

THE SPEARMAN REPORTER

STORES ARE READY FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

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Big Stocks of Holiday Goods Now On Display—Many Merchants Offering Prizes—Windows Gaily Decorated—All Is Ready For Santa

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Hurry up, children, and write to Santa Claus. The Reporter is anxious to print your little letters and then Old Santa will know exactly what you want, and will have no trouble in selecting it for you. Tell your Papa or Mama that what you want can be found in Spearman, as Santa is coming here to select many gifts which he does not bring along from the north pole regions.

Merchants' Auction Sale

Spearman merchants have arranged to hold another big auction sale. The people of this community will be glad to hear this. A letter was recently addressed to the management of the Texas-Louisiana Power and Light Company at Fort Worth, owners of the local plant, asking that a reduction in the rate be allowed. The letter follows.

One Day Convention of Christian Churches

Christian churches of the Panhandle will be hosts to one of the annual One Day Conventions conducted by the United Christian Missionary Society of Indianapolis, Ind., to be held in the First Christian Church of Amarillo, on Wednesday, December 16th. Sessions will begin at 10:00 a. m. and will be around the banquet tables at 2:30 p. m.

Lions Postpone Play

The Spearman Lions club has decided that everyone is too busy to devote sufficient time to preparations, so the date for the play, "An Eighteen Carat Boob," has been postponed to sometime after Christmas. No definite date has been set, but it will be staged some time after January 1.

BASKETBALL HOLDS BOARDS

And now its basketball. Coach Jarvis of the Spearman Lynx, announces that he has a strong team for this season. It will play across the house when the answer where you are. Everyone can use it, of course, and a degree of privacy that is not possible in the house. It costs only a few cents a month and if it gets out of order we either fix it or like every other telephone, as new patrons are more people you can call, as new improvements in the telephone industry it increases in value.

Visitors From Borger

D. E. Martin, president of the Hutchinson County Choral Club, was in the city Wednesday, visiting with friends and making new ones. Mr. Martin states that the next meeting of the Hutchinson Choral Club will be held in the First Baptist Church of Borger on next Sunday, December 14, and he wishes to extend an invitation to all Hansford county people to be present. Mr. Martin is an electrician and for several years has been city inspector in Borger.

Closing Football Games

Three football games played the latter part of last week were of special interest to local fans, who listened in to the play-by-play reports as sent out by the big broadcasting stations. The games were Dalhart vs. Slaton, played Friday at Slaton, the latter team winning by a score of 7-0; Norte Dame vs. Southern California, played at Los Angeles on Saturday, Norte Dame winning by a score of 38-0, and the Amarillo Sandies vs. Breckenridge, played at Breckenridge and won by the Sandies by a score of 13 to 0. The Sandies will play Corsicana next, in their race for the state championship of Class A high school football.

Legion Basketball Team

The Spearman basketball team, which is sponsored by the American Legion and which will be known as the Spearman Legion Team, are now doing some real training and from the stuff they are showing in their workouts they will have one of the fastest teams in the Panhandle territory. Take for example these veterans of many hard fought games, with the training that they are getting and try to imagine what will happen when such boys as Hazelwood, Windom, Cone, Cator, Fuller, Cook, Richie, Hill, Sparks, Irion, Hancock, Raney, Pack and others of well known basketball fame, under the skillful coaching of Elmer Gunn, begin to show their stuff on the court. A complete outfit of equipment, suits, balls, etc., has been ordered, and say, those Legion suits stand out with the knightly look of a coat of arms, and don't think the old Spearman Legion boys won't be in there fighting for their team, just like bucking the Hindenburg line on the western front, back in 17 and 18.

Arrested On Booze Charge

W. E. Winegger was arrested by Sheriff Wilbanks and Deputy Smith five miles west of Spearman on Friday night of last week, and a quantity of booze taken from the car which he was driving. Winegger was taken to the Stinnett jail and a charge of transporting and possession of liquor for the purpose of sale was lodged against him. A brother of Winegger was in Spearman Wednesday, making an effort to affect his release. Winegger is under a \$2,000 bond for the violation of the liquor laws in Hartley county. He was given a preliminary hearing before Justice Oliver C. Raney in Spearman and the bond in this latter case set at \$100.

Spearman Lions Club Will Play "Goodfellow" To Needy Folks, Especially Women and Children

At the meeting of the Spearman Lions Club on Tuesday at noon the matter of how the Club could be of help to the needy people of Spearman and vicinity, was the principal topic under discussion. The club finally decided to appoint a committee to look about the town and country to see if there were any needy people living here, and to ascertain in what way they could be helped. It was found that there was a family in Spearman that really needs clothing, bed clothing and other necessities, and the committee set about at once to bring them such relief as was possible. At least see that the children and mother do not suffer from cold or hunger. The members of the committee, of which Rev. H. A. Nichols is chairman, wish to announce that arrangements have been made to receive old clothing of any description at the offices of the chamber of commerce, where the same will be taken care of and distributed to those who are in need of it, or will accept it. The clothing must be clean in every way, state the committee, in particular that there be no danger of carrying contagious disease therein. The committee will have a member at the office of the chamber of commerce on next Saturday, December 13, to accept the clothing and see to its distribution.



LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

These Little Tots Know There Is A Santa Claus—They Also Know What They Want For Christmas

Dear Santa Claus: We are two sisters, five and seven years old. Please bring us a doll, doll buggy, ironing board and each a pair of house slippers. ADELAIDE SHEDECK, LEONA SHEDECK.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a car, a tool chest, some candy, nuts and oranges. I am nine years old. RICHARD HARRY SHEDECK.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 4 years old, I want you to please bring me a doll that goes to sleep, a little electric iron and ironing board, a cooking set, and telephone, and please remember all the other little girls and boys. ELLINOR FAYE WOMBLE.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 10 years old. I live in Ochitree county. This is what I want: A ball pair of skates, tea set, nuts and all kinds of fruit. Be sure and come to see me. I will be in a play at Black. It is 10 miles from Spearman. Your friend, ROSA LEE CLEMENT.

