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Tom Richmond Killed by Big Jim Robinson

A homicide occurred Monday evening at a farm owned by Geo. Bowles about ten miles north of Slaton, in which Tom Richmond lost his life and J. W. Robinson was arrested charged with murder.

Both men were married, and Richmond had lived on the farm last year. Robinson it seems rented the farm and Richmond had not moved off of it. Robinson moved onto the farm. The homicide occurred at the barn when the men were by themselves. Richmond was killed with a knife there being several wounds on his body, and his throat was cut. All reports of the homicide are as yet rumors, and the examining trial was set for Saturday this week.

Robinson lived just south of Slaton at the Twin Mills a few years ago with a bunch of cattle. He was known as "Big Jim" Robinson. He was well thought of and had a number of friends here.

Stockholders of First State Bank

Elect Officers at Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First State Bank of Slaton was held at the bank on Friday, Jan. 18th. J. S. Edwards, president; C. C. Shopbell, vice president; C. C. Dan, vice president; J. H. Dan, cashier; H. C. Jones, asst. cashier; and W. J. Davis, asst. cashier.

The board of directors consists of J. S. Edwards, Shopbell, Dan, Brewer and O. L. Slaton. A regular dividend of five cents was declared and \$500 was added to the surplus fund. A nice sum left in the undivided profits account.

Grady Whitehead is up from Big Springs this week visiting his brother, A. E. Whitehead.

Candies, confections or tobacco? You get the very best service at Teague's Confectionery.

The Rev. T. C. Willett was called to Lubbock last Friday to conduct the funeral services of Mrs. J. O. Joplin, daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Joplin of Slaton. J. O. Joplin lives near Lovington, N. M., and his wife recently came to the home of her parents north of Lubbock to assist them during an epidemic of the influenza. Her sister died two weeks ago of the malady. While Mrs. Joplin was being buried a grave was being dug for her brother who died soon after she did. Another brother was seriously ill and not expected to live. Mrs. Joplin left three children besides her husband to mourn her death.

Miss Pearl Lightfoot resigned her position in the Slaton schools last week on account of a complete nervous breakdown and went to her home at DeLeon, Texas. She was very seriously ill for a few days after her health failed. Miss Lightfoot is quite a splendid and highly accomplished young lady and her many friends here hope to hear of her early recovery. She is accomplished in both music and art as well as being an excellent teacher.

When installing the new fixtures in new post office, Col. J. Russell ordered about fifty more boxes than the Slaton post office had ever had before but every box was rented inside of three days and Mr. Russell had to refuse requests for more boxes. He will install one hundred more boxes as soon as they can be received from the manufacturing company.

The son, eight months of age, of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Hoffmann died Saturday, Jan. 18th of pneumonia and inflammation of the bowels caused by influenza. Interment was made in the Slaton cemetery.

Mrs. C. F. Anderson entertained a number of Slaton young folks at her home in West Slaton Wednesday evening at a Forty Two party given in honor of Joe Kimbrough of Bells, Texas.

War Savings Stamps Pledges Must Be Kept

WHEREAS, the Government has requested that persons in Lubbock County, who pledged themselves to the United States Treasury Department to invest in United States Government War Savings Stamps of the 1918 series, be notified that they may and are expected to fulfill their pledges through the purchase of War Savings Stamps of the 1919 series, if for any reason such pledgers were unable to complete their commitments by December 31, 1918.

THEREFORE, in response to the Government's request, I, R. J. Murray, Mayor, of the city of Slaton, do hereby notify all persons resident in the city of Slaton that they are expected by the Government to complete their pledges to invest in United States Government War Savings Stamps, if such pledges were uncompleted on December 31, 1918, by purchasing United States Government War Savings Stamps of the 1919 series.

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that War Savings Stamps of the 1919 series may be obtained from post offices, banks and other authorized agents at the price of \$4.12 each during January. War Savings Stamps of the 1919 issue should not be affixed to War Savings Certificates of the 1918 series nor should War Savings Stamps of the 1918 issue be affixed to War Savings Certificates of the 1919 series. The same Thrift Card with sixteen Thrift Stamps thereon, plus 12 cents during January, may be exchanged for a War Savings Stamp of the 1919 issue.

