

## FIRE WIPES OUT MERCURY BUSINESS DISTRICT--\$100,000 LOSS

### MERCURY'S MOST SUBSTANTIAL BUSINESS HOUSES NOW FIRE-SWEPT RUINS

FIRE ORIGINATED IN MERCURY STATE BANK—SWEEPS ENTIRE BLOCK, ALSO KEYSTONE HOTEL ADJOINING—\$32,000 INSURANCE CARRIED.

The main business section of Mercury lies a blackened and tumbled mass of ruins. Fire, which originated at the Mercury State bank at about 10:00 o'clock Saturday night from a defective flue, swept the entire block of substantial brick and rock buildings, and also destroyed the two-story frame hotel across the street east. With no effective means of fighting the fire at hand, the citizens were forced to watch the roaring flames spread from one building to another, until the entire block was one great blazing furnace. The west wall of the building of Cox and Beasley Bros. stood against the flames, and the citizens, by the use of what water could be obtained, prevented the fire from jumping across the street and destroying the restaurant building, postoffice and adjoining frame buildings. The west side of the town, occupied by the garage and a number of frame business houses also escaped the flames. The total loss is approximately \$100,000, with but \$32,000 insurance.

The disaster wipes out a section of the town that might have been a model for any small city in Texas. The entire block was of most substantial construction, with plate glass fronts, and part of the buildings were of two-story construction. Only frame business houses now remain in the business section.

The list of buildings destroyed, together with values of buildings and stocks, and amount of insurance carried follows. These figures are only approximate, but are the best obtainable at the present time:

Keystone Hotel, Mrs. Fannie Cawyer, proprietress. A 2-story, substantially-built frame building, valued at \$5,000. \$1,000 insurance on building; none on contents.

Mercury State Bank, 2-story brick and stone building, valued at \$6,000. \$1,250 insurance on building and \$650 on bank fixtures.

J. F. Cawyer, general merchandise, 2-story brick and rock building. Building valued at \$6,000, with \$1250 insurance. Stock valued at \$16,000, with \$6,000 insurance.

Mrs. Lona Cawyer, 1-story brick and rock building, occupied by J. F. Cawyer. Value of building, \$3,500, with \$1,000 insurance.

John B. Cawyer Mercantile Co., two 1-story brick and rock buildings, together with contents, valued at \$25,000. \$10,000 insurance on buildings and contents.

J. T. Matlock drug store, 1-story brick and rock building, together with contents valued at \$7,500, with \$3,500 insurance.

Cox & Beasley Bros., and Bank of Mercury, occupying large 1-story brick and rock building, together with contents valued at \$25,000. Insurance on building and contents, \$7,500.

While the above values approximately cover the fire-swept area, neither buildings nor contents can be replaced at the figures quoted, since all values have more than doubled in the past few years. For this reason, the actual loss sustained will be more than double the apparent loss, and constitutes a terrible blow and, without question, the greatest loss in the history of Mercury.

Both of the banks had substantial vaults, and saved their books, securities and valuables. The Bank of Mercury opened for business this morning in temporary quarters at the building formerly occupied by Squyres Jewelry store on the west side.

The balance of the business concerns included in the destroyed section of town, are awaiting insurance adjustment before making plans for the future. Because of the concerns being essential to the needs of the Mercury community, there is practically no question but what the entire business block will be rebuilt early next year, and all the enterprises re-established. The Standard trusts Mercury may rise from her ashes a bigger and better town than ever, and that the new year and the years to come may hold a greater measure of success and prosperity for it than ever before.

**Are You Prepared?**  
For the fire that may destroy your building or valuables any day, any hour? A fire insurance policy is the best protection on earth. We represent some of the best insurance companies in the world. We'll make you safe from loss. Anderson & Carrithers.

**How about your watch? Is it keeping correct time? If not, let us remedy the trouble for you. Satisfaction guaranteed.** A. F. Grant, jeweler, east side square.

