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## Modern Rip Van Winkle Marfa Assumes New Role Great Things Expected

By J. S. C.

We will be pardoned, surely, for likening Marfa to the world's champion sleep artist, for, from the viewpoint of one, unprejudiced, the parallel is perfect. It is particularly applicable in that both Marfa and old Rip finally aroused themselves from their lethargy and made the most of the ensuing God-given moments.

Those who were so fortunate as to have been present at a meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, together with a number of representative citizens, held in the chamber rooms on the evening of January 23, were privileged to witness a most interesting and gratifying episode in the drama of Marfa's "Awakening." Frank discussions and result-producing arguments were the theme of the evening.

The three main topics handled

at length were: A good roads and streets bond issue for Presidio County and Marfa; the entertainment in this section of a group of eastern millionaire tourists who will pass through some time during March or April, the entertainment to be given under the auspices of the Highland Hereford Breeders Association, and to be carried out in true up-to-the-minute western style; the creation of a fund to defray the expenses of our school boys and girls while attending the annual state athletic meet at Austin.

On the subject of good roads and streets, the discussion was general, everyone present taking an interesting and helpful part. Without a dissenting vote it was agreed that the time had come when Marfa and Presidio County should and would step out and take the place among the units of this great commonwealth to which they are rightly

entitled. It was further unanimously agreed that we could not properly take and occupy this place in the ranks until we had provided our city and county with the character of good, permanent streets and roads which they have the right to expect.

This being the first of a series of progressive moves which, when all are accomplished, will show to the world by the only worthwhile argument that our section is second to none in the state of Texas. Surely this is worth striving for, worth sacrificing for, and that citizen who has made or will make up his mind to hinder or stand in the way of the accomplishment of this move had best be converted, for his and the general good.

Messrs. W. B. Mitchell, J. C. Orgain, K. C. Miller, C. E. Mead, F. L. Reynolds, at various times during the evening, took the floor and spoke most interestingly and convincingly on this all important topic. Granted the non-interference of Providence, this matter has been started on its way and given an impetus which neither can nor will be out until it has been successfully concluded.

The presiding officer at the meeting, H. M. Fennell, appointed a committee to go into the matter of a bond issue thoroughly, to acquaint themselves with all the details and possible contingencies, and to report back to a similar meeting to be called for an early date. Messrs. C. E. Mead, chairman, Henry Reynolds and H. B. Lockley were appointed on this committee. It is a certainty that their work will be done thoroughly and conclusively.

The matter of the entertainment of the prominent eastern tourists was presented and enthusiastically accepted. The definite handling of the affair was turned over to W. B. Mitchell, acting as chairman of a committee consisting of himself and Henry Reynolds. Confidence is felt that this entertainment will not only be a tremendous advertisement and boost for our section, but will be a source of keen enjoyment to our citizens. Definite plans are to be announced later.

H. M. Fennell, J. C. Orgain and W. B. Mitchell spoke most convincingly in connection with the establishment of a fund to defray the expenses of our school children who are fortunate enough to be selected to compete in the annual state athletic meets at Austin. There was not one present but that felt this was a subject of vital interest, not only to the school children and the school, but to the entire community.

The value to a city or county of a full and enthusiastic representation at these statewide meets cannot be estimated. We can ill afford to overlook this opportunity to encourage ambition to better things on the part of our young manhood

and young womanhood, and still less can we afford to be among "those not represented" at these important gatherings. All too often, in the past, Marfa and our section have been among those "conspicuous by their absence" at various functions and gatherings of general vital public interest throughout the state.

It is earnestly desired that every child in Presidio County who attends our public schools know and realize that they have a friend and a staunch supporter in the Chamber of Commerce. Without hesitation, it is guaranteed to them that from this time on their efforts will by no means be in vain, and that each and every one who qualifies for the Austin meet will be made financially able to participate. It is to be hoped that this knowledge will spur them on to greater effort, and that in the years to come our banner will occupy the most conspicuous place in many a contest. K. C. Miller, chairman, F. L. Anderson and J. S. Cook were appointed by the presiding officer as a committee to study the matter carefully and devise means for the establishment of the fund.

From every angle, the meeting was one of the most enthusiastic and satisfactory ever held in this community, and certainly great things may be expected to result from it.

Citizens of Presidio County, remember that Old General Knocker was buried and consigned to everlasting oblivion at the recent Chamber of Commerce banquet, and woe, woe, woe is he who resurrects him.

### From Official County Records

From the official records of Presidio County for the year 1919:

Acres rendered and unrendered.	
Value	2,245,029
Cattle rendered	\$3,183,465
Value	42,836
Average per head	\$1,171,005
Hogs rendered	827.30
Average value per head	59
Autos rendered	\$4.50
Average value	421
Total taxable property	\$7,128,582
Total county tax	\$53,438

### DISTRICT COURT CONVEXES

Last Monday District Court was opened by Judge Joseph Jones. The following grand jury was sworn in: Geo. R. Shannon, foreman, G. B. Young, C. P. Arthur, T. W. Snyder, R. Fitzgerald, P. A. Jackson, A. V. Navarro, Gus Bogel, Wm. E. Russell, Joe Bunton and Oren Bunton.

Petit jurors for the third week, Feb. 9:  
J. H. Locke, C. O. Thomas, W. W. Weatherford, J. T. Bristow, J. W. Pool, C. E. Poer, T. T. Neill, W. A. Mimms, Chas. Bishop, James Sloan, J. H. Livingston, James Walker, J.

## To the Public:

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Marfa, Texas, Jan. 31, 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.

It was learned in El Paso that Marfa contemplated many improvements, such as street paving, better waterworks, etc.

The late muddy streets in the city, we hope, will prove an object lesson on the beauty and utility of paved streets.

But without an adequate system of waterworks, our paved streets would soon become dirty and unsightly, and between the two it would be better to have a first class system of waterworks.

It was learned this week in Marfa that Matsay's portrait of Margaret Duchess of Corinthia, known as the ugliest woman in history, was sold in London for \$4,000.00.

With fire mains throughout the town, insurance rates would be much cheaper and the property of the city better protected from fire.

Turn your money loose and help make a greater Marfa—a City of the Plains. Waterworks of the right kind will not only prove a paying investment in itself, but will make Marfa grow, increase the value of real estate, reduce insurance, improve sanitation and in a multitude of ways build a magnificent little city.

Our picture has not as yet appeared on the society page of the Santone Press, nor has the income tax man bothered us about our delinquency; nevertheless and notwithstanding, we have a few small bits in the city as yet unsold but advertised as being delinquent on account of taxes due and unpaid, we are willing to have our little all taxed and bonded further for the purpose of paving our streets and establishing a system of waterworks in the best town to its size, height and weight not only in this state but in this imperial Republic. Now if talk will do anything—in the language of the immortal Mr. Dooley—nuff sed.

