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25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News Aug. 23, 1895:

John Wesley Hardin was killed at El Paso last Monday by Constable Sellman; the result of a quarrel while in a saloon.

Major H. M. Holmes died in this city on the 17th.

Miss Ruth Henry of Bloomington, Ill., is here visiting friends.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mangham died last Friday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Geistweid, Jr., a girl, on the 17th. Ruth McGinnis left Friday for her home in Llano.

D. H. Bickenbach shipped a car of fat cattle to Galveston this week.

It is believed by some of our sanguine citizens that the A. & N. W. and the Ft. W. & R. G. will both move toward Mason shortly.

15 YEARS AGO

From Mason News Aug. 18, 1905:

Rev. Shirley closed a Baptist meeting at Grit last week. He had 18 conversions.

Mr. Alex Lehmann and Miss Edna Grote were married on the 17th at Castell.

Several young men are reported to have engaged in an impromptu duel a few nights ago; none were seriously hurt.

M. Fain of Houston, an operator in mineral lands, was here last week prospecting.

Elmer Lay brought in the first bale of cotton for this year on last Saturday. It was bought by Hofmann Dry Goods Co. at ten cents per pound.

Mrs. Sands and Miss Ruth returned last week from a visit in Kerrville with relatives.

Mrs. R. E. Crawford and son are here from Houston visiting relatives and friends.

Gus Schuessler, wife and child left this week for a visit in Eagle Pass and points in Old Mexico.

Fine Bond Papers—News Office.

TEACHER'S EXAMINATIONS

The teacher's examinations, usually held at the first of each month, and which had been scheduled to be held Friday and Saturday, August 6 and 7, have been postponed and will be held Monday and Tuesday, August 23 and 24.

You'll enjoy the pictures at the Star Opera House. Shows every Friday and Saturday night. Don't forget it starts at 8:15 o'clock.

Parker pens give best service for school use.
J. S. King, Jeweler.

TEXAS COTTON CROP

The report on the condition of the cotton crop of the State of Texas sent out by the United States Department of Agriculture this last week says that the condition of the cotton crop is 74 per cent.

TO SPEAK FOR BAILEY

The News is requested to announce that Hon. A. P. C. Pelsch, of Fredericksburg, will be in Mason to speak at the court house on Friday, August 27th at 8:30 p. m. in behalf of Bailey for Governor. Everybody invited.

Miss Lydia Danheim is back from Austin, where she took a special course in primary art and primary methods. She will be at home in Brenham until fall when she goes to Grandview, where she has charge of the primary department.—Brenham Morning Messenger.

Irwin Winkel left last week for Fort Worth, where he has accepted employment as a railway mail clerk.

POULTRY WANTED

We are always in the market for poultry and will pay you top prices for fryers, broilers, pullets, hens, roosters, ducks, geese and turkeys. Bring us anything you have in the line of poultry.
Mayhew Produce Co.

See me for garden hose and lawn sprinklers. F. Lange.

CHARBON AMONG STOCK IN MASON COUNTY

We learn from reliable sources that charbon, which has been prevalent in some of the adjoining counties, has also gotten among stock of Mason county. In order that persons who have or may have stock afflicted with this disease may know what their duties are as prescribed by law, the following provisions of the General Laws of Texas, defining Charbon Districts are here given:

Art. 4553 G. makes it the duty of persons having animals afflicted with charbon or supposed to be afflicted with charbon, to report the same in writing to the County Health Officer at once. A failure to make this report constitutes a fineable offense.

Art. 4553 J makes it the duty of the owner or person in charge of animals which have died from charbon to destroy the carcasses by burning within 24 hours after death of the animals, and make as a failure in this respect a misdemeanor punishable by fine of not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$100.00 and each 24 hours after the first 24 hours constitutes a separate offense.

Reports should be made to Dr. C. L. McCollum, County Health Officer of Mason County.

GATES CHILD DIES

James Gates, aged 7 years, 2 months and 16 days, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Gates of the Grit section, died last Friday morning. The child's death was attributed to congestion of the brain. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon and the little body was put away in the Grit cemetery.

The NEWS extends deepest sympathy to the grief-stricken parents and relatives in this dark hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Schmidt, a boy August 9; Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Fikes, a girl, August 9; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Partle, a boy, August 13; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cates, a boy, August 13.

One night a couple weeks ago the home of Mr. Jacob Schuessler narrowly escaped being destroyed by fire. Mr. Schuessler happened to wake up in the night and discovered a blaze in his room. He immediately aroused the household; the fire was soon put out, but an investigation failed to reveal how the fire was started. It is believed that a mouse ignited a match and set fire to some rubbish, which had been left in the room the day before.

Fred Winkel left last week for Portsmouth, Va., after a visit in Mason with relatives and friends for several weeks.

CARD OF THANKS

I take this means of thanking my friends and neighbors for the many acts and deeds of kindness shown myself and my beloved wife during her illness and at her death. May God bless you all.
B. R. Holland.

REVIVAL MEETING

IN MASON
At the M. E. Church, South Begins Thursday, Aug 19
Rev. Bass of Georgia, is to do the preaching. Bro. Bass is one of the general Evangelists of our church and is highly recommended by our Bishop. He will bring his singer with him. Come out and hear this great preacher and the gospel singer.

The people of other churches are invited to join in with us and let's labor together for the Lord. To the sinner who reads these lines, we have a message for you, "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

RAGS WANTED—The NEWS wants a lot of clean, soft, cotton rags and will pay 10 cents per lb. for same. Can't use scraps.

E. L. Horton left this week for San Angelo to be away several days on business.

A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25. Small bottle often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 3925 Olive Street St. Louis, Mo.

MASON HIGH SCHOOL TO OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 6TH

The regular session of the Mason Public School for 1920 and 1921 will begin September 6th. The seven lower grades will occupy the rock building, while the high school will be located in the frame building. The new room that is being attached to this building will serve as a laboratory for the science classes. Laboratory furniture and apparatus have already been ordered and will be ready for use when school begins.

All of the teachers have now been elected. The high school teachers have already been announced and need not to be repeated. The grade teachers and their assignment for the first day's work are as follows: Miss Mamie Carter of Mason, 7th grade; Miss Edith Belows of Mason, 6th grade; Miss Mary Hintz of Sealy, 5th grade; Miss Louise Latham of Fredonia, 4th grade; Miss Alamo Puckett of Mineola, 3rd grade; Miss Zella Wood of Mason, 2nd grade; Miss Mamie Doell of Mason, 1st grade. None of these assignments except those for the 1st and 2nd grades are intended as permanent. Changes will probably be made in several of the other grades after work begins.

The school will probably have a greater enrollment than ever before. The regular scholastics of this district amount to 361, and there have already been forty transferred to this district from the smaller districts of the county. There will very probably be others, as high school transfers can be made at any time. Taken altogether, scholastics of this district, transfers, "overs" and "unders," there should be well over four hundred pupils enrolled in the Mason school this year.

The rate of tuition this year year will be \$2.00 for unders, \$3.00 for scholastics not entitled to free tuition if they are in the lower seven grades or \$4.00 if they are in the high school. Overs will pay \$3.00 or \$4.00 depending on whether they are in the high school or the grades.

Transfers will be required to pay tuition only after the State apportionment has been exhausted.

MRS. B. R. HOLLAND DIED

Last Sunday afternoon shortly after two o'clock Mrs. B. R. Holland, aged 74 years, 6 months and 1 day, died at her home about 1 mile west of Mason.

Her death was attributed to infirmities of old age coupled with physical disabilities of several years standing.

Miss Elizabeth Kelly was born in Ireland in 1846 and moved to Canada with her parents in 1853. In 1876 she came to Texas and in September '78 was married to Mr. B. R. Holland. They resided in Llano county, near Loyal Valley, until January 1880 at which time they came to Mason and since have continually resided in Mason county. Mr. and Mrs. Holland had no children of their own but reared two orphan children, Mr. John Albright and his sister, who is now Mrs. Chas. Schuessler.

Mrs. Holland had been a member of the Catholic church since infancy. Funeral services which were to have been held Monday afternoon at two o'clock, had to be dispensed with, due to the inability of the Priest to get here. The interment was made in the Crosby cemetery late Monday afternoon.

The NEWS extends deepest sympathy and condolence to the grief-stricken husband.

F. Lange has been crippled up with rheumatism and unable to be at his place of business lately.

Crawford Lemberg, one of the Pig Club Boys, had the misfortune of losing his fine sow one day the first of the week. The animal is thought to have choked to death.

GOAT ROPING CONTEST

The NEWS is authorized to state that the Mason County Goat Roping Association will hold its first official roping contest during the first part of September. It is planned to hold the contest while the Puget Sound to Gulf Highway delegates are in convention in Mason, September 2nd and 3rd. We are unable to give details in this issue, but will endeavor to have them in full for next issue.

MASON WILL ENTERTAIN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

At a regular meeting of the Mason Commercial Club on the first Monday in August, Mr. Carl Runge was instructed as a committee of one to invite the Puget Sound to Gulf Highway Association to hold their annual business session in Mason.

