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NEW SITE FOR STATE UNIVERSITY PROPOSED

Removal of State Institution Proposed by Board of Regents

Austin, Texas, Jan. 10.—One of the important matters that is to come before the Legislature at its present regular session is that of providing financial means for moving the University of Texas from its present site in the heart of Austin to a 500-acre tract of land, bordering the Colorado River, just to the west of the city. It was after the most careful consideration it is stated, that the Board of Regents of the University came to the unanimous conclusion that unless a change of location of the institution is made immediately its development and service to the people of the State will be seriously retarded. From an economical standpoint, also, the removal of the proposed new site is urged.

It is pointed out, in the first place, that the 500 acres which are proposed as a new site for the University, were donated to that institution by the late George W. Brackenridge of San Antonio, with the stipulation that the property should be used for the purpose within a stipulated time or revert to Jackson county for that county's school purposes; that there is available an additional 300 acres of land adjoining the 500 acres which may be purchased under the probable terms of Mr. Brackenridge's will, and options for which have already been obtained from the present owners; that the present site of the University consisting of only 40 acres, is already so crowded with buildings as to make it impossible to provide for any future growth of the institution there and that to acquire land adjoining the present site, even in amount sufficient to supply the development needs for the next few years, would entail an expenditure of not less than \$5,000,000 on the part of the State; that an additional \$10,000,000 would be needed to bring the physical plant to the University up to its existing needs upon its present site.

It is estimated that the cost of erecting one building upon the proposed site upon the Colorado River to accommodate an attendance of 5,000 students for the 1923-24 session of the University would be approximately \$13,000,000. Of this sum, it is suggested by the Board of Regents, more than \$2,000,000 could come from the sale of the present University site, the buildings of which could be used for the appellate courts and other state departments; about \$3,000,000, from reimbursement of the University by the Legislature for money which it had expended for maintenance purposes out of its available funds.

In the memorial which the Board of Regents has submitted to the Governor and members of the Legislature, proposing the removal of the University to the Brackenridge lands stress is laid on the necessity of providing for the expansion of the institution in future years. It is urged that the proposed new site offers a basis for creating one of the greatest universities in the United States. The grounds possess wonderful natural beauty and the buildings could be located upon a plan that would give them an artistic setting.

It is set forth in the memorial that no amendment to the constitution is necessary to carry out the plans for moving the University, so long as the institution is kept at Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hoerster have returned to their home at Waco, after a visit here with Mr. Hoerster's parents.

Miss Ida Winkel has returned to her school at Hissel, near Waco, after spending a couple weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Winkel.

John Schuessler, of the Castell section, was a business visitor in Mason Tuesday.

Buren Moran is here from Fort Sam Houston for a visit of a couple weeks with his sisters and with friends.

FIVE DEFINITE PLANKS IN THE AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION'S RELIEF PROGRAM

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—President J. R. Howard of the American Farm Bureau Federation has just returned from Washington where he has been working in behalf of speedy and definite relief for the agricultural credits situation. Mr. Howard and Gray Silver, the Federation's Washington representative, appeared before the joint committee of Agriculture and of Banking and Currency of the United States Senate and advocated measures embodying five definite planks in the American Farm Bureau Federation's immediate relief program.

(1) Regulatory power over farmers' cooperative marketing associations should be in the hands of the United States Department of Agriculture rather than the Federal Trade Commission.

(2) The farmers' cooperative marketing movement must not be hindered by the provisions of the Sherman Law, enacted to control trusts and not with any intent to curb co-operation for the benefit of the public at large.

(3) The Federal Reserve Bank Act should be amended so as to provide preferential rates for loans for productive purposes over loans for speculative purposes.

(4) The Warehousing Act should be extended so as to serve the needs of both individuals and co-operative associations, and there should be based upon it a rural credits plan which will enable the farmer, individually or collectively, to market his crops in an orderly fashion.

(5) The Federal Land Bank System should be extended to provide farmers with personal credit, for such purposes as buying improved seed, live stock, machinery and equipment, on the same general plan as real estate loans are now provided.

According to Mr. Howard, these planks form the basis of a platform which he hopes to see forthwith erected by Congress for the benefit and encouragement of the farmers of America, just now heartsick to find that after producing bumper crops with which to feed the world, they are offered prices far below the actual costs of production.

Senator George C. McLean, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, presided over the joint committee hearing. The entire farmers' marketing program was discussed. It was agreed that a mere direct marketing system must be had. The Capper-Volstead Bill, new in conference, was the particular legislation under consideration. Concerning the farmers' hope in this bill Mr. Howard said:

"The Capper-Volstead Bill passed the Senate with two amendments which virtually nullify the intent of the act. The American Farm Bureau Federation is working with the conferees with the hope of having the amendments reconsidered and canceled.

"The first amendment to which we object puts the regulatory power over co-operative associations in the hands of the Federal Trade Commission rather than the Department of Agriculture. We take the ground that the Federal Trade Commission is an investigational organization, while the Department of Agriculture is a welfare organization. It would be better for all concerned that the distribution of food supplies be under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture.

"The second amendment virtually nullified the whole Capper-Volstead Bill by putting back under the Sherman Act the whole co-operative movement. This amendment must be eliminated if farmers are to benefit by the legislation and thereby gain their will to produce.

"We also took up rural credits needs and demanded on behalf of the farmers amendments to the Federal Reserve Bank law giving the board power to classify loans and separate loans for productive purposes from loans for speculative purposes. Loans for productive purposes are entitled

FRITZ OTTE, CONFEDERATE VETERAN, ANSWERS LAST ROLL

At 1:30 o'clock on New Year's morning, Fritz Otte, Confederate veteran and esteemed citizen of Camp San Saba, joined the silent hosts that wait on brighter shores for the dawn of the New Day. Born in Germany, Mr. Otte was virtually a native of Texas, having come to Texas when but eight years old. He volunteered for service in the Confederate army, and upon the close of the war settled in Gillespie county, where he resided for many years. In 1885 he located in the Camp San Saba community, where he operated extensive ranch interests. A man of kindly, wholesome disposition, he was held in high esteem by all, and his death was a great loss to the community.

While Mr. Otte exists now only in memory, yet he leaves a rich heritage in the noble family which he and his good wife has reared. Besides the widow, who survives at the age of 78 years, he leaves five daughters; Mrs. Albert Behrens of Voca, Mrs. Albert Steelhammer and Mrs. Chas. Steelhammer of Brady; Mrs. Alfred Probst and Mrs. Eugene Gross of Katemey; and three sons; August of Voca, Fred, of Camp San Saba, and Henry Otte, who lives on the home place at Camp San Saba.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 o'clock Monday afternoon at the family residence, the Lutheran minister of Mason conducting, and interment was made at the Camp San Saba cemetery, a large concourse of relatives and friends gathering for the services.—Brady Standard.

SENIOR CLASS ENTERTAINED AT DINNER ON TUESDAY

Miss Lydia Puckey was a delightful hostess to the members of the senior class of the Mason High School at her home in the east part of town, on Tuesday.

The occasion was the birthday anniversary of Miss Mary Jane Puckey, member of the class.

A delicious dinner was served to the following class members: Misses Lillie Eckert, Pauline Mogford, Averel Bellows, Mary Wood, Thelma Awalt, Mary Jane Puckey.

