covering which will protect the ground where the bulbs are to be planted, will act as a reception committee and keep the ground ready to receive the bulbs.

After December 1 it is generally customary to defer the planting until spring, but there are many sections where such delay is not at all necessary.

Among the beautiful types that are listed among the late importations are the white lily of Japan, or Lillium Auratum Virginale Album. It has exquisitely pure white flowers, which assume very large proportions and display a sulphur-yellow band through each petal. The Lillium Auratum Wittel also has immense flowers, and is very tall and free of bloom. The color is creamy white, with a yellow band to afford relief.

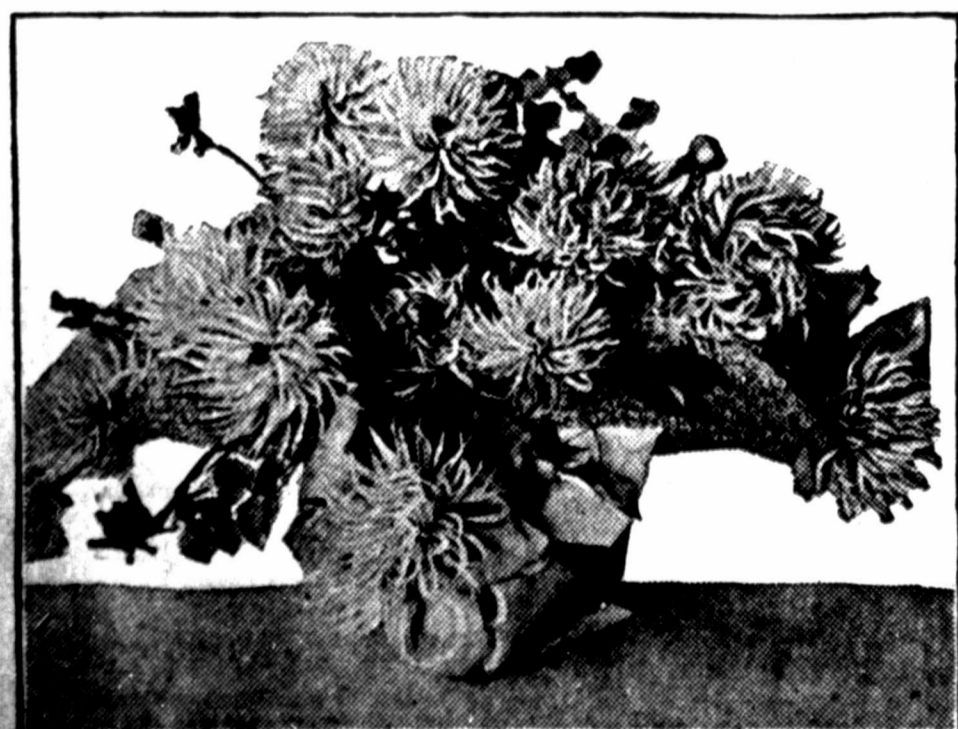
The variety listed for this season is so great that it would take a wealth of detail to tell all about the beautiful flowers. And while speaking of lilies, I am reminded of the value of the Chinese type. From a couple of plain little cuttings that were picked up in a dingy little store in New York's Chinatown, a New York woman has a most attractive house ornament.

The sprouts were simply put in a jar of water and placed over the mantle and nature did the rest. The lilies have sprouted and flourished indoors without the slightest care, save for the occasional renewal of the water, and their long, green shoots give a refreshing relief to the room where they are now persistently adding to their beauty.

MAKING THE STONES COUNT

By L. M. BENNINGTON.

There is no place where the taste and originality of the garden worker can be shown to better advantage than

