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Big Maneuvers Ends Today With Grand Review

A COLUMN OF CRYPTIC COMMENT ON NEWS OF THE DAY

Morals and the People.
An Inconsistent Law.

D. O. HOWARD, Valentine, Tex.

Before the recent argument between Mr. Tuney and Mr. Dempsey, Chicago preachers sought an injunction through the courts to prevent these gentlemen from exchanging courtesies. The courts rightly refused to interfere, basing their denial of the injunction on the plea that they were not authorized to pass judicial word on the morals of the people. In other words, this means that if two men want to hammer each other into a semibalance of raw beef with the consent of the public, it is their own business.

The preachers in seeking the injunction acknowledged that they were powerless to convert public opinion. They showed a weakness in their inability to lead the people along the paths of religious teachings. Instead, the people made a path for themselves straight to the squared circle. Which shows that the people have a mind of their own when it comes to a question of moral standards.

As long as the people want pugilistic encounters, prize fights, boxing matches, or whatever you may wish to call these exhibitions, the people, not with the exhibitors, therefore, if the preachers think these fights are wrong, or immoral, they should work on the people, or rather, public opinion. So far, public opinion has the

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS INTERESTING SESSION HERE WEDNESDAY

Wednesday the Marfa Chamber of Commerce had its regular monthly luncheon. Henry Coffield, chairman of the program committee, took charge. Mr. Gibson, of the Y. M. C. A., after a call from the chairman, expressed his pleasure that he was able to be present and to serve the soldier boys here for the maneuvers. He spoke of the wonderful co-operation that the men and women of Marfa have shown in their work with the men here for the Y. M. C. A., and what good work the committee on entertainment for the soldiers have done and how they have furnished boys. Mr. Gibson stated that he thought the Chamber of Commerce musicals, and other forms of entertainment for the soldier were a real essential in any community.

Mrs. Fennell, president of the Delphians and as representative of that Women's organization of the city was called for and stated in her talk that the women should be at the side of the man and not behind or above him. She spoke of the great need in Marfa of a hospital and equipment for it and said that she was sure that all the women's societies of Marfa would be glad to help in furnishing the equipment. This idea was heartily received and applauded.

Miss Francis Mitchell accompanied by Mrs. H. L. Hord then favored the guests with two vocal solos: 'Gypsy Love Song' and 'Indian Love Call.' Miss Mitchell's songs were greatly applauded and she received many thanks from the entire meeting for the well rendered songs.

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THE P. T. A. PLAY "THE MOON MARKET" ON OCT 7

Miss Mary V. Stewart head of the Dramatic Department of Sul Ross was in Marfa Saturday assisting the members of the P. T. A., with their play "The Moon Market." Miss Stewart gave some valuable suggestions and the play will be given Oct. 7th in the High school auditorium at 8 o'clock—prices 10 and 25 cents. Miss Frances Mitchell will render a solo and music by the Orchestra of Camp Marfa will be given. Home made candies will be on sale.

The P.T.A., are hoping that everyone will patronize the play as it is given for a good cause and your presence will encourage the children taking part in the play.

MARFA IS ENTERTAINED BY BIG TIME VAUDEVILLE

E. F. Knowles has leased the Opera House Theatre in Marfa during the stay of the Troops and has secured five acts of Vaudeville from San Antonio. These acts have had a very successful run of the big towns of the Southern States and due to a lay over in San Antonio he was able to secure them over the weekend, starting Friday, September 30th, Saturday October 1st and Monday October 3rd.

This is the first time that the people of Marfa have had a chance to see acts that have played over the big time vaudeville. The entire show came in Thursday evening and with rehearsal Friday morning opened in the afternoon to be packed house as this paper went to press. There are two shows in the afternoon and two in the evening. Afternoon performances at 1 and

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METHODIST CHURCH CONFERENCE OPENS AT EL PASO ON OCTOBER 5TH

The annual Conference of the New Mexico Methodist Episcopal church, South, convenes in its 38th session in El Paso Oct., 5-9 inclusive. The conclave will be held in the Trinity Methodist Church. This is the largest church in the conference with approximately 2,000 members, according to the Rev. Dr. W. Angie Smith, pastor. The New Mexico and west Texas as far east as Odessa and Sanderson.

At least 125 ministers and prominent laymen are expected to attend the conference.

Bishop John M. Moore, of Dallas, will preside. He has just returned from Europe where he was a delegate to the conference on unity at Lausanne, Switzerland. Bishop Moore has charge of three other conferences.

Presidents of several universities and colleges are expected to be present, including Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurry college of Abilene; Dr. C. C. Selman, President of Southern Methodist university of Dallas, and Dr. H. E. Stout, president of Texas as Womans college of Ft. Worth.

Services will be held in Trinity church on Thursday evening October 4, at which the Rev. W. S. Huggett, pastor of Bond Memorial church of El Paso will preach the opening sermon. The Rev. Huggett is the oldest member of the conference in point of service, having joined in 1897.

Rev. Dr. B. T. Kemerer, rector of St. Clement's Episcopal church and president of the El Paso ministerial alliance, will welcome the visitors Wednesday morning.

Services will be held at 7 o'clock each evening during the

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COMBAT BETWEEN BROWN AND WHITE FORCES, PANOPLED IN ALL THE PARAPHERNALIA OF GRIM VISAGED WAR.

In Camp Along The Alamita On September 25, Maneuvers To End October 1st, With Grand Review Of Entire Division At Marfa.