Dan Jordan, Sr., was here Tuesday from his home near Art. We were pleased to learn from him that Mrs. Frank Jordan, who has been critically ill, is improving.

Wm. Kothmann, of the Pontotoc section, was a business visitor in the county Capitol on Wednesday.

to preferential rates.

"We ask that the Warehousing Act be extended so as to serve both individual and co-operative needs. We suggested that a rural credits plan be based upon this act which would enable farmers individually or collectively to market their crops in an orderly fashion.

"We hope to see an extension of the Federal Land Bank System so as to provide for personal credit on the same general plan as real estate loans are now provided. Personal loans would be for such purposes as will increase the farmers' productive capital along the lines of enabling him to build silos, drain his land, buy improved live stock and better seed, and in any way increase the efficiency of his farm as a producing plant. These loans, of course, would not run for so long as real estate loans, and would bear a higher rate of interest.

As a result of last week's Washington conference bills will be drafted immediately designed to furnish legislation as outlined.

MRS. H. WILSON LESLIE APPOINTED MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY FOR MASON—SOCIAL WELFARE

Mrs. H. Wilson Leslie has been appointed membership secretary for Mason of the Texas Conference of Social Welfare, according to news received here this morning from the headquarters at Dallas.

The Texas Conference of Social Welfare is an organization devoted to co-operation and efficiency in social works and its membership is open to all persons interested in social progress, whether or not they are actively engaged in social service work. The Conference aims to be of service to every community in Texas than its services to agencies and organizations doing work of a social and civic nature in that community, and thru its services to individuals in the community.

Besides its annual inspirational and educational meetings, the touch of which was held in San Antonio November 19-21, 1920, the Texas Conference of Social Welfare has added to its functions a year-around program of enlarged activities. In order to carry out this program, the Conference has engaged a full-time secretary, Miss Ruby A. Black, formerly of the University of Texas, who took up the work September 1st. This enlargement of activity has necessitated an increased budget, and in order to meet this budget and in order to extend the interest in the Texas Conference of Social Welfare, which represents all kinds of social work, the present membership drive has been inaugurated, with chairmen working in some 280 Texas towns and cities.

Among the definite methods of service which the Conference offers to any individual or any organization in the State are: The establishment of relationships throughout the State of all social agencies, either private or public, in order to bring about team work and to prevent overlapping and neglect; the provision of library reference along lines of social, health and civic subjects, and the supplying of literature and bibliographies; the encouragement of local social solidarity thru community councils; the assistance of communities in solving their social problems; the creation of a central information bureau available for everybody; the maintenance of a speakers' bureau which will be able to supply speakers on social, health, and civic problems to any community desiring such speakers; the keeping of a registration bureau for social workers so that the worker and the organization needing workers may be brought together; the study and encouragement of social legislation, both in its enactment and in its enforcement; the making of contracts with all national agencies; visits and conference with communities.

The Civic Federation of Dallas furnishes offices for the Conference, so that the budget this year is at a minimum. The Conference hopes to enroll between two and three thousand people who are interested in the social progress of Texas, by January 31, 1921.

The officers of the Conference are Elmer Scott, Pres.; Mrs. Maggie W. Barry, Dr. Oscar Davis, Vice-Pres.; Miss Ruby A. Black, Sec'y.; J. K. Hexter, Treas.; Miss Mabel Ferguson, Prof. Max S. Handman, Dr. J. Elliott Ross, H. Wirt Steele, Directors.

Mrs. Jennie Reynolds, local postmistress, has recently had the lobby at the post office re-arranged, whereby both the patrons of the office and the employes will be benefitted. Mrs. Bridges, former postmistress and owner of the building in which the local post office is operated, has had the entire building thrown into one large room and this arrangement has made it possible for Mrs. Reynolds to have both the money order window and the stamp window together in front of the building and the boxes are all together and not as heretofore, part on one side and part on the other. The arrangement may inconvenience customers of the office until they have become accustomed to things, but since the arrangement affords more light in the lobby than heretofore it should prove a great convenience and especially so on dark or cloudy days.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

Be it remembered that the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Mason County, Texas, met in regular session at the court house of said county at Mason, Texas, on the 10th day of January, A. D. 1921.

The Hon. John T. Banks, county judge, presiding; Henry Doell, W. J. Griffith, G. W. Herring and Henry Hoerster, Commissioners of precincts Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively; R. E. Lee, Clerk, and Chas. Leslie, Sheriff of Mason County, Texas.

Accounts Allowed.
H. M. Ott, 74.95; Edith Keller, \$16.75; J. K. King, 1.30; Hill Printing Co., \$34.18; H. J. Hoffmann, \$12.17; Hill Printing Co., 25; Palestine Printing Co., \$7.75; Burroughs Adding Mach. Co., \$7.40; S. W. Bell Telephone Co., 77; Lash Mfg., \$208.00; Larimer & Grote, \$1.70; Albert Kothmann, \$3.23; McClellan Auto Co., \$1.57; Harve Land \$1.20; Mason Drug Co., \$5.17; Mason Drug Co., \$8.95.

Bond of Albert Metzger, deputy public weigher, was approved.

County Judge authorized to advertise for bids for county depository, as directed by law. Bids to be opened at February Term of this court.

Time of meeting and for adjournment of the Commissioners' Court:

Court to meet at 9 a. m. and continue in session until 12 m., and to meet at 1:30 p. m. and adjourn at 5 p. m.

Monthly report of C. E. Leslie, Tax Collector, examined, corrected and approved for December.

R. Grosse allowed \$20 for cement out of Highway fund No. 7.

Chas. Hurst allowed \$7.50 for dragging highway No. 20.

John T. Banks, County Judge, official salary for month of December, 1920, allowed \$75.

John T. Banks, Ex-officio superintendent of schools, salary for month of December, 1920, allowed \$21.

G. H. Willis, ex-sheriff, official salary for 4 days in December, 1920, allowed \$5.50.

Chas. Leslie, sheriff, official salary for December, 1920, allowed \$36.10.

Chas. Leslie, tax collector, report examined, corrected and approved.

Clerk ordered to issue scrips to county paupers on 1st of each month for amounts previously allowed each person by this court.

The court had not adjourned Wednesday at noon, and the above proceedings do not include the Wednesday afternoon session.

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JENNIE LORING NARROWLY ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURIES

Last Saturday afternoon, little Jennie Loring was knocked down and run over by an automobile while crossing the street from Lemburg's corner. The manner in which she escaped serious injury or possible death, is a mystery, and evidently was an "act of providence". The car was being driven by the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoerster and as he was only a beginner he was unable to stop the car and evidently, in the excitement, was unable to steer clear of her when he saw he was going to strike the child. She, unaware of the approaching car, was knocked down and the car passed completely over her, but luckily the wheels did not cross any part of her body. The child escaped with only a few scratches and an apparently severe bump on the back of the head, which later proved to be nothing serious.

The accident proved a great shock to both the occupants of the car and the child, but the blessing of her escape unhurt was as equally soothing to those concerned.

A light, misty rain has been falling here since Tuesday morning and the temperature has been rather low. It is said that the rain will prove beneficial, provided we do not have exceedingly warm weather, following too soon afterwards.



