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MARFA HAS ANOTHER NARROW ESCAPE

JUDGE MILLER'S OFFICE ON FIRE—THE QUEEN'S CHEMICAL ENGINE AND MR. BAILEY SAVED THE SERIOUS SITUATION.

What might have proved the most disastrous fire in the history of Marfa was narrowly avoided by a fortunate accident. Hitherto the Bailey Novelty Store, especially during the week with probably the exception of Saturday night, closes its doors at 6 o'clock p. m. But last Saturday there was a rush day on, and the store was kept open until later. At 8:30 Mr. Bailey was looking around and casting his eye upward noticed a discoloration on a place in the ceiling of his store. Looking closer he noticed that it was caused by a fire from above. Instantly he knew that Judge Miller's law office was on fire, and gave the alarm.

The office consists of two rooms upstairs in the Raetzsch building. A wooden partition divides the front office facing the street, from the back office where there is kept a stove. It was the back office on fire. When Mr. Bailey with several others rushed upstairs it was ascertained that this room was filled with smoke and fire. The precaution was taken not to break in until there was something at hand with which to extinguish the flames. J. C. Orgain rushed to the scene with the Queen theater's chemical engine. The door was broken through and after a hard battle the fire was put out. When the light commenced the partition wall was a mass of flames, the ceiling and the floor near the stairs were burning, and a dense cloud of smoke was coming through every crack and crevice in the room.

During the day the ashes from the stove were taken out and put in an iron bucket near the stove. It had not been noticed that there was a hole in the ash can. After the fire there was a round hole, some larger than the can, burned through the floor and the wood around the can must have been ignited and the flames reached and took hold of the wooden partition, which likewise burst into flames and spread over the entire, or nearly so, of the entire section.

In the upstairs of the Raetzsch building, besides the law offices of Judge Miller, there is the Share Art gallery, consisting of three rooms. Dr. Weatherby's dental parlors of three rooms, and three other rooms rented to private parties; below, are located the U. S. postoffice and the Bailey Novelty Store; joining the Raetzsch building is the Booth building, in which are located Mac's drug store and Harper's gents furnishings; then joining this building is the Midkiff two-story building. In this building on the ground floor is located the Candy Shop, and in the second story there are a number of offices and private rooms.

This is the second time Marfa has had a miraculous escape from a disastrous fire, and in the same section of the city.

CONGRESSWOMAN-ELECT OPPOSES HAMON APPOINTMENT

Muskogee Okla., Dec. 9.—Mrs. Alice H. Robertson, congresswoman-elect from the Second Oklahoma district, is opposed to the selection of Mrs. Jake L. Hamon as Republican national committee woman succeeding her husband, whose recent death resulted in a scandal.

"It was a great surprise to me to find that Republicans of this state have been called upon to elect a monument to the late Republican national committee man by the election of his wife to the vacancy caused by the sordid tragedy of his death," said Mrs. Robertson tonight.

"The women of Oklahoma cannot afford to indulge in an impractical sentimental attitude toward one woman when that attitude is fraught with such danger to women in general.

REPORT ON PINK BOLL WORM—LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED

The future of the cotton situation is now up to the governor of Texas. Texas representatives in congress and the federal government.

That, in substance, is the statement of Sidney D. Smith in charge of the office of the federal horticultural board in El Paso who has a copy of the report and recommendations of the commissioner Governor W. P. Hobby sent into the Laguna district of Mexico to study the cotton situation.

Mr. Smith says five regions in the valley are known to be infested, ranging some 50 miles from Anthony to Fabens.

There are five infested fields at Anthony, Mr. Smith said, one of which is in Texas also. Other infested fields have been found from a half mile southeast of Val Verde, a half mile northeast of Ysleta, at San Elizario and at Fabens.

As fast as the horticultural board's agents find an infested field, they clean up everything within a mile of it. Last Saturday 600 men were put to work cleaning up fields around Anthony and Ysleta. Clearing is done by cutting stalks and burning them, along with all trash.

The federal quarantine lies over El Paso county and over regions down the valley below the county where it is a voluntary embargo.

This quarantine means that cotton can be exported through any gulf port to Europe but not to the interior of the United States without being first fumigated. The cotton can be shipped to New York or Boston, from where it can be sent into the states again after it is fumigated. The cost of fumigation is on the shipper.

Summarized, the findings of the commission named by the governor to investigate the cotton situation in the Laguna district are: 1.—The pink boll worm constitutes a serious menace to cotton production in that district.

2.—Cotton can not continue to be grown there profitably unless some means of eradication and control not now known are found and applied. 3.—Nothing indicates that the pest will be eradicated from the district in the near future.

Physical and climatic conditions in the district are so similar to those of the cotton districts of Texas that the belief is justified that the pest would do as much damage in Texas as it has done in Mexico.

The commission made the following recommendations: 1.—That the governor of Texas take steps to have the proper agencies of the federal government negotiate with the federal government of Mexico for a more thorough co-operation in the joint study of the pink boll worm, and the working out of quarantine and other measures that will eradicate or control it.

2.—That the governor of Texas try to have the United States government obtain permission from the Mexican government to establish a scientific station in the Laguna district to study the worm and carry on research work.

3.—That the senators and representatives from Texas in congress be urged to obtain more liberal immigration regulations governing the entry of Mexican laborers so they will not be smuggled. If the regulations are made liberal the commission believes there will be no incentive for Mexicans to enter in any way except through the regular ports of entry, where their baggage can be inspected. It is pointed out that pink boll worms are brought in in pillows and bedding stuffed with cotton from which all the seed has not been taken. Inspection would prevent this to a great extent, it is held.

Taxable Values of Presidio County, for year 1920, as shown by Tax Assessor's Roll and approved by County Commissioners and State Comptroller:

Table with columns: Resident roll, form B; Nov. 1, resident roll, form C; Unrendered roll, form D; Supplementary roll, form E. Includes sub-sections for Town lots, Banks, Railroads, Telegraph and Telephone, Cattle, Horses and mules, Sheep, Goats, Hogs, Dogs, Automobiles, vehicles, Merchandise, Money and notes, Miscellaneous property.

Total tax value. State tax .062 cents on \$100 valuation. County tax .078 cents on \$100 valuation. High school tax .02 cents on \$100.00 valuation. District school No. 1 tax .20 cents on \$100 valuation. District school No. 3 tax .10 cents on \$100 valuation. Poll tax assessed 33¢.

KEEP 'EM DOWN ON THE FARMS OR STARVE, ADVICE BY PAYNE

Washington, Dec. 14.—Unless life on farms is made more attractive a serious situation with regard to production of food will soon confront the country, according to the report of John Barton Payne, secretary of the interior, made public today.

During the year ended June 30, the secretary points out the number of vacant farm houses in Ohio alone increased from 18,000 to 29,000, or 61 per cent. Other states, he says, present similar conditions.

The difficulty is that people prefer to live in towns and villages and to enjoy society and the conveniences and comforts of modern life beyond the reach of a scattered population living on large farms.

"Can this be remedied by the ownership of small farms and the formation of neighborhood associations? Small farms bringing people nearer together and intensive cultivation of these farms may be the answer."

"The importance of this subject can be realized when it is stated that three measures are now before congress authorizing the department to aid persons desiring to procure farms. All embody the community settlement idea. One known as the Mondell bill provides an appropriation of \$50,000,000; the world war farm and home building act, sponsored by Senator Borah, appropriates \$300,000,000.

"The third bill enlists the services of the department of reclamation and land for community settlements. The reclamation service is available for this work" the secretary says.

"The great national parks are in danger of destruction, according to the report which pleads for a fixed national policy forever preserving their resources from the demands of commerce.

"With the rapid settlement and changing conditions of the west, the wisdom of creating national parks and permanently setting apart such wonderlands as the Yellowstone Park, the Grand Canyon, the Yosemite, the Sequoia, preserving for the present and for the future generations these wonderful works of nature and the wild animals and birds so plentiful in the early days, but now so scarce is increasingly evident" says Mr. Payne.

DOMINGUEZ ON TRIAL FOR NEVILLE MURDER

International interest centers around the trial of Mercedito Dominguez which is now in progress in the district court. The case goes back to March, 1918, when a party of Mexicans crossed the river and raided the Neville ranch in Presidio county, murdering one of the members of the Neville family. The raiders made good their escape to the other side of the river. About a year after this occurrence, in April, 1919, a regiment of United States cavalry crossed into Mexico near Boquillas in pursuit of the bandits who had captured two American aviators and held them for ransom. Accompanying this regiment were some Texas rangers. They did not get the men they were after but they came across Dominguez whom the rangers immediately recognized as one of the men who had taken part in the Neville raid. In an attempt to escape from the soldiers, Dominguez was shot, carried across the river in a heavily wounded condition and placed in the guard house at Boquillas. Believing that he was dying Dominguez is alleged to have made to Captain Mallack the officer in charge, a full confession of participation in the Neville raid and in the murder of Neville's son. He was then turned over to the Presidio civil authorities, and subsequently transferred to the Val Verde county jail on a charge of venue.

The manner and the circumstances under which Dominguez was captured raises a delicate international question, in which the Mexican government is deeply interested. Attorneys Boggers, Smith & LaCrosse, at the outset of the trial argued that Dominguez was taken as an incident to an act of war by armed forces of the United States violating Mexican territory, and they made a motion that the case be dismissed. Judge Thurmond and District Attorney Henry opposed the motion.

His honor, the district judge, held that the question involved was of such importance that it should go to the higher courts for a decision. He therefore overruled the motion upon an understanding with counsel on both sides, that they should submit the question involved to the court of appeals.

The case then went to trial and is still in progress.—West Texas News.

Another Fire.

Last Saturday evening the roof of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Neill's residence caught fire from a defective flue, but fortunately it was discovered in time and little damage was done when extinguished.

Nor-Wester.

Sunday evening at 4:30 a cold wind came from the northwest. Wednesday morning a cold Nor-Easter was trying to break the record. Still the winter so far has not been so bad—comparatively speaking.

RELIEF NEEDED BY EUROPEAN CHILDREN

Near East Relief.

The following collections have been made by the captains of the committees who have been soliciting subscriptions the town being divided into several districts, as here shown: Captain Ed Pruett taking that part of the town north of the railroad and west of the court house, reports as follows:

Table with columns: Name, Amount. Lists donors like Mrs. W. H. Cardwell, Mrs. R. H. Evans, Mona B. Johnson, J. E. Conner, Mrs. Chas. Pruett, Mr. J. S. Cook, Mrs. Tom Crosson, Mrs. Ben Pruett, Mrs. J. Humphris.