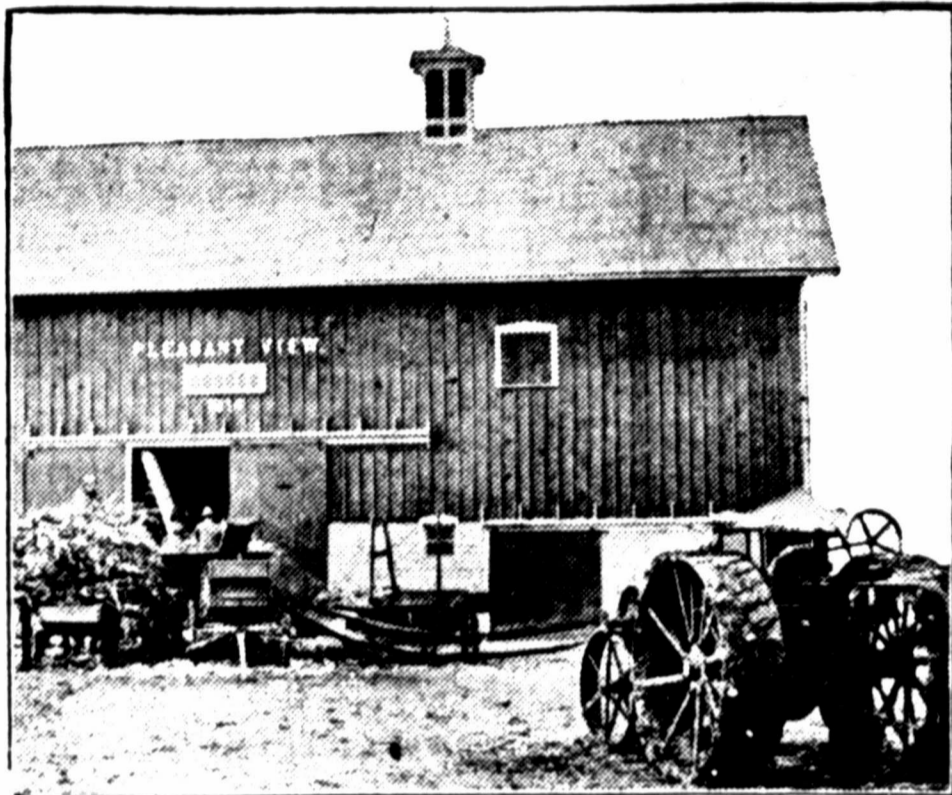


Wicker Hat Basket Centerpieces With Metal Container Filled With Cactus Cholla.

SMALL TRACTOR IS GROWING IN FAVOR

The farm tractor is generally a profitable implement if enough land is cultivated to use it economically. This is the opinion expressed by three-fourths of the 200 tractor users in Illinois to investigators of the United States department of agriculture. About one-third of the men in this list increased the acreage, on an average 120 acres to the farm, after buying the

used profitably: Two-plow tractor, 140 acres; three-plow tractor, 200 acres; four-plow tractor, 250 acres; five-plow tractor, 320 acres. The large tractor is going out of use on farms. Thirty-nine per cent of the tractor owners estimate that a four-plow tractor is the best size for use on a 750-acre farm, while only 22 per cent of the men using tractors fa-



CUTTING SILAGE WITH SMALL MACHINE.

tractors and finding that they did not have room to use them to the best advantage.

The average size of the farm on which the two-plow tractor is used is 270 acres. The average size of the farms that make room for the five-plow tractor is 420 acres.

Here is the minimum size of the farm on which the Illinois tractor owners think their machines could be

used profitably: Two-plow tractor, 140 acres; three-plow tractor, 200 acres; four-plow tractor, 250 acres; five-plow tractor, 320 acres.

The large tractor is going out of use on farms. Thirty-nine per cent of the tractor owners estimate that a four-plow tractor is the best size for use on a 750-acre farm, while only 22 per cent of the men using tractors fa-

avored the eight-plow machine. None recommended one as large as ten-plow.

That the small tractor is coming into greater use in Minnesota is the report of J. L. Mowry of the division of agricultural engineering, University farm, St. Paul. Many are favoring the three or four-plow machines, while but few find use for the large ones that were often tried a few years ago.

PROBLEM OF WINTER VEGETABLE STORAGE

Cellar Must Have Some Ventilation and Temperature Must Not Get Too Low.

(By E. F. MCKUNE, Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins.)
The problem of winter storage of vegetables is one which confronts nearly every family. Of course, the ideal place for vegetables is the root cellar, this may be located under the dwelling or separate from it.

In making the pit, the following main items should be arranged for: Ventilation—There should be a free circulation of air at all times.

Heat—The temperature should never be allowed to fall below the freezing point. It is best to keep it just above freezing.

Walls and Floor—The walls are usually concrete. The floor should be left uncoated if possible, because the moisture from the dirt will keep vegetables from drying out.

Whenever roots have to be kept in a cemented basement, place them in moist sand.

If vegetables have to be kept in the furnace room, there is very little that can be done to extend their keeping qualities.

As a summary, it may be said that vegetables should be kept cool, moist, and in a dark place.

RHUBARB FORCED IN CELLAR IN WINTER

No Special Provision Will Have to Be Made—Little Ventilation Is Needed.

(By H. W. DOYLE, Department of Agriculture, Kansas.)

Anyone having a dark cellar can force rhubarb in midwinter. It need cause no objectionable odors nor excessive dampness. Very little space is required, a small bed in a corner answering.

It is necessary to completely exclude daylight so that the stalks will grow upright and have good coloring and to discourage leaf development. Dim artificial light is not injurious. To shut off the light it is usually necessary to erect wooden partitions or use curtains of old carpet or similar material. Very little ventilation is needed, and no special provision will have to be made for it. Spread two or three inches of loose garden loam over the cellar floor.

Ten roots will produce an abundance for the average family. Should one bunch of roots cease bearing remove them and put in a new supply. Select roots from two to five years of age, the thrifter and stronger the better. Almost any variety will force. A most important factor in success is to allow the roots to remain in the ground until thoroughly frozen.

How to Plant It.

Dig the plants in the fall, retaining as much dirt as possible among the roots, and leave them outside to freeze; or they may be purchased. Trim the roots slightly to make a smooth bed and take to the cellar. Set the clumps as close together as possible and fill in underneath and between

HIGH COST OF LIVING

This is a serious matter with housekeepers as food prices are constantly going up. To overcome this, cut out the high priced meat dishes and serve your family more Skinner's Macaroni and spaghetti, the cheapest, most delicious and most nutritious of all foods. Write the Skinner Mfg. Co., Omaha, Neb., for beautiful cook book, telling how to prepare it in a hundred different ways. It's free to every woman.—Adv.

