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Kochmstedt-Brown

Fred S. Kochmstedt, formerly a member of the Eighth Cavalry band and Miss Allie Brown of Marfa, were, on December 27, 1919, at the home of the bride's parents in Los Angeles, Cal., united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Mr. Kochmstedt's home before joining the army was at Landon, N. Dakota. When the Saber was printed in the New Era office, he was one of the most active and efficient typists on the staff and was a va friend of the New Era. Miss Allie was raised in the county, has taught school in Marfa and at the last election was selected as superintendent of Presidio county's schools. The New Era extends congratulations and wishes for them a happy and prosperous New Year.

Kendall-Scarborough Wedding

On December 30, 1919, Sergt. Win Addison Kendall and Miss Frances Ethel Scarborough were united in marriage by Rev. Parrish at the Methodist Parsonage. Quite a number of their friends were present. Miss Scarborough is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Scarborough of Harper, Texas, and has been in Marfa the eight months, connected with the Camp Supply office. Miss Scarborough has made many friends here who wish for her much happiness.

Sergt. Kendall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kendall of Gainesville, he having returned from overseas in May, 1919, and stayed in Marfa for the past few months and we congratulate him on winning such a charming young lady for his life companion.

Following the ceremony the bridal couple were entertained with a 7 o'clock dinner at the Crown Cafe, the following being in attendance: Misses Joe Eberspacher, Mamie Burnham, Mrs. Wheeler, Harry Young, Lt. Willard and Ben A. Avant.

Advertising Rates to be Increased

By the 1st of January the New Era expects to move into a new location, with several thousand dollars of new up-to-date equipment and material added. We expect to be able to do any kind of job work, competing with eastern prices, and owing to the additional expense, also to the high price of material, labor, etc., beginning March 1st the rates must be increased. Therefore from said date advertising rates will be as follows:

- Display ad., run of paper, except first page, 25c per inch.
- Readers, run of paper, per line, 10c.
- Readers, black face, run of paper, per line, 15c.
- One-half page or more, 20c per inch.
- Ads in plate form, 15c per inch.

The Casner Auto Sales Co

The Casner Motor Company have recently moved into their new home. It is the largest and most up-to-date automobile establishment in West Texas, and shortly they expect to make it the largest in the southwest.

They are prepared to give the best service possible, having about fifteen employees and keeping open day and night. They are prepared to do anything as painting, trimming, car washing, tire vulcanizing, battery charging and all kinds of mechanical work.

Patronize home enterprises, and help them succeed. Their success helps us all.

New Telephone Line to Connect West Texas Ranches

Work has commenced on the Rio Grande Valley Telephone Company line from Fabens to Marfa, Texas. A force of 20 men under the direction of A. E. Smith of Fabens, will do the work. The total length of the completed line will be 195 miles and the cost of installation is estimated at \$75,000.

Judge P. A. Hazzard of Sierra Blanca has been elected president of the new telephone company; A. E. Smith of Fabens is vice-president; L. J. Potthoff, Fabens, secretary, and W. L. Ammonett, Sierra Blanca, treasurer.

The directors of the company are: P. A. Hazzard, Sierra Blanca; W. L. Ammonett, Sierra Blanca; Thos. B. Love, Sierra Blanca; James M. Dougherty, Van Horn; C. O. Finley, Valentine; T. C. Mitchell, Marfa; Frank Anderson, Marfa; A. E. Smith, Fabens; J. A. Krakauer, El Paso.

Mr. Nash of El Paso has been over the proposed line several times and has been very active in creating an interest in this important enterprise.

Pretty Wedding in St. Paul's

A pretty Christmas wedding was solemnized in Saint Paul's Episcopal church, Wednesday, December 31, 1919, at noon, when Mr. Harvey John Bell and Miss Dorothy Dotts Dodd, were united in holy matrimony according to the ancient rites of the Episcopal church. The ring ceremony was used by the rector, the Rev. Clarence S. McClellan, Jr., who officiated. Among those of the bridal party were Mr. and Mrs. Wilham Henry Dodd, parents of the bride.

Notice to Members

There will be an interesting meeting of the Brotherhood of the Christian church held at the home of Mrs. L. C. Brite next Tuesday night, January 13. There has been arranged an interesting program for the occasion and all male members of the church are urged to be present.

M. Wilkinson, Secretary.

T. M. WILSON, President
T. C. MITCHELL, Vice President

KARL H. WORD, Cashier
HEN S. AVANT, Asst. Cashier

NO. 499

THE MARFA STATE BANK

MARFA, TEXAS.