A called session of the Club was held Monday night of this week to hear a report from Mr. Runge. In the report Mr. Runge stated that the Association had accepted the invitation and would meet here on September 2nd and 3rd.

The delegation will consist of approximately seventy-five in number, and will be made up by members from the various counties through which the Puget Sound to Gulf Highway passes.

After hearing the report, the Commercial Club immediately began preparations for the entertainment of the delegates while in our city. Various committees were appointed to assist the club in making arrangements and providing entertainment.

One question arose that brought forth quite a lengthy discussion, and that was in regard to hotel accommodations for these guests while in Mason. It was decided that after the hotels had been filled to their capacity, that the remaining delegates would be given lodging in private homes, and that they would secure their meals at hotels or cafes, according to their own choice. A committee of five ladies was appointed to make arrangements for the lodging of the delegates.

It is planned that the businessmen of Mason entertain the delegation on the evening of the 1st day with a watermelon feast on the court house lawn, and on the second day the guests are to be served a barbecued dinner.

A committee of three has been appointed to arrange for the Boy's Pig Club to give a pig show during the two days of the delegation's stay here. It was stated that pens would be furnished for the boys to put their pigs in.

In view of the fact that a stock show is to be held on a later date, it was voted not to award any prizes on pigs to be exhibited during the two days, and that furnishing of pens should offer sufficient inducement to the club boys to bring their pigs for exhibit. Following is the committee in charge of the pig show: E. J. Lemberg, Roscoe Runge and C. D. McMillan.

The following committees were appointed to assist the Commercial Club in entertaining the delegates:

Receiving—Carl Runge, E. J. Lemberg and L. F. Eckert, whose duty it will be to receive the delegates as they arrive in town, and then direct them to the hotels and other places where lodging will have been secured for them.

Badges—Carl Runge was appointed a committee of one to secure badges for the guests.

Lodging—Mmes. J. S. King, C. D. McMillan, Dan Heester, Carl Runge, Kenney Eckert were appointed a committee of five to secure lodging in private homes and report to the receiving committee.

Watermelon Feast—Ed Loeffler, Kenney Eckert and O. A. Henschel will act as a committee to secure watermelons for the evening of the first day.

Barbecue—C. S. Vedder, W. H. Neill and M. D. Loring composed the committee to arrange for a barbecued dinner and accessories to go with it.

No further program was arranged for, as the Association carries with it a program of its own.

The secretary of the club presented a letter from the Chamber of Commerce of Brady, addressed to Commissioner N. Z. Bethel of Katemey, asking the co-operation of Mr. Bethel in the repairing of the Mason-Brady road to the county line. This being a called meeting of the club it was decided best to let the letter be taken up at the next regular meeting of the club.

Max Willmann left last week for Eastland, after a couple weeks visit in Mason. Miss Emma Willmann of Austin, and Mrs. Hugh Shearer of this place, accompanied him to Eastland for a visit.

Wallie Willmann and Sam Willmann left last Friday for Eastland, after a visit here during the reunion.

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**MASON COUNTY'S FIRST
BALE OF COTTON**

S. A. Nicholson, a farmer residing a few miles east of Mason, has the distinction of raising the first bale of cotton to be ginned and marketed in Mason county this year. The cotton was brought in early yesterday morning and was ginned free by the Planters G in. The bale weighed 481 pounds and was bought by the Hofmann Dry Goods Co. at 35 c. per pound; bringing Mr. Nicholson \$168.35. He also received a premium of \$35 from the Mason Commercial Club making the bale net him a total of \$203.35 without disposing of the seed.

Hon. Calvin Thaxton and wife and daughters, Messes Ruth and Sarah, left Thursday for El Segundo, California, to be absent several weeks. They will visit Mr. Thaxton's only sister, Mrs. Sarah Hall, who resides there and who he has not seen for several years.

Mrs. John D. Hones of Oklahoma City, arrived in Mason Monday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Doell.

**NOTED ZIONIST CAPTAIN
DECORATED BY BRITISH**

**Enemy Subject Is Honored for
Daring War Time Achievements.**

When Capt. Alexander Aaronsohn, member of the famous pioneer Zionist family of Palestine, was recently decorated with the D. S. O. by King George of England, it was probably the first time that an enemy subject was honored for a war-time achievement. Captain Aaronsohn was given the D. S. O. for penetrating the Turkish lines and bringing military intelligence to the British which was one of the principal adjuncts of the successful campaign carried on by General Allenby in wresting the Holy Land from the Turks. At the head of the marvelous secret organization by which British headquarters was being informed of Turkish movements, were Sarah, Alexander and Aaron Aaronsohn; the latter ranked as one of the world's most celebrated agriculturists because of his discovery of wild wheat, which would have revolutionized dry farming throughout the world. Sarah Aaronsohn committed sui-



Capt. Alexander Aaronsohn.

cide rather than disclose the workings of the organization after she and her aged father had been tortured for days by the Turks. Another brother is now an invalid, due to similar Turkish tortures.

The Aaronsohn family came to Palestine with the first group of ardent Zionist pioneers over 30 years ago from Roumania. Their colony near Haifa was a model farming community. It was here that Aaron carried on his agricultural experiments which brought him world-wide fame. The Turks, when they captured and began torturing the Aaronsohns for intelligence work, destroyed all his priceless experiments and note-books. Aaron himself was killed over a year ago when the airplane in which he was riding from London to the peace conference in Paris crashed near Boulogne. His knowledge of Palestine, particularly of the location of water, was considered by the British staff as one of the biggest factors in their successful campaign against the Turks.

The Aaronsohns, as well as the other inhabitants of Palestine, were Turkish subjects, but the terrible oppressive measures launched against the Jews by the Turks shortly after the outbreak of the war forced them to seek help from the allies to save their people from destruction.

Mr. and Mrs. Ery Hamilton returned home Tuesday from Shawnee, Oklahoma, where they were called at the serious illness of their daughter, Mrs. F. V. Askew and her baby's death. Mrs. Askew's many friends in Mason will be pleased to learn her condition was no longer considered serious when Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton departed for Mason.

The Morrow building on the east side of the court house square which was recently purchased by L. F. Eckert, is being renovated and Mr. Eckert expects to open a garage in the building in the near future.

Andrew Weir of the Wagram section was in Mason Wednesday and paid the News office an agreeable call. Mr. Weir states that the boll weevil has hit the cotton crop in his section a hard blow, and that there will be a great shortage of production of cotton out his way this year.

READY FOR BUSINESS

I take pleasure in announcing to the public that my dental office in the C. C. Smith Building is now equipped and in readiness for the practice of my profession. Parties in need of first-class dental work will find me ready and willing at all times to give them the best of service obtainable.

Respectfully,
Dr. R. D. Byler, Dentist.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White returned home Sunday from Austin, where they were with their daughter, Miss Lula Mildred, and Mrs. White's sister, Mrs. J. F. Schaeg, of Brady, each of whom underwent a successful surgical operation last week. We are pleased to announce that both were getting along nicely when Mr. and White left their bedsides.

MICKIE SAYS

MOST EVERY TOWN HAS A FEW FELLERS WHO NEVER SPEND A NICKEL WITH TH' HOME PAPER 'NEAR IN AN' YEAR OUT, AN' YET THEY FALL LIKE A TON OF BRICK FER ANY SMOOTH GRAFTER AN' A FAKE ADVERTISING SCHEME! NO WONDER THEY "DON'T BELIEVE IN ADVERTISING!"