Dear Santa Claus: I am 8 years old. I go to the Black school, nine miles east of Spearman. I want a tea set and some water colors, a little piano and lots of fruits, nuts, and candy. That is all. Your friend, RUBY JO SIMMONS.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 7 years old and I want you to bring me a truck that I can ride in, and I want some Tinker Toys and a football, and some candy, fruit and nuts. Don't forget little sister, for she will know Santa this year. I hope the snow won't get so deep that you can't make it through. Your little friend, NEWELL ALLEN.

Dear Santa Claus: I am five years old and have been a good little girl. Please bring me a doll, table and chairs, a doll buggy and a blackboard. MARY LOU HIGGS.

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Hazel Hurd Players

The Hazel Hurd Players will stage their last play on this fall's schedule at the Lyric theatre here on Monday night, December 15. The play, "The Millionaire and the Flapper," is a great one, and is very suitable to the holiday season. Fred J. Twyman is taking the Hazel Hurd Players down in Oklahoma for a series of engagements on one of their former circuits. The company opens at Enid on January 11.

C. of C. Elects Directors Tonight

The annual election of a board of directors for the local chamber of commerce will be held Thursday evening in the American Legion hall. Dinner will be served promptly at seven o'clock, followed by election of directors to serve the coming year. Every member of the local c. of c. is expected to be present this evening and vote his choice for directors. Fourteen have been nominated, of which seven will be elected. Tickets are now being sold to members for the dinner this evening. At last report most every member had purchased a ticket. The ladies of the Methodist church will serve dinner on this occasion. A good program is now being arranged and every member is assured a pleasant evening. Our chamber of commerce has been active the past few months on many projects which when fully developed will be very valuable to Spearman and this community. This week three new members have been added.

Legion and Auxiliary Held Meeting Wednesday

The American Legion and the Ladies' Auxiliary held their regular semi-monthly meeting at the Legion hall Wednesday night. Business matters were discussed and measures were passed upon concerning the Legion basketball team and also the legion war picture "Half Shot at Sunrise," which will be shown at the Lyric Theatre December 19 and 20. After all business was disposed of coffee and cake were served by the ladies. Everyone reported an enjoyable evening.

Returned From Stratford

John L. Beck, local contractor and builder, returned last week to his home here from Stratford where he spent the past several months in improving a farm and putting in a wheat crop near that town. Mr. Beck is back home for the winter, ready to figure with those who contemplate any sort of building or improvements to their property. The firm of John L. Beck & Son has built some of the very nicest homes in Spearman and are justly proud of their work in this line.

Light Testing Stations

Spearman, Gruver, Morse Sheriff Wilbanks announces that arrangements have been made whereby car owners may have their car lights tested at either Spearman, Gruver or Morse. The light-testing stations are: At Spearman: Mary's Garage, in Beck Motor Company building. At Gruver: Hansford Motor Company. At Morse: Utley Service Station. Sheriff Wilbanks calls attention to the fact that lights should be tested and a receipt obtained before application for license is made. The 1931 tags are now available, states the sheriff.

Attended Funeral of Old Friend in Mangum

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Merritt received the sad news early Monday morning of the death in Mangum, Oklahoma, of their old friend and neighbor, D. G. McGrady, who passed away late Sunday afternoon, December 7. Mr. and Mrs. Merritt went to Mangum and attended the funeral, which was held in that city on Tuesday.

DEATH CLAIMS HENRY KLUTTS

Son of the Late George Klutts Widely-Known Rancher of Southwest

News of the death of Henry Klutts, well-known young cattleman and a brother of Ike Klutts of Spearman, reached here Wednesday afternoon. He died at St. Anthony's hospital, Amarillo, Wednesday at noon. Mr. and Mrs. Ike Klutts were with him at the time of his death and accompanied the remains to Childress, the old home, where interment will be had today, Thursday. The following account of the sad death is taken from Thursday's Amarillo News: Henry Perrin Klutts, 33, interested with H. B. Hart in the Tyler Ranch near Spearman for the past eight years, died at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday in an Amarillo hospital. He had been ill for eight or ten years. He had been in the hospital off and on for the past eight months.

Streets Well Lighted

Main street, Spearman, no longer is dark at night. It is all "lit up" by gay electric lights of many colors and surely presents a pretty sight "when the evening shadows fall." Business houses have Christmas trees and other decorations along the curb and fancy lights are being strung along the front of business houses.

Windows Dressed up to Perfection

It is interesting to come to Spearman to do your window shopping, because at this time of the year the merchants of Spearman try to out-do their competitors by fixing up more attractive windows and displays. Nearly all of the businesses of Spearman have changed Christmas trees for their Boy Scouts and have of front of their stores. The Christmas lights are being strung up by the City. The appearance of the aurora borealis hovers the clouds. Among the windows in Spearman Spearman Equity Exchange window was decorated. Ritey, an employee of that firm. Approaching from the outside one first notices the dense foliage of Autumn leaves attractively arranged around the edge of the windows. In the center of window and slightly back hangs a fern basket laden with crimson poinsettia blossoms carrying out the autumn color scheme manifested in the autumn leaves. At the top of the window the picture is balanced by a Christmas wreath.

New Vigilantes Are Organized

A meeting was held last night for the purpose of reorganizing the Vigilance committee organized some time ago for protection in the event of attempted bank robbery. The committee is now composed of an entirely new personnel, although the members are not new in that line of work. All are fully equipped with high powered fire arms and complete plans have been made for a course of procedure in the event of an attack on any of the banks. The committee is as completely organized as it is possible for such an organization to be.

Every precaution is being taken by the banks and police, as well as the committee, for there is a feeling that it is only a matter of time until there will be an attack and should one come it will not come as a complete surprise but there will be an organization ready to function at an instant's notice. Liberal News.

ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY 117 BEGUN MONDAY

The construction of Hansford county's first hard-surfaced road was begun on Monday morning, December 8. The Asplund Construction Company of Amarillo is doing the work. The construction company have about 20 teams of mules and 20 or 30 men and much machinery on the job. The work camp is located near the A. M. Gore farm, four miles east of Spearman. The contractors believe that the work of putting the road to grade and drainage through Hansford county will require about 100 days. There are 19.6 miles of the road in this county. The job of building the culverts is also well under way. Gravel is being hauled to several places, a number of men with trucks being employed to do this work. Do your Christmas shopping early—and in Spearman.