MARFA, Texas—Sept. 24.—

The Big War between the Brown forces—2nd cavalry brigade from Fort Bliss—and the White forces, composed of the First Cavalry brigade from Fort Clark and the First Cavalry regiment at Marfa, continues. Officers, troopers, mules, horses, machine gun packs, real tanks, cannons, Red Cross Ambulances, attack airplanes, artillery drawn by tractors; all the paraphernalia of real warfare are a part of the "Big Show" to be seen over a stretch of approximately 120 square miles. On the hillsides and in the valleys, are acres and acres of tents. The road between Marfa and the T. M. Wilson ranch, where the armies are now concentrated, a distance of forty miles, is lined with troops and packtrains, and soldiers on motorcycles scurry ing up and down. There is a reconnaissance squadron at San Esteban; another at the Perdiz; bivouacing at Bishop's ranch; squadrons and courriers are flanking the hillsides and dipping down into the canyons; airplanes, equipped with radio, sent out to keep in touch with the enemy, are flying overhead; Brown troops are pursuing White Patrols; White squadrons are making attacks on Brown outposts. "What is it all about?" asks a civilian who is watching the "show" from the crest of a hill. An officer standing near, smiles.

They are not "giving out anything"—these officers—for the maneuvers are to be a real test of military tactics. He does volunteer the information, that, "those are the advance guards; the column of troopers in single file, behind them, are formed as a protection from artillery and air craft fire, and the column spread out for more than mile behind, are the main body, and those are patrols scurrying over the rocks, and leaping down the canyons." Movements of the opposing forces are known only to the umpires and officials, who tell you nothing definite, for each side must keep its movements concealed from the other, the same as if they were engaged in real warfare. The same rules govern this mimic warfare the same authority is exercised; the same strict regulations must be met as those which control armies on real fields of battle. Even at night, both armies are protected by outposts and pickets in the same manner as they are defended during actual hostilities. In this big country, measured in square miles rather than acres, none but the trained army man understands what is transpiring on the field of action in the Big Bend Country around Marfa, and its vast import to the Army's need. There are rumors that the two opposing

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"When You And I Were Young, Maggie."

We don't hold with some that nothing new is good, nor with others that nothing old is good. Change, something differing from the old order, has been by many taken as the sure sign of Progress. The modes of transportation and the multitude of chemical and other developments, have indeed changed human conduct, and subsequently caused complex mental concepts, creating for the time being new view points of life.

Often the budding geniuses of the New Age, babes in this psychological maze of fast and jazzy ideas, are heard to say to their elders, "You are an old fogey." This has ever been the reply of Youth to Age, and will be probably to the end of the chapter. However, human nature in its element and complicated idiosyncrasies, its good and evil motives, are about the same as when long ago the question was first asked, where is Abel, thy Brother." There may be new ways of expression, varying according to the modern inventions and discoveries. But the ham-mock of ye olden time could, if resurrected and made vocal, tell about the same story as the Pontiac—that old story which will always be young.

We in that long ago sat primarily in church, each on his side. Male on the left and female on the right, and sometimes it was female on the right and male on the left. St. Paul's bachelor in junctions were also strictly obeyed. We had entanglements but no barbed wire ones. There were no automobiles and gasoline had not been liberated from its compounds, and after the old Red School house, where the injunction "play in your own backyard" was commanded, the name co-ed had not been born. Flag Fights, a mode of expressing class spirit, in which both the boys and the girls engaged in a physical contest, also had not erupted. It is true however, in those good old days at School in the Little Red School house as well as in the Colleges among the boys there was the rough games and the initiatory rites. There was Shinty and rock battles, fuss and fights with blood galore—just as in these days among some of our young jazzy automobilians and gasoliners. Now there is Football, an evolutionary product of the old English Rugby, a splendid game, but hard and rough, and if one is not careful there will be danger of a broken bone or a twisted joint. But among our boys, even since the days of the Marathon, there must be games. Athletics has its part to play in the physical development of youth as well as the mental training of the schools. It must be remembered, however, in order that physical contests do not degenerate into mere exhibitions of brute force there must be rules. The true spirit of sportsmanship should be observed. A boxing bout without rules would

witness two wild anthropoids fouling, gouging, biting, clawing and seeking to kill.

Now a few words about that Flag fight last Monday night. Class spirit is laudable, and a flag contest or exhibition may be a patriotic manifestation. Always the Freshie until he sheds his scales, or has it taken off by the high brow upper classmen, is regarded as a poor fish. In the Monday night carnival it seems that the Juniors and the Seniors were the characters in the cast, and that the Fish were only applauding spectators. A number of equations new to the old fogies interred on the stage. The girls and boys equally engaged in the role of gladiators, and attired, most of them, a la pants, etc., this was to give a Co-ed tone to the occasion. It is reported that one of the female combatants engaged in a wrestling match with one of the males, and expertly rendered him hors de combat, and sitting upon the corpus of the vanquished, crowed!

Barbed wire, gasoline and automobiles played a prominent part, and with out any rules attached, in the latter part of what proved a fiery aut-da-fe. It appeared that one side would seek, at times, to bind or hand cuff the other, place him in an auto dash out into the country several miles and dump the prisoner, and have him to tramp back; sometimes, the autos would chase each other endeavoring to rescue the captives. Finally the fight gathered under the Flag which had been placed on the top most part of an iron pipe that was standing in a tree on the Campus, and this is the scene at the end as pictured by one of the spectators. To protect the flag on its tree pole several had perched themselves near the flag in the tree top. One of them, it seems had so far evolved from the days of his arboreal ancestors, that in order to prevent being shaken from his roost, tied himself to a limb, bright idea! Now comes on the stage one of those comparatively new chemicals. One of the leaders, eager to distinguish himself above his fellows, and thus stand out to be gazed at by his Amazonian contingents, had conceived a brilliant plan for destroying the Senior Flag, and proceeded, after warning those above to "come off the perch", to saturate the lower part of the tree with gasoline. All the scouts in the tree immediately dropped, except the tied one, and finally after a time he likewise deserted his roost. Then the leader with the conquering idea touched off the gas, and also one of the spectators who was standing near. When the dangerous explosive was thrown on the tree some of it had struck this observer of the Flag fight, and thus came near ending the fight in a terrible tragedy.

No blame can be or should be attached to any of the school authorities, no more than when, Hallow-e'en nights the children of misrule, confined in

the past to boys and near men, act the part of the legendary hob goblins, and work oftimes some spite born of malice, instead of indulging in some innocent harm less prank. And it is true that thoughtlessness and not malice caused the near tragedy last Monday night. But parents have a part to play, a duty to perform and although called old fogies by some of their smart offshoots, should do all in their power to curb a few of the wild jazzways of the coming citizens.