Valuable By-Products.

The value of tar, ammonia and benzol products removed in the manufacture of artificial gas in municipal plants and at by-product coke ovens in this country in 1915 was nearly \$25,000,000.

A Long Wait.

Police (giving evidence)—After being ejected from the cinema, he was discovered on the doorstep of the back entrance to the picture-palace.

Magistrate—Did he give any reason for his extraordinary behavior?

Police—His speech was very indistinct, yer worship, but from what I could gather, 'e was waiting to see Mary Pickford 'ome.—Passing Show.

RED CROSS—GOODNESS YES.

Red Cross Ball Blue, yes. Nothing else will do. Red Cross Ball Blue makes my clothes a beautiful clear white, not the dingy yellow green tinge of liquid blue. Red Cross Ball Blue for me. Yes sir, Bob.—Adv.

Awful Good Time.

The children returned from the party, where they had been guests of Johnny and Susie Wilkins.

"Did you behave yourselves nicely?" mother asked.

"Sure we did."

"Then you had a good time, didn't you?"

"We had an awful good time," they answered. "Johnny and Susie both got lickings."—Newark News.

Spartan Women Suffered Untold Tortures but who wants to be a Spartan? Take "Femina" for all female disorders. Price 50c and \$1.00.—Adv.

Suggesting a Change.

Willie is six years old, and when his mother punished him recently he did not resent it, but decided to have it out with her.

"It hurts you to whip me, doesn't it, mother?" he said.

"Yes, dear," said his mother, "it hurts me very much."

"And you only do it to make me good?"

"Yes, dear."

"Well, mother, forget it next time and it will make me gooder."

Pimples, boils, carbuncles, dry up and disappear with Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. In tablets or liquid.—Adv.

Safer Plan.

The poet may hitch his wagon to a star, but the wise man anchors his ship to the earth.

Anger manages everything badly.

DO YOU FEEL BILIOUS?

IS YOUR APPETITE POOR?

IS YOUR DIGESTION WEAK?

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HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

Of Course!

"She looked killing."
"How can a woman look killing?" demanded the purist.

"I suppose it is when she looks daggers," answers the resourceful party of the first part.

AVOID A DOCTOR'S BILL

on the first of the month by taking now a bottle of Mansfield Cough Balsam for that hacking, hollow cough. Price 25c and 50c.—Adv.

No man ever gets discouraged in trying to live without labor.

Few men are disappointed in love until after they face the parson.

Strong Drinks Irritate

Strong drinks like beer, whiskey, tea and coffee, irritate the kidneys and habitual use tends to weaken them. Daily backache, with headache, nervousness, dizzy spells and a rheumatic condition should be taken as a warning of kidney trouble. Cut out, or at least moderate, the stimulant, and use Doan's Kidney Pills. They are fine for weak kidneys. Thousands recommend them.

An Oklahoma Case

James Driscoll, 212 E. Avenue, Lawton, Okla., says: "I had weakness across my kidneys and it steadily got worse until it was hard for me to stoop or lift. I tried plasters, but the trouble always came back. Finally, I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills and after I had used a few boxes, I was cured."

Get Doan's at Any Store, 50c a Box
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GOOD GRIT SUPPLY IS MOST ESSENTIAL

Not Only Keeps Fowls in Good State of Health, but Decreases Feed Bill.

When grit is not supplied some of the grain is not reduced sufficiently to make it available for assimilation, and it passes through the body as waste. The supplying of grit regularly then is real economy not only in keeping the fowls in a good state of health, but in the saving of food.

Many farmers supply their hens no grit, they believe that hens on range will find all that is needed. Some soils contain very little grit, and where the hens have ranged over a field for, perhaps, 10 or 20 years, the natural supply of grit may have become entirely exhausted. Unless one is certain that the range supplies an adequate quantity of grit, it will pay to buy the commercial article and keep it before the hens all the time.

Grit can be supplied in a limited way by breaking up pieces of broken pottery, china and glassware to the proper size. Walnut and hickory nut shells are also good. The grit must be irregular in shape and contain sharp edges.

BAD FEED IS CAUSE OF HOG DYSENTERY

Close, Unsanitary Quarters Also Encourage Disease Among Young Porkers.

(By G. W. BARNES, Live Stock Specialist, Arizona Agricultural Experiment Station.)

Dysentery is generally due to bad feed and to close unsanitary quarters, and often causes great loss in young pigs, where we have been called upon in regard to dysentery it has been found that the mother's quarters were wet and filthy. Plenty of room and sunshine, sanitary surroundings and feeding nothing except clean, wholesome food at regular intervals until the animals are back on their feet again, is the best treatment.

Health for Sick Women

For Forty Years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Has Been Woman's Most Reliable Medicine—Here is More Proof.