The Western Telephone Company of Texas

International Sunday School Lesson

By DR. J. E. NUNN

FOR DECEMBER 14, 1930

General Topic—Saul of Tarsus; How a Pharisee Became a Christian.

3. I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, at the feet of Gamaliel, instructed according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God, even as ye all are this day.

4. And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

5. As also the high priest doth hear one witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I receive letters unto the brethren, and journeyed to Damascus to bring them also that were there unto Jerusalem in bonds to be punished.

6. And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and drew nigh unto Damascus, about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

7. And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

8. And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.

9. And they that were with me beheld indeed the light; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.

10. And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.

11. And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me I came into Damascus.

12. And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well reported of by all the Jews that dwell there.

13. Came unto me, and standing by me said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And in that very hour I looked upon him.

14. And he said, The God of our fathers hath appointed thee to know his will, and to see the Righteous One, and to hear a voice from his mouth.

15. For thou shalt be a witness for him unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. And thou shalt count all things wane, is for better count all things wax. Therefore, I will leave thee alone, and all whom I suffered the loss of, because I have seen thy vision, that I may gain Christ.—Phil. 3:8.

Introduction

The apostle Paul is one of the best-known characters of antiquity; certainly of the Bible. For several reasons: We have a wonderful story about him (Acts) written by his intimate friend and companion Luke. We have a lot of his personal correspondence; and letters reveal personality, character, better than any other form of writing. Really to see Paul in his letters, however, one must take them for what they are—not essays; not theological treatises; but actual letters, written to real people, about matters of interest to him and them; and therefore more or less informal and conversational in style.

"Paul wrote a fourth of the new testament and a Gentile physician, Luke, whom he mightily influenced wrote another fourth of it. Of making books about Paul there is no end. He is perennially interesting because he is so alive. His words, as Luther said, have hands and feet. The whole world would today be different had Saul of Tarsus never lived. He gathered all the wisdom of his time into service of Christ. He is indeed Paul the Great. His name is above every other name except the name of Jesus."

Sketch of Paul's Life

Paul was born in Tarsus of Cilicia, about A. D. 1. He was converted on the Damascus Road, A. D. 36. He spent three years in Arabia, A. D. 36-38. He lived in Antioch A. D. 42 and 43. His first missionary journey was in 49, the second in 50-52, the third in 53-57. Arrested in Jerusalem in 57, he was imprisoned in Caesarea from 57 to 59. His first Roman imprisonment was in 61 and 62, the second in 66, and his death came in A. D. 67.

Paul Was a Loyal Jew

"I am a Jew." v. 3. Paul, while working among Greeks and Romans, was always loyal to his Jewish ancestry and education; on going to a new city to introduce Christianity he always first sought out some synagogue, believing that the Jews should have the first chance at the wonderful blessings, which came into the world through their race. He was a member of the tribe of Benjamin, that glorious little tribe which gave to the Jews their first king, Saul, after whom he was probably named. Saul had one sister whose son played a noble part in preserving the apostle's life on the very occasion under review. His father was a Roman citizen, and Saul therefore possessed that dignity, of which he made good use on more than one occasion when his foes assailed him. "Born in Tarsus of Cilicia." Cilicia was situated northwest of Syria at the northeast corner of the Mediterranean. Tarsus was its metropolis. In Paul's day Tarsus was at the height of its glory.

Paul's Conversion From Jerusalem to Damascus

struck down on the Damascus road or not.

Ananias Instructs Saul (Paul) v. 13-15.

"Ananias came unto me," Saul's account is very condensed, for he was speaking to a restless audience. The Lord had come to Ananias in a vision and told him to seek out Saul in the house of Judas, in Straight Street (a splendid street running straight through the city), and laying his hands upon him, restore his vision. Ananias knew of Saul's errand to Damascus, and was afraid to go till the Lord told him of Saul's change of heart and life. "And standing by me," said unto me, Brother Saul." In that word "Brother," he received Saul into the Christian family. "Receive thy sight." "And he filled with the Holy Spirit," Ananias added (Acts 9:17). "And in that very hour I looked up on him," Saul's sight, however, was not fully restored, but there are indications of his dimness of vision throughout the narrative, and usually he had to dictate his letters to an amanuensis. "God hath appointed thee to know his will." Often at the opening of his letters Paul speaks of himself as "an apostle according to the will of God."

"For thou shalt be a witness for him unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard." This commission from the Lord, which Ananias transmitted, was more definite, including the information that he was to preach before Gentiles and kings as well as Jews, and to suffer much for Christ's sake (Acts 9:15, 16).

Paul The Writer

"Paul has been the most influential of all religious writers. He gave the watchword to the Protestant Reformation, 'Justification by faith.' He gave the watchword to the Wesleyan movement, 'The witness of the Spirit to conversion and entire sanctification.' These have been the most important revivals in the history of the church, but it would be safe to say that no great church revival anywhere down the centuries or on any of the continents has failed to base itself on the teaching of Paul as recorded in his Epistles. These Epistles formulated the theology of the church, and they have been the church's chief authority in this field ever since." "If Paul's Epistles could perish, the loss to literature would be the greatest possible with only one exception—that of the Gospels which record the life, the sayings, and the death of our Lord. They have quickened the mind of the church as no other writings have done, and scattered in the soil of the world hundreds of seeds whose fruit is now the general possession of mankind." While the Epistles to the Romans and to the Ephesians are the greatest, each Epistle has its

elements of supremacy and wonderful power.

Paul The Christian Hero

"Unmoved and undefeated, and we may be sure, with his face shining, as Stephen's shone that memorable day in Paul's youth, he went to meet his death. They could kill his body with their sharp swords, but they could not crush his spirit or conquer his faith and hope. When his eyes could no longer see Rome with its capitol and its coliseum, he could see his Christ, and when his ears could not hear the shouting and the cries of the people, he could hear a gentle voice say: 'Well done, good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of thy Lord.' The hero got home with God at last."

NEWS BRIEFS

Twenty bomb-proof huts were built to house cameras during production of the war scenes in Radio



And what a feast it will be, if the Groceries are purchased from us. For this occasion we have put in an extra fine stock of the best eatables available—and they're moderately priced, as you'll not from the few suggestions below.