EAT at the neatest and most appetizing place in town—THE MODEL CAFE. Best of everything on the market.

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If you are in doubt about a single gift, a visit to our store will quickly solve your problem. YOUR INSPECTION IS INVITED.

### ARREST WHITE MAN AND NEGRO FOR BURGLARY

Sheriff J. C. Wall got quick action on some suspects accused of burglarizing Kirk's store some time during Saturday night, having lodged L. O. Britton, a white man, and Jim Comfort, a negro, in jail Sunday, charged with the crime.

Entrance to the store was made by sawing out a panel of the back door, the tools used, a brace and bit and key-hole saw, having previously been purloined from the N. B. Embry gin. Two suits of clothes and two overcoats were taken, and some hats, shoes and booties were piled out on a table, evidently to be added to the loot, when the burglars were frightened away. Jack Eason, who is employed by Kirk, dropped into the store about 10:30 Saturday night, and it is presumed his coming caused the flight of the burglars without the balance of their loot. The loss was not discovered until Sunday morning.

A man's jumper, left in the store, and the tools, which were found hidden in the alley, furnished the clue which led to the arrest of the two men on the burglary charge. Britton had been employed at the Embry gin, and was familiar with the layout there, which caused suspicion to fall on him when the tools were found to have been taken from the gin. The jumper also matched the pants he wore. Britton said the jumper had been taken by a negro who had slept in the Embry gin house with him Saturday night, and accompanied the officers to the scene of the carnival where he pointed out the negro. After considerable denial of any knowledge of the matter, the negro dug out two sacks hidden in the Embry engine room and which contained the stolen clothing. The pair then charged another negro with having done the stealing. This negro, however, made his get-away on the Santa Fe train. The officers at San Saba arrested a negro, who was returned to Brady, but who proved his innocence. This negro stated that he had noticed a black on the train acting in very suspicious manner, hiding out at each station, but that it had never occurred to him to tell the officers about his suspicions, when he was taken into custody.

Britton claims Kansas City as his home, but sent a telegram to his wife in Fort Worth. In his pocket were found seven Brady National checks, each made out for \$10.00, payable to and endorsed by J. C. Reed and signed by R. E. Wilbern. When Mr. Wilbern was asked to identify the signature, he declared it a forgery. Britton is said to have exhibited a large number of the checks on the carnival grounds Saturday, and attempted to cash one at Moffatt Bros. & Jones, but if any of them were passed, it has not so far come to light. The handwriting on the checks corresponds exactly to the handwriting on Britton's telegram to his wife.

Both Britton and the negro are held in the county jail.

Father or Mother would appreciate a pair of Glasses for Christmas, as it will bring them comfort and pleasure all the year round. See B. L. MALONE & CO. about their gift certificate plan.

6-oz. bottle Peroxide, 15c. A. R. HOOPER.

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The man who succeeds is the hustler who passes the second mile post while the waiting man is barely approaching the end of his first mile.

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REPRESENTATIVE.

**DON'T DELAY.** Placing your order for an Oakland "Sensible Six." It's a car of universal service and popularity. Phone 152 for demonstration. BRADY AUTO CO.

Notice of Annual Meeting. The regular annual meeting of the shareholders of the Commercial National Bank of Brady, Texas, will be held in the office of their bank building on the second Tuesday in January, being January 13, 1920, between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 3:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and for the transacting of any other business that may legally brought before it.

W. D. CROTHERS, Cashier.

Stockholders Meeting. The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Brady National Bank of Brady, Texas, will be held at its banking house in Brady, Texas, on the second Tuesday in January, the same being the 13th day of January, 1920, at 2:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it.

