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## GOAT ROPING AND CIGAR RACES ATTRACTIVE

Last Saturday was one of the best days the town of Mason has seen for some time. One of the largest crowds that local business firms have seen for quite awhile, thronged the little city. People from far and near were here.

The features of the day's entertainment was a goat roping contest, a cigar race and broncho riding.

Shortly after two o'clock the crowd gathered on the local baseball grounds just across Comanche Creek, where the horse-riding events were held.

R. W. White was official time-keeper for the goat ropers. Out of the 23 entries in the contest, Wallace Roberts of Llano, made the best time, having roped and tied his goat in 13 seconds and as a result received first prize, amounting to \$30 in cash. Robert Polk took second money by roping and tying his goat in 14 seconds. Second money was \$15 in cash. Herbert Puckey and Wesley Leifeste tied for third place by performing the feat in 17 seconds. The prize of \$7.50 was divided between them. As usual, quite a number failed to rope their goat and in one instance, Max Martin roped his goat, but made no effort to tie it. The time made by other contestants who roped and tied their goats, is as follows: Walker Williams, Llano, 18 seconds; Frank Kiser, 24 seconds; Jack Polk, 25 seconds; Sam Roberts, Llano, 26 seconds; Jim Wright, 27 seconds.

The cigar races were run by fourteen entries. Sam Roberts, of Llano, made the best time and drew first money which was \$5 in cash. He made the run in 16 seconds. Wendlin Wartenbach drew second money by making the run in 16 1-2 seconds. The prize was \$3. J. W. Leifeste was third with a time of 17 1-2 seconds and received \$1.

The broncho riding afforded no little amusement for one good bucking horse was ridden. A Barber boy rode a horse belonging to Geo. Kidd, but the horse only made a few jumps and then ran, giving the various men on horses a run for their money to keep him out of the brush. A purse of \$10 was given him for riding the animal. A Schuessler boy rode two horses, but one of them did not pitch as much as was expected and he drew his five dollars fairly easy. A small black horse on the grounds was also ridden by Schuessler. He did not pitch at first, but ran and the rider having no bridle was compelled to step off to avoid being dragged off in the mesquite thicket. The horse was caught and brought back and again Schuessler mounted him. This time the horse buckled down to real business and it took but a few jumps to throw the rider. The horse was again caught and Schuessler tried it over and was successful in riding him.

Following the broncho riding a few of the goat ropers got together and had another roping contest. There were six contestants. Each paid an entrance fee of \$2 and the pot of \$12 was given to the man making the best time. The entries were Sam Roberts, Walker Williams, Wallace Roberts, Rube Williams, of Llano, John Lindsay and Herbert Puckey of this place. John Lindsay made best time with 15 1-2 seconds; Rube Williams was second with 18 seconds; Wallace Roberts, third with 21 1-2 seconds; Walker Williams, fourth with 28 1-2 seconds. Herbert Puckey and Sam Roberts made no time; having failed to catch their goat.

The News directs the attention of its readers to the fact that Mr. Otto Schmidt, manager of the Star Theatre, has changed the time for the show to start each night from 7:30 o'clock to 7:45 o'clock. Since the days are beginning to get a little longer, Mr. Schmidt has set the time for starting the show, fifteen minutes later, and will announce from time to time, other changes in the time for starting. In a few months, it will be necessary to start at 8:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Mike Jennings is in from Fredonia this week to be with her mother, Mrs. O. H. Mebus, who is quite sick.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB HAS GOOD MEETING

Monday night was regular monthly meeting night for the Commercial Club of Mason, and it was extremely gratifying to the officers of the club to have in attendance a good representation of the business firms in Mason, there being twenty-five members present. There is no doubt in the minds of those attending, that much more business can be accomplished with a good attendance at the regular monthly meetings of the Club.

After the meeting had been called to order by Vice-President, Alex Grosse, the minutes of last month's meeting were read and approved. Several bills were allowed, and two committees were discharged.

Prof. P. A. Bennett, Chas. Leslie and Tom Strong were voted upon and accepted as new members.

Upon the invitation of Dor W. Brown, president of the Club, Rev. Roy G. Rader was in attendance at the meeting and delivered a very interesting talk, relating the facts regarding the starving conditions that exist in China. After Rev. Mr. Rader had finished his speech, short talks were made on the same subject by a few members of the Club.

The next, and most important question to come before the meeting, was that of holding a stock and poultry show in Mason. The Club did not hesitate in accepting a motion to have such a show, but the setting of the date for same, brought forth much discussion as to whether or not the exhibit should be held at the first part of the week or should it be held on Saturday. The discussion brought out the fact that there would not be any of the schools in the county finished in the early spring, and the exhibit was to a great extent for the encouragement of the boys and girls over the county, and in order that they may attend, it was voted to hold the exhibit on Saturday instead of the first or middle of the week. Saturday, April 2 was set for the show.

The following committees were appointed to arrange for the various exhibits:

Beef Cattle—E. W. Kothmann, Elgin Kothmann and Robt. Preiss.

Dairy Cattle—Frank Willmann and Henry G. Saunders.

Swine—Houston Baxter, Murray Kyger and Dr. P. A. Baze.

Sheep—Emmett Keller, John Rueger and Fred Curran.

Goats—G. W. Herring and Otto Hofmann.

Horses and Jacks—Dave Kiser and Adolph Kothmann.

Poultry—Geo. Moneyhon and T. A. Saunders.

Finance Committee—Robt. Hofmann, C. S. Vedder and H. S. Wood.

Advertising Committee—Dor Brown and Martin D. Loring.