To women who are suffering from some form of woman's special ills, and have a constant fear of breaking down, the three following letters ought to bring hope:—



North Crandon, Wis.—"When I was 16 years old I got married and at 18 years I gave birth to twins and it left me with very poor health. I could not walk across the floor without having to sit down to rest and it was hard for me to keep about and do my work. I went to a doctor and he told me I had a displacement and ulcers, and would have to have an operation. This frightened me so much that I did not know what to do. Having heard of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I thought I would give it a trial and it made me as well as ever. I cannot say enough in favor of the Pinkham remedies."—Mrs. M. A. McCasland, North Crandon, Wis.

Testimony from Oklahoma.

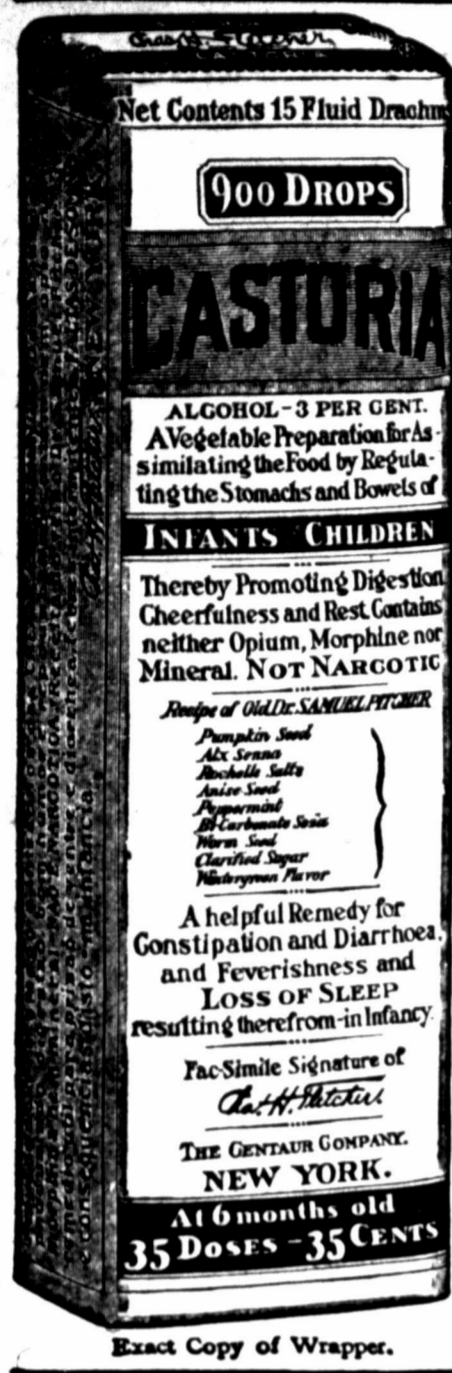
Lawton, Okla.—"When I began to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I seemed to be good for nothing. I tired easily and had headaches much of the time and was irregular. I took it again before my little child was born and it did me a wonderful amount of good at that time. I never fail to recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to ailing women because it has done so much for me."—Mrs. A. L. McCasland, 509 Hove St., Lawton, Okla.

From a Grateful Massachusetts Woman.

Roxbury, Mass.—"I was suffering from inflammation and was examined by a physician who found that my trouble was caused by a displacement. My symptoms were bearing down pains, backache, and sluggish liver. I tried several kinds of medicine; then I was asked to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It has cured me and I am pleased to be in my usual good health by using it and highly recommend it."—Mrs. B. M. Osgood, 1 Haynes Park, Roxbury, Mass.

If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.





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Y. M. C. A. EXTENDS ITS WORK

War Has Enabled Organization to Gain a Foothold in Both Austria and Russia.

The Y. M. C. A. is one of the biggest and most efficient religious undertakings in the world. So practical is the nature of its work, and so carefully are its finances administered by competent business men that it is easier to raise money for Y. M. C. A. than for any other religious work. Plans for its world-wide activities next year call for the expenditure of \$4,500,000. The war has enlarged its European field, and \$2,000,000 of the budget will be spent there. From Switzerland to central Russia the association is now maintaining 250 graded schools and colleges which the instructors as well as students are prisoners of war. The total enrollment approximates 3,250,000 men. For the first time in its history the Y. M. C. A. has gained a foothold in Austria and Russia. There is no other religious organization that could have so promptly and so efficiently taken up the opportunities for service offered by the European war, ministering to Jews, Catholics and Protestants, all on equal footing. Along the Texas border where American troops have been stationed, the Y. M. C. A. has founded stations, and nearly 40 schools in which Spanish is the most popular course. Half a million dollars has been laid out for the work in Texas, and a million for the industrial department in various railroad centers throughout the country.—Leslie's.

A pear tree on the farm of J. S. Engle, in Shoemakersville, Pa., one hundred and sixty-three years old, is bearing fruit.

Motor cars fitted with X-ray apparatus are used extensively by the French Red Cross society.

Judge Steers of Brooklyn, N. Y., rules that a husband may legally spank a wife who refuses kisses.

The spilled milk of human kindness is the only kind worth crying over.

Tokio has 2,244,796 inhabitants.

A Growing Custom!

The custom of placing Grape-Nuts on the table at all meals is growing in American homes.

Both children and grown-ups help themselves to this delicious food as often as they like. It contains the entire nutriment of wheat and barley, digests quickly, and is wonderfully energizing.

