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AFFILIATION VIRTUALLY ASSURED MASON H. S.

The Mason High School has now met every recommendation made by the Department of Education except that relating to a new building—the law will soon allow us to meet that if we so desire. We now have one of the best equipped laboratories to be found in schools of this size. Our library, both for grades and high school, is standard. We have every reason to expect our application for additional affiliation to be favorably acted upon next June, especially if we have provided funds for a new building by then.

While you—the pupils, teachers, and patrons—have shown a really wonderful spirit of co-operation and enthusiasm in your determination to reach the goal set at the beginning of the year—a really first class school by June, 1921—it is now nearing the time of year when some one will feel that he has a grievance that should be "aired". Please remember that the superintendent is "claim adjuster" for the school, and if you know of something that should be corrected, you owe it to the children and to the school to come and see him at once.

While the school is not attempting to regulate the home life of the child, your splendid school spirit and evident desire to aid in the development of your child assures me that you will not resent my making a few suggestions. It is a well known fact that children who "loaf" on the streets, attend parties and shows during school nights, and waste time in many other ways, seldom make desirable students. The same is true of the habitually tardy or absent pupil, and of the one who loiters on his way to school. Especially is loitering dangerous when it takes the form of play on the streets. It is impossible for the teachers to know of, or to correct most of the faults enumerated above. We must rely on the parent. Our boys and girls are unusually free from these habits, as a whole, but for that reason we should be the more diligent. Let's keep those who are free from forming them and help the less fortunate to reform. We feel safe in relying on you to help us in this matter.

Yours for a really first class school by next June.

P. A. BENNETT.

JAMES CLARK HENRY

Mr. James Clark Henry, farmer, aged 74 years, 10 months and 27 days, died on the twenty-first of December at his home in the Fly Gap section. Funeral services were held on December 22nd, and interment was made in the Fly Gap cemetery. Deceased had been a resident of Mason for the past 38 years.

TEACHER'S EXAMINATION

It is announced by John T. Banks, county superintendent of schools, that examinations will be held for teachers at the court house in Mason on January 7th and 8th.

JOHN T. BANKS,
County Superintendent Schools.

RANCHER SLAIN

Yuma, Ariz., Dec. 27.—J. M. Stewart, a rancher living twenty-three miles south of here was found dead Saturday at San Luis, a border village, with a knife wound in his heart.

The body was found on American territory, just a few feet north of the international boundary line.—Buckeye-Ariz.

The above news dispatch which appeared in a number of the daily papers recently has caused quite a bit of anxiety among local friends of Mr. Jack Stewart, formerly of Mason, but we are pleased to learn that the J. M. Stewart referred to in the above article is not "our" Jack Stewart. This information will be received as a pleasant bit of news by the Stewart's many friends in Mason.

Misses Alamo Pickett, Mary Hintz, Alfreda Tips, Grace Phillips returned to Mason Saturday to resume their duties as teachers in the local schools.

MISS HANIE CARTER WEDS IN AUSTIN

The many friends of Miss Hanie Carter will have a pleasant surprise in learning of her marriage to Dr. O. H. Ritchardson, of Austin.

The ceremony was performed at the Episcopal church in Austin on Wednesday evening, December 22, at 8 o'clock in the presence of only a few friends. The minister of the above mentioned church officiated.

After the ceremony, Dr. and Mrs. Ritchardson left for Galveston where they spent several days, after which they returned to Austin where they will reside.

Mrs. Ritchardson is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Carter and was born and reared in Mason county, being most popular among social circles, numbering her friends by her numerous acquaintances. She has been a member of the Mason High School faculty for several years, being very popular with her pupils. She has been attending the State University at Austin at intervals during the past few years, where she met Dr. Ritchardson.

The groom is not known locally, but there are numerous friends of the bride's who will join the News in extending congratulations and best wishes to the newly weds.

MR. AND MRS. FRITZ HOERSTER CELEBRATED THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY JANUARY 21, 1921.

Only the immediate family and their pastor, Rev. Schreiber and family assembled in their home. Shortly after 11 a. m., the pastor read a scripture in the Bible. Several songs were sung and prayer offered.

A bountiful feast was prepared for the occasion. The dining room was prettily decorated, the color scheme of gold and white being used, which was also carried out in the wedding cake. In the center of the room, was suspended a large wedding bell.

Congratulations were spoken by all, wishing them many more happy years together.

Those present were Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Schreiber, Messrs. and Mmes. Dan Hasse, Louis Birk, F. Winkel, Charles Hoerster, Misses Bertha Schreiber, Ida Winkel, Myrtle Birk, Mattie Hasse, Mildred Hoerster, Andrew and Elroy Schreiber, Irving and Clarence Hasse.

Several friends dropped in to say their congratulations and pass their respects to the couple on their fiftieth anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoerster are some of the pioneer settlers of this county. They helped drive out the Indians. They have lived in Mason county all their married life. About 15 years ago they sold their ranch interests in the eastern part of the county a place called Hoersterville, and named for them, and retired, locating in Mason. All their life they have been devout members of the Methodist church.

Mr. Hoerster is 75 years of age and his wife 72. Both are enjoying good health.

The News wishes for these good people many more happy anniversaries.

Benellen Land entertained a number of friends Thursday afternoon, December 30, the occasion being her eleventh birthday. A number of entertaining games were played, after which, delicious cake, chocolate and fruit were served to the following guests: Clara Rader, Rita King, Grace Baxter, Violet Vedder, Virgil and Margaret Banks, Inez Land, Anna Marie Durst, Clara Mae Leslie, Lena Simon, Dorothy Zesch, Kathryn Thompson, Ruth and Henry, Jr., Saunders, Thelma, Bertie Marie and Benellen Land. All the girls left after offering congratulations and declaring Benellen a charming little hostess.

Mrs. Theresa Runge is spending the week visiting with relatives and friends in Fredericksburg.

R. L. BROWN, OF FLY GAP, DIES DEC. 27TH

On Monday morning, December 27, at 9 o'clock, the death angel visited the home of R. L. Brown and claimed as its victim one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Mason county. Mr. Brown had been in ill health since early fall, neither he nor his family realizing the seriousness of his condition, until about November 25, when by the advice of the doctors, he was moved to Mason, where better medical attention could be given him. The day following, a trained nurse from Austin was obtained, who rendered every necessary assistance toward his recovery. He was kept in Mason 25 days during which time, with the special treatment from the doctors and nurses, he improved sufficiently to be taken home. He continued to improve until Monday following the Friday, when he was taken home, after which time he gradually grew worse until his death, which was due to nephritis. During his entire illness he bore his sufferings so patiently.

Mr. Brown was born in Dewitt county, Texas, May 5, 1868, making his stay on earth 52 years, 7 months and 22 days. When but a youth of fifteen years of age he moved with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Brown, from Dewitt county to Mason County, settling in the community known as the Spiller Mines, where they have since resided.

At the age of 21, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Elizabeth Flemming of Mason, Texas. To this union six children were born. He is survived by his wife and five children, four daughters and one son, the older son having died in infancy. They are Mrs. Ed Metzger, Mrs. W. J. Laman, Misses Ruby Zora and Mr. Orland Brown, all of Mason county. Deceased is also survived by an aged mother, Mrs. S. Brown, of Mason, five brothers and one sister, A. D. and A. E. Brown of Mason county; W. O. Brown, of Kimble county; M. A. Brown of Karnes county; J. C. Brown of Coke county; and Mrs. J. I. Flemming, of Downey, California.

His remains were laid to rest in the Fleming cemetery Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, funeral services being conducted by Rev. S. N. Redford, of Valley Springs.

I cannot say, and I will not say,
That he is dead; he is just away!
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,

He has wandered into an unknown land

And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be since he lingers there,
And you—O you, who the wildest yearn

For the old time step and the glad return.

Think of him fairing on as dear
In the love of there as the love of here;

And loyal still as he gave the blows
Of his warriors strength to his country's foes.

Mild and gentle as he was brave—
When the sweetest love of his life he gave

To simple things—where the violets grew
Blue as the eyes they were likened to.

The touches of his hands have strayed
As reverently as his lips have prayed;
When the little brown that haphly chirred

Was dear to him as the mocking birds;
And he pined as much as a man in pain.

A writhing honey bee—wet with rain—
Think of him still as the same, I say,
He is not dead—he is just away!

—Contributed.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Elgin O. Kothmann will sympathize with them very much over the loss of an infant child, which was born on Tuesday night, January 4.

Miss Betty Tribble, of Austin, is teaching in the local schools, having taken the place of Miss Hanie Carter who has resigned. Miss Tribble was a member of the local faculty last year.

CHAS. GROTE AND WIFE PASS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

January the first marked the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Grote.

At two o'clock on the afternoon of the occasion a large number of relatives and invited guests began to make their appearance at the Grote home. Upon entering the residence the guests' eyes immediately fell on the word "welcome", in silver letters from which, streamers of white and silver were suspended. Pot ferns and beautiful bouquets of ferns and chrysanthemums were the principle articles of decoration.

The afternoon was spent in pleasant conversation and in offering good wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Grote on this happy occasion.

At five o'clock the guests: father and mother, brothers and sisters of Mr. and Mrs. Grote and a few friends, sixty-five in all, were asked into supper. The table was decorated with bouquets of fern and chrysanthemums and was laden with everything one could think of to eat; turkey, salads, cakes, fruit and many other things.

After every one present had thoroughly enjoyed the supper, Rev. P. B. Moerner gave an appropriate toast in honor of the host and hostess, after which a short prayer was offered by Rev. Schreiber.

Mr. and Mrs. Grote were recipients of many beautiful and valuable gifts.