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- MEXICAN BEANS, 20 pounds \$1.00
- PRUNES, gallon can 40c
- RICE, 4 pounds 25c
- SUGAR, 100 pounds \$5.50
- FLOUR, 100 lbs. Moses Best or Pillsbury .. \$2.60

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Spearman, Texas

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Pictures' wartime comedy, "Half Shot at Sunrise," featuring Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey. Some of the falling clouds from dynamite blasts were as big as watermelons.

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WHY NOT A TAX ON NATURAL GAS?

At the present time three 24-inch pipe lines are being built from the Hutchinson county gas fields to Chicago and other northern cities for the purpose of carrying natural gas. This gas will be used in the manufacturing centers of the north and for domestic purposes. The amount of gas which these tremendous pipe lines will carry runs into stupendous figures. Other pipe lines will be built next year, it is said. Of course the owners of these big pipe lines will pay taxes on the property in the counties in which it is located, but why not a tax on the natural gas. This gas is valuable and should be taxed just the same as any other commodity. It is a Texas product and is being taken away from the state to be used in factories which will turn out products which will be brought back to Texas and sold to Texans.

What is known as the Hutchinson county gas fields are located way up in the extreme northern part of the state. Our lawmakers give very little attention to this section, mainly because there are not enough voters up here to make a showing at election time, but it seems that this great product should be bringing in some revenue each year for our schools especially, and for all funds and institutions supported by taxation.

I follow the curious practice of answering whatever letters come to me on the day I receive them. I am too busy to do otherwise. It is the man with little to do and with no particular method of doing it who neglects his correspondence and then possibly forgets it altogether.—Thomas Arkle Clark, Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

The gibes of Governor Moody and Mayor Tate of Dallas directed at Chicago authorities for not cleaning up that city of its racketeering gangs a few days ago seems to have aroused the ire of Chicago, particularly some of its newspapers. They bet that the Texas Governor and Dallas Mayor might do a good day's work by cleaning up their own back yard, and then turn loose a string of billingsgate at Texas which is wholly unjustified. It is no doubt true that if Chicago really wished to clean up it could do so in short order. The idea that it is helpless in the clutches of Al Capone and other gangsters is pure unalloyed bosh. The reason Chicago doesn't clean up is because too many people who wield power and authority and influence are sharing in the profits of the racketeers and the gangsters. We believe that the Texas Ranger force, if given a free hand and the support of the courts, could clean up Chicago in a few weeks. But there is probably some justice and truth in the retort which Chicago makes to Texas. Our back yards are not as clean as they might be. They are not as clean as they would be if sheriffs, city police and other peace officers everywhere would make an honest effort to enforce the laws. Many of them do but many of them do not. A lot of cess pools in Texas need cleaning up, and the only reason they are not cleaned up is because local peace officers and sometimes court officials do not wish them cleaned up. And, in many instances, the people themselves do not want them cleaned up. Chicago is due a lot of censure, but some is also coming our way.—Lynn County News.

It is to be hoped that the Interstate Commerce Commission will grant the Texas and Pacific Railway Company permit to build a line from Big Springs to Vega and Amarillo. The Burlington will begin building line from Childress to Pampa within thirty days. These building projects of the south and central plains country will prove of great benefit to the north plains.

WHOSE RIGHT IS SUPERIOR

Three men and a woman up in West Virginia took a two-year-old child (the woman's child) with them on a drunken spree. They tied wire around the child's throat and choked it to death. Then they tried to pull the little one to pieces and finally threw the mutilated body into the river. All four of the murderers confess the crime and give as an excuse that they were drunk. Just exercising the personal liberty we hear so much about.

Three men in Kansas City, Kansas, pulled off a drinking party one night last week. Two of them are dead, both being shot through the heart. The third man says he knows nothing about how it happened. The three men were friends of long standing, all being advocates of personal liberty.

A truck down in the Rio Grande Valley ran into a car that was occupied by four women. Two of them are dead. The driver of the truck was drunk. He is probably one of those individuals who says that if you will let whiskey alone it will let you alone. But these women didn't find it so.

Now honest, is your right to drink superior to the right of others to live? Think about this when you spout personal liberty.—Marshall News.

A recent action of the commissioners of the city of Spearman is to be highly commended. That is in making it possible to pay city taxes in two installments. The first payment of one-half the taxes is due now and becomes delinquent January 31. Payment of the second half may be deferred until July 16, 1931. If one-half of your city tax is not paid by January 16, 1931, the entire amount becomes due January 31, 1931. This little arrangement by our city commissioners will prove to be a great accommodation to property owners of Spearman this year especially, and in the years to come.

The building of Highway No. 117, the extension of the Spearman branch of the Santa Fe from Spearman to a connection with the Amarillo-Las Animas line of that road, at Morse, the building of a new court house in Spearman, and substantial building programs here, at Hitchland, Gruver and Morse, and the laying of two or more natural gas lines through Hansford county in the early spring, are projects which are bringing relief to the unemployment situation in Hansford county and will make of it a permanent relief. Hansford county is enjoying a permanent and most satisfactory development, despite the cry of "depression."

Business conditions in Hansford county are so much better than in other sections of the country, there should be no complaint here. Very few men are out of employment and business men in all the towns of the county are enjoying a fair business. A Spearman business man visited several small cities and towns recently and came home mighty well pleased with his present business and the outlook here. Just keep on keeping on should be the motto. Idleness and griping will never do any good.

Christmas Trees

Small Trees 50c
Six Foot Trees \$1.00
Ten Foot Trees \$5.00

Arrange for Christmas Trees early—See

J. L. DAVIS

AT ARMOUR PRODUCE—PHONE 176

Actual Construction of Ft. Worth and Denver Will be Started Soon

Actual construction of the 113-mile Fort Worth and Denver rail line from Childress to Pampa will be started within the next three weeks.

This announcement was made in Lubbock Tuesday by F. E. Williamson of Chicago, president of the Burlington Lines.