And let us not forget the post office. The Hon. Claude Hudspeith should be sent a few Valentines on this subject. It makes no difference to The New Era which side the building goes up, whether on the north, south, east or west of the track. We want a post office for Marfa. Would rather it was built in our front yard for strictly personal or selfish grounds only, but will sacrifice self for the public good. Marfa must have better streets, better waterworks and a better postoffice. It would be impossible to have worse. Some of our citizens are better fixed than others, for some have windmills, and some have autos, and many have both, but none have all. For we have only a place called a post office—it's a hole in the wall, a knot in the door where the hole should be.

We looked through the hole the other day and discovered our postmaster, Bob Greenwood, with sacks, bags and boxes to the right of him, to the left of him and all around him; his head was just sticking out.

An epidemic of flu is reported in the East, with a few sporadic cases scattered about over the country generally. The press dispatches from New York state that the government has approved the sale of liquor on physicians' orders to combat influenza and pneumonia. It is feared the epidemic will reach this

vicinity. Doctor, we are not feeling very well today.

If the rains continue throughout Presidio as during the six months past, it will be desirable to ascertain what kinds of plants flourish best in a wet climate. Probably hearing of the great change in our climate has caused our senators and congressmen to be extra vigilant this year in sending out seed. We acknowledge the receipt of enough to plant about 40 acres in vegetables, and if everything continues auspicious will join the bank crowd. There is some talk of reviving in Marfa the ancient lodge of the Haymakers, in order to teach our citizens the lesson of humility, applied in the proper manner and place. S. T. Turner of El Paso still has the old charter.

## WE MUST SMILE

Just ten years ago when Paris, gay, beautiful Paris, was visited by a mighty flood of waters from the Seine we felt truly sad for her stricken people. We had thought, and had associated in our mind when reading of the Capital of France—the place where all rich Americans went after death—that was beautiful, joyous and bad; it was a fairy city, peopled with beauty, love and song, with wine and plumed bonnets and lovely, thrilling lingerie!

During the days of the Revolution when the streets instead of bursting open and flowing with black mud and water as in 1910, were red with the citizens' blood, the Parisian could then laugh and jest and throw the scented bonnets of their airy, fairy fancies even under the shadow of the guillotine. But Paris liked blood, red warm blood, better than cold, cold water, and so the gay city wept.

Again, years after, with her sons ailing and drawn pale with exhaustion, when the great guns and the great multitudes of armies after armies were thrown against her outer walls of defence, amidst the doom of smoke, of poison gas and of shell and death at Verdun, amidst all that terror and hell the black robed mothers and daughters of Paris, with tearless sobs and grieving, outstretched hands, received their broken, bruised and wounded sons and brothers, or heard or failed to hear of their final ending, the world was filled with pity and wept.

Again Paris laughs. Now the cabaret, the feast, the song, the dancant. But alas! she has become corrupted by Wilson's soldiers, for each money has made her head American jazz captured London, and the American dances are threatening to destroy the morals of gay Paris. Saved from German slavery she has become enslaved by the

mitted to weep once more—or shall we smile?

tango of Uncle Sam. Truly, ours is a bad old uncle. May we be per-

## The Other Side of the Shield

Whether he be an interventionist or a non interventionist, no fair minded person will be likely to pay serious attention to the so-called "Fall Investigation" which is now being staged at San Antonio with the evident intention of inflaming public opinion against the Carranza government. No doubt a cloud of witnesses will be found to testify to outrages and injustices endured in Mexico. But let us look at the other side of the shield. Suppressing the Mexican government should start at Monterey, let us say, an investigation, modeled in every way on the Fall Investigation, but for the purpose of getting before the public a long list of outrages endured by Mexicans at the hands of Americans in the United States? Does anyone doubt for a moment that such an "investigation" would accomplish its purpose just as easily as the Fall Investigation? If you admit only the evidence for the prosecution and exclude the evidence for the defense, not even the egregious virtue of Senator Fall would save him from being rent, torn to pieces and dragged in the mud by such a form of trial.

The Senator says he has no ulterior motive for causing this investigation. He professes the most disinterested friendship for Mexico. He only owns a mine or two there which he says are not worth more than \$75,000, a mere trifle. He says he is not an interventionist, though he did try to force Wilson's hand in the Jenkins affair. Now if all this is true, why doesn't Fall occupy himself with the affairs of his own constituency, and allow the State Department to attend to our international affairs? Why all this eagerness to keep the Mexican public stirred up, when he knows that Mr. Lansing must have far more accurate data as to conditions in Mexico than a thousand Fall investigations could bring out? Why is he hand and glove with the Society for the Protection of American Rights in Mexico which he must know is the camouflage under which every predatory interest in this country is working, from the Standard Oil down?

The Senator would probably deny indignantly that he was an interventionist, but people are known by the company they keep. Imperialism is big business reaching out and grabbing the property of other nations. It was the German imperialists with their "Berlin to Bagdad" scheme that drenched Europe in blood. Imperialism has been at the bottom of every war of modern times. Imperialism hides its time and stam-

pedes nations. Imperialism is behind "Fall Investigations" and the "Falls" are its willing tools. Is it to be hoped that the good sense of the American people will see to it that Washington still handles international business, and let Fall and his committee investigate until they are tired of the pastime.—Magenis in the West Texas News.

For some time we have been expecting to hear some one rise up in the meeting and ask a few embarrassing questions. We have never liked investigations ex parte. Especially if the examination was conducted in such a manner as to suggest the verdict. But what is the use? What purpose does the Fall investigation expect to serve? We are now probing everything under the sun, but does it get us anywhere, except perhaps in a worse mess? Things are undoubtedly rotten in Mexico—that is, if you mean by things certain individuals and particular officials.

Man is so constituted he does not wish to see the other side, and if he is thus blinded by prejudice, passion or some selfish interest, how can you give him light? You can turn the shield, but you cannot make him look.

Hoover, the food man, since he has been proposed as a candidate for the presidency, has been indicted by Senator Reed, charged with many crimes and misdemeanors, among a few as being J. Rufus Wallingford, the get-rich-quick hero.

## DISPOSES OF GRAIN BUSINESS

A. C. Easterling has disposed of of Easterling-Bishop Company to Joe Rossen, of San Marcos, and will devote his time to his oil and easoline business as well as the buying and selling of cattle, ranches and city property.

Mr. Easterling is also secretary and treasurer of the Highland Hereford Breeders Association, an organization which is destined to become one of the foremost in the United States, as the members of the same constitute practically all of the breeders of Herefords in the Big Bend district.