Those present to help Mr. and Mrs. Grote commemorate their twenty-fifth marriage anniversary included Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Grote, Rev. and Mrs. Moerner, Rev. and Mrs. Schreiber, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Kothmann, of San Antonio, Mrs. Anna Martin, Mrs. M. J. Rogers, Mrs. Martha Bickenbach, Mrs. Mattie Leffete, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kothmann, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kothmann, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stange, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Larimore, Mr. and Mrs. L. Rogers, Mrs. H. Schweers, Mrs. Dan Grote, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kothmann, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Leffete, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Grote, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Rhode and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Grote, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Jordan and son, Miss Annie Kothmann.

The News extends heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Grote and wish for them many more anniversaries to come.

OTTO SCHMIDT BECOMES OWNER OF PICTURE SHOW HERE

A deal has been closed whereby Otto Schmidt has purchased from W. H. Neill, the picture show which has been operated by Mr. Neill for the past few years.

Messrs. Schmidt and Neill spent last week end in Dallas where several pictures were booked several weeks in advance in order that first class pictures will be available for local picture lovers.

Mr. Schmidt states that he has scheduled some pictures that every movie goer will be glad to have the opportunity to see as they appear at the local theater from time to time.

The new management states that there is no intention of moving the show to new quarters, but that it will continue to be operated at the same stand as heretofore.

Persons interested in pictures for the near future, will find the titles of same given in the show ad in another section of the News.

The picture scheduled for Friday night of this week is highly recommended, being entitled "The Law of Men" starring Emmet Pennett.

Saturday night Douglas Fairbanks will appear at the local theater in "Knickerbocker Buckeroo".

W. O. W. NOTICE

All members of the Fort Mason Camp No. 284 Woodmen of the World are urgently requested to attend the next regular meeting of the lodge, which will be held Monday night, January 10. Important business is to come before the lodge and every member is urged to attend.

OTTO SCHMIDT, Clerk.

MRS. R. H. GARNER DIED AT AGE OF 70

On Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 28, at 12:30 o'clock, Mrs. R. H. Garner died at her home in Mason, death being contributed to diabetes. She had been in ill health for some time, but was confined to her bed for only a couple weeks when death came.

At death, Mrs. Garner had attained the advanced age of seventy years, she is known throughout the county and adjoining counties, having been a resident of this place for thirty-nine years, coming to Mason county in '81. For thirty-one years, she has been in the hotel business in Mason, during which time she made numerous friends and acquaintances who will learn of her death with much regret. She was a kind and loving mother, and was at all times alert to assist those in need.

Martha Ann Cain was born Nov. 29, 1850 in Guinett County, Ga., and in 1867 was married to Mr. R. H. Garner, who preceded her in death on Jan. 14, 1914. To this union were born six children, four of whom are now living: Mrs. R. C. Doell, Mason; Ovy Garner, San Antonio; Mrs. Oscar Sequist, Mason; Mrs. J. M. Lyle, Brady. Deceased also leaves twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild to mourn her loss.

Deceased had been a member of the Baptist church since childhood.

Funeral services were held at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon at her home, conducted by Rev. C. H. Garrett. Interment followed in the Gooch cemetery.

The News extends condolence to the relatives in their bereavement.

RAUSCH-SCHUESSLER

Such is the heading of a clipping handed to the News by Mrs. Glenn W. Smith, which was received through the mail failing to credit the paper in which it appeared. The account given in the clipping is of the marriage of Miss Ruby Schuessler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Schuessler, formerly of Mason.

The account given by the clipping of the wedding is as follows:

Miss Ruby Inez Schuessler and Alfred Vincent Rausch were united in marriage at the 11 o'clock mass at St. Mary's church by Father De Nicholas Christmas morning. The attendants were Miss Josephine Rausch and Gustave Rausch. The bride wore a blue tulle dress trimmed with iridescent beads and carried Ophelia roses. The bridesmaid also wore blue and carried pink carnations. The wedding breakfast was served in the Green room of the Stockton following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Schuessler of Seattle, and for the last six months has been one of the nurses at the San Joaquin hospital. Mr. Rausch is the son of Mrs. J. A. Wyatt. The couple visited the bride's grandparents in Oakdale for a short time before leaving for San Francisco on their wedding trip. They will make their home in Lodi where Mr. Rausch is employed as an electrician.

REV. AND MRS. SCHREIBER ARE GIVEN CHRISTMAS POUNDING

Rev. and Mrs. Schreiber were the recipients of a liberal pounding given by the Woman's Aid Society of Art, Texas, during the Christmas holidays. The pounding was given Rev. and Mrs. Schreiber as a Christmas present and consisted of many good things to eat. Rev. Mr. Schreiber states also that many donations in money were received from people in Mason. He further expressed himself as being very thankful for the gifts received.

Miss Edna Kettner entertained the Hiawatha Camp Fire Girls with a theater party last Friday evening. The personnel of the party included Misses Ruby Jordan, Mavis McCollum, Opal Garrett, Ethel Gipson, Willie Mae Bickenbach, Thelma Wood, Genevieve King.

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge



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.

There is but one thing that holds old age back, and that is health. Sickness and weakness bring old age early in life. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a building-up medicine for women. It makes them healthy and strong when they suffer from women's troubles. It keeps them looking young by keeping them well. It is a woman's tonic for the frail, the delicate and those who are nervous, dizzy and who have backache and dragging pains. Favorite Prescription is altogether vegetable and without a particle of alcohol. It is safe to take. Try it now. In tablet or liquid form at all druggists, or send 10c for trial package of the tablets to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel in Buffalo, N. Y.

"NAUGHT" SHOULD BE CALLED "OH" IN GIVING NUMBER

Mrs. Lawson, commercial manager for the local exchange of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company announces that the telephone company will change the practice in regard to the pronunciation of the figure "0" in repeating telephone numbers. Heretofore in Texas we have called this "naught". We are going to change it to "oh". The figure "0" in a telephone number is, correctly speaking, a figure, and as such, it is as Texas calls it, "naught", but all the rest of the country is now considering it the letter "o" and calling it "oh".

Because all the rest of the states, in their business languages, call "0" "oh", Texas proposes to do the same thing, because our business, our association, our influence and our communication certainly extends, in every direction, far beyond the borders of this State. Therefore, for the sake of expediency and for the sake of uniformity, we in Texas, will on January 1, 1921, when speaking telephone numbers, discontinue the use of the figure "naught" and substitute in its place the better pronunciation "oh".

You'll enjoy the pictures at the Star Opera House Shows every Friday and Saturday night. Don't forget it starts at 7:30 o'clock.

R. H. Kidd is in from his ranch near London this week recovering from a very painful injury which he received recently while out hunting. Mr. Kidd was crawling along the ground to slip up on some turkeys and in some way jabbed the trigger of the gun in his leg.

The Ladies Aid of the Christian Church will meet next Monday afternoon at three o'clock with Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale.

SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

The following have made subscription payments to this great weekly since our last report

Mrs. Callie Baze	1.50
Henry Geistweidt	1.50
R. A. Howard	1.50
Martin Looney	1.50
W. A. Lang	1.50
Mrs. Mathilda Leifeste	1.50
W. S. Brandenberger	1.50
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Mrs. A. L. Finch	1.50
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Max Metzger	1.50
F. L. Durst	1.50
W. A. Zesch	1.50
L. C. Probst	1.50
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O. Seaquist	1.50
S. A. Hoerster	1.50
C. S. Volder	1.50
Robt. Hofmann	1.50
Wm. Hofmann	1.50
Otto Hofmann	1.50
R. M. McMillan	1.50
J. J. Johnson	1.50
Julia Bierschwale	1.00
Margaret Bierschwale	1.00
Chas Bierschwale	1.50
Albert Metzger	1.50
J. W. White	1.50
Lula Mildred White	1.00
J. P. White	1.50
Chas. Bridges	1.50
Mrs. W. M. Wells	1.50
I. W. Polk	1.50
Mrs. Winnie Morrow	1.50
Thos. Murray	1.50
Lamar Thaxton	1.50
Tom Millsap	1.50
Oris Robbins	1.00
E. N. Ellebracht	1.50
University of Texas	1.50
Mrs. M. Christillis	1.50
A. M. Harker	1.50
Mrs. Jeanie Williams	1.50
H. B. Sommerfeld	1.50
Harve Land	1.50
Mrs. W. H. Wright	1.00
Mrs. W. H. Alexander	1.50
Tom Holmes	2.75
Mrs. O. J. Brannise	.75
Oren Tart	.75

We thank you Who's next?

Mr. and Mrs. Ery Hamilton returned home Monday from San Antonio, where they spent a most enjoyable Christmas as guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter. Mr. Hunter and Mrs. Hamilton are brother and sister.

GET MORE EGGS
By feeding "Martin's Egg Producer" DOUBLE your money back in eggs or your money back in cash. Absolutely Guaranteed by MASON DRUG COMPANY Both Stores 28-26t

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Frasier and family, of San Antonio, were guests of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale for a few days at Christmas time. They returned home on Tuesday of last week.

Miss Emma Willmann, of Austin, was in Mason, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Willmann during the Christmas holidays. She returned to Austin on Wednesday after Christmas.

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

Miss Lilly Pluenneke was at home from Marlin, where she is teaching school, to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. H. Pluenneke, and with other relatives.

Mr. Business Man of Mason!

If you contemplate buying calendars, fans or any other novelties to distribute to your customers for 1922, don't place your order until you have seen the nice line of samples which the News now has on hand and ready for your inspection.

We want your business in this line and if having just as nice samples as the traveling man has and giving you fair and square prices will keep the biggest part of the money spent each year by Mason business houses for these novelties at home, we feel confident of getting your orders.

Ask to see our line, we will call at your convenience.

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The young people of Mason enjoyed a dance at the C. C. Smith Hall on Wednesday night, December 29th.

