

The Baird Star.

Our Motto; " 'TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE; BUT THE GIT-UP-AND-GIT THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

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TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

For Callahan Will Be Held At Baird December 17-21 Inclusive At Baird School

The Callahan County Teachers' Institute will be held December 17th to 21st inclusive at the Baird Public School, and all teachers under contract to teach in this county are required by law, and will be expected to attend the full five days.

The fundamental aim of the Institute is to increase the efficiency of the teaching force. The work of the Institute, therefore, is to train teachers in the art and science of teaching, to instruct them in the ways and means of conducting efficient schools to the end that the children of the land may be developed into vigorous and patriotic citizens.

The Institute was established by the State primarily for the benefit of the children, on the assumption that better trained teachers would mean better schools, and consequently a better equipped citizenship.

Lectures will be given daily by some of the leading educators of the State, among them being President J. D. Sandefer, Simmons College; President Hunt, McMurry College; Dean H. E. Speck, Abilene Christian College; Prof. Rupert Richardson, Simmons College; Mr. Bludworth, State Department of Education; Dr. Musselman, Dallas; President Moreland, Sul Ross Normal.

County Superintendent of Public Instruction B. C. Chrisman says that between ninety and a hundred teachers will be in attendance at the Institute.

HAS READ THE STAR 36 YEARS

R. J. Harris of Admiral, called at The Star office yesterday and renewed his subscription to The Star for the 37th year. As usual, Bob is the first of this paper's original subscribers to renew his subscription. That is he is the first who are living to renew, one or two others, descendants of original subscribers, have renewed the subscriptions taken up by them after older, original subscribers, long since dead.

When we get time we intend to publish a list of all who are living, that began with the first number of The Star and have been with us all these years, but should we delay this a few years more, there will be no list to publish. We tread upon the ashes of those who have gone before us, and those who come after us do likewise for us, and forget us no doubt, as we forget even the names of some long since dead.

FORD DISPLAY WEEK IN BAIRD

Next week is Ford Display Week all over the country and Harry Berry, is the local agent at Baird. His garage will be a-glitter with "Henrys" of all kinds, characters and descriptions and of the very latest models.

Visitors will be received and entertained from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m., daily.

A. J. Calvert, who is now an employe of the I. & G. N. R. R., is in the company's hospital at Teague, suffering from a severe case of blood poisoning.

THE BAIRD STAR ENTERS UPON ITS 37th VOLUME

On November 28, 1887, the same being the 39th anniversary of the birth of the present owner and founder of The Baird Star he closed a deal for the Callahan County Clarendon, founded by A. D. Rust, at Belle Plaine, in 1879, and the first paper ever published in Callahan County, and on December 7, 1887, the first copy of The Baird Star was printed. Owing to delays, unavoidable, the first copy was printed at about the midnight hour on Wednesday—the following day, Thursday, was publication day.

We paid M. H. Allen \$1100.00 cash for The Clarendon and brought \$450.00 worth of new material used in publishing The Tecumseh Banner by this writer. Not one single type of the \$1550.00 worth of material is now used on The Baird Star and has not been used for more than fifteen years. Two imposing stones, a Diebold safe, one case rack and three job cabinets is all the material left of the two old papers, predecessors of The Baird Star.

This gives some idea of the cost of keeping up a printing plant, but not all, for about every eight or ten years we have to buy an entire new dress (body type) for The Star. We have sold for old metal in the last few years, type that cost from 32c to \$1.50 per pound. It requires over four hundred pounds of body type, that is type used to set news matter; then comes display and job type that were always high priced.

The same kind of type The Star bought for 32c per pound in 1896, now costs 95c per pound and when you realize that you can hold easily one pound of type in the hollow of your hand, one can realize the cost of type now, selling for more than 200 per cent above prices twenty years ago. All printing machinery and material of every kind has advanced in price from 100 to 200 per cent during the same time, and yet some people wonder why publishers demand higher rates for subscriptions and advertising.

Thirty-six years has brought many changes in Baird and Callahan County. In that time the personnel of their citizenship has completely changed. Every business firm in Baird has changed owners during that time except The Baird Star.

Dr. R. G. Powell and Judge Otis Bowyer are all of the professional men left. Of all the county officers at that time, all have moved away or died.

Of the teachers in the public schools and pastors of the churches all have died or left, so long ago few would remember them were we to name them. Rev. R. F. Dunn, pastor of the Methodist Church in 1887-8, is still active, after more than 40 years of active work, and is pastor of the Methodist Church at Lorenza, Crosby County. Pastors of the Baptist, Presbyterian and Cumberland Presbyterian Churches, we believe, are all dead.

It is the same in nearly every line of business, profession or private citizens—all dead or moved away. Reflecting on these things and the friends of other days, brings to mind the well known lines of Tom Moore:

Oft in the stilly night,
Ere slumber's chain has bound me,

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HOW WORLD WAR WAS WON

Representative Kahn Of California Tells How Dough-boys Licked The Allies

The Fort Worth Record, under date of December 1, in a Universal Service dispatch from Washington says that Representative Julius Kahn of California, related to a representative of that organization some heretofore untold history, which throws new light on the assertion of European statesmen that their countries fought the World War with blood while the United States fought with dollars.

The veteran Chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, who, in the spite of the fact that he is a Republican, was called upon by President Wilson to lead the fight for the draft law, was prompted to reveal what transpired under the greatest secrecy, by the attitude of the Powers abroad toward their debts to this Government.

He was particularly exercised over France's policy of refusing to even negotiate a funding arrangement, while "spending money right and left on a huge standing army, the world's greatest aviation force and in other ways."

Here is Mr. Kahn's story, in his own words:

"When war was declared by the United States, England and France sent missions to this country. Lord Curzon headed the English mission, Viviani and Joffre (who had just retired as Commander-in-Chief of the French Army) were among the French commissioners.

"The two missions asked the State Department to be permitted to talk to about twenty-five members of the House and Senate. Permission was granted and that number of Senators and Representatives were invited to the home of Henry White, former Ambassador to France. Joffre said to us:

"Gentlemen, we are told you will not be able to send any men across the ocean for a year. I want to say this: If that is the case you don't need to send them at all.

"Gentlemen, we are licked. England and France are licked. You alone can save them. The only way you can save them is by coming to our relief immediately.

"One of your American divisions, under your army regulations, has 37,000 men. That's double the number of men in an English or French division. Take your first division. It is made up of men who have been in the army at least one year. Their morale is established.

"Send us that division. Let one half of it parade down the streets of London and one-half down the streets of Paris. England and France then will know the Americans are coming in earnest. The English and French soldiers will then be willing to die in their tracks before surrendering one foot of land.

"That's the only way you can be of service to us."

Mr. Kahn continued:

"This meeting took place in the latter part of May, 1917. As a result the first division sailed for

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FIRST 1923-24 CONFERENCE BAIRD METHODIST CHURCH

The First Church Conference of the Baird Methodist Church, for the conference year 1923-24, was held in the church building Wednesday evening November 29, at 7 p. m.