Witness my hand this 17 day of January, 1919. R. J. Murray, Mayor.

Moisture Record for Year 1919

Jan. 10th. Snows and severe blizzard, .50 inch of moisture.
Feb. 10th. Rain .75 inch. On the 28th a heavy shower.
Feb. 28th. Shower.
March 29th. Sprinkle.
April 12th. Showers.
May 5th. Rain 1.06 inches.
May 17th. Sprinkles.
June 4th. Rains 4.5 inches.
July 19th. Sprinkles.
July 26th. Rain .25 inch.
Aug. 10th. Rain .50 inch.
Aug. 14th. Rain .75 inch.
Aug. 23rd. Rain .50 inch.
Sept. 6th. Rain .50 inch.
Oct. 5th. Showers. Latter part of the month snows and rain, one inch of moisture. Some places soaking wet. Tulla reported 9 inches of rain. First time on record of a snow coming before a killing frost.
Nov. 8th. Killing frost.
Nov. 23rd. Snow .34 inches of moisture.
Dec. 18th. Showers.
Dec. 19th. Rain 1.25 inches.
Dec. 22nd. Snow, .34 inches moisture.

Total moisture precipitation for the year about 12.50 inches. It must be remembered that as the rains were largely local this year that this precipitation will vary in different localities, but the total will run perhaps about the same. Aside from the rain June 4th, three inches of which were a local thunder shower, it will be seen that twice as much rain fell in the last six months as in the first six months. The fact that this moisture record has continued into January of this year leads us to feel confident that the moisture table has now tipped favorably towards the South Plains and that 1919 will start with a good season; and

a good spring season in this country is two thirds in favor of a good crop year.

The audience that greeted the appearance of the Selva Concert Company at the Santa Fe Reading Room last Friday night filled that building to capacity. The lecture room was full to standing space, and standing room was at a premium in the lobby. The gallery also was pretty full of the overflow crowd. The concert company consisted of Herbert Miller, violinist; Madge Clark, accompanist; Florence Miller, pianist; Florence Miller Sr., reader, and Alberto Selva, tenor and manager. The members of the company were all trained musicians and gave a program of songs and music. The program was announced for the school auditorium but as this was the first Santa Fe company to come this year and it was not known just what accommodations were necessary for the entertainment, the requirements did not meet their wishes and the announcement was changed that evening to the Reading Room.

Announces a Second Oil Well

Company for Burkburnett Field

The promoters of the Lubbock Slaton Oil Company which is drilling on the K. S. Jackson land near Burkburnett recently announced that they had sold all of the stock in that company and closed their books, and would start the well soon.

They are this week announcing the organization of a second company known as the Mutual Oil Company on an oil lease on the Van Cleave land near the famous Helen Elizabeth well east of Burkburnett. Announcements will soon be out offering this stock on the market, and they are very confident of having an attractive proposition in the oil well business. R. J. Murray and W. T. Knight are the representatives of the Mutual Oil Company.

Waterworks Reduces Insurance Rate

Messrs. G. R. Stovall and G. N. Dwyer of the State Fire Insurance Commission at Austin are this week, re-rating the business section of the city, and making new maps. This new rating for us comes as the outgrowth of our new water works system added together with the fact that this city has not had a rating for a number of years. As soon as it is completed a new rate book for Lockney will be published.

Mr. Henry went around Tuesday morning and notified the business men that the rating men from the State Department were here, and to get busy and remove rubbish, and make other changes in hazardous risks that the individual property owners and occupants might receive as low rates as possible. In this connection we state that we are familiar with these matters, that it is important that hazards be removed from the premises of the building as there is a charge for these hazards when the rates are finally promulgated.—Lockney Beacon.

A Card of Thanks

We take this means of thanking our neighbors and friends for the assistance and help given us during the illness following the amputation of my leg and also during the sickness in our family and the death of our beloved baby. Especially do we thank the Rev. Father Keller and Dr. W. A. Tucker for their faithful and valuable services rendered. Joseph L. Hoffman and family.