Total \$52.00. Captain Horace Porter has charge of that part of town north of the railroad and east of the court house. Captain Lolla Bunton, who has charge of the part of town south of the railroad track, reports as follows:

Table with columns: Name, Amount. Lists donors like Mrs. J. H. Evans, Union Drug Co., Marfa Mfg. Co., Mrs. T. A. Childers, Mendias Bros., Alamo Lumber Co., M. Stool, J. Soroker, Murphy-Walker Co.

Total \$31.25. The High School also reports the following collections: First grade \$1.86, Second grade 2.24, Third grade 1.80, Fourth grade 2.50, Fifth grade 3.00, Sixth grade 4.00, Seventh grade 3.20, Eighth grade 3.27, Ninth grade 8.17, Tenth grade 3.65, Eleventh grade 1.05.

Total \$34.74. The Christian church reports an offering of \$30.00 with the Sunday school yet to be heard from. Total collections to Dec. 15—\$127.99.

DEEPEST PRODUCING WELL IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Texas Company's Arnold well near Graham, Texas, is mentioned as the deepest producing well in the United States. It is now producing at a depth of 4,714 feet, making 60 barrels of oil per day. Many contradictory claims appear from time to time as to the deepest holes and "deepest producing wells." The editor is not competent to judge the reliability of published data. It may be of interest, however, to state that our petroleum journals reported in the summer of 1918 that the deepest hole ever drilled in the earth had been abandoned at depth of 7,321 feet. This hole is located in Washington County, Pa., and was drilled by the Peoples Gas Company a Standard Oil natural gas subsidiary. In this connection it was reported that the deepest previous hole was near Luchow, Germany, which had been abandoned at a depth of 7,239 feet. As far as the editor knows, it is generally accepted that the deepest producing wells are in Galicia. The Petroleum Magazine a couple of years ago stated that the deepest producing oil well was Henrick No. 1 in Tusconowice Field, Boryslaw District, Galicia, completed in 1913 at depth of 5,961 feet and was producing up to the beginning of the world war.—Texaco Star.

Marfa Grove No. 738.

The Woodman Circle held its regular meeting on December 6, at the W. O. W. hall. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Guardian, Mrs. Annie Adams; Advisor, Mrs. Annie Livingston; clerk, Mrs. Ida Jordan; banker, Mrs. Winnie Kilpatrick; chaplain, Mrs. Charlie Kerr; attendant, Mrs. Maggie Kerr; assistant attendant, Mrs. Elizabeth Kennedy; new manager, Mrs. Hattie Young; inner sentinel, Bernice Adams; outer sentinel, Mrs. Sadie Harper; musician, Mrs. Johnnie Shannon. These officers will be installed in January.

Attempted Robbery.

Sunday night during the wind-storm thieves attempted to break into the Segura store. The entrance was attempted at the front door. A thick wire screen was cut, and then a glass broken out of the door, and a bar on the inside bent out of the way, and while removing the screws from an inside catch the screwdriver fell on the inside. This mishap either stopped the entrance, or else the thief or thieves were frightened away. Anyway, the thief instead of taking something out, left his tool on the inside.

Mr. and Mrs. Marx Stool left Monday for El Paso, where Mrs. Stool will remain for several weeks in a hospital.

THE BEST CHRISTMAS CHEER WILL BE THE FEEDING OF THESE LITTLE SUFFERERS IN EUROPE.

While America planned last month the yearly feast with which she gives thanks for her peace and plenty, and while this month all over the vast land, mysterious bustle foretelling the coming of the season dedicated to the joy and pleasure of American children, across the water little waifs face death for lack of one meal a day.

Three and one-half million children, who have been cared for by the American Relief administration, cannot be fed after January 1, because funds will be exhausted on that date.

First hand knowledge of these conditions caused M. H. Wolfe of Dallas, president of the State Sunday School association, to address an appeal to all superintendents on the roll, asking the mto send December 19th aside for the cause of these little ones. On that date, he asks that contributions in Texas Sunday schools be devoted to the relief of children in ten countries of war-swept Europe.

"Ten dollars," he states, "is sufficient to save the life of a child. The country aided will give the equivalent of \$2 for every \$1 sent by America. Ten dollars will provide a pair of shoes, a little overcoat, and one warm meal a day. These countries should be on their feet after the next harvest."

It is Mr. Wolfe's plan to have the superintendents announce that the collection next Sunday will be for these children. His letter follows: "During my recent trip through Europe, I was convinced by first hand information that the people in some sections were dying by the thousands from actual starvation. Especially, small children and newborn babies were perishing in great numbers from the lack of proper food.

"These people are our neighbors and it becomes the sacred duty of every man, woman and child in America to send relief, and I am writing these words to urge that Sunday, December 19th, be set apart as relief day, with the hope that every Sunday school in Texas will come to the rescue by taking an offering for suffering and helpless humanity." (Signed) M. H. WOLFE.

Pastors of churches are also asked to devote December 19th to a sermon appeal for these pitiful little waifs. The European Relief council which is directing the work of "turning prospective corpses into useful citizens," is composed of eight great welfare bodies: The American Relief administration, the American Red Cross, the Federated Council of Churches of Christ in America (Protestant), the Knights of Columbus, the American Friends Service committee (Quakers), the Jewish Relief societies, the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A.

Herbert Hoover, former head of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, Federal Food Administrator, and chairman of the American Relief administration, is chairman of the European Relief council. He has appointed E. A. Peden, of Houston, former Texas Food administrator, and later on the Paris staff of the American Relief administration, as state chairman. Mr. Peden has enlisted Mr. John Humphris of Marfa to act as county chairman in Presidio county.

Mr. Hoover, Mr. Peden and Mr. Humphris hope to have funds collected by January 1 so that these little children will be assured of a chance for life in this New Year. America must raise \$33,000,000 to do this; a big sum, but every \$10 given means life to a child.

SUNDAY MOVIES HELD TO BE ILLEGAL BY COURT OF TEXAS

Owner of Theater at Austin Is Fined \$200 in Ruling of Magistrates. Austin, Texas, Dec. 11.—In a majority opinion, the court of criminal appeals held today that the operation of moving picture theaters on Sundays is in violation of the Sunday law, being article 302 of the penal code. This opinion was in the case of J. J. Hegman, the owner of a moving picture theater at Austin and in the lower court he was fined \$200 and this was affirmed today. Presiding Judge W. I. Davidson dissented from the majority opinion on the grounds that under no decision yet rendered could this exhibition come within the statutes, besides, he held that a moving picture is not a theater within the meaning of the law. He also pointed out that this opinion is contrary to a decision by former Associate Judge Ramsey, which exempted baseball from the provisions of the Sunday law. The opinion of the court today was written by Associate Judge Lattimore.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IN PEACE TIME Eastern Europe



Americans who contribute to the Red Cross would feel amply repaid for their generosity if they could see what it means to hundreds of thousands of war weary sufferers in the Balkans. Here is a widowed Roumanian mother with her five children just after a visit to a Red Cross relief station. All are barefoot and the boy at the left is wearing clothes made of scraps from the battlefields. They have just received winter clothing, food and condensed milk for the baby. Similar work is being done for Russian refugees driven from home.



**ORIENT R. R. PARTY HERE TO EXTEND MEXICO LINES**

**Say Topolobampo Bay Will Be Big Exporting Port—Extension Taps Rich Territory.**

The paramount development of Orient railroad extension in Mexico is the export center to be established on Topolobampo bay, according to the heads of the system who spent Wednesday in El Paso en route from Mexico City, where they witnessed the inauguration of President Obregon. They took advantage of the visit to the capital city to hold conferences with the incoming president and the railway commission relative to the Orient's contemplated extensions.

The party includes William T. Kemper, receiver, who is also head of the National Bank of Commerce in Kansas City; A. de Bernardi, vice president of the system; Judge John C. Pollock of the United States district court in Kansas; Walter S. Dickey, clay products manufacturer; Edward Zea, vice president of the National Bank of Commerce in Kansas City; Clifford Histed general counsel of the Orient; J. J. Shouse, former assistant secretary of the United States treasury; George Theiss banker of Wichita, Kan.; Houston Harte, publisher of the San Angelo, Texas, Standard; George B. Logan of the Kansas City Star; Don Juan Trevino, of the Orient-Chihuahua lines, and John Case of the Orient west coast lines.

President Obregon is more interested, if it be possible, they say, in the company's extensions in northern Mexico than in any other part because of his long residence in the northern state of Sonora. The officials of the company believe that the completion of a transnational line east and west from Presidio to Topolobampo is the most important economic piece of work that could be mapped out.

Rich mining areas, extensive forests of excellent timber, broad grazing and agricultural lands will be opened up by the company's contemplated extensions. It is important from the fact that at present there is no east-west line across the resourceful country.

Work on the western division of the Orient was under way during the reign of President Francisco I. Madero. He had made extensive guarantees to the company on capital to

be invested in Mexico only about three months before his death. During the subsequent troublous period the railroad construction work had to be suspended.

Arthur E. Stillwell builder of the Kansas City Southern railway, directed his operations to the nearest air-line tidewater points on the south and west. The southern terminus is Port Arthur, Texas, now a prosperous port, and the western point is on Topolobampo bay, Mexico. That point is only about 1600 miles from Kansas City, a much shorter distance than any trunk line at present affords.

Sections of the Orient's lines have some traffic moving over them at the present time. There are about 75 miles of track east of the western port and about 200 miles in the state of Chihuahua and adjacent territory. The construction of about 150 miles connecting the chihuahua line with Alpine, Texas through the border town of Presidio, and about 200 miles across the Sierra Madre mountains will complete the international line.

The establishment of an export shipping point on the west coast of Mexico for Central and South American trade, as well as Philippine and other western trade, will mean much to the southwest, especially Mexico. President Obregon is said to look upon the project as "an integral part of the rehabilitation program of Mexico."

Besides the extensions in northern Mexico, the Orient interests intend to establish a line from San Angelo to Del Rio, completing the stretch from Kansas City to Mexico City, making, as they say, the shortest route between the two points. The grade work from San Angelo has progressed to a distance of 100 on the total of 160 miles.

The Orient party had its coaches brought over from the Juarez side Wednesday morning and left in the afternoon for a point in Arizona, from where they will go to the west coast of Mexico to look over conditions and prospects there.—El Paso Times.

**TELEGRAM.**

Dallas, Texas, 11-14-'20. QUEEN THEATRE, Marfa, Texas. Your wire. Have booked Bebe Daniels "She Couldn't Help It" for twenty-first. Unusual picture. Go Strong. Enterprise Realart Corporation.