Try our HOWE (red rubber) inner tubes. You'll never want any other kind.
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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Splittgerber are receiving the congratulations of their many friends upon being the parents of a fine baby girl, which arrived on Monday, December 27th.

NEW HOME--
Sewing Machine No better machine made, for sale by Larimore & Grote 36

W. M. and Rudolph Martin spent a few days in San Antonio the past week; returning home Sunday.

Money to Lead--Runge & Runge
Mr. George W. Brackenridge, one of the State's most distinguished citizens and a resident of San Antonio, died on December 28, at his home in that city. He had attained the advanced age of 89 years. He was one of the State's greatest benefactors and practically every paper of Texas has paid fitting tribute to his memory.

Dan Schreiber, of Waco, was in Mason during the holidays, visiting with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Truman, of Kansas City, left on Thursday after Christmas for San Antonio for a visit, after spending Christmas in Mason with the family of Mrs. Truman's sister, Mrs. O. H. Mebus. Mrs. Truman is remembered in Mason as Miss Ruth McGinnis.

John Brandenberger was in Mason last week from his ranch near Hilda, accompanied by his son, W. S. Brandenberger of Houston, who spent a few days here during the holidays with relatives and friends. W. S. Brandenberger is now professor of History in the Houston Heights High School. While here he ordered the News to keep him posted on happenings in his old home county.

A Splendid Liniment

You should always keep a good liniment in the home for emergency use. Fidelity White Cream Liniment is guaranteed. When it's Fidelity quality you're sure it's pure. Sold and recommended by all druggists and in Mason by the Mason Drug Company.

The Mason Public Schools opened for the 1921 session on Monday morning after having been closed since December 10, for the annual holidays.

Hon. G. F. Hurley, of the Katemey section, was a pleasant caller at the News office a few days since. Mr. Hurley estimates that the farmers of his section raised 40,000 bushels of peanuts this year and he says that there is something like 30,000 bushels being held for a better price. He states that their latest offer was 50 cents per bushel, which is far too little.

Mrs. Annie Edwards and daughter, Miss Pauline, of Kansas City, Mo., have been visiting relatives and friends in Mason recently. Mrs. Edwards is pleasantly remembered here as Miss Annie Nagel.

Dr. R. D. Byler returned home recently from a visit with relatives in San Antonio at Christmas time. He was accompanied by Mrs. Byler, who had been there for several weeks undergoing medical treatment.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

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Notice 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 at the regular advertising rates.

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MICKIE SAYS

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The News regrets very much having omitted an advertisement from its columns for J. J. Johnson in our issue of December 23, in which issue, practically every business firm in Mason extended best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to their respective friends and customers. We assure our readers and the friends and customers of Mr. Johnson that the omission was no fault of his, for he ordered the space and the copy for his advertisement was supplied, but in the rush of our work we overlooked it in some way and did not notice the oversight until after the paper was issued. We offer our apologies to Mr. Johnson for our carelessness.

Start out the New Year right and keep right throughout the whole year. Practice doing unto others as you'd have others do unto you and see how agreeable it will make everyone with whom you come in contact.

Some of the boys in Mason played several pranks on New Year's night by changing signs, moving vehicles, plows and everything that could be gotten hold of, on the square and on the sidewalks. In fact, we believe that the two wells on the square were the only objects that were not moved.

While in San Antonio recently the writer took advantage of the opportunity and visited the factory site of the Stroud Motor Manufacturing Association, of which Mr. F. W. Lemburg, formerly cashier of the Mason National Bank, is secretary and treasurer. Although Mr. Wm. Ellebracht and myself visited the Stroud factory site on Christmas morning, we were fortunate to meet Mr. Lemburg there and he was exceedingly nice in showing us about and answering our many questions regarding the progress of the association. The main building for the plant is completed with the exception of the concrete floor has not been given its finished coat and this coat will not be applied until after all of the heavy machinery, a part of which is now being placed, has been installed. This building is very modern in every respect as to light and ventilation and it is heavily reinforced with steel. The dimension of the building is something like 400 feet long and 100 feet wide. Just back of the main building the large foundry building is now under construction and, according to Mr. Lemburg, will be completed in a short time.

We were informed that the machinery which has been purchased and is being installed, will equip the factory for turning out 100 tractors each day, after things are gotten in full operation. Mr. Lemburg states that the Stroud plan is to start manufacturing tractors just as soon as the foundry building is completed and they hope to start operations by building only ten tractors a day and increase their output gradually until their full capacity is developed. Mr. Lemburg is very enthusiastic over the present outlook for the Stroud Manufacturing Association and stated that they feel certain to be able to earn splendid dividends for their stockholders after getting their factory in operation.

Wilson Leslie and little daughter were here from McAllen to spend Christmas with relatives and friends. Mr. Leslie stated that his wife's health is much improved and the whole family is well pleased with McAllen.

Moley to Lend—Range & Runge

15 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Jan. 5, 1906:

Miss Alta Smith left last week for Fife to assist Miss Bernice Doole in her school at that place.

A. J. Lindsay and Frank Simon matched a horse race Monday and quite a crowd witnessed it five miles north of town. The Lindsay horse won the race.

Miss Ruth Sands entertained a number of friends Tuesday evening at the residence of her mother.

Oscar Seaquist has enlarged the house adjoining C. S. Vedder and will move his boot shop into it.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. E. J. Lemburg entertained the following with a finch party: Mesdames F. A. Hill, H. J. Lowrey, V. M. Loring, Ben Hoerster, Jim Lemburg, A. W. Kooek, Will Lemburg, Arthur Lemburg.

Messrs. Will B. and L. H. Fisher, of Indiana, were here to spend several days last week with their cousins, Mrs. W. B. Sands and Erv Hamilton.

A. N. Mourssund and family are at home after spending the holidays with relatives at Fredericksburg.

Mr. Wilson Leslie and Miss Mae King were united in marriage on Wednesday evening of last week.

Marriage License—Mr. John Pryor and Miss Emma Steinmann; Mr. Wilson H. Leslie and Miss Mae King; Mr. Ed Coffey and Miss Julia Acosta; Mr. Lee Payne and Miss Olga Burnett.

Ernest Hofmann and C. C. King had their teams to collide Christmas night and narrowly averted a serious accident.

A special stage loaded with holiday refreshments came in from Llano Thursday before Christmas and the Menardville stage each trip brings in a supply.

25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Jan. 10, 1896:

F. H. Husband has purchased the Keller ranch from John W. Gamel. The ranch consists of 800 acres.

Fred Crosby left Thursday for New Mexico, after spending the holidays with his mother.

L. F. Graebner has informed the News that the total rainfall for Mason for the year 1895 was 23 3/16 inches.

Dr. J. D. Beck was called to Mill Creek Ranch Monday to see Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White, who were quite sick.

Miss Annie Haberer, of Brady, is visiting Mrs. M. Moran.

D. Doole and family have moved into their new residence.

Ben Hoy, Bud Garner and Bud Martin left Saturday night for a trip out west.

Chas. Grote and bride are occupying the residence of H. F. Keyser.

Miss Ida Bridges entertained a number of young friends a pleasant social Friday evening.

J. A. Hoerster had a number of friends present to assist him in celebrating his 51st birthday on Wednesday.

Robert Bogusch is here from Brownwood visiting his parents.

OVER 70,000,000 BARRELS OF OIL IN TEXAS FOR 1920

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 1.—According to the final figures of the pipe line companies announced here today, total oil production in North and West Texas fields for 1920 was 70,130,000 barrels. This is an average daily run of 200,000 barrels.

How to Cure A Cough

Take Fidelity Quality Mentholated Mountain Pine Cough Syrup. It relieves the cough, tickle and throat irritation at once. When it's Fidelity Quality you're sure it's pure. Sold and recommended by all druggists and in Mason by the Mason Drug Company.

Misses Myrtle and Flora Smart were here from Comanche, Texas, to spend the Christmas holidays with the family of their brother, Lee Smart. They returned home Saturday.

C. W. Ross was here from San Angelo to spend a few days last week on business and pleasure combined.

Frank Clark and family have recently moved to Mason from their farm in the Ranch Branch section. They are occupying the O. H. Mebus home on Post Hill, which place Mr. Clark now owns.

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Messrs. Irl Larrimore, Arch Carter and Cecil and C. C. Smith and Leonard Wood went to Junction for a big dance last Thursday night.

Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.
Howard Smith returned home last Wednesday from a short visit to Commerce, Texas, where he took his daughter, Miss Mildred, to resume her studies in school, after being at home for the Christmas vacation.

Wear Diamond tires on your auto. They last longer and are moderately priced.

Star Garage
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith are at home from San Antonio, where they spent the holidays. Their daughter, Miss Luella, did not return to Mason, but went from San Antonio back to her school work in the Stephens College at Columbia, Missouri.

REDUCED PRICES
We are offering all Simmons K. K. Auto inner tubes and castings at cost. There is no better tubes or fabric casing made. Larimore & Grote.

Clinton Breazeale returned to Dallas last week to resume his studies in the Baylor Medical College, after spending the holidays in Mason.

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge
Miss Clara Hasper left last week for San Antonio, where she will resume her work as teacher in one of the ward schools, after being at home for the holidays.

Messrs. Arch Carter and Irl Larrimore and Misses Ruth Martin and Alice Lemburg attended a dance at Brady last Saturday night.

Mrs. Nellie Loeffler and Miss Sophia Lemburg were here from San Antonio to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

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.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION NOW IN EFFECT AT STREETER

The trustees of the Streeter school announce that the compulsory education law is now in effect in the Streeter precinct. Children within ages designated by the law, must be placed in school.

FRESH CEMENT now on hand. H. Bierschwale. 411f.

Alvin Bernhard and wife and children came up last Friday from San Antonio for a visit of a few days with relatives and friends.