Statement of Financial Condition, Computed at the Close of Business, Dec 31, 1919

Resources	Liabilities
Loans and Discounts \$333,658.77	Capital Stock \$ 50,000.00
U. S. Bonds and W. S. S. 11,859.57	Surplus Earned 48,000.00
Overdrafts 843.57	Undivided Profits Net 121.12
Banking House Fix. & Fictures .. 23,000.00	Deposits 405,022.66
Inst. and Ass'n's Guaranty Fund .. 4,844.77	
Cash and Sight Exchange 128,938.58	
	\$553,143.78

The above Statement is correct. KARL H. WORD, Cashier

A Word About Fire Insurance

It would cost you about five as much to replace your property today as it originally cost to build a few years ago. If the amount of insurance you are carrying is based upon values of three or four years back then you will be in bad fix if you have a fire. Insurance is cheap. Your policy will become effective the minute you telephone us.

J. Humphris

We Write Every Form of Insurance

Public Stenographer

Notary Public

Stock Notes

W. B. Mitchell shipped recently to the Fort Worth Market three carloads of calves and two of fat cows. Bennett and Willis McCutcheon were in the city January 3rd and shipped three carloads of fat cattle to Fort Worth.

W. G. Moore was in Marfa Thursday and received four loads of fat cattle which he shipped to Fort Worth for Mrs. T. A. Childers.

George Newton of Valentine has on his ranch the last of the Longhorns. The steer is about eight years of age and its horns from tip to tip will measure, according to sight estimates, over nine feet. It has been suggested that the Stockmen's Club of Marfa purchase and have him stuffed.

Mr. Mitchell of San Antonio has been receiving this week the 1919 crop from the Childers ranch. He expects to place them on the San Estevan ranch, recently leased from Judge W. W. Bogel.

L. C. Brite, president of the Panhandle and Southwestern Stockmen's Association, has appointed the following delegates to the American National Livestock Association to convene at Spokane, Washington, on January 27, 28 and 29, 1920: H. L. Kokernot, San Antonio; T. D. Love, Sierra Blanca; W. F. Scarborough, Midland, Texas; H. L. Johnson, Wilcox, Ariz.; T. A. Spencer, Carrizozo, New Mexico and E. T. Davis, Erick, Okla.

At this convention business of the greatest importance to the cattle industry, and many perplexing problems confronting the nation will be discussed.

Some of the cattle shipments from Presidio county during the month of December were: Mitchell Bros., Marfa, to the Southwestern Commission Company, Fort Worth, 8 cars of cattle; Coughran, Marfa, to San Antonio, 2 cars of horses; J. B. Love, Marfa, shipped from Ryan, 13 cars of cows to B. F. Gorder, Sanderson.

Finley Makes Good Showing

"I haven't found a more beautiful structure in the territory adjacent to El Paso than the one in the Finley district," said Horace B. Patton, Ph. D., geologist, who is making a structure contour map for the Finlay-Tampico Oil Company. He has returned from a three weeks' visit to the company's holdings.

"The company is well justified in preparing to drill for oil in this district," he continued. "I found there what is called a 'closed structure,' making a dome four by seven and a half miles. I found cretaceous and Pennsylvania formations, either of which would be reasonable basis for looking for oil, as they contain fossiliferous limestone shale in large quantities. In the cretaceous formation especially, which is 1000 feet thick, there is an abundance of reservoirs."

For 24 years Dr. Patton was professor of geology in the Colorado school of mines. Although his home is in Golden, Colo., and his offices Denver, Dr. Patton has spent much of his time during the last year making surveys in the oil fields of Texas and in the prospective fields of New Mexico.

The holdings of this company are mostly in Presidio county, and the "closed structure" is southwest of the old San Carlos coal mine. In this district there is also found limestone which is strongly impregnated with oil.

Another Car Stolen

Last Saturday night, four escaped prisoners from the post guard house, broke into T. W. Snyder's garage and stole his Buick machine. They were seen the next morning near Sierra Blanca traveling about 50 miles an hour. One of the thieves was the same that assisted in the theft of the Cardwell car some time ago. Mr. C. has just had his car returned from New Mexico, where it was found.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

The Marfa National Bank

MARFA, TEXAS

As Made to the Comptroller of Currency At the Close of Business, Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1919

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$444,669.25
U. S. bonds, stamps and certificates	183,858.92
Banking house and fixtures	12,500.00
Stock in Federal reserve bank	3,000.00
Cash and sight exchange	212,275.29
Total	\$856,303.46
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock	\$ 70,000.00
Surplus and profits, net	36,950.49
Dividends unpaid	5,540.00
Circulation outstanding	70,000.00
Deposits	673,812.97
Total	\$856,303.46

I certify that the above statement is correct. M. D. BOWND, Cashier.