Permission granted
Permission to build the line was given recently by the commission, contingent upon the agreement with the Rock Island for a joint track arrangement between Wellington and Shamrock. Williamson said that construction will start at the Childress end and that Burlington officials are confident that, by the time that Wellington is reached a joint track agreement will have been made.

To Run Parallel
The Rock Island proposes to build from Shamrock, southeast through Wellington to a point south of Quanah, and the Shamrock and Wellington section of the two lines will parallel each other. The survey has been completed and material already shipped to Childress, Williamson said. The line, which will cost about \$4,000,000 will be completed early next fall.

AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION

District Convention Meets At Wellington, Saturday-Sunday, December 13 and 14

Members of the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary from all parts of the 18th District will gather in Wellington Saturday and Sunday, December 13-14, for the first district convention under the Hal Brennan regime. The 18th District is the largest in Texas, in area, population and membership in both the Legion and Auxiliary. Fifty-three West Texas counties are in the district, the boundaries are in the same as the 18th congressional district.

On Saturday evening, open house for all Legionnaires and Auxiliaries members will be held at Wellington Legion hall, commencing morning, a joint session starting at 10:00, banquet at noon and separate meetings of the two organizations in the afternoon.

State Commander Hal Brennan, State Adjutant Bob Whiteaker, State Auxiliary President Mrs. Carpenter and other notable people will be present. Dr. Roy Webb, Pappa, 18th District Chairman, will preside at the Legion sessions, and Mrs. Van W. Stewart, Perryton, will have charge of the Auxiliary meetings. G. Ward Moody, Wellington, assistant district chairman, has general charge of the entertainment and program.

SIDELIGHTS

By Marvin Jones, Member of Congress From Texas
Congress convened December 1 for what promises to be an interesting short session.

Conditions are unusual. A nationwide depression has brought new problems—of course many of these difficulties cannot be cured by legislative remedies.

Some steps, however, may be taken that would be of material assistance.

One of the most important of these would be to suspend all immigration to America for definite period.

I have long felt that we should suspend all immigration for a definite period. Should the time come again when we wish to allow a limited number of outsiders to enter, the selective method should be used.

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Shaving Sets, Cigars, Cigarettes, Pipes, Cigarette Holders, Fountain Pen and Pencil Sets, Military Brushes. Other suitable gifts abound here.

For Children—
We are showing a large assortment of Toys, Dolls, Games and Children's Books that will gladden the hearts of the kiddies. Truly this is Santa's store.

HASTINGS PHARMACY

PHONE 46

10 PER CENT REDUCTION on all floor covering after the holidays. Spearman Hardware.

LOST—A spare wheel and tire for Model A Ford, Sunday evening, between Perryton and Spearman, on dirt road. Liberal reward if returned to the Electric Company, Perryton, Texas. 111.

HUNTERS can get all kinds of cartridges at the Commercial Service Station. 114.

ROOM at the Moorland near the Shopping district, at the Verdan Hotel near the Santa Fe depot, when a marlin doing your business. 113.

Mrs. C. D. Hazelwood and Mrs. Chas. Darrell visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Gay and with other relatives in the vicinity of Morse on Wednesday afternoon of this week.

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"Half Shot" Sets New Record For Magnitude of Production

Besides being the funniest all-talking musical comedy to date, Radio Pictures' "Half Shot at Sunrise" featuring Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey, comedy stars of "The Cuckoo," "Rio Rita" and "Dixiana," the film breaks all records for production magnitude.

Filming required the entire RKO ranch, a huge tract of land at Encino, Calif., together with several of the sound stages on the Hollywood lot. A whole city block of Paris was reconstructed, as were two palaces, two magnificent cafes, extensive gardens and nearly a mile of front line trenches.

Military equipment used was valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Extra people employed exceeded the 2,000 mark and included 500 infantrymen, 100 cavalrymen and mounts, 100 machine gunners, a motor transport train and personnel and a squadron of French cavalry. These men were recruited from the ex service men's organization and the National Guard.

The cast, in addition to the fifteen principals, included over thirty "bit" parts.

Musical comedy, as applied to this production, opening December 19 at the Lyric Theatre, means more than one orchestra. It means that three bands, two orchestras and three choruses were employed, including the RKO Pearl Eaton dancers, and the Tiller Girls, famous English trained dance troop. The bands included a Scotch Kiltie organization.

PERFECT SERVICE RECORD

Indicative of how the railroads have improved their service during the last 10 years is the comparison of the car supply in 1930 with the supply in 1920. The volume of freight being moved this year is almost exactly the amount being moved in 1920, according to the Railway Age, but whereas 10 years ago the average daily car shortage was 81,592, this year thus far the car surplus has averaged 450,000 daily. The railroads' record this year in furnishing cars to shippers has been 100 per cent perfect.

In 1920, the railroads were badly handicapped in furnishing cars by reason of the fact that their property had been under Federal control and operation during that period rolling stock had been allowed to deteriorate. Railroad physical property was in bad shape when the government turned it back to the private owners. The better service the roads are giving this year, however, as the authority quoted above points out, is not due to the possession of a larger number of freight cars. Actually, there are 40,000 fewer cars than there were in 1920. But \$6,000,000,000 has been spent in improving railroad properties within the last decade. The cars possessed are in better shape, and movement of freight trains has been speeded up by about 25 per cent within the last 10 years, as a result of better road beds and more powerful engines. Whereas, in 1920 a freight car traveled on an average 23 miles per day, in 1930 its average mileage is 29. Improvements of terminals making possible quicker handling is another factor in getting greater service out of each car. By increasing by 25 per cent the daily mileage of each of the 22,774,464 cars now in service on the class I roads, those roads have the equivalent of an additional 570,000 cars.

Never in their history have the railroads been as well prepared to give efficient service to the public, and never in their history have they given more prompt and satisfactory service. Surely, it is an irony of fate that just as they reach this stage in their development, they should be threatened with destruction by unfair competition from other agencies of transportation operating under the advantage of government subsidies. The people of this country, for their own sake as well as that of the railroads, ought to study carefully the position into which the roads are being thrust now by the development of aerial, water, and highway transportation, the latter all aided by funds from public treasuries.—Houston Post-Dispatch.

Sew your buttons on tight, and see "Half Shot at Sunrise" at Lyric Theatre, Friday and Saturday, December 19 and 20. Auspices of American Legion.