The pastor, Rev. W. J. Mayhew, opened the Conference with a reading of the 133rd Psalm, commenting briefly, after which he led in prayer. Miss Eliska Gilliland was elected Church Conference Secretary for the ensuing year. J. F. Boren was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The roll of membership was called and quite a number of names were dropped by order of the Church Conference. They were the names of those who had been lost sight of for more than a year.

The pastor announced that Church Conference would be held regularly throughout the year, and that other business of interest to the entire church would be transacted from time to time.

The inclemency of the weather prevented a large attendance at this Conference, but it is hoped that conditions will be more favorable at the next meeting, and that a large portion of the membership will be present.

The following committees were nominated by Lay Leader Rev. Geo. E. Printz, and were elected by the Conference:

Missionary Committee: Mrs. Hugh Ross, J. H. Grimes, Mrs. Brown Jones.

Evangelistic Committee: Ed Alexander, Howard E. Farmer, Miss Jessie Powell.

Social Service Committee: Mrs. O. B. Jarrett, J. Brice Jones, Mrs. Stella Gilliland.

Christian Education Committee: Percy Roberts, J. F. Boren, B. L. Russell, Jr.

Stewardship and Tithing: Ace Hickman, T. E. Powell, W. E. Gilliland.

Committee on Lay Speakers: W. S. Hinds, B. L. Russell, Jr. Mrs. Ed M. Wristen.

PUT IT OVER THEIR MANY FRIENDS

Arthur H. Mitchell, of the West Texas Utilities Company and Mrs. Mitchell (nee Miss Muriel Dickey), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dickey, put one over on their many friends last Sunday night, when, after providing themselves with the necessary license, slipped off to Abilene and were quietly married.

The to-be-weds were helped in their secret matrimonial scheme by their friends George Nitschke and Miss Josephine Cowan.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell spent a brief honeymoon with friends at Big Spring, Sweetwater and San Angelo, returning to Baird yesterday.

The Star, together with a host of friends, tender their felicitations and wish for Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell a long and happy marital existence.

BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES

Rev. Chas. A. Loveless, pastor of the Baird Baptist Church, announces that Sunday School will meet promptly at 10 a. m.

The pastor will preach in the morning at 11 o'clock and at night at 7 o'clock.

CHAMPION ESSAYIST

Is Emma Burks, Who Won The Annie Webb Blanton Cup In Last Year's Contest

To Emma Burks, aged 20, who is now a student in the Baird Public School, belongs the distinction of being the Champion Essay Writer of all the schools in Texas. This distinction is more remarkable from the fact that Emma, previous to her matriculation in the Baird school this session, has never attended any but the Hillside one-teacher school in the southern part of the county.

In honor of her meritorious work Emma won last year, in the Interscholastic League Contest, the massive silver loving cup donated by Miss Annie Webb Blanton, late State Superintendent of Public Instruction, as previously announced in The Star.

Through the courtesy of County Superintendent of Public Instruction B. C. Chrisman, who prints the prize-winning essay in his bright and school-newsy Callahan County School News, the first number of which appeared Monday, this prize winning essay, which is titled "A Description of My Home," follows:

"My home is situated near the foot of a low, rugged hill, which in autumn is a blaze of splendor, and in spring is very much like the curly head of a fair complexioned baby.

"The house is in the edge of a field that might not be considered attractive, only by those who have learned to love it. West of the house is a tract of Bermuda grass that is very beautiful during rainy seasons. An orchard to the south is now in full bloom and is a heavenly refuge for those who are heart-hungry or weary of worldly things.

"The house is very humble, having stood the storms of nearly fifty winters. It has a chimney on the north, which in spite of its smoky behavior, has witnessed the joyous as well as the sad scenes of changing seasons.

"One in particular was when the soldier—son and brother—returned, unscarred, from the foreign battlefields. You may rest assured that the glad hearts of us all were beating fast, as our eyes feasted upon his smooth young face and well developed form. It was a rapturous moment; one that shall never be forgotten.

"The kitchen, where a great deal of time is spent, is very small. Sometimes the 'board' groans and sometimes it cries for more. But when a merry crowd gathers around it, as at Christmas, or on Sundays, it usually does its best and acts very nicely, giving generously of its store, be it great or small.

"Taking in every detail, the passerby would say my home is quite unattractive, but to the dreamer and castle-builder it is ideal.

"Even though it is humble, I love my home dearly, probably more dearly than I would have, had it been elegant, for the poet has said that

'Tis love that dwells beneath the roof
That makes it 'Home, Sweet Home'."

DECEMBER COTTON GOES TO 37 CENTS

Due as to What Will Happen in Liverpool Market, Which Stays Open Thursday

New York.—It's a happy Thanksgiving for the South, especially the cotton growing belt. After crossing 36c a pound for cotton the New York market in a pre-holiday session carried prices still further forward.

The market fairly boiled with activity as the December option touched 37c and July crossed 36c under an enormous volume of fresh trade, professional and speculative buying. Other options scored substantial gains, all positions recording new highs for the season and the highest marks since the summer of 1929.

There was little news to account for the rather sensational forward movement, outside of steadiness in stocks and doubts as to what would happen in Liverpool Thursday. The market there will be open, while the local exchange is closed.

Worth street advices report good cloth business with prices firm and advancing. The mills are reluctant to sell ahead.

The upward bulge in the market, due primarily to the indicated short cotton crop, and local cotton houses expect the market to go still higher.

J. S. Bache & Co. says that "if England comes back, and it appears now on the way, and if the foreign growths continue to indicate a scant supply compared with last year, there will be an eventual point before the new crop is available where the mills that have not had the foresight to procure their requirements will have to shut down."

"We do not believe that the price has yet reached a point where mills which have modern machinery and intelligent and industrious management will stop spinning and weaving. We therefore look for much higher prices, but continue to caution speculative operators to have their commitments extravagantly margined."

ANTI-KU KLUX BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Oklahoma Act Makes Wearing of Masks Unlawful in That State

Oklahoma City, Ok.—The unmasking of the Ku Klux Klan in Oklahoma is the prevailing feature of the bill on the subject passed by the Senate by a vote of 39 to 8.

The passage of the bill came after several days devoted to speech-making and amending the bill as it was originally introduced by a joint committee of the Senate and House. The measure finally passed scarcely resembles the original bill.

The features of the bill as it will go to the House for consideration are: The wearing of masks or hoods on public streets, in parades which conceal the identity of the person, is prohibited. Trespassing on another's property in a mask or hood, is prohibited. Sending of threatening and anonymous letters is unlawful. Anyone wearing the mask and assaulting another is subject to prosecution. No society or organization whose by-laws or constitution requires a person to take an oath in conflict with or repugnant to the Constitution of the United States, or the State of Oklahoma, shall be allowed to function, nor anyone who owes allegiance to any foreign Government, King or power, shall be eligible to hold an office. Any County Attorney or public official having to do with the enforcement of the laws failing to do his duty shall be subject to removal from office under the laws as now provided.

All efforts to provide for the making of rolls of membership of the Klan, officers or members, so they could be examined, or brought into court, failed.