**TEST NEW AFRICAN VARIETIES AS TO ADAPTABILITY TO U. S.**

Sixteen hundred lots of seeds and plants of African fruits, vegetables, grains, and flowers not common to this country have been sent to the United States Department of Agriculture for a test as to their adaptability to American soil as a result of a trip made by Dr. H. L. Shantz, an agricultural explorer. Dr. Shantz accompanied the Smithsonian-African expedition, which made a tour of interior Africa from Cape Town to Cairo, penetrating the Orange Free State, the Transvaal, the Congo, East Africa, the Sudan, and Egypt, with side trips to other parts of the continent and adjacent islands.

Among the many new crops, one that is viewed with interest is a gourd 2 feet long which contains 2 gallons of succulent seed about the size of an almond. The meat of these seeds resembles that of the butter-nut in taste, and in addition to their possibilities as a nut substitute they are rich in oil. Many new kaffir corns and sorghums, as well as grasses, suitable for the semi-arid West as well as the pine lands of the South, some excellent new mangoes, a number of oil plants, some dry-land rice, and a large number of grains and grasses are among the specimens. The department has found that several crops which flourish in Central Africa are adapted to the southern parts of the southwestern United States. The American-Egyptian cotton and Sudan grass are among the noteworthy acquisitions as a result of previous expeditions.

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Oh, where will be the birds that sing,  
A hundred years to come?  
The flowers that now in beauty spring,  
The rosy lip, the lofty brow,  
A hundred years to come?  
The heart that beats so gaily now—  
Oh, where will be love's beaming eye,  
Joy's pleasant smile, and sorrow's sigh,  
A hundred years to come?

Who'll press for gold this crowded street,  
A hundred years to come?  
Who'll tread your church with willing feet,  
A hundred years to come?  
Pale, trembling age, and fiery youth,  
And childhood with its brow of truth,  
The rich and poor, on land and sea—  
Where will the mighty millions be,  
A hundred years to come?

We all within your graves shall sleep,  
A hundred years to come;  
No living soul for us will weep  
A hundred years to come;  
But other men our lands shall till,  
And others then our streets shall fill,  
As bright the sunshine as today,  
A hundred years to come!  
—William Goldsmith Brown.

Bebe Daniels. "She Couldn't Help It." at The Queen December 21st.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS.**

TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OF PRESIDIO COUNTY, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summons Gertrude Shaver Glavis by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Presidio County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Marfa, Texas, on the fourth Monday in January, A. D. 1921, the same being the 24th day of January, A. D. 1921, then and there to answer a First Amended Original petition filed in said court on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1920, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 2571, wherein G. W. Glavis is plaintiff and Gertrude Shaver Glavis is defendant and said First Amended Original petition alleging that plaintiff resided in the State of Texas six months next pre-

ceding the filing of this suit and further alleging permanent abandonment for more than three years with no intention of ever returning, and praying for a dissolution of the marriage relations and for special and general relief.

Witness Essie Aiken, Clerk of the District Court of Presidio County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in Marfa, Texas, this 16th day of December, A. D. 1920.  
SEAL) ESSIE AIKEN,  
Clerk of the District Court, Presidio County, Texas.

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## EL PASO IN 1886

### A LOOKING BACKWARD OF THIRTY-FIVE YEARS—THE POPULATION 6600 — ONE-HALF AND OVER MEXICAN—INTERNATIONAL STREET CAR SYSTEM.

(By G. A. Martin, in El Paso Herald.)

"El Paso has a total population of 6600 people, according to the latest city directory and it can boast of the only international (mule) street car system in the world. It also has hotels with electric bells and water on every floor and two regular paid policemen to assist the marshal and his assistants in the preservation of order."

How would you feel to read something like this boastfully printed today? They bragged about these 35 years ago.

In 1885, the city directory of El Paso could be carried in a man's coat pocket or a woman's handbag. Today it would be lost in the specious receptacles the women carry. It was five by seven and a half inches in size and contained a little less than 100 pages, including a directory of Paso Del Norte (now Juarez) and several pages descriptive to the two cities and the usual number of advertisements.

There were 2200 El Paso names in the directory. Multiplying this in the usual fashion, of three persons for each name in the directory, the city had a population of 6600, but this is possibly overestimating it, for many of the names shown are of gamblers, variety actresses and others. There were few families here at the time, fewer than in the average city, where such computation is expected to apply.

#### Things They Boasted Of.

There are some very interesting statements in the preface relative to the early days of El Paso and Juarez.

One of the boasts is that "the only international street car system in the world" is in operation between El Paso and Del Norte. The mules are declared to be sleek and fat all the time.

The directory was printed in Albuquerque, N. M., by the "Daily Journal Steam Printing House." Evidently the job was too big for El Paso at the time. There were no "Bill" McMaths, Leo Ferlets, Paul Heermans nor Ellises here then.

The directory is the property of Martin Zielonka, rabbi of Temple Mt. Sinai, and is one of his most cherished possessions.

One of the names in the book gives the address of the man as "The Sunday Herald office." The advertisement of the Sunday Herald states that it is "the oldest newspaper published in the city" and that it is \$2.50 a year and appears every Monday morning. R. McKie is given as the editor and B. F. Deal as proprietor. It was located over W. G. Walz's music store at 22 and 24 El Paso street, First National bank building.

The advertisement of Mr. Walz stated that he also carried art works, curiosities, sewing machines, sheet music, toys and fancy goods.

"The Morning Star" was published at 10 West Overland streets, Edwards & Kibbe, proprietors.

"The Lone Star" is also advertised, as a semi-weekly, with the "largest circulation throughout west Texas, New Mexico and Arizona." It was at No. 10 West Overland street also.

There were five churches in El Paso at the time, as follows:

Episcopal, on Utah street, between East St. Louis and Texas (the present site of the Woman's Toggery on Mesa avenue). It is described as "the pioneer church of El Paso."

The Baptist church, located at the junction of San Antonio street and Magoffin avenue (present site of the Toltee club). Rev. G. W. Baines, pastor.

Church of the Immaculate Conception, northwest corner of Wyoming and Oregon streets. Rev. Richard D. Palma, S. J., pastor.

Presbyterian, on San Antonio, corner of Kansas, I. W. Fowler, pastor. Methodist, East Texas street, corner of Stanton (present site of Two Republics Life Insurance building). J. W. McDonnell, pastor.

#### The Local Societies.

The societies listed included El Paso lodge, No. 284, I. O. O. F.; Knights of Pythias; A. F. & A. M.; Locomotive Firemen; Order of Railway Conductors and Knights and Ladies of Honor.

F. E. Hunter was the recording secretary of the I. O. O. F. Lodge and G. S. Brower noble grand.

I Blum was chancellor commander of the K. of P.

W. H. Mitchell was worshipful master and E. P. Clark secretary of the Masons.

C. F. Clark was dictator and A. Kaplan recorder of the Knights of Honor.

D. B. Morrissey was secretary of

the B. of L. F., D. F. Rimmer chief conductor and F. A. Taylor, secretary and treasurer of the conductors' organization.

I. Blum was protector of the Knights and Ladies of Honor and C. A. Thurston secretary.

#### Theaters and Halls.

Under the list of "theaters and halls" were listed the Cactus club, at 118 East San Antonio street, upstairs; the Schutz opera house, No. 23 West San Francisco street; the Pictorial theater, Look & Taylor, proprietors, No. 29 South El Paso street; the skating rink at the corner of San Antonio and Stanton streets; the baseball grounds, between San Antonio and East Overland streets, near Virginia and Mesa garden, Rio Grande and Boulevard.

The El Paso fire department consisted at that time of three volunteer companies—the P. E. Kern hook and ladder company, hose company No. 1 and hose company No. 2. L. H. Maxwell was chief of the department and B. F. Levy assistant. W. H. Tuttle was foreman of the hook and ladder company and Dan Kelly assistant. Mr. Kohlberg was foreman of No. 1 and J. B. Brink assistant. E. A. Stewart was foreman of No. 2 and C. C. Kiefer was assistant.

#### City Administration.

The city hall was at No. 8 West Overland street. The building still stands at the southwest corner of Overland and Santa Fe streets. Joseph W. Magoffin was mayor.

The city jail was at the corner of Campbell and East First streets and the county government and the district courts were housed upstairs at 204, 206 and 210 South El Paso street. The old county courthouse, destroyed a few years ago to make room for the present county building had not been erected.

The city boasted then of but one public school—at the corner of Campbell and Myrtle, the present home of the Elks.

The original building still stands and was added to by the Elks to make their home when they bought the property in 1905.

T. A. Falvey was the district judge then. El Paso had but one district court, the 34th, and its territory extended several hundred miles into West Texas. John M. Dean was the district attorney.

#### County and City Officers.

J. A. Buckler was county judge and F. E. Hunter was county attorney. Both of the latter are still living in El Paso. J. H. White, father of James C. White, an El Paso real estate dealer, was sheriff at the time; F. P. Clark district and county clerk; John Julian county treasurer; Sam H. Wade surveyor; S. L. Kahn assessor; Price Cooper inspector of hides and animals; R. F. Campbell commissioner of precinct No. 2, including the city of El Paso; Lew H. Davis justice of the peace; and J. R. Blacker constable. Judge Davis is still a resident of El Paso.

S. W. Boring was city marshal and O. B. Beattie was city clerk. J. B. Gillett was assistant marshal and the police force consisted of J. W. Johnson and H. J. Stevens.

There was no police commission and nobody talked about graft, for policemen were quick to shoot in those days.

Dr. Charles T. Race was city physician. His widow still lives in El Paso and his daughter, Carrie, is now Mrs. Harry Lackland, of Lordsburg, N. M.

#### Aldermen and Customs Officers.

The aldermen were John Dougher, father of Mrs. William McCoy; J. P. Dieter, O. T. Bassett, father of C. N. Bassett, present president of the chamber of commerce; S. H. Buchanan, Benjamin Schuster and William S. Hills, whose widow still visits El Paso frequently and owns some valuable property on the north side of San Antonio street, between Oregon and Mesa, about the middle of the block, and other property interests.

W. A. Saylor was collector of customs, J. O. Kishbaugh was special deputy, Beverly G. Thomas was clerk, S. B. Bamba was the only inspector at the bridge, and the mounted inspectors to patrol the border for the entire district consisted of A. Kaplan, C. B. Sheridan and James W. Magoffin. A. A. Duebel was storekeeper at the bonded warehouse.

#### A Wide Assortment.

Joseph Schutz was a "wholesale and retail dealer in staple and fancy dry goods, clothing, hats, boots and shoes, andadies' and gentlemen's furnishings"; also "sole agent for Annheuser Busch bottled beer and Williamantic spool cotton." He was doing business at 49 South El Paso street and 16 and 18 San Francisco street.