HIGHWAY BLOCKADE CAUSED BY SNOW

A drama of comedy and tragedy that would have made an interesting picture appears to have been enacted around Walsenburg during the recent blockade. Not until Sunday did the real seriousness of the situation dawn upon the inhabitants, when it was discovered that the highway north from town was simply lined with stalled cars of every description as far as the Huerfano bridge, loaded with men, women, children, dogs, cats, furniture and every conceivable thing; much the same condition prevailed south of the town.

Authorities and business men began to get busy; every available place was thrown open to care for the travelers and many men worked like heroes, in some cases, carrying children a long distance to get them to shelter and warmth; even at that, when night arrived some became hysterical and many suffered frozen hands and feet. These conditions prevailed for several days, and it was found that the only way to move traffic was to institute a one-way travel for certain distances, with better cars in the lead to break the road, and they were lined up and sent on their way.

It is estimated that over two thousand people were temporarily added to the town's population. As always, in such cases there were those who wouldn't listen to reason and had to be roughly shown, while others went away with a warm spot in their heart for treatment received. Much of tragedy, pathos and comedy could be written of the incident, but it is past, and was quite an expensive experience.—La Veta (Colo.) Advertiser.

ALMOST 29,000 PERSONS KILLED BY AUTOS IN 1930

Thirty-one thousand persons were killed in automobile accidents in 1929. Almost that many have been killed so far in 1930—around 29,000—according to statistics. Still folks are driving their autos hither and thither, not knowing who will be the next victim. Some drivers consider themselves perfect masters at the wheel, and regard all others who drive as numskulls. There are a few who seem to know it all in any town or community one may go. Hasten the day when all auto drivers will be compelled by law to carry a drivers' license if he is permitted to steer any motor vehicle upon the public highways of this state.—Miami Chief.

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The State of Texas, County of Hansford. To the Citizens and Residents of Hansford County, Texas and to all to whom these presents come, Greetings:

You are hereby notified that the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hansford County, Texas have passed an order, that in compliance with the laws of the State of Texas, that all persons who willfully injure any public road, bridge or causeway shall be prosecuted and shall be subject to pay a fine of not to exceed \$200.00. And that it shall be unlawful for any person to cross any bridge, culvert or causeway on the public

county road in Hansford County, Texas, with any tractor or vehicle of any load, on a tractor or other vehicle, there any lug or other instrument will deteriorate or injure bridge, culvert or causeway. It shall not be unlawful any person to cross any bridge, culvert or causeway with tractor or other vehicle on which there is lugs or other instrument if said persons shall first planks or other materials on bridge, culvert or causeway front of the vehicle, sufficient to prevent the tractor or other vehicle from injuring said bridge, culvert or causeway. These shall be a reward of \$25.00 to any person giving information which leads to conviction of any person who shall violate said law. Passed and approved this 8 day of December, A. D. 1930. COMMISSIONERS' COURT. 113. Hansford County, Texas

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Sterling Highway Plan To Come Before State Legislature

According to Austin dispatches the Sterling highway plan will come before the legislature in January. Senator Walter Woodul of Houston will sponsor it. Several amendments will be proposed to issue state bonds for highway construction, to repay county bonds for money they have paid into state highways, and to relieve counties of future payments.

In a statement at the capitol, Senator Woodul said he will attempt to submit three issues; with assurance that the last will be adopted, and that if the bond issue should fail, it would be only a temporary set-back in highway development.

"I shall vote for each and all of them," Senator Woodul said. "We will assuredly carry two amendments—reimbursing counties for stopping levy on counties—less a lot of politicians get rid of their horses. Even if we do not pass the bond issue, the people will lead highway progress to the state for only about two years, and then you will see Texas fall step with 34 or 35 other progressive, forward-looking states, and adopt the plan."

"It is my intention to present a constitutional amendment, which would require the legislature to apportion to such counties as are entitled to reimbursement, sufficient of our gasoline tax revenues will, within a 30-year period, reimburse the counties equitably for their expenditures. This will require approximately \$6,000,000 year out of gasoline funds."

Dallas is raising a fund of \$383,000; Houston \$514,000. Other towns and cities, more or less, pretty much in proportion.

Half a million dollars is a lot of money, but—when you stop to think of it—there are men in both of these big Texas cities who could give the whole amount and scarcely miss it.

It appears that the total of Texas' Thanksgiving contribution to the cause of organized charity will exceed four millions of dollars. That is about 66 cents for each man, woman and child in the state. Not too much certainly.

Every cent of that four millions will be needed. Pellagra has already spread over the state—and pellagra is a poverty disease, resulting from undernourishment. Salvation Army posts are reporting unprecedented demand for aid and meals.

It is true that much of the demand for charity comes from drifters—people engaged in the endless, fruitless search for the job that will pay a living. They aren't Texans, but they are human beings; and charity must be blind to everything except the need of humankind.

Conditions this year challenge the humanity of man. Babies can die while we quibble, and despair will attend procrastination.

There is only one time to give.

COMMUNITY CHEST WEEKS

These are Community Chest weeks in Texas.

All over the state, Texas men and women are apportioning a share of their plenty to those who are less fortunate than themselves.



Every Two Minutes Another Home Burns

If you are underinsured, or if you let your fire insurance lapse even for a single day, your property values are exposed to loss. Fires occur unexpectedly and destroy much valuable property in a brief time. You need it to yourself to be carefully protected. How could you be adequately compensated for your loss if you were underinsured or underinsured?

Let us help you obtain an appraisal, make suggestions, and furnish adequate insurance.

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ABSTRACTS and INSURANCE
P. A. LYON, Mgr. PHONE 42

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Borger Daily Herald, one year \$3.50
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This includes Sunday issues of the Daily Herald.

Warm Water Important For Poultry

Two important factors looking to heavy production of eggs during the winter are plenty of water at the right temperature and houses so constructed that it is easy for hens to get to and from nests.

Ice water has a deleterious effect on all poultry and especially laying hens. Warm water or at least with the chill taken off is easily available through various winter drinking fountains for sale. These fountains keep the water at a certain temperature.