During the three years time Mr. Easterling was manager of the Easterling-Bishop Company he made it one of the best and largest institutions in West Texas, but for the past year his other business has required so much of his time and attention until he has decided to get out and devote his time to other business.

It is the intention of the Highland Hereford Breeders Association to put on three public sales this year, one at Kansas City, Chicago and Sioux City, and those three sales will be in charge of Mr. Easterling, who will have lots of work to do between now and the time the sales take place next fall.

Mr. Easterling has opened his office upstairs over the Hans Briam store, and will engage in the cattle and real estate business, as well as looking after his oil interests, and anyone having cattle to sell or wanting to purchase a string of cattle will do well to see him.

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## High Cost of Daughters Rising New York Mother Reports to Newspapers; Comparative Prices

New York, Jan. 29.—The mother of an 18-year-old New York girl who for several years has kept an account of her daughter's wardrobe, in a letter to a local newspaper recently complained about the present prices of clothing, shoes, gloves, hats, etc. Some interesting figures on what it costs to outfit a young woman today, as compared with five years ago, are afforded by quotations from a number of average priced local shops, as follows:

### A modest wardrobe

1914: Shoes \$5.00; 1919: \$12.00 to \$18.00.  
1914: Stockings (silk), \$1.25 to \$1.50; 1919: \$3.50 and up.  
1914: Underwear, \$3.50 to \$5.00; 1919: \$10.00 and up.  
1914: Silk bloomers, \$2.50 a pair; 1919: \$6.50 a pair.  
1914: Undervest, \$1.00 to \$1.50; 1919: \$3.50 to \$4.00.  
1914: Petticoat (silk), \$4.00 to \$5.00; 1919: \$12.00 to \$15.00.  
1914: Waist (georgette), \$10.00 to \$15.00; 1919: \$25.00 and up.  
1914: Suit (woolen), \$75.00; 1919: \$150.00 and up.  
1914: Hat, \$5.00; 1919: \$25.00 and up.  
1914: Fur neckpiece, \$35.00 to \$50.00; 1919: \$125.00 and up.  
1914: Gloves, \$1.50; 1919: \$4.00.

The foregoing applies to what the shopkeepers regard as a "moderate" wardrobe. Serges, formerly the cheapest and most common dress material, and which before the war, could be bought for \$1.00 to \$4.00 to \$5.00 for the same quality. Velvetens, another popular dress material, could be bought five years ago for \$1.00 and \$1.25 a yard and now are bringing \$4.50 to \$6.50. The biggest advances, dealers say, have been in cotton and wool and not so much in silk. Babies' buckskin shoes which normally sold at \$3.50 are now priced at \$7.00 to \$9.00 a pair.

### Silk Stockings

Many women of means, the retailers say, are paying as much as \$250 and up for a pair of silk stockings, but these are beaded with pearls and are decorated with fine hand embroidery. The public demand for furs, in spite of the absence of spring, dealers say, is 50 per cent greater this winter than last season. Fur coats costing many thousands of dollars are more in evidence than ever before in New York.

### A Coat Suit

An artist for a New York fashion paper recently sketched a coat, suit and dress at a local factory, the combined wholesale price of which was \$975. The coat, a coarse wool fabric, was marked at \$375, the georgette dress at \$275 and the suit at \$325. Here are three garments which sold at retail would cost the buyer at least \$1500, it was said. Such instances in the Fifth Avenue shops of how the high cost of living has hit the rich are by no means rare. One window displays a rose white blouse for \$3500.

"Unfold millions are being invested in furs this year by American women," said J. W. Argonbright, a Brooklyn importer, "and the demand is less exclusive and more widespread than ever before, showing that prosperity is general. Coats costing from \$50,000 to \$85,000 are uncommon but they are being bought."

### Royal Furs

"America is not only importing the finest Russian sables, but is producing the finest specimens of the black and silver fox, mink, seal, otter, beaver, fisher, wolverine, bear, lynx, badger, skunk, raccoon and muskrat. All these and many others, in hundreds of varieties, from the richest and costliest to the moderately priced are domestic products."

Reports that wealthy Americans had representatives abroad buying up so-called "royal" furs were dismissed as nonsensical by Mr. Argonbright. For 75 years, he said, there has been no such thing as "erown" sables. Ermine is less popular than ever in the history of the trade.

"It is an old and mistaken idea," he said, "that the finest Russian sables are not shipped outside of that market, these skins being supposed to be the former Crown Russian sables. In former years, when Russian sables were not so expensive, natives in the interior used to pay their taxes with pelts. In those days the enterprising fur collector had not penetrated the wilds of the Siberian forests. It was the custom of the trappers to dispose of their season's catch to the Russian gov-

ernment, but since sables have become so much in demand and the prices are so high, the natives have found they can do much better by selling directly to the collector who come from all parts of America and Europe."

### Rhodes Grass Better Than Sudan

The attention of an increased number of farmers and ranchers in the Imperial Valley of southern California is being directed by one of the pioneer planters there to the merits of Rhodes grass which is now being grown in that region successfully, although before 1902 it was unknown in this country. The United States Department of Agriculture, through its specialists engaged in foreign seed and plant introduction, is responsible for the presence of this profitable grass in this country. The specialists brought it directly from South Africa, where it had been raised extensively on the ranches of the late Cecil Rhodes and others, after whom the grass is named. The grass has been found particularly adapted to the coastal region of Texas and to northern Florida. If it becomes thoroughly established in the Imperial Valley this will add another region to its domain of usefulness.

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### TALKING POINTS

1. The foundation of all child welfare is health and education.
2. The foundation of our very nation depends upon the education of the children.
3. Mothers and school teachers share alike the burden of national progress. The teachings at home must be carried out in the child's second home—the school room. A mother who considers her work done in providing a well ordered home is performing only a part of her duty.
4. The schools are on the verge of disruption because the well trained teachers are leaving for more remunerative salaries in other professions. There are approximately 10,000 children of school age out of the class room because there are no teachers for them. The standards of the schools are being lowered. Into what kind of future citizens are we allowing our children to be made?
5. Every woman in this community should pay her poll tax, not only for the immediate contribution of \$1.00 to the school fund, but because she will be qualified to speak and be heard in a movement to put our public schools on such a level that American citizens of the highest order will be the result of their efforts.
6. January 31, that is today, Saturday, is the last day upon which a poll tax receipt can be had. As you worked to save your country from the Hun a year ago, work now to save childhood from ignorance and prejudice through the uplifting of our school system.

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# 1920

## Season's Greetings To You

## Anderson's Gift Store

### MARFA IS ON THE MAP

Editor A. Gordon French, formerly with The New Era, and now for several years with the Val Verde Herald, has received a letter from England expressing surprise that Marfa is on the map, while Del Rio is not. He writes in the Herald as follows:

The editor has an interesting letter from his niece, Mrs. Marian Hunt, of Radlett, England, who has just returned from Coblenz, Germany, where she joined her husband, Captain Noel Hunt when he was transferred there from France after active service at the front. He has been discharged and together they have returned to their home near London.