WE OFFER THIS WEEK VERY SPECIAL PRICES on Ladies Suits

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Boy Scouts Organize for New Year

The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 1 of Slaton met at the Methodist Church Jan. 7th and re-organized and re-registered at National headquarters. Patrol No. 1 elected Harry Green leader, Olen Weaver asst. leader, and Robert Smith scribe.

Curlew Patrol No. 2 elected Bruce Pember leader, Klieh Mallace asst. leader, Wolf Patrol No. 3 elected Herbert Tait leader and Bill Chaffee, a new scout from the Panther Patrol of Cana-

dian, asst. leader.

Bro. T. C. Willett was elected Scoutmaster and Noel Loomis official reporter.

Quincy Olive, a scout from Bells, Texas, recently joined our troop.

We have four first class Scouts besides Bro. Willett, and four intending to qualify soon; have several second class Scouts and other intending to qualify soon.

—Reporter.

People read the classified ads.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Advertising Rates among the locals 10c per line each issue.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Tudor on Monday this week.

A. L. Hoffman at the Second Hand Store buys and sells new and second hand furniture. Handles the Watkins goods.

Mrs. Will Carr of Ft. Sumner, N. M., has been visiting at the home of A. I. Kuykendall for a few days. The families are old friends.

Get your box chocolates at Teague's Confectionery. We have a fancy line of the best chocolates packed for the particular trade.

The Fort Worth Record is making a rate of \$6.50 for a year, daily and Sunday, and \$5.00 for the daily alone. Bring your subscriptions to the Slatonite office.

T. D. Taylor last week sold an interest in the Caps Hotel barber shop to Mr. Shook, an old barber who has been firing on the Santa Fe for several weeks. Mr. Shook will resume the barber trade and hold down a chair in the shop.

W. O. Davis died at his home in South Slaton last Friday night of pneumonia. He had been sick only three or four days. His wife took the body back to their old home in Grayson County for burial. Mr. Davis was a Southland farmer and he had moved to Slaton to work in McDonald's Gin during the winter. He was a cousin of Mrs. J. S. Edwards.

R. B. Haynes was in Slaton Monday on his way to Tahoka where he is boss and general factotem around the News office. That is the general factotem all the time but boss only when his wife is away. His mother, Mrs. E. R. Haynes, who like her husband, Judge E. R. Haynes, is a school teacher, suffered a severe fall on the ice Saturday that broke one of her limbs between the knee and the ankle. R. B. took his wife to Lubbock Saturday to attend to Mrs. Haynes until the fracture mends, so that leaves R. B. as the undisputed boss about the News office for a while.

Dr. Ferguson, the Dentist, is at the Singleton Hotel, doctoring tooth trouble. See him at once.

B. E. Benardz lost his fine bungalow residence on his farm three miles west of Slaton Monday morning by fire.

Joe Smith and his family came down from Amarillo last week to help take care of Louis W. Smith who was seriously sick of influenza pneumonia. Louis is now on the road to recovery. Joe had a pretty severe attack of influenza at Amarillo, but is back running an engine now, altho he is not yet fully recuperated.

A light blanket of snow fell Wednesday afternoon.

Vegain Oldham County reports a snowfall of sixty three inches in the past three months.

See Dr. Ferguson, the Dentist. Is now at the Singleton Hotel. Tell him that tooth trouble.

The rain in central Texas is becoming excessive, is the report that comes up from those farmers.

H. C. Jones of Fort Worth has taken a position with the First State Bank of Slaton as book keeper.

W. D. Benson is moving his law library from Lubbock to Wichita Falls where he is expecting to locate.—Avalanche.

Clyde Jones, who recently received his discharge from the army, has been in Slaton this week visiting his brother, M. D. Jones, at Everybody's Store.

The Slatonite has had many more contributions this week than we could handle, and many things not in the strictly news line have been laid back for future use.

R. J. Murray came home from Burkburnett yesterday and reports splendid progress with the Slaton Lubbock Oil Co. well. He expects to get the drill started next week. The Burkburnett field is growing in leaps and bounds, says Mr. Murray, and in six weeks has doubled itself. The oil business there is too large to comprehend, and the production of oil is increasing every day.

