

Citizens Ticket Named at Meeting

Mass Meeting Decides On Ticket And Platform For Race In City Election

A mass meeting in the county court room of the court house Tuesday evening, at which T. F. Houghton was chosen to preside and R. O. Fields was made secretary, named candidates for every office to be filled in next Tuesday's city election, and put forward a platform on which these candidates will run:

Candidates were chosen from more than a dozen nominations by a rising vote. The ticket is:

For mayor, W. L. Boerner.

For marshal, G. G. Tye.

For aldermen, B. B. Greenwood, N. A. Armstrong, C. Foster, F. S. Truitt and W. M. Windsor.

The meeting also adopted the resolutions offered by the platform committee, composed of B. B. Greenwood, I. D. Gamble and A. V. Haynes, as follows:

"To the Hon. T. F. Houghton, chairman.

"We, your committee, appointed to draft platform and resolutions, would respectfully suggest as a platform upon which to conduct this campaign the following:

"The money collected for taxes by the city of Floydada should be expended for the material development of the city.

"We further suggest the adoption of the following resolutions:

"FIRST—Any town that is large enough to support a city government is large enough to be kept clean. Not only because the health of the people demand it, but also in deference to the civic pride of the citizens.

"SECOND—The people are entitled to know how the money collected as taxes is spent and the law requires that reports of such expenditure be made at stated intervals.

"THIRD—This meeting pledges all the people that the candidates selected by it for city offices, will, if elected, prepare and publish quarterly reports of the financial condition of the city and that the city will be kept in a sanitary condition."

The mass meeting was called for 8 o'clock and the house was assembled at the hour set. When the house was called to order nominations and vote-taking began with little delay, the house proceeding in a very businesslike manner.

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School Census Thought Complete

Increase in Scholastic Population of District in Year Almost 40 Per Cent

W. I. Allen, school census trustee, says that in taking of the district school census for this district, he may have overlooked one or more families. If he has he is anxious that he be notified before Saturday night, in order that he may include the names on the rolls which must be given to the county school superintendent.

The scholastic census enumeration Wednesday morning had reached a total of 646 pupils, an increase of 178 over last year's enrollment.

This indicates an increase in population in the district of 39 per cent within the year.

Six-Year-Old Sister of Miss Enid Wilkinson Dead

Glenna, the 6-year-old sister of Enid and Bela Wilkinson, died Monday afternoon at the Childers sanitarium from emphysema.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at eleven o'clock and the remains were laid to rest in the Floydada cemetery.

Glenna had been visiting here with her sister for several weeks when she became ill.

Program For B. Y. P. U.

Subject—"Our Sure Confidence in God."

Leader—Miss Ford.

"Basis of Christian Confidence"—Mr. Snodgrass.

"What Has Our Strength to do With Our Security"—Miss Irick.

Solo—Miss Windsor.

"Practicing Confidence in God"—Mrs. Waldrop.

Reading—Miss Martin.

"Personal Experiences of God's Help"—General Discussion.

Miss Sabra Thagard, who has been spending the winter in Los Angeles with her grandparents and attending school, was called home last week on account of the serious illness of her younger sister, Lena, who has been quite ill the past several days.

R. L. Day is here from his new home near Bovina to spend the week, while being treated surgically by local physicians.

School Fair Is Attended By Thousands Competition Is Keen In All Departments

Second Annual County School Fair Makes Record For Attendance At Spring Event. 1028 Pupils, Teachers and Patrons In Parade Saturday Morning

The Second Annual Floyd County School Fair, in spite of whirling clouds of dust, was a highly successful event, attended by over four thousand people and participated in by over twenty of the thirty-two schools in the county.

Competition was keen for first place in every department, from the beginning of the preliminaries in basketball contests on Friday morning at ten-thirty to the close of the track and field meet at six o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The program was begun as announced, and through the untiring efforts of Director General Price Scott and his assistants, David Hopper, Miss Applewhite and Earl Sparks, each event was staged practically without change as to place and hour throughout.

The attendance on Friday was possibly not over fifteen hundred to two thousand, but Saturday's attendance figures were fully three thousand people.

The most spectacular feature of the two days was the school parade. One thousand and twenty-eight persons, including teachers, patrons and pupils of twenty-four schools, marched in the line which formed at the high school building and marched down the principal thoroughfares and around the court house square. The line required fourteen minutes to pass a given point. Truck and auto traffic was stopped on Main street long enough to photograph the thousand in the parade, with the background of business houses and streets lined with onlookers.

The Lockney, Floydada, Sunset, Meteor and Sandhill schools were leading winners in the various places. No official scoring has been completed to indicate the winning school.

Winners in these events will represent the county at the district meeting at Lubbock in April. Winners from the district will go to Austin in early part of May to compete in the State Interscholastic Meet.

Music for the two days was furnished by the Floydada Concert Band.

Of the thirty-two schools in the county, twenty-three were represented at the fair, one school not in the league was in the parade, and twenty-two schools were represented by badges.

Schools represented in the parade were: Lockney, Floydada, Sandhill, Harmony, Blanco, Starkey, McCoy, Lakeview, Antelope, Baker, Mayview, Center, Cedar Hill, Sunset, Liberty, Roseland, Lone Star, Ramsey, Meteor, Fairview, Providence, Bobbitt, Campbell and Muncy.

Attention! League Winners

Floyd county is in District No. 2 of the Interscholastic League of the state of Texas. The district contest will be held at Lubbock, Texas, April 13-14. The winners of the county contests meet at the district contests, and the winners in the district go to Austin for the final state championship. The final meet at Austin will be held May 4-5.

The winners of the following county contests are eligible to the district contest:

Debate, senior declamation for girls, senior declamation for boys, junior declamation for boys, junior declamation for girls, essay writing, spelling,

boys' senior basketball, girls' senior basketball, tennis, baseball for senior boys, and track for senior boys.

We would like to have as good a representation in the Lubbock contest as possible. Of course, the winners of first place have the preference. The winners of second and third places are alternates and we request you to be ready to represent your county in the district contest, if you should be needed. Entertainment and rebate of traveling expenses will be given contestants as far as possible.

Those who expect to enter any of the district contests at Lubbock, April 13-14, please notify me as soon as you can do so. PRICE SCOTT, Director General.

Declamation and Debate

DAVID HOPPER, Director.

Debate, first team—Edward Oden and Ford Butler, of Floydada.

Second team—Wilbur Wilson and Clyde Cummings of Sunset.

Senior boys' declamation, first—Chester French, of Floydada.

Second—H. M. Bullard, of Fairview.

Junior boys' declamation, first—Ralph Cope, of Floydada.

Second—Forest Frieberg, of Meteor.

Senior girls' declamation, first—Marie Henry, of Floydada.

Second—Norma Thomas, of Lockney.

Junior boys' declamation, first—Lucile Griffith, of Lockney.

Second—Fay King, of Sandhill.

Spelling and Essay Writing

MISS MARY APPLEWHITE, Director.

Senior spelling contest: First—Aurice Duck, of Fairview school.

Second—Elizabeth Smith, of Lone Star school.

Junior spelling contest: First—Ruth Bryant, of Lockney school.

Second—Roy Jones, of Blanco school.

Essays: First—Elizabeth Smith, of Lone Star school.

Second—Orville Snider, of Lone Star school.

Rural school exhibits: First—Ceday Hill school. Second—Meteor school. Third—Sandhill school.

Athletics

EARL SPARKS, DIRECTOR.

Senior boys' basketball, rural: First, Sunset; second, Muncy; Senior boys' basketball, towns: First, Floydada; second, Lockney.

Senior girls' basketball, rural: First, Meteor; second, Sandhill.

Senior girls' basketball, towns: First, Lockney; second, Floydada.

Senior girls' basketball, final: First, Lockney; second, Meteor.

Baseball: First, Sandhill; second, Floydada.

Junior girls' basketball: First, no contestant; second, Meteor.

Junior boys' basketball: First, Lockney; second, Floydada.

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Josephine Dominick Dialect Interpreter

Program For Saturday Evening Lyceum Number to be Unusually Good One

Mrs. Josephine Dominick, who is to appear at the high school auditorium here Saturday evening under the auspices of the Civic Improvement Lyceum Committee, and whose program constitutes the last number for the season, is an interpreter of dialect, such as can only be given by those who are masters of their chosen art. A charming personality is added, and her ability is versatile as well, so that her program is full of human touches.

Advance notes indicate that her programs have been thoroughly appreciated on chautauqua and lyceum platforms both in middle and far west.

The date of her appearance here is March 31—Saturday evening of this week.

Special general admission prices have been announced for this occasion, the price having been reduced for this time to 25 cents. Reserved seats will be sold at the usual price.

Plemon S. Cox Married to Miss Alta Blalack of Plano

Plemon S. Cox, pharmacist with Woody Drug Co., and brother of T. M. Cox, was married on the seventeenth of this month to Miss Alta Blalack, of Plano, at the home of her grandparents in that city.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cox left Plano for Houston, spending their honeymoon in that and other central and south Texas cities.

They reached Floydada Saturday afternoon, and will make their home here, being at present guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Cox, on West Missouri street.

Hollums and Warren Enter Into Land Selling Partnership

Jno. A. Hollums and C. T. Warren have formed a partnership to deal in land and cattle.

They will retain the Hollums office on the south side of the square.

G. A. Lider left this week for Dallas to spend a short time on business. He attended the League for Peace conference in that city as a delegate from Floyd county while there.

Montgomery Doesn't Want Mayor's Office

Mayor Since Incorporation of City; Asks Friends Not to Consider His Name Again

To the citizenship of Floydada, Texas:

Having held the office of Mayor of our city since the incorporation of same about October 1st, A. D., 1909, will say it is my desire and wish to not be considered as a candidate again for this office at the coming election for city officers, and request that my friends and supporters give their suffrage for this office to such other person or candidate as in their judgment will best serve the interests of our city.