Through reading the Del Rio Herald, Mrs. Hunt became much interested in Texas, and especially in Del Rio, therefore she managed to secure a map of Texas, but she states that Del Rio is "not on the map," although Marfa, a smaller town, is. She wonders why.

The explanation is that she probably got a "flight" map, showing the aerial stations, of which Marfa is one and Del Rio is not. For the information of British readers we will state that Del Rio is the largest town between San Antonio and El Paso and nearly midway between, also that it is an important port of entrance from Mexico and has a population of over 10,000 people. It is also one of the principal wool and mohair markets in the United States.

English people cannot realize that Texas, one of the 48 United States, has an area five times as large as England, though its population of less than five million is only half that of London. Neither can they realize that Texas ranchmen own individual domains treble the size of the largest English counties or "shires" and that the boundless West is measured by the million instead of hundreds of acres. Val Verde County covers an area nearly as large as the whole of England. It takes two days to travel from Galveston to El Paso, the extreme east and west boundary. Yes, Texas is a wonderful state, not only in area, but in industrial, commercial and social progress and the writer hopes that Captain and Mrs. Hunt will in the near future come and see for themselves.

### FROM THE NEW ERA THIRTEEN YEARS AGO

Sheriff Chastain left for Shafter last Tuesday on business.

Luke Dow came up from Del Rio Tuesday and will remain several days.

Mose Kelly is here from Arizona visiting his uncle, H. L. Kelly.

District Court for Presidio County will convene in Marfa on Feb. 18.

District Court of Jeff Davis County will convene at Fort Davis Feb. 4.

R. P. Upton is back from Terlingua, where he went to inspect the mines.

Remember, you have only a few days more in which to pay your poll tax.

L. D. Bunton came up from his ranch this week and is off for a little jaunt to El Paso.

Spencer Gregg has been in Shafter the past few days looking after his interests there.

George McMinn and George Shannon made a business trip to Sierra Blanca last Monday.

Pay your poll tax and be ready to vote. January 31 will be the last day in which to pay it.

V. M. Ward of Jeff Davis County passed through last Sunday on his way to El Paso.

Harry Gleim of Shafter showed up on Thursday and kept on the road to El Paso.

James A. Poole has gone to Arizona and other western points on an extended business trip.

H. E. Middleton, agent for the Singer Sewing Machines, went to Alpine and Sanderson this week on business.

Mrs. Young of Shafter, mother of Harry Young, is in town on a visit to her niece, Mrs. J. J. Scannell.

Forrest Jordan, who has been at

work at the Tom Mitchell ranch helping to build a tank, has returned to school.

Tom Rawls came in from his ranch to meet his brother, Fletcher, who had come here from Silver City, N. M., to visit him.

County Judge H. H. Kilpatrick left last Saturday on a business trip to San Antonio and Austin, to be gone several days.

Sam Kellum, state land agent from Austin, came in Tuesday. He will work in Jeff Davis County, but make headquarters in Marfa.

J. D. Kane has moved his family from next to Duncan & Cline's market into his new home, which he purchased several days ago.

J. W. Riordan left for San Antonio last Sunday to attend court. In his absence P. P. Marrion of El Paso is acting as division road master.

A. E. Polk, brother-in-law of Arthur Spencer, from Pittsburg, Kans., came in last Thursday to see his wife, who is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Spencer.

Charles Tilley, the expert ball player, formerly of Marfa but now employed by the G. H. & S. A. Ry. at Strobe, came up last Sunday to spend the day with his friends.

Sam Wooley, who has been patiently drilling for water on his ranch south of town for several weeks, has at last been rewarded by striking a good flow at a depth of 230 feet.

Harry J. Hubbard is here on a visit to his parents from Salmayacan, Chihuahua, Mexico, where he is in the employ of the Salmayacan Mining Company. He will remain for several weeks.

The people of Pecos are grieved to learn of the death of Elliott, the eldest son of L. R. Millican of Allamore, Wednesday, 16th, aged 23 years. Not long since Mr. Millican lost his youngest son in old Mexico. —Pecos Times. (Mr. Millican, as will be remembered, started the Alpine telephone system.)

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**PRESIDIO COUNTY CENTER OF BIG-LAND AND CATTLE DEALS**

Transactions in cattle and land in Presidio County continue to be active. This section is fast becoming one of the most important cattle centers in Texas, and the attractive prices demanded and the readiness with which they are obtained speak volumes for the character of cattle produced in this section of Texas.

Some recent transactions: W. B. and Burton Mitchell purchased from Raymond Fitzgerald and Jack Rawls 1,200 head of cattle and a grazing lease for two and one-half years on about fifty thousand acres of land. The Mitchells are receiving numerous congratulations on having consummated this deal. The transaction was exceedingly profitable for Messrs. Fitzgerald and Rawls.

G. A. Monthouse purchased from J. F. Tigner about 300 exceptionally fine cows and approximately 6,000 acres of grazing land. A record price was paid, and both parties are to be congratulated, especially Mr. Monthouse. Anyone is considered fortunate who is able to buy any Presidio County grazing land at this time.

A. S. Gage purchased 1,400 large steers from Mitchell & Russell. These are exceptionally fine animals and brought a fancy price.

**WEED KILLS CATTLE ON RANCHES IN ARIZONA**

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 29.—Cattle throughout the state are cautioned by State Veterinarian R. J. Hight to look out for the loco weed which is causing some heavy losses in the extreme southern districts, the pest making its appearance there at a time before the new green grass appeared and thereby with its own freshness tempting the cattle to their doom.

Under the influence of the pernicious weed the cattle become wobbly, paralysis overtakes them, and death ensues unless immediate relief is obtained. The worst district reported by Dr. Hight is that in the San Rafael Valley, 15 or 20 miles out from Patagonia. Most of the owners in that section were quick to move their cattle to distant ranges where the animals generally recovered, although many losses were recorded.

**STOCK NOTES**

There are a number of cow buyers in the market.

For some time the cow market has been dull and little sought after. Now the demand is quite active.

The shipments of fat cattle are about over for the season. Plenty of fat stuff here, but few stockmen wish to dispose of their remaining c.

G. Moore shipped Tuesday here one car of calves, and Espy Brothers shipped two cars of steers. These shipments were sent to San Antonio and sold to the Geo. W. Saunders Co., the calves bringing 9 cents and the steers 10 cents.