E. L. OGDEN, Cashier.

### SHERIFF WALL RECOVERS WATCH AND DIAMOND RING SATURDAY STOLEN AT LOHN

A bunch of nine negroes and negroes enroute to San Antonio on a big truck, were halted here last Saturday by Sheriff Wall on information from Lohn that a member of the party was supposed to have stolen a watch and a diamond ring from another negro cotton picker at Lohn. The search was made on the public square, and while it was in progress, a bystander noticed a ring drop from the wagon to the ground. Which one of the negroes "chucked" the ring, could not be stated with certainty. The watch was also dropped in among the baggage on the truck, and was recovered by the sheriff.

Rather than hold the entire bunch in order to attempt to ascertain which was the guilty party, the sheriff released them with a warning.

The negroes had been picking cotton in the Lohn neighborhood, and were returning to their homes in Karnes county. The truck driver had made a delivery to this county from San Antonio, and the negroes had paid him \$35 to carry them back to San Antonio with him.

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If you want a farm, see me.  
If you want to sell, see me.  
If you owe on your farm, see me.

Money at 5 1/2 per cent, see me.  
If you want money to hold cotton, see me.  
TOM ELLIOT, Brady, Tex.

**LOOK! LOOK!**  
Have load of good Mares, Horses and Mules. Will be in today, Tuesday, 16th. Will sell them cheap. Be sure and see them at the old C. B. White barn. LEE McALISTER, Brady, Texas.

**LAUNDRY NOTICE!**  
Please note that we will call for laundry only one time next week—MONDAY, DECEMBER 22nd. BRADY STEAM LAUNDRY.

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The same principle that has made the Buick famous the world over, is to be found in the Oakland "Sensible Six." First carload shipment now in. For a car of service, get the Oakland. BRADY AUTO CO.

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Buy Men's Gifts at the Men's Store—Ties, Sox, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, and many other useful articles here. KIRK, Nuf Sed.

68c Mavis Face Powder, 52c. A. R. HOOPER.

We are buying Oat Sacks—we pay highest market price for them. Mayhew Produce Co.

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### FOURTEEN-YEAR OLD SON TOM CASTLEMAN HAS HAND AMPUTATED BY ACCIDENT

John R. Winstead was here from the Waldrip community Monday and confirmed The Standard's report last week of the accidental shooting at Waldrip a week ago last Saturday, and which resulted in the loss of the left hand by the 14-year old son of Tom Castleman. With two others, young Castleman was riding on a wagon with a spring seat, with the gun held between them, the butt resting on the wagon bottom. The gun had been loaded to shoot some duck, and as the wagon jolted along the road, the weapon slipped down. Young Castleman grabbed the gun by the muzzle just as the trigger struck the wagon seat, and the discharge tore away the left thumb and the greater part of the palm of the hand. The injured lad was carried to the home of Mr. Winstead, where Dr. J. E. Powell was summoned, and amputated the mangled member at the wrist. A peculiar, and most unfortunate part of the accident was that the lad was left-handed, so that the loss of this member proves a double affliction to him.

**Death of Neville Scarborough.**  
Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Scarborough have the sincere sympathy of all in the death of their 14-year old son, Neville, who passed away Friday, December 12th, at midnight at the local sanitarium. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Methodist church, the Rev. J. W. Cowan conducting, and interment was made at Brady cemetery.

Neville Scarborough was a quiet, industrious, and altogether admirable lad. His illness and sufferings he bore silently and heroically, never complaining, and always ready and anxious to do his duty. On Saturday previous to his death, he was carried to the sanitarium, where his ailment was pronounced as acute Bright's disease, and his condition pronounced very grave. An operation for appendicitis was performed, but his ailment together with complications, was more than his frail body could withstand, and death came as a merciful relief to his sufferings. For a number of months Neville had been employed at the Knox fruit stand, and his death brought sorrow to his fellow employees and to the patrons whom he had served so willingly and cheerfully.

The Fordson Tractor—the strongest, most successful power of today—just the thing for breaking land or doing the work on the farm. Book your order today. FORD GARAGE.

The Christmas Shopper can find that Christmas gift here. KIRK, Nuf Sed.