The superintendent of our schools says that this will be the "finish" of the fight of the class flags, and So mote it be.
OLD FOGGY

I Stood On The Bridge At Midnight.

In El Paso for sometime there has been trouble more or less—originating over closing versus the opening of the International bridge at certain hours. Mostly the question revolves about two opposing ideas one based probably upon materialistic considerations, the other advocated by a certain class of moral reformers. The former, desire the tourists and incidentally some citizens of the Pass City to look upon and perhaps partake of some of the alluring attractions of Juarez; while the latter, seems to have in mind or resting heavy on their conscience the necessity for the moral uplift of the citizens and the innocent strangers, and to indirectly effect a reformation in our sister Republic. Gambling and the open Saloon on otro lado seem to be the visible forces to be attacked by the Uplifters. The sex question by mutual consent has not directly entered the proposed combat. Both sides, perhaps, may be afraid of the Kettle calling the pot black. But it seems to be an outsider some what acquainted with moral conditions on this and the other side of the Border that the moral crusaders should ponder the following words of the great Reformer: "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brothers eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thy self beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brothers eye."

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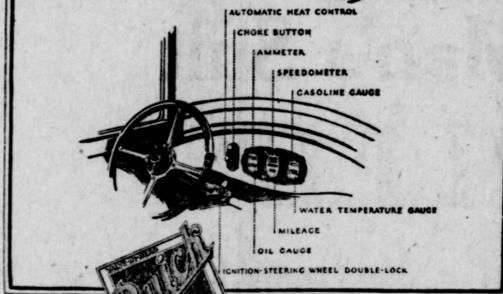
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Lesson for October 9

ELIJAH HEARS GOD'S VOICE

LESSON TEXT—1 Kings 19.
GOLDEN TEXT—Wait on the Lord,
be of good courage, and He shall
strengthen thine heart.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Elijah Hears
God's Voice.
JUNIOR TOPIC—God Encourages
Elijah.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOP-
IC—Listening to God's Voice.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOP-
IC—How God Speaks to Men.

I. Elijah's Flight (vv. 1-14).

Upon Ahab's return from the excite-
ment on Mount Carmel, he told his
wife all that Elijah had done, that
even all her prophets had been hewn
to pieces by the sword. This so en-
raged her that she sent a message of
death to Elijah, who seems to have
been waiting at the gate (vv. 1, 2).
Though Elijah had courageously stood
before the king and the priests of
Baal, he now cowered before this
woman, and fled for his life. Let us
beware lest when we think we stand,
we fall (1 Cor. 10:12).

1. Elijah under the juniper tree
(vv. 3-7). The juniper tree was a
shrub of the desert which afforded
shelter and protection to travelers
from the burning sun by day and the
cold wind by night.

(1) His request (v. 4): This was
that he might die. This was no doubt
a foolish thing for him to say, but let
us be as considerate toward him as
was God. The discouragement, and
even despondency, of Elijah, was due
to the nervous strain of about four
years of unusual service for God,
which culminated on Mount Carmel.
Such nervous reaction is to be expect-
ed, and surely the heart of this lesson
will be missed unless we see it in that
light, and see God's tenderness toward
his overwrought servant.

(2) God's tender treatment (vv. 5-7).
a. He gave him sleep (v. 5). "He giv-
eth His beloved sleep" (Ps. 127:2).

b. He sent an angel to cook Elijah's
meal (vv. 6, 7). The angel of the
Lord is usually understood to be the
second member of the Holy Trinity.
If this be correct, then we see Jeho-
vah-Jesus preparing food for His ser-
vant Elijah, as He afterward did for
His discouraged disciples by Galilee.

2. Elijah at Horeb (vv. 8-14). God
had kindly ministered to His discour-
aged prophet so that he would be in a
fit condition to receive the needed in-
struction and correction.

(1) God's interview with Elijah in
the cave (vv. 9, 10). a. God's ques-
tion, "What doest thou here, Elijah?"
(v. 9). This was a stinging rebuke,
though most kindly given. It implied
that his appointed messenger was now
far away from the field of duty. How
blessed to know that "A God-forsaking
saint is not a God-forsaken saint!"
b. Elijah's answer (v. 10). Elijah
tried to vindicate himself by asserting
his jealous loyalty to God—that in
spite of all this the people had not
only rejected his message and dishon-
ored God, but sought to destroy him.

(2) God's interview with Elijah on
the mount (vv. 11-14). While standing
before the Lord on the mount, God
caused a mighty demonstration of
wind, earthquake and fire to pass be-
fore him, to show unto him the nature
of the work he had been doing for
God, and to show him what was lack-
ing in his work for the fullest attain-
ment of success. Elijah had about him
much of the whirlwind, earthquake
and fire. His work had been terrify-
ing and alarming, but it lacked in gen-
tleness and love. This object lesson
in the days of God's working is a
needed message for this age, which is
so wonderfully characterized by noise
and clamor. The world is not "taken
for Christ" by the fleshly energy and
enthusiasms of conventions and com-
mittees, but by the quiet hearts who
go forth proclaiming God's Word in
the energy of the Holy Spirit.

II. Elijah's Return (vv. 15-18).

Though Elijah had erred, God
brought him again into His service.
How comforting to know that God
does not reject His servants because
of their failures in times of despond-
ency! He deals with them after the
motive of their hearts. Elijah was
nourished and instructed by the Lord
and then sent on a high mission. God
took Elijah out of himself by giving
him a new commission. Before God
would come in His chariot to take Eli-
jah home, he sent him upon a three-
fold ministry.

1. To anoint Hazael king over
Syria (v. 15).

2. To anoint Jehu king over Israel
(v. 16).

3. To anoint Elisha as his own suc-
cessor in the prophet's room (vv. 19-
21).

Look Up to God

Dare to look up to God and say
Deal with me in the future as Thou
wilt: I am of the same mind as
Thou art; I am Thine; I refuse noth-
ing that pleases Thee; lead me where
Thou wilt; clothe me in any dress
Thou chooseth.—Epicurus.