Every table should have its daily ration of

Grape-Nuts

"There's a Reason"

KNOWN WHAT HE WOULD DO

Pretty Schoolteacher Evidently Had Inspired Affection in Heart of Boy Pupil.

A charming schoolteacher whose smile brings happiness to everyone and who, moreover, has that greatest blessing, a sense of humor, tells this on herself.

She teaches what is known by some as a "subnormal" school (which very often is more normal than "sub") and the other morning several of her pupils were gathered around her reading a very interesting (?) story, such as is printed in school readers, and one sentence ran, "The little Japanese girl greeted them warmly, etc."

"What is meant by 'greet'?" asked the teacher, who by the way was showing off her pupils and the method of teaching them to an interested young man who had been brought in by the principal to watch her labors.

There was a great deal of brow-puckering and the word "greet" failed to register on any brain. Finally she said, "If I were to come into the room where you were, what would you do?"

There was a second silence and puzzled looks and then (from a tall boy of sixteen): "I'd hug you."

The visitor, with his handkerchief to his mouth, sped from the room, and his shouts of laughter could be heard a block, while the teacher, with cheeks covered with blushes, carefully explained "greet" as it was meant in the school reader.—Columbus Dispatch.

Entertaining Was Too Strenuous.

A five-year-old boy had spent the morning at the home of a neighbor, who owns a beautiful collie pup. The youngster and little dog had romped about the lawn in high glee until, in play, the collie scratched the lad's leg with its teeth. Hurrying home the child told his mother the dog had bit him and that he was not going over to see its owner again.

"You should be ashamed to talk that way, son," the mother replied. "You know you love the puppy and the L's have been lovely to you. They have entertained you all morning!"

"Entertained? Entertained?" exclaimed the boy. "They have entertained me for the dog over there to chew on."

What He Would Do.

It was his first night on guard, and, of course, Mike Flinerty was on the watch against officers and such-like questioning him on his duties.

As it happened, he was at a station guarding a magazine of powder that had arrived during the day. Suddenly the orderly officer came around and, after the usual formalities, commenced to question Mike.

Officer—What would you do if the magazine blew up?

Mike—Go up with the report, sir.

Of Foreign Growth.

"I studied painting abroad," said the artist, with conscious pride.

"That explains it," said his rustic critic. "I knew I had never seen a cow like that in this country."

Proof of Her Economy.

"Is your wife economical?"



WEASEL'S HABITS.

"Peter Gnome," commenced Daddy, "was taking a Walk one day.

"I think I will Call on Mr. Giant," he said to himself. But on the way to Mr. Giant's Cave he met a very Queer-looking Animal.

"And who are you?" he asked.

"I'm Mr. Weasel," replied the Animal.

"I never saw you before," said Peter Gnome. "Will you tell me something about yourself? I am very much interested in Strangers. Not that I don't like my Friends, too," he added hastily. "But there is always something interesting and Queer about a new Creature."

"And I'm certainly interesting," said the Weasel proudly.

"You're certainly Queer to look at," said Peter Gnome, "for your Legs are so short and your Body is so long and thin. And yes, yes, it's true!" Peter Gnome had been Walking around the Weasel as though he were measuring distances. "Yes, it's true," he repeated. "Your Tail is as long as your Body. Well, that's a pretty good Joke." Peter Gnome sat down by the Weasel and laughed hard.

"And is there any reason," said the Weasel, "why I shouldn't have as long a Tail as I wish? I like it long. Yes,



"You're Certainly Queer."

I do," Mr. Weasel almost seemed Angry.

"Please," said Peter Gnome, "don't be Cross. I don't in the least object if your Tail is as long as your Body. It's just Queer—that's all. Of course, I wouldn't like to have a Tail that long. I'd want one as short as possible. And I'm pretty glad, as a matter of fact, that I haven't any Tail at all."

"That's because you don't know what you're talking about," said the Weasel. "There's such Joy in having a long Tail. Yes, such joy!"

"Peter Gnome didn't quite understand what the Weasel meant by the Joy of having such a long Tail. But he did not think he had better talk any more or he wouldn't hear about the Weasel's ways and habits."

"Talk to me, Mr. Weasel," said Peter Gnome politely.

"Mr. Weasel looked up with his sharp, pointed face, and seeing that Peter Gnome was really interested he began his Story.

"I live," he said, "in an old Barn. My Food is principally made up of Rats and Mice."

"Eh?" shivered Peter Gnome.

"Oh, I know," said the Weasel, "that we would never like the same things."

"I don't believe we would," said Peter Gnome.

"And I can go through Holes!" said the Weasel proudly. "That's why my Body is so thin. It can slip through any Hole at all! Oh, it's very fine to be like I am!"

"I suppose it is," agreed Peter Gnome. "If you like Rats and Mice for Food. Do you go into the Holes after them?"

"To be sure I do," said the Weasel. "And I can get through Cracks in Stone Walls. That's why I am sometimes called a Ferret—because I can get through tiny places."

"Oh, is that what Ferret means?" said Peter Gnome. "I am very glad to know!"