DON'T
Forget the oldest and best sewing machine. Repair clocks, stoves and guns. All work guaranteed. 411f

TOM MILLSAP.
Mrs. H. Brown, of the Fly Gap section, underwent an operation at the local hospital last Sunday evening. We understand the patient is getting along as nicely as can be expected.

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

F. B. McCollum is still unable to be at his place of business, due to illness. Mr. McCollum has been confined to his home for over a month with a very sore hip, and at intervals, fever sets in. We hope to learn of his early improvement.

STOP THAT ITCHING
Use Blue Star Eczema Remedy for French Itch, Eczema, Ring Worm or Cracked Hands. Sold on a guarantee by Mason Drug Co.

Miss Alice Lemburg, who is teaching music in the Menard High School, has returned to her duties after spending the holidays in Mason with relatives and friends.

PRESCRIPTIONS
Accurately compounded day and night at Mason Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Loring and children returned home on Tuesday of last week from San Antonio, where they spent Christmas as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Ellebracht.

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E. O. Kothmann, V. P. Kinney Eckert, Ass't C'r.

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A HAT FOR CAMILLA.

By H. LOUIS RAYBOLD.

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If Camilla often wondered just who the tall young man with the happy gray eyes was who so often rode to the fourteenth floor with her, no less did that young man frequently ponder the identity of the fair girl with the roses of spring in her cheeks and the summer sun in her hair.

His attention had first been drawn to her by catching a glimpse in the crowded elevator of a perfectly wonderful hat, which even to his masculine eyes was the acme of chicness, allure and expensiveness. Edging his way about a bit he had been able to see the face beneath the hat and was forced to admit that each did justice to the other. Later he had been unable to help noticing that the owner's gloves were rather worn, that the neat serge suit was obviously of a former season, and that the sensible shoes were being helped to hold their own by shines and new lacings.

One morning, in a very off-hand way, Peter put the question to his law partner: "Say, Bob, do you know who the young lady is who comes up to this floor and turns off to the right down the corridor?"

"I do that," replied Bob, turning around in his swivel chair the better to give Peter a critical survey. "And she's some looker—as for her chapeau—oh, boy! Since I was married I appreciate a good hat when I see one, and, believe me, she never get hers at a marked-down bargain sale!"

"But who is she?" demanded Peter.

"Oh, she's stenographer to Frappler at Cle, that French firm, you know," obliged Bob, giving out the extent of his knowledge. "Too expensive for

ATTENTION!—

GOAT KOPERS.

On Saturday, January 8th, 1921, there will be a Goat Roping Contest at Junction, Texas.

First purse will be for \$100 and goat ropers from everywhere are urged to come and enter for this contest.

Among other amusements on this occasion will be a foot ball game and a big dance at night, with good band music during the entire day and at night.

This program is for the entertainment of the visitors to the Annual Goat Raisers Association which convenes here on the above date.

All parties wishing to enter this contest will write or see Jack Hoggett, Junction, Texas.

you, my lad." Just as Peter, for the sake of his peace of mind, had decided to cast no more glances in the direction of Camilla, fate herself intervened, causing the elevator to halt, suspended for a few long minutes between the sixth and seventh floors.

Considering that Peter and Camilla were the only passengers, and that for



He Was Able to Verify His Suspicion.

some weeks now they had been riding up and down together, it was not odd for Peter to observe that they would doubtless not be delayed long, and for Camilla to reply, with a very slight increase of color, that she trusted not.

After this their acquaintance progressed inevitably through the various stages of bowing when meeting, exchanging comments on the weather, discussing the newspaper headlines until one red-lettered noon, when Peter took his courage in both hands and invited her to lunch with him, and she accepted.

By this time Peter was so far gone that, to satisfy his thrifty conscience, he had invented a perfectly satisfying bit of fiction as to how Camilla was able to wear such hats. He knew the answer, of course. She was one of those wonderfully clever persons that could copy one of the creations in the shop windows with such accuracy that, once placed on her well-poised head, it became immediately invested with the very essence of distinction of its model.

At last came the day when Peter felt that there was sufficient likelihood of a favorable reply for him to chance a certain question.

"Little girl," he said gently, "will you marry me? I haven't much to offer now, but if you are willing to start

small, I think some day I can promise you—"

"Oh, Peter, Peter," interrupted Camilla recklessly. "What do I care if we start small? Of course I'll marry you. I can cook and, although I never sewed a stitch in my life, I can learn!"

Overwhelmed by his happiness, the question of his beloved's hats was the farthest from Peter's thoughts. Not until many hours later, as he sat in his room, comfortably pulling at an old brier and letting his mind dwell lovingly on the dearness of Camilla, did the ghost of her words arise to trouble him. She had never sewed a stitch. And it did seem, as he recalled noticing, subconsciously, as they sat on the sand that day, that the upturned hat beside her bore on its shirred lining the label which spoke for itself—Madame Lucille.

"Well, hang it all," he told himself, "I'll work nights to see that she keeps on getting that same kind!"

The next morning Peter offered to take off of Bob's hands a little job the latter had with that same Madame Lucille in regard to a customer who had never paid her account. If one was going to marry a woman whose one extravagance ran to hats, it might be a good idea to get a line on their worth.

Seated some time later—in fact, during his noon hour—in madame's office, he was thunderstruck to hear quite suddenly a voice he certainly recognized. Parting the curtain at the railing above the desk he was able to verify his suspicion. It was Camilla!

Nor could he help overhear the conversation which followed. "Try on this one," said madame herself, for whom Peter waited.

"I am afraid it is rather expensive," said Camilla.

Peter decided she was right when he heard madame say, "Nonsense, only fifty dollars."

That very evening, the first words with which Camilla greeted him as she rose to meet him in the little stuffy parlor, where she had been waiting his coming, were, "Peter, how do you like my hat?"

And Peter, strictly truthful, told her that it was so beautiful that it was almost good enough for the dear girl under it.

"Well," confessed Camilla, "of course, I could never do it if the circumstances were not unusual."

"You mean?" said Peter eagerly.

"Why, madame used to know my family. She came from the same town I did. You know, my father was French. In fact, my name is really Camille, but I think the other sounds more American. He brought me up to speak both English and French. And since I came to the city, I have given Madame Lucille—she is really Mrs. Johnson—lessons in French, so that she can talk with the reporters who come into the shop. In return she insists on supplying me with hats."

"Well," was Peter's only comment for a moment. Then, "Do you know, dear," he said, "I was almost afraid to ask the wearer of such wonderful creations to marry a poor attorney. And yet, it was your very hat which first attracted me! So I say 'Blessed be the hats of Camilla!'"

"Thank you, you funny Peter," returned Camilla. "But I can't dispense any means, either, that brought me you. Oh, look out—you'll jam it!"

Jim Brown went to Menard last Sunday to meet his sons, who had spent the holidays with relatives and friends in Schleicher county.

HAPPY NEW YEAR—
AND THANK YOU

The employes and management of your telephone company join in wishing you and yours a happy and prosperous New Year. Join, too, in thanking you for the co-operation by which you have helped us serve you during the past twelve months; for the friendly criticism that has in many ways shown us how to serve you better; for your patronage and friendship. It is our hope that during the New Year the telephone will add materially to your success, prosperity and your happiness.

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MISSSES MARTIN ENTERTAIN NEW YEAR'S EVE NIGHT

Last Friday night, Misses Ruth and Esther Martin were hostesses to a number of their friends with a Theater Party. Following the show the hostesses, with their guests, repaired to the Max Martin home, where Mr. and Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Anna Martin assisted the Misses Martin in entertaining in a manner which surpassed any social event of this nature for the holiday season.

The guests were invited into the large parlor and punch of the most delicious and palatable quality was served. This was followed by removing the art squares and bringing forth the Victrola and an enjoyable time was spent at dancing. Miss Hilda Lemburg favored the young people with two very beautiful vocal solos, being accompanied on the piano by her sister, Miss Alice Lemburg. A couple of selections on the violin by Miss Ruth Martin accompanied by Miss Esther at the piano, were greatly appreciated and enjoyed.

At a late hour the delightful hostesses brought forth a delicious salad course and again soothed the appetites of their guests. Dancing and social conversation was embibed in by the merry crowd until the town clock warned them that the old year was passing out and that the new had begun. The electric lights went out, but the frolicing did not end. Some of the party went to the school building to assist in ringing the school bell

and others got out in the yard and enjoyed listening at the big charges of dynamite explode.

It was almost one o'clock before the merry crowd thought of going home, so pleasant had been the occasion and so swiftly had the hours passed; and then they did not leave without unanimously expressing to the Misses Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Martin their heartfelt thanks for the evening's pleasure.

Those enjoying the occasion were Misses Sadie Lindsay, Louise Latham, Alice Lemburg, Hilda Lemburg, Mrs. Walter Lindsay, Mrs. Mike Jennings; Messrs. Clarence Mebus, Irl Larrimore, Arch Carter, Bennie Evans, Mr. and Mrs. John Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Max Martin, Mrs. Anna Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Loring, and the hostesses.

A. L. Bierschwale, secretary for the Texas Manufacturing Association, arrived in Mason Tuesday from St. Louis for a stay of a few days on both business and pleasure. He will return to St. Louis this week.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Clerk Lee has recently issued the following marriage license:

Mr. J. H. E. Willmann and Miss Hattie Emelie Donop.

Mr. John B. Allen and Miss Fannie Smart.

Miss Margaret Bierschwale has returned to Stephenville to resume her duties as teacher in the High School of that place, after spending the holidays in Mason.

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PREMIER RANCH NEWS

There is to be found here a select lot of Hereford bulls, both calves and yearlings. Have a number of coming two's that were picked out of one of the best herds in the country. They are good enough to go to the head of any herd and give a good account of themselves. They are bred right and have the scale, bone and conformation desired by particular breeders.