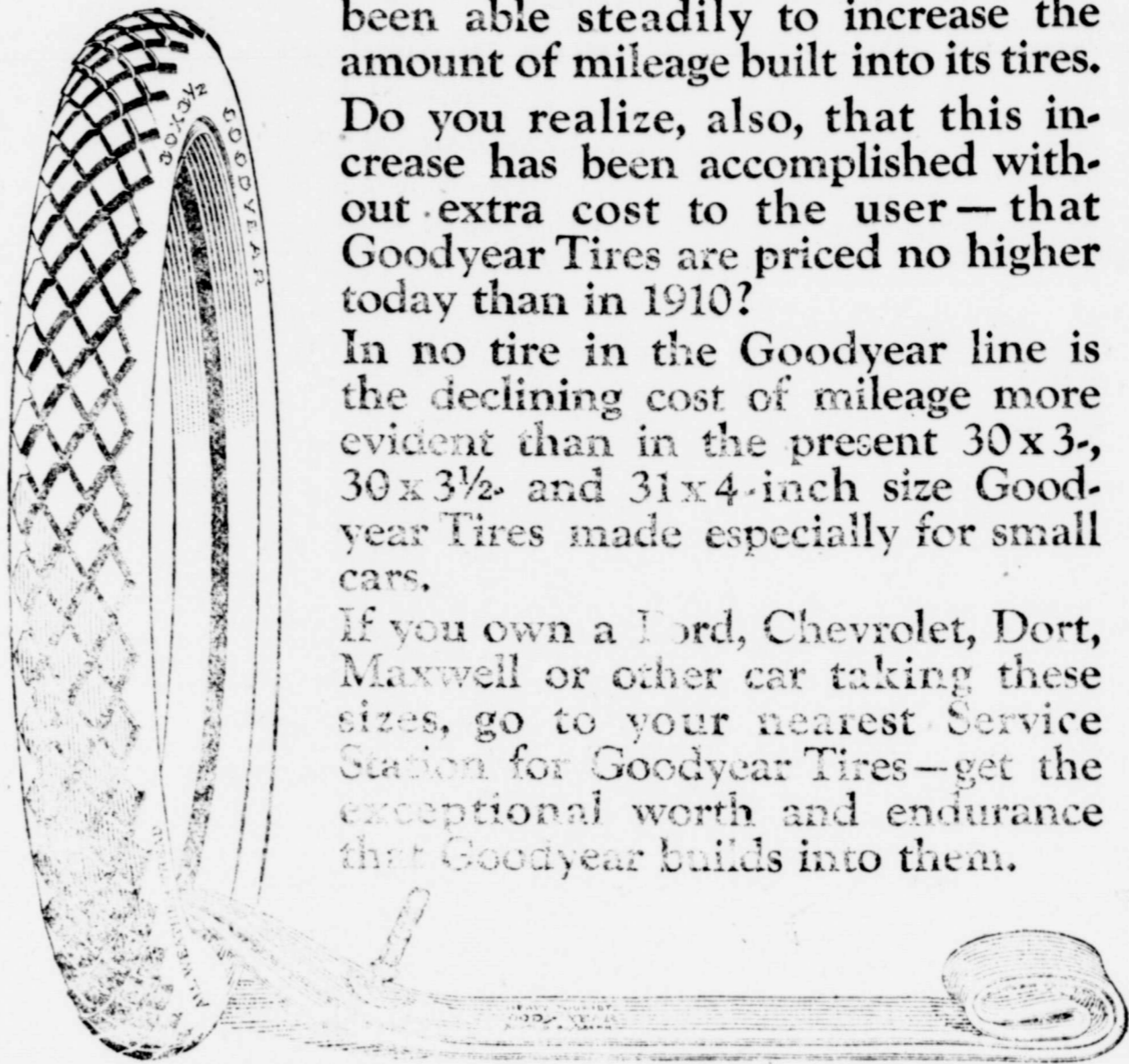
OUR ADS HAVE THE WALLOP!!

Mrs. Edwin Lowgren who successfully underwent an operation for appendicitis at the local sanitarium last week was sufficiently improved as to be removed to her home in west end Monday.

Use your phone and tell the News the news. Phone 57.

Milk coolers, we make them to order. F. Lange.

**Small Cars—and the Declining
Cost of Tire Mileage**



You are aware, of course, that during the last ten years, Goodyear has been able steadily to increase the amount of mileage built into its tires. Do you realize, also, that this increase has been accomplished without extra cost to the user—that Goodyear Tires are priced no higher today than in 1910?

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30 x 2½ size in waterproof bag..... \$4.50



WILLIAM PIERSON

"We again present WILLIAM PIERSON of Hunt County for ASSOCIATE JUSTICE of the SUPREME COURT. He won first primary by 24,853 plurality. Vote for him August 28th." Adv.

Emil Loeffler of Junction, arrived in Mason Tuesday afternoon and on Wednesday morning Mr. Loeffler and L. F. Eckert left for Houston to attend a convention of the Houston Ford Assembling Branch.

School days suggest Parker Fountain Pens 22 J. S. King, Jeweler.

F. B. McCollum of the McCollum Auto Co., who has been confined to his bed for several days, somewhat improved and it is hoped he will soon be able to be at his place of business.

Mrs. A. L. Strickland is confined to her bed, as a result of an operation in having her tonsils removed a few days ago.

SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

The following have made subscription payments to this great weekly since our last report. Watch the label on your paper and if the date is not changed within two weeks after the list is published we will appreciate your calling our attention to the fact.

- Mrs. Chas. Carr 1.50
- R. W. White 1.50
- Wm. Doop 1.50
- Paul K. H. Standke 1.50
- E. A. Loeffler 1.50
- S. J. Thorne .75
- Dr. W. F. Schauer 1.50
- Aug. Danheim 1.50
- O. L. Brown .50
- Miss Edna Baird 1.50
- T. A. Lange 1.50
- E. G. Gross 1.50
- E. F. Stengel 1.50
- Mrs. Bernhard Danias 1.50
- Tom Britte 1.50
- Fritz Klett 1.50

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ADVERTISING RATES

Local readers and classified ads 5 cents per line per issue. Display rates made known on application.

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The Chamber of Commerce of Brady has undertaken to have the Brady-Mason road graded on the Brady end. The Commissioners' Court of McCulloch has set aside three thousand dollars for the purpose of building the road, and an equal amount is to be subscribed by the citizens of Brady. The writer was over the Brady-Mason road recently and in places it is almost impassable and especially in this true of about two miles after crossing the San Saba river going toward Brady. Six thousand dollars isn't any big road fund, but if these few thousand dollars are applied at the proper places quite an improvement can be made on the road.

A slow rain started falling on last Friday morning and continued throughout Friday and Saturday, amounting to one and four-fifths inches up to mid-night of Saturday, when a heavy down pour of rain increased the precipitation to 2.68 inches. The rain which fell Friday and Saturday practically all soaked into the ground but the early Sunday morning rain was heavy and fell in such a short time that it packed the ground and washed the roads considerably. The rain was not particularly needed in any portion of the county, but it is welcomed by the stockmen as a great help to the grass for fall and winter grazing. According to reports from over the county, the rain was general, but farmers are very anxious for a few weeks' sunshine that their cotton may open up and make it possible for the crop to be gathered before the fall rains starts in.

The Brady Sentinel has begun its forty-first year, and as it appeared on our desk last week, we hardly recognized it, as it is such a great improvement over that paper of a few years ago. The Sentinel ranks third in this section as the oldest paper to have been published continuously under the same name; the Mason News and San Saba News being a few years older than the Sentinel. The Sen-

tinel is owned and edited by M. S. Sellers, who has labored diligently endeavoring to place his paper on the high plane that it now stands. We hope that the forty-first year of the Sentinel will prove to be the most successful of any in its history.

An important question that might come before the citizens of Mason in a short time, is one in regard to day current from the local power plant, to continue throughout the year, the service that the company has been giving during the summer. The management of the plant desires to continue the current throughout the fall and winter if the public wants the same and the patronage will justify the continuation of the service. It is the intention of the power company to extend the current to the residences of the town that the houses of Mason may enjoy the privilege of having lights at any hour of the day, and especially will it be appreciated in the homes where electric irons are used. The proposition will no doubt be taken up by the Commercial Club of Mason, and it is the duty of every business man and citizen of Mason to co-operate with the Club and the power plant in the extension of this service for the betterment of our little city. Many towns smaller than ours have electric current every hour in the year. Why not let our people enjoy the benefits afforded by having current the year round?

FIND SPLENDID FUTURE ON FARM

Many Opportunities for Successful Career for Young Man.

MEREDITH CITES ADVANTAGES

Secretary of Agriculture Tells How Ambitious Young Men May Learn Farming and Equip Themselves for an Independent Vocation—Safest Way is to Start in at the Bottom and Climb the "Agricultural Ladder."

By E. T. MEREDITH, Secretary of Agriculture.

Many young men in the various occupations of the cities find their minds turning to thoughts of the outdoor life of the farm, but they do not know how to start farming. It is the purpose of this article to point the way to a successful career as a farmer. I assume the young men in question are looking about for a job that will give them use for their muscles, combined with work for their brains and an outlet for their initiative—something that yields a good living and, most important of all, has prospects for the future.

A mere job is not enough. Even if the pay is good, there must be something to satisfy the ambitions of such a man. The man I have in mind does not want to be a wage earner all his life. He hopes for independence in middle age and the best of opportunities for his children, and he looks forward to an old age of comfort and freedom from financial worry.

More Chances Than They Realize. For men of that type there are more chances on the farm than they may realize, and I should like to tell about a few of them very briefly.

We may imagine such a man putting himself through an examination something like this:

"How much money have you?"

"Not much."

"What do you know about farming?"

"Very little; but I'm good and strong, and hard work never scared me."

"What would you like to do for a living?"

"I would like to own a farm somewhere and work it. I'd like to live in decent style and marry and bring up a family."

It is peculiar how the idea always crops up that the first step in farming is to own a farm. "A farm of your own" is all right as a goal to look ahead to, but the man who lacks either the requisite money or experience will reach the goal quicker by starting in as a hired man. If he has money and needs experience, he will not find it profitable to acquire and operate a farm until he has gained that skill and judgment which will enable him to manage a farm successfully. The cheapest and quickest way to gain this skill and knowledge is by working on a well-managed farm in the summer and attending the winter short course in agriculture at the nearest agriculture college.

The young man without money will find working for wages on the farm the means of saving a little money and establishing his reputation as a skilled workman and a man of integrity. With a good reputation in these regards but little money is required to start in as a tenant farmer, where he can realize on the extra energy, the better skill, and the good management he is able to put into his farming business.

Road to Success Not Hard.