MARY'S STRATEGY

By JENNIE LITTLE.

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Over fifty years ago a young physician practiced widely in a rural district and became famous for his uniform success in the curing of disease. This was Dr. Pierce, who afterwards established himself in Buffalo, N. Y., and placed one of his prescriptions, which he called "Golden Medical Discovery," in the drug stores of the United States so that the public could easily obtain this very remarkable tonic, corrective and blood-maker. Dr. Pierce manufactured this "Discovery" from roots and barks—a corrective remedy, the ingredients of which nature had put in the fields and forests, for keeping us healthy. Few folks or families now living have not at sometime or other used this "Golden Medical Discovery" for the stomach, liver and heart. Over twenty-four million bottles of this tonic and blood remedy have been sold in this country.

Ezbon Markham, famous in astronomy, ambled leisurely along his favorite path through the orchard, with his head in the clouds, as usual, and only his feet connected with mundane things. So engrossed was he in plans for the coming evening's work, that he failed to notice the loveliness of the waning afternoon. The fruit trees were like huge pink and white bouquets. A group of lambs frisked and bounced on the velvety grass from sheer joy of living. Two belated butterflies winged their golden way upward into the blue, and a diligent bee worked overtime, loath to leave the treasure-laden blossoms, while the descending sun beamed with seeming satisfaction upon the picture which he had helped to create. Not the least attractive detail was a girl perched on a low, broad limb, reading and drinking in the sweetness of the canopy above her. There is one picture that no artist can ever paint. Lie at ease under an apple tree, looking up at the sections of blue sky seen between its foliage, and you have found it.

At the sound of footsteps she looked up, then swung lightly to the ground, and stood smilingly expectant. But the professor was as blind to the little teacher's charms as he had been to the lambs, the butterflies and the blossoms, and passed by without a glance.

She stamped her foot in exasperation at the retreating figure. "Would anyone but a mummy ignore me as he does, and never even ask me to walk with him on a day like this? Ever since he came to Mrs. Brady's six weeks ago, the only conversation he has favored me with is, "Please pass the salt," and I doubt if he knows which is it and which is me. Why, the old entomologist who boarded here last summer was much more human, for whenever he found a particularly horrid, creepy, crawly bug, he brought it to me to admire. If only those horn-rimmed soup plates would get broken, for I believe there are a pair of fine eyes behind them. He can't be a day over 35, but look at that shock of hair and awful old linen duster. Poor thing! He is like a pitiful little boy who needs mothering and doesn't realize it."

An imp of mischief peeped out in her sudden smile as she watched him disappear. "Over the stile, up the hill, and around home by the cross roads. Mary, dear, it's up to you to call his attention to the fact that there are stars to be seen on earth without a telescope, or perish in the attempt," and she ran back toward the house.

The professor had taken his scheduled tramp and was on the home stretch, rehearsing his latest lecture. "And so the relation of the astral bodies to—jumping Jupiter!" for a bicycle, speeding noiselessly up behind, gave him a jolt that destroyed both his train of thought and equilibrium. Before he could regain his balance he was over the road-side, standing ankle deep in a little brook that gurgled with glee at his predicament, and the offending spectacles lay in fragments on the ground.

The collision had also unsettled the rider, who sat in the dust trying to control her countenance. "Really," said the professor with a peeved air, stepping out of the water and shaking each foot gingerly, like a cat who had been trying to steal the goldfish, "the road seems wide enough for both of us, without this untimely disturbance," and at that, the offender covered her face with both hands, and her shoulders heaved spasmodically. He eyed her with some concern. (Truly Mary had not jumped at conclusions—they were

splendid eyes.)

"Don't cry, child, accidents will happen," he said more kindly; "jump up, and be more careful next time;" but to his surprise he discovered that he had helped not a child, but an unmistakably young lady to her feet. He dropped her hands as if they had burned him, and the little teacher turned a tear-wet face in his direction. How could he know that only by biting her lips unmercifully could she keep from bursting into laughter.

"Please pardon me, Professor Markham," she quavered, "but you should have been on the footpath and I turned the curve from the crossroads too quickly."

"You have the advantage of me," returned the professor in his most stilted tones. "Though your face seems familiar. But do not let the matter disturb you further."

Then she flashed a radiant glance upon him. "Why, I am your right-hand neighbor at Mrs. Brady's table—Mary Mordaunt."

The professor unsuspectingly met that look—and the scales fell from his eyes. Was it possible that there were objects as beautiful as stars which all this time he had been overlooking? He threw back his head and breathed deeply of air that seemed to set his pulses bounding with new life. What a sunset! What a night! What a girl! Oh, Mary, you have certainly done your work well.

Several hours later the professor entered his neglected study, and walking to the window viewed the midnight sky, but when he looked at the Milky Way he thought of a left-check dimple that twinkled in and out, and eyes that outshone a whole galaxy of stars.

In the privacy of her room the wicked little plotter giggled to herself. "All's well that ends well," she quoted, "though I really didn't reckon on that brook. I wonder what he would say if he knew that I bumped him purposely."

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E. W. Jordan, one of the foremost citizens of the Katemey section was here Saturday on business. Mr. Jordan stated that there is not a great deal of small grain sown in the Katemey settlement.

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FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION TEXAS FARM BUREAU FEDERATION TO BE HELD

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 12.—The first annual convention of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation will be held in Dallas Wednesday and Thursday, January 26th and 27th at which time permanent officers will be elected. The convention had been announced for an earlier date but has been postponed until the 26th and 27th in order that the delegates may hear Aaron Sapiro who is unable to be in Texas in January except on the dates given.

It is expected that there will be nearly 40,000 farmers in the Texas Farm Bureau Federation at the time of the annual meeting. These members are in the first twenty-five counties canvassed by the organization. When the organization started it was hoped to have one hundred thousand members in Texas by 1922. Officials are of the opinion, however, that the one hundred thousand mark may be reached by midsummer. The organization has a million and a half members now in the United States and is functioning in forty-five states.

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The Ladies' Aid of the Christian Church was delightfully entertained by Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale last Monday afternoon.

After the regular lesson and other business had been disposed of, the annual election of officers for the Aid was held. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Mrs. R. H. Kidd, President; Mrs. H. S. Wood, vice-president; Mrs. Kinney M. Eckert, secretary-treasurer.

Miss Genevieve King and Mrs. Elgin Eckert favored the society with vocal and instrumental selections, which were greatly enjoyed and proved a feature of the afternoon's program.

Mrs. Bierschwale was assisted in serving a delicious lunch by Mrs. Elgin Eckert.

Those present were Meses, D. Dool, Bird, H. S. Wood, J. C. Lemburg, R. D. Byler, Geo. Leslie, Wes Smith, Martin D. Loring, J. S. King, Ben Pluenneke, Ellen Sands, J. J. Hightower, W. W. Lindsay, Elgin Eckert, Kinney M. Eckert, Miss Genevieve King.

The next meeting of the Aid will be with Mrs. Ben Pluenneke on February 7th, and the following program will be carried out:

- Lesson—"Church in Promise"—Mrs. Kidd, leader.
- Psalms—2:8; 22:27-29; 64:1.
- Music—Mrs. R. D. Byler.
- Song—Society.
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A. J. Prater was in Mason Tuesday from the Katemey section.