"I can tell you more about myself," said the Weasel.

"Do," said Peter Gnome.

"I have different Suits for different Seasons. In fact for a Creature who goes through Holes I am very Fashionable and like to change my Suit quite often."

"How often?" asked Peter Gnome, as the Weasel didn't look so very Fashionable.

"In the Summer," said the Weasel, "I wear a fine brown and white Suit. In the Autumn I wear a black Suit. That's what I'm wearing now. Simple, but good, eh?"

"Very nice," said Peter Gnome. He really didn't think it was so especially nice.

"And in the Winter," continued the Weasel, "I wear my white Suit. That's my really handsome Suit. I match the Snow. It is the correct thing to do I think. The Snow is so beautiful I like to pay it a high compliment."

CALOMEL SICKENS! IT'S MERCURY! DANGER

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You're bilious! Your liver is sluggish! You feel lazy, dizzy and all knocked out. Your head is dull, your tongue is coated; breath bad; stomach sour and bowels constipated. But don't take salivating calomel. It makes you sick, you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel crashes into sour bile like dynamite, breaking it up. That's when you feel that awful nausea and cramping.

If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone tonight. Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal money-back guarantee that each spoon-

ful will clean your sluggish liver better than a dose of nasty calomel and that it won't make you sick.

Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working, your headache and dizziness gone, your stomach will be sweet and your bowels regular. You will feel like working; you'll be cheerful; full of vigor and ambition.

Dodson's Liver Tone is entirely vegetable, therefore harmless, and can not salivate. Give it to your children. Millions of people are using Dodson's Liver Tone instead of dangerous calomel now. Your druggist will tell you that the sale of calomel is almost stopped entirely here.—Adv.

Improvement.

Mrs. Josiah Cowles, the new president of the National Federation of Women's Clubs, was talking in New York about dress.

"Women, once they get interested in our movement," she said, "dress more sensibly. They give less thought to dress. I may claim, in fact," Mrs. Cowles smiles—"I may claim in fact," she ended, "that these women start making their own clothes and stop picking their friends' clothes to pieces."—Exchange.

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The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

Too Bad, Indeed.

Mrs. Commuter had lain awake with a headache till one o'clock. Then in the balance of the night she had responded to several calls for a drink, a doll, and all the other nocturnal infantile orders. At five in the morning, as she was just beginning to round out the first continuous hour of slumber, the little six-year-old girl called softly from her nearby crib:

"Mother."

"No answer. Again, a little louder: "Mother!"

"Mother said nothing. Again the child's voice, this time mezzo forte: "Mother!"

"Well, what is it?"

"Mother, isn't it too bad that one of Harry McCole's polliwogs died?"

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Not the Simple Life.

Little Dorothy had acquired a fixed habit of eating Sunday dinner with her two old and beloved friends, the Browns, who lived just across the street. Coming home she found her own family seated at their table enjoying a substantial but plain dinner. A slight wave of contempt crossed her face.

"Why, what did you have for dinner?" her mother asked.

"Baked chicken, rice, hot biscuits, mashed potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, cranberries, plum jelly and other delicacies," boldly asserted the little maid. "The Christian Herald."

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Only Hinted It.

George was an imp, his sister said, and she thought her mother ought to raise her children better, which made mother laugh.

"What has poor George done now?" asked mother. "Well, if you want to know," said Grace, aged sixteen, "he came into the parlor and asked Charlie to give him some money. The very idea of begging!" she exclaimed, as George himself came into the room.

"I did not ask him for money," George indignantly denied. "I said that Grace's beaus gave me a quarter every time they saw me, except one, and he was a tightwad."

Quite a Different Thing.

The beautiful girl's smiles changed to a dark frown.

"You deceiver!" she hissed. "I hate you!"

"The young man dropped his hat in astonishment.

"Hate me?" he gasped; "why it was only yesterday you said you loved every hair on my head."

"Yes, villain; but not every hair on your shoulder!" as she held aloft a long golden one.—Stray Stories.

Loaded Up.

"The A's nothing in the man you pointed out to me."

"Nothing in him! Well, when I left him he was on his eighth highball."

NEWS OF BINGER

Binger, Okla.—"I had one knee hurt in which rheumatism set in. After I was able to walk I hurt my back very badly loading wood. I sent for four boxes of Anuric Tablets and had taken hardly two boxes when I was completely cured. I have not had a twinge of rheumatism since. I know Anuric did me more good than all the other medicine I ever took."

"I let a neighbor have one box. He was down with his back, and it did him a world of good. My mother and father have taken the remainder. They have used Dr. Pierce's medicines for years."—MR. W. B. PHILLIPS, Route 1, Box 72.—Adv.

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Commissioners Proceedings

Proceedings of the board of county commissioners of Roosevelt county, at a recessed session of the regular October, 1916, term thereof, held at the court house in Portales, New Mexico, Thursday, December 8, 1916.

Present, C. V. Harris, chairman; S. E. Johnson, commissioner and J. W. Ballow, clerk.

Election Proclamation

Pursuant to Section 3225, chapter 24 of the compiled laws of 1897.