The burdens and exactions of the office have grown to such an extent in recent years, that the salary is very inadequate for

what is expected and exacted by the public, and the city can not well afford to pay more considering the numerous demands upon the city funds for other purposes, and will say in this connection, as there are some erroneous statements in circulation as to the amounts which the Mayor has received in the matter of salary, that the salary for this office as fixed for the past two years has amounted to the sum of Twenty-five Dollars per month and will be the same for next two years. In addition to the duties of Mayor, I have formed all the work of the Secretary, for which I have received the sum of Ten Dollars per month from the City Secretary, all that was allowed for that purpose, and which will be the same amount as set for salary of that office for the next two years. In this matter of performing the work of City Secretary, I have saved the city at least Fifteen Dollars per month for to take this office alone, would be hard to get a competent person to fill the office for less than Twenty-five Dollars per month. And further as to salary or remuneration in any capacity which I received from the city prior to two years ago, amounted to practically nothing, though for the first three or four years of my service as Mayor, the exactions of the office were not near so burdensome as they have been for the past three years.

Thanking one and all for support and confidence which I have received in the past, and also

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Mrs. G. W. Keeling Dead

Mrs. Geo. W. Keeling, 79 years of age, died Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Abner King, in Floydada, and was buried Saturday in the Floydada cemetery.

Mrs. Keeling had been living with her daughter for some six weeks. She had been in feeble health for some time.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Bone, of Hale Center.

Obituary

Nancy Louise Robbins was born in White county, Arkansas, August 10th, 1838, died in Floydada, Floyd county, Texas, March 23rd, 1917, being 78 years, 7 months and 13 days old.

Married to John M. Edwards at the age of 18 years to which union were born four children, all of whom are dead. Married to George W. Keeling December 5th, 1869, to which union were born seven children, all of whom are dead but two—Mrs. Artie King, of Floydada, and Mrs. Agnes Watson, of Lockney, Texas.

Grandma became a christian in early life; joined the Methodist church; about 1881 she joined the Free Will Baptist church; in 1887 she joined the Cumberland Presbyterian church, where she lived until her death.

Grandma was a true christian, kind friend and a devoted mother and wife. To know her was to love her. She moved with her family from Arkansas to east Texas in 1885, living in Bell, Grayson and Hopkins counties; came to Floyd county the 14th of February, 1917. She outlived two husbands and nine children, leaving two children, eighteen grand children and some three or four great grand children to mourn her loss.

She was frail in body, weighing only about 75 pounds. She was afflicted with bronchitis, pneumonia and typhoid, but finally died of blood poison.

Parewell, dear friends, time rolls along, Nor waits for mortal cares or bliss.

I leave you here and travel on Till I arrive where Jesus is.

—BY ONE TO WHOM SHE WAS DEAR.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends who ministered so kindly to our dear mother in her sickness and death.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner King.
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Watson.

First Rural Route Established Out of Petersburg

The first rural route to be established out of Petersburg will be started next Monday, according to interested parties.

A. V. Harris, five miles this side of Petersburg, near Allmon school, will be one of the patrons on the route, which runs toward Estacado, in Crosby county, and circles back north to Allmon before turning back into Petersburg.

The development of the section of the country which that route will serve has been phenomenal during the past year or more.

South Side District Singing Convention in May

The South Side District Singing convention will be held this year at Muncy school house, and the dates for the event are the first Saturday and Sunday in May.

C. M. Lyle, president, is anxious to have a large attendance at the convention. Singers and choirs over the district should keep the dates in mind.

Miss Jessie Green is secretary of the convention.

Lockney News

From the Beacon:

A. J. WHITE MARRIED.

Mr. A. J. White quietly slipped away from his friends here and hid himself to New Ark, Wise county, where he and Mrs. Maggie Green were married Sunday evening at six-thirty and left on the seven o'clock train for Ft. Worth and Dallas, where they spent several days before returning to Lockney, coming in Saturday and have since been receiving the hearty congratulations of their many friends.

Mr. White has made his home in Lockney for a number of years, having been connected with E. P. Thompson & Son Hardware, as manager for the past several years and is a splendid gentleman and a first class business man.

The bride comes to our town a stranger and we extend her a most cordial welcome and congratulate Mr. White in his choosing such a splendid lady for his wife.

B. S. Livingston and wife spent Saturday at Floydada with their daughter, Mrs. Eastwood, who underwent a serious operation. We are glad to report her rapidly improving at this time.

J. A. Smalley and son spent the week end near Petersburg improving a section of land recently bought by himself and brother.

Willie Nichols and Dock Crabtree spent Friday night with Mr. Nichol's sister, Mrs. R. F. Green. Willie has spent the past two years in Kansas City.

Claude V. Hall, superintendent of the public schools of Matador, spent Saturday afternoon in Floydada, renewing acquaintances and seeing the afternoon's school fair program.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Edgar Jones

J. D. Starks, For Marshal

J. D. Starks announces this week for the office of Marshal of the city of Floydada, to be voted on at the city election April third.

Mr. Starks is one of the old-timers of Floydada, is experienced in matters which would pertain to the office he desires, his qualifications being well-known.

He is a leading citizen, progressive, and promises faithful attention to the duties of the marshal's office if elected.

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Floydada, Texas

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WITCHING FOR WATER

An Ancient Superstition Described in a Government Report

The idea that a forked twig, or so-called divining rod is useful in locating minerals, finding hidden treasure, or detecting criminals is a curious superstition that has been a subject of discussion since the middle of the sixteenth century and still has a strong hold on the popular mind, even in this country. This is evident from the large number of inquiries received each year by the United States geological survey, department of the interior, as to the efficacy of such a twig, especially for locating underground water. To furnish a reply to these inquiries the geological survey has published a brief paper, by Arthur J. Ellis, on the history of water witching with a bibliography that includes a truly astonishing number of books and pamphlets on this uncanny subject.

In summary the paper states: It is doubtful whether so much investigation and discussion have been bestowed on any other subject with such absolute lack of positive results. It is difficult to see how for practical purposes the entire matter could be more thoroughly discredited. It is by no means true that all persons using a forked twig or some other device for locating water or other minerals are intentional deceivers. Some of them are doubtless men of good character and benevolent intentions. However, as anything that can be deeply veiled in mystery affords a good opportunity for swindlers, there can be no reasonable doubt that many of the large group of professional finders of water, oil, or other minerals who take pay for their "services" or for the sale of their "instruments" are deliberately defrauding the people and that the total amount of money they obtain is large. To all inquirers the United States geological survey therefore gives the advice not to expend any money for the services of any "water witch" or for the use or purchase of any machine or instrument devised for locating underground water or other minerals.

HISTORY OF THE SUPERSTITION
In tracing the theory of this subject it is found that divining rods have been used (1) to locate ore deposits, (2) to discover buried or hidden treasure, (3) to find lost landmarks and reestablish property boundaries, (4) to detect criminals, (5) to analyze personal character, (6) to cure diseases, (7) to trace lost or strayed domestic animals, (8) to insure immunity against ill fortune by use as a fetish, (9) to locate well sites, (10) to trace the courses of underground streams, (11) to determine the amount of water available by drilling at a given spot, (12) to determine the depth at which water or ores occur, (13) to determine the direction of cardinal points, (14) to determine the heights of trees, and (15) to analyze ores and water.

The origin of the superstition is lost in antiquity. What is believed to be the first published description of the divining rod is contained in Georgius Agricola's "De re metallica," which was published in 1556. The device became common first in Germany as a means for locating mines and also for discovering buried treasure, a matter of rather common interest in those days, when the practice of burying money and plate for safe keeping was very general. It was introduced into England by German miners during the reign of Elizabeth (1558-1603), and before the end of the seventeenth century it had spread through the countries of Europe. Everywhere it aroused controversy. The rules prescribed for the cutting of the twig partook largely

of heathen sorcery and astrology. They were indeed, to some extent, unconscious reminiscences of the old Scandinavian and even of the Aryan mythology. But this heathen influence was offset when the rod was duly Christianized by baptism, being laid for this purpose in the bed with a newly baptized child, by whose christian name it was afterward addressed. It is readily conceivable that the motive for surrounding this practice with a religious atmosphere might not have been altogether a belief in its divine character, for at that time anyone found engaged in mysterious works was in danger of being charged with sorcery and burned to death.

USE OF THE DIVINING ROD IN DETECTING CRIMINALS

The divining rod continued to be a favorite subject with alchemist writers until about 1660, when a new turn of affairs, was brought about by a Jesuit father, who denounced it as an instrument controlled by the devil. The subject was then taken up by the church, and for more than 100 years it was hotly debated by churchmen. Some approved of it and authorized its use on church property; others condemned it and threatened those who used it with ex-communication. In 1692, the year of the Salem witchcraft, its notoriety was greatly increased by the arrest and execution of a criminal through the agency of a peasant who used a divining rod. Interest in this case was intense and widespread and called forth a large amount of literature. As late as 1703 this peasant was employed to point out with his divining rod protestants for massacre, under the plea of punishment for crimes they had committed. The divining rod was in some respects closely related to witchcraft, as is suggested by the use of incantations in connection with divining, and to this relationship may be ascribed in some measure the strengthening of belief in it. Witchcraft at that time had become a frenzy, and anything which by any stretch of the imagination could be suspected of implication with witchcraft became a subject of discussion and the basis of firm opinions and beliefs. In 1701, however, the Inquisition issued a decree against the further use of the divining rod in criminal prosecution, and this use of the device rapidly came to an end.

RECENT DISCUSSIONS

In the latter part of the eighteenth century an attempt was made to explain water witching as an electric phenomenon, and later it was discussed as a psychic phenomenon. At almost every step in the advance of science some one has attempted to explain its supposed operation by means of the latest scientific theories.

Before the present war there were several societies in Germany whose sole object was said to be the study of the divining rod. In 1910 the department of agriculture of France appointed a committee to investigate the subject, and in 1914 this committee was still investigating.

A copy of the government report, which is published as Water Supply Paper 416, can be obtained by addressing the Director, United States Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

Tom P. Steen For Marshal

Tom P. Steen this week announced his attention of again being a candidate for the office of City Marshal of Floydada, at the election to be held in the earlier part of April.

He has held the office one term, and asks that the voters give his candidacy their consideration when they go to make up their ballots.

Providence News

March 14—School resumed last Monday after a week's vacation for measles.

Master Evard Pullen has been quite ill from tonsillitis the past week.

Mrs. W. C. Ooley is able to be out after a bad case of lameness and other ailments.

Mrs. J. C. Edwards returned from Floydada after a few days, visiting her daughters there.

Providence school pupils are getting ready to attend the fair to be held at Floydada in the near future.