At

Mitchell-Gillett Dry Goods COMPANY

A beautiful line of Ladies Dresses in all the new materials, Coats, Coat Suits, Waists, Silk and Muslin Underwear, Kimonos, Bath Robes, Shoes, Furs, Ivory, Cut Glass. Come in and see for yourself.

Mitchell-Gillett Dry Goods Co.

The Orient Must Suspend Unless

Judge W. Van Sickle has received several days ago, a telegram from one of the officials of the Orient railroad, stating:

"The Orient must suspend operations if returned by railroad administration without adequate provision for its support. Now operated at a loss of one hundred and ten thousand dollars per month, due to increased wages and material cost, without corresponding increase in rates, transportation facilities must be continued in operation."

Not the time for reexamination, your people must help, as in nineteen eighteen to keep Orient running, send strong letters and telegrams to president and your senators and congressmen urging adequate legislation before railroads are returned, advances cover operating deficits must be continued or eighty-nine per cent of government controlled railroads face suspension. Orient without funds or credit. Neither bill before congress adequate to secure operation of weaker lines. Please act promptly.

Red Cross Seal Sale

Mrs. John Humphris says that the sale of Red Cross Seals amounted to \$275.27, bonds, \$30.00; total, 305.27.

Marfa is Wrapped in Mantle of Snow

Wednesday evening snow commenced to fall about 5 o'clock, accompanied by a north wind. The snow was blown in drifts, therefore, it is difficult to estimate its depth, probably not over two inches fell. This was really the first snow of the season, and appears to have been quite general in West Texas and parts of New Mexico.

The thermometer stood about 17.

Proposed Road Change

W. G. Jones has posted a notice that at the February term of the Commissioners' Court, he will ask for a change in the Marfa-Valentine road. The change to be as follows: Beginning at a point where the G. H. tracks and right of way leaves said railroad tracks and right of way leaves Presidio county and enters Jeff Davis county.

Mayor J. C. Orgain Thursday evening at the War Camp Community Club rooms gave a feed to a few of his bachelor and widower friends. The editor of the New Era escaped, but Judge K. C. Miller was present and reported a splendid time.

Don't Forget That The Crown Cafe

Will Serve a GOOD DINNER

Sunday, January 11th

USUAL PRICE 60c

Short Orders a Specialty
A PLACE FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

THE CROWN CAFE

MORRIS & KEMP, Proprietors

1920 New Year Greeting To All

We have Special Sale each week.

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H. H. Kilpatrick Editor
 M. Wilkinson Business Manager

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Marfa, Texas, January 10, 1920

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are authorized to announce V. I. Cargile as a candidate for the office of representative of the 117th District, subject to the action of the primaries, July, 1920.

Honi Soit Que Mal y Pense

"When Salisbury's famed Countess was dancing with glee,
 Her stocking's security fell from the knee,
 Allusions and hints, sneers and whispers went round;
 The trifle was scouted and left on the ground;
 When Edward the Brave, with true soldierlike spirit,
 Cried: The garter is mine, 'tis the order of merit;
 The first Knights in my court shall be happy to wear,
 Proud distinction! the garter that fell from the fair;
 While in letters of gold—'tis your Monarch's high will,
 Shall there be inscribed, 'Hil to him that thinks ill.'"

OXO
 Pay your poll tax.
 OXO
 Speak well of your town.
 OXO
 A united Marfa is a winning slogan.

OXO
 A man's measure is frequently taken in dollars and cents.

OXO
 In these days we especially believe in full weight and a running over measure.

OXO
 It might be easy to define democracy, but the trouble is to tell who is a Democrat.

OXO
 The public spirit of the citizen is that which makes and distinguishes one place from another.

OXO
 Speak well of your home paper. An old saying: "Tis an ill bird that fouls its own nest."

OXO
 He who advertises is like unto the one who casts his bread upon the water. It shall return to him after many days.

OXO
 If every one should always give public utterance to his thoughts this would be a disagreeable world to live in all the time.

OXO
 Is there a state law against electing a Presidio man to the Texas legislature? Perhaps it is the unwritten law of this representative district.

OXO
 Marfa needs more progressive, public spirited citizens. General Knocker has been buried, now the moss-backs should be tied in bunches—and touched off.

OXO
 If a person should go about denouncing every wrong and exposing every falsehood uttered, it would not be long ere he would be regarded as a public nuisance—and quietly abated.