Fake War Savings Stamps
St. Paul, Minn.—Secret Service operatives are trailing an alleged \$2,000,000 counterfeiting ring which is flooding the Nation with fake war saving stamps. The counterfeit stamps are all of the \$5 denomination and are payable Jan. 1, 1924.

Turkeys Drop to 10c.
Smithville, Texas.—While only a few turkeys were brought to town on Thanksgiving eve, 10c a pound was all that was offered. With the continuation of the bad weather eggs jumped to 35c a dozen and are scarce at that price. Many are taking advantage of the cold spell to kill hogs.

In the Matter of County Finances in the Hands of Mrs. ROY JACKSON, TREASURER OF CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS,

Commissioners' Court Callahan County Texas, In Regular Quarterly Session, Nov. Term, 1923

We, the undersigned, as County Commissioners within and for said Callahan County, and the Honorable County Judge, Victor B. Gilbert, Judge, of said County, constituting the entire Commissioners' Court of said County and each one of us, do hereby certify that on this, the 12th day of Nov., A. D. 1923, at a regular quarterly term of our said Court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of Mrs. Roy Jackson, Treasurer of Callahan County, Texas, for the quarter beginning Aug. 13th 1923 and ending on the 12th day of Nov. A. D. 1923, and finding the same correct, have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County, stating the approval of said Treasurer's Report by our said Court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since her last report to this Court, and for and during the time covered by the present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's hands on the said 12th day of Nov., A. D. 1923.

We and each of us find the report to be correct and as follows:

Jury Fund First Class.		
Balance last quarter.....	\$267 30	
To Amount received during Quarter.....	788 28	
To Amount paid out during Quarter.....		\$ 157 05
Amount to balance.....		897 63
	\$ 9055 58	\$9055 58
Road and Bridge Fund Second Class		
Amount overdrawn last Quarter.....		21822 20
To Amount received during Quarter.....	\$7728 78	
To Amount paid out during Quarter.....		6792 09
Amount overdrawn.....	20885 51	
	\$28614 29	\$28614 29
General County Fund Third Class		
Balance last Quarter.....	\$13577 76	
To Amount received during Quarter.....	1187 98	
To Amount paid out during quarter.....		2845 66
Amount to balance.....		8920 08
	11765 74	\$11765 74
Road and Bridge Available Fund, Fourth Class		
Balance last Quarter.....	\$12843 21	
To Amount received during Quarter.....	75 13	
Amount paid out during Quarter.....		1228 35
Amount to balance.....		11689 99
	\$12918 34	\$12918 34
Estray or Fifth Fund		
Balance last Quarter.....	26 44	
To amount received during quarter.....	6 60	
To amount paid out during quarter.....		42
To amount to balance.....		32 62
	\$ 33 04	\$33 04
Road and Bridge No. 1, Sinking Fund, Sixth Class		
Balance last Quarter.....	\$ 1293 13	
To Amount received during Quarter.....	283 47	
To Amount paid out during Quarter.....		46 34
Amount to balance.....		1530 26
	1576 60	\$ 1576 60
Automobile Highway, 7th Class Fund		
Balance last Quarter.....	\$ 5934 07	
To Amount received during Quarter.....	278 17	
To Amount paid out during Quarter.....		672 80
Amount to balance.....		5539 44
	\$ 6212 24	\$ 6212 24
Road District No. 1, Available 8th Class Fund		
Balance last Quarter.....	\$ 132 09	
To Amount received during Quarter.....	38 50	
To Amount paid out during Quarter.....		\$ 10 17
Amount to balance.....		1160 42
	\$1170 59	\$ 1170 59
Road and Bridge No. 4, Sinking Fund, 9th Class Fund		
Balance last Quarter.....	\$ 462 62	
To Amount received during Quarter.....	1079 55	
To Amount paid out during Quarter.....		56 53
To amount to balance.....		1485 64
	1542 17	1542 17
Public Building Fund, 10th Class		
To amount received during quarter.....	\$ 383 43	
	\$ 383 43	\$ 383 43

Witness our hands, officially, this 13th day of Nov., A. D. 1923:

Victor B. Gilbert, County Judge.
A. R. Kelton, Commissioner Precinct No. 1.
J. H. Carpenter, Commissioner Precinct No. 2.
J. S. Yeager, Commissioner Precinct No. 3.
Geo. Clifton, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Victor B. Gilbert, County Judge, A. R. Kelton, J. H. Carpenter, J. S. Yeager and G. H. Clifton, Commissioners of said Callahan County, Texas, each respectively, on this the 13th day of November, A. D. 1923.

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GRADY G. RESPESS,
Clerk County Court, Callahan County, Texas.

FOREIGN

The police of Moscow have arrested leaders of a secret organization plotting to overthrow the Soviet Government. A number of university professors were among those taken.

The calling off of the hunger strike among the political prisoners of the Irish free state came too late to save Andrew O'Sullivan of County Cavan, interned in Mount Joy prison. He died in a hospital after a fast of 40 days.

At a Cabinet Council in Rome it was unanimously decided that the full powers of government now exercised by Premier Mussolini should be extended. The Ministers also approved the organization of "a supreme commission for national defense." It is generally understood the dictatorship will extend for another year.

The Republican central committee of the Philippines adopted resolutions asking Congress to take action by resolution providing that the preamble to the Jones law (the organic act of the islands) be nullified and that the law be amended to the effect that the sovereignty of the United States be permanently and effectively established.

American officials in Berlin have received no reply from the German police to inquiries concerning the charges to be made against Max Bernstein, who has been under arrest in Berlin for a week, and whose friends say he has an American passport. The discovery that Communists in Berlin were in possession of revolvers, which the police allege were shipped by Bernstein was the basis for his arrest.

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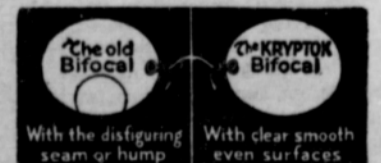
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Philadelphia, Pa. — Five persons, three men, a woman and a young girl, were killed when their motor car plunged through a guard rail near the Pennsylvania avenue entrance to Fairmount Park and dropped 35 feet to the Reading Railroad tracks below, the machine landed directly in front of a moving freight train, which mangled some of the victims almost beyond recognition. It is believed the driver of the automobile was unfamiliar with the neighborhood.



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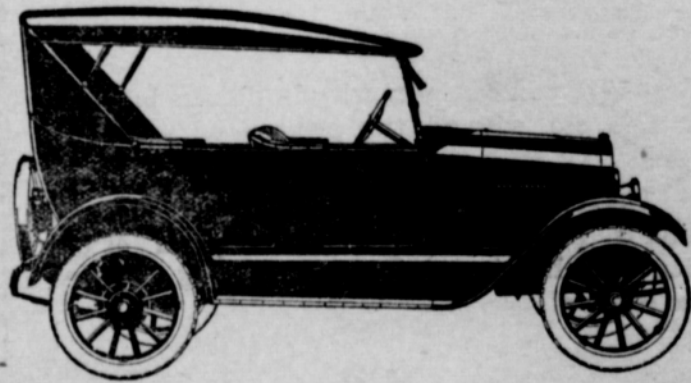
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Petition to Drill Approved

Austin, Texas.—Following hearing Wednesday, R. B. Walthall, chief oil and gas supervisor, recommended to the Railroad Commissioner that the application of C. F. Drake of Rockdale for permit to drill at three locations on a narrow strip in Milam County, between the San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railway Company's right of way and the highway, be granted. The railroad company did not oppose the application.