The moderating weather the past few days has melted the snow and ice and put the ground in fine shape. The autos were out of commission due to frozen mud, snow and ice, and the places in town where sidewalks should be were almost unfordable and everybody was as generally miserable as they could be. But it all means that there is a season in the ground already and prospects excellent for next fall's harvest.

Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterians will hold services in the Shopbell Hall on second and fourth Sundays in each month. Everbody welcome. Morning Service 11. a. m. Evening Service 7.30 p. m.

Rev. A. E. Faust, minister.

The Three-C Meets

Mrs. Brewer, assisted by Mrs. Tonn, was hostess to the Culture and Civic Club Saturday afternoon Jan. 11. This was the club's first meeting since the influenza quarantine in October, and in spite of the mud there was a good attendance. Mrs. G. W. Carr of Fort Sumner, New Mexico, who is visiting Miss Ora Kuykendall, was a guest of the club.

After a short business session the time was spent in conversation. Delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. Green and Mrs. Howerton will entertain the next meeting of the Club at the home of the former.

Brownfield News from the Herald

Brownfield wants a daily train service.

W. G. Harden is Brownfield's new postmaster.

The Herald is urging the incorporation of Brownfield, saying that any person who watches a farmer trying to load a wagon of corn or maize and fighting off a dozen poor town cows at the same time, surely will support the movement.

The regular station crew of the Santa Fe at Seagraves all being sick, the relief crew marked the time of departure an hour late and the passengers were all left in Seagraves, and as a consequence, the engine, baggage and passenger coach had to back the 24 miles after them, throwing the train nearly three hours late when it finally left here.

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Dr. I. E. Gates, known as the foremost Baptist minister on the Plains, has gone to San Antonio where he accepted a call to the First Baptist Church of that city. Since leaving Plainview Dr. Gates has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Amarillo. The Slatonite has only one wish, and that is that Dr. Gates will give those San Antonio people sometime his lecture on the Plains as the Lost Garden of Eden. He is a very able man and a splendid orator.

L. McQuinn, a rural mail carrier at Snyder with two routes total fifty-three miles, is an enterprising citizen. The snow and mud made the roads impassable for his car, so he tried a horse and when he couldn't get thru with a horse he started into delivering the mail by walking the routes. One round trip was sufficient to convince him that he had better wait until the weather moderated.

Just a little Want Ad did it.

HAD THE FLU

We would tell you but it is so common. We've had the flu and so did the entire family. We don't know what we had been eating but it must have been dead for several years. We knew we had several bones in our body but about 1100 ached that we didn't know we had. We have plenty of that business. We never want to play that way any more. We had exactly the same thing at Austin in 1889. Call it all the names you like. They died then too.—Editor Smith in Lamesa Reporter.

OUR TIME, knowledge and experience in the printing business.

For Sale When you are in need of something in this line DON'T FORGET THIS

Dr. Ferguson, the Dentist, is now in Slaton at the Singleton Hotel.

Col. T. C. Tilson, Hale County's representative, will again introduce his bill in the legislature providing for the so called Torrens system of registering land titles. Now, that the war is over and people are giving consideration to state matters, he expects it to become a law. The Torrens system of registering land titles, which does away with expensive and bulky abstracts, is now in legal effect in nineteen states—California, Illinois, Massachusetts, Oregon, Minnesota, Colorado, Washington, New York, North Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, Mississippi, Nebraska, South Carolina, Georgia, Utah, North Dakota, South Dakota and Tennessee.—Plainview News.