OXO
 Lately it has been comparatively quiet along the banks of the silvery Rio Grande. Only here and there a bunch of boot-legging smugglers. Some are quietly annihilated, a few have all their sotol drank.

OXO
 In free born America every one feels he is as good and equal to the best, and perhaps he is and a little better, but don't buy fine clothes and an auto just to show the other fellow. He may be able to afford these luxuries and you cannot.

OXO
 Local self government is one of the battle cries of Democracy, but on investigation you will generally find that geographical lines and numbers are the principal equations entering into a successful run on the political pie counter. Man is always first selfish, then when filled to satiety becomes altruistic.

Extreme selfishness, like vanity is a virtue gone to seed. When you eliminate selfishness from the human animal there will be nothing left but the hide and hair.

OXO
 Attention is called to the awakening over the state relative to the poor salaries paid our public school teachers. If there is one class of skilled laborers that should command the greatest consideration it is the one in charge of the mental training of children. When a doctor is needed we call for the best and most skillful, and if we have the price, money is not considered. The mind of the child is above price—it is above riches.

OXO
 We often read in the papers and hear men speak about the business man. They are constantly telling us we must have a business man for governor or to fill some other important office. In this connection it is not easy to define what is exactly meant by business man. As soon as one posing as such offers for office he will be called a politician. If he should be poor the public will class him among the incompetents, and if rich then he will be called a plutocrat.

OXO
 This is the age of industrial supremacy. You must make good—get here! The means employed are of minor consideration. Whether caused by taking advantage of the unfortunates or profiteering in sugar and other necessities of life, it is success which marks the man as superior. Modesty and merit have become obsolete, and only as suggested by a cold-blooded policy thought necessary under certain litic conditions, will they be observed. Boom, boost, publicity, rerunners of that material prosperity now the sign of progress and civilization, are the forces that count in the battle among the captains of industry.

Probe and Microbe

OXO
 Mr. Probe has come to town—the Microbe has been with us for some time. The former is now jabbing an while the other awful thing afflicts him. One day it is war, war, fight, fight, never ending, against the Microbe, the bacillus, this microscopic thing—the source of a thousand ills. Swat the flies, kill the rats, sequesterate the convalescents, tie up the dog, and whatever else you do, please do not spit on the grass.

OXO
 Mankind, especially since the aristice, is going to the demitition row wows, an unless you put a collar around his neck and keep him in a glass cage, the Bugs and Red Terror will soon get him. Now there is a worse Terror by night. Not only after man but after all his

devilish works. Probe, probe, probe and probe. The United States government has probed and is probing and will probe everything under the sun. Afterwards they may probe the late death of Sir Isaac Newton's Law of Gravitation.

OXO
 Mr. High C. Living has been probed and is now being probed. It was announced that he was on the run. It appears that the more probe the faster he runs and the higher he jumps. Now our state government has commenced to probe. The latest probe is after the wood pile—or the nigger. It was suggested that the pile is now too small to conceal him. However, we must probe he, she or it. An evil exists. We'll probe it. Then everything will be lovely. Just put a probe in it and it will grow and flourish or else wither and decay. Whiff?

OXO
 One of the Washington departments, it may be one with a probe after it, some time ago sent out a very little probe to probe a report. The little probe went out and reported that he probed, and it appears that not being satisfied with probing the report he probed the report's reporter and then being hot on a fresh trail, probed the probed reporter's family. That everlastingly settled the question.

OXO
 Now we would like to see the little probe sent out by the government, probed by another probe, and ascertain what kind of prober the little probe is anyway. It is suspected it will be found that it is a microscopic probe with an exceedingly small and crooked probe. Probe, probe, probe with care. But please let us probe in the presence of the passengare.

The Mail Goes In -



While the Salesman Waits,

OXO
 We can furnish you the kind of printed sales letters and circulars on **HAMMERMILL BOND** that will get your message in the right way to the man who can buy your goods.

OXO
 Use more printed salesmanship. Ask us.

Effective Printing

OXO
 means good type, good presses, good workmen and good paper. We have the equipment and the workmen for you, and use Hammermill grades of bond, safety and cover papers. Let us show you.

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GEORGE JOANE
TUCKER'S

"THE MIRACLE MAN"

From the play by George M. Cohan Based on story by Frank L. Packard. Paramount Aircraft Picture

THE MOTION PICTURE WITH AN AMAZING SOUL

OXO
 There are some pictures that are exciting because of the wickedness they reveal, and others that are exciting because of their incredible virtue they depict.

OXO
 "The Miracle Man" is both.