R. F. Campbell was a dealer in "drugs" medicines, fancy goods and toilet articles," at No. 4 San Antonio street. He is the father of Edgar Campbell, joint owner with Will R. Winch of the Wigwam theater, which is one the site of the former

Campbell drug store. Edgar Thompson is now living in Los Angeles.

Ben F. Levy, groceries and provisions, No. 5 South El Paso street, advertised that he would receive "orders for the celebrated El Paso Mission grapes," and that "El Paso onion seed are constantly on hand."

#### An Old-Timer Sure Enough.

Another ad does not answer the oft-heard expression "what has become of the old-fashioned merchant who used to advertise 'quick sales and small profits?'" W. M. Davis has such an ad. He is here no more.

P. E. Kern, the proportionate man who put Kern place on the market and puffs about the city with a jolly greeting for his friends, was a manufacturer of Mexican filagree jewelry and a "dealer in diamonds, watches, clocks and all kinds of jewelry," at No. 23 El Paso street.

The Santa Fe railroad advertised "the best eating houses in the entire west," and asserted that it carried "elegant day coaches, Pullman sleepers and emigrant sleepers on all passenger trains."

W. A. Irwin & Co., the firm consisting of W. A. and Dr. O. C. Irwin, were druggists and also handled paints and oils, zrushes, wall paper, window glasses, school supplies and "genuine El Paso onion seed." The firm's motto was "fair dealing and low prices." Dr. O. C. Irwin was the father of Dr. W. H. Irwin, a practicing physician of El Paso today, and of Miss Hallie Irwin, a teacher in the public schools.

The Windsor hotel advertised that it had "electric bells, gas and water in all parts of the house," and that it was in the center of the city, and "street cars leave every 15 minutes for all depots and old Mexico."

#### J. A. Smith's Firm.

J. A. Smith was in the produce business with a partner, the firm name being that of Smith & Thompson. The house was designated as a branch of J. A. Smith & Co., of Kansas City.

The Chief saloon advertised that

it had "private wine rooms attached."

Vogley & Momsen were tin, copper and sheet iron workers. The Momsen of the firm was the Gus Momsen, wholesale hardware man of today.

The Southern Pacific railroad was advertising that it had "all steel rails."

George Berliner & Co. were "jobbers and dealers in Kentucky whiskeys," at No. 30 South El Paso street.

S. Schutz and Bro. were clothing dealers and the Ullman Furniture Co. claimed to carry the largest stock and have the lowest prices in the city. Sidney Ullman and Mrs. A. H. Goldstein, Mrs. Sam Blumenthal, Mrs. Ben Levy and Mrs. Nathan Solomon are children of M. Ullman, the founder of this firm, which was in business at 307 South El Paso street when the directory was issued.

The St. Charles lodging house, 301-303 South El Paso street, advertised "the cleanest and best furnished rooms in the city," the rates being \$4 to \$8 a week, "rooms with stoves, if desired, without extra charge." Also there was "no extra charge for two persons occupying one room."

Lordy, it does seem like the "dim and distant past."

#### Finest Hotel Here.

The Pierson hotel, just opened, claimed to be "the finest and best in El Paso."

The Grand Central, occupying "the northwest corner of the plaza," the present site of the Mills building, was advertised as a "four-story brick building that would do credit to any city in the United States and one of the finest buildings in El Paso." It had "a magnificent bar," the directory says, "also spacious billiard room and private parlors."

We are now handling the Rokahar Shop-Made Boots. Made by Rokahar Boot & Shoe Co., Now on display, \$27.50.

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Do Your Shopping Early Get the Pick

Something nice for everybody. Make this the happiest Christmas you ever spent.

Cut Glass--Silverware-- Everything To Bring Joy To the Hearts of Men, Women and Children

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Look over our counters as we have many bargains to offer during the holiday season. We have gone throughout the store and chosen fresh new merchandise you are needing right now and will need later in the season.

Regardless of cost have marked many items at prices that mean remarkable savings to you.

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Buy what you need for the coming months N-O-W.

Such wonderful reductions cannot be made again this year.

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H. H. Kilpatrick.....Editor  
 M. Wilkinson.....Business Manager

Entered as second class matter May 29, 1886, at Marfa, Texas, under act of March 2, 1879.

Marfa, Texas, Dec. 17, 1920.

## I AM GROWING OLD.

A little more gray in the lessening hair  
 Each day as the years roll by;  
 A little more stooping of the form,  
 A little more dim in the eye;  
 A little more faltering of the step,  
 As I tread life's pathway o'er,  
 A little more nearer each day,  
 To the ones who have gone before,  
 A little more halting of the gait,  
 And a dulness of the ear,  
 A growing weariness of the frame  
 With each swift passing year,  
 A fading of hopes, and ambitions too,  
 A faltering in life's quest,  
 But a little nearer each day  
 To a sweet and peaceful rest,  
 A little more loneliness in life  
 As the loved ones pass away,  
 A greater claim on the promised land  
 With every passing day—  
 A little farther from toil and care  
 A little less way to roam,  
 A drawing near to my last long voyage  
 And a happy welcome home.

The West Texas News, in writing of the death of Joseph Iredale of Del Rio, says:

"Modest and unassuming as he was, it was only his intimate friends who knew Joseph Iredale as a man of highly cultivated mind and rare literary gifts. The News esteems it a great privilege to be able to publish the exquisite little poem which he sent to a near relative shortly before his death."  
 "I Am Growing Old."

## THE "JOKE" MARRIAGE.

The United States is the home of the "joke" marriage. Hardly a week passes but an item appears in the news telling of a marriage in a ballroom, in an automobile, in a store window, on roller skates and in many other facetious ways. The sad part of the performance is that some minister invariably is found who is willing to become a party to such weddings. The fundamental error in these crazy exhibitions is that they treat marriage as a joke. What begins as a joke bids fair to end as a tragedy.

With the divorce situation causing serious thought to governments and churches, there is a need to invest marriage with all the seriousness and sanctity possible. Fun is all right, and a joke is to be looked for; and after the ceremony the participants and guests are expected to be in a happy frame of mind. The funny man will get busy with the stock jokes, and all of that; but deliberately to step aside and plan for a ceremony in which the sacred character of the ordinance is lost, is a serious mistake. A marriage service conducted in a reverent spirit will do much to lift the institution to its proper place in the minds of the participants and of the whole community. The standards of the high and holy relationship must not be degraded, and the minister who consents to any mountebank office in such ceremonies is placing himself in the wrong light.

It is a part of the sensationalism of our times. All the verities are in danger, and from birth to death all things are made the subject of jesting. There is a place for the jest, for, as the wise man said: "There is a time to laugh"; but there is a difference between appropriate fun and a farcical marriage. The noble words of the Scriptures, "What God hath joined together," are hardly compatible with an advertising marriage in a shop window. There are three places always ready for a respectful and reverent performance of the marriage ceremony—the church, the home and the home of the minister. Matters of economy and convenience may enter into a

decision as to the place, but no consideration is allowable which changes a noble, sacred and beautiful ordinance into a burlesque.—El Paso Times.

## FREE RAW MATERIAL NOT TRUE DEMOCRACY.

Time has proven that free raw material is not a fundamental of true democracy. It has been a fatal policy and constitutes one of our greatest mistakes. It has almost bankrupted some of our southern producers who by law have been forced to purchase everything they have to buy in unprotected market and then sell all of their raised products in a free one, where the whole world, dissimilar as it is, compete on an equal footing. The illusive, seductive doctrine of permitting raw materials from every foreign country of the world to enter the United States absolutely free of duty, has taken away from our home producers their home market and is largely responsible for our southern planters now being forced to sell their cotton, which means their living for a whole year, for less than they paid out to have it picked and ginned; for the Chamber of Commerce in Ranger Texas, now offering some of the splendid farms of Eastland county rent free to any farmers who will agree to cultivate them next year; for our warehouses now bulging out with both the Spring and Fall clips of domestic wool which cannot now be sold for its cost of production; for the crippling of our great peanut industry; for stagnating our important stockraising and dairy interests, and for swiftly depopulating our farms and ranches. Our farmers and stockmen of the United States and sturdy producers who yearly feed and clothe our 155,000,000 people, are now with their backs to the wall facing a most serious crisis.

In Mexico, South America, Australia, Europe, Asia and Africa, there exists an entirely different state of conditions, a different standard of living, a different standard of working hours, a different standard of wages, a different standard of necessities, morals, intelligence, hopes, ambitions and aspirations. Mexican peons are content to work for a miserable existence. Chinese and Japanese laborers are perfectly satisfied to work from 10 to 14 hours each day for less than 20 cents pay, to live on rice, to go almost naked, and to let the future take care of itself. Must our intelligent, ambitious, deserving men and women on the farms and ranches of the United States be longer placed on the same level by being forced to compete directly with the peons and slaves of the Universe? I am one loyal Democrat who is not in favor of it.

I have had Hon. Thomas W. Page, chairman of the United States tariff commission, to assemble for me the following authentic statistics concerning recent importations. During the last fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, the following raw materials were imported from foreign countries into the United States absolutely free of any duty, to-wit:

Cotton 345,314,126 pounds.  
 Corn 10,229,249 bushels.  
 Wheat 4,744,742 bushels.  
 Wheat flour 157,896 barrels.  
 Wool 427,578,038 pounds.  
 Beef and veal 42,436,333 pounds.  
 Mutton and lamb 16,358,299 pounds.  
 Cattle 575,328 head.  
 Sheep 199,549 head.  
 Cow hides 439,461,092 hides.  
 Calf hides 68,359,825 hides.  
 Cabretta hides 101,848 hides.  
 Buffalo hides 14,682,279 hides.  
 Other hides 275,964,213 hides.  
 Oil cake 145,026,652 pounds.  
 Vegetable oils:  
 Chinese nut oil 10,613,638 gallons.  
 Coconut oil 269,226,966 pounds.  
 Cottonseed oil 24,161,821 pounds.  
 Palm oil 59,163,387 pounds.  
 Palm kernel oil 53,508 pounds.  
 Olive oil for manufacturing 216,145 gallons.  
 Soybean oil 195,773,594 pounds.  
 Other oils \$1,542,271 worth.