Miss Hilda Richter and Amos Palmer were quietly married last Saturday in Plainview by Justice Earl Keck. It was stated that Justice Keck was so excited that in pronouncing God he said Dod, and shook so the couple thought they would have to support him through the ordeal.

Mrs. Palmer is teacher of the Providence school.

Mr. Clements is hauling out lumber for a new house and other improvements on the farm he recently purchased.

Quite a few people from this community attended the literary last Friday night at Prairieview.

Raymond Crouch is on the sick list this week.

A. W. White was in town last midweek on business from his farm southwest of town.

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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is no more necessary than Smallpox. Army experience has demonstrated the almost miraculous efficacy of the latest scientific method of vaccination. Be vaccinated NOW by your physician, your family, or your friends. It is more vital than house insurance. Ask your physician, druggist, or send for "Have you had Typhoid?" telling of Typhoid Vaccine, sent from us, and danger from Typhoid Carriers. THE CUTLER LABORATORY, BEECHLEY, CAL. PRODUCING VACCINES & SERUMS UNDER U. S. GOV. LICENSE

AUTO MAIL LINE
FLOYDADA—ROARING SPRINGS DAILY

OFFICIAL SCHEDULE:

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| Leave Floydada | Leave Roaring Springs |
| 8 a. m. | 1:30 p. m. |
| Arrive Roaring Springs | Arrive Floydada |
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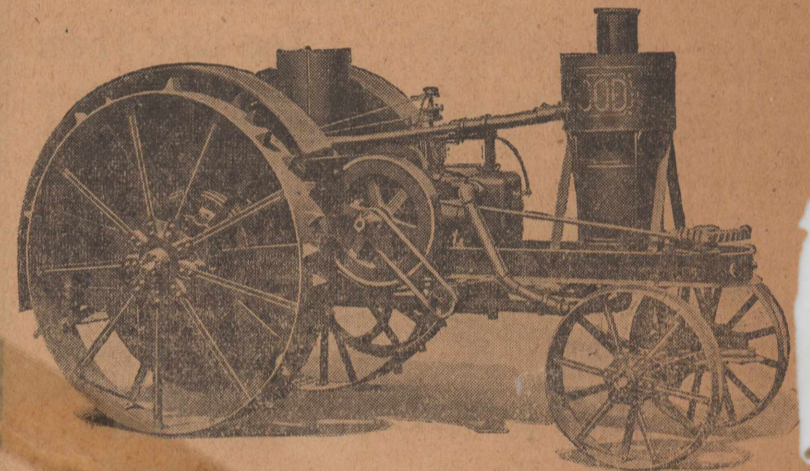
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Saxon "SIX"

Five Passenger Touring Car, \$940 Delivered

JNO. A. FAWVER, Dealer
Floydada, Texas

Get a C. O. D. Kerosene Tractor
And Get Your Breaking Done in Time, and at Much Less Expense Than With Teams



13 25 H. P. burns kerosene, at a cost of about 1.3 of gasoline. One man with this tractor can do the work of 10 to 12 horses. Saves time, money and hired help. Will have a tractor for demonstration in a few days. Come see it at work.

For Sale by

Panhandle Sales Company
W. R. Cope, Manager Floydada, Texas

SEEDS, PLANTS, ROOTS

Frost proof cabbage plants, 100 40c, 300 \$1.10, 500 \$1.75. Post paid. Tomato, Sweet potato and cabbage plants April 1st at above prices, Post paid. Rhubarb Roots (Giant Victoria) 75c doz. post paid. Asparagus Roots, 40c doz. post paid. Horse Radish roots 40c doz. post paid. Blackberry Roots (Early harvest) 40 doz post paid. Strawberry plants, Klondike, Mammoth Cliff, Excelsior. 60c per 100 post paid. Strawberry Plants, Everbearing Fruit till frost, Oct. 1st. \$1.50 per 100. Seed Sweet potatoes, Bradley Yams best potato grown on Plains, 7c lb. post paid. Canna Bulbs, \$1.00 doz. post paid. Any seed you want, at a price you can well afford to pay.

C. E. White Seed Co.
Plainview, Texas

75 YEARS OF KNOWING HOW



BACKED BY AN UNQUALIFIED GUARANTEE

The P. & O. No. 111 Lister

This lister is known to farmers wherever sold as P. & O. No. 111, but the improved type is called No. 111 on account of important improvements.

There are more of them in the hands of farmers than all other makes combined, over 2,000 sold by one dealer in one county in West Texas. The special features on this Lister made it deserving of its immense sale. Its use is not confined to preparing for row crops; it is now almost universally used for plowing for small grain crops by listing and re-listing, leaving the ground in oval waves, which not only catches and holds the moisture but prevents the loose soils of the West from blowing away.



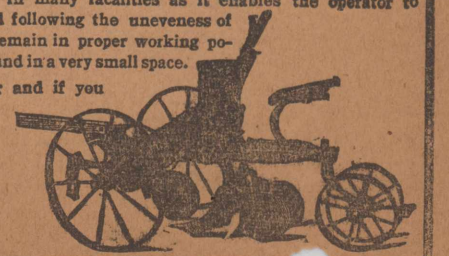
The adjusting link on front end of beam is an important exclusive feature on the No. 111, absolutely preventing the point from running below the desired depth. The wheels are provided with dust-proof boxes, an immense help in the sandy loam lands of the West. The feeding device absolutely deposits one seed at a time of any of the row crops, besides can be equipped for both corn and cotton. You will have to see this wonderful improvement to appreciate it. The tilting hoppers allow change of plates without emptying them. Furnished with either disc or shovel covers. This Lister embodied many other important features that will convince you that it is the best on the market.

The P. & O. No. 123 4-Wheel Lister

This lister has all the advantage of the No. 111 and in addition has rear wheels. This is desired in many localities as it enables the operator to see the seed as planted. The rear wheels have cushion springs to hold them in line with the row and following the unevenness of the ground and conform to the ridge without straining the rear frame, compelling also, the Lister to remain in proper working position at all times. The friction lock disengages automatically, allowing the wheels to castor and turn round in a very small space.

We manufacture the most complete line of Two Row Implements on the market. Ask your dealer and if you cannot be supplied through him, write us for circular and special introductory offer.

Parlin & Orendorff Implement Company
DALLAS, TEXAS



INCUBATORS

Now is the time. This is the place. Come in and See them. Buckeye Floor Coverings of every description for your new home, also new furniture—a full car to choose from.

O. P. RUTLEDGE
"The Store of Service"



Cooked Just as You Like Them

is the way you get chops or steaks at this restaurant. Each portion is cooked to order, so that they come to you with all their rich juices intact and with all the fine flavor. Take a try at them. One taste is worth more than a page of description.

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Floydada, Texas

\$100,000

To loan on land or take up Vendor Lien notes. 8 per cent interest. Floyd County Land & Abstract Company. Office First National Bank Building.

NEW GARAGE At Your Service

The New Reagan Garage has been completed and is now at your service. We offer you unexcelled facilities for repairing, and carry a large stock of the best tires, gas, oils, accessories.

Our new building is practically fire-proof.

Storage charges will be as follows, on and after this date:

Storage by Night 25c.

Storage by Month \$5.00

At your service, day or night.

JOHN H. REAGAN

Studebaker Dealer

Floydada, - - - - Texas

WANT AD DEPARTMENT

For Sale

Large team of horses, 6 and 7 years old; weight about 1400 pounds each. Near Mickey's store, or Sand Hill school house. Will have team in Floydada, Saturday, March 24. 2-1tp. J. M. MARTIN.

Let G. W. Keasler build your towers, repair your mills. Satisfaction guaranteed. Phone No. 91. 2-2tp

For Sale

Barred Plymouth Rock eggs, \$1. per setting. Roy McDonald stock. Apply L. B. Fawver, or phone 188-32. 2-2ow-4tp

For Rent

A couple of unfurnished rooms, close in. Apply to C. W. Russell, at Surginer's Hardware Store. 2-tf.

While others are talking low priced groceries, we invite you to get our prices and compare both the quality and prices of our goods. Duncan Grocery. 48-2tc

See Allen & Johnson for all kinds of tin work. South Main Street. tf

List your lands with me for quick sale. I have land buyers' excursions coming in every first and third Tuesday in charge of T. A. Christian, of Hill county. 1-tf Jno. A. Fawver.

LIVE WIRE WANTED—On salary or on commission to handle best piano proposition on South Plains. Will furnish rigs. Or will sell half interest in piano business to man who can show results. Represent the Baldwin line in five South Plains counties. Write or phone E. P. Parrish, Floydada, Texas. 2-1tc

Lost

A diamond Lavallier. Liberal reward if returned to THE HESPERIAN office. 2-1tp

My vulcanizing is giving universal satisfaction. References furnished upon application. My way of vulcanizing reliners in makes the casings almost blow-out and puncture-proof. I sell the best tires and tubes and take your old ones in on new ones for what they are worth, and give a personal guarantee to keep them in repair for sixty days in addition to the 5,000 mile factory guarantee. When in need of same phone or write me at my expense. P. W. LEMONS, Vulcanizing Plant and Tire Exchange, Lockney, Texas. 2-1tc

For Sale

50 bushels fine Mebane cotton seed, \$1.50 per bushel. Near Allmon school house. 1-tf A. V. HARRIS.

Milch cows for sale. See C. C. West, 15 miles southeast Floydada. 2-tf

This live bit of wisdom take—Try today a Stone's Wrapped Cake—Just like Mother used to make. 2-1tc 10c. at White Grocery Co.

Some good bundled kaffir for sale. Clark Bolding.

STRAYED—One red heifer calf, branded "TP", connected on right hip. 2-1tc. Tobe Picklesimer.

FOR SALE—15-30 Rumely Gas Tractor and set of 7-disc gang plows. 2-2tp W. A. Latta, Mt. Blanco, Texas.

Phone 77 or 88 for fresh clean groceries. We have the goods and our prices are right. Give us a trial. Duncan Grocery 48-2tc

Disc Harrows

John Deere Disc Harrows, Cultivators, Sod plows at 2-tf MITCHELL BROS.

Miss Mollie Crum Spirella Corsetiere. Phone 141. 4tp.

LOCUST TREES for sale 1 1/2 miles southeast of town. 51-4tp V. M. MASSIE.

For stock tubs and supply tanks, see us. 52-tf.

Allen & Johnson, South Main St.

