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MASS MEETING CALLED FOR NEXT FRIDAY AFTERNOON

To Discuss Construction of Municipally Owned Electric Light and Waterworks Plant.

The city council has had under consideration for several weeks the building of a municipal plant to furnish electric lights and power and to operate a waterworks system. There seems to be a growing demand for these utilities and in order to get the expression of the property owners a mass meeting has been called to be held in the McRea Hall next Friday afternoon, Feb. 23d, at 3 o'clock, under the direction of the officers of the Commercial Club, to discuss the project. The council does not want to spend money and effort agitating the improvement work unless the people whose property is affected want it, and the meeting is called for the purpose of securing an expression from all. There has been much encouragement from the citizens for the building of these plants, and the town seems to want them. The number of requests made of the members of the council to inaugurate these improvements has led to the calling of the mass meeting. The need of electric service and waterworks is apparent every day. In fact the city has grown to the place where we cannot well continue to grow without these utilities.

Lots of Implements. The Emersor standard line—the kind that satisfies. If in the market it will pay you to look them over. A. L. Brannon.

Undertaker A. E. Howerton was called to Wilson Monday night to prepare the body of W. A. Decker for shipment to his old home at Wills Point, Van Zandt County, where it is to be buried. Mr. Decker went to Wilson about four months ago with his family to secure a place to farm this year and he was living in rooms in the building known as the Fertsch hotel. He had been sick about three weeks and died Monday evening. He leaves a wife and several children and carried life insurance in the W. O. W. order. He was forty-five years of age.

Will Beautify Slaton Cemetery Grounds

The city council has undertaken the work of supervising the improving of the Slaton cemetery and hopes to have the aid of the entire community in the enterprise. The intention is to have the entire ground fenced and cleared of brush and suitable trees planted, and the plot otherwise improved and beautified as is due the most cherished and sacred place in the entire vicinity. The memory of departed loved ones is worthy of first place in our lives and we often leave it for the last place, and sometimes crowd it out altogether. We have neglected the cemetery too long, perhaps because of lack of funds, but now that the work is being undertaken every one should help. R. J. Murray has charge of the improvement work.

For the classiest line of dry goods, ready-to-wear and millinery at popular prices. Call at Mrs. Graves.

We will be pleased to fill your lumber bill. Come and talk it over.—A. C. Houston Lumber Company.

UNITED CHARITIES COMMISSION URGED

The Revs. T. C. Willett of the Methodist Church and F. A. Whiteley of the Baptist Church are working on the organization of a United Charities Commission for Slaton to look after all cases that require financial aid, and there is an article from Mr. Willett on the movement in this issue of the Slatonite. Mr. Whiteley will have an article next week, and the project will be discussed in the pulpits of the churches Sunday night.

The Slatonite heartily endorses the move. The public has no protection nor information regarding the various solicitors that appear quite often and the citizens many times donate to the bank account of some cheap grafter. There is not a person who would not willingly extend aid where it is really needed, but the collections which are taken up by the fakirs make soliciting for a meritorious purpose difficult.

By organizing a United Charities Commission the petty grafting under the head of charity would be stopped. Let's have the Commission under the supervision of the City Council.

Slatonite Purchased Additional Type for Commercial Printing

D. M. Johnston, representative of the Barnhart Type Foundry of Dallas, Texas, called on L. P. Loomis at the Slatonite office Monday and sold us a nice invoice of type of one of the latest and most popular lines, the New Caslon series. This type is one of the modern accomplishments in stylish type designing, and will be a splendid equipment for our commercial printing department. It will give our patrons additional service in the way of a larger variety of type to select from. The Slatonite is always up to date; type styles like clothes can become old fashioned, and we don't want any old type in this office. The New Caslon series cost us considerable money, but we have to build up the office to keep the Slatonite in the front rank.

Incidentally, Mr. Johnston stated that his present trip is his first to the South Plains. When the house placed him on this territory heseriously objected because the only mental picture he could make was of a country like the sandy deserts of Southern California. Since he has seen these Plains he says that they are easily the best and most desirable section of Texas and appear to be by far the most prosperous. He cannot understand now why he so misjudged the South Plains; but his impression is the same as that carried by every man in central and eastern Texas who has never visited this land.

We recognize that the people in other parts misjudge the Plains, but we also know that the only way they will ever change their ideas is by a personal visit, such as Mr. Johnston made. Their fooling themselves about the Plains is their misfortune.

T. D. Johnson, recently of Harold, Wilbarger County, Texas, purchased the Dunscomb property in South Slaton and now has possession. Alex DeLong and his wife and Miss Pearl Dunscomb will soon be at home in the commodious residence which Mr. DeLong is building just south of the Square.

Orborn Leon Thora, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thorn, died at the family home in Slaton Saturday. Interment was made in the Slaton cemetery Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m., the Rev. T. C. Willett conducting the funeral services. Orborn was born at Cuthand, Red River County, Texas, on Jan. 11, 1913, and he never knew what it was to be strong and well in body. His physical suffering had been great but thru it all he was cheerful and bright. He leaves six brothers and sisters besides his parents to mourn his departure.

Concerning Work of Charities Commission

"Should we make public provision for the care and relief of the poor and needy among us?"

That we are morally bound to care for the poor and needy no one will deny. No one will say that we have not measured up to our full duty in this matter in the past. So this article is not to complain at the way we have discharged this duty in the past but to suggest a better way.

It has been our custom when we found a needy case for all to "chip in" and then send the results to the needy one. The next case that came up was treated in the same way, and the fellows who did the "chipping in" in the first case did the "chipping in" in this case, and so on down the line. This was all right when there were but a few of us here and the cases that needed our help were few and far between, but now it is different. We have nearly two thousand people in our town now and it is not fair to let a few of our citizens, principally our business men, do all of our charity work. We all want a part in this, and the only way that we can do it is to organize and put system into it.

By organizing we can do more and better work and all can have a part.

I think we ought to have a community organization whose duty it would be to keep a lookout for needy cases and investigate all cases brought to its notice. In this way worthy cases will not be overlooked because of the pride of the needy ones, and the community protected from unworthy cases. Then it would be the duty of this organization to so systematize the raising of the funds that all will be given a chance to help. Thru this organization soiled or slightly worn clothing might be distributed to the poor which otherwise would be thrown away. In this way responsible representatives of charitable organizations abroad may go before our people with the endorsement of the organization, and the irresponsible ones exposed. The details of this organization can easily be worked out.

I further think that the city ought to co-operate with this organization by making some kind of provisions for a fund to be set aside for charitable purposes to act as a kind of supplement to the funds of this organization. This matter can be taken up with the city council at the proper time.

This subject will be discussed in the Baptist and Methodist pulpits next Sunday evening. Come and hear what the preachers have to say about it.

T. C. Willett.

THAT good long leaf yellow pine lumber will make a house that will stand and hold its shape for a life time. Talk it over with the A. C. Houston Lumber Company.

Do You Appreciate Foot Comfort?



If so you will be satisfied to buy all your Shoes here for the first point we study is the ease of our customers feet. The Shoes we sell are beauties from the standpoint of appearance, and positively boons to the feet by reason of their comfortable and glove-like fit. We have the best made Shoes for men, women and children at fair prices.