German porcelain factories which had been bidding for the services of former Grand Duke Emil Joseph Franz of Austria have been advised that the grand duke has accepted the directorship of the largest ceramia factory in Budapest. Emil Joseph Franz has passed much of his time studying ceramics in Germany. The potter's wheels always held more of an attraction for him than society, hunting or military training.

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Bergamo.—Six hundred dead, three villages destroyed and 50 square miles made desolate. This was the toll of the flood from Gleno Lake, when the great dike guarding it collapsed, releasing the irresistible force of the water, which, bursting forth in mad fury, carried all ahead of it. It swept over the hills and down into the valleys for a distance of 15 miles to Lake Isco, which checked the momentum of the vast stream, arresting its course.

Bergamo Valley is nothing but a barren waste of mud and water, a veritable lake in which it is dangerous to venture, for in some places it is over a man's head. In this soggy mass the bodies of the victims lie tangled among fallen trees, telegraph poles, buildings and bridges. Here and there portions of the broken walls project as mute evidence of the tremendous might with which the waters engulfed the region.

The homeless are counted in the thousands, most of whom are mourning for lost relatives, or searching for their bodies. Relief parties from Milan and Brescia are on the scene, while all available troops have been mustered to aid the shelterless. The bishop of Bergamo received a telegraphic donation from the Pope, for the purpose of undertaking immediate extensive relief.

There is great fear among the survivors of other dams breaking, especially as Sunday is the feast of St. Bibbiana, on which, according to popular superstition, if it rains it will rain for 40 days and 40 nights.

The three villages almost completely destroyed were Dezzo, Corna and Bueggio. Of the 500 inhabitants of Dezzo only three survived.

The disaster threatens to be one of the greatest of its kind because of the vast amount of water let loose on the countryside. It destroyed hundreds of homes, where hundreds perished without realizing the tragedy that overwhelmed them.

The dike, situated three miles from the village of Dezzo, was an immense structure, four miles long and 35 yards thick. It served as a dam for the artificial lake, situated about 6,000 feet above sea level and containing 10,000,000 cubic yards of water, the source of which was chiefly the glaciers of Gleno Mountain. This basin measured about four miles by two and cost 30,000,000 lire.

Apparently the dike yielded through the immense pressure of the water at the two ends where the masonry was imbedded in the mountain side. Torrential rains had occurred and they continue, rendering the disaster more menacing for the homeless and hindering relief work. The could is intense.

THREATENED REVOLT IN MEXICO BROKEN

Federal Troops Pursuing General Figueroa Who Fled to Hills.

Mexico City.—The week-end revolution which flashed like a skyrocket on the Mexican horizon seems to be coming down like a broken stick.

Federal troops are pursuing Gen. Romulo Figueroa, who, with 45 of his followers, has abandoned the territory near Iguala, in the State of Guerrero, and has fled into the hills, according to dispatches.

Figueroa was reported to have had 800 men at his disposal when he prepared to march on Iguala, where Gov. Rodolfo Neri fortified himself in the Governor's Palace. A bloody battle had been expected.

Three columns of Federal troops are on the track of Figueroa and the unlucky 45. The rest of the rebel forces remained loyal to the Federal Government, despite the fact that Figueroa was commander of military operations in the State of Guerrero and had thought the army would support him.

Concern here over the uprising is, practically ended and it is thought that the capture of the rebels will be only a matter of hours.

The situation in the State of Michoacan, where disorders also had occurred, is now said to be well in hand. Gen. Francisco Mugica, Constitutional Governor, who attempted to retake that office from an interim official, has been arrested, according to reports from Morelia.

WILL INVESTIGATE GERMAN FINANCES

Allied Circles Believe Way is Paved for Participation by the United States

Paris.—Allied circles believe the reparations commission by its recent action paved the way for the United States to participate in an expert examination of Germany's position. The commission decided to appoint two expert committees, one to examine means of balancing Germany's budget and stabilizing her finances and the other to look into the question of the capital exported from Germany and devise ways of getting it back.

The resolution appointing the committees mentions no limitations to the scope of their inquiry further than to state that it will be held under the terms of Article 234 of the Treaty of Versailles. The allied representatives believe that under these circumstances the American Government may find the latitude given the committees sufficient to afford all the necessary opportunity for useful work.

Adoption of the resolution, which was by unanimous vote, was the result of a compromise in which both the French and British made concessions and the text was drawn up after a long consultation in such a way as to allow them to withdraw from the uncompromising activities previously maintained without giving ground for a shout of victory from either side.

The crux of the compromise was the decision to leave aside for the moment all the controversial phases of the reparation questions and to take up first the most urgent, the need—the renovation of Germany's finances—and next the question of getting hold of the enormous balances Germany has abroad. It is hoped that when these subjects have been thoroughly examined the allies will have found a basis upon which they can agree in regard to other features of the reparation problems, such as the method of payment by Germany and the amount that is finally to be demanded of her.

American participation in the committee is regarded by the allies as essential though it is not thought the American delegates must necessarily be officially nominated by the United States Government. It objections are still found in Washington to the scope of inquiry there is strong hope that the American officials will at least be willing to suggest the names of a leading financial authority and a leading banker for each committee.

Emphasis was laid on the fact that the resolution does not interpret Article 234, which is taken to mean that the committee themselves are left practically free to decide just how far to carry their work under that article. The resolution is regarded in itself as an invitation for the United States to come into the investigation. The opinion among reparation delegates was that no special invitation would be issued, since the reparation commission is not situated so as to treat officially with the Governments.

KILLS MAN; SPEEDS ON; HERSELF KILLED

Two Die as Woman Drives Automobile at Fifty Miles an Hour

Houston, Texas.—No funeral arrangement has been made either for Fred Hickman or for Mrs. C. O. Fuller, victims of a grim tragedy here Thursday night.

Mrs. Fuller, driving her automobile fifty miles an hour down Harrisburg Boulevard, always crowded with traffic, struck and killed Hickman as the man was crossing the street. The man's body was caught on the hood of the car, his skull fractured by the windshield brace. The body was carried fifty feet before it rolled off and under the car wheels. Mrs. Fuller did not slacken her speed. Instead, witnesses told officers, she sped on. Six blocks farther she applied the brakes and the car swung about, up on the curb and on to the sidewalk. Then she threw it into gear again, turned it around and sped on. Five blocks farther she crashed into an approaching street car, her automobile turned over on top of her and when horror-struck men pulled it off she was dead.

Record in Marriage Licenses.

Denton, Texas.—Forty-four marriage licenses issued in Denton County during November established a new record for the county.

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Some yell, "Light wines and beer!" but really mean "Bourbon and Old Scotch!"