Young mules for sale. Cash or credit. See H. E. Edwards at the elevator. tf

\$100,000

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723 acres El Paso County School land to trade for auto. See F. P. Gibson, Owner, at Racket Store. 49-tf

Bring your leaky radiators to the tin shop and have them fixed right. 52-tf. Allen & Johnson.

For Fire Insurance

See Featherston & Darsey. Phone 22.

Auto casings and tubes, Mansfield casings and Good-service tubes, Mitchell Bros. 52tf

Jones' Market Phone 81. 1-tf

Good Texas Red Rust Proof oats, sacked, 30 cents per bushel at Edwards Elevator, Floydada. tf

For Sale

Some very nice residences in Floydada for sale; might trade for first-class vendor's lien notes. One place at edge of town about eleven acres, nice house, barn, etc., at reasonable price. See W. M. Massie & Bro. Floydada, Texas.

Jones' Market Phone 81. 1-tf

FOR SALE—At a bargain. A fine Hereford bull, coming 3 years old. J. P. Brownlee. 50 4tc

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170,000 acres of land in Terry, Yoakum and Gaines Counties, on the new Santa Fe extension, to sell in 160 acre tracts, \$10 to \$20 per acre, \$2 and \$2.50 cash, balance 7 equal payments, 6 per cent interest, first note due Dec., 1919. For particulars, see Jno. A. Fawver, agent, Floydada. 1tc

A carload of John Deere buggies just received. Mitchell Bros. 52-tf

List your live stock with Steen & Smith. tf

Triple "B" block stock salt and other salts, at Duncan's. 48

We have some good shallow water improved farms for sale, also some unimproved land. Prices right; also two ranches to sell. Buy direct from owners. Part cash; balance, long time. Write Shore & Hill, Hereford, Texas. tf

NOTICE—We have 200 acres of sod land to put in cultivation. If interested see 52-3tp.

Gamble Land & Cattle Co.

Boxed, weatherboarded, shingled building about 14x24, with shedroom about 10x24, shingled, and sideroom about

10x14, composition roofing. A big bargain if taken quick. See P. M. Felton, 1 mile east of town. Phone 208-12. 1-2tc.

FOR SALE—Brown Leghorn eggs per setting of 15, 50 cents. 52-4tc Mrs. I. C. Nations, Rt. B, Plainview, Texas.

Let Carpenter Transfer move your pianos. We are prepared. Phone 216. 1-tf.

For Fire Insurance

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FOR HOUSE MOVING—See Walter Byars, located at City Hotel, Floydada. Home address, Lockney, Texas. Have good outfit and guarantee first class work. 1-4tp.

\$5.00 Reward

For one brown horse mule, about 14 hands high, 10 years old, wearing leather halter. Been gone one week. 2-1tc O. P. DARSEY.

See Carpenter Transfer for all kinds of hauling. Phone 216. 1-tf.

Jones' Market Phone 81. 1-tf

GARDEN SEED—3 good lines to select from at Duncan's. 1-2tc

Jones' Market Phone 81. 1-tf

The pastor's home of the Floydada Baptist church will be for sale Saturday, March 24, 1917. Sealed bids may be turned in to E. C. Nelson, in the First National bank. The right to reject any and all bids will be reserved. 1-2tp Respectfully, COMMITTEE.

Jones' Market Phone 81. 1-tf

WHITE CREST, BELLE OF WICHITA and CREAM OF THE PLAINS flour, all the very highest patent soft wheat flours at right prices, at Duncan's. 48

Strayed

A bald-faced bull, branded "muleshoe" on left side and left thigh. Strayed about 3 months ago. 5 years old. Notify HENRY HOBBS, Matador, Texas. 1-2tp.

Jones' Market Phone 81. 1-tf

Do You Know

The Panhandle and Swine Breeders Association will have their annual convention in Plainview, Texas, March 30 and 31, and for the occasion the Santa Fe Ry. will sell you a round trip ticket for fare and one third, with final limit for return April 1, 1917.

See or Phone

J. T. J. DAWSON Agent



M. Massie & Bro. General Land Agents... Land

Educational Column

Edited By Supt. Thompson and the University Dept. of Extension

TEACHERS HAVE SHORT LIVES IN TEXAS

The professional life of the teacher in Texas averages less than four years. More than one-fourth of the more than 25,000 public school teachers in Texas quit the business every year.

Teaching is not a profession in Texas; it is merely a temporary employment in most cases. It never can become a real profession until it is made more lucrative and attractive as a life business to strong men and women.

But the evils of the short life of the teacher are further augmented by the roving practice of these teachers who remain in the profession longer than the average. In Fisher county, 1913-14, investigation showed that out of a total of sixty-two teachers, only four were teaching the same school they taught the previous year, not one held the same position for a period of three years, and 43 had never before taught in the county.

That similar conditions obtain in much of the state this year, no well informed person will dispute. That an army of migratory teachers can never make a complete educational conquest of Texas we all agree.

1. Each teacher is at least a graduate of one of the twenty normals. 2. The teachers hold office during good behavior and seldom remain less than seven to ten years in the same community. 3. All country teachers are provided with free homes, free fuel and a garden. 4. Counting the salary, and the free use of the teacher's home, the Danish teachers are paid more than three times as much as the Texas teachers holding similar positions. 5. Educationally and industrially, Denmark stands well in the forefront of the nations of the world.

Mrs. Tom P. Steen's Brother Killed in Accident in Dallas

William Solon Grigsby, of Oak Cliff, 16-year-old brother of Mrs. Tom P. Steen, city, was fatally injured Tuesday morning at three o'clock in an auto accident. He was riding with a jitney driver, when the car skidded on the pavement at the east approach of the Oak Cliff viaduct, and struck the curbing. Young Grigsby and a boy companion were thrown over the viaduct railing forty feet to the rocks below.

Mrs. Steen's brother died at a sanitarium some two hours later. His companion is expected to live.

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Alike, Yet Very Different. On Seventh avenue the other evening I saw a small red headed fool of a boy throwing cans. "An excitement craving, empty headed kid," I said to myself, driving by. On the next block I saw a girl with red curls, dressed in furs, rather dashing, who gave me a little provocative smile as I passed.

Wonders of Color. A small and simple experiment can be made by any reader which will go far to convince him or her what a good thing it is we have sunlight, which enables our eyes to take advantage of the beautiful hues of nature.

Artist and Counterfeiter. There used to be an old German counterfeiter in this country who was a veritable wonder with the brush and pen. This man literally painted pictures of twenty dollar notes which were works of art.

The Ancient Dragon. The pterodactyl, whose fossil remains have been found in the chalk at Cambridge, England, and elsewhere, with a very varied spread of wings, which in the largest specimens must have reached twenty-five feet, is almost identical with the dragon of fable.

Hard to Endure. "My dear," said the sick man, "if I should die don't let that irrepressible wag, Snoofers, be one of the pallbearers."

Regrets Inevitable. He had proposed and been rejected. "Very well," he said coldly; "there will come a time when your treatment of me will be regretted."

Nothing Like. "Is your physician a homeopath or an allopath, Mrs. Snooks?" "I don't think he is either one of those. At any rate, those names do not sound in the least like what my husband called him when the bill came in."

An Ancient Clock. The Tour de l'Horloge, a square tower which forms part of the Palais de Justice in Paris, the ancient palace of the French kings, has the oldest public clock in France. It dates from 1370.

Corrected His Veracity. James—Papa, I ain't got no sirup. Father—John, correct your brother. John (leaning over and peering into James' plate)—Yes, you is.

Revenge is a kind of wild justice which the more man's nature runs to the more ought law to weed it out.—Bacon.

Wedding Superstitions

Married in gray, you will go far away. Married in black, you will wish yourself back. Married in brown, you will live out of town. Married in red, you will wish yourself dead. Married in pearl, you will live in a whirl. Married in green, ashamed to be seen. Married in yellow, ashamed of your fellow. Married in blue, he will always be true. Married in pink, your spirits will sink. Married in white, you have chosen aright. Marry Monday for wealth, Tuesday for health, Wednesday the best day of all; Thursday for crosses, Friday for losses, Saturday no luck at all. A January bride will be a prudent housekeeper and very good tempered. A February bride will be a humane and affectionate wife and tender mother. A March bride will be a frivolous chatterbox, somewhat given to quarrelling. An April bride will be inconstant but fairly good looking. A May bride will be handsome, and likely to be happy. A June bride will be impetuous and generous. A July bride will be handsome and smart, but a trifle quick tempered. An August bride will be amiable and practical. A September bride will be discreet, affable and much liked.—New York World.

Felony to Kill Antelope

One of the commendable acts of the recent session of the Texas legislature was the passage of an act making it a felony to kill antelope and establishing a twenty five year closed season. These pretty creatures, once so numerous on the plains, have been exterminated by hunters and it is time some measures were taken to prevent their extinction. Real sportsmen will, undoubtedly, be glad to give the antelope a chance for their lives and the imitation variety should be made to observe the law.—Ex.

The McAdams Lumber Company have recently opened yards at Shallowater, Brownfield and Seminole.

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Sam Hale, the Hall county recruit to the San Antonio league team, continues to make good. In an exhibition game this week with the Cardinals he poled out a home run, a two bagger and two singles in five times at bat.—Hall Co. Herald.

BLACK LEG LOSSES SURELY PREVENTED BY CUTTER'S BLACKLEG PILLS. Write for booklet and testimonials. 10-dose pkg. Blackleg Pills, \$1.00 50-dose pkg. Blackleg Pills, \$4.00

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BUCKINGHAM HEREFORD FARM (POLL) Herd headed by Agitator No. 482335 and 4612, Double Standard. Young Stock for Sale. Visitors always welcome. R. H. BUCKINGHAM, Prop.

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EASTER OFFERINGS

CHIC COSTUME SPECIALS.

GLAD EASTER WILL SOON DEMAND A NEW COSTUME. WE ARE SHOWING "CHIC COSTUME SPECIALS" NOT TO BE FOUND ELSEWHERE IN THIS CITY, WE CREATE STYLES, BUY YOUR OUTFIT FROM US AND KNOW THAT "EVERYONE" WILL NOT BE WEARING THE SAME THING AS YOU AND THAT THE PRICE WILL BE LOW AND THE QUALITY HIGH.