One Vast Union

We behold all around us one vast
union in which no man can labor for
himself without laboring at the same
time for all others.—Longfellow.

Watch

This

Space

LOBOS LOST FIRST OF SEASON AT ABILENE

Game at Abilene yesterday
went 12 to 0 against the Sul
Ross boys. This brings the sec-
ond victory to Christian College
team over our players. Last
year C. of C. came out ahead of
us and this first game this year
brings another victory for them.
When the delegation returns to-
day we will get a more detailed
report of the game; until then
we can only guess at what was
the cause of the bad showing of
our boys in this first game.

There were 25 players in the
squad that went from here and
they were accompanied by Pro-
fessors, Morelock, Penrod, Gilley
Slagle and Merkley, as well as
Messrs John Perkins and H.
Hord.

The next game will be at Las
Cruces with the New Mexico A.
& M., October 15. That is expect-
ed to be one of the hardest games
of the year, and we under-
stand there will be a big delega-
tion from here to witness it.

WORLD FLYERS BACK

San Francisco—Touching on
native soil again after a month
on their spectacular attempt to
break the world's record for
circling the globe, Wm. S. Brock
and Edward Schlee, Detroit
aviators, reached San Francisco
Wednesday.

WHERE THEY EAT CHICKEN By F. W. Kazemier, Bryan, Tex.

Quoting from a preliminary
report by the Agricultural Econ-
omist of the Bureau of Agri-
cultural Economics at Washing-
ton: -Approximately 12,000 cars
of live poultry valued at about
\$60,000,000, on the basis of pres-
ent wholesale prices, reach the
New York markets annually.
About 94 per cent comes by
freight, and the remainder by ex-
press."

"The receipts have increased
from about 2,000 cars in 1905 to
12,000 cars in 1926, with an an-
nual increase of more than 9 per
cent. The average net weight of
a car is nearly 17,000 lb. and
the average value about \$5,000."

"Costs of marketing live poul-
try from shipping point to
slaughter house only, on a per
pound basis, are on the average,
for all states, as follows: Trans-
portation (freight, car man, feed
etc.,) 3.9 cents, commission 1
cent, coops 0.5 cents, cartage
0.3 cents, and unloading, 0.2
cents. The average is 5.9 cents
per pound."

From these figures we can see
the wonderful outlet for chick-
ens and eggs. As our popula-
tion increases, so increases the
demand for chickens and eggs.
All present indications are for
people to concentrate in our
cities, becoming consumers in-
stead of producers. Back yard
poultry keeping in the cities is
rapidly decreasing. More and
more back yard poultry houses
are converted into garages each
year.

All indications point to good
prices for poultry and eggs in
the future.

A FEMINE TRICK

"One dozen black hen's eggs
please," demanded the artless
maiden.

"If you know the difference
between a black hen's egg and
any other hen's egg you can
pick them out," said the shop
keeper, scornfully.

Demurely the artless maiden
helped herself to a dozen of the
biggest eggs in the shop, and
left smiling. The device was
one she had often found profit-
able. Courtesy National Poul-
try, Butter and Egg Bulletin.

MEXICAN PHONE GIRLS

It is reported from Laredo
that the "hello" girls of Mexico
are learning the operation of
telephone switchboard and the
handling of long distance calls
for the new Mexican Telegraph
and Telephone Company from
their American sisters. These
senoritas will emulate the Amer-
ican operators in all the pro-
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CYCLONE DOES DAMAGE

The season of the deadly cy-
clone is not past yet, from the
record of the past few days, as
much damage has been done in
several of the Mississippi Val-
ley states:

St Louis Mo., Cyclonic winds
dipped into St. Louis and from
there to Illinois killing 20 or
more people and injuring over
200 more. A small town in Ar-
kansas was destroyed but no
fatalities reported.

At Eufala Oklahoma, One
farmer was painfully hurt, sev-
eral others injured and about
a half dozen farm structures
were wrecked by a twister which
swept the rural vicinity near
Checota.

At least three farm houses
and as many barns were levelled
according to the reports.

The greatest damage was re-
ported from Granite City, Illi-
nois where three Illinois termi-
nal employees were reported kill-
ed. Chief of police of Venice
was injured, probably fatally,
when he was caught in the
wreckage of his home.

The only hospital in three
cities of the devastated region
was filled to overflowing. Forty
three victims had been brought
in by three o'clock in the after-
noon and more were arriving
all the time; ambulances, horses
and every class of private con-
veyance brought them from the
ruins of their homes.

Proprietors of soft drink es-
tablishments, which had not
been destroyed served liquor to
the injured.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

The Hits and Bits Revue of
1927 which opened for a weeks
engagement Friday afternoon at
the Marfa Opera House Theatre
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knocking them cold with his antics
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Fort Davis News

Mrs. BARRY SCOBEE Correspondent

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MRS SPROUL ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Lee Sproul entertained friends and members of the Bridge Club at her home one afternoon last week. Bridge was played at six tables, followed by refreshments. The guests who enjoyed the pleasant occasion were Mesdames Yates, Burke, Poole, Coffield, Fischer, Ake, Pruett, Snyder, Hudson and Hubbard of Marfa; and of Fort Davis, Mesdames W. W. Negley, Harold Thompson, W. C. Jones, E. H. Fowlkes, Kenneth Smith, Kenneth Stewart, F. M. Miller, H. M. Jones, R. C. Williams, Beau McCutcheon, Barry Scobee, Miss Katherine Espy, Miss Lena Terrill, and Mrs. M. B. Walcott of Uvalde. Mrs. Scobee won high score and Mrs. Ben Pruett the low score award.

Mrs. J. W. Espy is back home after three weeks of rest and recreation at the popular New Mexico hot springs, where so many people from this region go.

Want Summer Camp Location.