OXO
 Imagine the worst sharks that exist in Chinatown—a daring cracksmen, a beautiful girl as tough and wicked as a snake, a faker who could counterfeit any deformity you like, a dope fiend as sly as a weasel.

OXO
 Imagine these people invading the lives of other human beings every bit as good as these are bad, the acid of sin striving to bite into the gold of pure hearts.

OXO
 Imagine all the complications that could arise from this situation and even then you have but the faintest idea of the thrill there is in seeing such a conflict.

Clothes make the man

LOOK MUCH BETTER, ESPECIALLY IF THEY COME FROM

LEWIS, The Tailor

"KUFF SED"

MARFA, TEXAS

"Home Sweet Home"

OXO
 Is a song that goes straight to the human heart. Every home should be made comfortable. If you haven't a home, we can furnish you the materials for building one. If you have a home perhaps it needs repairing. We have what you want.

We Handle Everything in Lumber

OXO
 Also Fencing Materials of all kinds and Paints and Oils. Come and see us.

Marfa Lumber Company

MODEL MARKET

Headquarters For
Fresh Meat and Vegetables.
 Phones 19 and 60

MARFA MARKET

The Best of Everything that a Butcher usually Carries.

W. B. HUMPHREYS, Proprietor

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 Drayage
 Light and Heavy Hauling
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 Office in Court House or Address Shafter, Texas

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 Soldiers' Trade Appreciated.

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 We Have Complete Index of County Records.
 Marfa, Texas.

MARFA LODGE No. 596
 A. F. & A. M.
 day evening in each month.
 Visiting brethren are cordially invited to be present.
 C. R. Sutton, W. M. J. W. Howell, Secretary.

MARFA CHAPTER No. 76.
 R. A. M. Chapter meets the fourth Thursday night in each month.
 Visiting companions are welcome. F. C. Mellard, H. P. J. W. Howell, Secretary.

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 The merchant who has practically everything and will sell it to you for less.
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 Furniture and Stoves
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Cards on the Table

You can't make any storage battery last forever—that's a fact.

You've got to keep it filled with water and test it, just like a tire has to be kept filled with air, or it will cost you money.

Some day—if you have an ordinary battery—it's sure to have to be re-insulated, no matter who made it.

But—if you'll buy a Willard Battery with Thread Rubber Insulation, you'll get clear away from the biggest cause of battery troubles. The insulation will probably last as long as the plates.

Drop in and ask us any question you can think of. We're here to give you the kind of help, service and advice that make friends.

Marfa M'f'g. Company.



QUEEN THEATRE

January 19 and 20

Daily at 2 p. m., 4 p. m., 6 p. m., 8 p. m., 10 p. m.

ADMISSION
 Adults - 50c
 Children - 25c

See It
NOW
 or
NEVER

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 Surveys. Plans. Reports.
 Brite, Texas.

Locals and Personals

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fortner are in El Paso this week.

Miss Alice Merrill returned first of the week to school.

Shoes are worth money. Let the Marfa Saddlery Co. fix them.

George A. Howard left Monday for a week's trip to Arizona.

Mr. Mumps is in town and has already captured several of the boys.

For Rent—Nice large room for gentlemen. Close in. Phone 107.

Instructions in classical and ballroom dancing. Information Phone 178.

D. D. Kilpatrick was in Marfa from Candelaria Sunday and Monday.

M. F. Higgins, the fruit man of Jeff Davis county, was in Marfa Tuesday.

Ben Joe Buchanan is taking the census for the Alamogordo and Bedford country.

Mr. F. J. Malone will sing at the Christian church at the Sunday night service.

F. E. Gillett, looking younger than he did thirty years ago, was in the city this week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. McKie Mitchell, on December 18th, a ten-pound baby girl.

Mr. Sam Neill came in Sunday from Riososa to spend a late Christmas with his family.

Mrs. J. S. H. Howard has charge of the Milady's Shoppe in the absence of Mrs. Hogan.

Mrs. Ida Jordan has been called to the bedside of her aged mother living at Pearsall, Texas.

Milam Harrison left Marfa last Saturday for Brownsville as a witness in the Spannell case.

Mrs. J. C. Thain of Alpine spent the holidays in the city, visiting her mother, Mrs. Jno. B. Burgess.

Alpine was recently organized Post No. 79 of the American Legion, with Dr. Middlebrooks commander.

Mr. Cotter of Brewster spent the holidays with his son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson.

Skating at Popular Theatre every Saturday morning and afternoon for only. Other week days for everybody.

Mr. Tyson Seerest has resumed work with the railroad company, and for the present is located at Clint.

Mr. Randolph of the Alamo garage, with his bride, has taken apartments at the home of Mrs. J. W. Harris.