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MAKE ADRIATIC ITALIAN LAKE

D'Annunzio's Ambition as Viewed by an Englishman.

HAS FAR-REACHING VISION

Sees Fiume and Trieste the Gateways for Economic Penetration—Fiume Merely the Nail Upon Which the Poet Hangs the Alluring Picture of an Italian Imperialism—He Has Given a New Voice to Italian Aspiration.

The settlement of the Adriatic problem and the recognition of the independence of Fiume, by the treaty of Santo Margherita, lends interest to a study of D'Annunzio and his ambition to extend Italian supremacy over the Adriatic, made by a correspondent of the London Times. Writing from Fiume about the middle of October, he said:

Gabriele D'Annunzio is a sort of modern Cyrano de Bergerac, with a little more talent and a little less sense. The author of the "Journey to the Moon" lived in extravagant days, when fair ladies and poetic ideals were the things for which men fought. But D'Annunzio—as I took occasion to tell him—has abandoned women and song for Arditi and politics.

"Higher politics," was the only correction he smilingly made, and perhaps such one may condemn his methods and abhor his aims, there is no denying the far-reaching political effect of his words and deeds. He would be a negligible factor were it not that, as far as Italy is concerned, he has lifted the Adriatic question out of the sphere of diplomatic compromise and deluded his fellow countrymen into believing that the spoliation of Jugo-Slavia is a matter of national honor and of vital interest. The Italian government is really powerless, because D'Annunzio, having given a new voice to Latin aspiration, has so swayed the emotions of one of the most emotional of peoples that reason is dethroned and liberty and justice—for which the war was fought—are flouted.

Let us see what it is that D'Annunzio wants, and why he wants it—Fiume is merely the nail on which he hangs the alluring picture of an Italian imperialism. First, in order to obtain complete Adriatic supremacy he seeks to extend the eastern frontier of Italy so as to include not only the whole of Gorizia, Gradisca and Istria, but considerable portions of Carniola and Croatia, together with the islands of the Quarnero (Veglia and Cherso). He wishes Italy to retain Dalmatia and the islands of the eastern coast, and some form of political suzerainty over a nominally independent Albania and Montenegro. This would leave Italy in control not only of Trieste and Fiume, but of Zara, Sebenico, Spalato, Cattaro and all the other ports of the Adriatic. Jugo-Slavia would be virtually cut off from the sea and reduced to economic dependence upon Italy.

Program Summed Up.

D'Annunzio's whole program may be summed up in a few words: The aggrandisement of Italy and the abasement of Jugo-Slavia. The latter, he believes, will be retained by Italy's retaining Dalmatia and political hegemony over Montenegro and Albania. To illustrate the economic possibilities of what he claims as the new frontiers of Italy, he has prepared a very curious map.

It is a map of the eastern half of Mittel-Europa, on which is traced a triangle: Trieste-Fiume-Danzig-Constantinople. It shows very clearly that any one power controlling both Trieste and Fiume, together with the railway junction of St. Peter in Car-

niola, which is immediately behind and equidistant from both of them, has an unrivaled gateway for penetration and expansion in Northern and Eastern Europe. St. Peter in Carniola, south of Leibach, is on the main line from Trieste to Vienna and Berlin, and the Orient express from London to Constantinople runs through it. It has splendid communications with Germany and Poland, with Czechoslovakia, Austria and Hungary, with Russia, the Ukraine, Transylvania, Roumania, Jugo-Slavia, Bulgaria and Constantinople.

If Italy can retain both Trieste and Fiume she will enjoy a monopoly of the import and export trade of this immense hinterland passes through the Adriatic. It is quite true that a great deal of this trade has already been diverted to ports of northwestern Europe, but the Adriatic route, which offers certain advantages, more especially for imports and exports to Austria, Hungary and the Ukraine, is the natural and almost indispensable channel for Jugo-Slav trade.

Both Bulgaria and Roumania furnished important and growing quantities of Adriatic business before the war. It is certain that, with Trieste in the hands of Italy, and Fiume as the Adriatic port of the Jugo-Slavs, there would be a healthy competition, which would be of the greatest economic benefit. One of the arguments most frequently put forward by D'Annunzio's supporters is that if Fiume was in any but Italian hands it would be able to compete with Trieste, whereas with both ports Italian, it will be possible for them to combine in order to control Adriatic trade.

This leaves the interests of Venice out of the reckoning.

Spurning the Jugo-Slavs.

That the Croatian population of this part of the world should have any rights of self-determination is flatly denied by D'Annunzio on the ground that they fought against Italy in the war. D'Annunzio never tires of scoffing at "the American prophet becoming virtuously indignant at the thought of a few thousand Slavs being placed under the rule of Italy, after millions of Germans have been handed over to Poland and Czechoslovakia, and millions of Hungarians to Jugo-Slavia, Czechoslovakia and Roumania."

In Fiume at least one hears very little of the high sounding phrases about the "will of the people" and their attachment to Italy. What one hears is talk about retaining Fiume for Italy at all costs: "Salvare Fiume, a qualunque costo!"—not because of Fiume, but because of Italy. I will say this for D'Annunzio: he is perfectly frank about it. He never said one word to me about Italy's right to the things he has set out to obtain for her. He never alleged anything beyond the assertion that Adriatic supremacy was essential to Italian greatness, and that if the Italian government gave up anything they now hold, he would immediately seize it by force.

No one who has traveled through the area held by the Italian army of occupation, or who has been to Fiume and spoken with D'Annunzio, can doubt that he could make good his threat and that he is right when he declares that the Italian regular forces—both army and navy—would refuse to obey the government and recognize his authority.

In a dispatch which I sent reporting D'Annunzio's defiance, the Italian military censorship at Trieste deleted a part in which I expressed the belief that D'Annunzio has the tacit support, both of Admiral Millo, commander at Zara, and of General Cavaglia, who is at the head of the army of occupation. But the fact is not open to doubt, and should D'Annunzio start for Rome, neither of them would lift a finger to impede his progress. On the contrary, I feel sure that D'Annunzio had good grounds for his assertion—also deleted from my dispatch—that if he started from Fiume with 10,000 men he would arrive at the gates of the Eternal City with 150,000.

WILLMANN-DONOP

Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Donop, Mr. J. H. E. Willmann and Miss Hattie Emelie Donop were united in marriage. Rev. Schreiber, of the German Methodist Church, officiated.

The happy event was witnessed by only immediate relatives and a few close friends of the contracting parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Donop served an elegant supper to those present in honor of the occasion.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. August Willmann and is an industrious young farmer and stockman of the Art section. The pretty and charming bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Donop and is also a resident of the Art section. These young people have numerous friends who will gladly join the News in expressing congratulations and wishing them every happiness.

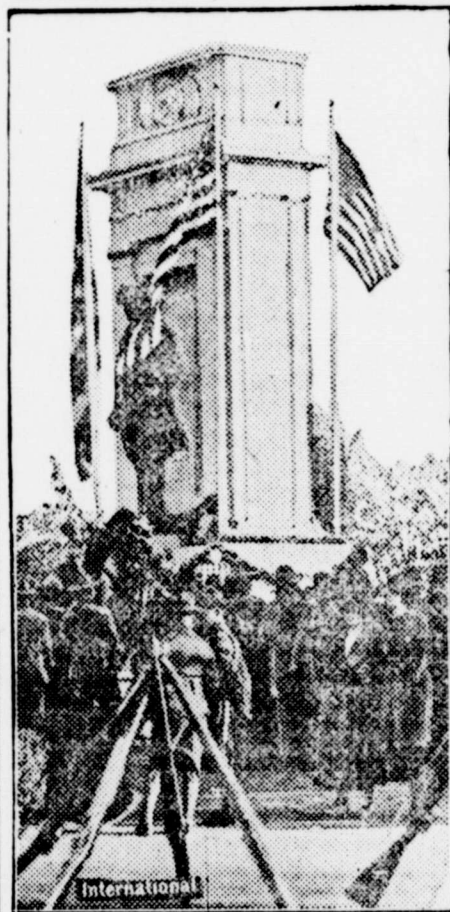
Mr. and Mrs. Donop will make their home on the farm of the groom's father, which place he has taken charge of.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our gratitude and appreciation of the many acts of kindness and for the floral offerings during the illness and death of our beloved mother, Mrs. R. H. Garner.

OVY GARNER
MRS. R. C. DOELL
MRS. O. SEAQUIST
MRS. J. M. LYLE

UNVEIL TABLET TO PAUL JONES IN WASHINGTON



Scene at the unveiling of a tablet on the statue of John Paul Jones in Potomac park, Washington. The tablet was erected by the Sons of the American Revolution to commemorate the founding of the American navy by America's first naval hero.

HE IS AN HEIR

Man Who Boasted of Having Been in Thirty Jails Gets Wealth.

Robert W. Patton's penchant for jails has brought him luck. He probably will share half of a \$60,000 estate, according to relatives who found him through a published interview which he gave to a reporter when he sought winter lodging at a jail in Concordia, Kan.

Patton had been arrested for vagrancy and told officers he had served in 30 jails so far this year. He expressed the hope of bettering his record before the end of the year.

Then Patton's sister at Seward, Neb., who had not heard from him for eight years, read of his longing for jail life and hastened to Concordia with an attorney. County officials there were not hospitable, however, and refused to board Patton. As a result he continued his quest for a nice warm jail for the winter season, and went to Chester, Neb., where he was accommodated. Patton was located by his sister there. He will be taken to Lincoln, where the estate will be divided.

The attorney told officials in Concordia that the will provided that Patton must appear before January 1, 1921, or forfeit his rights to the estate. Patton has not decided whether he will accept the fortune or continue his search for a comfortable jail.