During the recent four months of July, August, September and October, 1920, the following raw materials were imported from foreign countries into the United States absolutely free:

Cotton 32,961,631 pounds.  
 Corn 5,317,376 bushels.  
 Wheat 12,040,544 bushels.  
 Wheat flour 221,989 barrels.  
 Wool 44,352,246 pounds.  
 Beef and veal 19,455,951 pounds.  
 Mutton and lamb 11,623,776 pounds.  
 Cattle 142,139 head.  
 Sheep 943,671 head.  
 Cow hides 89,023,347 hides.  
 Calf hides 10,782,491 hides.  
 Cabretta hides 488 hides.  
 Buffalo hides 3,270,450 hides.  
 Other hides 53,013,186 hides.  
 Oil cake 128,615,571 pounds.  
 Chinese nut oil 3,354,991 gallons.  
 Coconut oil 62,402,486 pounds.  
 Cottonseed oil 579,472 pounds.  
 Palm kernel oil 1,403,651 pounds.  
 Olive oil for manufacturing 9,896 gallons.  
 Soybean oil 26,923,725 pounds.  
 Other oils \$378,053 worth.

It doesn't require an expert to realize just how much the above free competitive imports have discriminated against our farmers and stockmen, and their consequent losses thus occasioned, besides the great loss in revenue to the government. We raise annually about 75,000,000 head of cattle, while South American countries with only a little more than a third of our population, raise over 80,000,000 head of cattle yearly. Due to their tropical climate, cheap and luxuriant grass, cheap labor, ample water and little feeding, our cost of production is about five times as great as theirs per pound.

The time has come when we must take products of American farms and ranches, and all competitive substitutes off of the free list, and let our American market afford a living wage and return to our producers, and when we must so arrange our tariff schedules on such products and substitutes as will equalize our

cost of production with that of foreign countries. To a certain extent this principle was recognized and followed in the tariff act of October 3, 1913, in placing a duty on certain products largely raised by cheap labor in foreign countries. And during the last fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, the following dutiable products were imported from foreign countries into the United States and duty paid upon same, to-wit:

Rice, uncleaned, 22,437,197 pounds, duty 5-8c.  
 Rice flour, 1265,198 pounds, duty 1-4c.  
 Rice cleaned, 150,217,566 pounds, duty 1c.  
 Beet sugar 1,219,834 pounds.  
 Can sugar 7,533,200,338 pounds.  
 Molasses 154,670,200 gallons.  
 Peanuts, shelled, 120,344,425 pounds, duty 3-4c.  
 Peanuts, not shelled, 12,667,998 pounds, duty 3-8c.  
 Butterine and cocoa butter 41,500 pounds.  
 Olive oil, edible, 6,812,596 gallons, duty 30c.  
 Linseed and flaxseed oil 4,550,391 gallons, duty 10c.  
 Peanut oil 22,064,363 gallons, duty 6c.  
 Rapeseed oil 1,229,526 gallons, duty 6c.  
 Other dutiable oils 1,432,695 gallons.  
 Certain wheat 35,052 bushels, duty 10c.  
 Certain wheat flour 1160 barrels.

If it is democratic and American to place a duty upon rice, peanuts and cane products, then why not upon our corn, wheat, cotton, wool, hides, livestock and far-eastern vegetable oils and substitutes that daily compete with our farm and ranch products? And why beg the question any longer? Why not place a proper and adequate duty upon all such items to do some good?

The millions of city consumers who inhabit New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Baltimore, Washington, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis and our other large cities, while demanding and getting their \$6, \$8, \$10, \$15, \$20 and \$25 for 6 to 8 hours' work each day, are constantly demanding that everything they eat and wear be furnished to them at the lowest minimum. They never give a serious thought to the subject of a living wage to the producer who feeds and clothes them. And I am afraid that it has been the clamoring of these millions of city consumers whose votes are very much desired which has caused free raw materials to be wrenched into democratic platforms. Much too long have we democrats permitted rest-needing politicians to entwine into our platforms and policies some city-vote-catching slogan to the detriment of our producers. With blinking eyes we democrats have sat by and let our brother republicans pass their measures to place a duty upon pear buttons, chemical glass, surgical instruments, tungsten, magnesite and the numerous other products their rich millionaire friends are interested in, thus placing unneeded millions into the pockets of a few wealthy millionaires and we have let our worthy producers appeal to us in vain.

The proper solution of this question more vitally concerns the consuming millions in cities than anyone else. For suppose our producers were to get tired and quit? There would be starvation in cities. When the manufacturer can't make a profit he shuts down and prevents loss. But after the producer prepares and plants his own ground in the Spring, and arranges for the season growth of his flocks and herds, there is no shutting down for him without losing his whole year's income. He must combat drought, floods, disease, grasshoppers, boll weevil, rust, depredations, plots of gamblers and the score of other enemies that seem to combine for his destruction. Just now there is ample demand for our products abroad, but want of funds and credit prevents a sale. At an enormous expense we have built a large merchant marine, so essential in bringing the markets of the world to our producers, and we must not let it stand for naught or slip out of our hands. We must find a safe way to assist worthy purchasers to obtain necessary credit. We must see to it that our producers are not forced out of their farms and ranches.

THOMAS L. BLANTON.

## TELEGRAM.

Delias, Texas, 11-14-20.  
 QUEEN THEATRE, Marfa, Texas.  
 Your wife, have booked Bobo Daniels "She Couldn't Help It" fast-way-first. Unusual picture. Go Streng.

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**No Trespassing**  
 Our pastures are all posted. Hunting positively forbidden. Persons caught violating the law in this regard will positively be prosecuted. Our friends will please not ask for permits.

**Posted—Posted.**  
 My pasture is posted. Please take notice. WM. MIMMS.  
 Absolutely no hunting or trespassing allowed. Smith Bros. 1-1-21  
 Positively no hunting will be allowed in my pastures. Please do not ask. C. E. JONES.  
 Positively no hunting allowed in my pastures. Please do not ask. 1-1-21 D. O. MEDLEY.  
 W. T. JONES CATTLE CO.

**Posted Notice.**  
 No hunting allowed in my pasture. Please don't ask.  
 W. H. GARDWELL.  
 No hunting or trespassing on the Monday ranch. All violations will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. MRS. J. P. KENEDY.  
**Posted.**  
 No hunting, no camping allowed on my Barrel Spring ranch.  
 J. B. GILLETT.

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**For Sale**—Set of 20 volumes, "Book of Knowledge," new, will sell at discount. Call Wilkinson, New Era.

**For Sale.**  
 First-class picture show, only one in town of 2000; new building by January 1. Will sell cheap for cash. Apply Box 96, Alpine, Texas.

**For Sale**—Buick roadster in perfect mechanical condition. Cheap for cash. Call at New Era office.

**For Sale**—Fat hens and friers for the holidays also pullets for spring laying. Phone Line 63-3 short.  
 Mrs. Robert Lee Holman.

## FOR RENT.

**For Rent**—One 3-room house. Ben S. Avant. 21

**For Rent**—Nicely furnished room, close in, priced right. Call New Era office.

**For Rent**—Jan. 1, cottage, hot water in lavatory, sink and bath. Mrs. G. W. Hysaw.

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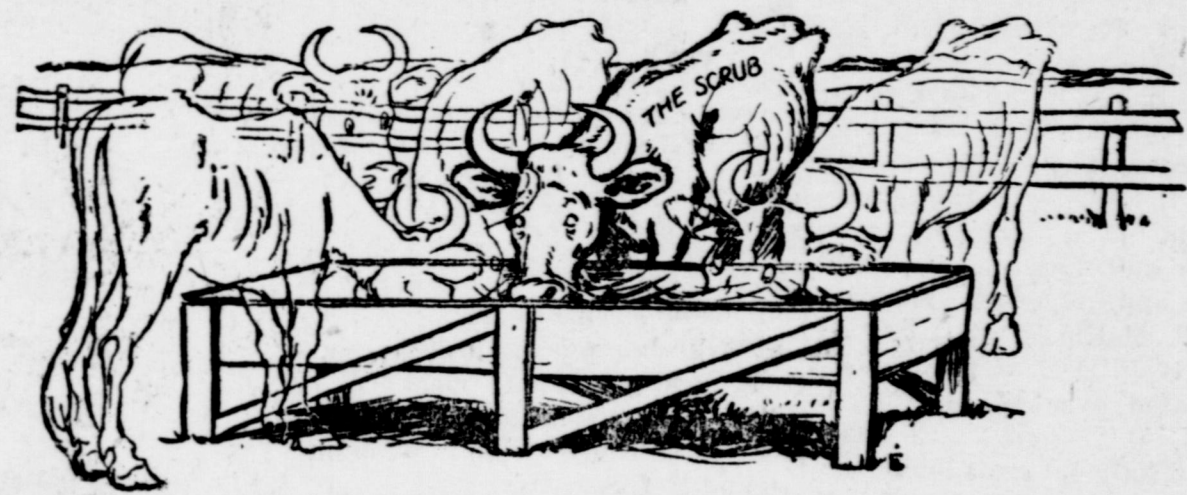
If the factories we represent reduce their prices before June, 1921, on any piano or pianola piano which is purchased from us after Nov. 15, 1920, we guarantee that refund will be made of that amount in cash, or if the account is not paid up, an equal credit entered.

Don't delay a single day in selecting your Christmas piano, as our stock is now quite complete. 96 pianos and pianolas to choose from. El Paso Piano Co., W. R. Shutes, Prop., 215 Texas St., El Paso, Texas.

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With the present narrow margin between the growing cost and the market price of beef, it is your duty—to yourself, to your family, to your community—to raise only the animals that make the beef that brings a price that pays you a profit on your investment. Don't waste good corn on poor steers.

If you're not yet convinced that pure-breds can make you money, you should read THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN and learn what registered cattle are doing for farmers all over the country. Successful breeders and feeders everywhere are enthusiastic readers. It's not preachy, but it's accurate, fair and interesting, and it does a thorough job of presenting opportunities for greater profit. Just \$1.00 brings 52 issues, full of practical helpfulness and wholesome inspiration.

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. JOHN LEE, Secretary, San Angelo, Texas

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 I'm glad to see you pushing our organization with good advertising. And here's my dollar for a subscription for one year, fifty-two issues. The two go well together.

(My Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (My Address) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Town) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_



# Locals and Personals

Gifts—Anderson's Gift Store.  
\* \* \*

The Singer Shop only employs skilled workers.  
\* \* \*

Genuine Navajo Blankets at Marfa Saddlery Company.  
\* \* \*

For Christmas give her an Edison—Anderson's Gift Store.  
\* \* \*

Expert dental work at all times. Dr. A. Hodges.  
\* \* \*

We do cleaning and pressing right at the Singer Shop.  
\* \* \*

Diamonds—Credit if you like. Anderson's Gift Store.  
\* \* \*

Good looking suits at very attractive prices. MILADY'S SHOPPE.  
\* \* \*

J. H. Highsmith, who was very ill last week, is now up and able to be out.  
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Don't neglect those decayed teeth. See Dr. A. Hodges.  
\* \* \*

Mrs. Willie Hogan returned Sunday from a week's visit to Sierra Blanca.  
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Mr. Poer has resigned his position with the Texas company.  
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We make clothes for all the family at the Singer Shop.  
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### Notice.