The road is open to the "farm of your own" and the road is neither longer nor harder for one who likes farming than is the road to success in other occupations, but the safest way is to start in at the bottom and climb "the agricultural ladder."

I do not remember any time when farm labor was in such great demand as at present, or when wages for unskilled farm labor were as good or when the standard of living on the farms was as high as it is now.

From all parts of the country comes the demand for men who are not afraid of work. If the schedule of the day's wages in the cities appears lavish when compared with the pay of the farm laborer, just remember that the latter gets his board and rent—and usually his washing and a lot of other things—and that in the cities where the wages are higher, these things are commanding greatly increased prices.

In other words, what the farm laborer receives in cash is pretty nearly clear gain. Most of it can be placed in the savings bank and begin to draw interest, while the wages paid in the cities shrink to something much less impressive when all the bills are paid.

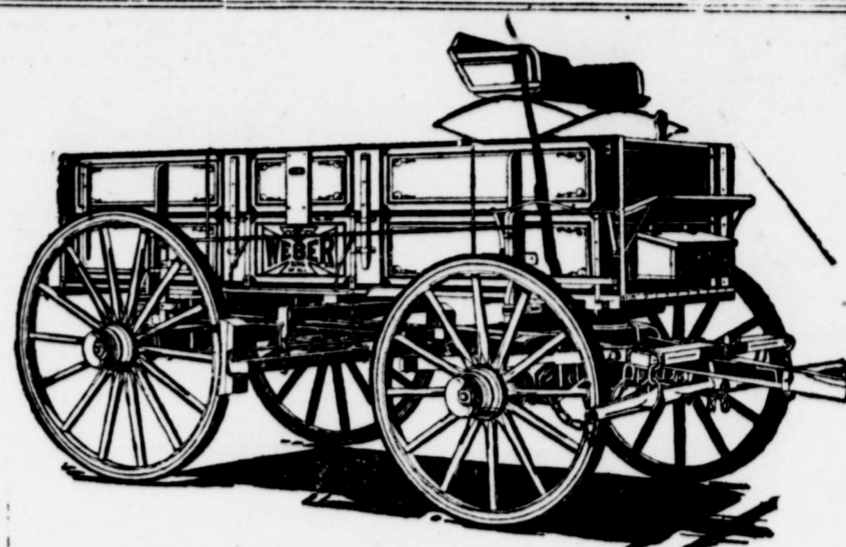
In the right sort of farming community and the right sort of farmer's household the hired man is received on his merits as a man. If he is a straight, clean sort of fellow, his good qualities will be appreciated in the country as readily as in the city. A great deal more so, I should say, for the individual human being seems to count for more out on the farm than he does in a city where great numbers of them are crowded together.

In short, it is strictly up to the man himself to make good, and if he does so he will have no trouble to complain of his social status. The custom in many parts of the country and among many progressive farmers is to take the hired man into the family, while in industries the worker may never even see his employer and have no human contact with the man he works for. In the country we still have in considerable measure the old-time relations between the employer and the worker. The American farming regions form the great reservoirs of traditional American democracy.

Conditions Not What They Were. And living conditions in the country are not what they were a generation ago. A lot of our notions about farm drudgery and hard living and isolation are ideas carried over from an earlier period, when there were no electric lights, no bathtubs, no rural free delivery, no good roads to speak of, and when an automobile on the farm was as rare as an airplane today.

If you want to judge what the farmer of today is buying for his home, read the advertising in any of the leading farm journals. It would not pay the manufacturers of automobiles and pianos to carry advertising in farm papers if they were not selling goods of that character to the readers; and when we find all kinds of luxuries and high-grade necessities advertised in the rural press it means that there is a market for the things that make living more comfortable and easy.

Good roads and the automobile have worked wonders in removing the greatest hindrance to progress in farming sections. The farmer, as a rule, is no longer completely isolated, but, generally speaking, is within easy reach of some thriving, up-to-date market center, and often within



We are now selling the WEBER Special Wagon with Oregon Brake and 3x5-8 tires instead of California brake and 3x1-2 tires, which you buy in any of our neighboring towns. The difference in cost of these wagons is about fifteen dollars at the factory and the difference in the life of them is about ten years. The question to ask is which is the cheapest wagon to buy.

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motoring distance of a great city.

Moreover, the movement to draw the farmers together in social life and community achievements is just beginning. With the active help of the department of agriculture and the state agricultural colleges community enterprises are being promoted so that the farmers may have their club-houses for recreation and business.

The women are coming together more and more to work for the social life and to raise the standard of education and culture.

The little red schoolhouse is giving way rapidly to better buildings that would look well in any city. Such schools serve a large area and give the farmer's children the same educational advantages as the city children.

Initiative and New Ideas.

The best of it is that all these efforts for the betterment of country life are in their early stages. There is great opportunity for the young man with initiative and new ideas to help make his community just what he wants it to be. And that is a lot more fun than finding something ready-made awaiting you.

The business of agriculture is different from that of most industries. It gives the all-around man a chance to use his talents. It is not a matter of doing the same thing over and over again day after day as in some factories, for every month and every day brings its own special problems on the farm, and the man who is ingenious and clever at doing a variety of things has a chance to make good.

In taking a job on a farm, look for one that offers employment for at least nine months of the year. While it may not be possible to get a job for the full 12 months, that is not necessarily a great disadvantage. Find out where the nearest agricultural college is located and arrange to take during the slack period the short course, which runs 12 or 14 weeks during the winter.

In these institutions tuition is free to citizens of the state, and the subjects taught include such practical matters as stock judging and feeding, soils and field crops, and under the subject of farm management, such topics as marketing, cost accounting, and other business details of farm operation. Under farm engineering there is a course in the operation of farm machinery and implements, including tractors, also the planning of farm buildings and the general laying out of the land to secure best results.

It will be seen that with nine months of practical work in the year and three months of training in the agricultural college, a man who wants to get ahead can become a scientific farmer while he is saving up the capital to become an owner.

DRAPED WEDDING RING

Wound in Black and Red to Signify Divorce and Joy it Brought.

Wearing a wedding ring draped with black and red ribbons, Mrs. Florida Rogovoy, of New York, says that the black signifies the divorce which was recently granted her in Seattle, Wash., and the red, the joy the divorce has brought her.

The Rogovoy's were married in 1911 after an introduction by Oscar Hammerstein. She was Florida L. Walden, of Philadelphia. She asserted that less than half an hour after she received her decree, her former husband proposed to her again.

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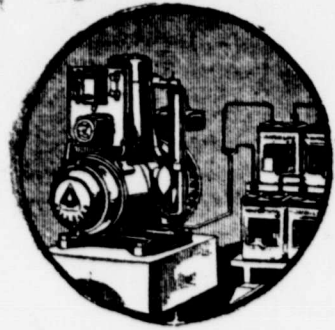
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Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1920.
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Mason County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published, for ten days, exclusive of the day of publication, before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in Mason County, Texas, a copy of the following citation: "The State of Texas. To all persons interested in the Estate of John Lemburg, Sr., deceased, Ernest Lemburg and John C. Lemburg, Jr., have filed a written application for the probate of the last Will and Testament of John Lemburg, Sr., deceased. The Will of said John Lemburg, Sr., deceased, has been filed in the County Court of Mason County, Texas, and said applicants are named as free and independent executors therein. Said application will be acted upon by the County Court of Mason County, Texas, at 10 o'clock A. M., commencing August 23rd, 1920. All persons interested in said Estate are hereby cited to appear at said time and contest said application should they desire to do so."

Herein Fail Not. But have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of office at office in Mason, Texas, on this the 10th, day of August, A. D. 1920.

L. S. S. C. Brockman,
Clerk Co. Ct. Mason Co., Texas.

BIDS WANTED

Bids will be received until August 28th, 1920, by the School Board of the Mason Independent School District, from any bank or individual banker to act as depository for the funds of the aforesaid district to be determined by the best bids of interest on the average daily balances of the aforesaid fund.

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When school starts every child needs a fountain pen.

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Money to Lend—Runge & Runge



ALICE JOYCE

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Storch left last week for Fredericksburg to reside. This young couple have a host of friends in Mason who will regret very much to learn of their leaving Mason, but will join this paper in wishing them success wherever they abide.

Mrs. Walter L. Clark and baby, left this week for their home after a several week's visit in Mason with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mebus and son left a few days ago for their home at Port Arthur, after a visit in Mason. While here Clarence had Dr. Thompson remove a cataract from one of his eyes.

AFFIDAVIT TO TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

In the matter of County finances in the hands of Alva Tinsley, Treasurer of Mason County, Texas. Commissioners' Court, Mason County, Texas, in regular quarterly Session, August Term, 1920.

We, the undersigned, as County Commissioners within and for said Mason County, and the Hon. C. H. Garrett, County Judge of said Mason County, constituting the entire Commissioners' Court of said County, and each one of us, do hereby certify that on this the 10th day of Aug. A. D. 1920 at a regular quarterly term of our said Court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of Alva Tinsley, Treasurer of Mason County, Texas, for the quarter beginning on the 1st day of May A. D. 1920, and ending on the 31st day of July A. D. 1920, and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Mason County, stating the approval of said Treasurer's report by our said Court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since his last report to this Court, and for and during the time covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's hands on the said 31st day of July, A. D. 1920, and have ordered the proper credits to be made in the accounts of the said County Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Article 867, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, as amended by an act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Texas, at its regular session, approved March 20, 1897.