Bishop James Atkins, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died at Little Rock, Arkansas, Wednesday night. His body will be buried at Wayneville, North Carolina, tomorrow.

The agricultural experts at Clemson A. & M. College, South Carolina, have discovered that nicotine will kill boll weevils. Sure! All you have to do is to catch the weevil and dab a drop of nicotine on his nose and he dies instantly!

Another long, steady rain at Baird Sunday last and the city's streets were a sight. Wonder why we have so much wet weather about Sunday? One suggests to test the loyalty of church goers and Sunday School goers. Perhaps so. Then Baird has very few bad weather Christians.

President Coolidge delivered his message to Congress yesterday. He favors a World Court, freight reduction; opposes the League of Nations—says it is a dead issue in America; opposes tinkering with the tariff; opposes the soldier's bonus. These are the main points. His message is blunt and to the point, without any camouflage.

The Texas Supreme Court of Texas says that it is no crime to make liquor for one's own personal use for medicinal purposes. Now look out for an epidemic of some kind to sweep over Texas that whiskey alone will cure. But hold! Uncle Sam still has the Volstead law, and that law does not permit any one to make liquor for any purpose without a license.

McAdoo seems to be backing up on government ownership of railroads, that he seemed to favor in recent years. Mac is a wise politician and has discovered that public opinion, except in a few radical groups, headed by such men as Senator LaFollette, is trending away from government ownership. McAdoo's extravagant administration of the railroads during the war did more to disgust the public with government meddling with private business than any other one thing we can think of just now. For that let us thank McAdoo, but that is no reason why he should be nominated by the Democrats.

Congress convened Monday and a nice row among the Republicans developed when balloting for Spenser began in the House. The Progressive Republicans held up the elec-

tion of Speaker Gillett, who was nominated for reelection by the so-called "Standpatters."

The Democrats nominated Garrett of Tennessee and on several ballots he polled about an equal number of votes. The Republicans only have about 22 majority in the House, but the Progressive Republicans have 22 votes, consequently hold the balance of power.

Later, Wednesday, Gillett was elected.

Earle Mayfield was sworn in Monday as United States Senator, just as we expected, and predicted long ago, and no doubt there is rejoicing in every Klavern of the three K's in Texas. But one consolation, God reigns and the Government still lives, and Mayfield's induction into office will have about as much effect on the trend of affairs as a gnat on a bull's horn would have in directing the actions of the bull.

Notice of contest was given in Mayfield's case, but it is not likely that he will be disturbed and then there will be more rejoicing in the Klaverns, but there will be none in the Bob Henry wigwam, whom Klan leaders double-crossed to put Mayfield in the Senate.

Callahan County is the best county in West Texas, and for the life of me I cannot see why people want to go West and pay more for raw land than improved land. Some are going busted on this Western craze, like the "Soash Settlement" went, and many lost all they had by going West and farther West.

The best country is just ahead or somewhere else. Remember the old adage: "A rolling stone gathers no moss!" and people rolling around on wheels never accumulate anything, unless, of course, they are engaged in the transportation, show or Chautauqua business. William Jennings Bryan made a fortune traveling, but thousands upon thousands lost their all and did not travel one hundredth part as much as Mr. Bryan.

The Marietta, Georgia, flogging case, that attracted so much attention, ended as all such cases usually end—the defendant's acquitted.

In this case a widow was unmercifully whipped and a number of men indicted for the crime, but not convicted, of course. Now whether or not these men were guilty we do not know, but the failure to convict in so many cases, gives ground for suspicion that some mysterious influence has tied the hands of the courts of our country and our executive officers to such an extent that it seems impossible to convict floggers.

Some claim that more than one thousand cases of floggings in Texas have occurred in the past two years, and not a single case has resulted in conviction by a jury. Many believe the Ku Klux Klan guilty of most of these outrages, but we do not believe it. The masks and secrecy of the Klan has encouraged lawless men to take the law into their own hands, and wreak their hatred upon some they dislike, knowing that the Ku Klux Klan will have to bear the blame.

For this reason, if for no other, the Klan in Texas should favor a law preventing the wearing of masks, and compel all secret orders to keep on file with the County Clerk of each county a complete list of all officers and members, subject to inspection by the public.

There will be a determined effort made at the next session of the Legislature of this State to pass such a law. The Klan may be strong enough to prevent such legislation; however, we do not believe they will defy public opinion by opposing such a law, but do like the Oklahoma Klan did, favor such a law, when they realize that public opin-

ion, sooner or later, is going to force the Legislature to pass such a law.

Oklahoma is worse Klan-ridden than any State in the Union, from all accounts, and if an anti-mask law can go through a Legislature that was strong enough to put a Governor out of office and is now moving to expel and probably will expel every anti-Klan member of the Legislature, can pass such a law, other States can and no doubt will.

ROADY

Baird Star: We hope the Commissioners' Court will keep a weather eye on would-be contractors on the Bankhead Highway. We can not afford to make a mistake, and it seems to us that the first thing to be done should be to select a civil engineer with good road-building experience and then follow his advice.

You are uttering words packed with wisdom. Voting big money for good roads is a doubtful procedure. Roads can be made durable, with expert engineering, proper materials and capable construction.

But bringing together these essentials and applying them to the best advantage is beyond the capacity of amateurs. Experience, integrity and adequate bonding to protect against honest errors—these are as necessary in building a genuine good road to withstand heavy traffic as in erecting a layer cake that would pass muster before a triumvirate of competent housewives.

In dry climates, roads with water-bound bases are speculative enterprises. The water will evaporate from the binding and leave the harder materials unbound, later to be pounded into powder and washed or blown away. There is no road of durable quality that hasn't a durable base. In road building you can not save the surface and save all.

On the other hand, you can not put all your capital and labor into base and neglect the surface. Roads are coming to be used more and more for freight transportation, and under the burden of that class of business even roads made of steel rails laid on hickory ties give way.

Freight traffic is essential to community development, and the railroads can not carry it all, especially the short-haul offerings. This means that country roads must be built to withstand the shock of truck loads. It is next to useless to spend bond money on makeshift thoroughfares. The vehicular age in which we live exacts penalties from our pocket-books.—State Press in Dallas News.

Why should Callahan County people go West and pay more for land than they can buy it for in this county?

Lands west and northwest of us in Texas, are no better than our lands and much of it far inferior to our home lands. New lands in this or any other West Texas county, as a rule, produce more than lands longer in cultivation. The only advantage lands west or northwest of us have over our lands is that it is new land.

People in this county who sell out and go to the Panhandle or west of us, make a mistake in paying high prices for land there and they will realize it when too late. Remember that the average rainfall grows less as you go west. The average rainfall is less than in Callahan, yet sometimes they get more; but these years are exceptional and not the rule.

These west and northwest counties are being boosted at a rate that is going to bring disaster to some if they are not careful. A residence of 54 years, extending back to 1860, in Brown and Callahan Counties—in Callahan 40 years—giving us personal knowledge as to rainfall, climate and other conditions, convinced us that when we stopped in Callahan County we had gone as far

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west as we desired.