J. E. Vaughn, who has been in the city this week has purchased from the Kerr Bros., the Stockmen's Garage.

J. E. Vaughn is having the Stockmen's Garage fixed up for occupancy by the New Era Publishing Company.

Capt. Gray, located at Presidio, spent several days in Marfa this week on business connected with the service.

Mrs. Willie Hogan left Tuesday for St. Louis and other Eastern points. She expects to be absent several weeks.

Mr. N. J. Yates has been summoned to Brownsville as a witness in the Spannell case. The case was set for January 5th.

The New Era is informed that auto owners must pay this month their license, or else stand a raise of 25 per cent penalty.

Mrs. Tomasso Safford has joined her husband, an employe of the government. They have their residence in the "Tent Colony."

It is announced that J. E. Vaughn is contemplating resigning from the Ranger force, and enter the race for sheriff of Presidio county.

J. H. Ritehey and son Frank, of Mineral Wells, were business prospectors in Marfa this week. They were looking for a ranch location.

Mr. A. M. Avant is in California on a business trip.

Mrs. Miles, wife of W. E. Miles died at Fort Davis last Saturday. She, with her husband, had resided at Fort Davis for over 20 years.

Mrs. H. M. Fennell, census enumerator for Marfa, commenced work this week. It will probably require at least 20 days to complete the city.

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Mr. Couch of San Angelo, Texas, was in the city Monday. He is the census supervisor for this congressional district. He left Tuesday for El Paso.

Benton Howell, Clement Davis and Walker, Jr., after spending the holidays with home people, have left for the A. & M. at Mesilla Park, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. David Girwood stopped off in Marfa Wednesday, en route to their home in San Angelo. They visited Mrs. W. C. Kemp, sister of Mrs. Girwood.

Our county clerk, J. H. Fortner, left Tuesday for El Paso, accompanied by his wife. Mr. Fortner has been ill for several weeks and goes for medical treatment.

Walter Bergstrom, representing the El Paso Herald, has been spending this week in the city. It is his first visit here, and was surprised to find such a live city so near El Paso.

Judge J. W. Merrill was in Marfa Monday. He is getting ready to hold a \$100,000 bond election in his county. Ninety per cent of tax payers signed a petition calling the election.

Machine stitching and peccot edging. Covered buttons made in the latest following styles: Acorn, Bullet, Full Ball, Half Ball and Combination. Mrs. H. B. Houston, Uvalde, Texas. (1F)

We have secured an extra force of men and are now equipped to mend your shoes and boots promptly. You will find us at the old Carver Cafe. Marfa Saddlery Co.

Mr. Cargile of Marfa came to Fort Davis Tuesday with Hon. J. M. Neff and incidentally was interesting our citizens in his own candidacy for representative of this district.—Fort Davis Post.

For Sale—Overland Roadster, in good condition; too small for my purpose; a bargain for some one who needs it. Also, one Buick roadster in good condition. For prices and further information call at New Era Office.

The Men's Brotherhood of the Christian church will meet next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at the home of Mrs. L. C. Brite. All the men of the church are urged to be present. A program, full of laughs and interest, has been prepared.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Aiken, who visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newt Aiken during the holidays, returned home on the 28th. Riley learned the printing trade in the New Era Office but is now making good as one of Texas' leading educators.

As we go to press nothing positive has been heard from the T. W. Snyder car. He received a wire from the sheriff of El Paso county stating that some men with a Buick giving the number of the Snyder car had been arrested, but the latest shows that these men were arrested at Aden, N. M., and the car had been identified as one stolen from W. F. Payne of El Paso.

The annual report of the Christian Sunday school given last Sunday by the treasurer, Miss Lovey Neill, showed a total offering of \$65.00. Of this amount \$168.00 were given to the Juliette Fowler Orphans' Home at Dallas and \$4 to an orphan's home at Luling, Tex. The sum of \$133.36 was donated to the ministerial relief. The school has had a prosperous year with increased attendance and renewed interest.

Addition to Sul Ross Normal School Faculty

The Normal School Board of Regents announce the election of Mr. R. A. Studhalter as head of the school of biology and science at the Sul Ross Normal College at Alpine, Texas. Mr. Studhalter holds a B. A. degree from the University of Texas, where he served as assistant in the school of botany for three years. Later, Mr. Studhalter was an assistant in botany at the Kansas State Agricultural College. After doing graduate work at the Missouri Botanical Garden (Washington University) and at the University of Chicago, Mr. Studhalter completed work toward his M. A. degree at Washington University in 1917.