One of these fountains may be made on the farm but should not be undertaken by the amateur as it requires considerable skill.

Practice of placing dry doors to the poultry house several feet above the ground to keep out snakes and other rodents is bad. It requires exertion by the hen to gain ingress and egress from the poultry house. Why, perhaps can not be clearly explained, but such practices materially decrease egg production.

ODD BITS

One Texas editor wants to know why Texas railroads must build and maintain their own road-beds, paying taxes upon them, and yet required to contribute more than any other single industry to the building of highways which the motor-trucks use for competitive purposes. It is a long sentence but deserves an answer.

Texas cotton growers have been put on notice that unless they improve the grade of their cotton it will not meet requirements for the construction of bales of cotton annually. Texas planters cannot afford to lose their share of so

large a market. It is another problem for the grower.

In addition to other arduous duties, the next Texas legislature will have the job of restricting the state to provide for the election of three new congressmen. Also they are confronted with the task of equalizing special tax levies. It appears they'll earn the advance in pay which they may or may not get in 1931.

Governor Moody's suggestion that highways be built without the use of machinery probably won't be put into effect. Nevertheless, this suggestion harks back to one of the fundamental causes for unemployment. This machine age is consistently relegating human labor to the scrapheap. Apparently we've got to choose: either fewer machines or fewer human beings. The world is getting too small for so many of both.—Editorials of the Month.

Texas counties, districts and municipalities voted and issued \$88,299,002 in various kinds of improvement bonds in the fiscal year ended August 31, 1930—nearly \$20,000,000 more than in the preceding year.

THANKING THE JURY

In a recent big murder trial in Washington the accused man upon being pronounced "not guilty" by the jury went and shook hands with each juror and expressed his thanks for their verdict. That appears to be a regular procedure in our case, whether of murder or something less serious.

If a jury is to be thanked for bringing in a verdict of "not guilty" it is to be commended or criticized for bringing in a verdict of "guilty."

It is all wrong. The jury does not serve the accused. It serves the state. Its business is to find

out the truth, without consideration of personalities before or after the verdict. Presumably if a man is found "not guilty" he owes that to the fact that he did not commit the crime with which he was charged—not to the 12 men who are paid by the state to sift the evidence. It would be just as logical to thank the Weather Bureau for the rain, or a clear day, or to thank the judges of a horse race for the winner. Thanking implies favors, obligations, gratitude and it is highly improper for a liberated man to owe any of these to a jury.—The Pathfinder.

FATTENING HOGS ON WHEAT

Use of cracked wheat, at present the cheapest commodity available for feed for both man and beast, is being made on the big Stainforth purebred hog farm four miles from South Plains. Billy Stainforth, co-partner and manager of the enterprise, said this week. While the large number of brood sows on the farm are being fed a ration that also includes tankage and oats along with the wheat, the whole ration of some 280 hogs that are now being fattened is composed of cracked wheat with enough tankage to make up a balanced ration, he said and fed out in automatic feeders.

"The gain in weight has been an average per head per day of one and three-fourth pounds. The hogs are being weighed twice a month and the actual gain in pounds determined in this manner, which eliminates guess work.—Floydada Hesperian.

NOT EASY TO CHANGE

Changing the type of farming in a region is a long and a slow process. Texas farmers, for instance have been camped for years at the delivery door of the na-

tion's greatest feeder cattle supply. But it is Corn Belt and not cotton belt farmers who buy these calves, and to induce the Texas farmer to grow feed to sell through Texas raised calves on Texas farms is a job that the molders of public opinion are finding hard. One of the greatest hopes for bringing to pass this admittedly beneficial shift, is embodied in the many farm demonstrations of beef cattle feeding. Last year there were more than 100 such

demonstrations well scattered over the state, and in spite of lower prices it seems that such feeding demonstrations are already well under way in most counties where there is a surplus of feed.—Wellington Standard.

If you can't go to Paris you can see it in "Half Shot at Sunrise" at Lyric Theater, Spearman, Friday and Saturday, December 19 and 20th.

Money Raising Sale

Beginning on Saturday, December 13, 1930, and continuing until Wednesday, December 31, 1931, we will allow

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Santa Fe Lets Contract For Spearman-Morse Extension

Company Gets Direct Route Into Amarillo—Will Use
Rock Island's Track Jointly to Dumas—
Gap Is For Twenty Miles

Contract has been let for the building of the new Santa Fe line from Spearman to Morse, a distance of 20 miles. Construction will start around January 1, and this line will be completed by the time the Amarillo-Boise City road is finished, Santa Fe officials said Thursday. The 20-mile branch is the final gap in the Santa Fe's extension from Spearman into Amarillo. A joint track with the Rock Island will be used from Morse to a point north of Dumas where connection will be made with the main line into Amarillo.

Contract for the work was let to Sharp & Fellows of Los Angeles. All right-of-way for the road has been secured, according to W. H. Rochester, construction engineer for the Santa Fe.

Santa Fe engineering crews are now being placed in the field on the new Spearman-Morse line. A. R. Bandy will be the resident engineer, working under the supervision of Mr. Rochester, whose headquarters are in Amarillo.

Rush Heaton-LeFors Line
Grading and bridging work on the new line of the Santa Fe from Heaton to LeFors is well under way. Heaton is nine miles east of Pampa and the new line runs to about three miles east of LeFors. Track laying is expected to start on this line, under the direction of William A. Smith of Amarillo, about January 1. The line should be completed and in operation by February 1.

Sharp and Fellows of Los Angeles are the contractors on this new line of railroad but the actual grading work is being done by George Allen, Greene & Brown, and W. T. O'Rourke. Sharp & Fellows have personal charge of all the bridge work on the entire line.

Track laying, including the ballasting should be complete to the Canadian river from Amarillo, to the Boise City line by the first of the year. The tracks on the north end of this railroad line are now seven miles south of Stratford and rapidly moving toward Dumas. Grading work is practically complete, as far south as Dumas, and the rails should be in that town by January 15.

Grading work between Dumas and the Canadian river is about 50 per cent done and should be completed ahead of the track laying.

There are seven 19-ton dinky locomotives and 70 dinky cars working on the Summit cut job north of the Canadian river, 25 miles north of Amarillo. This cut is about 50 per cent completed and should be done by the first of April.