All of West Texas is subject to drought, more so than other parts of the State, and the further west you go the worse they are. We had a bad drought in 1886-87, but it was worse west of us. The same in 1909 and 1917.

Do not get the idea that we are knocking West Texas, because we are of and for West Texas, but do not want to see our people sell good homes here and pay the boosted prices for lands west and lose out on high prices for lands west of us. If you do go West, do not buy more land than you can pay for, and you will be prepared to stand droughts and most other drawbacks that come in all newly settled countries.

Where they can irrigate in the Panhandle they can stand droughts, perhaps better than here, but the irrigated area is small comparatively. Another thing: Much of the west,

especially the northwest part of Texas, has little or no timber, and little protection for stock in winter.

The late J. B. Cutbirth, one of Callahan County's best and most successful stock raisers, said that he travelled over most of West Texas and decided that Callahan County was the best cow country in Texas, and he located in this county nearly fifty years ago and it was his home thereafter.

His theory was that our county had good grass and agricultural lands, plenty of streams of water, and the hills and timbered land gave protection to stock. Many of these advantages are not found west of us.

All in all, Callahan County is as good as the best of West Texas counties. Why go further West in search of the better land that is always just beyond?

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PERSONALS

W. E. Melton and son Arvin, returned from an auto trip to El Paso.

Mrs. T. J. Lidia, of Stephenville is visiting her son, Otho Lidia, and wife.

Dr. Linz Ramsey, and children visited relatives here the latter part of last week.

S. H. Harville and wife, of Oplin visited relatives in Baird the past week.

Fred Estes, of Anson, spent Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Estes.

Dr. Gus Griggs has returned to his home in Harrah, Oklahoma, after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Griggs.

Mrs. Ray Hickman, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Griggs, has returned to her home in Sweetwater.

Mrs. Ed Barker and son Bob, and Mrs. Mary Cully of Abilene, spent Thanksgiving in Baird with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. White.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bounds returned Saturday from Waco, where they visited their son, Pat. Mr. Bounds also attended the Masonic School of Instruction.

Royce Gilliland and Clyde White are attending the Masonic Grand Lodge at Waco, this week. Royce is representing the Chapter and Clyde the Blue Lodge.

Mrs. Wm. McManis and Mrs. Millie Gage Williams, were the dinner guests of Captain and Mrs. J. L. Lea on Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Jack Lambert and little daughter, Doris Jean, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lambert and family, for several weeks, left last Friday for their home in Houston.

Asby White has resigned his position with the West Texas Utilities Company and accepted a better position with the Dallas Light and Power Company.

Mrs. Sam Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Jarrett, who has been dangerously ill the past week, is reported much improved this morning.

D. S. McGee, who left Callahan County five years ago, has moved back on a farm near John Asbury's, east of Baird. He paid a year's subscription to The Star. Thanks!

Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Farmer and Mrs. J. B. Cutbirth returned yesterday evening from Dallas, where Howard underwent an operation for appendicitis some ten days ago.

Misses Eules and Jacqueline Stephens returned Monday afternoon from Marshall, where they were the guests of Miss Faye Williams during Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. McGee and Mrs. W. C. Asbury, who have made their home in Central Texas for the past several years, have moved back to Callahan county and have rented the Cowling farm, at Chautauqua.

Mrs. W. O. Fraser and Wendall Fraser returned Sunday from Marshall, where they spent several days with Wendall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fraser, who are there, John being in the T. & P. hospital. We are glad to hear that he is improving and hopes to be able to return home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne C. Tackett are the proud parents of a tiny daughter, born Tuesday morning, December 4. The little lady weighed 8 pounds, she is Mr. and Mrs. White's first granddaughter and the first girl baby to be born into the White family since the newcomer's mother first saw the light of day, 22 years ago.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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Application blanks will be distributed to different banks and garages over the County, or can be furnished by the Collector.

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Elouise Haley, Mrs. Pat Haley and children and Mrs. Andrew Jackson, spent last week end in Cross Plains.

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EASTERN STAR MEETING

Callahan Chapter No. 242, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet in regular session Tuesday night, December 11.

All members are urgently requested to be present.

Mrs. Maude Boydston, W. M.
Eliza Gilliland, Secretary.

YOUR FINANCIAL CONDITION IS GOOD

MUCH better than it usually is—sure enough—just think back—compare each year at this time. WHILE you have the money why don't you do your duty by your family—and help your neighbors family? BE a real citizen and join with the rest of us in protecting our future widows and orphans by chipping in \$1.00 when a member dies—100 per cent of that \$1.00 goes to the member's family—To own and operate this Association each member pays \$1.00 each 6 months. MOST OF THE THINKING BUSINESS MEN OF BAIRD have already joined in. Over 3000 members have joined the CITIZEN'S in less than ten months. We have Four Clubs NEITHER OF WHICH HAS HAD A DEATH THIS YEAR, yes it is the fastest growth ever made in Texas. The CITIZEN'S is not a little home circle affair—but a business institution with experienced, efficient business management ACCEPTING ONLY SOUND, HEALTHY MEMBERS. Now you have the money and the CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION is the cheapest medium of insurance known, why don't you be one of us? Do you mind giving \$1.00 to a death-stricken neighbor family? Do you mind leaving your family a little money? If you do, we don't want you. But if you claim to be a fair citizen towards your family and neighbors, you had better drop us a card tonight, asking for full information. Don't wait until you can spare the money—that time has never come in any man's life—don't fool yourself waiting for it. Just before you waste \$50.00 Xmas, spend a few dollars and protect your family—they can't live on fire works after you are gone. Write a card now. Some of you who don't will leave a family wishing a thousand times you had. Do it Brother, today. Please remember our name—it is CITIZENS.

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DOMESTIC

Roger Sims, convicted of murder by a jury which tossed a coin to determine whether he should be found guilty or not guilty, has been pardoned by Gov. Lee M. Russell.

President Coolidge has been petitioned by New York's Democratic board of estimate to review the case of Comptroller Charles L. Craig now facing a 60-day jail term for contempt of court.

Paul Passovick, who fell 12 stories down an elevator shaft and then was able to ask for a drink of water died in Bellevue hospital 12 hours after the accident. He leaves a wife and several children.

In the first of a series of sealed bid offerings of wool at Merton, San Angelo and Del Rio, the West Texas Wool and Mohair Association at Merton sold \$75,000 pounds of wool to ten Eastern firms, represented by 13 buyers.

A slump in the market demand for bituminous coal has closed 20 per cent of Illinois mines and 33 per cent of Indiana mines since Jan. 1. Dr. F. C. Ronald, secretary of the Illinois Coal Operators' Association, said recently.

The resignation of the Rev. B. M. Tipple, president of the Collegio Internazionale at Rome, who has been in ill health, has been presented to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now in

session in New York.

District No. 21, United Mine Workers of America, meeting in Fort Smith, Ark., in biennial constitutional convention, went on record and incorporated in their constitution a provision to debar from membership in their organization any person holding membership in the Ku Klux Klan.