### SALT GAP WELL SHUT DOWN BECAUSE BAD ROAD

Because of bad road, the C. S. Thomas Salt Gap well has been closed down indefinitely, according to Field Superintendent Jack Tait. The seepage from the tank in the Clint Ward pasture, just beyond Melvin, has so waterlogged the road as to render it impassable, at least to heavily loaded trucks. The top surface has dried and hardened to the extent that light automobiles can, during dry spells, successfully pass the spot, but the heavily-laden trucks are immediately bogged down in the bottomless hole caused by the seepage.

Mr. Tait has for some time endeavored to have the matter remedied, but without avail, and inasmuch as he is unable to haul out fuel, material or supplies, there was nothing left for him to do but to suspend operations. The closing down of this well is a serious loss to McCulloch county and more especially to the Melvin community, since it is estimated that the payroll and monthly expenditures on this well run approximately \$5,000. It is also stated on good authority that the Smith & Jergins well is face to face with a similar condition, and will be forced to close down if this stretch of road is not rendered passable.

### R. B. McCARTY, MERCURY FARMER, MAKES RECORD AS A LEMON GROWER

R. B. McCarty of the Mercury community was in Brownwood Tuesday and called at the Bulletin office to exhibit some Ponderosa or "Wonder" lemons which were grown on a tree at his home. The lemons were the largest seen here in many seasons, measuring about fifteen inches in circumference, and being of an unusually fine variety. A few of them were left with Mr. McCarty's friends, and visions of lemon pie were conjured up wherever the big lemons were shown.

The tree this year matured nine lemons, Mr. McCarty said, that number being about as many as the branches could support. This winter he will erect a temporary house about the tree to protect it from the cold, and next season it should show increased growth and production. It is easy to raise such fruit even in this climate if one cares to give it care and attention.—Brownwood Bulletin.

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Is assured the patrons of the Koerth Gin. We have installed an

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Brady Texas

# THE BRADY STANDARD

H. F. Schwenker, Editor

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Notices of church entertainments where a charge of admission is made, obituaries, cards of thanks, resolutions of respect, and all matters not news, will be charged for at the regular rates.

BRADY, TEXAS, Dec. 16, 1919.

## HONEST INJUN.

What is so rare as June weather in the middle of a fuel-less winter?

### A BELL RINGER.

Some weeks ago, "Son-of-a-Gun," writing in the columns of the San Saba News, asserted that the best reward and remuneration of teachers and preachers lay in the good they were doing. The Standard thereupon took the stand that neither teachers nor preachers could do a great deal of good, or at least not their full measure of good, unless they received compensation in full measure for their services.

In quoting the two editorial articles, Editor John E. Cooke of the Rockdale Reporter, makes the following comment, which brings the matter home to every citizen and which raises the question, "Are we willing to bear the burden that both teachers and preachers may be adequately paid for the services they render?" The Reporter article says:

The above two editorials give two views of the proposition. There is another view, and one that is seemingly quite lost sight by the general public. That is, increased taxation in order to get the funds with which to increase the pay of the teachers. We believe the majority of people will agree that the teach-

ers ought to have better pay, but will that majority agree to increased taxation in order to provide the funds for the increase in salaries? Nearly all communities are taxed to the limit—or think they are, which amounts to almost the same thing. Is the public willing to increase the school tax? Practically all schools are conducted on a hand-to-mouth basis; i. e., the funds for each term are exhausted by the close of that term. School boards cannot raise salaries unless more funds are provided. More funds cannot be had without increased taxes. So after all, it is up to the general public and not to the school boards.

## THE BRADY SCHOOLS.

The foregoing article is directly applicable to the local situation in Brady. The question of whether or not the standard of the Brady schools can be maintained on the basis of the past does not need to be put to a vote. It is an obvious fact that the schools cannot preserve their standing and their affiliations unless the citizens are willing to dig down in their pockets and dig up the wherewith to provide salaries which will keep competent teachers on the job.