Last week a Miss Thompson and a Mr. Davis were here looking into the possibility of buying or leasing suitable land for a summer camp for girls. Whether they found a suitable place was not learned. They had a three-months camp this year with 110 girls, Miss Thompson said, near Kerrville. They had heard of the extreme desirability of the Davis Mountains region. It is not a school but a recreational camp. They made inquiries of County Clerk Herbert Bloys and County Attorney William Granger, and others.

It has been observed that if, or through the mountains this region will when the state scenic highway is built come genuinely into its own as a summer playground.

It was stated Tuesday evening, when this was written, that Dr. Spring and his bride, formerly Mrs. Mistrot, were to return here Wednesday. They had been away over two weeks, going to El Paso with the Tom Crossins of Marfa, Mr. Crossin being an old school days friend of Mrs. Mistrot. Mrs. Mistrot spent the summer here at Hotel Limpia. Her home was in Galveston. Best wishes are extended to the couple, who have many friends here.

STUDY CLUB HAS PROGRAM

The Fort Davis Study Club held its first Autumn program at the school house Friday afternoon of last week. It was the first of a series of miscellaneous programs, the subject on this occasion being the Indians of the Southwest. O. L. Sims gave his lecture on Indian anthropology and showed his fine collection of drawings of Indian rock and cave paintings. Besides club members, many of the school children heard the interesting and instructive lecture. Mrs. S. W. Leverett gave two piano selections of Indian music, ancient and modern, which was highly enjoyable. The club voted to present the study books used last year to the school library.

Mrs. Fount Ray of Dallas, who had been here most of the summer, left late last week for her home. Mrs. Hotel Limpia, likewise left for their Parr and her son who also had been at home.

Dr. W. T. Jones left Wednesday of last week for his winter home at Benson Arizona. He received word that Mrs. Jones was not so well as could be hoped, following her sickness here this summer.

Mrs. W. B. Bloys, has improved from her recent illness.

Judge and Mrs. J. W. Merrill and John Gaither went to El Paso last Friday for a short visit. They were accompanied by Miss Dorothy Weatherby.

Mrs. Edwin Fowlkes and her daughter Lady Bird returned Wednesday of last week from El Paso, where Lady Bird underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bloys had as their guests last Friday night, the Maco Stewarts of Galveston, Miss Lue Ila Bisbee of San Antonio, and the J. W. Clarkes. The Warren Bloys children at the same time had the Clark and Stewart children and Whitt Leverett Jr.

Misses Eva and May Edwards left last week for Lubbock to attend school.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Irving expected to leave Tuesday of this week for a trip of about two weeks that would include the doctor's attendance at the Presbyterian Synod at Breckenridge and a meeting with the state library board at Austin. They expected also to visit Dr. Irving's mother at Center Point.

Miss Ruth Espy left last week for her college at Waxahachie.

VALENTINE NEWS

Ginning Commences At Porvenir.

The Hunter and Neill gin at Porvenir is being put in shape this week for the season's run. Mr. Neill stated that there is considerable cotton picked ready for ginning. Hodge Hunter will operate the gin.

OLD MAN WINTER PAYS VISIT

Last Sunday week at noon a norther accompanied by a cold rain, paid Valentine an unwelcome visit. The old-timers didn't mind it much, but among the three thousand soldiers encamped here there was a general scramble for overcoats and dry bedding. The coolness continued until Monday evening, when the temperature began to climb back to its accustomed place. The thermometer registered 42 early Monday morning.

COLE TO NEW MEXICO

Tig Cole, who has been "Top hand" on the Bunton and Conring ranch for several months, leaves this week for New Mexico. He has been employed by T. T. Neill on the Neill ranch near Silver City. Ed Hunter is taking Cole's place on the Bunton and Conring ranch.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETS

At a meeting of the C. of C., Sept. 20th, business connected with the Mexican Border Highway and the Davis Mountain Park Highway was discussed. It was decided to pay Valentine's share of the expenses incurred in the organization of the Mexican Border Highway Association, and to give support in securing right-of-way for road.

Your Druggist

is co-operating with your dentist in observing Dental Hygiene Week. Let your dentist examine your teeth. Let your druggist supply the dental preparations he recommends.

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and campsites for the Davis Mountain Park project.

The meeting was well attended, but one member being absent. Visitors present were Claude Byler and G. J. Swartz.

Young People Away At School.

Many Valentine young people have left during the last few weeks to attend school in the larger centers of learning. Misses Opal and Olive Vick are at the El Paso High School, El Paso; Miss Ethel Newton, High school at Sanderson; Miss Ruth Spruill, at Van Horn; Miss Alma Neill, El Paso High; Mary Elizabeth Neill, School of Mines, El Paso; Miss Audie McElroy, teaching at Terlingua; Miss Zella Spruill, teaching at Allamore; LeRoy and Russell Stewart, State University Austin; Harley Stewart, will finish at El Paso High in January; Sonny Bunton, A. & M., college Station; Ray Newton, Schreiner Institute, Kerrville; Robert Stegall, Peacock Military School, San Antonio.

DEAD BEATS

The following was handed to us by Sheriff W. N. Gourley, and sounds a warning to all:

The members of the Texas Association of the Deaf, request that, in the future when dealing with Deaf Peddlers, beggars and those claiming to be deaf, that you use drastic measures to break up the practice. We wish that you would instruct all of your deputies to arrest every deaf peddler, beggar or person posing as deaf and dumb, that comes to your town, and put them to work in the cotton-patches or on the County roads and let them know that unless they stick to honest work that they will be given the same treatment everytime they are caught begging.

There are really very few deaf people who are low enough to resort to begging and peddling, but there are many normal people who beg and panhandle the public by claiming that they are Deaf & Dumb, and the entire Membership of our organization joins the officers in requesting that you arrest everyone of them and make them stop begging. Even though the person is really deaf and cannot speak, we want them punished and have no sympathy for them unless they have serious bodily handicaps other than deafness. "Don't let your sympathy get the better of you." There is no reason on earth for the Deaf to Beg.