Henry C. Gasser and two sons were here Tuesday from their ranch near Loyal Valley. The latter two were callers at the News office and told us of having recently found a pair of spotted deer horns in their pasture. One was an eight pointer and the other had ten points. They expect to have the heads mounted.

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A dollar and a half is a small amount of money in these times, but it don't take many dollars and a half to make a nice little sum of money. None realize this statement as well as do the publishers of the News. We are grateful to our many readers who have taken a new lease on this great weekly and it is needless to say that we would feel grateful to some more of our readers to follow suit. The News' source of income may seem very small to the average person and he thinks that we can get along a good while without a measly dollar and a half from him, but he must realize that if all our readers would take the same stand, we would hub it pretty hard. If you have not renewed your subscription for this year or have let it run over from last year you'd please us by attending to it at an early date. The little red stamp on your paper calls your attention to the fact that your subscription has expired and we trust our readers will take it to mean that and nothing more. That's it, "Thank You".

The News has enjoyed several compliments from appreciative readers on our newsy and interesting edition last week. These favorable remarks are greatly appreciated by the publishers and it makes us want to strive still harder to give our subscribers double their money's worth. We know our customers expect a good paper and we want them to know that we are doing our dead level best to give them all that they expect. Your co-operation is solicited, and you can greatly assist us by phoning us personal items from time to time. All the news that we get hold of is either told to us or is seen and observed by one or the other of the publishers. We can't see and observe all that is important and interesting as news matter to the people of the community, and it is therefore imperative for much to be told us. Your favorable comments are appreciated greatly and it is the hope of the publishers that we can justly merit them, as well as receive the

good will and co-operation of our readers.

If we should do one of our patrons an injustice knowingly, we would be prone to avoid that person as much as possible. But if unknowingly, we would be only too glad to try to right ourselves with that person. The same should work vice versa.

We hear much advice from various sources about bearing ill-fortune bravely, but very little is said about bearing good fortune bravely and sometimes the latter is the harder task. If good fortune happens to be your lot, try and remember that it may not always be. People who are born with good fortune seem much less impressed by the dignity of their lot than those who acquire it. They oftentimes forget their former humble station and their former friends. They are so busy, as a rule, living up to their position that even love and true friendship have no room in their lives. Yes, it takes a brave spirit to meet good fortune and vanquish it.

Now, that we are facing another year, let us realize that lack of our own effort has been our undoing in the past and let us resolve that this effort will not be lacking again. Then, if the end of another year finds us with our hopes unrealized, we will at least have the satisfaction of knowing that we have done the best we could.

What are we put on this planet for? The mystery of life cannot be dismissed with eating, sleeping and reproducing our kind. There is not one of us who has not asked himself this soul-disturbing question, some in despair, some in earnest seeking, some in cynical jest. Here is one man's theory—that each of us has something to give to life, something the world would be the worse without. It is for us to discover what it is and give that to the utmost of our power.—Frank E. Hering.

While there is no use in foolishly blinding oneself to the evil in the world, neither is there any need to go about in search of it and that is what some people must do or they wouldn't find so much.

If there is one thing older people should remember it is that they should not express cynical views on life or religion around young people. There is a period in every young person's life when he is "up in the air" about most of his ideas and ideals. Youngsters always imagine that things work out according to a set plan and that people are just as they appear. When they find this isn't true they are bewildered and it is no time for cynicism from their elders to reach their ears.

The weather we have been having recently is not encouraging. It is the wrong time of the year for spring and we greatly fear the fruit crops and acorn mast as well as the pecan crop will be poor in this section unless we have more cold weather.

The News is informed that there are several cases of smallpox in the Hilda section.

We are pleased to add Walter A. Brandenberger to the News' growing list of readers.

15 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Jan. 12, 1906:

Erich Bogusch has bought an interest in the business of his brother, and the firm will be known hereafter as R. Bogusch & Bro.

Ed Henrich & Bro. have bought the Loughton & Robinson building adjoining E. Lemburg & Bro., paying therefor \$1600.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Kate Isabel Keller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Keller, to Mr. Henry C. Schmidt. The wedding will take place January 17th.

W. W. Weaver, of Fredonia, had his leg badly crushed some days ago while working with a stump puller.

Miss Ruby Grandstaff has gone to Memphis, Tenn., to visit Miss May Holmes.

Mr. Anderson, aged about 80 years, living near London, died last Saturday night from paralysis.

Thos. Murray received a letter several days since conveying the sad intelligence of the death in Arizona of M. W. Elliot, who resided here many years ago, and was well known to many of our older citizens.

Mrs. John Banta died Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at the home of her son, Seth Banta.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Martin entertained the teachers, attending the institute, on last Friday night.

Mr. John W. Allen of the Streeter community, died last Thursday evening.

25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Jan. 17, 1896:

Mr. Wm. M. McMillan died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Jennie Williams, near Fredonia, last Saturday morning at 5 o'clock.

Dick Wood has located here and has purchased land adjoining that of his brother, C. C.

Mrs. Ricks and Miss Alice left last week for Grandbury, to visit Mrs. J. W. Reeder.

Little Miss Clara Sands entertained her young friends last Friday evening with a party.

Silas Mayo is now running the Austin Leslie Barber Shop.

Fred Searcy, well known here, and a brother to Mrs. Jess Lee, was killed in a railroad wreck near Georgetown last week.

Will Hardin has returned from the Indian Territory, and will make Mason his home.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Truweek, a boy on the 15th.

Mrs. R. A. King died at Brady last Monday.

The little 9 months old child of J. E. Cranford, living 8 miles north of town, was badly burned Wednesday last week, from the effects of which it died in a few hours.

W. C. Baxter was badly hurt last Saturday by his team running away with him; breaking three ribs and dislocating his knee.

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.

S. A. Nicholson, who expects to cultivate something like 175 acres of land this year, was here Saturday from his farm east of town. He states that he has a big portion of his land broken.

Misses Annie Mogford and Sadie Westbrook, teachers of the Peters Prairie School, were here shopping last Saturday.

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

Mrs. Anna Martin and Mrs. Theresa Runge returned a few days ago from a visit with relatives and friends at Fredericksburg.

For Sore Throat
For inflamed or ulcerated mouth and throat, commonly called sore throat, gargle with Fidelity Sore Throat Medicine. It relieves soreness quickly. When it's Fidelity Quality, you're sure it's pure. Sold and recommended by all druggists and in Mason by Mason Drug Company.

R. O. Green, one of the county's foremost farmers, left his annual \$1.50 with the News a few days since. Mr. Green advises us that he has his land in readiness for another planting.

Are You Getting Your Groceries Here?

Our stock is full and complete and is always fresh.

Your dollar goes a little farther at this store.

'Phone Orders Solicited

Mason Grocery Co.

A Dollar's Worth for Every Dollar

Phone 143

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining uncalled for in this office for the week ending January 1, 1921:

- Cole, Mrs. Chester M.
- Clements, J. R.
- Fartner, Mrs. Amelia.
- Harris, Mrs. Sue.
- Liefeste, Miss Faye.
- Mierow, Mrs. Frida.
- Noble, Mrs. C. H.
- Permenter, Coke.
- Rany, Miss Edna.
- Sellers, Mrs. Eady.
- Sellers, Saul.
- Sellman, Miss Lou.
- Wright, Miss Robbie.
- Westfall, W. A.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office January 17, 1921, if not delivered before. In calling for the above, please say "Advertised," giving date of list.