MONEY TO LEND
On Farms and Ranches
INTEREST PAYABLE AT ANY TIME OF YEAR
No Delays
Runge & Runge

SALLY'S VOCATION

By LULU M. PAULEY.

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Sally finished tying a gorgeous pink bow on her long dark braid, and smiled at herself in the mirror.

"This is a great old world," she remarked to her room-mate, Anna Flarity, who was already in bed.

"It sure is," Anna agreed, then added wistfully: "I wish Frank and I were going to be married, along with Peter and you, tomorrow night."

Sally's face clouded. "I'm not going to marry anyone," she announced shortly.

Anna sat up in bed in wide-eyed astonishment.

"Not going to get married, and the time all set, and everything in readiness?" she gasped. "Why, Sally Day, have you and Peter quarreled?"

Sally shook her head in silence. "Why aren't you going to marry Peter?" pleaded Anna.

Sally with half-shut eyelids turned and gazed thoughtfully at her companion.

"Anna," she said shortly, "you think you love Frank, and expect to marry him some day. Well, suppose some big thing you had hoped for all your life should suddenly come to you. Which would you choose—this big thing or Frank's love?"

Anna did not hesitate. "Frank's love," she said simply. Sally sighed.

"I choose the big thing," she said—"a literary career."

"Literary career?" Anna laughed openly. "Why, Sally Day, you've never had a thing published in your life—not even gratuitously."

Sally smilingly drew a letter from the folds of her kimono.

"Read that," she cried triumphantly. Anna read with widening eyes. "Oh," she exclaimed, "it can't be true."

"It is," exulted Sally. "My story has won the first prize of one thousand dollars."

"It will start Peter off nicely in a business of his own, or fix a comfortable home for you both," was Anna's view.

"Peter is out of it," declared Sally, half impatiently. "Marriage would interfere with my future success."

Anna was silent.

"Well?" questioned Sally. "You know, dear, you always said my vocation was a home, husband and babies. What have you to say now?"

Anna met the amused look in her friend's eyes, unflinchingly.

"Since you ask," she retorted, "I will say that I think you a mean, unprincipled girl to throw the man who loves you over without just reason. You never loved him, else you would be glad to share this success of yours with him. Suppose all this—this wonderful future you anticipate—should not materialize, and Peter is lost, too?"

Sally yawned.

"What a pessimist you are," she remarked. "Do be quiet while I write to Peter. He will understand, perhaps; but if he don't"—she shrugged her shoulders and drew forward her writing materials.

"There," she said when she had finished, "you can mail this for me in the

morning. I'm going to take a good rest until lunch time, after which I shall go for my prize money."

It was raining the next day, and Sally with the wet from her umbrella making little pools on the concrete floor of the outer office, waited patiently for the great editor of the story magazine to receive her. Finally she was ushered into the presence of that distinguished personage.

Sally unfolded his letter and laid it before him.

"Ahem!" he pursed his lips while glancing the letter over. "Sally Day is your name, I suppose?"

"Yes," Sally looked surprised.

The man opened a drawer in his desk and brought out a neatly type-written manuscript. From a pigeon-hole he took another, which Sally recognized as her own. He placed the two side by side.

"Miss Day," he said, kindly, "my stenographer made a little mistake, for which I am exceedingly sorry. The winner of the first prize is a well-known writer, Miss Eliza Townsley, whose non-de-plume is sometimes Sally Day. Miss Townsley's address is 168 West, while yours is the same number East. Singular coincidence, is it not? I am indeed sorry because of the disappointment to you."

He held out her manuscript, which she clutched at blindly. Her voice choked, her head swam.

The editor followed her to the door of the outer office.

"Good-day," he said gently, and added: "Don't think me cruel if I tell you story writing is not your vocation."

How Sally found her way to the street again she did not remember.

Anna opened the door and Sally fell sobbing into her friendly arms.

"It was all a mistake, Anna," she wailed. "You were right; and now I've lost Peter, too."

"Hush!" exclaimed Anna, drawing the grief-stricken girl into the room and closing the door. "Things aren't so bad, honey. Come, cheer up, so we can get dressed and ready by the time Peter and Frank get here. A box of beautiful roses has come. Stop crying and look at them. You won't make a pretty bride if your eyes are red. Yes, Peter is coming. You see, I didn't mail that letter you wrote to him last night; I burned it."

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BIRTHS

Since our last report, County Clerk Lee, has recorded the following births:

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Mayes, a boy, December 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dendy, a boy, December 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Barton Collins, a girl, December 20.

Walker White has returned to Dallas to school after being at home for the holidays. He is a student in the Terrell School for boys.

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Neither stuffy tenements, dirty factories, narrow streets nor sullied slums will be tolerated in Jerusalem and other urban centers of Palestine, "the Jewish homeland," by the British high commission.

Anticipating a heavy influx of Jews back to the Holy Land, a city and town planning commission has been appointed to regulate the distribution, and prevent a mushroom growth, spoiling forever the beauty of the ancient cities, according to information received by Zionists in this country.

All town plans will have to be approved by the high commissioner, Sir Herbert Samuel. Civic commissions with full authority will control building development in Jerusalem, Jaffa, Haifa and Tiberias, working on plans approved by a central commission. This body may be headed by Sir Patrick Geddes of the University of Edinburgh, town-planner of Bombay and other cities of India. Land owners have been advised to consult with the local commissioners before attempting new construction.

Palestine is now half empty, and there is ample room for new communities and modern quarters. In building them the poor must not be huddled in crowded settlements while the rich enjoy spacious houses and delightful gardens, said the high commissioner in announcing his city planning ordinances.

"It is the duty of the government to supervise such things," he is quoted as saying. "We may hope to have here noble cities with parks and open spaces designed, not in the foreign extraneous style, but breathing the spirit of the land, representing the best ideals of those who work for its up-building."

CUTTING THIRD TEETH

Aged Man Is Also Renewing His Youth.

The adage that there is nothing new under the sun has been disproved by N. D. Starr of Memphis, who has cut a third set of teeth at the age of eighty-four, when usually the new molars, bicuspids, etc., that can be

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SLEEP WALKER BUMPS COP

Strange Case of Somnambulism Reported From Boston Suburb.

A strange case of somnambulism aroused the attention of the police of Malden, Mass., when two policemen held up Mrs. E. H. Annis, 43 years old, of 98 Buffum street, Lynn, a nurse engaged on a Medford case.

Patrolman John Campbell of the Malden force saw the woman walking with eyes wide open and gazing straight ahead. He followed her and with Patrolman John Murphy placed himself in her path and she bumped into them. The woman screamed and seemed very frightened.

Answering inquiries the woman said she is a nurse and frequently suffers from somnambulism when her nervous system is overwrought while on trying nursing cases. She said she was absolutely asleep up to the time the officers stopped her.

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3rd. The boundaries of our association shall be as follows: Beginning with the pastures of Dave Kiser on the east and extending to the Wm. Hofmann pastures on the west, both pastures included; and beginning with the Ed W. Jordan farm on the north and extending to the A. J. Lindsay home farm on the south, the Jordan farm included only.

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How Old Are You?

An old proverb says: "It is never too late to learn." If you have let the years of youth pass without accomplishing anything, don't get discouraged. No man is a failure until he becomes a quitter. Men have done great things in their older years. Franklin at 50, studied natural philosophy; Dryden and Scott were not known as authors until each was in his fiftieth year; Handel was 48 before he published any of his great works. And it is never too late for you to begin to accumulate money. We welcome you.

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Mrs. R. H. Kidd had as her guests on New Year's Day, her mother and a brother. They reside at Eden, Texas.

Take in the picture show at the Star Opera House each Friday and Saturday night. Shows start at 7:30 sharp.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Hartman is getting along nicely since having been operated upon for appendicitis on Christmas Day.

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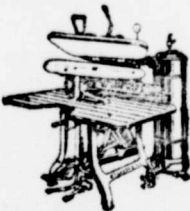
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Just before Jim Houston went to France he took his most valued possession in his arms and had a heart to heart talk with him. "Little dog," he said, "I'm off to war and, while I'm away I'm going to give you to the dearest girl in the world. I can't ask her to be mine yet—me, a poor duffer with no prospects—but don't you let anybody else have her until I'm back and get in the game again!" So saying, he set down the thoroughbred little Boston terrier and, putting on his leash, took him to Betty Lancaster.

"Here Betty," he said, "is a reminder of me! But, joking aside, I hope once in a while he will make you think of somebody who, even if he's getting a whack at the Boches, will be thinking

of you all the time."

"Oh, the darling!" cried Betty, getting down on her knees and fondling the dog, who did not object in the least. "Indeed, I don't need anything to remind me of you, but I love him already and will take the best of care of him until you come back," she concluded wistfully. This old school chum's going off meant more than she dared let herself think. "I'll write you and I'll knit for you—and—"

Jim wanted to say the words that trembled on his lips, but he had had it out with himself the night before, that he would not deem himself a man to bind this girl when the future was so uncertain. So now, "Good-by, Betty, girl," was all he permitted himself, and one last touch of her hand. His last glance back showed him Betty standing, with saddened eyes, holding fast the leash of his dog.

Now he was back home. When peace had come, he had thought joyfully that now he could get back to Betty. She had kept her word, had knitted socks and mufflers and a sweater, and when he had written her of his promotion to top sergeant she had replied how glad she was and added that she had named the little dog "Sergeant."

Jim, through a lucky chance, was able to return ahead of his regiment with a company of casuals. Betty did not know of his arrival in this coun-

Betty's home by welcoming friends. When at last the well-remembered stretch of maple trees came in view, shading the Lancaster lawn, his heart beat unmanageably.

As he drew nearer he heard the laughter and gay voices of young people sounding from the Lancaster porch. He felt a twinge of disappointment at having to see his sweetheart before so many. Already he looked upon her as that very thing—his sweetheart.