And we, and each of us, further certify that we have actually and fully inspected and counted all the actual cash and assets in hands of the said Treasurer belonging to Mason County at the close of the examination of said Treasurer's Report, on this the 10th day of Aug. A. D. 1920, and the same to be as follows, to wit:

Balance to credit of Jury Fund	\$725.49
Balance to credit of Road and Bridge Fund	\$1,402.19
Balance to credit of General Fund	\$2,712.73
Balance to credit of Court House Fund	\$1,839.54
Balance to credit of Special Road Fund	\$4,293.20
Balance to credit of Highway Fund	\$4,200.94
Balance to credit of State and Federal Aid Fund	\$1,521.87
Total Cash on Hand	\$16,695.96

In addition to the actual cash as above, we find the following assets belonging to the said County, and to the credit of the following funds, which is also in the possession and custody of the said Treasurer, to wit:

Six No. 26 School District Bonds at \$100	\$600.00
Four No. 27 School District Bonds at \$500	2,000.00
Two Hundred W. S. S. at \$5.00	1,000.00
Bonded Indebtedness	
The bonded indebtedness of the said County we find to be as follows, to wit:	
Court House Bonds	\$32,000.00
One Special Road Warrant \$1,000.00	
Eighteen Special Bridge Warrants at \$500	\$9,000.00
Sixty-three Special Road Warrants at \$500	\$31,500.00
One Special Road Warrant \$460.00	
Witness our hands, officially, this 10th day of August A. D. 1920.	

C. H. Garrett, County Judge.
F. W. Winkel, Com. Pre. No. 1.
M. L. Webster, Com. Pre. No. 2.
N. Z. Bethel, Com. Pre. No. 3.
Sworn to and subscribed before me, by C. H. Garrett County Judge and F. W. Winkel and M. L. Webster and N. Z. Bethel, County Commissioners of said Mason County, each respectively, on this, the 10th day of August A. D. 1920.
S. C. Brockman,
Clerk Co. Ct., Mason Co., Texas.
By J. H. King, Deputy.

SOME GOOD STEERS

Last week W. A. Zesch shipped a car of two-year old steers to Fort Worth. It is needless to say the steers were fat for they averaged 996 pounds when placed on the market. The steers were raised by Fred Schmidt of the Peters Prairie section. They brought Mr. Zesch \$10 per cwt.

Miss Ruth Reeder left last Friday for California for a visit of a few weeks. She will return to Prescott, Arizona, this fall, where she will be employed doing extension club work in connection with the Y. W. C. A.

Fred Horn, who for sometime has been making boots for Oscar Seaquist, left last week for Wichita Falls to accept a position offered him there.

John Doyal has been unable to get around the past few weeks, suffering from a broken toe. He sustained the injury by a horse stepping on his foot a few weeks since.

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

ALL IMMIGRANTS ARE NOW BEING FUMIGATED

Health Officers at New York Are Taxed by Influx of Italians to This Country.

Hoffman Island detention station of the New York quarantine service now has an average transient population of more than 1,000 a day, due to the inbound rush of Italian immigrants.

In addition, five doctors attached to the station have given up all thoughts of vacation and are working, one of the quarantine officials said, to the limits of human endurance in vaccinating, fumigating and inspecting prospective citizens and their families.

The reason for the unusual condition at Hoffman Island is said to be a misunderstanding on the part of Italian officials and steamship companies respecting United States health regulations. Travelers from districts where typhus and other transmittable diseases prevail are supposed to be "de-loused," examined and certified as "clean" by American public health officers before they board the ship.

These regulations are not being complied with, officials here claim, and therefore the work must be done before the traveler is landed. The expense of the work here is charged to the steamship companies.

During the last week more than half a dozen ships have arrived from points where typhus-carrying subjects could be taken on board. All of these ships have been detained in quarantine while the steerage passengers, numbering nearly 2,000 on each ship, were taken off on barges landed at Hoffman Island and detained for 24 to 48 hours.

During the detention they are compelled to take a thorough bath. Their clothing, baggage and effects are fumigated in live steam. From Hoffman Island arrivals are taken to Ellis Island for examination by immigration authorities as to their qualifications for entry.

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AFTER DRAFT SLACKERS

Department of Justice Has Convicted 5,000 Men Up to This Time.

Prison sentences from 30 days to one year have been imposed on the 5,000 draft slackers who have been convicted in federal courts, according to reports from the department of justice.

The investigation of the 30,000 cases that yet remain to be looked up is proceeding rapidly, the officials say, delinquents being rounded up every day.

Approximately 275,000 cases of men who succeeded in avoiding actual entrance into the service have been investigated by the department, out of a total of 318,314 reported. About 10,000 cases of failure to register and an equal number of false questionnaires have been shown by the investigation.

About 25 per cent of the men listed as delinquents were found by the department's agents to have enlisted in the American or allied armies without the knowledge of their local boards.

Color Wasn't Fast.

There was a rumbling roar like an express train with several flat wheels and a half dozen hotboxes as the big shell flew overhead and exploded a hundred yards behind the negro company. When it was over and the troops had begun to reappear from their fox

holes, the sergeant gazed in wonderment at the sentry on duty.

"How come?" he demanded in surprise. "Ah done lef' a colored feller on dis post!"

"S-s-ergeant, sah," replied the sentry, "Ah-Ah-Ah was a colored feller befo' dat happen'." — American Legion Weekly.

Voice Returned in Exciting Game. Dumb for three years as the result of shell-shock in the war, Trooper W. Hart, of Niagara, Ont., unexpectedly regained the power of speech in the excitement of a bowling game.

FIRST AID IN RURAL HOMES

Department of Agriculture Makes an Interesting Statement.

USUALLY FAR FROM DOCTOR

Farm Family Whose Members Know Rudiments of Caring for Sick is Fortunate—Average Farm Home is Five Miles From Family Doctor—Survey Shows Number of Children in Farm Homes is Very Small.

Fortunate is the farm family whose members know the rudiments of caring for the sick and have an emergency kit fitted up and at hand. According to the figures in a survey of some 10,000 farm homes recently conducted by the United States department of agriculture, the average farm home is more than 5 1/2 miles from the family doctor, nearly 12 miles from a trained nurse, and about 14 miles from a hospital. These distances are shortest in the eastern section and longest in the western section. This means that even though the farm home be provided with an automobile and a telephone, the farm family may be obliged to act unaided in case of sickness, child birth, or serious accident, and that its members perhaps need more than ordinary training to prepare them for such exigencies.

Along with proper nutrition, clothing and exercise, sanitary conditions have an important bearing on the health of children and adults on the farm. On the basis of 9,580 reports, 90 per cent of rural homes still have an outdoor toilet. Only 20 per cent (6,784 answering) have bathtubs, and this does not necessarily imply hot water in connection. Almost universally the houses are screened, as indicated by the 96 per cent of 9,667 homes reporting. The desirable screened kitchen porch is found, however, in but 32 per cent of the 9,502 homes reporting.

Few Children in Rural Homes.

Among the surprises in tabulating the surveys was the small number of children in farm homes, 7,467 reports show an average of but 1.18 under ten years of age for each home and but 0.59 between ten and sixteen years of age. It may be of interest here to note that the number of children in rural homes of the East falls below the country-wide average, the report showing 0.9 children under ten years and 0.77 children between ten and sixteen years, on a basis of 2,573 reports, while that in the western section is the highest with 1.4 children under ten years (1,734 reports) and 0.97 children between ten and sixteen years (1,823 reports).

In any event child life is at a premium in rural districts, and for the future of our agriculture, if for no other reason, an intelligent effort should be made and as much money expended to safeguard the child crop on the farms as to safeguard other crops that have to do with building up the farmstead.

USED RAZOR TO MAR FACE

Jealous Husband Slashed Wife Because She Was Attractive to Men.

"She is too beautiful to live," muttered Antonio Laconi, of Chicago, as he slashed with a razor, Nellie, his child-wife, as she lay asleep on her bed.

Just as the razor touched her throat the pretty sleeper turned her head and threw up an arm. She knocked the razor to the floor, but not before the sharp blade had forever ruined her beauty. It cut a terrible furrow entirely across her left cheek from her ear to her mouth. Her arm and hand were also badly cut.

The girl's screams caused the husband to flee and brought neighbors, who had the wounded girl removed to a hospital. She will not say much beyond stating that her husband was always jealous of her and frequently threatened to mar her beauty or kill her outright. He often became angry, she said, when her beauty caused men to turn and look at her a second time.

Dr. W. W. Beach left this week for New Orleans to be away several weeks taking a special course pertaining to the eye, ear, nose and throat.

WHEN AIRPLANE MOTOR BALKS

Overhauling of Engine Very Interesting Process.