JENNIE REYNOLDS, P. M.

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.

Llano now has but one newspaper, the Llano News having recently purchased the Searchlight from A. H. Wilvern.

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

Star Garage.

It is stated that smallpox cases are still prevalent in Gillespie county, and rumors are to the effect that Fredericksburg is quarantined against visitors.

FRESH CEMENT now on hand. H. Bierschwale. 41tf.

Wm. Bauer, one of our good farmer readers, left his annual fees with the News Saturday.

NOTICE OF SELECTION OF COUNTY DEPOSITORY

In compliance with the provisions of Art. 2440, Revised Civil Statutes, notice is hereby given that at its next regular term, to be held on the second Monday in February, A. D. 1921, the same being the 14th day of said month, the Commissioners' Court of Mason County, Texas, will receive proposals from any banking corporation, association or individual banker in Mason County that may desire to be selected as the depository of the funds of the county.

Any banking corporation, association, or individual banker in Mason County desiring to bid, shall deliver to me on or before the day and date mentioned above, a sealed proposal, stating the rate of interest that said banking corporation, association, or individual banker, and depository offers to pay on the funds of the County for the term between the date of such bid and the next regular time for the selection of a depository. Said bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one-half of one per cent of the county revenue of the preceding year as a guaranty of the good faith on the part of the bidder, and that if his bid should be accepted, he will enter into the bond required by law; the amount of said certified check to go to the county as liquidated damages in case he shall fail to so give said bond.

JOHN T. BANKS,
County Judge, Mason County, Texas.
January 10, A. D. 1921. 44-4t

Fort Mason Camp No. 384 W. O. W. held a regular meeting last Monday night and the meeting was marked by the large attendance. The local W. O. W. Lodge is Mason's strongest fraternal order and there is no reason why a large attendance should not be had every meeting night. The next regular meeting night is on the fourth Monday night of this month, January 23. Come to the meeting and let's try to revive the old spirit in the order.

PRESCRIPTIONS
Accurately compounded day and night at Mason Drug Co.

Attorney A. P. C. Petsch, of Fredericksburg, was in Mason a short time last week.

W. E. Jordan, Cashier
Kinney Eckert, Ass't C'r.

J. D. Eckert, Pres.
E. O. Kothmann, V. P.

N.O. 1203

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W. E. JORDAN	

CHAS. BIERCHWALE
REAL ESTATE
ABSTRACTOR AND NOTARY
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MASON : : : TEXAS

BIRTHS
 The following births have been recorded by County Clerk, R. E. Lee, since our last report:
 Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Vest, a girl, January 7.
 Mr. and Mrs. Elgin O. Kothmann, a boy (stillborn) January 4.
 Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Henrich, a boy, January 2.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jake Eastman, a girl, January 8.

DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?
 A good many people think the world owes them a living. It doesn't. The man who thinks the world owes him a living will probably find it in the almshouse. That's not the living you are looking for. It's a living composed of the good things of life—a home of your own—a place free and clear. By putting every dollar you possibly can into this Bank you will get the living you are after. If you don't pile up money here what has the future in store for you?
THE COMMERCIAL BANK
 (Unincorporated)

Tuesday brought many of the county's most prominent citizens to town. The Mason National and Commercial Banks held their annual stockholder's meetings and representatives from every portion of the county were here to attend one or the other meeting. On Wednesday the First State Bank held its annual stockholder's meeting and likewise had a good attendance.

Automobilists are warned in this way in a certain garage:
 Don't smoke in this garage.
 If your life isn't worth anything, gasoline is.

HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN COTTON ASSOCIATION

To All Cotton Growers of this County:

Restricted exports of American cotton and limited consumption by American mills has resulted in great depression in the price of cotton and in the accumulation of large supplies of the staple all over the South. The only solution of the problem is to stop producing cotton on a normal scale until the spindles of the world are able to operate on a normal basis. No cotton farmer should plant more than one-third of his cultivated land in cotton in 1921. Production of cotton this year must be decreased 50 per cent so that not exceeding six million bales will be harvested in 1921. Any other policy will be suicidal and will result in untold suffering and continued financial disaster to the entire Cotton Belt, including farmers, merchants and bankers. The purchasing power of the entire civilized world is lower than it has been during the past one hundred years, as a result of the present financial cataclysm, following the four years of enormous expenditures of the World War and sacrifice of human life.

Large farmers who are holding their 1920 crop for higher prices, should plant no cotton on their lands in 1921. Others should not plant to produce in 1921 more than one-half of their production of cotton in 1920. Quit the cotton game for one year and produce abundant supplies of corn, oats, hay, peas, potatoes, peanuts and other food crops. Raise hogs, cattle and poultry. Live at home one year and economize. Such a policy, if strictly enforced, will result in putting the price of cotton back to living values and will make

Southern farmers independent of western corn-cribs and smoke houses. A half crop of cotton in 1921 means financial independence. Another large acreage in cotton will mean continued financial disaster, wreck and ruin. Sign the cotton acreage reduction pledge and get in line to protect your home and the entire business future of the South. Don't be as slacker in this hour of peril, but prove to the world that Southern manhood can meet and overcome every emergency which confronts them.

AMERICAN COTTON ASS'N.

AIRHART-KINSEY

Mr. Amos Airhart and Miss Mattie Kinsey were united in marriage on Tuesday afternoon at the court house in Mason. The ceremony was performed by County Judge, John T. Banks.

Mr. and Mrs. Airhart are very favorable known, and have the congratulations and good wishes of many friends.

Subscribe for the News today.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom White, who are remodeling the house on the farm recently purchased by Mrs. J. V. White from Oscar Sequist, preparatory to residing there, state that work is progressing slowly due to the bad weather of the past few days. When completed, Mr. and Mrs. White will have an ideal country home, with every convenience.

Brazil is some country, although few realize it, we could put the entire area of the United States including Alaska, into Brazil, and then there would still be 200,000 square miles margin over.

Subscribe for the News today.

MASON COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEETS SATURDAY, JAN. 15TH.

The Mason County Farm Bureau will meet at the court house in Mason, on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 15, at 1 o'clock. The meeting is for organization, election of officers: president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, directors and business managers. Also the election of a delegate to the State meeting at Dallas on the 21st for the election of State officers, and other business especially concerning legislation.

This, and all other meetings, are open meetings and all, especially farmers and ranchmen are invited to attend. Of course, only members will take part in the meeting and they should certainly all be there at this, the first meeting.

Holidays, bad weather, and other things have prevented soliciting everyone, but we have permission to organize, then complete drive, and remainder of money to special fund remains in county treasury. If you are a producer, don't sit back and wait for someone else, just take a hand, and see what we, not they, can do.
 Yours respectfully,
 DOR W. BROWN.

Best shots. Army officials state that blue-eyed soldiers make the best shots.