SLATON and SOUTHLAND. BOTH PHONES 100

One Acre of Maize Paid for 3 Acres Land

W. J. West was a caller at the Slatonite office Saturday and enrolled as a subscriber. Mr. West lives in McCulloch County and owns a half-section of land near Wilson that B. H. Coston is farming. He purchased the land over a year ago, and to say that he is a South Plains booster doesn't tell half of the story. He said that he had an idea that this was a high and dry western semi-desert, and when he read some of the literature published by the Slatonite two years ago he told his friends that the editor was the biggest liar in seven states. He came out here, however, as he has an adventurous spirit, and had the biggest surprise of life. Instead of the country that he had fancied he found one of the most attractive lands that he had ever seen. Instead of the long moustached rootin' tootin' shootin' expert, he found a people refined and cultured and ambitious to the extent that they made the folks back home appear slow and behind the times. He learned that the South Plains people like to enjoy the best there is in life as they go, and they buy the best clothes and automobiles, and own comfortable homes. So he bought some land here, and last year realized enough money on the sale of his crops to make one acre of crops pay for three

acres of land. And Mr. West thinks that the South Plains is about the best investment that he knows of.

Mr. West said that the total cost to him of raising his South Plains crop in 1916 was \$7 per acre.

A. E. Howerton returned one day last week from a business trip of several days to Denver, Colo., purchasing furniture for Howerton's store. Mr. Howerton secured a handsome auto hearse as an auxiliary to his embalming and burial department and which is now in Slaton and will be at the service of his patrons on funeral calls. Mr. Howerton has a wide reputation as an embalmer and his services are required over a large territory. The new hearse will give his customers the best possible funeral service.

Engineer McAlister of Canadian came down to Slaton Monday to enter service from this point. Mr. McAlister has signed up for the Slaton Division. His family will move here as soon as he can secure a residence.

Conductor Tom Walling of Amarillo came down to Slaton Sunday to enter service from this city. Mr. Walling has signed up for a train on the new Slaton Division.

Go to Dowell Bros. Cash Grocery for bargains.

The Close of Each Banking Day Marks a New Period in Growth of the SLATON STATE BANK.

The Growth is the result of service that meets every demand of a progressive bank that adheres to sound banking principles and serves our customers in a spirit of cheerfulness; and by these means we have won a place in the hearts of our customers.

Why not let us number you among our family of customers? To Loan Money—to Help You Make Money—that is our business. Call and see us.

THE SLATON STATE BANK

A GUARANTY FUND BANK

J. C. PAUL, President J. H. PAUL, Cashier
A. L. ROBERTSON, Vice Pres. J. G. WADSWORTH, Asst Cash

DON'T MISS THE MONDAY NIGHT FEATURE FILM SHOWS

A High Class Entertainment
Six Nights a Week
Show Starts Promptly at 7.30

Movie Theater
The Shadowland Playhouse

"SANIDOWN"



Note the Removable Tick

Guaranteed for 20 Years--30 Days Free Trial

FORREST HARDWARE
HARDWARE AND FURNITURE

About Your Road Tax

Your road tax is \$3.00 and it is now due. If it is not paid before March 1st it becomes delinquent and the penalty will be added which makes it \$5.00, and every delinquent will be warned out for work. Every male person between the ages of 21 and 45 is subject to a road tax. See me at once and pay your road tax before it becomes delinquent or leave the money with J. H. Paul, city treasurer, at Slaton State Bank, or deposit at the First State Bank.

The dog tax is due and must be paid or the dog will be destroyed.

J. H. LEVY, Marshal.

School Apportionment of

\$3 Per Capita is Made

An apportionment of \$3 per capita for the 1,223,219 scholastics in Texas, Friday was authorized by Prof. W. F. Doughty, state superintendent of public instruction. The total amount to be distributed is \$3,669,657.

This brings the amount apportioned this year to \$6 per capita. It is the largest single appropriation yet made by the department. The total scholastic apportionment for the school year ending Aug. 31, 1917, is \$7.

Slatonite want ads get results.

Cities Are Going After the Advertising Grifters

El Paso Morning Times.

Members of the El Paso Ad-club have decided to go after traveling advertising solicitors that come into a city, solicit advertisements, collect and get off, their propositions sometimes being good ones, but often simple fakes. At a meeting of the club yesterday, H. R. McClintock brought up this question, and the discussion that followed turned on a proposal that the city be approached and asked to enact an ordinance requiring all advertising solicitors to take out a regular license.

President A. E. Rowlands announced that he would appoint a committee to consider doing this.

Woman's Missionary Society

The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will meet in a study circle at the home of Mrs. Prof. Johnson Monday, Feb. 12th.

The lesson will be found in 1st Col., and 2d Thess.

When were these epistles written? By whom were they written?

Who is the creator and upholder of all things?

In whom dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily?

Where is the believer's life hid?

What was Luke by profession?

What did they want done with this epistle?

What were they required to say to Archippus?

For what were the Thessalonians famous?

Who hindered Paul from going to Thessalonica?

Who did Paul send to Thessalonica?

What modifies the Christian sorrow for the dead?

What shall come as a thief in the night?

How are we to rejoice?

What is the command for constant prayer?

Unto whom was this epistle to be read?

Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction?

What is the penalty for those who will not work?

In what should we not be weary?

Go to Dowell Bros. Cash Grocery for bargains.

Ad day is Tuesday.

Supreme Court Recesses Without Handing Down Opinion in 8-Hour Law

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—The supreme court recessed today until March 5th without deciding the Adamson law test case or the habeas corpus proceeding of United States District attorney Snowden Marsual of New York.

Senator Woodward, joined by a majority of the senate, has offered a bill for the establishment of a branch Agricultural and Mechanical college at Stephenville, to be known as the John Tarleton Agricultural and Mechanical college. This bill is the outcome of the visit made to Stephenville a few days ago by a joint committee of the senate and house to investigate the offer of the people of Erath county to donate to the State the property of John Tarleton college, valued at \$250,000, on condition that such a branch be established. The committee's report was favorable and the bill provides for the creation of the institution.

Senator Johnson to be a Candidate

Austin, Texas, Feb. 6.—Senator W. A. Johnson of Hall County today announced his candidacy for Lieutenant Governor of Texas, subject to the democratic primaries of 1918. At the proper time he expects to make known the platform upon which he will make his race.

Senator Johnson is serving the second half of his second term in the senate. He was a regent of the University under the Campbell administration and is a prohibitionist.

Notice to Hunters

The open season for hunting is now over, and I want all persons to refrain from hunting and camping in my pastures, the V Ranch. I have given you the freedom of my pasture during the open season, and I now ask the courtesy of you that you do not camp nor hunt there any more.

Respectfully,
A. B. Robertson.

Hotel for Sale

Furnishings 15 room hotel, house full of boarders in thriving new town of Southland, Texas. Some trade. Come quick as other business requires our time. Southland Hotel, Southland, Texas.

To Stockmen

The Slatonite has a very complete line of horse and jack cuts and can print your advertising bills promptly and to your satisfaction. See us about this work and place your order early.

M. O. Griffith, foreman of the bridge and building department of the Slaton Division of the Santa Fe, with offices in Slaton, moved to this city this week from Amarillo and is now at home in the house recently completed in West Slaton by O. W. Davis. Mr. Griffith came to the Plains from Kansas City after a service of eighteen years on the Santa Fe lines in Missouri.

J. Terry of Southland was in Slaton last week to secure an invoice of printed stationery from the Slatonite printery. Mr. Terry has just opened a new store at Southland which he has named The Variety Store, and says he will have "Everything for Everybody." Southland is enjoying a nice growth this winter.