Mr. Studhalter served as agent for the United States department of agriculture in co-operation with the Pennsylvania Chestnut Blight Commission and with the Texas department of agriculture. At present he is with the United bureau of plant industry, fighting the pine blister in California. Mr. Studhalter is joint author of seven publications on research problems connected with the chestnut tree blight.

Mr. C. F. Hartman, M. A., University of Texas, has been selected to teach history in the Sul Ross Normal. Mr. Hartman made an enviable record as a student in the field of history and is at present teaching the subject in the Houston high school.

The Sul Ross College is fortunate in securing the services of these well trained men at a time when the demand for skilled teachers far exceeds the supply. Both of these men will begin their service with the opening of the summer term, June 15, 1920.

Joint Installation

There will be a joint installation of W. O. W. and Woodmen Circle's officers Tuesday night, January 13th. All members are urged to be present.

Snow Storm

Wednesday evening there was in Marfa and vicinity a drifting snow storm. The night was the coldest of the winter.

Poll Taxes Are Now Due

Any person who was in our army in 1918 and 1919 will not have to pay a poll tax to be entitled to vote. He can vote in his home precinct by presenting his discharge to the election officials, or by making affidavit as to his army service.

The ladies should remember that next year is election year and that they have the right to participate in all primary elections, and the chances now look good that they will have the long deferred right to vote in the next general election; therefore it becomes your DUTY to pay the poll tax and secure the right to vote, that you may by your wisdom help to guide our country through these perilous times.

Any young lady or man who has reached the age of twenty-one since the first day of last January, or who will be twenty-one before the election next year can vote in that election; provided they will apply to the tax collector's office and get an exemption certificate before the first of next February. This certificate is FREE.

Anyone, man or woman, who cannot pay their poll tax in person, must send an order with the remittance to the tax collector authorizing some one else to make payment.

Order for Poll Tax Receipt

Ira W. Cline, Tax Assessor, Presidio County, Texas:

I hereby authorize Mr. _____ to pay my poll tax for the year year 1919.

I am _____ years old. Have resided in Texas _____ years, in Presidio county _____ years, and in Precinct No. _____ months or years. My race is white, colored. My occupation is _____ My P. O. address is _____ Dated at _____, 19____

Notice of Stockholders' Meeting

The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Marfa State Bank, Marfa, Texas is hereby called to meet at the office of said bank in Marfa, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. on the second Monday in January, it being Monday, 12, 1920, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business which may legally come before it.

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One 6-room house with well and windmill, and orchard; close in. Price, \$4,000.

One 4-room house with bath and modern improvements. Price, \$2,500.

One 6-room house; price, \$3,500.

One 8-room house; price \$3,000.

One 6-room house; price \$1,600.

See A. M. Avant.

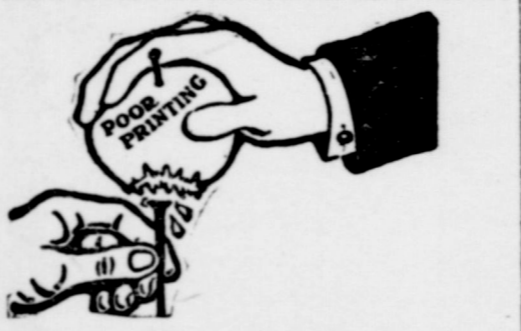
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Mayor J. C. Orgain Thursday evening at the War Camp Community Club rooms gave a feed to a few of his bachelor and widower friends. The editor of the New Era escaped, but Judge K. C. Miller was present and reported a splendid time.

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At Marfa, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1919, published in the New Era, a newspaper published at Marfa, State of Texas, on the 10th day of January, 1920.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, personal or collateral	\$327,932 50
Overdrafts	843 07
Bonds and stocks and War Savings Stamps	11,859 60
Real estate, banking house	20,000 00
Furniture and fixtures	3,000 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	88,438 01
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	5,630 34
Cash items	7,934 00
Specie	20,884 00
Interest and assessment depositors' guaranty fund	6,051 72
Other resources, county script and warrants	4,844 97
	5,725 57
Total	\$503,143 78
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	48,000 00
Undivided profits, net	121 12
Individual deposits subject to check, net	397,147 66
Time certificates of deposit	7,675 00
Other liabilities, items collected but not rem. for.	200 00
Total	\$503,143 78

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County of Presidio

We, T. M. Wilson, as president and Karl H. Word, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

T. M. Wilson, President
Karl H. Word, Cashier

Correct—Attest:
C. T. Mitchell
T. C. Mitchell
J. H. Livingston.

Directors
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, A. D. 1920
Orrill T. McHenry,
Notary Public, Presidio County, Texas.