Wondering whether to go away and come back later or, at the worst, early next morning, Jim walked more slowly. As he reached the gate he heard a voice he recognized as that of Billy Van Norden, a schoolmate of his who had been wounded and sent home.

Van Norden was saying: "When Toots and I are married, you'll have to be very clever to bother us. No rice and old shoes for us, eh, Toots?" A merry girl's laugh followed. But he could not quite catch it. Who was Toots?

Then another voice broke in: "Hear the man talking already about getting married and he and Betty have only been engaged two days!" More laughter.

Jim's heart—the heart which had carried him unafraid through patrols in No Man's Land and over the top—almost failed him now.

"Betty engaged—Betty engaged—Betty engaged!" He leaned against the fence for support. Was she fascinated by Van Norden's lieutenant's uniform or the fact that he was wounded or—no, that wasn't fair, thought honest Jim. Billy Van Norden was a dandy fellow. He deserved a corking girl. But his Betty!

Why had she not written? But they had only been engaged two days! He was two days too late, provided things hadn't gotten too far before that. He hadn't dreamed—

Well, he would go away as unobtrusively as he had come—back to camp and then—anywhere but Bolton. He might sign up for the regular army. He might—

What was this bounding down to the gate? "Good old doggie," whispered Jim. "Good old doggie!" A suspicious moisture gathered in his eyes. This was the little dog she had played with, had named for him. "Sergeant, you couldn't keep her for me, could you, old boy?"

"Here, Sargie, here, Sargie!" he heard Betty's dear voice calling.

He tried to send the dog back, but Sergeant, overjoyed at this glimpse of his master, would not be driven away. He frisked about Jim's feet, jumped up and licked his hands and barked joyously.

"I must see what that dog is up to," said Betty, and before Jim realized it she was down the path and at the gate, searching for the cause of the dog's excitement.

What she saw made her step back quickly, her hand on her throat. There stood Jim looking wistfully, hungrily at her.

"Jim!" she said. "Jim!" "Betty, I came—I came to—hang it, Betty, why couldn't you give a fellow a hint?"

"Give you a hint, what?" asked Betty, still in a sort of daze at the sudden appearance of this person she thought was thousands of miles away.

"That you were getting engaged," said Jim reproachfully.

"But I'm not!" she cried. "I'm not!"

"Then what did Billy Van Norden mean?" said Jim, bewildered in his turn.

A light was beginning to break on Betty's perplexity. "Oh," she said; "well, I wrote you that my cousin from out West was here on her first visit, didn't I?"

"Yes," said Jim. "But I don't see—"

"Did I mention her name?" "I don't remember."

"Well, it's Elizabeth, the same as mine. We were born on the same day and our mothers gave us the same name. So she is Betty, too. Cousin Betty is engaged to Billy Van Norden."

Jim took a step toward her. "Forgive me, Betty," he said. "I thought of course it was you and I was all broken up. You see—ever since we went to high school together you've been my girl. I've come to tell you so. Will you say you are?"

Betty looked up into the eyes of her soldier. How long the months had been! "Jim, dear," she said, "I am your girl. I always have been."

Jim drew her to him and, unseen by the people on the porch, who wondered who on earth Betty was gossiping with, they stood for a moment in close embrace.

Then Betty stooped down and picked up the little dog. "If he hadn't barked I wouldn't have come down, and you would have gone away and we might never—" Her look told Jim what her lips did not say.

Jim put his arms about both dog and girl. "Good old doggie!" he cried. "I did you an injustice. You did give her back to me, after all!"

COST OF LIVING IN 1846

Record Kept by College Youth Shows It Was What We Would Now Consider Small.

A page from an old diary written in 1846 gives some illuminating items about the cost of living. The diary was written by Dr. Elmer Evan Edwards, the first president of the Colorado Agricultural college, and covers a period of thirty-five years. It is a recent gift to the college library.

In the fall of 1846, Dr. Edwards was just entering Asbury college now De Pauw university, as a preparatory student. He gives his expenses for his first week, including travel from Ross-ville as \$10.14. His comment on this large sum is, "This makes my expenses for food, fuel, lights, etc., about 50 cents a week. Good board can be had from \$1 to \$2 a week."

The diary shows that Dr. Edwards was living with two other boys under the arrangement that is sometimes called "batching." Some of the items are, "Rent, \$1.50 a month; my share, 50 cents. Desk, tall one reaching to chin, 75 cents. Hauling load of straw for bed, 15 cents. Lodging one night at hotel in Crawford, 37 cents. Flour; 1 bbl. \$3; my share \$1. The largest item is the initiation fee into the Plato society \$2, the smallest is for one pound of candles at 12 cents.

The diary illustrated with either pen or pencil sketches gives an entertaining account of the college life of a lively boy of the last century. One of Dr. Edwards' classmates was John S. Tarkington, the father of Booth Tarkington.

No Returns.

Maud—Now that you've broken your engagement with Jack, I suppose you'll be rid of his presence.

Madge—Oh, no, indeed! I shall keep them all.—Boston Transcript.

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Dr. William Thaxton left last week to resume his duties with the Live Stock Sanitary Commission at Fort Worth, after spending the holidays in Mason with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Thaxton.

E. P. Byler and two sons of San Antonio, and E. E. Byler of San Marcos, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Byler a few days last week. While here the gentlemen all enjoyed a hunt and succeeded in getting several wild turkeys, but failed to get a buck, which was their greatest desire.

Was Very Weak

"After the birth of my baby I had a back-set," writes Mrs. Mattie Crosswhite, of Glade Spring, Va. "I was very ill; thought I was going to die. I was so weak I couldn't raise my head to get a drink of water. I took . . . medicine, yet I didn't get any better. I was constipated and very weak, getting worse and worse. I sent for Cardui."

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Things Then Happen, but Railway Line Is Cleared.

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Finally a brakeman armed with a red flag assumed the role of torador. Whirling the flag around his head, he started across the field.

With heads down and tails up they started after him. He was doing about twenty miles an hour but the herd was gaining and he was rapidly losing his taste for cow fighting.

Then he circled back of the train and caught the last car as it whirled past.



Betty Standing Holding Fast the Leash of His Dog.

try and he had no time to notify her. When, upon reaching camp, he found that he could have a three days' furlough he decided to surprise her—her whom he would now dare to ask to marry him. For, even starting at the bottom as he would have to, the wait could not be very long with such a goal to strive for.

It was dusk when Jim got off the train at Bolton. He had to stop for a word with the station agent and then was waylaid along the way uptown to

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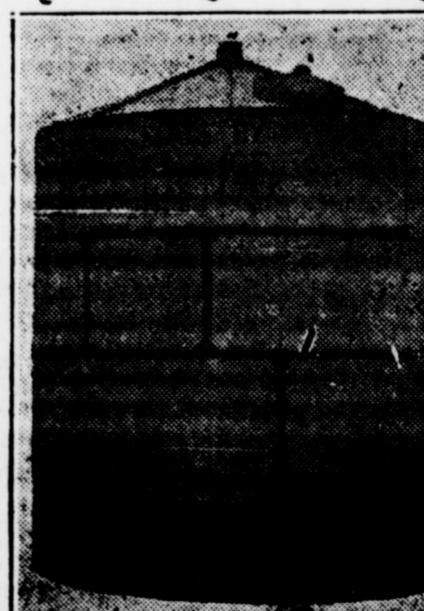
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SPIRIT OF SPARTANS IS TRAGED TO DRUIDS

Frenchman Says Bravery of Gaul Tribes Was Instilled by Priests.

Druid priests who in the olden days carried out mystic rites by slaughtering their devotees and burning them on altars erected in the heart of some primeval forest have been misunderstood. Instead of controlling merely the religious life of their followers they were responsible for the fighting qualities of the early tribes of Gaul and later spread their influence to Greece, where Druid training developed the martial spirit of the Spartan soldiers.

This is the conclusion reached by M. Solomon Reinach, who in an exhaustive communication presented to the French Academy of Inscriptions gives the result of several years' delving into the folk-lore of Greece and the country that today is France. It was only recently that M. Reinach discovered a manuscript written by a Greek historian born in Sparta, revealing that the Spartans had modeled their military training on the system in vogue among the tribes of Iberia, located somewhere between Egypt and the Indies, and which had been visited by an imaginary tourist known as Lyeurgus.

The latter's description of the country convinces M. Reinach that the explorer must have landed on the southern coast of France, and that the Iberia of which he wrote was not the Spanish Iberia which later adventurers described as a land lacking martial feelings but filled with drinkers and highway robbers.

According to M. Reinach's ancient informer, Lyeurgus visited the Druid priests in their mountain caves and forest haunts and found them busy training the natives of Gaul to preserve their country against its ene-

emies, teaching children to perform their tasks and later instructing them in the arts and sciences of their time. Lyeurgus apparently received some good tips from the forest priests of his Iberian Gaul, for it was some years after his return to Greece that the valor of the Spartan youths first began to make its appearance.

BURNED IN PECULIAR WAY

Gasoline Spilled on Road and Accidentally Lighted Causes Injuries.

Edward McPartland of 32 Park street, Stoneham, Pa., is at the Clinton hospital as the result of a peculiar accident on the Sterling road near Lancaster.

McPartland and four companions, all employed on road construction work near here, were returning in a truck from a dance at Clinton, and were going to their homes in Sterling when the truck overturned near Four Ponds.

In the back of the truck, which was traveling slowly at the time of the accident, was a large can of gasoline. It was thrown onto the highway, sprang a leak and the gasoline reached to where McPartland lay unconscious.

One of the men lost his hat in the upturn and lighted a match to locate it. The match ignited the gasoline fumes and the fire spread to where McPartland lay. He received severe burns before his companions could reach him or put out the flames.