It is the order of the board of county commissioners of Roosevelt county, New Mexico, that an election be and is hereby called to be held in all the precincts of Roosevelt county, on the second Monday of January, 1917, being the 8th day of January, 1917, for the purpose of electing one Justice of the Peace and one Constable in each of said precincts of said county; said election to be held in accordance with the laws of the state of New Mexico, governing Justice of the Peace elections.

The following judges are, by the board, appointed for the purpose of holding said election in the various precincts, to-wit:

- Precinct No. 1. C. W. Terry, G. E. Johnston, Bascom Howard.
- 2. C. J. Mackey, A. A. Beeman, C. L. Collins.
- 3. J. M. Cheek, W. D. Chapman, C. M. Johnson.
- 4. N. B. Bingham, J. E. Nash, M. B. Hawkins.
- 5. J. W. Cowart, W. H. Catt, A. B. Foreman.
- 6. Hance Arnold, W. F. Page, J. L. Swafford.
- 7. J. H. C. Pope, W. J. Ward, Ham Hill.
- 8. J. F. Wasmer, G. A. Bailey, H. W. Davidson.
- 9. W. R. McGill, W. N. Spencer, H. G. King.
- 10. Ben Robinson, W. M. Wilson, G. W. Jolly.
- 11. R. J. Kendall, Chas. Maxwell, W. VanWinkle.
- 12. Arthur Littlejohn, W. C. Carter, G. W. McMahan.
- 13. W. J. Phillips, O. D. Douglass, F. A. Williamson.
- 14. J. F. Self, W. J. Ball, P. W. Hendrickson.
- 15. J. C. English, A. G. Blakey, J. M. Riley.
- 16. J. H. Carder, J. E. Tollett, B. B. Greathouse.
- 17. Jim Stinson, C. C. Price, D. A. Lee.
- 18. Will Gore, L. L. Peach, W. G. Upton.
- 19. Joe Rich, H. A. McCall, J. F. Morgan.
- 20. Virgil Frank, James Smith, M. E. Cooper.
- 21. A. A. Cribbs, A. S. Pearson, J. T. Turner.
- 22. E. P. Russell, Bert Tibbet, W. H. Lawrence.
- 23. G. H. Clary, J. S. Yerks, W. H. Beck.
- 24. J. W. Todd, E. C. Cummings, T. A. Higgins.
- 25. A. W. Miller, Perry Miller, G. W. Dye.
- 26. Arthur Bird, L. S. Horney, H. P. Hardt.
- 27. W. T. Bell, J. H. Garrett, E. F. Noblett.

November Honor Roll, Portales Public Schools

- Following are pupils who have a standing of, at least 90 in all subjects and departments:
- First grade: Martin Johnson, Jewel Atkinson, Annie Jones.
- Second grade: Rachel Jones, Dorothy Blanton, Tom Davis.
- Third grade: Stella Duncan.
- Fourth grade: Mildred Murrell, Robert Puckett, Grayden Hough.
- Fifth grade: Jim Crow, Vera Bell, Maxine Dameron, Lydia Cox, Glenn Setser, Weimar Norris.
- Sixth grade: Lavon Brown, Kenneth Bell, Ruth Watson, Mildred Ellis.
- Seventh grade: Mardell Morrison, Helen Humphrey, Madge Knapp, Maurine Priddy.
- Eighth grade: Mary Jones, Mae Ferguson.
- High school: Sanford Fairly, Heck Harris, John Biggerstaff, Otis Crawford, Victor Marshall, Howard Hext, Marion Stinnett, Esther Marrs.

- 5. School house.
- 6. School house.
- 7. Horton's store.
- 8. School house.
- 9. Spencer building.
- 10. Wilson Bros. old store.
- 11. Anderson's store.
- 12. School house.
- 13. Union school house.
- 14. Old Latson house.
- 15. School house.
- 16. School house.
- 17. Price's store.
- 18. Store house.
- 19. School house.
- 20. School house.
- 21. School house.
- 22. Perry school house.
- 23. School house.
- 24. School house.
- 25. School house.
- 26. School house.
- 27. Cox store.
- 28. Lasater's store.

C. V. Harris, Chairman.

Attest: J. W. Ballow, Clerk.

The following bills were examined and approved and the clerk was ordered to draw warrants in payment of same, to-wit:

- J. E. Morrison, commission on taxes \$ 5.40
- J. W. Ballow, office expense 30.60
- S. Howell, C. & J. repairs 1.30
- M. B. Jones, office expense 50.00
- M. B. Jones, office expense 86.61

No further business appearing at this time, it is now ordered that court take a recess until the next regular meeting unless sooner convened by order of the chairman.

C. V. Harris, Chairman.

Attest: J. W. Ballow, Clerk.

Eastern Star Meeting

All members of the Eastern Star, chapter No. 26, are urgently requested to be present on next Thursday night, December 14th. At this time the annual election of officers will take place, as well as other important business.

Mrs. S. F. Culberson, W. M.

Anderson-Lyda

Mr. Charley Anderson, of the Bethel community, and Miss Mayme Lyda, of Lacy, were united in marriage last Sunday at 4.30 p. m. at Rev. A. N. Kennedy's residence, he speaking the words that made them one. We wish for them a long, happy and useful life. Both were very popular in the communities where they lived.