There is an alarming shortage of teachers—why? Because teachers can enter other professions and make more money than they can dream of receiving under present standards of remuneration for this class of service.

Just how Brady can best maintain her schools and keep them up to the standard which has spread the fair name of Brady far and wide, is a matter which the intelligent citizenship must decide—and that at once. The Standard would suggest a public meeting at which the matter may be thoroughly discussed and some conclusion reached that will assure the future success and position of that most valuable of our local institutions—the public schools.

## THE GOOD ROADS QUESTION.

There is another question that lies close to the hearts of our citizens, because it vitally affects their welfare, and that is the question of permanently improved thoroughfares. The Standard might discuss the subject for weeks and months at a time, but no other conclusion could be reached than that bad roads are a losing investment and every citizen's purse eventually is affected by the drain.

Figure the punctured auto tires, the broken springs, the wear and tear, the increased cost of operating; figure the lost time of wagons broken down or stuck in a mud hole, or loaded lightly in order to get to town; figure the additional burdens you place upon your teams and your horses in making them pull heavy and all but impassable roads—and you will find your loss so great that the addi-

tional taxes you would have to pay if bonds for county-wide road improvement were voted, would seem like a widow's mite in comparison.

Think what it would mean to load your wagons to capacity, make a quick and thoroughly safe trip to town and back, with never a rut or gully or obstacle to mar the trip!

Would it be worth while? If the citizenship of McCulloch county see and want the benefit of improved highways, then let them go together and decide what course to pursue. The logical means would be to call a mass meeting at the earliest convenient moment and let the matter be discussed from all angles that the greatest good be done the greatest number.

Are you in favor of such a meeting?

Let The Standard be your spokesman, regardless of the stand you take on the matter.

## PAYING THREE TO ONE PRICE FOR NEWS PRINT.

Unless present conditions in the manufacture of news print paper are improved soon there will be a shortage of newspapers early in 1920. An official poll of the manufacturers and jobbers during the past two weeks by The Publishers' Auxiliary discloses the fact that there is not now on hand in the United States a sufficient quantity of sheet print to supply normal demands for 30 days, and that the consumption is greater than production, and production constantly falling off. The Reporter received a small shipment of paper last week which cost us almost nine cents per pound laid down in the house. A few years ago this same paper would not have cost us not exceeding three cents. Dealers everywhere are begging the mills for print with which to supply their regular customers, but are meeting with poor response. The Reporter has enough paper on hand to continue publication for several weeks. We hope to be able to get more by the time we need it—at some price. But we have no certainty of seeing that hope realized, unless our Government steps in and nails the profiteering manufacturers.

There is a strong probability that something like that will be done, for the howl is going up from the publishers just now is being heard in Washington.—Rockdale Reporter.

## SNAP SHOTS.

A West Dallas widow says the reason she broke her last engagement was because her fiancé was a tobacco chewer who said she would have to put a grate in her living-room if she didn't want him to spit on the stove.—Dallas News.

Typewriter Ribbons for all makes machines. The Brady Standard.

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**AGENTS WANTED IN EVERY LOCALITY** to look after new and renewal subscriptions. Liberal commissions paid. Also additional big cash prizes and other rewards given. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, Slaughter Bldg., Dallas.

**WANTED**—At once, help for general work at hotel. Pay \$12.50 per week. Call and see Mrs. O. P. BEVERS, at Morrow hotel.

**FOR RENT**—Oliver typewriter. The Brady Standard.

**FOR SALE**—A 2 1/2-ton Truck. F. R. WULFF.

**FOR SALE**—One 9-column Burroughs' Adding Machine. F. R. WULFF.

**FOR SALE**—Morris Cash and Bookkeeping Register. F. R. WULFF, Brady.

**FOR SALE OR Trade**—6-cylinder car in good condition. See JEROME McCARTY at Mann-Ricks Auto Co.

**FOR SALE**—Several head of good work mares and 1 team of broke mules, at right prices. W. B. Pence, Brady.

**FOR SALE**—160-acre farm; 140 acres in cultivation, 3 1-2 miles from Brady on Coleman road. W. M. BAUHOF, Brady.

**FOR SALE**—Twelve matched teams, broke mules. Can be seen at barn near Methodist church. LEDBETTER & HENDERSON.

**FOR SALE**—7-room house on North Side; bath, sleeping porch; 1-2 block good land; good location; at a bargain. Inquire at Standard office.