ORIGINAL OF "PECK'S BAD BOY" AS HE LOOKS TODAY



Probably no book of a generation ago was more generally read and laughed over than "Peck's Bad Boy." Today the once famous work has been practically forgotten and but few people know that the hero of the story is still alive, although he has reached the middle span of life. In this photograph George Peck is shown with the rifle presented to him by his father, former Governor Peck and author of the book, in 1884. Inlaid in silver on the stock of the rifle is the following inscription: "Presented to Peck's Bad Boy by His Pa."

Girl's Right to Be Wooed.

It is a violation of Pennsylvania's laws to interfere with your sister's sweetheart, decided Alderman Frank Freller. William Franz of Seltzer City, Pa., was held in \$300 bail for court for interfering with the wooing of his sister, Lillian, by Theodore Kull. It was charged Franz threatened Kull if he continued to call upon Lillian.

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Priceless Treasures Taken From Historic Library.

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Rector Says Reparation Will Not Include Rebuilding of Library—Germany Required to Furnish Manuscripts, Books and Rare Objects Corresponding in Number and Value to Similar Objects Destroyed by German Soldiers.

Germany's failure to restore a single book or manuscript of the priceless collections carried off during the sack of the historic library of the University of Louvain is made known by P. Ladeuze, rector, in a message to the national committee of the United States for the restoration of the university. P. Ladeuze asks the committee to reveal to the American people the difficulties encountered by the university through lack of library facilities in providing for the several thousand students who are enrolled. The value of the stolen treasures, he adds, may be fixed by the Germans at 5,000,000 francs.

The executive committee, composed of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, chairman; Thomas W. Lamont, Alexander J. Hemphill, E. H. Outerbridge and Herbert Putnam, librarian of congress, issued an appeal for subscriptions to the fund for rebuilding the Louvain library. Of the \$500,000 needed, the committee said, only \$150,365.58 had been raised. Contributions may be sent to J. P. Morgan & Co. or Doctor Butler at Columbia.

What Germany Must Do.

P. Ladeuze in his communication says: "It is impossible that the committee of the United States should not carry out successfully the plan which it has solemnly begun," and adds:

"Article 247 of the treaty of Versailles says that Germany pledges herself to furnish to the University of Louvain within three months following the time that demand will be made of her by the reparation commission manuscripts, incunabula, printed books, maps and rare objects corresponding in number and value to similar objects destroyed in the fire set by Germany in the Louvain library." It is simply a question of the execution of this article.

"Since the Germans are pledged to deliver to us books, manuscripts, etc., corresponding in number and value to those which we had, we have been obliged to make a declaration as to what we had. We have, then, furnished lists of the books, manuscripts and incunabula which were burned on the 26th of August, 1914, but it has been impossible for us to furnish complete lists since all of the catalogues were also burned in the fire.

Value Fixed at 5,000,000 Francs.

"Therefore in order to establish a record of all that which we had and which ought to be returned to us we have been obliged to resort to general terms to fix an estimate of the value of our books, manuscripts, etc. The Germans have recognized that this value can be fixed at 5,000,000 francs. They will be obliged then to deliver to us:

"(1) Books which we can prove were in our library, and (2) other books in accordance with our needs so that the total value of the two categories of books which they will deliver to us shall amount to about 5,000,000 francs. I say 'about' because in that figure are also included the rare objects that were burned.

"It is a question of a simple statement of the German obligation. And, you see, in all this there is not a centime for the building of the library which your committee has been good enough to ask us to reserve to it. We do not expect a centime from the Germans for that purpose, since the building, according to the opinion of Mr. A. J. Hemphill, must be entirely distinct from the burned 'Halles.'

"Up to the present time we have not received a single book from Germany. Let us hope that we shall not be too disappointed."

The funds subscribed have already been turned over to the Louvain authorities and work on the new structure will begin soon.

An auto speeder, fined several weeks ago, pleaded with Judge Bernard C. Fox of the Cincinnati Municipal court for a suspension of the fine, saying he helps support his mother. "Some of these," Judge Fox said, pointing to the number "57," which shows the total number of automobile fatalities here during the year, a sign which hangs before his desk all the time, "some of these supported mothers, too."

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Otto Schmidt, assisted by Mrs. Dan Lehmburg and Mrs. Lamar Thaxton, delightfully entertained the members of the Missionary Society Tuesday afternoon, January 4, at the home of Mrs. Schmidt.

An interesting program was rendered, the subject being "The City of Emma." Mrs. Will Land acted as leader.

Mrs. John Banks told of facts about the City of Tampa, and Wolf Settlement, its neighbors, past history, present service, etc.

Mrs. C. C. King read an interesting paper about The Rosa Vaddes Settlement, telling about the community, school and social center.

A reading, "The Day's Result," by Mrs. Robt. Hofmann was given and enjoyed by all. Mrs. Land gave a report of the past year's work, after which the officers were installed for the year 1921.

During the social hour the ladies were served with delicious sandwiches, cakes and chocolate.

Those present to enjoy the afternoon were Mesdames Ery Hamilton, Thos. Murray, Anna Louise Strickland, Albert Metzger, Allan Murray, E. W. Schroeder, Gene Murray, Dor Brown, John Banks, Robt. Hofmann, C. C. King, Ben Jordan, Will Land, S. A. McCollum; guests, Mrs. Geo. Leslie, Mrs. J. S. King, and the hostesses, Misses Thaxton, Lehmburg, and Otto Schmidt.

SUPER-SILKWORMS SPIN THEIR SILKS IN COLORS



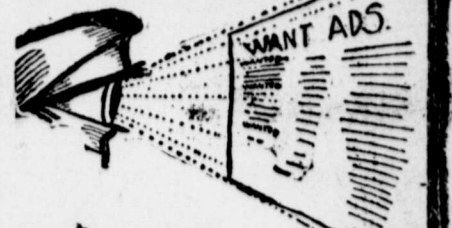
Through a process known only to himself Dr. Vartan K. Osigian, the "silk king" of the South and known as the Luther Burbank of the silk industry, has developed the super-silkworm, which spins a cocoon twice the size of the ordinary cocoon and spins silk in 18 different colors. The secret process which induces the silkworm to spin its silk in colors is looked upon as one of the marvels of the scientific world. The Osigian nursery at New Orleans is said to be the largest in the world. It contains 2,500,000 Osigian silk trees, 10,000,000 silk eggs and 200,000 of the silkworms.

The super-silkworm exists in four stages: first the egg, second the larva, third the chrysalis, and fourth the moth. The worm spins his cocoon in three days, spinning at the rate of from ten to fifteen inches of fiber per minute, winding the fiber round and round himself in one continuous thread, from the outside to the inside, so that the person finding the end of the fiber where the worm began unwinds the entire cocoon. Each cocoon of the super-silkworm contains 1,800 yards of silk, 1-2 1/2 inch in diameter, and is composed of two strands. The single filament of 60,000 cocoons would girdle the earth at the equator.

The colors of the silk spun by the worms will not fade, and are of a richness of tint so exquisite that no dye can equal them in beauty. The culture of the silkworm, introduced in the southern states by Doctor Osigian twelve years ago, promises to become a rival industry to cotton growing.

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BUGGY For Sale—A Hines double buggy in good condition. Can be seen at Ed Henrich's saddle shop. 57c.

MY CHEVROLET CAR can be purchased for \$200, and on easy terms to responsible party. It's a bargain. M. D. Loring. 45c.

HOTEL FOR RENT—The Southern Hotel in Mason is for rent. It is furnished and we prefer to sell furniture to parties leasing the building. Inquire of Ovy Garner. 45c.

KEYS Found—The News has some keys, which were found a few days ago. Owner may have same by calling at this office and paying for this advertisement. 40c.

FOR Sale—Span of big work horses; cheap. Apply to Chas. J. Fischer, Mason. 40-47c.

WANTED—The News would like to have a reporter or correspondent in every community of the county. Write us for our proposition. 40c.

HOGS for Sale Cheap—Several good registered Duroc Jersey brood sows and gilts. If interested, see Wm. A. Willmann. 39-37c.

PEANUTS—Especially good for planting, \$1 per bushel, delivered at Mason. R. O. Green. 39c.

1915 Model Buick four—for sale; or will trade for stock. See 27c Kurt Martib.

FOR SALE—My home in Good addition, known as the old Bowers place. If interested see me. 24c Emil Wartenbach.

Am equipped to do your repairing and overhauling. Genuine Ford Parts used. All work positively guaranteed. Call in and see us. West of square. Respt. Leon F. Mayo. 12

Guy Green, who is teaching school at Humble, near Houston, was at home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Green. He returned to Humble last Saturday.

Misses Sadie Lindsay and Julia Bierschwale have returned to their school work at Denton, after being in Mason with home folks and friends during the holidays.

The Semi-Weekly Express half-price offer, one year (104 issues) for 75 cents, to end February 1st. Regular price \$1.50. Almost like taking a daily paper. Comes Tuesdays and Fridays. The whole family enjoys it. Don't delay. Send M. O. or your check. Address Semi-Weekly Express, Express Bldg., San Antonio, Texas, and mention this paper. The editor will appreciate your doing this.—Advertisement.

Misses Lula Mildred and Elizabeth White left Sunday for Nashville, Tenn., to resume their school work at Ward-Belmont College, after spending the Christmas holidays in Mason with home folks and friends.

GREEN-MYRICK

Mr. Robert Green, of the Behrens community, and Miss Dean Myrick, of the Kamecy section, were married at Brady on Friday night, December 23, according to information we have just received. The News extends best wishes and congratulations.

You'll enjoy the pictures at the Star Opera House. Shows every Friday and Saturday night. Don't forget it starts at 7:30 o'clock.

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