Doss Items

The health of the community seems to be very good at present. Mrs. J. A. Tinsley seems to have a bad attack of erysipelas, though she is better at this writing.

The Doss people met Thanksgiving and spread a nice dinner at the school house and everyone enjoyed themselves very much.

Our community has been visited by another snow since we last wrote.

The writer had the pleasure of entertaining Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pruitt, formerly of Slidell, Tex. We are glad to have Jack come back and be in our midst again.

Mrs. Thromorton visited the home of the writer last week.

There will be Sunday school every Sunday morning at ten o'clock and preaching on the second, third and fourth Sundays. Come out - you are invited. There is also prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Come and be with us.

School is progressing nicely, Professor Graves reports.

We are glad to report the wheat looking nice at this time.

One of Grand Pa Cox's sons, of Oklahoma, has moved into our good country and says this looks good to him. That is what they all say. The writer has been here in New Mexico for ten years and that is what he says.

Quite a Snow Thursday

On Thursday Roosevelt county was the recipient of quite a liberal snow storm, at least, it was quite liberal for this neck of the woods. However, it melted almost as fast as it fell.

Carl Turner is in Fort Worth, Texas, with another car of fat hogs. Mr. Turner ships about twice every month.

Coming - God's Half Acre.

Portales School Notes

The third month of the Portales schools ended November 27th. The total enrollment to that date was 494. There were twenty enrolled during the third month, fourteen dropped from the roll during the month, and 452 on the roll at the end of the month. The daily attendance for the month was 428, daily absence 28, not tardy 362, and 263 not absent.

The school had two visits by trustees during the month and 88 other visitors. Teachers were absent one and a half days. There are 171 pupils who have not been absent this year, thus far, and 272 not tardy, 141 who have been neither absent nor tardy.

Parents, please see that your pupils of the higher grammar grades and high school study at night. If your child's monthly grades are low, it is a good indication of lack of application. Please cooperate for more home study. The work is assigned, if the boy or girl loafs at night it is not the fault of the teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Jones Entertain

Tuesday night, December 5th, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Jones entertained a round dozen at a cafeteria supper. Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Mears, Mr. and Mrs. Ed J. Neer, Mr. and Mrs. Inda Humphrey, Mrs. G. M. Williamson, and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Oldham were present. This supper was the most unique entertainment of the season and all voted the Jones the entertainers.

Plan to see the first productions of photoplays ever shown in the city during the holidays, at the Cosy Theatre.

New Mexico Military Institute

The need of an adequate appropriation for the New Mexico Military institute will be one of the first things brought to the attention of the incoming legislature when it meets in Santa Fe early in January. In pursuance of the policy of advancing the educational interests of the state it is felt that ample provision should be made for an institution which has been one of the most effective factors in bringing New Mexico before the eyes of the world as an up-to-date, progressive commonwealth.

The unusual spectacle was presented at the opening of the session of 1916-1917 of the institute of one of the state's leading educational institutions not being able to accommodate all the applicants for admission. Hagerman barracks, the largest students' dormitory building in the state, was wholly inadequate for the demands upon it, and it was necessary to put new cadets in temporary tents erected for emergency purposes in order to keep from turning young men away who were desirous of availing themselves of the advantages of the school.

In addition to the need of more barrack room, it has become imperatively necessary to provide an addition to the mess hall of the institute, as the present dining room is not nearly large enough for the needs of the institution. A place sufficiently large for the cadets to eat and sleep is the simple request that is to be made of the legislature by the authorities of the institute.

New Mexico has never been so prosperous as she is at present, and her people are keenly alive to the necessity of providing ade-

quate educational facilities for the young men and young women of the state. Liberality has been shown towards other state institutions and it is believed that a liberal appropriation will be made by the incoming legislature for the New Mexico Military institute.

The Stuff Sold High

At the Walker sale, a short time back, there was quite a number of live stock offered and, without exception, each one brought a good price and, in many instances, more than they could have been sold for at private sale. Mr. Walker was rather doubtful as to the wisdom of putting up live stock a public auction at this particular time for the reason that he was afraid that the high price of feed would stop most of the buyers, but this appeared to have no effect on the bidders, whatever. John W. Ballow, county recorder, was the clerk and Erle E. Forbes, of Clovis, auctioneer.

Walter Crow, at the creamery, will buy your hides.

Mrs. A. J. Watson Dead

Mrs. A. J. Watson, who was injured in an automobile wreck near Portales about two weeks ago, died Wednesday from the effects of her injuries. She was hurt about the head and other places and was unconscious for several hours and, when finally she was brought to, it was found that she was paralyzed on the left side and the face. But little hope was entertained for her recovery from the first, the physicians believing that it was only a question of days until death would ensue. She was about fifty-eight years old.

Walter Crow, at the creamery, will buy your hides.





Old Style

Above is the old-fashioned type of automobile spring still being used by many motor car manufacturers. It gives the car a violent "throw" on every rebound. Most of the automobiles that ride uncomfortably do so on account of the "throw" in this kind of springs. They are back breakers.



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