**Bull Will Occupy Bridal Suite**

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 26.—Lavender's Lord, pure bred shorthorn bull, formerly owned by President Wilson and sold by him July 2, 1918, at a Red Cross auction sale at Birmingham, will be kept in the bridal suite of a local hotel during the annual convention of the Southern Cattleman's association which begins here Tuesday.

The bull will be offered for sale at the shorthorn auction Wednesday.

John Eldridge of Gregory, Ark., is president of the association, and R. M. Gow of Little Rock secretary. Dr. R. A. Ramsey, head of the department of tick eradication, United States Department of Agriculture, is scheduled to speak on Wednesday.

**February will Be a Peculiar Month**

February, 1920, will be a peculiar month.

February 1 falls on a Sunday, as does February 29, the last day of the month.


There will be seven holidays in February—that is, for bankers and others, but for the common workman but five.

There are five Sundays in February and the customary two legal holidays—Abraham Lincoln's birthday and the anniversary of George Washington's birth.

Such a February has not been experienced since 1880, and there will not be a similar one until 1948, statistical fiends declare.

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**WOOD ALCOHOL KILLS MEXICAN RANCH HAND**

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 29.—Juan Alvarez, a Mexican ranch hand, died as the result of wood alcohol poisoning, according to Coroner Chas. de Sales Wheeler. Alvarez is alleged to have mixed his own decoction, using wood alcohol in the place of denatured alcohol. A doctor was not summoned to attend the man until after blindness had set in, the coroner stated, and death followed before medical aid could be rendered. Alvarez is the third victim of wood alcohol poisoning here within the past eight months.

**Training Husbands**

The husband, in common with other beasts of burden, should be handled very gently at first. He should be taught one, and only one thing at a time. He should become well accustomed to harness before being urged violently to the accomplishment of the several menial tasks of the household.

Many wives ruin an otherwise sensible and unobtrusive husband by trying to break his spirit too soon. In the undomesticated state the inexperienced husband is naturally sportive and liberty loving, and his instincts all tend to make him refractory and antagonistic toward female supervision. Attempts at justifiable coercion are, in the early stages of matrimony, almost sure to be met with a vicious stubbornness that is much more likely to grow than to diminish.

A wise mixture of cajolery, coaxing, contempt and independence and persistent firmness seems to secure the best results in training a husband. Young wives should proceed slowly. They should study the temperaments of the husbands whose natures they have chosen to exploit. Firmness and persistence are sure to be crowned with success.

**Al Chastain Burned to Death**

A wire was received in Marfa addressed to Mrs. Will Shannon nee Miss Maud Chastain, conveying the sad intelligence that her father, Al Chastain, was burned to death in a hotel fire in Dallas on January 24. Mrs. Shannon Sunday morning left for Dallas.

Al Chastain was a brother of M. B. Chastain and Mrs. A. H. Farmer, both deceased, and Trot Chastain of Alpine. Mrs. J. B. Gillett, Marfa, and Dick Chastain of Sierra Blanca, before moving to Dallas Al Chastain was sheriff of one of the Panhandle counties.

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**BUILDING NOTES**

J. C. Bean reports considerable activity in the building and improvement of properties in the city. He has contracted to put an addition on the Overland Garage and make other improvements renovating the present building.

He will also make additions to the J. Harper property, the present site occupied by the Model Market. Mr. Halper expects to put in a stock of merchandise as soon as the building has been remodeled.

Mrs. Childers has let the contract to him for the erection of additions and generally to remodel her present home. When completed according to the plans and specifications adopted, this residence will be one of the most attractive and commodious homes in Marfa.

**Get Off the Earth**

A drunken jitney driver at Omaha ran down and killed a poor Italian, and papers there roar because no jitney drivers should not be allowed to speed through the streets when they are drunk; also that the pedestrian did not deserve killing just because he is poor and therefore more or less friendless. Come out of it! This is a gasoline age and drunken auto drivers own the earth, and the fullness thereof. And as far as the other fellow is concerned, the fact that he was poor is ample cause for killing him off. Ain't he better off dead than alive? Sure he is. Those who lack money with which to purchase whisky, autos and gas must go. Times are too swift to bother about such common trash.

**SHIELDS IS COMING**

Rev. P. F. King is in receipt of a letter from H. K. Shields stating he will be glad to assist in the evangelistic campaign here, beginning March 21 at the Christian Church. Mr. Shields will sing in the great meeting to be held by Dr. P. H. Welshmer at Canton, Ohio. This means that the music will be a most attractive feature of the proposed meeting.

**For Sale**

One Fairbanks-Morse Z type 15 H. P. engine and belt, for \$500.00 cash. This engine has only been used three months and is in the very best condition.

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**SHERIFF'S SALE**

The State of Texas, County of Presidio. In the District Court of Presidio County, Texas. E. G. Gleim & Co., plaintiff, vs. C. A. Obets and J. W. Harris, defendants.

Whereas, by virtue of an alias execution issued out of the District Court of Presidio County, Texas, on the 12th day of August, 1919, in favor of the said E. G. Gleim & Co. and against the said C. A. Obets and J. W. Harris, No. 2504 on the docket of said court, I did on the 19th day of January, 1920, at 10:30 o'clock, p. m., levy upon the following described tracts or parcels of land situated in Presidio County, Texas, about one mile east of the court house of Presidio County, belonging to the said J. W. Harris, to-wit: Thirteen acres more or less, being a part of survey 243, block 8, G. H. & S. A. Ry. Co., known as the J. W. Harris property, and being the same property purchased by the said J. W. Harris by deed recorded in the real estate records of Presidio County, Texas, Vol. 56, Page 235 to which said deed and the record thereof reference is here made for further and more complete description of said land.

And on the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1920, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said J. W. Harris in and to said property.

Dated at Marfa, Texas, this 27th day of January, A. D. 1920. IRA W. CLINE, Sheriff of Presidio County, Texas. By A. G. BEARD, Deputy.

**RANCHES AND CITY PROPERTY FOR SALE**

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Thirty-seven sections of land in Hudspets and Cullerson Counties. Well fenced and watered with tanks and several seep springs. Undeveloped fine Gramma grass and plenty of timber for wood and ranch use. Well dully now first class rig, will sell with ranch 100 head of cattle and 25 head of Hures. Will take \$55.00 per head for the cattle and \$25.00 per head for the horses. Price \$3.50 per acre. Bonus \$1.55 due state. Will sell on reasonable terms.

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entire, well watered with springs, tanks and pipe line; 3 sections fenced land goes with it; all fenced in two pastures and small trap; two small ranch houses and corrals. Price \$1.50 per acre bonus \$1.25 due the State; one-third cash, balance in 1, 2 and 3 years at 8 per cent; will pay 5 per cent commission for sale.