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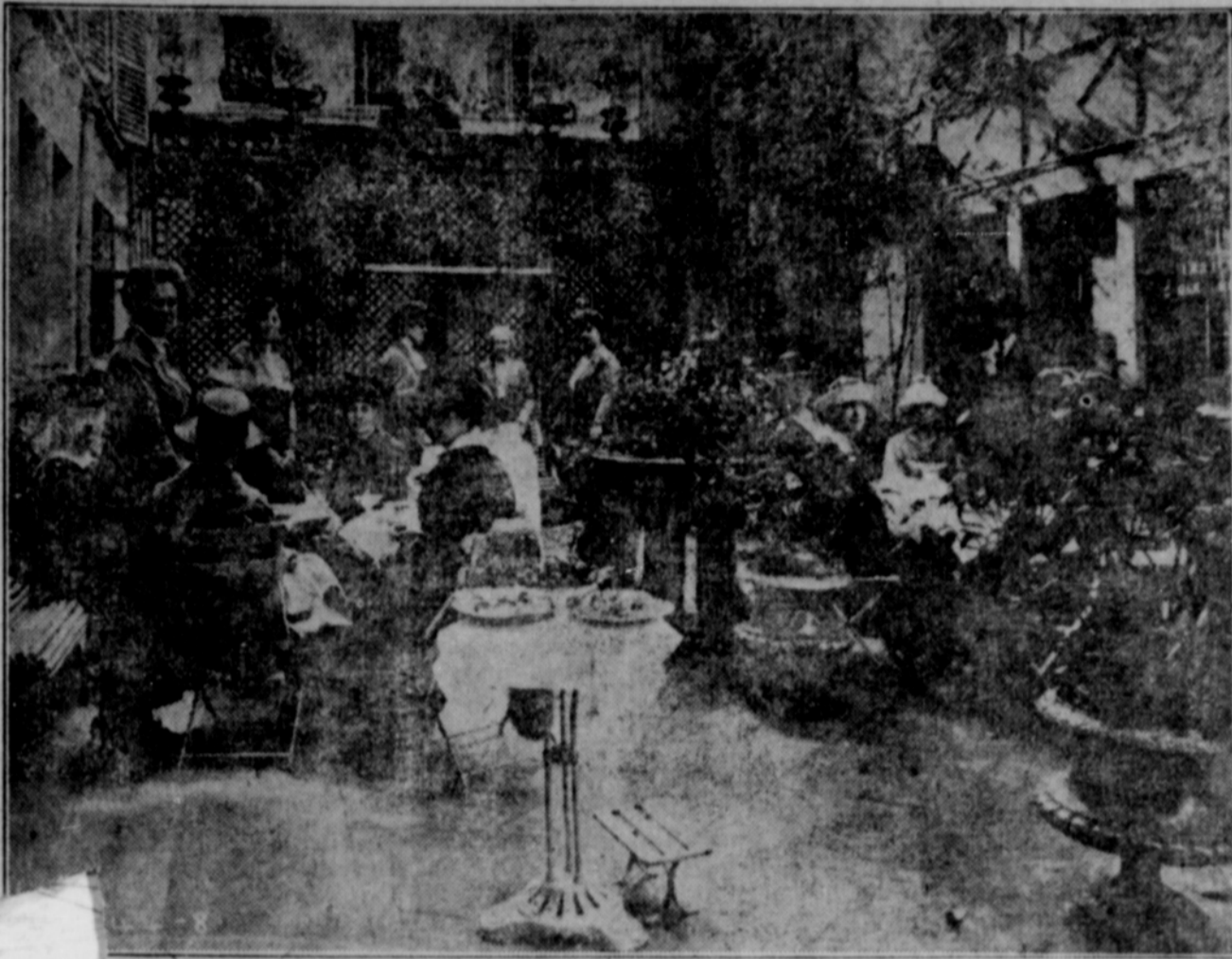
Telephone Toll Rates: NOTICE!

Effective at Midnight on the Twentieth day of January, 1919, new Toll Rates will apply by Order of the Postmaster General of the United States. These changes are sweeping in their scope and effect every one who may have occasion to use long distance. These rates will be on file at the office of the Company.

Folders explaining the Rates and Classifications of Service are now to be had at the office and every Toll Patron is requested to secure one that he may understand the basis of charges and so avoid any misunderstanding of the same. These rates apply to practically every point in the United States. Owing to the various classifications it is essential that you know which rate to ask for to secure the service and rate desired. Charges are made in some instances even tho you do not get to talk to the party called for.