**FOR SALE**—36 head of good, young cows, about 25 head good Jersey milk cows, heavy Springers. Will sell all or any number at a reasonable price. Phone 2405. G. E. YOUNG, Rt. 1, Brady.

**FOR SALE**—Seven-room house including bath room with large bath tub and lavatory—three large porches; two halls; electric lights. Good barn, sheds, garage, smoke house and flower pit. For reasonable price. See J. W. BATEY.

**EGGS FOR HATCHING.**  
Pen No. 1 is headed by a Lady Victory cockerel, 304 egg—the world's record today.  
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**POSTED.**  
All parties are hereby warned that all of my pastures are posted against hunting or trespassing of any kind. Anyone violating this notice will be prosecuted. MAX MARTIN, Mason, Texas.

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## "IT SURELY GOT RESULTS"

Said C. W. Durdy. "I had any number of inquiries and made a satisfactory sale—and it beat hunting a buyer myself."

**Fine Hog Killing Weather— We Bring Home the Bacon TRY US.**

**The Brady Standard's CLASSY-FI-ADS**

## PERSONAL MENTION

The Rev. J. H. Taylor returned last Saturday from the Baptist General convention at Houston.

Ray Willoughby came home the latter part of last week from Terrill school at Dallas, to spend the holidays here.

Mrs. W. J. Dawson and little daughter, Nadine, of Rowena, Texas, are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Page.

Miss Margaret McGhee came over the latter part of last week from Brownwood, and is a guest of her sister, Mrs. B. L. Malone.

Mrs. B. G. Smith and son, Floyd, who have been spending several weeks here looking after realty matters, leave this week on their return to their home at Austin.

Mrs. Cal Estill arrived the latter part of last week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Willoughby. Mr. Estill will join her here at Christmas time.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ryan of Beggs, Okla., spent Friday here as guests of her sister, Mrs. C. C. Ledbetter, while enroute home from a visit with her mother, Mrs. Smart, of Pasche.

W. M. Murphy and T. J. Wood returned last Saturday from Alpine and Matador, where Mr. Murphy had gone on business matters, and also to accompany Mr. Wood on a hunting trip.

Mrs. Chas. E. Bumgardner and baby, who have been visiting relatives and friends here the past several weeks, left last week for their home in Carthage, N. M. They were accompanied by Mrs. M. A. Bumgardner and son, Gordon, who will visit there for some time.

Credit B. L. Malone & Co. with the most attractive of all Christmas show windows. An old-time fireplace furnishes the back ground of a setting that would make old Santa envious, with its sparkling jewels, cut-glass and silverware. On the mantel-piece is an attractive mantel clock, and

hung before the fireplace are the children's stockings, and no doubt but what Santa will find plenty of beautiful gifts here with which to fill the stockings.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS.**  
We have received a selection of Christmas Cards and can sell them in any quantity. An inspection of these cards is invited. THE BRADY STANDARD.

**No Worms in a Healthy Child**  
All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

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TOM ELLIOT, Brady, Tex.

All kinds of useful Christmas Gifts at KIRK'S. You couldn't make a better present to father, brother or son than a Suit or an Overcoat. Kirk can fit 'em. Nuf Sed.

**OAT SACKS**—we are buying them. MAYHEW PRODUCE CO.

**Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic** restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. Price 60c.

No trouble to find Christmas Gifts for Him at KIRK'S. Nothing better or more useful than Silk, Silk Striped or plain Shirts. See the line we're showing. Nuf Sed.