Commander William H. Toaz, who commanded the destroyer S. P. Lee, when it crashed to destruction with six others on Point Honda, September 8, has been acquitted by the general court martial, which tried him on charges of negligence. The court liberated a little more than half an hour.

Asserting that Christianity would receive the severest test of its history in the next fifteen years, Dr. John R. Mott, general secretary of the international committee of the Y. M. C. A., speaking at the annual dinner of the organization, said the association was preparing itself to meet the test.

A demonstration orchard will be planted on a farm east of Palestine this fall for the purpose of showing proper methods of pruning, grafting, spraying, fertilizing and cultivating fruit trees, according to J. V. Meyer, now located in Palestine as the district horticulturist of the I-G. N. Railroad.

The expenditure of \$90,000,000 within the next five years on improvement of the Mississippi River and major tributaries—the Ohio, Illinois and Missouri Rivers—without reduction of appropriations for other inland waterways projects, has been proposed by Congressman Cleveland A. Newton of Missouri at the meeting in Memphis, Tenn., of the Mississippi Valley Association.

WASHINGTON

L. F. McKay of Dallas, chief of the division of information of the American Cotton Growers' Exchange, is in Washington to confer with heads of governmental departments, having completed a survey of the cotton-growing States. The thirteen co-operative marketing organizations, Mr. McKay said, would handle this year about 1,000,000 bales.

No distinction can be drawn between a volunteer and a regular soldier as to what constituted service during the war with Spain in awarding pensions to veterans or their

widows, according to a ruling by the Interior Department. The decision was made in the case of a claim for pension by Mrs. Ida F. Glick of Rochester, N. Y., whose husband served during the Spanish-American war.

An appropriation of more than \$10,000,000 for the work of the Prohibition Bureau during the next fiscal year was said by prohibition officials to have been included in Treasury estimates submitted to the director of the budget.

Representatives of Protestant churches of the United States urged President Coolidge to use his influence for American participation in the world court, and invited Secretary Hughes to take the initiative in calling an economic conference to consider the European problem.

A Nation-wide rally of those opposed to prohibition will be held in Washington Jan. 21.

Extension of the American coastwise shipping laws to the Philippine Islands is regarded by President Coolidge as inadvisable at the present time.

The resignation of Francis G. Matson, as Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue, has been announced. He will retire Dec. 1 to enter private law practice here and in New York.

Mrs. Coolidge is setting out to do her bit for the grand old party by inviting women prominent in Republican politics to the White House tea table. This is the newest quirk injected into the serious business of politics by the granting of suffrage to women.

A statement urging acceptance of Henry Ford's offer for the Muscle Shoals, Ala., power and fertilizer project has been issued by Senator Ladd (Rep.) of North Dakota, who also quoted from a recent letter by Bernard M. Baruch, former chairman of the War Industries Board, on the Ford offer.

The Veterans' Bureau is looking for jobs for 10,000 former service men who have just been rehabilitated. They are a part of 71,000 now taking courses and have been at it for four years. General Frank T. Hines, director of the bureau, has written a letter to every American Legion post to ask the assistance of service men in securing employment for their comrades.

January 15 has been set as the tentative date for the meeting here of the Democratic National Committee to select a city and date for the 1924 national convention. A call for the meeting is to be issued early next month by Chairman Hull, who said that the mid-January date seemed to represent the consensus of opinion after a canvass among a number of committee members.

Total number of cigarettes consumed in September was 5,569,001,447, compared with 5,555,736,945 in September, 1922, according to figures of the Internal Revenue Bureau. Consumption of cigars totaled 598,817,342, compared with 625,771,965, while output of manufactured tobacco amounted to 30,594,355 pounds, compared with 33,807,020 in the previous year.

Far into the night a little squad of men with solemn faces and dry lips worked under the light of a bonfire on the Virginia hills above the Potomac River, smashing 18,000 bottles of 5 per cent beer, bottle by bottle. The foaming beer trickled down in an amber rivulet toward the deep Potomac and the wooden cases were tossed on the bonfire. The consignment was seized in the railroad yards in Washington.

Chinese flappers wear their garters somewhat lower than do their American sisters—in plain sight, where all may see and admire. Consul Leroy Weber reported to the Commerce Department from Hong-

kong that there is a constantly improving market there for pink, red or baby blue colored silken garters or arm bands of American make. The Chinese girls like them of vivid colors with attractive and eye-catching bows, and wear them to be seen.

Lady Herbert Dies

London.—The Hon. Lady Herbert, widow of Sir Michael Herbert, once British Ambassador to the United States is dead in London.

Women to Protect Game.

Mount Kikneo, Me.—Armed with an automatic pistol and dressed for the trail with knickerbockers and moccasins, Miss Myrtle Hodgdon, chief clerk of the state department of inland fisheries and game, has commenced her duties as game warden.

An official protest against the mistreatment and the plundering which Jewish citizens of Poland, together with other Jews, suffered during the recent disorders in Berlin has been lodged by the Polish Ambassador with the Chancellor.

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SEE STRUGGLE FOR EUROPEAN DOMINANCE

Fear Joint Military Co-operation and Latin Bloc, Including South America.

Paris.—An Anglo-French accord for the defense of sea routes is urged by the semi-official "Temps" in view of the Mediterranean situation created by the Italo-Spanish rapprochement.

French apprehension over the linking up of the two Latin powers is voiced freely here, but the "Temps" statement carries marked significance.

Declaring that Anglo-French interests dominate the Mediterranean, the newspaper states:

"It seems to us that an Anglo-French accord to check the possibility of aerial attack should be the necessary complement of any Mediterranean accord concluded between any powers.

The newspaper emphasizes that open Mediterranean communication with her African possessions is vital to France as communications with India are to England. It intimates that the Italo-Spanish accord would menace both.

The "Temps" concluded that an industrial accord with Britain is also most desirable, and suggests that Belgium, Poland and Czechoslovakia might join with France and England in establishing monetary and industrial equilibrium in Europe.

The flurry of editorial comment on the Mediterranean situation marks deep anxiety on the part of the Government. Unofficial circles are strongly advocating the strengthening of the navy in order to meet the "two-power standard" which close military union between Italy and Spain might force France to adopt.

Italy has long been suspected of imperialistic designs, and it has been charged that she wished to create a central European bloc dominated by Rome.

Critics of Italy have said her policy was directed toward linking Italy, Austria and Hungary in economic if not military ties, and, if possible, bringing Roumania into the combine. France hitherto has felt reasonably assured of support from Jugo-Slavia, but some see hints of an Italian-Jugo-Slav rapprochement in recent parleys between Rome and Belgrade.

STATE RAILROAD ENJOYS SPLENDID BUSINESS

Lynch Davidson Says Line in October Had Best Month in History.

Houston, Texas.—"The Texas State Railroad in October enjoyed the best month's business in its history, and the road is now in the best condition it has ever known," former Lieutenant Governor Lynch Davidson, chairman of the board of managers of the State Railroad, announced after a visit to Palestine, the road's western terminus.

During the present month, Mr. Davidson said, the State Railroad handled the entire outfit of a circus train over its line into Palestine.