GREATEST OF CARE IS TAKEN

Friendly Rivalry Between Different Departments in Trying to Get Something on the Other Serves to Promote Efficiency—Parts Are Carefully Inspected and Tested in Each Section Before Motor Gets Final O. K.

When an airplane motor stops something always happens—if the motor is in a plane flying at any altitude. Many a witty story has been told by pilots and ground men in reply to the question: "What happens if the motor stops?"

To follow a motor through the numerous branches of the aviation repair depot at Montgomery, Ala., and attempt to grasp what is done to it in an actual overhaul is a very interesting process.

The overhaul of an airplane motor is described as follows, in a statement authorized by Maj. Gen. Charles T. Mencher, director of the air service himself an expert mechanic:

Overhauling a Motor.

"Upon its arrival on the field the motor is checked and is immediately given a work order to guide it on its way, and make possible a careful record of its repair and cost. It is first taken to the dismantling room, carefully taken to pieces and transferred to the wash rack and washed with kerosene and gasoline. All carbon is removed and the pistons are carefully polished to remove all roughness, that carbon might not adhere so readily. From the washrack it is transferred to the inspection room, where it is given a most thorough inspection. Parts which are worn or damaged to such an extent that they cannot be replaced are immediately salvaged. Parts that are repairable are transferred, where the necessary repairs are made, and returned again to the inspector. A triplicate list of all parts repaired and condemned is made, one following the motor, one going to the

engineer officer, and one is kept on record in the inspection room. After the motor is passed by the inspectors, the stock-chaser checks up by the inspection report the parts which have been condemned, and draws from stock new parts to take their places. He also draws a complete set of gaskets for every motor, and tries to deliver the motor to the motor assembly department as nearly complete as possible.

"The motor now becomes the property of the motor assembly department. It has gone safely through the inspectors and all parts are supposed to be in perfect condition, but the mechanic has a perfect right to reject from his motor any part which he finds faulty. There is friendly rivalry between the two departments, the mechanic, as a rule, loves to 'hang something' on the inspection department. Thus a double inspection is developed. In this department the bearings are reamed and scraped, all bearings tested by dial indicator tests for clearance, valves ground and tested for leaks. Cylinder blocks which have been drawn from stock and valves which have passed the factory inspector's test, after assembly are often found leaky and do not come up to A. R. D. test. This test consists of filling the intake port hole with gasoline, and from inside the cylinder around the seat of the valve forcing a 60-pound air pressure. A valve which is, after testing by gasoline seepage, to all appearances O. K., will frequently fail with this air test. After the different parts are assembled and the motor is ready for timing, the ignition parts are drawn from that department and installed.

Ready for Test.

"The motor is now ready for test, and again becomes the property of the inspection and test department. This is where they try to hang the crepe on the motor repair. If the motor is rejected a report is made by the test block section, giving reason for rejection and suggesting the remedy if possible. A report is made by the chief of motor repair of what was found wrong, and the correction made.

"The reports go to the engineer officer, who then does the heavy growling. After a second and successful block test the motor is tagged 'O. K.', the tag showing R. P. M., running time, oil pressure and the kind of propeller used. Here again it becomes the property of the engine repair. If the engine is to be placed at once in a plane it passes to the final assembly,

but if its destination is unknown the intake and exhaust ports are closed, cylinders filled with oil, the entire motor sprayed with a protective coating of cosmoline applied rapidly and efficiently with an ingenious air gun, and is then ready for shipment, or for storage, leaving the aviation repair depot in either case a thoroughly rebuilt, inspected, tested and, in the case of a rotary, properly crussed motor."

Four-Year-Old Boy Shot Mother.

When his mother tried to stop four-year-old Harold Graham, of Greenville, Ky., from carrying a loaded shotgun out of their home, the child pulled the trigger. The lead hit the mother full in the breast and killed her instantly.

BEAT BABE TO DEATH

Farmer Pounded Housekeeper's Child With Harness Tug.

A beating with a harness tug in the hands of Josiah Botkins, a farmer, 50 years old, of near DeLance, O., caused the death of Arthur, three-year-old son of Mrs. Ida May Bullock, housekeeper for Botkins.

Botkins, according to the police, said that he did not realize how hard he was beating the boy. Leaving the unconscious child in the care of its mother, he drove away with Peter Kintner, a neighbor, where he was arrested.

Earl, seven years old, Jesse, five, brothers of Arthur, the dead child, declared to the police that Botkins always held their heads under water when he beat them so they could not cry.

"He beats us with our heads in the water always," Earl said. "I have not been beaten for a long time, but the last time he made this," indicating a large scar on his forehead made by a strap. The back of little Jesse also shows marks of violent beatings.

Alas, So Can We!

"Have you seen that marvelous mental calculator work?"

"Huh! I can do some stunts along that line myself."

"You can? What, for example?"

"I can tell exactly how much money I will have left from my salary at the end of next month."

"Oh, it wouldn't be possible to calculate every cent of your expenses that far ahead."

"Don't need to to tell just how much I'll have left."

PARROT CAUSES DIVORCE

Wife Taught Bird to Swear at Husband, He Alleges.

Seeking divorce from his wife, Maltby Messick of Atlantic City, N. J., feels that he has sufficient grounds, because she has taught a parrot to "cuss him out."

It was alleged that Mrs. Messick said she was "teaching the bird to cuss and swear so it could express her opinion of her husband when he got home."

Mysterious, Indeed.

A woman sent some washing to a laundress with the strict injunction to return it spotless. Instead, it came back decidedly grubby.

"I can't understand it," she complained. "I asked you to be particularly careful about this laundry, and it looks as though it wants doing all over again."

"I can't understand it myself," answered the woman. "Cause I washed my own clothes in the same water beforehand, and they came out quite clean."

The Reason.

"The cool waves from the west seem to lose their intensity as they come east."

"That may be because they strike the hot air from Washington."

Drunken Hogs Revealed Still Site.

A drove of drunken hogs led two prohibition officers, on a still hunt through the headwaters of the Cumberland river in Kentucky, to the site of a huge, modern still, hidden in a dark ravine near the mountaintop.

SELF-WEDDING LEGAL

Judge Ruled Marriage Valid Where Husband Used Open Declaration.

A man and woman may marry themselves and such marriage shall hold good in law, even though no marriage license has been obtained or no minister or legal officer has officiated at the ceremony, according to the decision made by Judge Wilhelm at Pottsville, Pa.

The case was that of Mrs. Blanche Wagner, who claimed to be the legal widow of Henry Wessner. The ceremony performed was merely the placement of a ring upon her finger, and the statement, "I take thee for my wife."

Under the decision, Mrs. Wagner, who was a widow when the ceremony was performed, gets the usual widow's exemption and \$5,000 from the estate of Wessner, who left no will.

BREAK GROUND RAPIDLY

Two Farmers Plowed, Rolled and Harrowed 35 Acres in 40 Hours.

Working with two tractors, pulling two 14-inch No. 7 plows and one cult-packer, E. S. Robinson and Oscar Rich, of near Princeton, Ind., broke, rolled and harrowed 35 acres in 40 hours on the Bingham brothers' farm.

They planted the 35 acres in corn in 64½ hours. The cost of fuel power was \$63.44. Allowing 50 cents an hour for two men, the total wage cost was \$64.50, making a total cost of \$127.95, or \$3.65 an acre.

No Bath for 15 Years, Man Released.

Declining to bathe, two inmates of a workhouse in London, Eng., were denied their tobacco ration. One of them said he had lived in the house for 15 years and hadn't had a bath in that time. The authorities ordered his release.



A woman's fondest hope is to stay young. She often resorts to paints, powders and cosmetics to hide her years. Some women pay large sums to so-called "Beauty Doctors" in the belief that money will buy youth. Others wear girlish dresses, thinking they can fool the world about their age. But no one is deceived. The more you try to hide your age, the more it shows.

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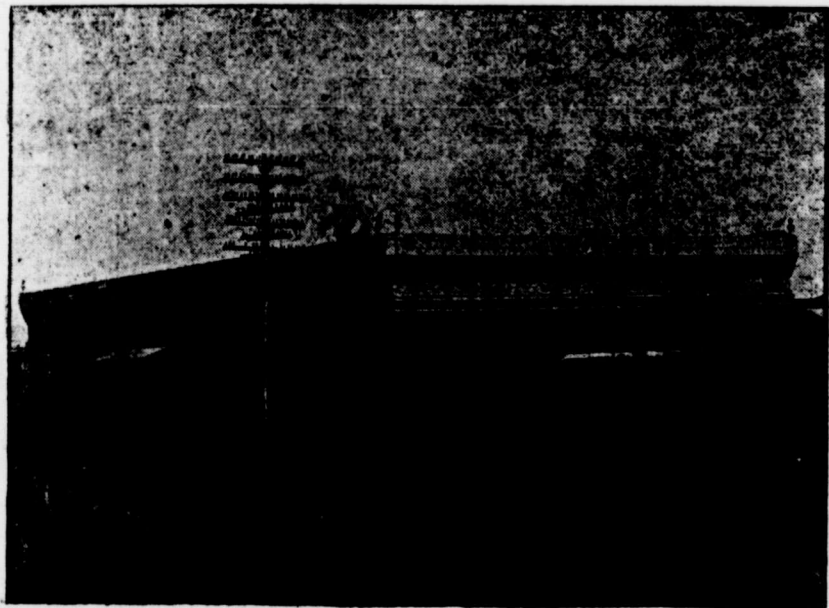
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BIRTHS

Since our last report the following births have been recorded by County Clerk S. C. Brockman:

Mr. and Mrs. Will Schmidt, a boy August 9; Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Pikes, a girl, August 9; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Partle, a boy, August 13; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cates, a boy, August 13.