Building Activity Almost Ended
The 52-car capacity stockyards on the Bivins ranch, 12 miles north of Amarillo, are practically completed. The crews are now at work on the houses for the section foreman and for the section men at this point.

The depot at Stratford is practically complete and work is well under way on three other company

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS (Continued From Page One)

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me some candy, nuts and a banana and an orange. I want a pretty, tall doll with curly hair.

Please do not forget the poor little children. Bring the little girls some dolls and trucks and the little boys some trains and wagons. Bring all of them plenty of candy and nuts.

I thank you for everything you gave me last year.
I am your friend,
ELVAGENE DIXON.

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 5 years old. Please bring me a little red wagon, a tricycle, a scooter and a B. B. gun, and a few story books. Now Santa, if you can't bring everything, be sure to bring the wagon and scooter. I am trying to be a very good boy. So please hurry and come.

Your little friend,
HOWARD RIDDLE.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a little rack with a horse fastened to it. You can find it in the Sears Roebuck catalog, also a dummy truck, and a rubber return ball, new pair of shoes, size 12 1/2, to go to school every day and have been on the honor roll for 2 months, so you see I'm not so bad. Also lots of oranges, candy and nuts. We will have a cake on the buffet and you be sure and get you a great big piece.

Good bye,
C. J. FRANTZ, JR.
P. S.—I want some Tinker-Toys, too. I am 6 years old.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy seven years old. Please bring me a little red dump truck and a little tractor. And Santa, please don't forget my teacher, Mrs. Oldham. I love her very much.

A true friend,
GRANT KELLERBY.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 8 years old and am in the third grade A. I have been a very good boy, so mother says, so please bring me a football, some riding breeches, and a knife.

Further monthly step-up until the Spring demand sees the manufacturing plants operating at capacity, Mr. Knudsen explained.

Chevrolet is one of the few volume manufacturers to achieve a very satisfactory record during the past twelve months. That the company was enabled to do this interpreted here as a distinctly favorable omen for all industry. The motor car industry is the largest user of many basic commodities, and unusual activity on the part of the Chevrolet Motor Company, which builds approximately one-fifth of all cars produced, means a decided stimulus to many lines of trade.

Automobile Industry Is Improving

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 10.—Concrete evidence of improvement in the automobile industry was disclosed here today with the announcement that production of the Chevrolet Motor Company in November set a new high record for the month.

Unit output in November was 47,257 passenger and commercial cars compared with 46,125 in the same month last year, which was the best previous November. The December schedule is set for 60,000 cars.

The November car shortage has resulted in the December schedule being set at about 20,000 cars higher than any previous December in the company's history, according to W. S. Knudsen, president and general manager. The company's twenty domestic production plants now have 28,500 men at work to meet the insistent clamor of dealers for cars following the highly successful introduction of the new 1931 line on November 15, Mr. Knudsen stated.

Future plans call for a gradual

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Your little friends,
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The Railroads Convict Themselves of Unfairness

Gradually the truth of Galveston's charge that the railroads serving both ports are, and have been for years, subsidizing the port of Houston is being revealed to the public.

An important contribution to the truth was made in Dallas the other day in a hearing involving division of the switching charge on traffic exchanged between Houston and ship channel locations. Though it was obvious that the railroads wanted to keep this information as quiet as possible, their own witnesses divulged for purpose of the record that they are performing at Port Houston a switching service which costs them more than twice what they charge for it.

Specifically, the railroads' own cost studies showed that to the Texas and New Orleans the cost of handling freight to points of interchange is \$2.43 a car and to the International-Great Northern \$9.89 a car. From points of interchange the cost averages \$10 a car making the total cost around \$20 and \$22 a car.

For this service there is a total charge of \$8.10 a car. In other words, the port of Houston and the shippers patronizing it are subsidized to the tune of about \$11 to \$13 on every car of freight that moves to the ship channel docks. Beyond question this subsidization is a large factor in the success of Port Houston.

Within the past 10 years, or since Houston became a deep water port, the railroads have sacrificed immense sums in revenue for the sake of building up that port at the expense of Galveston, which has served the shippers of the Southwest for more than 75 years.

And yet when Galveston demanded equalization with Port Houston the railroads have pleaded that to grant the demand would too greatly impair their revenue. They have tried to sustain a pose of impartiality while using every resource at their command to build

up the port of Houston and tear down the port of Galveston. More recently the railroads have made slashing reductions in freight rates on cotton, disregarding distance, in order to meet competition of trucks. But they have been careful to maintain the artificial differential which has cost Southwestern shippers millions of dollars. How do the railroads explain this outrageous discrimination? Is the favor of Houston shippers so valuable that justice to other shippers and localities must be sacrificed in order to obtain it?

Apparently the railroads think so, for they are recording the port Houston treatment which is extended to other shipping center. None know better than they the truth of Galveston's contention that freight can be transported between Houston and Galveston as economically as between Houston and ship channel locations. But they have done everything in their power to keep this knowledge from the public and out of the record of Galveston-Houston equalization cases. For two years Galveston traffic interests have besought the railroads to make a cooperative study of Houston terminal costs in order that this phase of the litigation may be removed from controversy. Encountering stubborn refusal, Galveston engaged R. J. Darry, an expert, to estimate these costs, and in the Dallas hearing his figures were certified to the dollar.

Galveston has tried to deal fairly with the railroads, but it is apparent that fair dealing is not appreciated. It is now time to con-

sider other means of combating their unfairness. By the use of trucks Galveston has this season obtained a substantial quantity of cotton which the railroads would have hauled to Houston. Local interests now have more than 300 trucks engaged in hauling cotton. Their radius extends to the Oklahoma line. They are going north empty when with little expense they could haul merchandise distribution to the interior. News believes that Galveston shippers having north bound merchandise will find it advantageous to investigate this method of transportation, both as a matter of good business and as an indication to the railroads that this is not altogether at their mercy. The Galveston Daily News.

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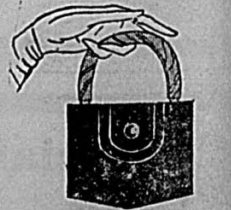
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