One 6-room residence in northern part of town. Price \$3,500.  
One block of land in northern part of town.  
One 3-room house close in; price \$1,500.  
Five lots close in, \$500.  
Two 4-room houses; price \$2,000.

## Locals and Personals

Dr. Orr of Presidio was registered this week at the St. George.

George Newton of Valentine was a visitor to the city Monday.

O. C. Dowe was registered at the Buena Vista this week.

D. D. Kilparick of Candelaria was registered at the St. George Tuesday.

Mrs. W. B. Mitchell is in San Marcos this week visiting relatives.

Capt. Gray of Presidio has been attending district court this week.

FOR RENT—One furnished room. Phone 13.

Ranger N. J. Fuller, located at Candelaria, was in the city the 27th.

Arthur Mitchell and Joe Espy left Tuesday on a business trip to El Paso.

Mrs. Newt. Aiken has been quite ill this week with the flu. She is reported some better.

R. H. Evans and wife have returned from a trip to New Orleans and other Eastern points.

J. J. Allen and W. H. Lease, two of Alpine's prominent citizens, were in the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Bunton of Shafter are the guests of their mother, Mrs. L. D. Bunton.

Mrs. J. S. Howard left Friday for El Paso to spend Sunday. From there she goes to St. Louis.

J. A. MacDonald of Austin, internal revenue officer, was registered at the Buena Vista Tuesday.

FOR SALE—Thompson's Ringlett Rock cockrels, \$2.50 each. Eggs for hatching \$3.00 for 15.

MRS. R. A. LACKLAND.

J. J. Maurer has painted for the Longhorn Cafe one of the most artistic and attractive signs in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bunton of Shafter, with their little brother, are visiting their mother, Mrs. L. D. Bunton.

Old Homestead Coffee for drinking purposes—As good as the law allows. Murphy-Walker Co. (2-21-20) Exclusive Agents.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cleveland are in from the ranch this week visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cleveland.

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

On the first of February the Model Meat Market will be at their new place in the middle of the Murphy-Walker block.

Mrs. R. D. Richey, nee Miss Lorina Shannon, of El Paso, is visiting this week her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Shannon.

FOR RENT—Nice large front room with private entrance to bath. Will give breakfast if desired. Two men preferred. Phone 61.

FOR RENT—A good sized building suitable for store. Large basement and six living rooms.

E. W. NEVILL.

Mrs. S. T. Wood of Marfa has been in Del Rio attending the golden wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W. Doran.

One 6 h. p. Fairbanks gas engine and dynamo for sale cheap; either or both.

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WANTED—Position as sheep foreman on ranch with opportunity to invest some capital. E. T. WELLS, (p2-14) Marathon, Texas.

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W. H. Cleveland, who fell last week and injured his leg, broke one of the small bones, consequently he will be confined to his room for several weeks.

Mrs. W. A. Wells received word Monday that her brother, James McNeely, who visited her several months ago, had suddenly died at his home in Durant, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McCamant, formerly of Marfa, now residing in El Paso, came in yesterday in their auto. They were accompanied by their son-in-law, Lieut. Lyons.

LOST—Brown fur ball with ribbon one-half yard long attached. Lost at Queen Theater Saturday night. Finder please leave at New Era office and receive suitable reward.

Lieut. Walter Ecker, Jr., of San Antonio, who has been for several weeks in the county, came in from the river country Thursday, and left Friday for a month's stay in El Paso.

G. Spencer of San Antonio was registered at the St. George on the 28th. Mr. Spencer formerly lived in Presidio County, being the youngest son of Uncle John Spencer, deceased, pioneer citizen.

Judge Hill of San Angelo was a visitor to the city this week. The Judge formerly represented this district in the Senate, and is one of the most prominent citizens of Tom Green County.

Col. J. S. Joy, head of the department of camp activities, General Staff, inspected the welfare organizations of Camp Albert this week. He was well pleased with the situation in Marfa.

Pneumonia is reported in several surrounding towns. So far, Marfa has been for some time comparatively free from sickness, but lately there seems to be an epidemic of colds and sore throat.

Mr. Joe Rosson of San Marcos came in Thursday and will immediately take charge of the Eastering-Bishop Company. Mr. Rosson is a son-in-law of our esteemed townsman, W. F. Mitchell.

R. R. Smith, a citizen of Marfa, whose ranch is near Lobo, paid his home town a visit this week.

Mrs. Lois Wells has been in the city several days. She had a slight attack of something similar to plomaine poisoning.

Messrs. B. B. and W. W. McCutcheon received a message that their uncle, Mr. Bennett, of San Antonio, was very ill and they left Wednesday night to be with him. Mr. Bennett is about ninety years of age. We trust they will find him improving.—Fort Davis Post.

Mrs. Pool Entertains History Club

Mrs. J. W. Pool entertained the Marfa History Club Tuesday afternoon. The home was attractively decorated for the occasion with ferns and pink carnations and silver candle holders with pink tapers were placed about effectively. The color scheme of pink and green was carried out in the refreshments, which consisted of two courses—creamed chicken in pattie shells french peas, sandwiches, olives and coffee, reception squares and American beauty cream.

The meeting was especially interesting, due to the election of officers. Mrs. W. P. Fischer is the retiring president, Mrs. J. E. Conner, incoming president. Other newly elected officers are: vice president, Mrs. W. B. Mitchell; second vice president, Mrs. R. S. McCracken; secretary, Mrs. C. E. Mead; treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Orgain; parliamentarian, Mrs. Thos. Snyder; press reporter, Mrs. Oscar Shipman; Miss Jacobs re-elected librarian.

The study for this month was Sir Arthur Wing Pinero's two plays, The Second Mrs. Tanqueray and The Notorious Mrs. Ebbsmith.

Mrs. Chas. Bailey was the leader, and the following splendid papers were given:

1. The cause of Mrs. Tanqueray's failure to establish herself in society. Discussion by club members.

2. The cause of Mrs. Ebbsmith's failure to carry through her plan of Platonic love—Mrs. Raymond Fitzgerald.

3. A review of Iris—Mrs. W. J. Yates

4. Pinero's earlier dramas—Mrs. J. E. Conner.

5. The use of accident and coincidence in Pinero's plays—Mrs. W. H. Colquitt.

6. Is Pinero only a clever writer for the theater, or is he a serious force in dramatic literature?—Miss Bessie Jacobs.

The members responding to roll call with current events were Meses W. P. Fischer, Chas. Pruitt, Tom Snyder, Tom Crosson, Homer Col-

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people had these runs repeated for five nights more, making a total of seven (7) nights in succession, and in each instance the MAXWELL was winner. Everything considered, the speed was not to be laughed at, but something of much more importance had happened—COMPETITION and SKEPTICISM had been FORCED to sit up and "TAKE NOTICE," for the new

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quitt, C. R. Sutton, Chas. Bailey, R. S. McCracken, A. M. Porter, Raymond Fitzgerald, W. J. Yates, J. E. Conner, J. C. Orgain, C. E. Mead, Riley Smith, Oscar Shipman, Miss Jacobs and the hostess. Guests were Meses, Graves Bogel, Joe Humphreys, Ben Pruett, Crawford Mitchell and Miss Harrison.