"The circus train is the most ponderous and heavy train equipment, loaded with the most valuable cargo, of any single kind of train in the United States," Mr. Davidson said. "There has never been a time until now in the history of the State Railroad that its physical condition would admit of handling such heavy and valuable outfit.

"It is indeed notable from two streaks of rust, such as the State Railroad was a little more than two years ago, its physical condition now is such that it is able to handle the most difficult and ponderous traffic offering in the United States."

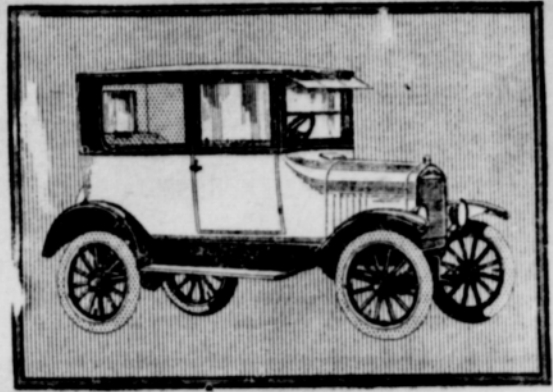
New England Traditions Prevail.

Washington.—The quiet of a secluded Vermont farm hung about the White House Thursday while Thanksgiving was observed according to all the New England traditions. President and Mrs. Coolidge attended church in the morning. They dined later alone. Neither of the two ones were able to leave their studies at Mercersburg, Pa., to join their parents at the White House for Thanksgiving and no guests were present for dinner.

In Grip of Worst Spell of Winter.

Lockhart, Texas.—This section of Southwest Texas is in the grip of the worst spell of weather of the winter. Rain has fallen slowly for 12 hours. The thermometer is registering 38 degrees and there is a heavy frost.

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THE JOE STALLINGS CELEBRATE FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stallings celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday, November 20, 1923.

Joe Stallings was born in Lee County, Alabama, May 7, 1873. Mrs. Stallings (nee Miss Georgie Edwards) was born in Lee County, Alabama, February 25, 1848. They were married November 20, 1884, by Rev. William Neal.

To this union seven children were born, all of whom are now living. The children present were Mrs. J. E. Tatum, C. L. Stallings, Mrs. J. C. Blaylock, J. E. Stallings, Miss Estelle Stallings.

Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Edwards, Mrs. J. E. Blaylock, Mr. and Mrs. Havens and two children, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hill, Mrs. L. Anderson, Mrs. Justin Anderson and little son, C. W. Edwards and daughter.

Among the guests were their 24 grandchildren and a great-grandchild, little Miss Muriel Young.

Those of the family absent were: Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Mills and five children, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Tatum and son and Viron Stallings.

This golden reunion was most felicitous and all enjoyed themselves most happily. Dinner was served to fifty-one persons.

PROGRAM AT CHURCH OF CHRIST

The following program will be rendered at the Church of Christ next Sunday at 6 o'clock p. m.:

Subject: Christian Separation.
Leader: J. G. Hancock.
Song: Class.
Scripture Reading, Col. 3:4-12: Lizzie Hinds.
Prayer: Spencer Price.
Christians are Called Out of the World: Roberta Warren.
Duet: Lois Allen and Pauline Dallas.
Need of Remaining Out of the World: Mrs. Aaron Bell.
Male Quartette.
The Story of Jesus: Little Folks

COOKED FOOD SALE

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church will conduct a Cooked Food Sale at Alexander's Furniture Store on Saturday afternoon December 7th.

BAPTIST CHURCH BAZAAR

The ladies of the Baptist Church will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 15th.

All Baptist ladies are requested to contribute to this bazaar.

Rev. Thomas Jefferson Rea, former pastor of the Baird Methodist Church, but now pastor of the Merkel Methodist Church, was in town yesterday and called on The Star. He is enamored of his new charge.

Carl Oliphant, looking very trim and natty in the Signal Corps uniform of A. & M. College, in which he is a freshman, came in on Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Oliphant. He is enamored of A. & M., and when asked if he had been "bazed," grinned and replied: "I took my medicine but I'm no baby."

The Star Enters On Its 37th Volume

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Fond memory brings the light
Of other days around me.

When I remember all
The friends so linked together,
I've seen around me fall,
Like leaves in winter weather.

I feel like one who treads alone
Some banquet hall deserted,
Whose lights are fled, whose garlands dead
And all but me departed.

How The World War Was Won

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France on the sixth of June and paraded down the streets of London and Paris on July 4. The people of both cities cheered themselves hoarse at the mere sight of American soldiers, and word of their arrival was flashed among the allied troops at the front.

"This one fact restored the courage of the English and French and made it possible for Americans to win the war.

"When they talk of having won the war without us, they are simply making themselves ridiculous. The incident I have related occurred in the strictest secrecy, but the time is ripe now to tell it all."

SIMMONS COLLEGE STUDENT BODY IS UP AND DOING

In the first official meeting of the Abilene Simmons Club recently, that organization voted unanimously to sponsor a big home-coming celebration, which was staged at old Simmons College on Thanksgiving Day.

Ex-students and graduates from all parts of the State and scattered over other states were invited to return for a gala occasion and get together. Abilene exes were hosts to these visitors on Turkey-Day.

Besides the annual gridiron battle-Simmons Cowboys against the Howard Payne Yellow Jackets, which was the chief feature of the day, there was a big picnic spread on the campus and a Thanksgiving reception planned for the out-of-town visitors. The last home-coming of Simmons was held in June, 1919, when many former students returned for commencement time and special features.

The Abilene Simmons Club is the second of the alumni clubs to be organized among graduates and ex-students of the college. Merkel had the first such club organized. Plans are being made now for many similar organizations in many towns of the western section.

At the first gathering of the local club, classes of the school from 1912 to 1923 were represented with from one to five graduates each; graduates of Fine Arts Department and a number of ex-students were also present. President J. D. Sandefer addressed the assemblage.

Soccer has been inaugurated for the co-eds at Simmons College. Ready response of the girls to the new sport has resulted in the organization of two teams, which have already gone through the several practices.

Recently, for the first time, the

teams took the outdoor field, after work-outs in Marston gymnasium. This, possibly the first Soccer team in West Texas, will play on Parramore Field, the official territory of the Simmons Cowboys.

Soccer, the great English game, is known in American parlance as "football for girls." It differs decidedly from the American intercollegiate game, however, in that the ball is advanced on the field entirely by kicking; all tackling is eliminated, as are all of the more strenuous features of the regulation football.

The field used by the girls is shortened to the size of 100x130 feet. The ball is round and similar to a basketball, only heavier. It is 27 inches in circumference.

Miss Willie Rae McDonald, physical director for women at Simmons, stated that the girls were highly enthusiastic over the new game, which will be a big feature of girls athletics at the college during the fall term.

In the winter the main interest will be shifted to the basketball squad which is already organized and work out in Maston gym. In addition to these two lines of activities, 149 co-eds are enrolled in the regular gymnasium classes, which are conducted by Miss McDonald, who has had work in the University of California, and the Summer Term of Curry School, at Asheville, North Carolina.

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