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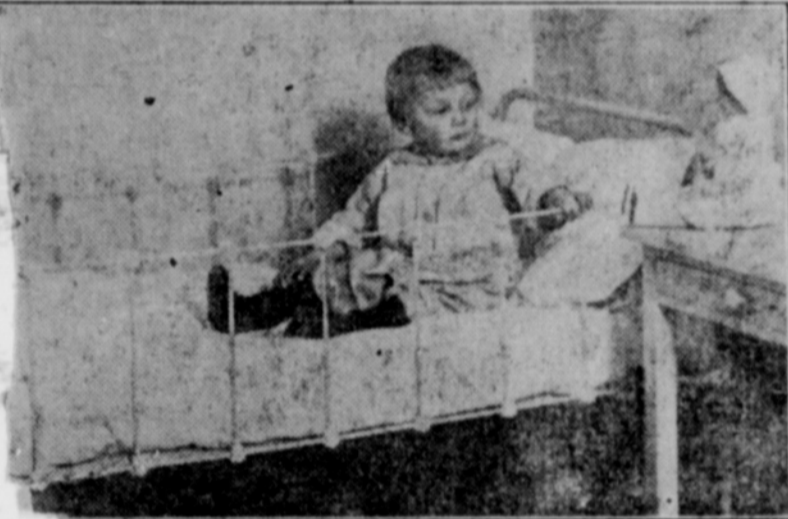
This interesting scene was snapped at Hotel Petrograd in the heart of the French capital. Thousands of men war workers are daily in Paris, many of them Americans, and in their rush in connection with war's affairs they find this place, conducted by the Young Women's Christian Association, a haven. The women girls from the States especially like the American cooking and surroundings.

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THE STOREKEEPER UP TO DATE



Gas masks are indispensable articles near the front. This Y. M. C. A. canteen manager has been forced to don his "muzzle," but he is still holding his position behind the counter. He was later wounded while on duty.

Y. M. C. A. men at the front not only see that the boys are furnished refreshments, but they often help in the care of the wounded. Several Red Triangle workers have been wounded by shell and gas, while a number have lost their lives in this service. The sign just over the "Y" man's shoulder reads: "Our Slogan—Best for the Man in the Mud."

**WOMEN'S ARMY TO
BUILD MORALE**

Happy Idea Meeting Hearty Response Among Patriotic Women.

A new "army" has been born. It is called the "Sunshine Division," and it is made up of women—mostly young women—who are eager to become a part of definite organized effort to help win the war. The soldiers will not bear arms and court death like their sisters among the Russians. Instead, their line of duty will have to do with service that will strengthen morale, and help win the war by promoting life among the American and allied soldiers, rather than death among the enemy—the final result according to

military authorities, being equally as effective in its relation to victory.

The "women soldiers" of the Sunshine Division will enjoy a definiteness of war work which they have not had before unless they have become members of the leading war work agencies, such as the Red Cross. The plan, which had its inception with a group which composed the concert party headed by Miss Wilson, the president's daughter, which gave concerts in all the army camps, suggests a happy and suitable disposal of the available time and talent of patriotic young women not engaged in definite war activity. Interested persons are being referred to Maj. A. F. Onkes, at offices of the United War Work Activities, Dallas, Tex.

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TILL DEATH DO US PART.

The Louisville Courier Journal in an editorial urges united support of the Democrats to the President in his Peace Conference and says: "Let no democrat bark at the heels of Woodrow Wilson." Then in quoting from a recent speech of Former President Taft shows that the Republican leader urges united support in his party to the President's course in establishing World Peace. Taft is a quiet, unostentatious man, but he is a student and a statesman, a patriot and really democratic in his statesmanship. He has many admirers in the Democratic party and his ever courteous and respectful attitude toward President Wilson throughout the war has won respect. There is really a pathos in the careers of Taft and Roosevelt. They were the closest of friends and Taft was always quiet and retiring while Roosevelt was the personification of energy and ambition. Roosevelt recognized the statesmanship of Taft and he helped him climb to the highest pinnacle of fame that this world has to bestow, that of president of the United States of America, the ultra democratic world power. Then because Taft wouldn't let Roosevelt boss his administration — be the power behind the throne that Bryan wanted to be in the Wilson administration, Roosevelt busted wide open the party that made him one of the foremost of Americans, and shattered the heart ambition of his life time friend and companion, that of a second term as president.

Roosevelt died as a man hardly past middle age, consumed by the fire of energy of both brain and brawn that characterized every day of his life. At his grave to pay a last tribute to their life long friendship was the man whose career he had halted. There was the man Taft standing quiet and alone, a mourner to the friend who had double crossed him; forgiving the wrong and recalling the days when they were pals without a word of misunderstanding to mar the happiness of their friendship. True and big hearted to the last without harboring the bitterness that had been injected into his political career. Regardless of political prejudices, one cannot help but admire such charity in his heart.