The club will meet in February with Mrs. W. B. Mitchell.

"Common Property"

Those characters in the United States who are not satisfied with existing conditions should have witnessed the screen production of "Common Property" at the Popular Theater Thursday night. This picture has to do with anarchistic conditions in Russia, and is replete with nerve-racking climaxes portraying the horrors of an anarchistic government. After witnessing the above named picture, any person possessed with even the smallest degree of self respect and decency will be proud of the good old Stars and Stripes.

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### Community Service Club

Mr. Aubrey, who has had charge of the community service activities of this district, is leaving today for his old home in Denison, Texas. The Soldiers' Community Club at Marfa will be left in the hands of a committee composed of A. M. Avant, Gus Raetzsch and John Humphris.

The committee will pay a nominal rent of \$25.00 per year for the building, with Mr. Raetzsch in active charge. It will be conducted as hitherto for the exclusive benefit of the soldier boys.

### Marfa Asks Stock Pens

Austin, Texas, Jan. 29.—Acting on a complaint by the Chamber of Commerce at Marfa, the railroad commission has set for hearing on Tuesday, February 17, a petition to require the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railway to construct suitable stock pens at Marfa, also loading and unloading chutes for the proper handling of shipments of livestock.

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### The Mayor and His Lady Entertain

Mayor J. C. Orgain and wife, on Friday evening at 6 p. m., delightfully entertained a large circle of friends. The guests arrived at the back door entrance, where they were received and conducted into a large room where for an hour the game of 42 was enjoyed by many of the guests. Afterwards they were invited to the large front room, where a large table in the form of an L was beautifully decorated. There was a white pergola entwined with asparagus fronds, bowls of pink carnations illumined with pink candles in crystal candelabra festooned with large pink marine bows. Dishes of olives and mint were in evidence. A five course dinner was served.

The following were the guests: Meses, Ben Pruett, Crawford Mitchell, J. W. Pool, Homer Colquitt, Chas. Pruitt, John L. Livingston, Raymond Fitzgerald, T. W. Snyder, R. R. Smith, M. R. Mahon, Edgar Mahon, L. F. Parrish, T. C. Crosson, C. E. Mead, Mabry, W. P. Fischer, F. A. Mitchell, R. H. Evans, Miss McNeal; Meses, Ben and Chas. Pruitt, Crawford Mitchell, Jesse Pool, Homer Colquitt, T. W. Snyder, Raymond Fitzgerald, J. L. Livingston, R. R. Smith, Doctor and Edgar Mahon, Thos. C. Crosson, Mabry, Rev. L. F. Parrish, Col. J. J. Hornbrook, C. E. Mead and W. B. Mitchell.

### Supreme Court Upholds Suffrage

Wednesday the Supreme Court of Texas sustained the constitutionality of the woman suffrage act, permitting women to vote in the primary elections and political conventions.

### Oil and Gas Reported

Report received at Marfa January 29 states that one of the wells being drilled near Marathon had struck considerable gas and some oil. The deepest well is now only about 1,200 feet.

### WESTERN COAST CAPITAL TO TEST MARFA DISTRICT

The Texas Land and Development Company, of Portland, Ore., which last July purchased oil leases on 32,000 acres of land in Presidio County southeast of Marfa, will drill deep test wells for oil as soon as the drill rig arrives and the derrick is erected.

Messrs. J. J. Hurlbert of Los Angeles, financier and oil man, O. T. Jobs, a banker of Portland, Ore., and Otto T. Wamack, geologist and consulting engineer, have just returned to El Paso from Marfa after inspecting property and making arrangements for a drilling campaign.

"The 32,000 acre tract," said Mr. Hurlbert, "is on the W. T. Fisher ranch, which is one of the largest cattle ranches in Texas. On this tract is one of the most perfect domes I have ever seen, the limestone structure outcropping plainly. The dome is about 12 miles wide and 20 miles long. As representative of The Texas Land Development Company, I went to the field last July and after making thorough examination and gathering all the data available, and visiting and consulting with Dr. J. A. Udden, director of the Texas Geological Survey I closed the contract and bought the lease and oil rights outright. Our material and rig are ordered, and drilling will commence as soon as the derrick is erected and the drilling machinery is installed.

Custom compels the loser to congratulate the winner, but there was never a loser in the world who felt that way about it.

### The Last Day

This is the last day, January 31, in which to pay your county or city poll tax. Remember, all persons must pay the county poll tax in order to vote; if they reside in the city must likewise pay their city poll tax in order to vote in a county primary or general election.

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**OUR CHURCHES**

**Saint Paul's Episcopal Church**

Last Sunday the services were most impressive when the memorials were dedicated. The choir rendered in connection with the dedication the hymns, "For all Thy saints who from their labors rest," "I heard the sound of voices," "There is a blessed home," "Draw near and take," and "Our Father's God to Thee." The rector spoke briefly about the memorials and gave a short sketch of those persons' lives in memory of whom the memorials were installed in the church.

Next Sunday being the first Sunday of the month there will be two celebrations of the Holy communion, one at 8 a. m. and the second at 11 a. m. The church school will hold its regular session at 10 a. m.

The rector leaves next week for El Paso to attend the healing mission to be conducted at St. Clements Episcopal Church in El Paso by James M. Hickson. From El Paso he will go to Santa Fe to attend the convocation of the missionary district of New Mexico and Texas west of the Pecos, and in Holy Faith Church at Santa Fe he will conduct the "quiet hour" for the convocation and make an address on religious education. En route home he will stop at Albuquerque, N. M., and the missionary expects to be back in Marfa for Sunday, Feb. 15. The church school will conduct its regular sessions during his absence but the services on Sunday, Feb. 8, will be omitted.

**More Memorials Dedicated at Marfa**

On Sunday last, the Feast of St. Paul's Conversion, St. Paul's Episcopal Church held a special dedicatory service for several new memorials which have just been placed in the church here. These include a handsome processional cross with beautiful ecclesiastical designs, the gift of George A. Brown of Alpine, in memory of his parents; a pair of brass altar candlesticks, the gift of Adolph Schneider of Marfa in memory of his wife, Mrs. Hattie Schneider, who was a member of the St. Paul's Guild; and two bronze memorial tablets, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Livesay of Anthony, N. M., in memory of their daughter, Mrs. Mary Livesay Hawley, and of their son, Joseph R. Livesay Jr., who died on the battlefield of France on October 17, 1918.