IF YOU ARE NOT ashamed of your company phone No. 20—that's the Slatonite—and tell us about it.

Try a sack of White Ribbon Flour; it's guaranteed.—Dowell Bros. Cash Grocery.

Why pay cash at a credit house?—Dowell Bros. Cash Grocery.

IF IT'S FROM
The Grand Leader
IT'S THE LATEST

New Spring Goods for All
Let us supply your every need



Little Girls Like
Pretty Things
Just the Same as
Grown-up Girls do

Our stock of Children's
Clothes is complete in every
detail and Mothers will be
sure to find here everything
their little ones will need
for School and Play.

Milady Who
Drives will find
many things to her
liking in our
Ready-to-Wear
Department

Automobile Coats, Caps,
Veils, Gloves, Etc.

Drive by and Call on Us



The Grand Leader

M. OLIM PROP.
EVERYTHING THAT MAN
WOMAN AND CHILD WEARS
IS MADE TO WEAR.

Slaton Store No. 1

Post Store No. 2

The
**Western
Telephone
Company**



Local and Long
Distance

Speedy and
Sure

We Exercise The Greatest Care

In filling your prescriptions with the best pure drugs on the market. We give you the full benefit of our extended experience in compounding medicines and of our carefully selected stock of drugs.

We hope to retain your confidence in our ability to serve you well.

RED CROSS PHARMACY



The Most Valuable Article any
Home Can Have is a
COLUMBIA GRAFONOLA



Come in and let us
demonstrate for you.

We keep a complete inventory of the latest records for our Columbia Patrons.

Howerton's

LODGES.

I. O. O. F.

Slaton Lodge No. 861 I. O. O. F. meets every Tuesday at 7.30 p. m. Visiting brothers cordially welcome. R. H. Tudor, N. G. L. P. Loomis, Secy.

A. F. AND A. M.

Slaton Lodge A. F. and A. M. meets every Thursday night on or before each full moon, at 7.30 o'clock. A. E. Howerton, W. M.; J. W. Richey, Secy.

O. E. S.

Slaton Chapter No. 555 O. E. S. meets the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month, in the Masonic Hall. Mrs. Lula Butler, Worthy Matron; Mrs. Janet B. Lee, Secretary.

WOODMEN.

Slaton Camp No. 2871 W. O. W. meets 1st and 3rd Friday nights in the month at the MacRea Hall. W. E. Olive, C. C. B. C. Morgan, Clerk.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

Slaton Grove Woodmen Circle No. 1320 meets every other Thursday at 2.30 o'clock in the MacRea hall. Visitors cordially welcomed. Mrs. Almira Hannan, Guardian. Mrs. Nellie Wade, Clerk.

The Brotherhood of American Yeomen meets every second and fourth Fridays at 8.00 p. m., at the hall. J. C. Stewart, Correspondent.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

SANTA FE.

California and Gulf Coast Trains. Limited, daily.

No. 921 (west bound) from Galveston arrives in Slaton at 4.25 a. m.

Departs for all points west to California at 4.35 a. m.

No. 922 (south bound) from California arrives in Slaton at 12.10 p. m.

Departs for central Texas and Galveston at 12.35 p. m.

Slaton-Amarillo Trains, Eastern and Northern Points, daily.

No. 908 leaves Slaton for Amarillo at 6.40 a. m.

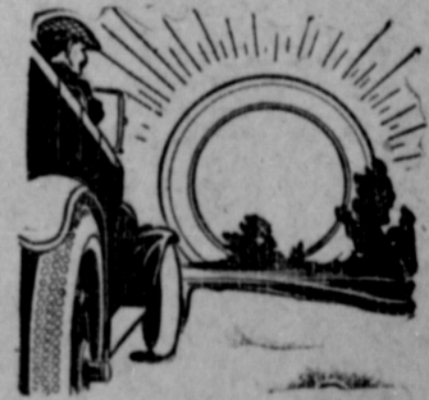
No. 904 from Amarillo arrives in Slaton at 11.55 a. m.

Slaton-Lamesa Local. Daily Except Sunday.

No. 908 from Lamesa arrives in Slaton at 11.15 a. m.

No. 907 departs from Slaton for Lamesa at 2.00 p. m.

Dependable Tires Reel Off Sunny Miles and Make Motoring a Pleasure We Can Supply Your Car Needs



From our large stock of accessories, comprising speedometers, pumps, horns, spark plugs, etc., you are sure to find something the autoist needs. The matter of prices is discretionary as we have articles at all prices.

Slaton Garage

PHONE No. 73

Lee Green and Son. A. K. Green, Manager

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson on Feb. 8th.
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Dennis on Feb. 7th.

Mrs. Howard Pratt left Monday for a visit to homefolks in Amarillo.

Mrs. J. H. Brewer returned Wednesday from a visit of two weeks with her parents in Goree, Texas.

CLASSIFIED LOCALS

SUDAN HAY for sale at T. Covington's store in Slaton. Have three grades to suit your pocketbook.—Andy Caldwell.

FOR SALE—250 feet good Hodge fence with gate, also several two and three poplar trees, and some garden hose.—R. A. Baldwin.

FOR SALE—Good gentle work horse at a bargain. Also a good Spaulding buggy and harness.—G. L. Sledge at Slaton Livery Barn.

FOR SALE—Four room house close in, \$900; \$200 cash, balance \$20 per month. Can give possession.—H. D. Talley.

FOR SALE—Lot and small house, close in. Apply to Zuma Jenkins, City.

LOST—Pair of gold rimmed spectacles. Finder please return to Slatonite office or to the schoolhouse.

SHORT HORN RED DURHAM BULL will make the season at my place in South Slaton. Terms: \$2.00 cash with return privilege.—I. W. Meyer.

WANTED—A farm on shares. Who has a small farm, team, and will board a single man for part of the crop? Address Box 1201, Amarillo.

FOR SALE—Complete set of furniture for front room, dining room, bedroom and kitchen for sale at a bargain. Will rent house to person who buys furniture. Ask at Slatonite Office.

FOR SALE—Team good heavy mules and one good heavy horse. Also sulky plow, planter and section harrow, all good material. Come and see.—F. M. Vermillion at Blacksmith Shop.

FOR SALE—Eight registered and graded Jersey cows to be fresh soon. Also thoroughbred Duroc Jersey pigs and one registered Duroc Jersey sow. Prices reasonable.—Forney Henry, in South Slaton.

We Write All Classes of Insurance and Take a Pleasure in Looking After Your Interests

Fire, Tornado, Lighting, Automobile R. J. Murray & Co. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION Call on or Write us
Hail, Life, Sick Accident Insurance Agricultural Lands. City Property. Slaton, Texas

Cooking oil at Dowell Bros. Cash Grocery.

Hugh Moore returned to Slaton Wednesday from a trip to New Mexico.

Mrs. J. P. REYNOLDS Music Class at residence opposite school house. Two lessons weekly. Tuition \$4 per month.

PLANNING to build? Call and ask for one of our big books of house plans. They will help you.—A. C. Houston Lumber Company.

Lots of Implements. The Emerson standard line—the kind that satisfies. If in the market it will pay you to look them over. A. L. Brannon.

L. M. Anderson of Portales, N. M., visited his brother, C. F. Anderson, proprietor of the Red Cross Pharmacy, in Slaton, for two days the first of the week.