OUR CHURCHES

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

Last Sunday the rector took as the subject for his church history instruction "The Reformation in Spain and Portugal," and for his New Year's sermon theme, "Making Things New." (Rev. 21:5, in part) He dwelt on the idea that communities as well as individuals must be alive to the present day issues must not stand in the way of progress and hinder advancement by their own little viewpoints and must conform to the general trend of events and the movement of the great trends in modern life. "The village must not be a tiny straw content to remain in the side of the stream's bank while the great tide of civilization sweeps by."

Next Sunday the rector will begin a series of sermons appropriate to the Epiphany season. His subject will be "The Church and the Child." He will discuss what the church owes the child of today and what relationship the child must bear to the church through the parents' co-operation.

The St. Paul's Guild and Women's Auxiliary held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. John Humphris this past week.

Mr. Bonner is having splendid success with his choir. They are doing fine work at the services. Choir practice each Saturday 4:30 p. m. in the church.

The season of Epiphany is now being observed by the church. This commemorates Christ's revelation to the Gentiles and the visit of the Wise Men of the East to the Babe of Bethlehem. This season continues until pre-Lent. The color for the church is white—festival to Epiphany Day, January 6, and green for the Sundays in Epiphany.

Sunday Services

Rev. J. E. Aubrey of the War Camp Community Service will fill the pulpit at the Methodist church at both the morning and evening services. His subject for 11 a. m. will be "Commonplace Heroes," and at 7 p. m. "The Preparation That Counts."

Rev. Mr. Aubrey has filled the pulpit at the Methodist church several times recently to the delight of the congregation. His sermons are logical, forceful and very attractive and helpful.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Mr. Thomas Mitchell, superintendent Senior Epworth League at 6:15 p. m. Miss Florence Ellison, president. Visitors and strangers will find a welcome to all services.

L. Fletcher Parrish, Pastor.

Christian Church to Have a Revival

At the Sunday evening service at the Christian church it was unanimously decided that the Marfa church would join in the State-wide pre-Easter Evangelistic Campaign. Every church in the state is urged to enter the movement for a simultaneous evangelistic program. The goal for the state is set at 10,000 additions.

The Marfa meeting will begin the meeting about March 21st. The pastor has been asked to do the preaching. A singer will be engaged and a good meeting is anticipated.

Junior Christian Endeavor

Time—3 o'clock.
Place—Christian church.
Leader—Hyacinth Hamie.

Program

Scripture reading—Num. 13:30-31.
Topic—I Can and I Cants.
Song.
The Crooked Cannot be Made Straight—Eecl. 1:15.
We Are Not Able—Neh. 4:10-14.
Our God is Able—Dan. 3-17.
Without Me Ye Can Do Nothing—John 15-5.
I Can Do All Things—Phil. 4-13.
Question.
Clippings.
Roll Call.
Benediction.

Marfa Bridge Club

Notwithstanding the inclement weather Thursday afternoon the Bridge Club met at the residence of Mrs. W. P. Fischer. However in this warm and spacious home the members, unmindful of the cold and the snow, passed a delightful hour. Those present were Mesdames Chas. Bailey, Shipman, Porter, Myers, McCracken, Joe Humphreys, Snyder Fitzgerald, Graves Bogel, Robbins, Campbell, Ben Pruett, W. J. Yates, Ake and Harold Thompson of Fort Davis.

The hostess served delicious refreshments, consisting of crab in shell, olives with nuts, cream puffs tea and wafers.

Turkey Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Mitchell on last Monday at 7 p. m. entertained a number of friends with a turkey dinner. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mahon, Dr. and Mrs. M. R. Mahon, Mr and Mrs. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crosson, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Colquitt, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mead, Mr. and Mrs. Settle, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pruett, Mr. and Mrs. Chas Pruett, Mrs. T. W. Snyder, Mrs. Raymond Fitzgerald, Coughran and Mr. Joe Rosson of San Marcos, Texas.

Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Snyder gave an enjoyable dinner party last Saturday evening in honor of Col and Mrs. Hornbrook, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fitzgerald and Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher. Their home was beautifully decorated in carnations and smilax. A six-course dinner was served.

The Cotton Meeting

At the meeting today, announced last week by Judge K. C. Miller, to discuss the cotton and pink boll worm situation in Presidio county, here were present Dr. W. D. Hunter, representing the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, S. W. Bresling of the U. & M. College, E. E. Scholl of the State Dept. of Agriculture, K. M. Trigg of Bastrop, representing the governor, and J. J. Kilpatrick, Sr., representing Presidio county.

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