OUR CASES NOW GLEAM WITH BEAUTIFUL LITTLE THING TO SET OFF YOUR DRESS. IF YOU WISH TO "MAKE" YOUR EASTER CLOTHES, IS IT NOT HIGH TIME YOU WERE SELECTING THE MATERIALS? WE HAVE THEM AND INVITE YOU TO LET US SHOW THEM TO YOU.

FOSTER BROS. DRY GOODS CO. FLOYDADA, TEXAS

The Hesperian's Want Ad Department

Owing to the scarcity of both chemicals and raw materials there is a very marked shortage of all kinds of dishes, especially cups and saucers, many wholesale houses being unable to supply them at all.

There is little hope of the situation improving until the war is over.

The Racket Store in Floydada saw this shortage coming and bought several thousand pieces last year at low prices.

These dishes are now arriving and it might be well for you to get your supply while you can. 3-ltc

See G. W. Hanks & Son for windmill work. 3-5tp

Remember we are always in the market for butter, eggs, chickens and hides. 3-ltc. A. D. White Gro. Co.

WANTED—Two young ladies, one for ticket agent and the other to play piano. Apply Olympic Theatre. 3-ltc.

Curtis Sullivan left Wednesday for Paris, where he will make his home.

Montgomery Doesn't Want Mayor's Office

(Continued from page 1)

for the confidence which my friends have templated giving me had remained or announced as a candidate again for Mayor of our city at the election next Tuesday. I will say in conclusion I hope that none of my numerous friends and supporters will find any serious disappointment in my account of this decision of mine. I remain,

Yours Truly,
W. T. MONTGOMERY

W. C. Fyffe, W. O. W. Deputy, is Here this week

W. C. Fyffe, District Deputy for the Woodmen of the World, is here working with the local Woodmen Lodge to increase interest and membership in this lodge.

Through Mr. Fyffe's instrumentality the lodge hopes to materially increase the membership within the next few weeks.

Dark Accusation.

"Did you see where a man somewhere accused his wife in court of lighting the gas with two dollar bills?" "Well, I don't blame him for getting mad if she made light of his earnings that way."—Baltimore American.

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A Good Fire Record

There is every reason to believe that the fire record of Floydada during the past three years is such that it will warrant an application for a reduction in insurance rates.

The reduction for good fire record is 15 per cent, and is figured on the net cost of insurance to the purchaser. Thus, a man who pays \$100 per year for fire insurance, if he lived in a town which has the good fire record credit, would pay only \$85 for the same insurance. The record is based on the ratio of fire losses sustained by the underwriting companies during the period to the premiums paid them by the insured property owners.

From investigations THE HESPERIAN believes that Floydada is entitled to the reductions. It would mean a big saving within a year, especially to the business interests. The saving would also be a big incentive to extraordinary precaution for the prevention of fires in the future.

The census report of scholastics made by W. I. Allen for Floydada Independent School District, indicates that the increase in population has been greater in the immediate environs of Floydada than was thought. In percentage it figures 39 per cent in one year. A deduction from this report, which will be almost absolute, can be made as to the population of the city of Floydada. Not including any additions or subdivisions outside the corporate limits the population at this time last year was 1542 people. If the increase within the limits has kept pace with the increase outside the limits and in the district at large (and it has more than done this) the population in the city proper is 2159 persons. Counting subdivisions and additions the population can be estimated well above 2700 people.

A gain of nine hundred in population within the period of a year is indicative of a wonderful growth, and is something really worth bragging about.

THE HESPERIAN welcomes most cordially the influence of the "new comers" in the city election to be held next Tuesday. Many will have their first opportunity to express their will at a ballot box in Floydada. These new comers will have a new view point. They will vote for and against candidates for office for other reasons than those of the "old timers." And the voice of the new fellows is to be a mighty force in the election. Probably 25 per cent of the votes will be cast by people who express their preferences here for the first time. It is to be sincerely hoped that these shall take their responsibilities seriously.

Over \$17,000 Raised in Texas For Public Health Work

\$17,168.67 were the total gross receipts from the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals for the state of Texas as reported to the board of directors of the Texas Public Health association at their annual meeting in Austin. Of this amount 10 per cent has been sent to the American Red Cross in Washington. The remainder, after paying the expenses of the sale, is to be used in anti-tuberculosis work in various cities and towns in Texas.

This association has recently been reorganized and has determined to carry on a very active campaign of education along public health lines. It was decided by the board of directors to employ a public health nurse to work in the smaller towns and villages of the state. She will be fitted to make an examination of the children in the public schools, when this is desired, and to investigate, make reports, and advise concerning improvements in public health and sanitary conditions in the towns which she visits. Mr. D. E. Breed, executive secretary of the association, whose offices are at 616 Littlefield Building, Austin, Texas, will be glad to hear from any towns that are interested in securing her services.

Sanitarium Notes

Miss Lela McVickers, who has been in the Childers sanitarium the past six weeks following an operation for appendicitis, left Sunday for her home at Plainview to visit with her parents.

Mrs. Sadie McGregor, who lives east of Floydada, left for home Saturday, after recovering from surgical treatment at the sanitarium for appendicitis.

Mrs. A. R. Eastwood, of Lockney, operated on last week for gallstones, is reported to be doing nicely. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Livingston, visited her here Tuesday.

Mrs. E. H. Baker, of Lakeview, is recovering following an appendical operation Monday of this week.

Mrs. Birdie Muncy is being treated at the sanitarium this week.

Excellent Results Reported By Society Officials and Captains

Monday, the 26th, was business day with the Woman's Home-Mission society. Reports from the officers and captains of circles were received. Mrs. E. C. Henry's circle reported \$45 to deposit in the bank. Mrs. Henry told how easily it was made and how willing each one in her circle was to help. She said she did not feel that the effort had been a great task but a great pleasure. We hope all captains can report the same. Let us each try to do everything we can when our turn comes to help.

Mrs. Lane's circle has worked and reported \$45. Mesdames Moore and Colville have worked and report \$56.

Next Monday will be lesson day. On account of sickness we have missed two lesson days, but we do not want to miss any more. Be sure to attend Monday. Lesson begins on Page 41, and includes the rest of the chapter.

Mrs. West's circle wants to report next business day. Our circle is a free-will offering circle. We will be glad to have any woman in our circle who had rather give that way.

—Press Reporter.

Scott & Conner to Take Charge of Floydada Picture House

The Floydada picture house which has been under the active management of Mr. Young, has been purchased by Mr. Olen B. Scott and Mr. L. G. Conner, of Tuliá, Texas. Mr. Conner will have the active management of the house which will be renamed

"The Olympic." These gentlemen state that as to the class of photoplays which they will offer to the people of Floydada, that their weekly programs will be better than anything ever shown here before, and a class of service that can be seen only in cities of large size, with few exceptions. There will be something special for each and every day in the week. On three days of each week will be offered special features that are the best produced on the American market. Two of these will be the world-famous Paramount Pictures, which are considered to be the best made, and have the greatest stars of any picture producing concern in the country. These will be shown on Monday and Tuesday of each week. A serial picture will be offered, starting the opening week, and will be used on Tuesday of each week. The name of this serial is "Patria" and features Mrs. Vernon Castle, known as the "best dressed woman in America." This serial is most timely, as it has a direct bearing on the present trouble we are having with Germany and other foreign nations. Each episode will be a genuine thriller. It will last for fifteen weeks. On Friday another special feature will be offered, known as "Fortune Photoplays". These releases are very fine and have splendid direction, and well-known stars. On the other days of the week assorted programs of the best short length pictures made will be offered.

The admission prices to the Olympic will be—matinee, (they will run a matinee each and every afternoon) 10c; and night—adults, 15c; children, 10c. These prices will be adhered to at all times.

Floydada should feel proud of the acquisition of these young men among their citizenship, and the amusement-loving people of the town doubtless will welcome them with open arms with the class of photoplays which they state they will show here. THE HESPERIAN extends their best wishes to these gentlemen in their undertaking.

The Olympic is closed for one week and opened on Monday, April 2.

Wire Cut on Leg Serious.

J. A. Thompson, who lives on the Owens place 13 miles north east of Floydada, was seriously injured Wednesday last week by a wire cut in the leg, sustained while stretching wire for new improvements.

He was caught between a post and the moving wire. He is being treated at the sanitarium.

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Athletics

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Track and field meet, girls' division:
 Girls under 11, 60-yard dash: First—Velma Lee, Floydada. Second—Aline Cash, Floydada. Third—Helen Frieburg, Meteor.
 Girls 11 to 14, 60-yard dash: First—Jewell Shelton, Lockney.
 Second—Emma D. Sommerville, Floydada.
 Third—Hollie Pool, Floydada.
 Girls over 14, 60-yard dash: First—Jewell Shelton, Lockney.
 Second—Luella Sanders, Starkey.
 Third—Thelma Byres, Meteor.
 Senior girls' basketball, throw for distance: First—Ruth Ford, Lockney. Second—Eva Whitfield, Meteor.
 Third—Ina Gross, Sandhill.
 Junior girls' basketball, throw for distance: First—Emma D. Sommerville, Floydada.
 Second—Mildred Livingston, Muncy.
 Third—Glenna Smith, Sandhill.
 Track and field meet, boys' division:
 Junior boys under 11, 60-yard dash: First—Bill Daily, Floydada. Second—Beva Barton, Floydada.
 Third—John P. McAllen, Floydada.
 Fourth—James Smith, Harmony.
 Junior boys 11 to 14, 60-yard dash: First—Reginald Lee, Floydada.
 Second—Horton Stoddard, Floydada.
 Third—Thurlan Thacker, Blanco.
 Fourth—Charlie Allmon, Lakeview.
 Senior boys, 100-yard dash: First—Elmer Mickey, Sandhill.
 Second—Arthur Womack, Sandhill.
 Third—Ford Butler, Floydada.
 Junior boys, 220-yard dash: First—Everet Price, Sandhill. Second—Walter Dana, Sandhill.
 Third—Ernest Rush, Floydada.
 Senior boys, 220-yard dash: First—Arthur Womack, Sandhill.
 Second—Ford Butler, Floydada.
 Third—John Starkey, Meteor.
 Junior boys, 100-yards dash: First—Everet Price, Sandhill. Second—Charley Allmon, Lakeview.
 Third—Walter Dana—Sandhill.
 Fourth—Lester Holderbrand, Harmony.
 Senior boys, 440-yard dash: First—Arthur Womack, Sandhill.
 Second—Will Ratjen, Floydada.
 Third—Hollis Moore, Floydada.
 Senior boys, one mile run: First—Clay Muncy, Muncy. Second—Elmer Cates, Sandhill.
 Senior boys, one mile relay: First, Sandhill; second, Floydada; third, Muncy.
 Junior boys baseball, throw for distance: First—Truett Butler, Floydada. Second—A. Dunavant, Floydada.
 Third—Everet Price, Sandhill.
 Senior boys, shot put: First—Goldie Burns, Lockney. Second—Leland Dawson, Floydada.
 Third—Lee McSpadden, Floydada.
 Senior pole vaulting: First—O. Mitchell, Antelope. Second—John Jones, Sandhill. Third—A. Duncan, Floydada.
 Running, broad jump: First—Harold Pitts, Floydada.