These memorials were dedicated by the Rev. Clarence S. McClellan, B. D., the rector and Episcopal missionary of the Big Bend of West Texas. As the tablet to Joseph R. Livesay, the soldier, was unveiled, special prayers were offered up for the soldiers, sailors, aviators and marines of our country and the national anthem was sung by the vested choir.

Mrs. James P. Kennedy of Alpine has signified her desire to present St. Paul's Church with a memorial in memory of her husband, James P. Kennedy, who was one of the well known ranchmen of the Big Bend of West Texas. This memorial will probably be a pair of seven branch candlesticks for the altar and will be dedicated in the near future.

**Methodist Episcopal Church**

After an absence of one month from his pulpit, by order of his official board, Rev. L. Fletcher Parrish will again take up his duties, filling the pulpit Sunday at both the morning and evening services. At the beginning of the year it was discovered that the pastor was not well, and the board of stewards urged him to take a month's vacation, which has proven to be greatly beneficial. During the month the pulpit has been filled by Rev. J. E. Aubry of the community house, Rev. J. C. Jones of Albuquerque, and Rev. F. B. Faust of Pecos.

Beginning Sunday the pastor will take up the plans for a Sunday school evangelistic campaign which has been inaugurated throughout the Southern Methodist Church as part of the Centenary program.

At the conclusion of the morning service the pastor will administer the sacrament.

**Epworth League Service**

Sunday evening at 6:15 o'clock the Senior League will have a special program, which will consist of songs and recitations rendered by the Juniors under the direction of Mrs. Duty, following which an address will be delivered to the Leaguers by Miss Hillary Harrison, publicity expert, from Fort Worth. Miss Harrison is visiting her brother, the pastor of the Baptist Church. She is widely known

throughout the South and West as a journalist, and has also published a book of beautiful poems, "Texas Emblems." It is expected that an unusually large audience will be present to hear her inspirational address.

**Christian Church**

The subjects of the sermons at the Christian Church are as follows: Morning, "I Am the True Vine"; Evening (6:45), "Christ's Own Command."

Can we love unlovely people? This question will be answered. You are invited.

**Baptist Church**

Each service was fairly well attended Sunday. There was nothing like a "jam" at either service. In fact there was plenty of room for those who ought to have been there and were not.

Sunday morning the pastor will discuss the question of "The Inter-Church World Movement and the Baptists." All of our people are urged to be there. Others are invited.

At 6:45 p. m. the theme will be "The Devil's Vain Attempt to Retard the World of Christ."

We are making arrangements for a large crowd Sunday night. Be with us.

**Christian Endeavor**

Topic for Feb. 1—What Does Our Pledge Require? Deut. 13:4; John 14:21-26. (Christian Endeavor Day, Consecration meeting.)

1. Hymn.
2. Prayer.
3. Hymn.
4. Scripture reading.
5. Remarks.
6. Motto for the meeting read in concert—Whatever He saith unto you, o it (Jno. 2-5).
7. A hymn on consecration.
8. A contest on pledge requirements.
9. Business.
10. Mizpah.

Meeting changes this month to the Christian Church. We begin promptly at 5:45. We welcome you.

**Junior Christian Endeavor**

Place—Christian Church. Time—3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Subject—What does our pledge require?

Scripture—Deut. 13:4; John 14:21-26.

Christian Endeavor day. Song. Prayer.

Scripture reading—Deut. 13:4; John 14:21-26.

1. We must trust God.
2. We promise Him.
3. We will strive to do His will.
4. Whatever He would like.
5. We will pray every day.
6. We will read the Bible daily.

Roll call. Benediction.

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**Miracle Man Passes Through Marfa Today**

Reports are coming in from everywhere about the healing power of a lay member of the Episcopal Church, who is now on tour of this country, and it appears from authentic reports that he is truly a "Miracle Man." He is to speak in El Paso tomorrow, passing through Marfa today.

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The Houston Post of the 28th says of him:

Healing by faith with the laying on of hands was exemplified in Houston Tuesday night on about a dozen sufferers who sought the ministering power of James Moore Hickson, layman of the Church of England, who has startled the American public by his work of healing through what Mr. Hickson calls "The Gift of the Holy Spirit."

Rich and poor alike in Houston were given the benefit of the seemingly mysterious power which this gifted man of the spirit possesses. He visited some of the most lowly homes in Houston Tuesday night and was visited by others of the most exclusive Houstonians at the home of Bishop Clinton S. Quin.

Mr. Hickson arrived in Houston about 7 o'clock by interurban, and left at 11:30 p. m. for San Antonio, where he will continue his work of bringing happiness and hope into the lives of the lame, the halt, the blind.

Result Miraculous, Parents Say One child brought to Mr. Hickson was born, its parents said, with a congenital affliction manifested in a wild jabbering and uncontrolled nervousness. Upon offering prayer and laying his hands on the stricken

child the lad quieted after a minute or so with a peace the parents deemed miraculous.

Another child born blind was brought in a sumptuous limousine to the healer and was given treatment. A prominent former judge of Houston, whose name was withheld, was brought to Mr. Hickson for manifestation of his healing.

In all about a dozen people were given the ministrations by the layman during his brief stay in Houston.

"There is nothing mysterious about my work," said Mr. Hickson. "I am simply gifted as St. Paul speaks of 'the gift of healing.' It is simply that I have arrived at the practice of the efficacy of prayer. It is no power of my own. It is simply that I am a means of bringing from the source of God the divine power to heal those I heal. It has nothing to do with my magnetism nor my personality. It is entirely spiritual.

**Healing Lost Through Materialism**

"I am doing nothing new. I am bringing back into practice what was the customary thing in the first 400 years of the church. Through materialism and diversion of the true spiritual meaning of the church the gift of healing was lost. "Faith in Jesus Christ to perform His works and prayer faithfully uttered in trust that it will be answered explains it all. It is wholly spiritual and is simply utilizing the God source, which is always true, unending and perfect in power.

"At Galveston Tuesday I laid hands on at least 1,000 people and I am not fatigued. Were the healing source drawn from me, I could not stand the work. But as I am simply an instrument for God's power to manifest itself through, there is nothing tiring to me in my healing.

Americans Respond Quickly "I find Americans especially susceptible to my work as they respond quickly and zealously to the idea of faith and prayer. Though England is more spiritual than America, the English mind is more unable to take and grasp a new idea. The English mind requires that a thing be tried out before it is accepted.

"I am not alone in my work in England. I know at least two other men who are doing similar work to mine in England. "I leave tonight for San Antonio, thence to El Paso and on to Los Angeles. Then I shall go into the Orient, visiting China and India. I have no idea just when I shall end my trip."

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