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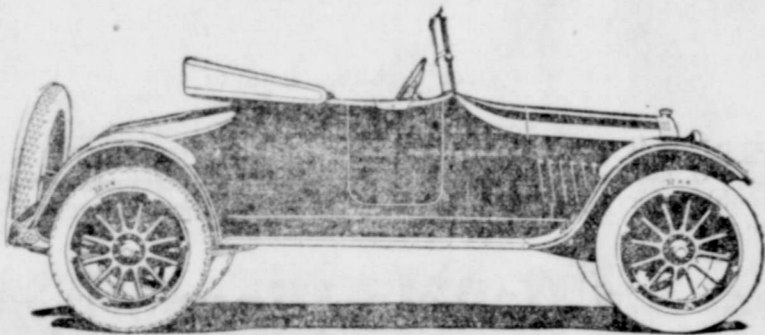
**A Full Carload of Lily Darling Ranges Cook Stoves and Hot Blast Heaters Laundry Stoves and Oven Drums**

Can supply your wants in any kind of Stove.

December 1st—We have just unloaded a car load of Wood-Wheel and Iron-Wheel TRUCKS. We will have a car load of Army Wagons Wednesday, December 3rd, at Bargain prices.

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EVERY member of The Progressive Farmer staff has had actual farm experience—most of us are running Southern farms now—and from our own experiences, and from the multitude of farmers' letters that come to us every year—we believe we have figured out a pretty nearly perfect list of these "fifty-two biggest problems" of the average Southern farmer, and we are going to treat him in next year's Progressive Farmer.

We are going to treat them, too, in order of timeliness, just as far as possible. For the aim of The Progressive Farmer, always, is to tell the subscriber just what he wants to know, just when he wants to know it, and in as few words as possible.

Here's the list of big problems we shall treat during the fall months, and the date on which each discussion will appear:

**November 1.**—Financing the Farmer; (Personal and Short-term Credit; Long-term Credit for Land Purchase; Avoiding "Time-prices," Utilizing National Farm Loan Associations, etc.).

**November 8.**—Systems of Farming—Affecting Soil Fertility, Money Profits, Prosperity and Permanence of Rural Life.

**November 15.**—Arranging and Erecting Fences; Relative Values of Different Systems, Materials, etc.

**November 22.**—How to Reduce Land-Washing to a Minimum. (Terracing, Ditching, Filling Land with Humus, Proper Use of Steep Hill-sides, etc.).

**November 29.**—What Changes are Needed to Insure Better Health for Men, Women, and Children on the Farm?

**December 6.**—Winter Care and Feeding of Horses, Mules, Cattle and Hogs.

**December 13.**—Getting Rocks and Stumps off the Land.

**December 20.**—How Farm Neighbors May Work Together for Greater Profits and Happiness.

**December 27.**—Business Methods on the Farm; (Inventories; Records; Accounts; Banking; Cost-keeping; Advertising; System in Correspondence and Making Sales, etc.).

The above subjects are of vital importance to you and alone are worth the price we ask, and remember The Progressive Farmer carries many other big features not mentioned above.

**THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER**  
DALLAS, TEXAS

## CURIOS FROM MEXICAN BORDER INCLUDE ODDITY IN RESURRECTION PLANT

Our good friend and neighbor, Dick Dyer, returned something like a week ago from a hunting trip, on which he had accompanied Messrs. Claud Allen, E. S. Noble and James Coleman of San Angelo. The party hunted in the mountain fastnesses of Motley county, beyond Matador, and down near the Mexican border, and were successful in bagging one deer. Dick states there was a fair abundance of deer there, and plenty of small game. However, the frequent flights of army airplanes, and the impromptu hunts organized by the soldiers whenever an air-man spied a deer, had resulted in making the game very shy and hard to get. The party saw lots of Mexicans—but they were all amigos. Friend Dyer brought back a small load of curios, which he had gathered on his trip, including a variety of colored stones that would excite the interest of any geologist. From the top of Elephant Mountain, he also brought one of the most brightly colored grasshoppers we have ever seen. This grasshopper is very near as big as a small bull frog and is brightly colored and striped with yellow and orange. The grasshoppers on the top

of Elephant mountain are of a type distinct from those in the valley. The mountain is over a mile in height, and the ascent is fully four miles from the foot hills to the top. The air at the top is so light as to make one dizzy-headed and weak-kneed.