Second—O. Mitchell, Antelope.
 Third—Leland Dawson, Floydada.
 Senior, running high jump: First—O. Mitchell, Antelope. Second—Kenneth Burns, Lockney.
 Third—Clay Muncy, Muncy.
 Junior pole vault: First—Ed Holmes, Sandhill. Second—O Meador, Muncy.

School Exhibits

Not the least interesting of the many features of the two days was the school exhibits. Nine schools competed for prizes in this division. They were Meteor, Sunset, Sandhill, Harmony, Campbell, Bobbitt, Roseland, Cedar, Lone Star.
 Most of these had comprehensive exhibits that were most creditable and showed the results of much thought and careful work.
 The Floydada schools also had exhibits of work done by students in the intermediate and primary departments.

Wonders of Color.

A small and simple experiment can be made by any reader which will go far to convince him or her what a good thing it is we have sunlight, which enables our eyes to take advantage of the beautiful hues of nature. Make a room quite dark and then burn some carbonate of soda in the flame of a bunsen gas burner. It will burn with an orange yellow light sufficiently strong to illuminate everything in the room, but you will realize with a sudden shock that, bright though the light is all distinctions of color have vanished. Only light and shade remain. A crimson carnation, a blue violet, a red tablecloth, a yellow blind—all look gray or black or white. The faces of those present look positively repulsive, for all natural color has disappeared. No other experiment will so well convince those who have witnessed it how great a loss would be that of our sense for color.

Artist and Counterfeiter.

There used to be an old German counterfeiter in this country who was a veritable wonder with the brush and pen. This man literally painted pictures of twenty dollar notes which were works of art. He used no tools except his pens and brushes, and it took him a week to do the portrait of a banknote. He figured that his handicraft was worth about \$3 a day and worked under the idea that the world owed him a fair living and should not object if his talent led him toward portrait painting, with twenty dollar bills for models. Even jail terms failed to impress him seriously with his wrongdoing. A collector of curios once offered \$500 for one of his specimens of bill portraiture, and the value of some others was said to be even greater, so marvelous was the delicacy of his brush work.

The Ancient Dragon.

The pterodactyl, whose fossil remains have been found in the chalk at Cambridge, England, and elsewhere, with a very varied spread of wings, which in the largest specimens must have reached twenty-five feet, is almost identical with the dragon of fable. A bat-like creature, with an elevated body and long neck ending in an absurdly small head with a portentous beak, it could run very swiftly, was a fish eater and could swim, or it flew by means of huge membranous wings, which connected its long fore quarters with its hind legs. The pterodactyl evidently existed down to a comparatively recent geological period, and it is not at all improbable that the traditional dragon is described from the last living specimens as met with by primitive man.

Hard to Endure.

"My dear," said the sick man, "if I should die don't let that irrepressible wag, Snoofers, be one of the pallbearers."
 "Oh, don't talk about dying, Henry!" answered the tearful woman.
 "But I must. The idea of Snoofers keeping the other pallbearers chuckling all the way out to the cemetery and back to town gets on my nerves."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Regrets Inevitable.

He had proposed and been rejected. "Very well," he said coldly; "there will come a time when your treatment of me will be regretted."
 "I shall never regret it," she replied.
 "Oh, I don't mean you," he returned. "I refer to the man whom you will finally accept."—New York Times.

Nothing Like.

"Is your physician a homeopath or an allopath, Mrs. Snooks?"
 "I don't think he is either one of those. At any rate, those names do not sound in the least like what my husband called him when the bill came in."—Exchange.

An Ancient Clock.

The Tour de l'Horloge, a square tower which forms part of the Palais de Justice in Paris, the ancient palace of the French kings, has the oldest public clock in France. It dates from 1370.

Making a Victoria Cross.
 Ever since the Victoria cross was instituted by Queen Victoria at the end of the Crimean war the making of the medals has been in the hands of the same firm. The ordinary medal is made from a steel die, being stamped and completed in the same process. But the metal from which the Victoria crosses are made is so hard that no die would stand it without breaking. It is well known that the first crosses were made from captured Russian guns, but now the materials come from guns taken from the Chinese. With an order for the cross is sent a supply of the metal.
 First a rough cast of the cross is made, and this has to be filed, drilled and chased. The chasing occupies the attention of a skilled artisan for many hours. The bar is a separate casting and is also chased. The authorities are most careful to see that none of the metal is wasted. It is most carefully served out, and if any is left over from one lot of crosses it is used up before a fresh supply can be obtained.—London Globe.

Signing Diplomatic Notes.
 No one can say exactly why our secretaries of state sign diplomatic communications with their surnames only, except that it has always been so. We copied the custom from European chancelleries, and it probably has its origin in the habit of royalty, which is to sign with one name only. Thus King George of England signs himself "George, R. I." (Rex, Imperator—King, Emperor); Sir Edward Grey signed always as "Grey," the democratic Mr. Bryan when secretary of state affixed his signature to diplomatic notes as "Bryan." At first sight there seems to be a profound flattery implied in the custom. It assumes that the signer cannot be mistaken; that there is only one "George," and "Grey," one "Bryan." And generally there is only one in the diplomatic world where these exchanges take place.—New York Sun.

Effects of Arsenic.
 "Arsenic, as science has long told us, is an accumulative poison," said a druggist. "When one takes it either by prescription for the upbuilding of an appetite or for the bleaching of the skin he does not feel any ill effects for several years. The effect of the drug is bracing and makes a person feel like eating. It also aids the digestion. The average user of the poison takes it in such small quantities that he does not realize how much of it will accumulate in his system in the course of four or five years.
 "Being an accumulative poison, it often takes that length of time to see the results of the drug. Then the user may complain of not being able to control his fingers or toes. Subsequently he loses control of his hands and arms. Paralysis, superinduced by arsenical poisoning, is the fearful result."

Got There All Right.
 Many years ago, at the beginning of November, a missive bearing the St. Albans postmark reached St. Martin's. The envelope was addressed "Iud mar landing." Neither tail nor head could be made out of this by the staff, so the envelope was opened for a clew. The letter read, "kenyoblaustofoyosho bil ligs."
 The practiced St. Martin's decipherer of puzzles promptly made out the signature as "Bill Higgs." With the key this afforded the rest was deliciously easy. The message was, "Can you buy a horse for your show?" and "Iud mar" meant "lord mayor." So the letter, with an official translation considerably appended, was delivered to the lord mayor elect.—London Mail.

Many Uses For Sawdust.
 Sawdust is valuable. It can be used for almost anything except food. Used as an absorbent for nitroglycerin it produces dynamite. Used with clay and burned it produces a terra cotta brick full of small cavities that, owing to its lightness and its properties as a nonconductor, makes excellent fire-proof material for walls or floors. Treating it with fused caustic alkali produces oxalic acid. Treating it with sulphuric acid and fermenting it with the sugar so formed produces alcohol. Mixed with a suitable binder and compressed it can be used for making moldings and imitation carvings. If mixed with portland cement it produces a flooring material.—Philadelphia Record.

Ivory In Siberia.
 An enormous supply of ivory exists in the frozen tundras of Siberia, which, it is thought, will probably suffice for the world's consumption for many years to come. This ivory consists of the tusks of the extinct species of elephants called mammoths. The tusks of these animals were of great size and are wonderfully abundant at some places in Siberia, where the frost has perfectly preserved them.

Tree In a Chimney.
 On the island of Trinidad is a lone brick chimney which once was part of a sugar mill long since gone to ruin. The chimney has remained intact, and a tree has grown up through the center and pushed its branches through the top.

Love.
 At twenty love is a rosy dream, at thirty it is a thrilling reality, at forty it is a calm contentment, and at fifty it is a reminiscence.

Robber!
 Tom—So you heard that Bill stole from his wife. Sam—Yep, he booked her dress.—Michigan Gargoyle.

Poor and content is rich and rich enough.—Shakespeare.

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Primitive Baptist Elder Will Preach at McCoy Sunday

Elder Griggs, Primitive Baptist minister, will preach Sunday morning at McCoy school house, at 11 o'clock.
 He has an appointment to preach at that place each first Sunday.

Mrs. V. Andrews Hostess

The Carnation club was given delightful entertainment Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Andrews.
 At a short business session the hour of meeting was changed to three o'clock.
 Mrs. Andrews is an ideal hostess and the afternoon passed all too quickly.
 At the close of the game Mrs. Starks held high score.
 A delicious two course luncheon was served to the following members and club guests: Mesdames Hughes, Triplett, Morehead, Pope, Bruner, Jenkins, Lewis, Montague, L. V. Smith, Boerner, Glad Snodgrass, Young, Starks, Green, Miss Adams.

Editor of The Farm and Ranch May Visit Floydada.

Prof. R. J. Nelson, of Dallas, editor of The Farm & Ranch, will attend the Panhandle Swine Breeders' Association at Plainview Friday.
 In a letter from Geo. A. Lider, in Dallas this week, it is stated that Mr. Nelson has consented to include Floydada in the points visited while on the plains, if it can be conveniently arranged.
 H. C. Switzer, of Quanah, visited Floydada this week on a business trip.
 G. R. Griggs is building a neat rent cottage on lots adjoining his residence on West Mississippi street.

Lakeview Has 104 Scholastics

B. C. Willis, census trustee for Lakeview school district said Wednesday that the scholastic enumeration of that district had reached the 100 mark.

Scholastics total one hundred and four.

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The Santa Fe main line from Amarillo to Sweetwater, will have double daily train service beginning April first.