E. L. Horton is local representative of the Stroud Motor Manufacturing Ass'n. Parties interested in buying stock in this Ass'n will find Mr. Horton willing at all times to explain and give full information.

We have just received a new lot Diamond casings. All sizes. Star Garage.

Cupid isn't taking any vacation this summer, judging from the numerous accounts of weddings appearing in the weekly papers of the country. These papers carry from one to five accounts of weddings each week.

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Before Studebaker engineers and executives approved the Light Six and released it for production, five sample models were built for extensive tests and experiments in the laboratories. Methods and Standards Department, as to steels and materials; in the Experimental department as to dynamometer tests of motors, transmissions, axles and chassis; and on the road as to the complete car.

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SHOESTRING RAPIDLY RUN INTO A FORTUNE

Aged French Soldier's Luck Continues, but Police Help Him Save "Roll."

Ragged, hatless and practically shoeless, an elderly man was sitting in a Paris park on the south side of the Seine a few nights since, muttering to himself "Fifty, sixty, seventy," the while stacking thin little slips of paper one upon the other. He attracted the attention of two gendarmes, for he had apparently been drinking too much wine. He was taken to the station.

The desk sergeant was bewildered when the ragged man explained that the little slips of paper he was counting were good bills of the Bank of France and that the figures he was mumbling represented their amount. He had 115,080 francs.

"I won this money at the races," explained the denizen of the park.

It developed that the man was one Billigot, a former colonial soldier, at times street newspaper vender, known to the citizens of Grenelle ward, in Paris, as "Father of Luck" or "Father Cherry" (the little fruit being known in the parlance of the Paris gambling circles as the emblem of luck). He had run up 140 francs, the amount of his pension paid to him as an ex-soldier, into 115,080 francs. The police released him, after giving him a little advice about counting his wealth in public parks while slightly under the influence of red wine.

Billigot invested 80,000 francs in a life annuity the next morning, bought a suit of clothes, shoes, et cetera, and before departing for St. Cloud race track called on the friendly police sergeant and gave him a tip on the races for that afternoon. The horse won. The newspaper L'Eclair has offered him 100 francs per day for his racing selections until the end of the season.

PROTECTION OF WATERSHED

Precautions Taken to Prevent Overcutting in Forests.

One of the most important functions of the national forests in their relation to the farmer is that of watershed protection. Practically every stream of importance that is used for irrigation in the Western states has its source in a national forest and de-

pends, for a steady flow of water, upon the maintenance of a forest cover on the steep mountain slopes.

In making plans for handling the national forests this fact is recognized by the forest service, United States department of agriculture, and precautions are taken to prevent overcutting, which would reduce the timber below the danger point, or overgrazing, which would result in erosion. The national forests also protect the water supplies of some 1,200 Western cities and towns. Sanitary regulations are

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enforced by the forest service to safeguard such water supplies.

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The wheat crop in America in 1919 was produced at an average cost to the grower of \$2.15 a bushel, the production survey by the department of agriculture shows.

The cost of producing winter wheat was much lower than for spring wheat, the costs being given as \$1.87 and \$2.65 respectively. The survey covered winter wheat areas of Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri and spring wheat regions of Minnesota, North and South Dakota.

No Room for Governor in Capital.

Because the residence occupied by the governor of South Dakota was sold, he has been forced to move from Pierre, the capital, to Redfield. The governor, Peter Norbeck, has asked that provisions be made by the state legislature for a governor's residence in Pierre.

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Waterfall in Chugach National Forest, illustrating Water Power Possibilities.

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FOR SALE—Second-hand truck, at a bargain. Apply to August Willmann. 24 p.

LOST—during the reunion; black bracelet lined with silver and had hand painted cupie and three chip diamonds on top. Reward if left at News Office. 11p

STRAYED—From the S. A. McCollum home, a bird dog named "Sade"; wearing collar with the name C. M. Presley. Reward. Notify S. A. McCollum. 23

FOR SALE—Overland five passenger touring car, in first class condition with good tires. Cash or will take stock in trade. Apply to Peter Jordan. 23

FOR SALE—1619 acres near Fredonia, known as the Judge McKnight place. 50 acres in cultivation; 1 well, mill and dirt tank; extra good spring; pecan trees; good 5 room dwelling and barn; fine grazing land. For particulars apply to H. J. and L. F. Jordan, 22-4tp
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EGGS
 I must have all the eggs I can get. Will pay good price for them.
 J. J. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Brown are here this week from Cherokee visiting the family of County Agent Dor W. Brown. The former is a graduate of A. & M. College and this year will teach agriculture in the high school at Huckabay.

MARRIAGE LICENSE
 Walter Brandenberger and Miss Gertrude Geistweidt, August 14.

Dan Lehmburg and family and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kochmann of this place and Geo. Stengel and family of Menard, returned this week from a trip to San Antonio and Austin. They made the trip by autos and report encountering much mud on the return trip.

Complete assortment of Parker pens at our store
 J. S. King, Jeweler.

Mrs. B. M. Seder left last Monday for Denver, Colorado, where she expects to make her home in the future. She carries with her the best wishes of many Mason friends.

Cannibals Attacked Americans.
 The party of Dr. A. Hamilton Rice, which is exploring the Amazon region, was attacked at one point by ferocious scantily-clad cannibals of large stature. They were routed after two of their number had been killed.

REBECCA PROPOSES
 By GRACE O. WEATHERBY.

The late afternoon sun streamed into the spotless little kitchen of Rebecca Hollis, a spinster, bathing the figure in the rocking chair in a warm light. Becky, as she was more often called, rocked vigorously back and forth, the ancient chair sending out its protest in nerve racking squeaks. But Becky's thoughts were far away. She was trying to decide just what action to take with Ben Abbott. Ben was the village postmaster, and as nice a man as any woman could wish for. Becky knew he thought a great deal of her, as he was a frequent visitor, and always brought a gift of some kind with him—but Ben was bashful. Night after night he would sit there, silent, nervously twisting his fingers, trying to

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Ridgeway of San Antonio, are here visiting relatives a few days while enroute for Dallas.

Mr. Nolan Taylor, of the State Banking Board, was here this week from Austin examining the First State Bank.

The Mason baseball team went to Junction Wednesday and crossed bats with the Junction team. Mason won the game 2 to 1.

W. H. Alexander and family who have been visiting relatives here for the past ten days, returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. Henry McWilliams and children are visiting in Menard Co.

BOYS TOOK CRUISE ON LOG
 Spent Three Days on Lonely Uninhabited Stretch of Shoreline.

Running away from the parental home on Mercer Island, Wash., Henry Knowles and Comfort Harding, two young boys, boarded a log and paddled more than a mile at night over the chilly waters of Lake Washington.

They landed on an uninhabited stretch of Lake Washington shore line and spent three days in the brush. They had blackened their faces with creosote to escape the guards at the parental home, and a rancher's wife, thinking they were out for a holiday, gave them a can of baked beans and some matches. The baked beans were all they had to eat during the time they lived their lonely existence.

Deputy sheriffs looking for moonshine stills found the boys and returned them to the home.

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find something to say. Becky's patience was sorely tried.

"I declare, Ben makes me tired; he hasn't enough gumption to kill a flea, let alone make love to a woman. However can I make him speak?"

Suddenly the ancient chair came to an abrupt standstill, and its occupant's back straightened.

"The very thing!" she ejaculated. "It never dawned on me that this was leap year! I'll ask him myself!"

She went to the telephone and called Ben. "Come over to supper tonight, Ben. I want to ask you about something. Yes, at seven will do. . . . All right, 'by."

With a beating heart she planned a dainty supper, remembering the old saying that the quickest way to a man's heart was through his stomach.

Promptly at seven Ben knocked at the door, and his gray eyes gleamed at the sight of Becky in her fresh blue dress, her cheeks flushed like a girl's. Mutely he offered his roses, white ones, perfect in their pale beauty. With a little cry of gladness Becky buried her face in the fragrant mass, and her eyes filled with quick tears, for didn't white roses mean pure love?

"Come on to supper, Ben," she said, briskly enough.

During the chicken salad and hot biscuits Ben was very quiet, answering her only in monosyllables, but his gray eyes spoke volumes. The air seemed full of suppressed excitement. After supper Ben wiped the dishes, with slow deliberation which was so unlike Becky's quick movements. Scarcely a word was spoken. Then with her heart beating fast, Becky led the way to the fireplace in the cozy sitting room. After a moment's silence, Ben said: "Becky, you had something special to say to me tonight, didn't you?"