The most common forms of begging used by the deaf and the hearing fakirs claiming deafness, are to sell A. B. C. cards with the deaf alphabet on them, flower envelopes, soap needles and other useless things, for which there is no real demand.

Some of them show letters signed by prominent citizens saying they are worthy of help. Some claim they are raising money to go to school or to college. There is no need for this, The Texas State School for the Deaf is Free The National College for the Deaf, at Washington, D. C. is Free. All worthy students are given Board and Tuition.

Every year about this time there is an influx of loafers, beggars, and panhandlers from up North and East, into Texas, some are really deaf, some are not, but all are undesirables and we want all put in jail and made to work out fines. If you will cooperate with us, and help us we will soon make TEXAS too hot for them.

Alpine Industrial News

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 5 to 15, 1927.

In 1926 10,000 persons were burned to death, 20,000 injured in America.

The property loss was \$560,548,624, a daily average of \$1,535,750 or \$1,066 every minute of the year.

Texas contributes a full share to the dead and injured and \$20,000,000 of the property loss.

Statistics prove that 85 per cent of the fires are preventable. Can we afford all of this huge wastage? Certainly not.—It is better to be safe than sorry.

During the past fifty years the increase in population has been 150 per cent; the increase in fire loss has been 630 per cent. What are you doing to cut down that rate?

The above is a short abstract from the matter sent out by the Texas Inspection Bureau in regard to the observance of fire prevention week. Will Alpine join in?

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In the 75-mile race for stock cars listed below \$2000; at Atlantic City on Labor Day, two Studebaker Commanders finished first and second, with average speeds of 85.95 and 84.58 miles per hour. The latest models of Chrysler "72," Buick Master Six, Nash Advanced Six and Hudson were also entered.

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Locals and Personals

J. H. Fortner was called to San Angelo several days ago on account of the illness of his father.

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Burton Mitchell returned from El Paso last Saturday, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. W. B. Mitchell. Burton after his operation it is hoped will soon be able to enjoy his usual good health.

THE MOON MARKET

Please take notice, October 7, is the date of the Moon Market. Benefit of Parents-Teachers Association. Admission only 25 and 10 cents.

Homer Colquitt has recently been appointed receiver for the large properties of the Smiths. The property is located in Pecos County and it is reported that on the land are valuable oil wells.

FOR RENT—Upstairs rooms, can be used for apartments. Mrs. W. A. Wells, Phone 94.

J. L. Hess has been this week with Mrs. Hess in El Paso, where she will have an operation on one of her eyes. For sometime, since an attack of Flu which left her with an effected eye, she has been suffering from this trouble.

When in need of tire repair phone 197. The Midway Filling Station.

William Harper spent last Friday and Saturday in El Paso. While there he shook hands with Lindy, also, purchased toys and other Christmas goods for Murphy-Walker Company.

FOR RENT—A two or three room Apartment. Phone 41.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Livingston of Uvalde, Texas, spent Monday and Tuesday in the City. They were en route to Candelaria to look over the Country below the Rim. Mr. Livingston is interested in the celebrated Asphalt rock in Uvalde County. He says the shipments of this rock for highways is becoming large.

WANTED—To hear from owners of Mineral Ore prospects or Claims in Presidio or Brewster. Counties No Oil. Give all details first letter with Analysis of ORE if assays have been made. Want only worthy prospects which will bear investigation. No inflated values. ADDRESS: A. ROTHBERGER, Box 17 Austin, Texas (10-10-27)

Lieutenant Paul Cole accompanied by Mrs. Cole and son Paul Jr., spent Saturday and Sunday in Marfa, the guests of Mrs. J. S. Howard. Mrs. Cole is a niece of Mrs. J. J. Kilpatrick and intended to visit the family at Candelaria, but Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kilpatrick who came to meet them found the roads in such bad shape it was advisable for the trip to be postponed. They left Sunday evening for San Francisco whence they will take ship for Honolulu where Lieutenant Cole is stationed.

If in town or out of town and need work on your tires. Just call 197 at your service. Midway Filling Station

Mrs. O. C. Dowe and two little daughters Nellie and Dora were in from the ranch Thursday also her sister Mrs. Wm. McDaniels and little son. While here they were the guest of their mother and father Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wilson.

MAKING REPAIRS

The recent heavy rains injured the two story Livingston building, especially, to the hall occupied by the Odd Fellows. This week a number of workmen are busy repairing the damage. Years ago when the Odd Fellows occupied the rooms in the 3rd story of the Court house a severe wind blew in one side of their lodge room. Fortunately when these two accidents happened no one was in the halls.

HISTORY CLUB MEETS

At their regular meeting held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. P. Fischer, the Marfa History Club spent a very interesting and profitable afternoon studying their book on Christianity and Race Problems.

The business session was taken up with plans for entertaining the Davis Mountain Federation, which meets November 18th at the Community House in Marfa.

Mrs. R. S. McCracken was leader for the afternoon, conducting a highly interesting study on sociology. A number of interesting papers and discussions were given.

The Fischer home was most attractive in its decorations, scores of Crimson rosebuds were used to fill baskets and vases, the effect being enhanced by the glow of the chandeliers and from the cosy fire place, breaking the chill of the first Fall days. The hostess served a delicious plate licheon.

While the attendance was not as large as usual owing to the absence from town of some of the members, the majority of them were present and each highly enjoyed the afternoon.

NOTICE

Hunting cutting of green Pines and Cedars or otherwise trespassing on my lands in Jeff Davis County are hereby STRICTLY FORBIDDEN!

D. O. MEDLEY

Mr. Lawrence Hord was a Marfa visitor from Alpine first of the week.

Warren Bloys of Fort Davis was in the city Tuesday.

Judge R. Barnett was a business visitor in the city Monday.