The announcement from C. C. Dana, G. P. A., at Amarillo, says that the first train under the new schedule will be run Sunday, leaving Amarillo 10:50 p. m., Sweetwater 10:00 a. m., same date, passing through Plainview, southbound, 1:22 a. m., northbound 4:30 p. m. There will be no change in present

train schedules.

The new trains will make connections at Amarillo for the east, at Canyon for passengers destined to points as far west as Clovis, and for those traveling in the direction of Fort Worth and East Texas via Sweetwater.

The night trains leaving Sweetwater and Amarillo will have standard sleeping cars.

M. S. Green, W. A. Robbins and S. L. Rushing returned Thursday night from a fifteen-day tour of northern and eastern New Mexico.

He Can't Raise Birds From Bird Seed, So Demands Investigation

Austin American:

Representative Spradley has heard from a constituent who wants the federal agricultural department investigated. He has received the following telegram: "Denison, Texas, March 6, 1917. Charles M. Spradley, house of representatives, Austin, Texas: Have reliable information that department of agriculture at Washington sent Farmer Brown, this county, package of bird seed from which he has not been able to raise even one bird. Such reprehensible conduct might be permitted in some states, but not in Texas. Your constituency demands rigid investigation."—Emery Wiley.

Was Once Texas Ranchman

Gen. Maude, commander of the British forces in Mesopotamia who has just captured Kut-El-Amara and Bagdad, and is moving toward Constantinople, used to manage the Moon ranch in Cottle county, and is well remembered by many old timers living below the cap rock. His experiences in west Texas doubtless did much toward fitting him for his present position and successes.—Plainview News.

**5 Per Cent to be Charged
by Texas Land Bank**

Washington, March 19.—Five per cent will be the interest rate on farm loans made by the Federal Land Bank at Houston, President Gossett announced Monday before leaving for Texas. Under the law a 6 per cent rate would be legal, but Gossett and other officials attending the conference here last week agreed that the 5 per cent rate could be profitably employed.

A meeting of the officials of the Houston bank has been called at Houston March 26, to perfect organization and employ minor officials. Gossett believes it will be a month before the bank is ready to loan money.

Hereford to Pave

The city commission of Hereford has passed resolutions to pave 14 blocks of that city's streets.

They will advertise for bids at an early date.

Graduates Will Wear Gingham

The graduates of the Amarillo high school are to be commended on their decision to wear inexpensive dresses on this momentous occasion. The expenses that have crept into the graduating exercises the past several years, have been a severe drain on many a family purse and in many cases, the very best pupils have felt obliged, for lack of money, to forego participation in the programs.

The idea that it is necessary to have a different gown for each of the numerous functions that are given for the graduates in addition to the regular graduation dress, a class day costume and another for the baccalaureate address besides a dress for the class play, makes too much of a burden of the affair, particularly with all of the accessories that are considered indispensable nowadays.

The Amarillo girls have decreed that their class day dresses shall be tissue gingham or at least nothing more expensive and they will be accorded all honor for their stand on this much needed reform.—S. W. Plainsman.

List of School Lands Ready

Land Commissioner J. T. Robinson has announced that the list of school lands coming on the market on May 1 is now ready for distribution. There are approximately 824,075 acres of land which comes on the market at that time.

Copies of the list, which also contains instructions of how to purchase may be obtained from the land office without cost.

Purchased White Deer Land

T. E. Durham, of Amarillo, has purchased 15,000 acres of the White Deer Lands near Pampa, at \$6.50 per acre. Mr. Durham is already stocking his new ranch with cattle having put on it 1,000 head of 2-year-old steers, recently purchased near Artesia, N. M.—Ex.

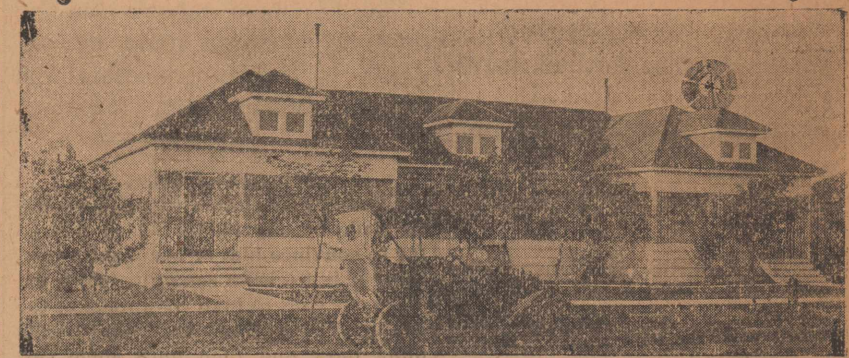
**Floydada Delegates Are at
Waco W. O. W. Encampment**

J. D. Starks and Fred W. Ranft are spending this week in Waco, as delegates from Floydada Camp No. 1175 to the state encampment of the Woodmen of the World.

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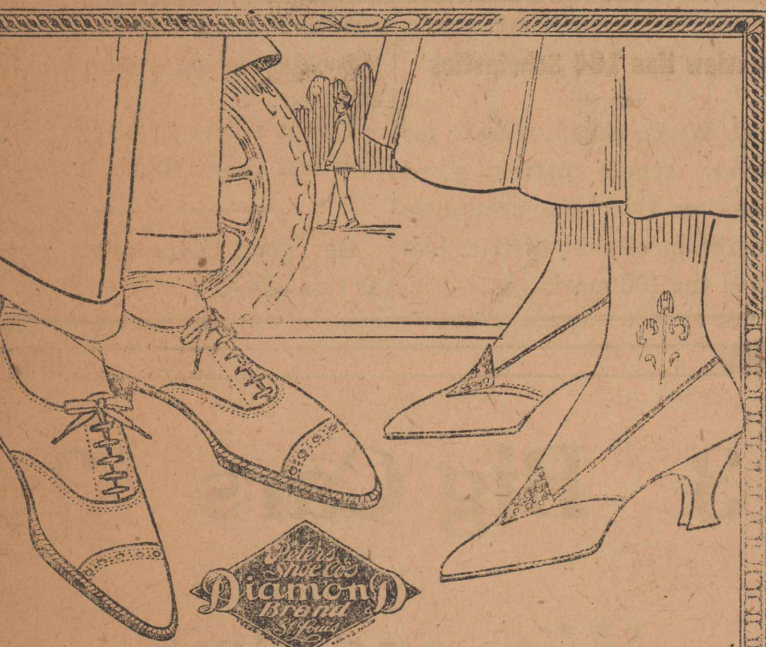
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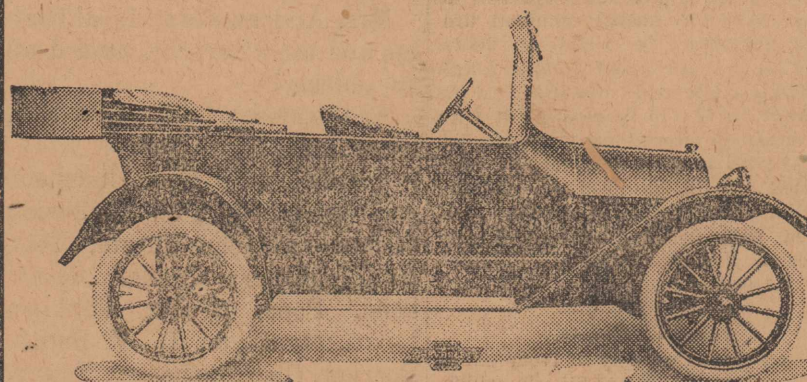
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The German Viewpoint

The Lokal Anzeiger, a leading newspaper of Berlin, offers the following as the German point of view in the controversy with the United States:

"Dispatches from America and other neutral countries repeatedly play with the idea of the possibility of Germany according American ships different treatment from that given other neutral steamers on the ground that Germany must have an interest in avoiding a conflict with America. It seems a fact that America also is keeping alive the hope that at the last moment we may find a compromise with the American standpoint. After the chancellor, as well as the other officials involved, have repeatedly emphasized that there can be no going back for us, it is only necessary now to lay stress upon the following:

"The policy of President Wilson since the breaking off of diplomatic relations has been characterized by careless and criminal errors. He has played with the destinies of great peoples. He desires to make his further course depend upon whether Germany commits an overt act, that is, an openly hostile action against an armed American merchantman. At the same time he lets it be known that he has commanded these armed merchantmen to open fire on their part on all submarines immediately.

"On the face of the reasons we have given the whole world as the basis for unrestricted submarine warfare, it is unparalleled rashness if the president risks the lives of American citizens in the careless belief that we will not dare to injure them. If President Wilson rashly wants war he should start it and he will have it. On our side it only remains to assure him that we have put an end to negotiations about submarine warfare once for all. The monstrous guilt for a German-American war, should it come, would fall alone upon President Wilson and his government."

A. C. Hanna returned Friday afternoon from Dallas, where he attended the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., of the state of Texas, as a delegate from Floydada lodge.

The convention at Dallas was considered the largest gathering of Odd Fellows held in recent years.

Davis Says "Pork Barrel" Legislation Breaks All Records

Austin, Texas, March 20.—Speaking of what he termed the extravagance of the present session of the legislature, Representative John E. Davis of Dallas county said:

"I have heard of pork barrel legislation all my life, but I never fully understood the term until now, for this is certainly a 'pork barrel' legislature. To begin with, representatives from west Texas came here with well laid plans to secure the passage of bills to establish in their section of the state a new agricultural and mechanical college; several new state normals and junior agricultural colleges; also to secure a \$200,000 appropriation for wolf scalp bounties. Other sections of the state, particularly east and south Texas, had similar plans, though not quite as extensive, with the result that they came to the aid of west Texas, enabling them to secure everything asked for. Having got what they asked for, the members from west Texas reciprocated by helping everybody else get what they wanted, and the net result is that in seventy-one days the legislature has sought to establish practically as many eleemosynary and educational institutions as the state of Texas had heretofore established in the seventy-one years of its existence.

"If all of these measures are approved or permitted to become laws by the governor, there is no possible way under existing laws whereby the money can be raised to meet the appropriations, but the worst is yet to come, because to establish these new institutions is merely a starter, as the principal item of cost in connection therewith will be the maintenance of same. The indications are now that the total appropriations of the thirty-fifth legislature, including the general appropriation bill to be passed at the extra session, will exceed \$25,000,000. Including the revenue from all other sources and the ad valorem taxes with the rate at the constitutional limit, nothing like this sum can be raised. I am therefore at a loss to know where it is 'all going to end.'"