Mrs. Graves has returned from the markets where she has selected one of the most stylish stocks of general merchandise consisting of dry goods, ready-to-wear and millinery at prices to suit.

Mrs. B. F. Liggett, clerk at the Slaton post office, was called to Topeka, Kans., Monday by a message stating that her brother was quite ill at the family home and that he probably would not live very long.

Mrs. Sanky Johnson was taken to Lubbock Monday and operated on for the removal of a tumor. The operation was reported as successful and that Mrs. Johnson was resting well with indications of an early recovery.

The Forrest Hardware is making quite a change in the appearance of the salesroom by adding a second floor in the center of the room from the front to the rear. The deck will be utilized for displaying high class furniture.

Mrs. A. Ewing, wife of Superintendent Ewing of the Slaton Division, and their little son of Chillicothe, Ill., joined Mr. Ewing in this city Monday and the family is now at home in the Frank Helm residence property in West Slaton. This is Mrs. Ewing's first trip to the Plains of the Southwest, and she stated that she is well pleased with the appearance of the country and that she is certain that she will enjoy living on the Slaton South Plains.

Slatonite want ads get results.

Why pay cash at a credit house?—Dowell Bros. Cash Grocery.

Mrs. Graves is authority on styles. See her for your spring outfit, ladies.

Try a sack of White Ribbon Flour; it's guaranteed.—Dowell Bros. Cash Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Young returned Wednesday morning from a trip to Weatherford.

FOR SALE—Two sulky plows on Wild Bros. farm three miles southwest of Slaton.—J. S. Boone.

IF YOU ARE NOT ashamed of your company phone No. 20—that's the Slatonite—and tell us about it.

FOR SALE—A scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College. We can save you money on a business course.—Slatonite.

A. S. Page started a new residence one block west of the Square this week. Mr. Page is building this house for himself.

J. P. Caster, chief surgeon of A. T. & S. F., of Topeka, Kans., was in Slaton for two or three days the past week on company business.

Lots of Implements. The Emerson standard line—the kind that satisfies. If in the market it will pay you to look them over. A. L. Brannon.

WE HAVE plenty of the good COAL that gives best satisfaction and can fill your orders promptly. Phone No. One.—A. C. Houston Lumber Company.

J. W. Patterson, manager of the Alfalfa Lumber Company at Plainview, was in Slaton Wednesday on business in connection with his property interests in this city.

Rob. E. Downey, recently editor of the Lamesa Leader, was a pleasant caller at the Slatonite office Tuesday noon. Mr. Downey sold the Leader to the Lamesa News and is now prospecting for another location. He has practically concluded arrangements to establish a paper at Abernathy.

Hotel for Sale

Furnishings 15-room hotel, house full of boarders in thriving new town of Southland, Texas. Some trade. Come quick as other business requires our time. Southland Hotel, Southland, Texas.

Home Economic Club

The Home Economic and Civic Improvement Club met Thursday, Feb. 8th, with Mrs. Proctor. As there was no program of study a very pleasant hour was spent in a business and social meeting. Many civic improvement plans were discussed and adopted. The principal one was for the care of waste paper and rubbish about our town.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Willett Feb. 22d. Following is the program:

- Leader, Miss Johnson.
- Roll Call, Current events.
- The Feeding of the Artificially Fed Baby, Mrs. Adams.
- A Day with a Five-months Old Baby, Mrs. Baldwin.
- Common Diseases of Children and their "First Aid" Treatment, Mrs. Loomis.
- Home Equipment in Care of Whooping Cough Patients, Mrs. Proctor.
- Symptoms of Communicable Diseases, Mrs. Shankle.
- Why Drugs Should Not be Used in Illness of Children, Mrs. Anderson.
- Care of Babies, pages 202-236. Press Reporter.

All Purchases Carefully Weighed

We are very particular about getting the right weight to you for all groceries bought at our store. We guarantee all our food stuffs to be pure and wholesome. Give us a trial.



For Quick Service Telephone No. 19
Slaton Sanitary Grocery

W. E. SMART, Proprietor

OLD BOSTON DIVINE

JOHN COTTON FAMOUS AMONG CLERGYMEN.

Driven From England, He Sought Refuge in the New World, Where He Was Received With Honors and Given High Place.

John Cotton, the Puritan clergyman who introduced into New England the custom of keeping the Sabbath from evening to evening, according to some historians, died December 23, 1652. He was born in Derby, England, December 4, 1585.

John Cotton was minister at Boston, in Lincolnshire, England, when he fled to Boston, in New England. He had been minister in the Boston of the old England for more than 20 years, when he found that his theological views were about to get him into trouble.

The father of John Cotton was a lawyer named Roland Cotton. John entered Trinity college, Cambridge, when he was only thirteen years old, and he rapidly distinguished himself for scholarship.

He was brilliant as well as learned, and he enjoyed a great reputation. It was while he was teaching in Emanuel college at Cambridge that he imbibed Puritan views of theology, observes a writer in the Washington Post. He was about twenty-seven years old when he was appointed minister at Boston.

In this charge he got into his first ecclesiastical trouble by refusing to conform to certain ceremonies of the established church. He believed that many of these ceremonials were unscriptural.

He was suspended by his bishop, but the majority of his people stood by him and he was restored. For more than 20 years he remained there as minister, and his influence is said to have been of the most salutary nature. A change in the authority of the church took place and Cotton's parishioners were divided into factions. It was reported to Cotton that he was about to be summoned before the high commission court, and he fled to London, whence after a period of hiding he sailed for Boston in New England. He was welcomed cordially there, and within two weeks after his arrival was appointed by the magistrates teacher in the First church. Here he remained until his death.

Cotton was a rare scholar. He devoted 12 hours a day to study, and before going to sleep at night he loved, as he said, "to sweeten his mouth with a piece of Calvin." With all his profound learning he preached in the simplest language. Soon after coming to Boston he prepared, at the request of the general court, an abstract of the laws of Moses for use in the colony. It was not adopted, but a revision of it, supposed to be the joint work of Cotton and Sir Henry Vane, was afterward used.

Cotton wrote nearly 50 books, which were sent to London to be published. He could discuss fluently in Hebrew, Greek and Latin.

It is one of the perplexities of human nature that persons who have suffered from intolerance are so seldom taught by that experience to be tolerant toward others. John Cotton was an example of this unhappy fact. He had been persecuted in old England and he had to flee for safety to New England, but once here he showed

the extremities of his views as to the power of the civil authority in religious matters. On this subject he carried on a famous controversy with Roger Williams, who charged him with holding a "bloody tenet of persecution."

His son, John, and his grandson, Josiah were distinguished clergymen, as was another son, Seaborn, so named because born at sea on the passage of his parents to New England in 1633.

Cooking Wild Ducks.

A camp chef gives a number of important "don'ts" which apply to the preparation of wild ducks for the table. Don't bleed or draw or pluck the bird until the last moment; don't hold it over a week to let it get "high," or subject it to a refrigerating process to make it tender; don't stuff it with bread crumbs, potatoes, oysters, or chestnuts; don't lay it on its back while roasting, and don't, above all, allow it to become overdone. Affirmatively, pluck and draw the bird, wipe it off with a wet cloth, place it breast downward, in a covered pan, put it in a very hot oven, and allow it to remain

there for not less than 20 and not more than 25 minutes. If a wild duck is cooked too long, if blood does not follow the cut of the knife when it is carved, it will not have the true wild colery flavor, and—a bird in the air is worth two on the platter if the cook bungles his art.—All Outdoors.