Our pastures are posted. Take notice. No hunting allowed.  
SHANNON BROS.  
\* \* \*

Bebe Daniels, "She Couldn't Help It" at The Queen December 21st.  
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Christmas Cards—Harcourt line: See them early at Anderson's Gift Store, where better things are stocked.  
\* \* \*

You know experience in making clothes makes good clothes. We have the experience at the Singer Shop.  
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Gloves of all kinds for all purposes, at the Marfa Saddlery company.  
\* \* \*

Our Big Pre-Inventory Sale now on. This sale lasts until Dec. 31st. Good bargains, and going fast.  
MURPHY-WALKER CO.  
\* \* \*

Western Electric sewing machines make work easy for the wife. Get them at Cooper's Electrical Shop.  
\* \* \*

Mr. Andrew Newton, prominent merchant of Valentine, paid a flying visit to Marfa Wednesday.  
\* \* \*

A few of our best models in coats at prices that will move them quick.  
MILADY'S SHOPPE.  
\* \* \*

Cooper's Electrical Shop has 24 different styles of electrical lamps. Call and select yours early.  
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The Candy Kitchen has opened up a branch store in the new Steel building, in charge of Mr. Walker.  
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Mrs. Sam Neill is spending this week at the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones.  
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Read the half page ad. of Mitchell-Gillett D. G. Co. Many suggestions for your Xmas needs.  
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The price and work are always right at the Singer Shop.  
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Mrs. Stewart, wife of Captain R. C. Stewart, stationed at Fort Whipple, Prescott, Arizona, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. W. Schutze of Marfa.  
\* \* \*

Cooper's Electrical Shop can supply you with anything electrical that can be found in the cities, and at the same prices.  
\* \* \*

Still want to sell that Buick roadster. Call and make proposition. Car is in perfect mechanical condition. New Era.  
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Hemstitching and piecing, accordion, box and knife plating, but-

tons made. MRS. H. B. HOUSTON, Uvalde, Texas.  
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**Wild West Show.**  
Remember the cowboys' carnival, commencing on Dec. 24. Go and see the high jumpers.  
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**LISTEN.**  
Farmers, ranchmen and contractors, on account of the depressed conditions, we will deliver you any amount of lumber in straight car loads, in any grade at absolutely wholesale prices. Act quick, lumber will be much higher in 60 days. Address Box 76, Texarkana, Texas.  
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There is going around in the community a strange kind of skin disease—somewhat resembling the old-time "itch."  
\* \* \*

**Eye Taken Out.**  
Tuesday Dr. Orr successfully removed for Mr. Baldwin a diseased eyeball. This operation was considered necessary, in order to save the other one from becoming infected.  
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F. M. Mitchell is to ship 20 cars of cattle to the Kansas City market December 9, and 20 cars on December 16. The shipments will be from Marfa.—Express.  
\* \* \*

Fine Leather Handbags, beautiful new designs moderately priced at Anderson's Gift Store. — Where "Gifts that last are sold."  
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J. D. Nichols, who went to Fort Worth this week with a shipment of cattle, returned this week. The shipment included a string of calves and steers.—Express.  
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Don't overlook the Big Pre-Inventory Sale now at Murphy-Walker Co. Look over our posters. Good values.  
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Mr. Krueger, who was associated with Mr. Del Richey in the renovation of the court house, and who has been a prominent contractor in building governments posts along the border, was in the city Wednesday. Mr. Krueger was recently married and will spend the Christmas holidays in San Antonio.  
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**Junior Endeavor Program.**  
December 22, 1920.  
Song—Scripture Lesson—Henry Harris. "The First Christmas Tree."  
Earline Petross  
Special Music—Daisy Frances Hamie  
ACT I  
"The Parcel Postoffice"  
By nine Juniors  
Song—"Jesus Is the King."  
Dialogue—"A Golden Name"  
By five Juniors  
Special Music—Earline Petross  
"When Santa Claus Is Here"  
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**ACT II.**  
A Visit to Grand Ma. Elizabeth Harris  
Welcome—Ruth Livingston  
"The Angels of Christmas"  
Sarah Harris  
Duet—"Room for Jesus"  
Earline Petross and Ruth Bailey  
"High Upon a Hill," "Mother's Surprise"  
Thelma Means  
"If Santa Claus Only Knew"  
Alma Sue Felix  
"When You Were Small"  
Hyacinth Hamie  
"He Comes in the Night"  
Hazel Williams  
"A Christ Child"  
Daisy Frances Hamie  
Song—"On Christmas Morning"  
By Juniors  
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**Epworth League Program.**  
December 19, 1920.  
Subject—"The Spirit of Generosity."  
Leader—Miss Lorena Settle.  
Song—"Joy to the World."  
Prayer.  
Junior League Program:  
Song—42 in Hymnal—Everyone.  
Christmas Story—Laura Mitchell.  
"Luther's Cradle Song"—Little Folks.  
"Poor Santa Claus"—Lillian Spencer.  
Prayer—Mrs. Duty.  
Solo—Dorothy Dea Harrison.  
Recitation—Jettie Grace Pruett.  
Song 120—Intermediates.  
Talk—"The Cheerful Giver."—By Leader.  
Vocal Solo—Miss Parr.  
Talk—"Three G's—Give, Get, Grow."—Katherine Mitchell.  
Announcements.  
Song.  
Benediction.  
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**Baptist Church.**  
As so few attended our service Sunday night on account of the unfavorable weather the pastor did not discuss the subject as announced, but discussed it Sunday night.  
We hope to have a big crowd present. Miss Parr will sing.  
Remember that our evening services begin now at 6:30.  
The offering of our Sunday school Sunday morning will go to the European relief work. Let each one bring an extra offering for this worthy cause.  
In connection with our Christmas tree exercises we are to make a free will offering for Buckner Orphan's Home. No one is barred. The work of this home ought to appeal to everyone as children are taken in irrespective of religious faiths.  
C. S. HARRISON, Pastor.  
\* \* \*