D. T. Curry, of Halsell, Tex., visited here from Friday to Tuesday with his son Roy and wife, looking after business matters while here.

Killing at Knox City

Knox City, March 20.—George Douglass was shot by Bill Mitchell in the court house at Benjamin, Knox county, today and died of his wounds almost immediately. J. F. Cunningham, attorney, and Mr. Debbs, a witness, were wounded. Cunningham's injuries are slight, and those of Debbs are considered serious.

Douglass was to have gone to trial here today on a charge of having killed J. J. Mitchell in Knox City, Dec. 24, 1916. The case had just been continued to the next term of court when the shooting took place.

J. J. Mitchell was a brother of Bill Mitchell. J. J. Mitchell and Joel Reed were killed at the same time and Douglass was charged with both killings. Bill Mitchell surrendered to the sheriff of Knox county.

Attorney Cunningham, mentioned in this article is the Cunningham of Abilene, and has a brother living southwest of Hale Center.

Correcting an Error

In last week's issue THE HESPERIAN had Tom W. Deen, county and district clerk, buying a Saxon "Six" through the C. S. Jones agency.

The Jones agency handles the Oakland "Six" and Mr. Deen bought one of these cars through Mr. Jones.

Jno. A. Fawver is the Saxon "Six" dealer.

D. T. Scott, who was injured some three weeks ago in a runaway at Petersburg, has sufficiently recovered to be up around home.

He is expected to regain his normal health soon.

NEW PRODUCE FIRM IN FLOYDADA

We have recently opened a produce house in Floydada, and are located just east of the Court House where we will be glad to have you call on us when in town selling produce.

We have come to stay and will pay you the cash. Get the Cash from us and Trade where you please.

We will pay you the following prices tomorrow and Saturday, March 30 and 31.

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| Hens, per lb., | - - | 15c |
| Cox, " " | - - | 5c |
| Turkeys, " " | - - | 14c |
| Ducks, " " | - - | 8c |
| Geese, " " | - - | 8c |
| Green Hides, per lb., | | 15c |
| Dry Hides, per lb., | | 25c |

Western Produce Co.

Piano and Second Hand Store in Childers Building

E. P. and D. A. Parrish are opening a piano and second hand store on West California Street, in the Childers building adjoining the Reagan garage.

They have an announcement in this issue of THE HESPERIAN.

Second Hand Store Established in North Side Building

H. P. Rowland, of Plainview, has opened a second hand store in the building adjacent to Kirk & Windsor, on north side square. He moved to Floydada last Friday and his family will join him here soon.

NOTICE! MR. FARMER

What About Your Hail Insurance ?

We are prepared to write your HAIL INSURANCE ON GROWING CROPS in one of the largest old line stock companies doing business.

We will carry your premium until crops are matured.

See us for Insurance

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Second Hand Store

Will buy your old Furniture or will make it look new again

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If you have some old run down Furniture let me make it new again

All Work Guaranteed

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Josephine Dominick Interpreter of Dialect

Dialect means decidedly more than rude forms of speech; it means soul, truth, dignity, grace, purity and sweetness.

Since literature is the record of thoughts and feelings, embracing all existing materials, therefore dialect is always an integral part of literature.

All the master writers have used dialects, but only the few may enjoy dialect when reading it. Everybody is fascinated when it is spoken or read.

Josephine Dominick interprets dialect; she makes it live and move and speak and love and laugh and cry before an audience.

At the High School Auditorium Saturday Evening, March 31, 8 p. m.

ADMISSION 25 Cents. Reserve seats on sale at Floydada Drug Co.

Auspices the Civic Improvement Lyceum Committee, Floydada, Texas.

speakers will make addresses that evening, the general theme being, "Cleaning up Floydada."

Santa Fe Installs Well at Shipping Pens For Live Stock

The Santa Fe railway last week completed the installation of a well at the stock yards for the livestock shippers.

Heretofore shippers of cattle or hogs were compelled to look to their own devices for watering stock at the pens.

Water at the stock pens will be of much value to shippers, relieving them of much arduous work.

Senior Epworth League Program

Subject—"The Quiet Ways of God's Providence."

Leader—Bro Lane.
Brief Song Service.
Prayer—Bro. Lane.

Song.
Scripture Reading—Psalm XXXVII.

Leader's Remarks—"Elijah's Flight and the Small Voice."

Special Reading—Miss Marie Henry.

Brief Talk—"God Speaking to Men"—Mr. Williams.

Brief Talk—"Listening for the Voice"—Mr. Spencer.

Brief Talk—"God's Quiet Ways"—Mr. Smith.

Song.
Roll Call—Each member responding with passage of scripture.

Few minutes of silent consecration prayer.

Song.
League Benediction.

Church of Christ

The meeting to be held by the Church of Christ at Floydada in the tabernacle this summer has been set to begin on the third Sunday in June, lasting through the fourth Sunday.

Elder S. A. Ribble, of Brown county, will conduct the services.

The church extends a cordial invitation to all to keep the dates in mind and attend the services.

Pentecostal Meeting

The Pentecostal meeting dates have been set beginning the second Sunday in August.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to sincerely thank the friends who have been so considerate and helpful during the illness and death of our little sister, Glenna.

Bela Wilkinson,
Enid Wilkinson.

Judge E. P. Thompson, G. A. Linder and W. M. Massie are spending this week in Dallas on business.

Worked the Car Owners.

Quite recently patrons of a well known New York restaurant, who were in the habit of leaving their cars unattended outside, uncovered the methods of a new kind of practical joker, new because he was practical.

It appears that almost every day some one would have trouble in getting his car started. After he had tinkered for a few minutes an obliging mechanic would stroll up, proffer his aid and have the engine running in no time. Two actors happened to compare notes one day and found that this incident had occurred to both of them. They immediately became suspicious and on leaving the restaurant saw the man working at a car a short distance down the street. By quick action one of them pounced on him and caught him. He was the obliging mechanic, and after his arrest it developed that he had deliberately disconnected portions of the cars' electrical systems and then had collected substantial rewards from puzzled owners for services rendered in starting the machines. —Motor Life.

How Wood Shrinks.

Students in the college of forestry at the University of Washington have proved by experiment that a cord of full length wood when sawed and repled in the ordinary stack shrinks on an average 24.76 per cent. As dealers buy wood in full lengths and usually measure it for delivery before sawing it, they are often accused of giving short measure.

A "cord" is the standard measurement of wood, and it is defined as 128 cubic feet of wood, measured by a pile four feet high and eight feet wide of logs four feet long.

The discrepancy between the cord as bought by the dealer and as delivered to the customer, according to Professor Hugo Winkenwerder, dean of the college, is not entirely explained by the sawdust. When wood is piled up in four foot lengths there are many spaces between sticks, caused by knots and curvatures. These spaces are eliminated when the wood is cut up small.

Monster Anchors.

The old style anchor—except as the pictured symbol of hope—is fast passing away. The modern anchor is made of steel rather than of wrought iron. It has no "stock," has ball and socket joints and fits closely against the side of the ship when stowed. Those for our largest warships weigh 20,000 pounds apiece.

Ancestry of Modern Dogs.

According to Charles R. Eastman, writing in the Museum Journal, our modern dogs have a varied ancestry, some being descended from Asiatic and some from African species. The spitz in all its varieties is a domesticated jackal. The mastiff and St. Bernard and their kind are descended through the molossus of the Romans from a huge, wolflike creature that was already domesticated by the Assyro-Babylonians 3,000 years before our era. The Russian borzoi and the Sicilian hound had their origin in the Cretan hound, which is still common in Crete, and it and its cousin, the Ibiza hound of the Balearic islands, came from the ancient Ethiopian hound, which was a domesticated wolf. The collie or shepherd dog seems to come down direct from a small wild dog of the paleolithic period.

Here's a Tip About Hotel Guests.

In the American Magazine a writer says: "Here's a funny thing, by the way, that I've noticed about hotel guests: You leave a soiled towel in a room and the guest will probably complain, but you can leave a bucket of paint and a paper hanger's scaffold in the hallway and compel the guest to crawl under a stepladder to get to his room and he will put up with it cheerfully, because he knows you are painting or papering by way of making an improvement and he is in sympathy with that. It doesn't cost much to make over a carpet so that a bare spot in front of the dresser will be eliminated, but such little details are a vast help in making a hotel prosper."

"A Come Back" My Guarantee

As per my custom in the past, I hereby ask a insist that any customer return his coat or suit me, which has been worn two years where the front or lining has not given good service. I will reline and place a new front free of charge and if this cannot be done, will replace with new garment free of charge.

Featuring the big advance on leather goods I have protected myself by purchasing a large amount last April, these are coming in every day and you can save from \$1 to \$1.50 on each pair of shoes at my store. Nothing but all leather shoes.

If you are a new comer stop in and look over one of the greatest clothing lines in the world, made to your measure—every garment guaranteed. My business grows because I handle nothing but the best, at the cheaper grade prices. Meet us in the store.

GLADS

P. S. No taking chances buying here—they must be right or you have no right to take them.

Oakland Six Sale

L. H. Dorrell this week bought an Oakland "Six" through the C. S. Jones agency.

F. A. Holcomb and family visited here the latter part of last week and this with the family of J. L. McPeak. Mr. Holcomb returned home Tuesday.

"Citizen's Ticket"

Named at Meeting

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ness-like manner to the work at hand. Calling the house to order Chairman Houghton stated the object of the meeting.

While the resolutions committee was deliberating, Judge Geo. W. Foster, recently moved here from Lamesa, and W. M. Lane, pastor of the Methodist

church, addressed the meeting briefly on the duties of citizenship.

Before adjournment it was voted that those who favored the ticket nominated should enter actively into the campaign in the effort to elect the ticket.

Adjournment was had until Monday night when a mass meeting is called at the county court room. The announcement is made that several prominent


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Full Car Furniture just opened and ready for inspection. Come in and let us show you.

Davenport in Golden Oak, waxed and fumed; Dining Tables; Buffets and Chairs in all finishes; Bed Room Suits in American Walnut, White Enamel and Oak.

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