YOUR TEETH MAY BE THE CAUSE OF THAT AILMENT YOU HAVE

IT HAS BEEN PROVEN THAT BAD TEETH AND GUMS HAVE CAUSED RHEUMATISM, KIDNEY AND HEART TROUBLE, AND MANY OTHER AILMENTS, ALSO DEATH.

I have just finished a post graduates course at the Columbia University in New York City on Diagnosis, Radiograph, Oral Surgery, Pyorrhea, etc. This is one of the highest courses in dentistry, and I am thereby enabled to make scientific diagnosis and treatment of your teeth and gums. Consultation free.

Dr. H. W. Lindley, Dentist

LADY IN ATTENDANCE
 Phone 81 Brady, Texas.

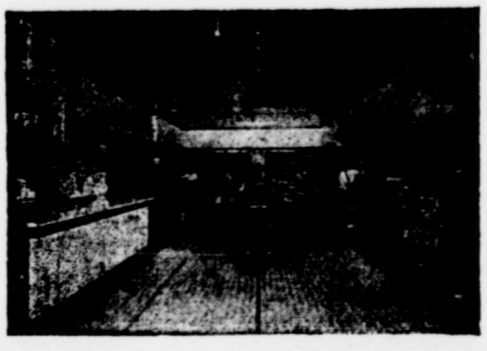


EARLE WILLIAMS
 IN "THE MASTER STROKE" AT STAR FRIDAY NIGHT

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.
 Have a nice lot of calves that will please the most discriminating buyers. Prices very reasonable, quality considered. If you need a good bull, we can agree on prices and terms.
 For particulars, come and look these cattle over, and compare them with others.
ELGIN O. KOTHMANN, Owner.
 MASON, TEXAS.
 T. A. BAKER, Herdsman.

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 On Farms and Ranches
 INTEREST PAYABLE AT ANY TIME OF YEAR
 No Delays
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MASON'S MOST PROGRESSIVE STORE



BUY IT IN MASON FROM
MASON DRUG CO.

WANTED

ONE HUNDRED ADDITIONAL SUSCRIBERS TO THE MASON COUNTY NEWS

This would give us a circulation which would amount to almost a subscriber for every four inhabitants residing in Mason County. If you are not a subscriber to the News, better become one at once.

The News covers a wide range of territory each week and no better medium for reaching the mass of residents in the County can be found. If you have a message to get to the people, place it in the NEWS.

Leon F. Mayo

West Side Square

AUTOMOBILE ACCESSORIES, OILS, GREASES AND GENUINE FORD PARTS.
REPAIRING AND OVERHAULING A SPECIALTY.
 ALL WORK POSITIVELY GUARANTEED

PROPOSE FOREST PROTECTION PLAN

Wood and Pulp Famine Spurs Experts to Action.

LEGISLATION IS SUGGESTED

Bill to Be Offered in Congress Calls for at Least \$11,000,000 a Year—Adequate Protection Against Forest Fires, Reforestation of Denuded Lands and Extension of National Forests Among Things Sought by Forestry Association.

A bill is to be introduced in congress for a national forest program, including better fire protection for the forests.

"This step, following an agreement by all the industries interested, marks the first united move in this direction in this country," says Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the American Forestry association, which announces the outline of features to be embodied in the proposed legislation. The plan calls for national appropriations of at least \$11,000,000 a year.

Would Help States.
 The provisions of the proposed measures are two-fold—for a considerable extension of direct federal activity in forest ownership and production and for the development with federal aid and encouragement of systematic policies in the several forested states to bring about adequate forest production and reproduction.

The program provides specifically through co-operation between the government, the states and owners of timberlands, for adequate protection against forest fires, for reforestation of denuded lands, for obtaining essential information in regard to timber and timberlands, for extension of the national forests and for other steps essential to continuous forest production on lands chiefly suitable for this purpose. The following legislation is proposed:

Authorizing the secretary of agriculture, after consulting appropriate local agencies, to approve an adequate policy for each state, covering fire protection, reforestation, cutting and removing of timber crops. Not less than \$1,000,000 annually available for

NOTICE

If you owe us, you know it. Those who were so very pleasant in asking for credit, and have failed to realize that others must have money, will find their accounts out for collection at once after January 15. Those who fail to make satisfactory adjustment will be put in a judgment. If you owe us, this is worth your while.

WALKER & WALKER.

Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

such co-operation with states.

Provides for Experiments.

A survey of forest resources, forest production and forest requirements of the nation.

Provision for studies and experiments in forest reproduction methods, wood utilization, timber tests, wood preservation, development of by-products and other steps to bring about the most effective use of the nation's forest resources.

Provision for a study of forest taxation, to assist states in devising tax laws which will encourage the conservation and growing of timber. Also of methods of insuring against forest losses by fire.

Provision for more rapid replanting of the vast areas of denuded lands within the national forests.

Appropriation of \$10,000,000 a year for five years for the purchase of lands, which should be added to the national forest system, whether or not on the headwaters of navigable streams as such purchases are now limited.

Authorizing the addition to national forests of lands now in other forms of government ownership but found chiefly suitable for permanent forest production.

"The very great importance of this program and the suggestion outlined cannot be overestimated," said Mr. Pack. "They affect every state in the Union and the business interest of every state, which means that every man who wants to build a home, who wants to get along, will be affected by this important legislation."

PUTS BABY TO SLEEP

Young Father Has Happy Thought and It Works Like Charm.

M. L. Leahy of Wichita, Kan., has discovered what he considers an entirely new way of putting babies to sleep. Leahy is a young married man

FORMER KATEMENCY MAN ACCIDENTALLY KILLS SELF

E. M. Bratton, of Fredonia, informed the News Saturday that he had recently noticed in the Fort Worth paper a news dispatch from Santa Anna telling of J. R. Gipson meeting his death accidentally while out hunting. He had crawled through a fence and pulling the gun through after him it was accidentally fired and resulted in Mr. Gipson's death. Mr. Gipson was formerly a resident of Katemency and has many friends here who will regret to learn of his death.

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 28-26c

CELEBRATES 70TH BIRTHDAY

On the first of January, Mr. John Ruegner, of the Katemency section, celebrated his 70th birthday anniversary. Mr. Ruegner and his wife, who is also 70 years of age, entertained with a dinner in honor of the occasion, and their guests included their children and a few intimate friends of the family. Those present were Messrs. and Mrs. Lindsay Prater, Will Dobbis, Dense Turner, Alex. Reichenau, Mrs. Babe Turner, Mrs. Amelia Bonnosky, Mr. Wm. Kruse and Mr. John Ruegner, Jr.

This paper extends congratulations to Mr. Ruegner and wishes for him many more anniversaries to come.

Try our HOWE (red run) inner tubes. You'll never want any other kind.

Star Garage.

and has a three-months-old baby. The little one has been automobile riding several times and Leahy has noted how quickly the motion of the car and the purr of the motor has induced sleep.

Recently the baby was put to bed but instead of going to nodland as a well-regulated baby should, insisted on crying. Happy thought, the father procured their vacuum sweeper installed it under the crib and watched results. It worked. Baby went to sleep and was quiet as long as the sweeper hummed. When it quit, baby stirred. It is not recorded whether the motor was allowed to run all night.

Give me your next job of vulcanizing I guarantee my work.

Otto Schmidt.