War conditions have had as great an effect on the newspaper business as they have had on any other line of industry or commerce. In Oklahoma one fourth of the newspapers suspended publication because they could not meet the cost of operation under war time prices. Most of the dead publications will not be missed three miles away from their office of publication, as they were the weaklings, and the law of the survival of the fittest means that a higher class of country newspapers is left to represent their respective towns. With this new condition in the newspaper business the sentiment of fraternalism should be developed, and the old idea of keen price competition under which so many of the shops turned out work at less than cost, should give way to honest merit competition, every shop getting a decent price for its work. This calls for a closer fraternalism, for more of a brotherhood sentiment among the newspapers, and this ideal cannot be cultured without an exchange of papers. If there is a fellow in your section of the universe that you don't exchange with, put him on your list right away. You need his paper and

he needs yours to get better acquainted and get a broader view of the world you live in. One of the features we prize in the profession is our exchange list. If the other fellow differs from us on a public question, so much the better: We get his view point and see where we can strengthen ours, or we see the fallacy of our position. Be fraternal, exchange with the boys, and attend the press association meeting.

The Slatonite editor has been requested by leading authorities over West Texas to print our article on a division of Texas into four states, in pamphlet form for the purpose of circularizing the state and educating the people as to the real results and benefits that may be derived by all the state in a division. While we agree that this should be done yet we are not financially able to undertake the task ourself; in fact, it would prove such a large educational job that it might bankrupt one man of ordinary means. One paper has suggested that West Texas should perfect an organization to work for division, and this is just exactly what should be done. The commercial clubs of this part of the state should take the lead in a movement of this kind so that there would be a real organized effort, and first thing we realized the movement for a division would crystallize until it would sweep the state as completely as prohibition has done. Education and real thinking is all that is necessary to accomplish a division of the state.

In this edition of the News we publish a very able article on the division of Texas into four states, by editor Loomis of the Slatonite. The article is very convincing, in fact unanswerable. Texas is entirely too large to care for the needs of the people from so many different and far separated sections. Mr. Loomis shows that smaller states are more prosperous, better governed and have lower taxes than the larger states. The editor of the News is a native Texan, his grandparents came here when it was a Mexican province and helped drive the Mexicans and Indians out. Sentiment is a good thing, but the weal of the people is more important. We would be glad to have Texas divided into three or four states and think it should be done. It will be done in a few years. The autocratic manner in which East and North Texas dominates politics will force it, if nothing else.—Plainview News.

The citizenship of central Texas never tires of making sport of the western portion of the state, speaking constantly of it as a poverty stricken, borderland where people are crude and boorish. But in the last few weeks when a West Texas Chamber of Commerce was formed there was a grand rush for all of central and even part of eastern Texas to get into it. Waco and Hillsboro want in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and Fort Worth wants to be headquarters for the organization. We haven't heard from Beaumont and Texarkana, but they doubtless will fall in line soon. Those central and eastern Texas cities haven't much respect for the rights of the people of West Texas but they sure do love our cattle money, our oil royalties and our corn and maize and wheat crops. They are always ready to claim relationship when there is any plunder in sight.

An item from the Lockney Beacon printed this week states that the town will now receive a much cheaper rate of insurance because of the installing of a waterworks system. Slaton has waited long enough. The war is over. Let's have those electric lights and waterworks. The reduced insurance rates will save more money than the waterworks will cost.

Notice of Selection of Depository of County Funds

The commissioners court of Lubbock county will receive proposals from any banking corporation, association, or individual banker, in said county that may desire to be selected as the depository of the funds of such counties for the next ensuing two years. These bids will be received and acted on on the tenth day of February, A. D. 1919, at ten o'clock, A. M., on said day, at the commissioners court room in the courthouse in Lubbock, at which time and place all such bids will be publicly opened and entered upon the minutes of said court.