Filling the Gap.

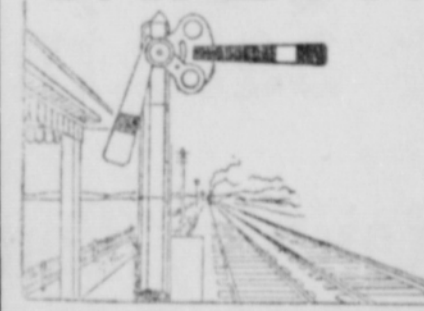
Tradesman (who has been at the telephone for a quarter of an hour, to his apprentice)—"Here, William, take the receiver, as long as my wife is talking to me. You don't need to make any reply; only when she asks, 'Are you still there, James?' say 'Yes, Amelia, dear.'"—Liverpool Globe.

Sound Body and Mind.

Not all the battles have been fought with the sword and shield, not all rebellions have been struggled out on the field of battle, not all achievements reached by the nobility. Men have come to realize that sound bodies and minds are of less importance than sound spirits.

Above Everything In the Principles of Good Banking Is That of SAFETY

SAFETY!



It is the one thing of all others that should influence the depositors as to placing a Bank Account. We call attention to the recent sworn statement, as to the condition of this Bank, and know that it will convince you of the safety of your deposit with us.

THE FIRST STATE BANK of Slaton

J. S. EDWARDS, President J. H. BREWER, Cashier

ON THE SAFE SIDE the man is who has his insurance policy ready to realize on when his home or property has been laid waste and in ruins. No one knows what importance that little document is to them till misfortune overtakes him, and he knows that it is the insurance company that suffers the loss.

J. H. BREWER AGENCY



SLATON PLANING MILL

R. H. TUDOR, Proprietor

Contracting and Building

Estimates furnished on short notice. All work given careful and prompt attention. Give us a trial.

North Side of the Square

BUILDERS WORRIES SOLVED
COMPLETE LINE OF BUILDERS HARDWARE

We Have a Particularly Fine and Complete Line of BUILDERS HARDWARE

One glance at our stock has relieved the worry of more than one builder in this vicinity. If you have any problem that can be solved by apparatus of this kind see us.

If it can be secured we have it or can get it for you

HARDWARE THAT STANDS HARDWEAR
A. L. BRANNON
SLATON, TEX.

Slaton Drug Company Makes Announcement

The Slatonite has an ad this week announcing that the Slaton Drug Company is now open in the Robertson block with a full line of drugs, patent medicines, notions and drug store sundries. The soda fountain is also fully equipped and in operation.

The fixtures of the Slaton Drug store were installed last week and the proprietor, J. V. Hollingsworth, can justly be proud of the store's appearance. The store's furniture is patterned after the latest city stores, and it is certainly very attractive. The counters and wall cases are made in one piece instead of the usual custom of the wall case and counter being separate, and the novelty of this arrangement is pleasing. The store is up to date in every respect and is asking for a share of your trade.

Open Season on Game is Closed

The open season on all game is now closed and the duck and geese can play unmolested the same as the quail is doing. Hunters should remember this and not hunt any more this season or they may get into trouble with the authorities.

Mrs. R. D. Hazelwood died at the Hazelwood home in Slaton Wednesday night about two hours after having given birth to a son. Mrs. Hazelwood was a high fever at the time with an attack of measles which had just broken out over her body, and this condition causing other complications at the time of confinement caused her death. She leaves a husband and five children. The boy that was born has a severe case of measles but the indications are that he will live. At the time of going to press, the Slatonite has no news regarding the funeral arrangements.

The sale of the Frank Bowles half section just west of Slaton by foreclosure was made on Feb. 6th, and the land was bid in by W. K. Dickinson of Lubbock, the price being a little over \$10,000. S. S. Forrest was bidding on the land.

S. S. Forrest has purchased seventy acres of land just northwest of town from J. S. Edwards and he will build a commodious suburban home on the land, instead of building in South Slaton as he had planned to do.

Watch for the latest bargains at the Racket Store.

Mammoth Producer Engines Shipped From Portales

About seven years ago the idea of irrigation development with centrifugal pumps was taken up in the sandy, shallow water section around Portales in Roosevelt County, and the citizens became so imbued with the plan that they organized a company and purchased a large central power plant, and strung transmission lines over the country to carry electricity, each well to be pumped with an individual motor.

The editor of the Slatonite saw the immense engines which furnished the power and saw them run, and we saw also the wells pumping water. The fuel was gas produced from coke. The motors were placed in the wells with the pumps close to the water. The plan seemed to be a perfect one, but like perpetual motion it didn't work. The water level in those wells varies with the seasons, and the excessive rainfall in 1914 put several feet of water over the motors, and the whole playhouse tumbled. Many good men lost small fortunes in endeavoring to develop the irrigation system. The huge engines at the central power plant were marvels in the machinery line, and the following item from the Portales News will doubtless interest many who have watched the progress of the irrigation plan:

"The Portales Utilities Company has sold the big producer gas engines to parties in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and they are being torn down preparatory to shipment. As an economical means of lifting water to the surface these engines have not proven a brilliant success. This project was organized as a co-operative proposition, each farmer in the project having a pro rata share of the stock, in like amount as the number of acres of land he subscribed. This proved a failure as a business proposition and the bondholders of the project came in and took over the plant and most of the equipment, with some seven thousand acres of the best land in the valley as a sort of salvage for their disappointment. This land was taken in at something like twenty dollars an acre and then was put upon the market at from fifty to one hundred and fifty dollars per acre. While this irrigation project has cost the farmers and business men of the valley something like five hundred thousand dollars, which amount will be a total loss as far as the project is concerned, yet it will have been worth the money in many other ways. It is more than probable that without it we would never have made any progress as an irrigation district; the dairy interests would have been nil and we would have been shipping in our meat and lard instead of shipping out something like two hundred cars of fat hogs each year. We also have many fine young orchards that are about due to come into bearing and that will mean many thousands

of dollars annually within a very short time, and all of these things have come to us by reason of the fact that we have the best irrigated proposition in the southwest."

Fur Farming in Alaska.

Upward of 100 Alaskans are directly interested in fur farming. There are silver fox yards in 35 localities, while on an equal number of islands blue foxes are farmed. The silver fox farms are not yet producing fur, but pelts sent to market during the last season from the older blue fox farms brought good results. Experiments are being carried on at Washington, Linden, Md., and Chesterfield, N. Y., to determine the best methods of feeding, confining and otherwise handling fur-bearing animals, especially foxes, minks and martens; to determine the species most suitable for domestication; to produce improved strains by selective breeding; to investigate the effects of temperature on fur growth, and to test methods of dressing peltries and of curing for dressed furs.

But Not a Pork.

He is a big man, as most men are classed, for he tips the scale at a little more than 200, and he stretches out about six feet. The other day, just as he was about to go to lunch, in stepped his wife, and three women friends, so they took lunch together. They visited the dining hall of one of the big department stores. Two meat lunches were being served that day. At last the waiter came up and took the orders. And as she left, whether by force of habit, for assurance that she had heard correctly, or just for a mere pun, she flung back over her white-aproned shoulder, "Four chickens and a beef."—Indianapolis News.

Center for Railroad Ties.

The place from which more railroad ties are shipped than from any other in the United States is Reeds Springs, Mo., in the Ozarks. Tie hewers get from twelve to sixteen cents a tie, according to the hardness of the wood.