**The Christmas Roundup.**  
Do not fail to see the honest to goodness cowboy show, commencing on Dec. 24. No one barred from entering contests. There have already arrived some of the worst bucking horses in the West. It is reported that Mr. Rodgers will have Satan here. Satan was here during the Patriotic celebration and proved to be the hardest buckler ever exhibited in the West.  
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We are now handling the Rokabar Shop-Made Boots. Made by Rokabar Boot & Shoe Co., now on display, \$27.50.  
MURPHY-WALKER CO.  
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**Christmas Gift Selection.**  
Gift selection will be made very easy for Marfa people next week, when Mr. J. I. Dixon, who represents a very large wholesale jewelry house of New York and Dallas, will be at Anderson's Gift Store and will show a remarkably well selected stock of jewelry, diamonds, watches, etc. Every one is invited to call and see this wonderful line of jewelry and diamonds.  
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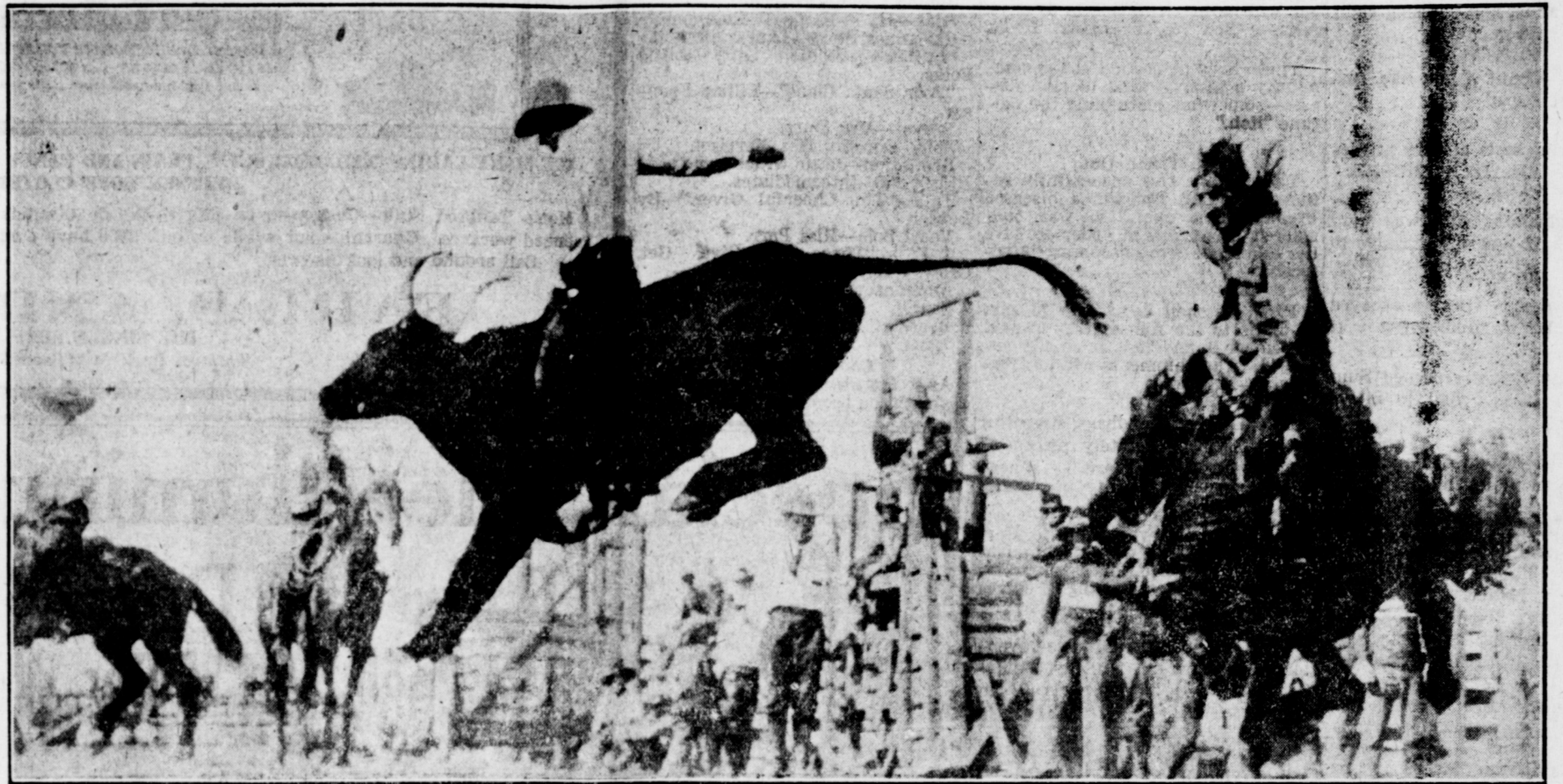
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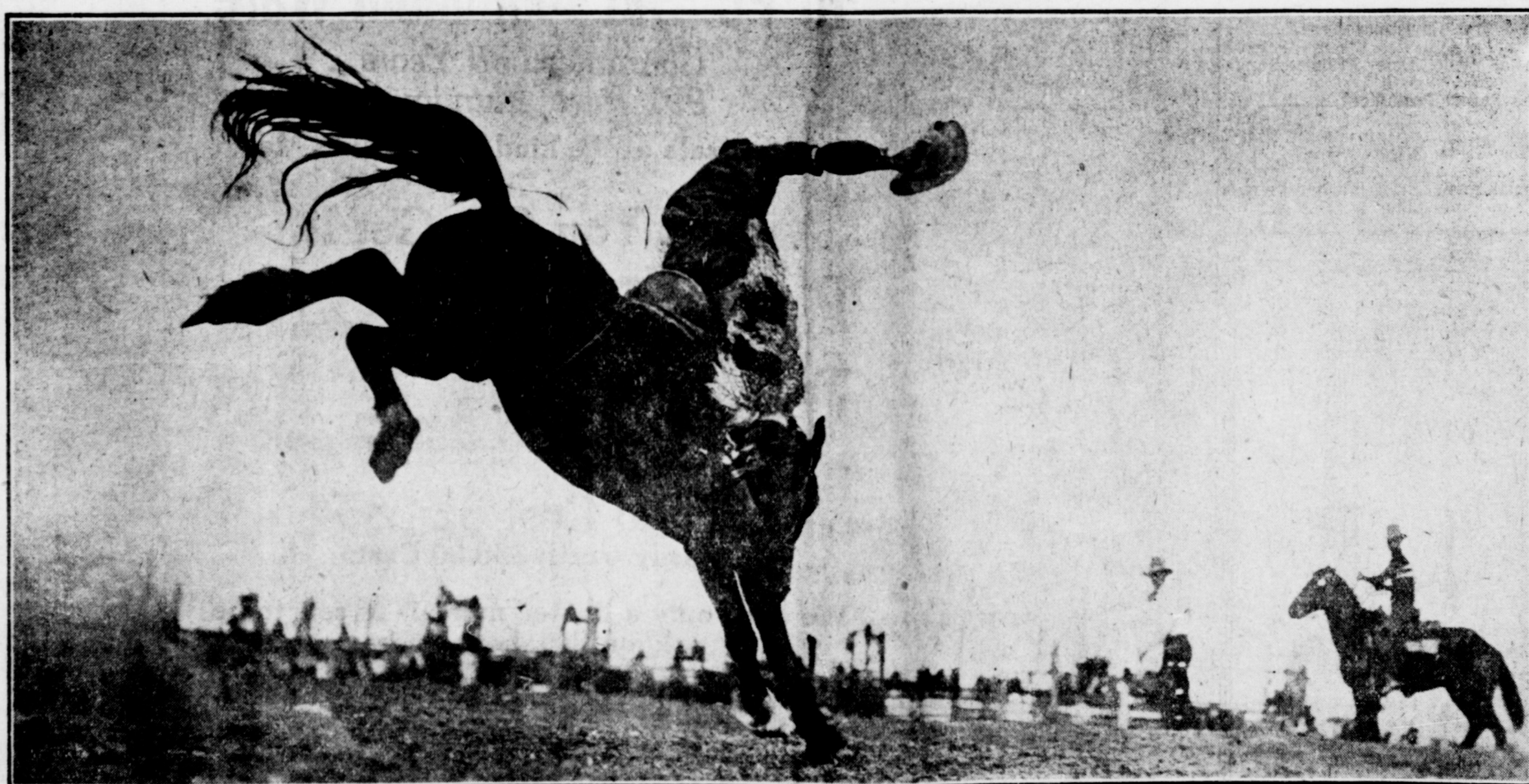
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Goat Roping,	Purse \$100 per day--Final	\$ 00
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A bunch of nice jumping 6 and 7 year old Longhorn Steers, and a bunch of Horses have been gathered from all parts of the country.

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**WEDDING OF TOWN AND COUNTRY IS NEEDED FOR PROSPERITY OF BOTH**

(By Herbert Stewart in Greater El Paso.)

Agriculture is the greatest primary business or pursuit of the human race. Without it all would perish. Should the farmers refuse to produce for only a short period anarchy and chaos would follow. Yet there are cities and city people who think of the surrounding agricultural territory as a mere happen-so-which should minister to their whimsical wants but with no return of service from the city or business enterprises therein.

Does the store exist, as a primary business, demanding, as a right, a contribution from all other individuals and lines of business, or is it a part of a broad system of distribution made necessary by our complex civilization, and which should render a service to the inhabitants of the locality for which is permitted a reasonable compensation? Is the bank a primary business or is it an institution created because of our complex civilization having certain well-known functions, and rendering certain services to the population, for which services it is permitted to charge a reasonable compensation?

The answers to the foregoing questions will determine the future of our agriculture. If it is decided that the city is the all important thing, and that the country and its inhabitants are subsidiary thereto, then the countryman is a natural and legitimate prey. But on the other hand, wouldn't it be safer, less selfish and more enlightening for the city to reach out a helping hand and serve the country to the best of its ability? Both should prosper together.

It is universally agreed that the prosperity of the business interests and the welfare of the entire population are dependent upon or greatly influenced by the relative prosperity of agriculture. Is it not equally obvious upon that agriculture as an industry cannot prosper unless the business of farming, individually and collectively, is profitable one year with another?

Town people cannot afford to overlook their friends in the country. This problem of producing food is too serious to be sneered at. All city people need to know more about farming. They must know something of the handicap the farmer must weather in order to supply them with food and clothing. Farming is a business, but a much different business from that of the city. There is not the opportunity for the quick turn over or to pass the increased cost along to the consumer. There is seldom more than one crop a season and in case of the livestock farmer, he must wait two or three years before he can figure his profits. Farming, unlike other business, is dependent on climatic conditions, a factor over which man has no control. He must therefore, know how to work with nature and not against her.

The farmer is a victim of circumstances, for he must pay what is asked for the farm supplies—machinery, fertilizers, labor, clothing—and can in no way set a price on the products he sells. He is helpless in this price control for he must go into the open market where he is automatically thrown in competition with all nations and races. The consumer will always buy where he can buy to the best advantage. There is seldom favoritism or friendship in the business world.

There is some chance, however, of bettering conditions by more equal distribution of farm crops. All farmers must co-operate in order to equalize and hasten distribution. They must prevent a glut in one center and a famine in another. Equal distribution will tend to create a more uniform price, much to be desired by the farmer.

In order that production keep pace with an ever increasing consumption, farming must pay a reasonable dividend on the capital and brains invested. The farmer is both a capitalist and laborer he should receive interest on capital invested and a fair wage for his work on the farm. These two combined must equal to a greater or lesser degree

the earnings of a similar investment in the city. Should this continue not to be realized, the movement of from farm to city will continue regardless of all "back to the farm" preaching. It is foolish as well as unwise, to expect any man to work for the mere pleasure of working in order that some other member of society may enjoy life.

Records compiled in great numbers by farm management experts in all parts of the United States seem to prove that the average farmer's labor income falls between \$450 and \$700 annually. No wonder we find in many parts of the United States idle farm houses and the owners in the city making \$5 to \$15 per day. Searching the records a little closer, we learn that the larger the farm, the larger the income, providing it is under six hundred acres. We also learn that the owner more generally makes a living than does the renter.

From the above statements, it would seem evident that more capital is needed on the farm. The size of the business could be increased which in turn means more profits.

Farming tributary to El Paso is attracting a small, but just share of attention, which has come after a period of partial dormancy due to a number of uncontrollable factors. Practical demonstrations of soil reclamation by leaching and cotton as a quick money crop are responsible for this interest in agriculture. Within the last year many farmers have settled on the project. The older ones are working with renewed interest. This same interest is now rooting in many of our city population. They have ventured an occasional dollar as they have found it in an idle pocket. Surely they are playing a winner.

It is a most evident fact that greater things could be accomplished, could we have a closer relationship between the valley farmer and the business man of the city. The farmer should study the business man from all angles and come to know him in his every mood. It is no less important that the business man should know the farmer equally well. He should know something about farm operations, what crops and livestock pay best and what return can reasonably be expected from an acre of valley soil. There can be no doubt that both the farmer and the business man are working toward the same end. Neither can prosper or suffer without the other.

No one can deny but that El Paso's trade territory, and she is surely a jobbing center, is in the major dependent on farming and livestock for its existence. This being admitted, it would seem natural for her to be profoundly interested in agriculture. To sum up, what we most need is an closer relationship between city and country business. A better acquaintance between man and man and a realization of the fact that we are all living under a common roof. What contribution, what constructive effort, have been put forth by the city and town, by the merchant, the banker, and the business man to help place the agriculture of our community upon a safe, sound and prosperous basis?

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**GRAPES AMONG FIRST FRUITS OF HISTORY.**

(By W. B. Lanham, Assistant Director Extension Service, A. and M. College of Texas.)

Grapes are among the first fruits of which we have any records and are probably distributed as widely as any horticultural plant. They are native plants in most of the sections of Texas. In fact there are few sections of the state in which other agricultural crops will grow, that some variety of grapes will not succeed. Nevertheless, notwithstanding the ease with which grapes can be grown, they have been neglected to such extent that the average farmer must either purchase or do without this luscious fruit.

The grape is adapted to a large variety of soils, and while it will grow better on certain types, such as deep sandy loam, yet if the land is well drained, well prepared, and the vines are given the proper cultivation, they will do well on many types of soil.

A well drained, gentle slope should be selected since grapes do not thrive with wet feet.

It would not be possible in this article to give a list of varieties for the state as a whole, since varieties that will do well in Southwest Texas, for instance, might not do well in Northwest Texas. Persons contemplating planting grapes should consult their local nurseryman, and also observe the varieties that are doing the best in similar localities.

Usually more than one kind will be found to grow well, and a sufficiently large number which ripen at different times, should be selected in order to give a succession of fruit over as long a period as possible.