Any banking corporation, association or individual banker in such county desiring to bid, shall deliver to the county judge of said county on or before the first day of the term of the commissioners court at which the selection of a depository of the funds of said county is to be made, a sealed proposal, stating the rate of interest that said banking corporation, association, or individual banker, offers to pay on the funds of said county for the selection of a county depository. Said bill shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one half of one per cent of the county revenue of the preceding year as a guarantee of the good faith on the part of the bidder, and that, if his bid should be accepted, he will enter into the bond provided by Article 2443 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, as amended at the regular session of the Thirty Fifth Legislature page 17; and upon the failure of the banking corporation, association, or individual banker, in such county that may be selected as such depository, to give the bond required by law, the amount of such certified check shall go to the county as liquidated damages and the county judge shall re-advertise for bids for such depository. The commissioners may reject any and all bids. The interest upon such county funds shall be computed upon the daily balances to the credit of such county with such depository, and shall be payable to the county treasurer monthly, and shall be placed to the credit of the jury fund or to such funds as the commissioners court may direct. All persons interested herein will please take due notice of the time and place when and where such bids will be received and given consideration as above stated.

J. H. Moore, County Judge of Lubbock County.

Prairie Dogs Must Be Exterminated

Under the direction of the commissioners court of Lubbock County, Texas, all land owners whose lands are infected with prairie dogs are hereby given notice that they must destroy the prairie dogs that inhabit their respective lands. This applies to both resident and non-resident owners. The prairie dog is an economical waste and has rightly been declared by the Legislature a public nuisance. Under the law, it is made the duty of the commissioners court to notify all land owners in the county to rid their respective lands of these pests where they exist, and if the land owner after notice fails or refuses to destroy the dogs on his land, then the commissioners court has authority under the law to employ the sheriff of the county to destroy the dogs at the expense of the owner of the land and to fix a lien on the land to meet this expense and to foreclose the lien and sell the land, or such part as may be necessary, in order to recover from the owner the costs incurred in such work. It is apparent to everyone that the owner of the land can do this work at very much less expense than for him to allow the sheriff to do the work for him at his expense. Suppose that the residents in the various neighborhoods organize and work together in destroying the dogs and in this way destroy your own dogs and let the sheriff work on the lands owned by the non-residents in case it should be necessary. In any event every land owner is hereby given notice that the prairie dogs must be destroyed and it must be done at once. Now is the best time of the whole year in which to kill the dogs. DO IT NOW.

J. H. Moore, County Judge

Read the Want Ad column.

Notice to Automobile Owners

The law requires that all highway licenses shall be paid in advance and allows no extension of such time for such payments. Under the present laws these payments must be made at the office of the tax collector of the county of the residence of the owner of the motor vehicle. So all owners of automobiles and other motor vehicles are hereby notified to call promptly at my office and pay their highway licenses for the year 1919, and all those who are in arrears for the year 1918 to pay for that year also. This is necessary to avoid the heavy penalties imposed by law for failure to pay for and obtain licenses required by the highway laws of this State. It is a violation of law for any one to run or drive an automobile or other motor vehicle on the public roads, or public streets, without having paid the license tax required. I did not make these laws, but it is the duty of the sheriff and other peace officers of the county to enforce them. My policy is and shall be all the time to enforce the laws as sheriff, and all my deputies are so instructed. You will greatly oblige me as well as yourselves to come promptly, those of you who have not already paid, and attend to this matter without further delay. It will save you money to give this immediate attention. Please bring your registered number and the engine number of your cars and other vehicles, and what other means of identification you may have.

Respectfully,
C. A. Holcomb,
Tax Collector of Lubbock County.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors

The State of Texas
County of Lubbock.
To those indebted to or holding claims against the Estate of James Grant, Deceased.
The undersigned having been duly appointed Executor of the Estate of James Grant, Deceased, late of Lubbock County, Texas, by the Honorable J. H. Moore, Judge of the County Court of said County on the 9th day of July, A. D. 1918, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to him at his residence, 1405 Fillmore St., Amarillo, Texas, where he receives his mail.
This 20th day of January, A. D. 1919.
Joe H. Smith, Executor of the Estate of James Grant, Deceased.

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Founded and Owned by the Panhandle & Santa Fe Railway Co.



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, 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

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