Sam Awalt and Arthur Prater, two of the leading farmers of the Katemency section, were pleasant callers at the News office while in Mason last Tuesday.

GLYCERINE MIXTURE FOR GAS ON STOMACH

Simple glycerine, blackthorn bark, etc., as mixed in Adler-ka relieves ANY CASE gas on stomach or sour stomach. It acts on both upper and lower bowel and removes all foul matter which poisoned stomach. Often CURES constipation. Prevents appendicitis. The INSTANT pleasant action of Adler-ka surprises both doctors and patients. One man who suffered five years from indigestion and constipation was helped by ONE dose. Mason Drug Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Martin and daughters, Misses Esther and Ruth, left Sunday for San Antonio to be away a few days. Mr. Martin is receiving medical treatment there for bad blood.

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.

Mrs. Henry L. Schmidt and little son left Sunday for Dallas to join Mr. Schmidt, who is holding a clerical position with the firm of A. J. & A. C. Lemburg of Oak Cliff. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt have many friends in Mason, who will wish them every success.

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge How about your subscription to the News, have you advanced it for another year?

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Loring and children spent a very much enjoyed day at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ellebracht last Sunday.

E. M. Bratton was here Saturday from his home near Fredonia. He reports having recently returned from Cherokee, where he spent a few days visiting Mrs. Bratton and the children.

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

Star Garage.

RESERVE DISTRICT NO. 11 REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE MASON NATIONAL BANK

At Mason, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 29, 1920.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, including rediscounts (except those shown in b and c)	\$225,168.88
Overdrafts unsecured	1,132.00
U. S. Government securities owned:	
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value)	\$25,000.00
Owned and unpledged	12,650.00
Total U. S. Government securities	37,650.00
Other bonds, securities, etc.:	
Stocks, other than Federal Reserve Bank stock	250.00
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	3,000.00
Value of banking house, owned and unincumbered	17,795.98
Furniture and fixtures	3,573.33
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	17,130.50
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	44,461.15
Net amounts due from banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in items 11, 12, or 13)	3,755.19
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than item 15)	7.50
Total of items 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16	48,226.84
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	84.76
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	1,250.00
Interest earned but not collected—approximate—on Notes and Bills Receivable not past due	347.35
TOTAL	\$355,304.24
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	50,000.00
Undivided profits	\$15,354.06
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	5,365.44
Interest and discount collected or credited in advance of maturity and not earned—(approximate)	5,032.60
Circulating notes outstanding	24,103.00
Net amounts due to national banks	2,678.67
Total of items 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32	2,678.67
Individual deposits subject to check	213,504.32
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38	213,504.32
TOTAL	\$355,304.24

Of the total loans and discounts shown above, the amount on which interest and discount was charged at rates in excess of those permitted by law (Sec. 5197, Rev. Stat.) (exclusive of notes upon which total charge not to exceed 50 cents was made) was \$1,047.37. The number of such loans was 24.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF MASON, ss:
 I, D. F. Lehmburg, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 D. F. LEHMBERG, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January, 1921.
 (Seal)
 Correct—Attest:
 J. W. WHITE,
 JOHN H. GRISTWEIDT,
 E. A. LOEFFLER,
 Directors.

PARENT-TEACHERS' CLUB WILL MEET MONDAY, JANUARY 17

The Parent-Teachers' Association will meet in regular session on Monday afternoon, January 17. Following is the program which has been announced for the meeting:

1. Song—High School Girls.
2. Steps to take following legislative report on School Amendment—Supt. P. A. Bennett.
3. Song—Miss Esther Martin.
4. Music—Mrs. Byler.
5. General Discussion of Proposed Carnival.
6. Business session.

To Relieve Headache

A most effective way to relieve headache, neuralgia and earache is to apply Fidelity Quality Mentholated Ointment to the affected part. When it's Fidelity Quality you're sure it's pure. Sold and recommended by all druggists and in Mason by Mason Drug Company.

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

August Lange was here Saturday from near Katemency and left his mother's annual fees for the News.

DON'T

Forget the oldest and best sewing machine. Repair clocks, stoves and guns. All work guaranteed.

TOM MILLSAP.

S. W. Leach was a business visitor in Mason Saturday last, from his farm north of Fredonia.

Henry Simon left his annual \$1.50 with the News while here Saturday. He states that his aged father is improving from a recent illness.

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the FIRST STATE BANK

At Mason, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 29th day of December, 1920, published in the Mason County News, a newspaper printed and published at Mason, State of Texas, on the 13th day of January, 1921.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$102,106.70
Overdrafts	1,924.10
Furniture and Fixtures	4,387.78
Due from other banks and bankers, and cash on hand	20,216.42
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	750.00
Other Resources	42.38
TOTAL	\$129,427.38

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	4,404.64
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check, net	713.48
Individual deposits, subject to check	87,997.07
Cashier's Checks	1,312.19
Bills payable and rediscounts	10,000.00
TOTAL	\$129,427.38

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Mason
 We, J. D. Eckert, as president, and W. E. Jordan, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
 J. D. ECKERT, President.
 W. E. JORDAN, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:
 E. W. KOTHMANN,
 OSCAR SEAQUIST,
 PETER JORDAN,
 Directors.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, A. D., 1921.
 (Seal)
 ROSCOE RUNGE,
 Notary Public Mason County, Texas.

Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

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MASON - LLANO MAIL LINE
 WALKER & WALKER PROPS.
 We solicit your passenger traffic and express hauling to and from Llano.
 We have GOOD CARS and make GOOD TIME.

CLEANING AND PRESSING
 CLOTHES CALLED FOR AND DELIVERED
 SPECIAL PAINS TAKEN TO PLEASE
LAUNDRY
 LEAVES EVERY TUESDAY. HATS CLEANED AND BLOCKED. YOUR SUIT ORDERS SOLICITED. FITS GUARANTEED.
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Exigencies of War Marked Passing of Compound Locomotive.

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Cowcatchers Vanish as Arc Lights Show the Way—New Idea From Lima, O., Is Being Tried Out on One of the Big American Railroads—Compounds Go to Scrap Heap, as Costing More for Repairs Than They Could Save in Coal.

Changes more important in the motive power of steam railroads have taken place since the world war began than in the half century which preceded it. True, the vital organs of the iron horse remain precisely as they

were when George Stephenson first gave him to a world astounded.

The full blast of the exhaust steam used to draw vast quantities of oxygen through the firebox to make the fuel blaze with almost explosive fury, and which idea alone made the steam locomotive possible; the horizontal boiler with its enormous heating surface and low center of gravity, the furnace submerged in water and twin cylinders are all practically as the "Father of Railways" left them, and so far as any present-day engineer can foresee will so remain until the last steam engine shall have rolled the rails.

Perhaps the change which first attracts the attention of casual travelers is the outside valve gear, now practically universal. It gives a sharper, cleaner cut-off to the steam following the pistons than the Stephenson link motion in its original form, and it reverses the engine just as readily, but another great gain is that it leaves the space between the frames free for increased size of boiler and firebox, with consequent gain in steaming capacity. The swinging rods and oscillating links, being in plain sight outside of the wheels and driving rods, gave the popular name of "grasshoppers" to the engines when they were new and "monkey motion" to the gear itself.