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FLOYD GATROST BURNED

At the Flag Fight Monday evening Floyd Gatrost was badly burned by Gasoline. In the contest between the Juniors and Seniors the flag of the latter was placed in a tree with several of the seniors in the tree to act as guardians. As one of the Juniors saturated the tree with gasoline to burn the flag, in throwing the gas some of it lodged in Floyd's clothing, and when the tree was lit the flame caught in his clothing. It seems that the boys in the "burning bush" escaped without injury. Another of the boys in escaping from his pursuers in the contest ran into a barbed wire fence and had his hand cut.

Hereafter, Supt. J. E. Gregg says there will be no more Flag Fights.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH NOTES

Last Sunday was promotion day and the promotion and re-organization went forward with the usual interest and snap of the teaching force and officers.

A new arrangement was made in the organization, for which the Sunday school has been waiting for the approach of the new year, to effect, Miss Katherine Schutze was made the superintendent of the Junior department which, hereafter will hold its sessions separate from the main body. This will enable them to have a devotional service in harmony with their age and development.

Miss Schutze is just out of the Texas Christian University where she had special training along this line of work, and is expected by all to make rapid strides in the development of this department.

At last Sunday's service, both morning and evening, the church enjoyed having several visitors from out of town as is usual. All home members should feel an especial interest in being present and making these visitors feel at home. Their impressions of us will be what we make them. —Reporter.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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The church is the biggest asset the nation, or the city, has. Yet we spend more for tobacco, more for chewing gum, more for soft drinks, more for picture shows, more for many passing pleasures, than for the church. As long as the church man assumes this attitude, just so long must the church decline in its power and influence. Remember that you, Mr. Church member, are a minister of the gospel. "Go ye into all the world and teach all nations, . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." This is the command for every creature to teach. How well do you bear the cross? "Faith without works is dead."

Remember next Sunday is Rally Day. Be there and bring your neighbor. Let our slogan be, 100 per cent attendance of church membership at both Sunday school and Church services. We can not realize our aims unless you are there. Will you come? Let us begin the new year right.

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The sermon subject for the day will be: "The Paradoxical Kingdom," and "Jesus at the Cross Roads." These are both unusual themes of unusual interest to the modern christian, not sensational but the presentation of the old theme in a new way.

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T. M. Broadfoot, Pastor

Jeff Oliver of Brewster County and formerly a frequent visitor here was in the city Thursday.

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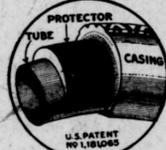
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Why the Soldiers should have their present pay raised."

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All visiting brothers are cordially invited to be present.

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E. F. NICCOLLS, Secretary.

MARFA CHAPTER No. 344 O. E. S., meets the 3rd.

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Maneuvers End Today
(Continued from page 1.)

sides—Browns and Whites—are drawing their lines closer in and that attacks as thrilling as any witnessed on real fields of battle are soon to be staged. The maneuvers began at Ryan, twenty miles west of Marfa, on the 21st the next day, they covered the greater part of W. P. Wischer's 115 section ranch, and from there, they spread over the 100 sections bracing 120 square miles, when they have been concentrated ever since. It is expected that the forces will move within 12 or 18 miles of Marfa on the 28th and 29th. Following the maneuvers, the troops will concentrate in Marfa, where a general program of athletics, review, horse show, and field day will be held. The troops will receive their monthly pay in Marfa, and leave for their home posts on the 4th of October. The assembling of the maneuvers at Marfa, the second program of its kind, marks the largest concentration of troops that has taken place on the Mexican Border since the World War, and the largest cavalry maneuvers in the history of the army since the Civil war. These forces are composed of part of the first brigade, the first cavalry regiment, stationed at Marfa, the fifth cavalry from Fort Clark, Fort Bliss troops, 1st machine gun squadrons, in addition to brigade administrative units, in all approximately, 280 officers and warrant officers, more than four thousand men; 3,200 horses and 1,500 mules. Besides many visiting officers from the various United States Army posts, there are a number of foreign military attaches, who are taking active interests in the maneuvers.

In Camp At Alamito.
From the headquarters of the First Cavalry Division, camped at the old Alamito settlement, Major Stephen M. Walmsley writes last Sunday a most interesting letter to the El Paso Times, as follows:
A rest day today and the whole division is camped together along the banks of the Alamito creek, which has again resumed its normal proportions, after its pretentious gesture of the other day.

And quite a camp it is, too, as one looks down the low ridge on which the ration and forage distributing point, commonly known as the dump, is located. Quite a little city of tents, in fact; but in a couple of days it will be deserted as the sprawl of adobe buildings across the valley that once was Alamito; quite as deserted and with far less to show where it once had been. For the army leaves clean camp sites.

I passed a couple of them today, and could see nothing to show that they had been inhabited a few days ago by hundreds of men and animals.

This afternoon I went back toward Marfa to arrange for the repair of a rancher's telephone line which had been damaged by the troops. (We don't propose to leave and repair jobs for the generous and patriotic ranchers who have let us use their land.)

The highway had quite the appearance of a war-time line of communication. Detachments of engineer troops were scattered along the route, filling holes in the road and repairing culverts and bridges.

A horse ambulance was speeding rearward, its equine patient looking, rather self-conscious as he gazed about from his perch on the truck body. A long column of dust-colored motor trucks rumbled along, loaded high with baled hay, rations and firewood.

Two motor ambulances followed, loaded with sick or injured, for although we have no wounded and the health of the command is excellent, 3,000 or 4,000 men can't be taken into the field without a certain amount of sickness and accidents.

Staff and general officers cars flying their flags sped by. The only off-color spots in the picture were the private automobiles, loaded with sightseers. You don't see them behind battle lines. Even the cattle grazing in the fields did not seem entirely out of place, as anyone who has seen them in France can testify.

But along with the motor trucks, cars and ambulances, the methods of earlier days have not entirely disappeared. The day before yesterday the divi-

sion ordance officer packed his entire ammunition supply (it take a lot for a division, even if the bullets are paper instead of steel) on the division pack train of some 100 mules, and moved it in a day over the nearly 40 miles that separate Alamito from Marfa.