Optimistic Thought.

Our bodies are mortal, our souls immortal.

CHURCHES.

METHODIST CHURCH.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.
Preaching services every Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., and at 7:30 p. m.
Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 a. m. C. C. Hoffman, Superintendent.
Womans' Missionary Society meets every Monday at 3 p. m.
Union Prayer Meeting every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the Methodist church. Everyone welcome.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

F. A. Whiteley, Pastor.
Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m. J. G. Maybin, Supt.
Prayer meeting Wednesday nights.
Preaching services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m.
Ladies Aid Society meets every Wednesday at 3 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

The Church of Christ meets every Lord's Day at 2:30 o'clock for communion. Preaching every Fourth Lord's Day in each month at the Methodist Church at 3 o'clock p. m. by Elder Liff Sanders.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

At the Movie Theater.
Sunday School at 10. m. followed by Communion Services.
J. S. Boone, Supt.

Slaton Drug Company's Opening Announcement

We take pleasure in announcing the opening of our new drug store in the Robertson Block and we invite the public to call and get acquainted. We solicit a share of your patronage and assure you the very best of service.

Soda Fountain Service Cigars, Fresh Chocolates

We are Slaton Representatives for the popular KING'S KANDIES and receive shipments of Fresh Chocolates regularly.

We will be glad to attend to your every need, and we will handle only the best lines of pure drugs and drug store sundries. Once a customer, we feel sure that you will call again. Courteous treatment, prompt service, and fair dealing is our policy. We have a complete stock of fresh, pure drugs and take care in compounding prescriptions. We hope to merit your consideration.

Slaton Drug Company

Phone No. 92 J. V. Hollingsworth, Prop.

MET ALL DEMANDS OF WAR

German Railroads Have Been Superbly Handled Since the Beginning of the Conflict.

Since the beginning of the war all German railways have been controlled by the military authorities, through the military controllers that are attached to each line, even in time of peace. In conquered territory the railways are operated directly by the military authorities with the aid of railway men who have joined the army.

Movements of troops are usually made on short notice and they cannot be accomplished punctually unless the military controllers have complete command. This is the essential difference between conditions in war and in peace.

The first care of these officials is to provide the required trains at the proper time and place, the second to assure the safe operation of these trains on short headway. The problem of feeding men and horses on the journey also requires much forethought and preparation. These objects are accomplished very satisfactorily, despite the fact that a large proportion of the railway employees, and even of the rolling stock, is at the front.

All this is done, according to the Berlin Lokal-Anzeiger, without seriously interfering with ordinary passenger traffic, even with the fast trains, but freight traffic is subordinated to military needs.—Scientific American.

Barred Smoking on Trains.
Smoking in British railway trains was officially prohibited prior to the year 1868.

Electrifying St. Paul Railroad.
The terminal of the St. Paul railroad at St. Paul is now being electrified, and it is expected that the work will be done by the first of next January. Work is proceeding on the main lines, and it is believed that part of it will be operated electrically by the first of the year.—Scientific American.

Audible Signals in Cabs.
Great Britain's largest railroad has adopted for general use a system of automatic train signaling which produces audible signals in locomotive cabs.

Well-Earned Retirement.
Jane Fairman, the oldest employee of the Illinois Central railroad, has been placed on the retired list. She entered the employ of the company in 1870.

Extra Special on

Tire and Tube Vulcanizing

For ten days beginning Saturday, Feb.

work guaranteed to stand the road.

S

10th we will make a very liberal discount on all VULCANIZING left for us to do. All

Standard Casings, Tires and Accessories at standard prices

RED CROSS SERVICE GARAGE

Spring Announcement



Men who appreciate Sound Values and Style Smartness

are cordially invited to see the exceptional display of International and Lamm Models and Fabrics Especially Designed for Spring and Summer Wear

The selection is superb. You can buy either International or Lamm Made-to-Measure Clothes at varying prices and in every instance you secure unprecedented value.

If \$25.00 Matches Your Idea

we can show some wonders at this price.

DE LONG TAILOR AND MEN'S FURNISHER

Surest Thing You Know

"Surest Thing You Know" is correct English when speaking of the Good Quality Groceries you get when you order from our store. We will be at the same old place, on the Avenue, during 1917 with one of the most up to date, clean and sanitary stocks of Groceries anywhere.

I wish to thank my many customers for their patronage during 1916 and trust that I may serve them in the year 1917 as in the past.

J. M. Simmons Grocery

L. D. Webster Shot a Doctor Emery at San Antonio Monday

L. D. Webster, a newspaperman formerly with the Lubbock Avalanche and later publishing the Tulia Herald under a lease contract, shot and killed a Dr. G. W. Emery at San Antonio Monday. The shooting was done at the International & Great Northern depot just as Doctor Emery stepped from a passenger train. He was shot four times and lived until night. His wife was with him. Webster gave himself to the police. He is 32 years of age and Emery was 43. Emery lived at Bryan, Texas.

Webster has lived in Falls County, and he and his wife arrived in San Antonio Sunday and had rooms at the Gunter hotel. "I am sorry now that I shot him, but I had to do it," said Webster. Webster is a son-in-law of Rev. J. P. Calloway of the Methodist church at Wilson and he is well known in Slaton. He has been employed by State Comptroller H. B. Terrell as advertising solicitor in connection with the publication of several of the Terrell newspapers and recently was sent to Kerrville to take charge of the Kerrville Mountain Sun.

Demand for Milo and Kafir Seed

L. L. Johnson, Agricultural and Industrial agent for the Panhandle and Santa Fe, stated recently in a letter that was published in the Floydada Hesperian last week that he had received a letter from John Fields, editor of the Oklahoma Farmer regarding the demand for pure kafir and maize seed. Mr. Fields said that if the Plains farmers would hold their maize and kafir seed until nearly planting time and would spend a few dollars in advertising that they would find a ready market for the seed. "Oklahoma and Kansas are practically bare of good kafir seed, and there is but very little milo," said Mr. Fields. "There will be an immense demand for it in March and April. I have just returned

from the Farmers' Short Course and find that all of the county agents are searching for seed. Write to Dr. A. M. Beason, Stillwater, Okla., and send him a sample of seed, and I am sure he can help dispose of it at good prices."

This announcement from Mr. Johnson means much more to the Slatonite than it appears at first glance. It means that the great Plains country of North West Texas will some day be raising the seed of the world; it means that while other sections can raise the crops they cannot grow the perfect seed that matures on the Plains. The climate and weather conditions here are right to make the perfect grain, and some day this section will be raising certain classes of seed for the markets of the world.

Next Day, All Right.

She (during the spat)—"It's a story for you to say I grabbed you up quick. You know very well that when you proposed I didn't say yes till the next day." He—"That's right! I proposed at 11:59 p. m. and you accepted me at 12:01 the next morning."—Boston Evening Transcript.

Prejudice.

Prejudice may be considered as a continual false medium of viewing things, for prejudiced persons not only never speak well, but also never think well of those whom they dislike, and the whole character and conduct is considered with an eye to that particular thing which offends them.—Bishop Butler.

Can Find Time to Do Things.

It is the idle who complain they cannot find time to do that which they fancy they wish. In truth, people can generally make time for what they choose to do; it is not really the time, but the will that is wanting.—Sir John Lubbock.

Notable Event.

"People often preserve the pens with which historic documents are signed." "Quite so," said his wife. "I think I'll preserve the pen with which you signed that \$5 check you gave me the other day."