The rich color flooded Becky's cheeks, but Ben did not notice it. "Why, yes, Ben, I did. I wanted to ask you if you . . ." she coughed and fell silent. The leap year proposal wasn't easy. Ben rose and took a chair nearer.

"I suppose it is downright important, or you wouldn't have asked me up here tonight, but I was coming anyhow, for I've something I wanted to speak to you about myself."

Now, this was very unlike Ben, and Becky fairly held her breath.

"Perhaps I'd better have my say first," Ben went on manlike, "and then you can tell me what's troubling you."

Becky nodded. "You know, Becky, my term as postmaster runs out next month, and I'm going to quit the job. I've bought a farm out on the Western road, a nice little place it is, too, and I'm going to tear down the shack that's on the place now and build one of them bungalows—you know, a long, low, ramblin' kind of a house." He paused and glanced at Becky's averted face. "Well, and so I went down to Job Patterson's and he says he can build right away, and I'm looking over the plans with him tomorrow, you know, deciding where to put the parlor, and how big to make the kitchen, and I was wonderin' if you'd care to go along and sort of help me out. Women have pretty good ideas on this subject. Want to go?"

Becky faced him, her brown eyes very near tears of vexation. He hadn't proposed, after all!

"Well?" said Ben, with asperity. "What do you say?"

"Why, of course, Ben," she stammered, "I—I'd love to go."

"All right then, I'll call for you at 2:30 tomorrow."

Then a silence fell. The clock struck nine with tantalizing deliberation. Becky wanted to throw herself down on the bed and have a good cry.

"What was you wanting to ask me about, Becky?" asked the man.

"Oh—I—nothing much, Ben. I won't bother you with it tonight."

Another silence; Ben arose. "Well, I must be getting along."

Becky, as per her usual custom went for his hat and coat, and as she handed them to him the man flung them aside with an exclamation and caught Becky in his arms.

"Don't look so, Becky; you know that house is for you and me—we'll be happy there, won't we? Don't you like the idea?"

Such was Ben Abbott's proposal, but the woman in his arms found it highly satisfactory. It was after ten when Becky again handed Ben his hat and coat. As he descended the porch steps he stopped suddenly and came back.

"Becky, what was it you were going to ask me about tonight?"

"Oh, nothing much, Ben; I was just going to propose to you. It's leap year, you know. But—you saved me the trouble."

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Any Real Progress—Popular Idea
That Man is Evolving is Wrong.

Although you may never have suspected the fact, you are a finished and perfect product of evolution. The next time you have a cold or a bunion or a toothache, or your mechanism is otherwise on the blink, comfort yourself, if you can, with the reflection that you are nature's masterpiece, writes Frederic J. Haskin, in Chicago Daily News.

All of which is a way of saying that, according to J. W. Gidley, paleontologist of the National museum, man's anatomy has reached a stage where it probably will never change any more—or at least not for about a million years. Neither in body nor in mind has man made any real progress in that time. It is only his culture—the accumulated result of all the efforts of many generations—which really changes, and which makes man appear to change. The popular idea that man is evolving is all wrong. Biologically speaking, human progress ended a million years ago.

The Theory of Evolution.

According to theories of evolution, if an animal eats nothing but grass its teeth will in time be modified in shape so that they are efficient for nibbling, but they will probably not be much good for tearing flesh. In the same way, a bird that does not use its wings will in a few geologic ages lose all power of flight. But this principle holds good only so far. When an animal has become specialized and adapted to his environment as far as his structure will permit without endangering the balance necessary to existence, he usually stops changing and finally, it is supposed, loses power of development.

There is a difference of opinion as to whether man has reached the point where he is best adapted to his surroundings, or whether he will continue to evolve. Mr. Gidley says that man's present mechanical arrangement is permanent. He refutes the suggestion that man's jawbone will shrink and his teeth drop out because he eats more soft foods and does not chew so vigorously as his cave man ancestors. Man knows enough about chemistry to understand what kind of foods are necessary to insure health, and there is little prospect of his jaw disappearing on a balanced ration.

Our Toes Also Are Safe.

Nor does Mr. Gidley think we need worry over the prophecy that our descendants' heads will be all brain—not by present indications.

We have been further warned by some men of science that our toes, all except the big one, are already useless from lack of exercise, and that eventually they will grow shorter and disappear altogether, like the horse's long discarded toes. This fear, too, Mr. Gidley regards as groundless, for while the muscles of the shorter digits are not particularly flexible in modern shoes, yet we do use them in balancing. Statues of the old Greek gods and athletes show that they poised themselves on the inside of the foot, a method which gave both the appearance and feeling of lightness. Had the Greek ideal persisted, the outer toes of man might by now be almost atrophied, probably to the improvement of human posture.

If such a change were taking place, and a few scientists insist that it is, we would not be aware of it, so slowly does nature progress. For instance, it took the horse a few million years to grow hoofs, which he needed for speed. As the horse was not built for fighting, he had to be always poised on the tips of his four toed feet, ready to escape when an armored dinosaur or a megatherium came lumbering on him. If you go into almost any big museum you can see the bones of the horse's foot at different stages of his development. Geologists have unearthed the bones of horses that lived 4,000,000 years ago. These horses were about the size of a dog and had four toes. Before that it is believed that there must have been five. Three million years later there were only three, and the middle digit had by that time become large and resembled a hoof, while the bones of the toes on each side had shortened until they did not reach the ground.

Man is Weak Animal.

Because he specialized in speed, the horse can now run as fast as thirty-two miles an hour, while man at his swiftest can make only about ten,

Man is not a specialized animal. It has been pointed out to his confusion that a flea can jump 1,000 times its height, whereas a man needs a pole to go only twice his six feet. In proportion to his size, man has not as much lifting power as an ant; he cannot walk so fast as a fly. He has not learned to see in the dark like the cat.

But it is lucky for the man that his ancestors did not concentrate on beating the monkeys at tree athletics or the horse at foot racing. If they had, we should not today be much farther advanced than the animals we might have emulated.

Man's progress is supposed to be due to his use of his brain and the fact that he developed two hands and two feet instead of four of one or the other. The oldest clues to ancient man so far discovered are part of a skull, a thigh bone, and two teeth. These were found in Java, and, judging by the stratum of soil in which they were lying, geologists decided that the man lived 500,000 years ago. Pithecanthropus, as the scientists called the antique Javanese, was a fully developed man, though with rather ape-like features.

The Javanese man of a half million years ago, is a mere modern compared with some of the animals whose skeletons have been dug up and classified. Six million years ago, in the age of reptiles, flourished the armored dinosaur, which to most people is the symbol of prehistoric times. But even the dinosaur is young as the age of the world goes. Dr. Walcott of the Smithsonian Institution estimates that animal life started on the earth 41,140,000 years ago. Somewhere between then and the very recent Javanese gentleman man got his start.

Father Pithecanthropus.

Science is still looking for the ancestors of Pithecanthropus, but it is not looking for a missing link between man and the modern monkey, because anthropologists do not think man is descended from apes. Darwin is often misquoted on this point. What Darwin said was that man and apes evolved from a common ancestor. Some scientists hold that there were probably a number of early animals which branched off from the unknown ape-like ancestor and that any one of them might have developed into a superior being, but that somehow all except man failed to make the most of themselves, or became the specialized beings of the jungle.

Mr. Gidley explains that in the far off times man was not the husky giant

we imagine, but a smaller creature; that he lived in trees and used his hands to cling by, and his voice for vague chattering. Then for some unknown reason, possibly because the forests disappeared through some change of climate, this prehistoric man came down from his trees. He was curious, and so he picked at things and examined and explored. Then he showed his fellow citizens his remarkable discoveries, thus developing communication, which is one of the greatest aids to progress. His fellow men, crude as they were, profited to some extent by the researches of the early investigators. Gradually intelligence grew, grunts and squeals were organized into speech, and in the course of a million years or so the superior creature of today was evolved.

The Citizen of A. D. 1001920.

This is the story of man as pieced together from the bones that science has dug up and the bones it hopes some day to find. It is to most scientists the only plausible theory, though there are still some people who hold out that seeing is believing and that when they see the animal that man descended from they will put more faith in evolution.

Meanwhile, if man has no immediate prospect of growing a third leg or a second crop of hair, he is said to be changing in another way. Professor Gidley says that the tendency is for the races of the earth to blend as civilization spreads. The Rushmen and Igorots may in the next few years develop into desirable mates for races now far in advance of them in civilization, and finally, in the course of the next million years, it is thought possible that all the races of the earth may be merged into one composite type. It is an exciting thought—until we reflect that none of us will be here to see the world citizen of A. D. 1001920.

PRESCRIPTIONS

Accurately compounded day and night at Mason Drug Co.

J. S. King, Mason's jeweler, left the first of the week for Dallas on a stock purchasing expedition.

Buren Moran arrived in Mason last Thursday from San Antonio for a visit with his sisters and with friends here.

Mrs. Mayo, of Brady, is here for a visit with the family of her son, Ben.

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