And I doubt not that many an old timer, whether traveling in a battered flivver or a nickle-trimmed sedan, stopped his car by the roadside to watch the train go by behind the bell mare, their aparejos packed high, the packers lounging in their high-horned pack-saddles.

Nor do I doubt that the "old-timers'" eyes looked out from wind and sun-beaten faces at other things than the hoods of their motor cars and the metal-ed roadway. Looked, no doubt, beyond the far horizons of to days gone by when the pack train was all the freight-carrying agency the country knew.

We nearly "expended," as the army says, one perfectly good chief of staff today. A prodigious rattler if his estimate of its size is to be accepted, wiggled out from under his cot, almost between his stockinged feet (the chief of staff's feet, not the rattler's).

Details of the next few seconds are somewhat lacking, and not too accurate. But it is certain that the snake left the tent, after the chief of staff. The snake is dead, thanks to the accuracy of a brother staff officer with a boulder.

As I write this a large rat, a very large rat, is dodging back and forth from under my cot to under Major Surle's cot. I will write anything more about rattlesnakes. It's too hard to be sure a scurrying rat is a rat and not a rattler. I'd rather not hear any more about that.

It's dark, after one of the most gorgeous cloud and color displays I have ever seen. The bugles are sounding, clear and strong, from the nearby regiments, dim and dimmer from those in the distance.

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conference. Wednesday, the board of Sunday school work will report; Thursday, the board of missions; Friday, board of education, and Saturday, the board of lay activities. Sunday morning, bishop Moore will preach at Trinity at 10:45. Sunday evening appointments for ensuing year will be read. All reports for the last year will be heard at the conference.

Presiding elders for the New Mexico conference are: Albuquerque, the Rev. J. T. Redmon; El Paso, district, the Rev. Dr. N. L. Linebaugh; Las Vegas district, the Rev. James S. Walker, and the Roswell District, Rev. Dr. John B. Cochran.

The El Paso children's home is the property of the conference and the report from it will be heard.

Judge C. E. Mead of Marfa, is the conference lay leader, and he with Mrs. C. E. Mead, and Rev. J. C. Jones, pastor of the First Methodist church, are preparing to attend.

The conference year ends Sunday, October 2, and Loyalty Day will be celebrated at Trinity church at 10:45 a. m. At 3:00 p. m. an old time love feast and communion will be held and at 7:30 p. m., the choir will render sacred music.

Big Vaudeville Here
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3 p. m. Evening shows start at 7 and 9. Owing to there being three bands at Camp Marfa a wonderful orchestra was selected from the military band and will play at all performances. Tuesday and Wednesday they will play in Alpine at the local picture theatre there.

Mrs. T. A. Childers and little granddaughter Annie Marie left Sunday afternoon for El Paso where they will spend some time shopping and visiting friends.

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preachers bested.

Chicago jurists are wiser than her preachers. When it comes to physical prowess we are not much removed from the Stone age. The court realized this fact, knew and understood the frailties of mankind. While not condoning the Tunney-Dempsey bout particularly, they know that when the people tire of the sport they will have done with it.

As a contrast to the action of the Chicago judges, the Federal Government looks at it in a different light. It is an Interstate Commerce law that films of prize fights shall not be transported in the United States. Uncle Sam figures that it is wrong for the people to look at moving pictures of a prize fight, yet it is alright for them to see the prizefight itself. Inconsistent, yes, but law is full of inconsistencies.

That law should be repealed, or it should be made to cover all films showing any sort of fighting. If fighting is wrong in one instance, its wrong in any other. The morals of the people are hurt no worse in the one than in the other. But does watching a prize fight, or veiwing the moving pictures of a prize fight, damage us morally? Does not the commercialism attending the bouts do more real harm? Exhorbant prices for admittance; betting the spending of money that could be used to better advantage; the chances of crookedness where money is involved.

FINE RAINS TUESDAY BEST OF THE YEAR

Tuesday morning Marfa and vicinity was visited with the best rain of the year. From all reports there has been reports of fine rains nearly all over the Big Bend. In some places a great deal better than in others, but no fear is felt among the cattlemen but that the stock will be able to pass through the fall and winter in good shape. The indications are that soon there will be plenty of fat cattle for the markets.

C. of C. Luncheon
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Besides the regular members of the C. of C., there were quite a few guests present. These were: Mesdames H. L. Hord, F. A. Mitchell, W. P. Fischer, Harry Hubbard, H. M. Fennell and J. Humphris, Miss Mitchell, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Edwards of the Y.M.C.A. Mr. Mitchell of the Central Power and Light Co. Mr. Coffield called on each of these guests for a talk and they each expressed their pleasure in being able to attend the C. of C., luncheon.

NEW THEATRE FOR MARFA IS CONTEMPLATED

Several local people in the past few days have been talking with Mr. E. F. Knowles who is at present putting on the vaudeville show at the Opera House Theatre here in regard to building a small modern theatre in Marfa.

While the plan is a little premature, several sites have been discussed. The new Theatre would possibly seat 800 to 1,000 people and be equipped with a pipe organ also have a stage which could accomodate vaudeville and road shows. At present the shows from the west do not stop here because of no facilities.

Nothing but first run pictures and feature pictures would be shown. Mr. Knowles believes that the people of Marfa would support such pictures as Wings, Rough Riders and The Big Parade and many more feature pictures that heretofore have never shown in Marfa. He believes that once a week vaudeville could be arranged for and there are several towns between here and San Antonio that would play vaudeville once a week, making the top price 50c. By doing this the acts could be secured much cheaper than where only one town shows them, the expense would be split up several ways. More definite plans will be announced later.

BUYS OUT PARTNER

Monroe Slack has recently bought out the interest of Geo. Jones in the Jewelry business. Mr. Slack has built up a splendid business since coming to Marfa and has now a magnificent stock on hand. As an experienced and capable optometrist and optician he is commanding a splendid trade not only in and in the vicinity of Marfa, but is attracting business and clients from many distant places. Hereafter, instead of Slack & Jones Jewelry Co., the firm will be Slack Jewelry Company.

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