Frenzied Finance.

Omar—Philadelphia must be a good place in which to make money.
Helen—Why do you think so?
Omar—Otherwise the government wouldn't have a mint located there.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hazelwood Feb. 14th.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. McCoy on Feb. 14th.

New wall paper and window shades at the Racket store.

Ad day is Tuesday.

MUST HAVE STUNG

MERITED REBUKE GIVEN ILL-MANNERED CASHIER.

Unwarranted Brusqueness to Poor Old Lady Unused to Banking Ways Aroused the Ire of Another in the Line.

If one wants to study human nature it is not necessary to go farther than the nearest savings bank, says a writer in the New York Sun. I had just joined the line at one cashier's window when a woman turned to me.

"I've got to be careful," she said. "I've got to be careful not to lose it." Then I saw that she was pinning a little roll of money into a pocket in her petticoat with a rusty safety pin.

"I hate to draw it," she went on. "I had saved it cent by cent—put it away in my stocking—but with everything so high as it is, what is a poor creature to do?"

Another woman a few feet away looked up understandingly. She was sitting on a bench, putting some money she had evidently just drawn into an old tin strongbox. Like the first woman, she knew she had "got to be careful," and did not want to lose her money on the way home. Undoubtedly she too "hated to draw it."

As I found myself third from the cashier's window I noticed just ahead of me a self-reliant looking woman, with a richly fur-trimmed coat and a jewel flashing on the ungloved hand that held her bank book. The book held several bills of large denomination. Evidently she had come to deposit, not to draw on her account. In front of her and facing the cashier was a delicate-looking little woman in the dingy black that told its double tale of grief and poverty.

"How will you have it?" the bank clerk was asking.

Evidently the woman did not know what he meant.

"How will you have it?" the dapper young man looked at her with steely blue eyes and his thin lips set after he repeated his formula.

The woman's distress was apparent.

"I—I—don't know," she faltered.

"How—will—you—have—it?" The question was rapped out like a series of blows and the woman covered under them.

The well-dressed woman put her hand lightly on the arm of the other. "He means do you want your money in one or in five or ten-dollar bills," she explained softly, and the woman gave her a look of gratitude as she turned to the clerk and said:

"In fives, please, sir. I hope you'll pardon me, sir; I didn't understand."

As the woman in furs took her place before the sleek young clerk, who leaned forward deferentially to do her bidding, she looked him over much as she might have studied any other strange animal behind bars.

"You don't know how you surprised me," she said, smiling, as she handed him her book to have her deposit credited. "It did not seem strange to me at all that a poor woman did not understand your jargon, but it did surprise me very much that a young man supposed to be capable of filling your position was not quick-witted enough to see that the poor thing did not understand."

Two Ages Raced Together.

Two little dots in the distance suddenly woke up, and two Cossack outposts who had probably been waiting for us for hours, for we were half a day late, flung themselves on their horses and galloped toward us, Arthur Ruhl writes in Collier's.

The chauffeur of the first machine motioned with his gantlet, with the same bored gesture he would have used in a city street, and the Cossacks, bringing down their knouts and flinging their horses about with what should have been a magnificent gesture, fled down the road.

The only thing that dimmed its magnificence, for they rode beautifully, was the invention of the motorcar and the cruel and cynical ease with which these soulless contraptions of steel and gas only purred a bit heavier and were always at their heels. Horses and riders doubled up every now and then and leaped like greyhounds, rifles bumping on the men's shoulders, and the motors purred and snorted lazily after—two ages and two civilizations were racing there down the soggy road.

Boy Scouts Lead the Blind.

Henceforth the blind men of Spokane, Wash., several of whom are earning their livelihood as newsboys or street vendors, will not be compelled to take chances with being struck by an automobile or street car. To end the perils which beset these sightless men at dangerous street crossings, several Boy Scouts have volunteered their services as pilots for the blind. These scouts have assumed a sort of guardianship over the blind and will guide them each morning to their places of employment, and see that they reach home safely each night.—Spokane News Bureau.

Hopes for the Future.

The latest dance step is entitled "the toddle," which indicates that the terpsichorean originators have turned from the zoo to the nursery for ideas. This sort of revives the waning hope that in time dancing may be restored to some of the aspects of a human and grown-up pastime.—Providence Journal.

Phone Us Your Order



For some of our oats, corn or other feed. We will deliver it promptly and charge you no more than if it were just the ordinary grade of feed. But you will find ours much different and much better. If your stock could talk they would say so too.

And don't fail to include a sack of White Ribbon Flour in your order.

If you want Groceries just phone No. 5.

DOWELL BROS. CASH GROCERY

Verbal Will Held Valid.

In one of the London courts of justice recently a verbal statement before witnesses, without any writing, was pronounced a good will. This statement was made by an officer (since killed in action), who told his brother officers that if he were killed all his property was to go to his wife.

The possibility of executing such a valid will is a privilege reserved to soldiers and sailors on active service by an act of 1877, which says: "Any soldier, being in actual military service, or any marine or seaman, being at sea, may dispose of movable, wages and personal estate as he or they might have done before the making of this act."

Matter of Comparison.

Election Agent—"That was a good long speech our candidate made on the agricultural question, wasn't it?" Farmer Plowson—"Oh, ay, it wasn't bad; but a couple o' nights' good rain 'ud 'a' done a sight more good."

Dangerous Study.

She—"It must have taken a lot of persistence on your part to learn to play the ukelele so well." He—"It did. I had to go constantly armed for three months."—Punch Bowl.

Wise Man.

"Married a cooking-school graduate, you say?" "Yes, but he's no fool." "No?" "The first household utensil he bought was a can-opener."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Thought Whalebones Improved Figures
Patrice—I understand that each whale carries about half a ton of whalebone about him.
Patrice—I can't believe it.
"And why not?"
"Why, just see what awful figures they have."

Prairie Dog Poison

There have been so many demands in the last few days for the Government recipe which has proven so effective for poisoning prairie dogs that we have looked up the recipe and reprint it for your benefit. Cut this out and paste it on the grainary wall:
1 ounce powdered strychnine.
1 tablespoonful gloss starch.
1 ounce powdered bicarbonate of soda.
1 tablespoonful heavy corn syrup.
1 8 ounce saccharine.
13 quarts grain, feterita preferred.
Will treat 420 prairie dog holes.
DIRECTIONS: Mix the ounce of strychnine in three fourths of a pint of water; heat to a boiling point.
If the strychnine does not

readily dissolve add a tablespoonful or two of vinegar.

Mix starch in one eighth pint of cold water.

Add to strychnine water the starch solution and boil until a clear paste is formed, then remove from the fire.

Mix soda with one eighth of a pint of water.

Add to the strychnine-starch solution and stir to a creamy mass.

Add syrup and saccharine and stir.

Pour the solution over thirteen quarts of grain and mix thoroughly until the grains are evenly coated. Let stand several hours before distributing.

For small quantities an ordinary galvanized wash tub is convenient and the mixing may be done with a fire shovel.

Scatter a spoonful of the prepared grain on clean HARD ground NEAR the hole. Feterita is the best grain because of its bright color.

The poison does not soak into the grain but coats it like a sugar coated pill. Cyanide does not add to the efficiency of the poison and should not be used.