Another curio brought by Mr. Dyer was a specimen of the resurrection plant. This plant looks something on the order of the palm cedar, and when growing, cups up like the palm of a person's hand, and puts forth a very attractive bloom.

Both grasshopper and resurrection plant are on exhibition at The Standard office. The plateaus on Elephant mountain are covered with cactus, a vegetable growth that has a center very much resembling a huge cabbage head. The stockmen split this head open with a machete, and the cattle thrive on the same, being fat and ready for market in the spring after wintering on cactus.

Dick told us a lot of other things that he had noted on the trip—but sometimes even an editor has to be shown.

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## Kindergarten Helps for Parents

This is No. 19 of a series of articles issued by the National Kindergarten Association. They will appear weekly in these columns.

By MRS. ELVIRA HYATT.

It pays to have high ideals for our children, and to respect their individuality. Much can be accomplished by expecting children to be good, and by showing them that we trust them.

We should never call a child "bad," never wound his self-respect. This does not mean that his naughty actions should be "glossed over," but as one wise educator has expressed it, we should realize that every fault is simply the absence of some virtue and we should try to build up that quality in which the child is deficient rather than condemn him for that which he has not.

Build up the virtues, and the faults will disappear. If a child is selfish, we should dwell on unselfishness; if the child is untidy, on neatness; if slow, on quickness; and we should always remember to praise even the slightest sign of the virtue we are working to cultivate. A child will try to live up to the thing for which he is praised. "How quiet and helpful my little Peggy is today" will do more good than a dozen scoldings about noise and mischief.

Stories can be told to arouse and stimulate high ideals. Stories have a wonderful educational value and almost any lesson can be taught in story

form. Tell stories about birds, trees, flowers, animals, great and good men, simple stories of home and family life, stories from history and from the Bible. The eager little minds are ready for anything you wish to give them, and if you are a natural storyteller great indeed is your opportunity. Ideals of right conduct, love of family and sympathy with every living thing can all be given through the right use of stories.

Much has been said and written about pre-natal influence, but volumes more are needed on post-natal influences. One of the first things a baby learns is to "smile back" at his mother, and in all his earliest years the child reflects the attitude of those around him. He imitates the things which he sees and hears, in order to understand them and "As the twig is bent, the tree's inclined."

A true mother leads a consecrated life. She will always be absolutely truthful and will keep every promise made to her child. She will recognize the good in all things and will never speak ill of anyone in her child's presence. She will keep away all thoughts of fear, and will awaken a spirit of loving service toward others and a growing belief in the Power

which is within himself, until at last he grows into a recognition of the universal love and goodness which underlie the whole life.

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### LOOK! LOOK!

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### JOHNNY CONNER HOMELESS RESULT FIRE—BITTER COLD ADDS HARDSHIP TO LOSS

Johnny Conner and family were rendered homeless last Friday afternoon by fire, which destroyed the house occupied by them and practically all the contents, only a few bedclothes having been saved from the flames. The fire occurred on the Mann Bros.' ranch, the house being located five miles out and one mile west from the Mason road. Mr. Conner stated that the blaze originated from the fireplace, and when first discovered, had gained such headway that, with no way at hand of fighting the blaze, nothing could be done but to make their own personal escape. Adding to the hardship was the bitter coldness of the day.

The house was a substantially built and weatherboarded frame building of four rooms, and which will cost at least \$1500 to replace. Insurance to the amount of \$500 was carried.

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