Freed From Double Thrill.

Of far greater importance from an engineering standpoint is the practical abandonment of the compound locomotives, which ten years ago were hailed as the crowning triumph of nearly a century of locomotive building. Now they have all gone to the scrap heap, as costing more for repairs and delays in traffic than they could possibly save in coal. As a veteran railroad executive put it the other day, "they were in the back of the shop all the time."

All that are left of these engines that it was thought would work almost revolutionary changes in railroad travel are a few of the heaviest type and they are in the freight service exclusively. This change does not strike the lay observer so forcibly, as the compounds were not startlingly different in appearance from the straight or single expansion engines, although their music on the road was of a very different quality. They started off with only half the number of puffs of the older machines, and without the artillery detonations which mark the starting of a heavy train, and when the compound mounted into full cry across the open country the note was soft and purring, far different from the deep organlike diapason of the others.

Evolution of the Compound.

After many experiments on both sides of the ocean, the locomotive "Marchioness of Stafford," built for the London & Northwestern railway of England, was hailed as the successful inauguration of the new type of engine in which steam was bound in double fetters, the principle being that the steam, after being used in one set of engines to turn the rear driving wheels, was discharged into another engine where its remaining energy was expended in turning the forward drivers, after which it was discharged in the atmosphere through the smokestack as in all other railroad engines from the "Rocket" to the present day. The "Marchioness" was followed by the "Queen-Empress," built for the same road, and exhibited at the Chicago world's fair, at the

head of a complete and luxurious train in charge of a uniformed crew all ready to take the road at an hour's notice.

Compound locomotives during the following years were built in great numbers and with many differences in design and arrangement of working parts, some with four and some with three cylinders, and after the Chicago fair some American railroads exchanged a few of their finest engines with similar types with British roads, and they were subjected to severe competitive tryouts in both countries, but the result was not such as to lead to continuing the practice.

American engineers can be found who admit that the English engines are the best in the world, for inasmuch as a stout wicker basket will outlast a rigid packing case of like original strength in its life of travel, so the American locomotive, with its greater flexibility of frame, and joints, more readily adapts itself to the unforeseen strains and shocks of more or less crudely-built railroads laid in new or sparsely-settled regions.

War Brings Changes.

Then came the war with all its terrible emergencies, and these rang the knell of the compound engine in American passenger service, for while the troop ships were waiting only on the turn of the tide, it behooved every engine in the country to be quick as possible on the getaway and to be able to utilize instantly the full measure of steam which it was capable of generating to the greatest possible advantage, irrespective of coal cost or any other consideration.

Yet even at sea the compound engines are being retired, though much less rapidly, for in sea service bunker capacity alone fixes the duration as well as the profit of many a trading voyage, and fuel economy of space and weight is therefore a paramount consideration, while the price charged a hungry stranger seeking coal in a far-off tropic port where no one else ever calls for the commodity would make the merriest profiteer of these northern latitudes blush for very shame.

Triple expansion marine engines are still the rule, and few quadruple expansion engines are being built, while the whole family of compounds is bending before the steam turbine, the electrically-driven ship (as in the latest United States battleships) and motor ships propelled by the internal combustion of oil in their engines without the intervention of steam at all.

Only a few weeks ago a traveler passing seaward from the city down the bay noted that of the five best-known vessels passed on the way, not one was driven by reciprocating steam engines.

Turbine Locomotives Yet to Come.

Turbine locomotives have not yet got beyond the working model stage, and even as such are little more than scientific toys, but none the less the turbine has already found an important place on many of the foremost railroads in generating high voltage current for the new electric headlights. This may have been the means of saving the headlight itself, for with the constant progress in abolishing grade crossings and other betterments of the right of way, the tendency of the late years had been to reduce the light carried on the front of the trains, some engine drivers maintaining that if a big white church were to stray upon the tracks they might see it in time to stop with the oil-burning lamps. The big lights, they held, caused confusion at grade crossings by their startling rays, and the headlights of the old days were rapidly degenerating into mere signal lights corresponding to the tail lamps of the train.

The cowcatcher, once an imposing

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triangle of heavy timber which carried the big wing-shaped snowplows in winter, has all but disappeared in modern practice, there being seldom anything more than a slightly-curved wrought-iron framework looking for all the world like a loosely-built picket fence inverted, and but a short step from the downward-pointing knives which mark the front of a European engine. But it is not at all in the way when it comes to pushing, or drawing a train backward, and engine drivers themselves now refer to it simply as the "pilot."

Rear End Helps the Middle.

Atoning in a measure for the losses, a new contrivance is now being quietly tested on the New York Central with great promise of success. The idea comes from Lima, O., which has become one of the three big locomotive building centers of the country. It is called the "booster." With the advent of the latter day giant engines, classed variously as the "Atlantic," "Pacific" and the "Mikado" types, the great weight on the drivers put an almost crushing strain upon the rails, and to relieve this trailer wheels were attached to the rear of the engines.

Trailers hung as a dead weight on the locomotive, but with the "booster" are so no longer. It consists of a double engine, connected directly with the trailer wheels. When the throttle is opened these engines take steam as do the main engines and the trailers do their full share in starting the mammoth machine, but just as soon as yard limits are left behind and the engineer lifts his lever up out of the corner of his cab to its normal position for running on the open road, the "booster" engines are automatically disconnected and remain quiescent until the train again comes to a standstill, when they re-engage with the trailers and again do their full share of the work of getting up speed, thus giving the fastest high-wheel locomotive the advantage before possessed only by engines with small drivers of making a quick start.

Superheaters are another innovation which have apparently come to stay. This is a system of heating the steam with gas otherwise wasted on its way from the boiler to the engine, to which the superheater delivers it, often at more than boiler pressure as well as bone dry.

All these engine changes make for greater efficiency and carrying ca-

capacity, but they have nothing whatever to do with speed.

Speed seems to figure little in the calculations of railroad managers, especially since the almost weekly track jumping contests between famous 16-hour flyers between New York and Chicago in the palmy days before the war, which, while they killed or injured few passengers, owing to the trains being of steel throughout, did not raise rapid locomotion in the favor of the traveling public, and it may safely be said that where train schedules have been changed at all in the meantime, they have been slowed down rather than speeded up.

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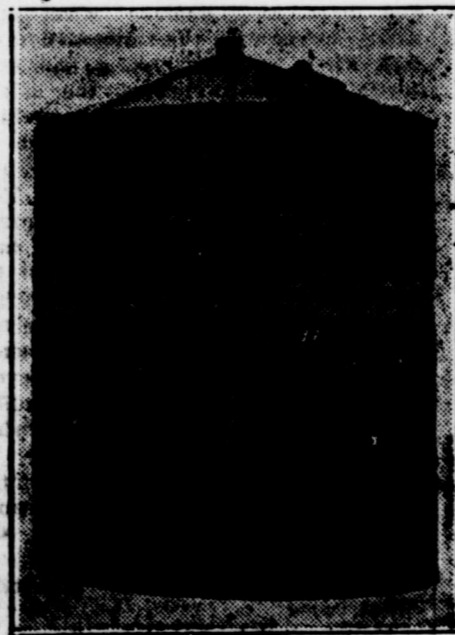
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