Founded and Owned by the Pecos & Northern Texas Ry. Company

4-Way Division Santa Fe System



SLATON LOCATION

SLATON is in the southeast corner of Lubbock County, in the center of the South Plains of central west Texas. Is on the new main Trans-Continental Line of the Santa Fe. Connects with North Texas Lines of that system at Canyon, Texas; with South Texas lines of the Santa Fe at Coleman, Texas; and with New Mexico and Pacific lines of the same system at Texico, N. M. SLATON is the junction of the Lamesa road, Santa Fe System.

Advantages and Improvements

The Railway Company has Division Terminal Facilities at this point, constructed mostly of reinforced concrete material and including a Round House, a Power House, Machine and Blacksmith Shops, Coal Chute, a Sand House, Water Plant, Ice House, etc. Also have a Fred Harvey Eating House, and a Reading Room for Santa Fe employees. Have extensive yard tracks for handling a heavy trans-continental business, both freight and passenger, between the Gulf and Atlantic Coast and the Pacific Coast territories, and on branch lines to Tahoka, Lamesa and other towns.

BUSINESS SECTION AND RESIDENCES BUILT

3000 feet of business streets are graded and macadamized and several residence streets are graded; there are 30 business buildings of brick and reinforced concrete, with others to follow; 700 residences under construction and completed.

SURROUNDED BY A FINE, PRODUCTIVE LAND

A fine agricultural country surrounds the town, with soil dark chocolate color, sandy loam, producing Kaffir Corn, Milo Maize, Cotton, Wheat, Oats, Indian Corn, garden crops and fruit. An inexhaustible supply of pure free stone water from wells 40 to 90 feet deep.

P. and N. T. Railway Company, Owners

THE COMPANY OFFERS for sale a limited number of business lots remaining at original low list prices and residence lots at exceedingly low prices. For further information address either

J. C. Stewart
Local Townsite Agent

R. J. Murray
Local Townsite Agent

H. T. McGee
Local Townsite Agent

Stockmen Attention

The SLATONITE has a good line of Horse and Jack Cuts and can print our cards. We guarantee our work. Call and consult us about printing your stock cards.



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Slaton, Lubbock County, Texas

Issued Once a Week on Friday Morning
By L. P. LOOMIS
Owner, Editor, and Publisher

SUBSCRIPTION, THE YEAR...\$1.00

Entered as second class mail matter at the post office at Slaton, Texas, on Sept. 15, 1911 under the act of March 3, 1879.

A skit of snow fell Wednesday, but the sun was out again Thursday.

The ground hog missed his calculations for the first part of February. The best weather we have had this winter came during the past ten days, until Wednesday.

The Slatonite has a wide circulation. Only last week one item regarding the weather came back to us from a paper in Arkansas, and the item regarding the success of J. T. Phillips as a Slaton dairyman farmer appeared in a paper in northern Iowa.

Our subscribers may notice a change in the number of pages to the Slatonite this week. The serial, "The Grip of Evil," was completed last week, and with its conclusion we discontinued the feature stuff that we have been purchasing from the newspaper syndicate for two years. This feature service has nothing whatever to do with local news nor general news, and with the increased cost of newspaper production it was too expensive to carry. This does not mean that we will curtail the value of the Slatonite in any way as a home paper; on the contrary we have plans to make it better in several ways as the business increases to the extent that it justifies us in adding to our service. If the present prices of paper continue we will have to increase the subscription price to \$1.50 a year soon.

An election was held at Lubbock Saturday to vote \$40,000 bonds to erect school buildings. The issue carried by a large majority.

"The Widow's Mite" was the title of a cartoon from the pen of Bert Blessington in the El Paso Morning Times Monday. It portrayed W. J. B. as a widow putting his check for \$100 in the contribution box "For Peace," with his right hand with a request that "Papers Please Copy." In his left hand he held a sack containing an independent fortune gathered from his subsequent chautauqua circuit peace talks. That reminds us of a time when Bryan first came into national repute by being a candidate for President and he spoke at Wichita, Kans., on the lyceum bureau. It cost \$1.50 to hear him. The principal thing about his address was the \$1,000 he received for giving the lecture.

The Santa Fe Mexican dipping train was along here Wednesday and dipped all the Mexicans working on this section except one who was too swift on foot and they failed to catch him. The dipping is done under government supervision and is the result of typhus fever among some of the Santa Fe Mexican working gangs. Not a case of fever has developed in this section, but the dipping is a precautionary measure. We are dipping cattle for tick eradication and why not dip human animals as a precautionary measure against disease?—Panhandle Herald.

There are a few of the Caucasian race in every town whose appearance indicates that dipping would make an improvement on the atmosphere in their immediate vicinity, but if the suggestion has the same effect on them as it had on the Panhandle Mexican there would be a general exodus as the dipping train came into view. But they don't all eat jackrabbit like the Herald's Mexican evidently does and do not possess his speed.

We Add Another Guess

No, Loomis, we didn't make any guess at all. We merely said it was reported that they were Rock Island surveyors, but my boy, the fact that a railroad is in the hands of a receiver does not spell anything. Take for instance the T. & P. It is in the hands of a receiver and is planning a lot of improvements on its system together with a branch road to Seminole and a new union station at Fort Worth and a large viaduct. Any way, you were the man that was doing all the guessing, and may have been right for all we know or care.—Brownfield Herald.

We guess our guess was the correct guess.

The annual election of city officers occurs in April and 'tis said that those who play politics are already anticipating a big time this year. Slaton is growing. Heretofore it has been a question of the office seeking the man, but there have already been mentioned three candidates for marshal and four or five for mayor. We had said that we would never again place ourselves on the altar as a martyr to the town's service as ruling official, but if there is going to be a free for all race for this very affluent position we may enter just to see if the running is good.

Mail order printing houses which occasionally take business away from the home printing office by making a little lower price always get even for the difference between their price and ours by using an inferior grade of paper and by doing inferior work—work that we could not put out on a customer. Once in a while we are asked to bid against a mail order house, and the mail order house makes the lowest price; and then when the work is received by the Slaton customer it is so shoddy that it gives the user a cheap reputation when it appears in a business house in any of the cities. Stationery is the travel-

ing representative of every business house, and inferior stationery gives a business firm a poor introduction. Because they do inferior work, mail order houses cannot spend money for new type faces and high grade inks. We meet our customers day after day with our integrity behind our work, and we take pride in knowing that Slaton is getting high grade printing service.

"If there is anything between the red of hell infernal and the blue of Heaven supernal that will make a man lose his religion, it's the grippe. We have snorted and sneezed, and coughed and wheezed until our ribs are sore, our heads some more; our eyes are blind, we're out of mind; our stomach's achey, and our legs are shakey; our gall is busted, our liver rusted; our tongue is coated and our face is bloated; our spleen does swell and we feel like—say, jeverhavit?"

The above is from the pen of the editor of the Delta Courier. We should say that he was suffering both from and with the grippe when he wrote that rhymelet.

The man who remarks that he is taking so many other newspapers and magazines that he does not care to subscribe for his home paper reminds us of the man who is over polite to other women and lets his wife build the kitchen fire, says an exchange.

It is the man's misfortune instead of the editor's. Show the man that he could well afford to stop all the others and subscribe for his home paper.

The Lubbock Avalanche secured the use of the Tullia Herald plant until equipment for a new office can reach Lubbock from the foundries, and sent their force up to Tullia to work. The Avalanche reports its loss in the fire at \$11,000, with \$2,200 insurance. The insurance on the Methodist church was \$2,300.

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