The land should be well prepared, and broken very deep, as there is no opportunity of plowing the land deep after the vines are set. Grapes are usually planted in rows, nine feet apart and the vines eight feet apart in the rows. Select one or two-year-old stock, never older than two years and preferably one year. All broken or diseased roots should be cut off and any long, straggling ones removed. The tops should be cut off to one or two buds and planted just deep enough so that these buds are just at the surface of the soil. Extreme care should be exercised to have the ground packed firmly around the roots, else they will dry out and die.

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| FLASH LIGHTS          | STATIONERY         |
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**LOCAL NEWS.**

Next Tuesday is Christmas. What are you going to do when the water is shut out?  
 Rev. W. H. Boys writes from Fort Davis that he will be here tomorrow to meet his usual engagement.  
 Miss Minnie Campbell, who is now teaching school at Valentine, came in early morning. She will spend the holidays here.  
 Mr. Dewar, chief engineer at the mill at Shafter, was here last week, superintending the loading of a lot of new machinery.  
 Gus Eumendorf left Friday morning for San Antonio to visit friends and relatives in that city. He will be here some time after Christmas.  
 Ed. Meyers, who has been a resident of this section for a good long time, left Friday morning for Floresville, his old home, where he will reside in future. Mr. Meyers has many friends here who though regretting to see him leave wish him well wherever he goes.  
**Personals.**  
 Deputy Sheriff Robert Porter visited Shafter this week.  
 Lee Tiger left this morning for Louisiana to spend the holidays.  
 L. D. Buntan and Henry Bernard were among the week's visitors.  
 Judge Thomas, of Alpine, was a visitor to the metropolis this week.  
 J. G. Erickson spent several days in Alpine this week, on business here.  
 Morris P. Kirk is here from Shafter and will remain until after the holidays.  
 Miss Ota Mitchell was in from the ranch to attend the school entertainment.  
 Mrs. W. D. Kincaid, of Alpine, was here Sunday visiting Mrs. W. W. Taylor.  
 Mr. Luke Brite and family came up from Valentine to attend the school entertainment.  
 Mrs. Joyce, nee Miss Eva Mitchell, left on Friday morning's westbound passenger for California, in which state her husband has located and where they will make their future home.  
**Valentine Flashes.**  
 Mr. John Means got two cars of Hereford bulls from John Sparks, Reno, Nevada. John says they are the finest bulls ever seen in this county.  
 If the party who stole James Browning's turkey will come back, he will give them the cranberry sauce and stuffing—might as well get it all.  
 Wiley Moore was in town Friday. Christmas will be a great time for children at Valentine. They will start in Saturday night with an entertainment and tree, and every night during the week there will be amusements of some kind.  
 Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tilly and family left Thursday night for Ennis, Texas, to spend Christmas with Mrs. Tilly's mother.  
**Married.**  
 At the Medley ranch, Jeff Davis County, December 19th, by the Rev. W. H. Boys, Mr. William W. Formwalt, of Roswell, N. M., to Miss Maude R. Medley, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Medley. It was a very quiet, home wedding, only the members of the family being present. An excellent dinner followed after the marriage. Both bride and groom were brought up in this section of country, and are too well known to need special mention. Both are deservedly popular on account of their genial, pleasant ways and other good traits of character. Many friends unite in wishing them happiness without alloy, and a pleasant voyage over life's sea, in which the New Era sincerely joins them.  
**Terlingue Notes.**  
 Harry Dryden is working at the furnace.  
 Mr. Francis Vogel left this week for San Antonio where he will spend the holidays.  
 Frank Rodney and family are now located at the Zoo house.  
 The coming year will see many changes and the output from this district will be a large one.  
 Rumor says that a large furnace will be constructed shortly and an attempt will be made to work the immense quantity of low grade ore.  
 The Marfa & Mariposa Mining company have nearly finished their new store and will move in the new building before the new year.  
 That noted prospector and mining expert, W. H. McGuirt—who grew up with these rugged hills—is striking it rich on "44" and says that he has enough ore in sight to run a 40-ton furnace indefinitely, and is finding more every day. Mr. McGuirt expects to show pp "48" shortly and is convinced that the cinnabar is there.  
 Judge W. W. Bogel and Editor O. L. Nicolls of Marfa, spent a few pleasant days with us last week. Mr. Nicolls is a newspaper man and mining crank and would trade off his printing machine for a brass mine any day. What he doesn't know about mines, rocks and Rio Grande water would fill his paper for six years. Come again, boys; we like your lunch basket.  
 The following list was picked up on the Marfa-Terlingua road last week:  
 Provisions needed for the journey.  
 W W W—Cigars, whiskey, tobacco,  
 W W W matches, Saratoga, more whiskey, Margarites, rye, sardines, beef, caviar, X X X, snake poison.  
 And written underneath was this legend:  
 N. B.—Don't forget the whiskey.  
 The team stampeded but they saved the "lunch."  
 "It might be well to state here that Mr. Nicolls is out of town at present, and "We" know nothing but to follow copy. There may be a vacancy here on his return—possibly a death.

**POST NEWS**

**Quartermaster Corps.**  
 Orders have been received transferring the motor transport men from this station. Some are going to Fort Bliss, some to Fort Sam Houston, some to Fort Bliss and the remainder to Camp Sam Fordyce. We are sorry to see them leave this beautiful post and land of sunshine.  
 The detachment football team was defeated by the machine gun troop last Sunday the final score being 25 to 9.  
 Sergeant Rodriguez of this detachment is getting very industrious lately. He walked three miles last Sunday to kill two mud hens.  
 There will be about twenty men left in the detachment by Christmas. We need some good men and there are some good chances open.  
 The day room and library is fast taking the appearance of home. The pool table when repaired will furnish a lot of sport.  
**Troop L.**  
 Tuesday night a "norther" blew up and Wednesday morning everybody was looking for the largest blouses they had in order to put on a few extra shirts and Red Cross sweaters underneath.  
 Sergeant Eistetter leaves on furlough the 20th, and Sergeant Roach will be discharged the 31st. Poor James, and he lives in Jersey City, too.  
 Johnson tried to show one of Crawford's polo ponies who was master of the situation a couple of days ago, but the pony showed Johnson the dust and then walked all over him. Luckily Johnson was pretty tough and all he needed was a new pair of pants, which were badly torn.  
**Supply Troop.**  
 Baldy Sloan has just returned from stable sergeants' school at Fort Bliss and brings the best regards from all our friends in El Paso.  
 The supply troop nimrods left for an extended hunting trip last Thursday in the Chisos mountains, and we are expecting venison before long.  
**Troop K.**  
 Private Leonard Taylor has gone on furlough to El Paso, which gives his reward for obtaining one recruit for the aviation.  
**Troop M.**  
 The troop desires to notify the many friends of Private Odier that he is again able to be about after undergoing an operation.  
 Private Tony has sent to Sears & Roebuck for a new wrist watch to replace the one he has as it has gone back on him for the past couple of days, causing him to lose his place at the head of the chow line.  
 Sergeant Frank T. Theobald returned to the troop the 9th from Fort Riley, Kan., where he had been attending the stable sergeant school. The sergeant had his chin strap when he returned.  
 The troop football team was unable to defeat the team from troop F last Sunday on account of the weather.  
 Private Jack McEneany of this organization has been transferred to the medical detachment (veterinary corps).  
**Troop I.**  
 Horseshoer Rudick E. Knowles will leave in a few days for a 30-day furlough. He will visit his wife who is now residing in El Paso.  
 Horseshoer Leonard L. Gallagher will be back from a month's furlough in a few days. He has been visiting his home in Elk Lick, Pa.  
**Troop H.**  
 Corporals Turner and Wills have been promoted to sergeants. Privates Firstclass McGuinness Shelton and Nicholson have been promoted to corporals.  
 The saber contest was held at this station November 27th with Sergeant Schackow and Corporal Petschow high men with a score of 99.05.  
 Corporal Powell leaves in a few days for a 20-day furlough. He will visit in Cairo, Ill. Corporal Petschow also leaves for St. Louis in a few days for a 20-day furlough.  
**Troop C.**  
 Corporal Nyberg has left on a five day pass and intends to see some of the sights of El Paso.  
 Private Trissel tried to be a "bird-man" and as a result he has to draw a new hat, for when his head hit the ground he rammed through his hat.  
 Sorry to say we couldn't play football Sunday but then we had a good excuse. With Sergeant Collins in Ruidosa and Pat Royer with a sore arm we would have had as much chance as a snowball in the tropics.  
**Troop A.**  
 A troop has added another victory in football. Last Sunday they won from B troop by a score of 6 to 0.  
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**FROM THE ALPINE AVALANCHE.**

Mrs. H. L. Lackey was called last week to the ranch of her brother, Mr. Jesse Hord of Presidio county on account of his illness. Mr. Hord is now much better and Mrs. Lackey has returned.  
 Mrs. Paul Q. Mills was called to El Paso Wednesday, by telegram, stating that her sister, Mrs. J. E. Deeds was seriously ill. Her many Alpine friends trust that Mrs. Deeds may soon fully recover.  
 H. C. Mills of Marfa, brother of Paul Q. Mills, passed through Alpine Tuesday enroute for Corpus Christi. He has sold out his "Busy Bee" at Marfa and went to Corpus to look over going into business in that city.  
 A. E. Pearson and Walter Mann, both of Sterling City, were business visitors in Alpine for several days the past week. They are prominent ranchers in that part of the state. Mr. Pearson went up to Marfa Tuesday and Mr. Mann went out with F. P. Fulcher for a short stay.  
**Elder Polsgrove Dies.**  
 Elder H. M. Polsgrove, former pastor of Alpine Christian church, died at Austin Wednesday morning, after several weeks stay in a sanitarium where he was taken for an operation.  
 Burial takes place today at San Marcos at which place he has been pastor for the past year. Elder H. M. Bandy left yesterday to attend the funeral. Brother Polsgrove had the happy faculty of making warm friends of everyone with whom he came in contact.  
 His numerous friends here hear of his death with deep regret and with much sympathy for his estimable family.  
**R. J. Burnett Passed Away.**  
 Mr. R. J. Burnett, a leading citizen of Fort Davis, passed away Sunday last, and was buried Tuesday afternoon at that place, the funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. M. Smith, assisted by Dr. Irving, the Presbyterian pastor at Fort Davis.  
 He leaves a widow and five sons, two of them preachers, Rev. W. R. Burnett, Ft. Davis Methodist church and Rev. Newton Burnett, a Baptist pastor at Krum, Texas. The other sons are Messrs. Hal Burnett of Ft. Davis, Mark Burnett of El Paso, and James Burnett of Blackwell, Texas. All of these attended the funeral except Mark.  
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