After deciding upon the question of a stock show, a subject was brought before the club for discussion as to whether or not the Commercial Club approved or disapproved the idea of a stock company organizing for the purpose of leasing the depot grounds across the creek and enclosing upon the same an athletic field. The Commercial Club did not assume any responsibility in highly endorsing such a project, and it was further stated that it would be a great improvement benefiting the town and county. The Club does not propose to build the park, but the subject was brought before the meeting by Martin D. Loring, in behalf of some of our boosters, of whom it is rumored, will take the project in hand since the Commercial Club has endorsed such an advantage for the town.

No other business coming before the house, the Club adjourned until the first Monday night in March.

Don't forget the home talent Carnival to be held in Mason tonight. Proceeds for the benefit of the Mason Public Schools.

Miss Pearl Land left Wednesday for Austin, where she will visit for several days with Dr. and Mrs. O. H. Richardson.

## REPORT OF TEX. FARM BUREAU RESOLUTIONS

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 10.—Following is the text of the report adopted by the resolutions committee of the first annual convention of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation:

"The delegates to the First Annual Convention of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation congratulate the officials and members on the remarkable and substantial growth of the membership. The Federation, while only a few months old, is now, both in financial support and in number of members by far the strongest organization of farmers in Texas and is federated with the American Farm Bureau Federation which is by far the strongest organization of farmers which has ever been built up in this or any other country.

"We commend the aggressive and able manner in which the executive officers and employees have furthered the work of this organization. The securing of approximately 35,000 members in the best 33 counties organized in Texas, the beginning of marketing organizations for the handling of cotton, wool, tomatoes and other products in so short a time is a signal achievement worthy of the highest commendation. We desire to thank all of the various agencies which are co-operating with the Texas Farm Bureau Federation in its farm program including A. & M. College and its extension service, the Federal and State departments of agriculture, the department of warehouses and markets, the bankers and the business men who have contributed to the success of our organization through their counsel and active support. We especially desire to thank the press of Texas for its unstinted support, including the farm press, the weekly press and the daily press. At least \$30,000 worth of space has been contributed by Texas papers in the last four months in the interest of the Farm Bureau and this is probably the biggest single contribution made by any agencies actively assisting us in our organization.

### Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. "That as planting time approaches evidence is overwhelming that only a greatly reduced cotton production in 1921 will prevent further disaster. Moreover, if the end of April shows no substantial reduction in acreage the price of cotton will probably suffer a further decline, and producers and creditors alike will be compelled to accept a further loss on the production of 1920. On the other hand, if the acreage reports show sharp reduction we may hope for an advance in the price of the cotton still unsold. Therefore, if we would recover any part of our 1920 losses we must reduce cotton acreage by at least one-third. Not to do so is to bring bankruptcy upon the agriculture and commerce of the entire Cotton Belt.

"It is the hope of the Farm Bureau Federation to set up a system of cotton marketing that will eliminate waste and graft, but its efforts will come to nothing if it is confronted with the task of selling 4,000,000 bales of cotton more than the world is willing to buy or able to consume. Co-operative marketing, to be successful, must be based upon co-operative production. We cannot produce without regard to our neighbors and then expect by co-operative selling to obtain profitable prices. We must act as a unit in both production and marketing. The man who selfishly produces at the maximum, with the expectation that other farmers will produce at the minimum, is not only the worst of cotton gamblers but he is tempting others to commit the same folly and is deliberately interfering with the economic reforms which all thoughtful men agree must be instituted if agricultural producers are to be rescued from their present distress and if the Nation is to be saved from agricultural collapse.

2. "We favor the following legislation pending before our representatives at Austin:

House Bill, 198, for a bale tax.  
House Bill, 227, for co-operative marketing act.  
House Bill, 160, providing for the

## HOME-TALENT CARNIVAL TONIGHT OPENS AT 6 O'CLOCK—VAUDEVILLE

### MRS. G. C. HUBBARD UNDERWENT OPERATION FRIDAY

Mrs. G. C. Hubbard was operated upon at the home of Mrs. Will Land last Friday morning at 10 o'clock for an abdominal tumor. The operation was performed by Dr. Baze, assisted by Drs. McCollum of this place and Huff, of Castell; Mrs. A. L. Strickland, nurse. Last reports were that the patient was doing nicely.

### THURSDAY—CLEAN UP DAY

The News has been requested by the Clean Town Club to announce that Thursday, Feb. 17, has been set for clean-up day in Mason, and that on the following Friday, the trash will be hauled away. Parties having trash to be removed should notify John Mill-sap, who has been employed by the club to do the hauling.

Mrs. Jim Hey has as her guests this week Mrs. Charles Cox and Miss Lena Wahrmond, of San Angelo.

### bonding of live stock commission men.

House Bill, 199, amending the warehouse and marketing act.

House Bill, 38, providing protection against the ravages of the pink boll worm.

"We are particularly anxious that Texas farmers be given the same marketing rights as are enjoyed in California, Oklahoma and many other states by which our present laws are denied to Texas farmers.

"We give our hearty endorsement to the bill introduced in the Texas State Senate by Senator Dudley providing for an easier payment of State taxes.

3. "We fully endorse the action and recommendation of Governor Pat Noff in declaring in his address against any kind of propaganda being allowed to originate or to be propagated against the Mexican Government, or its management, on Texas soil, believing it to be a wise recommendation and for the best interest of our people.

4. "We believe that if we are to pay tariff on the things which we buy, that we are entitled to the same protection on the things which we sell. We know that it is manifestly unfair and unjust that raw materials should be permitted to be shipped in; such as wool and hides, vegetable oils, wheat, frozen beef, lambs, etc., while there is a tariff as high as 50 percent on the finished products.

5. "We request our Congressmen and Senators to work and vote for the prompt enactment of a law which will compel clothing and fabrics containing shoddy and other substitutes for virgin wool to be plainly marked as such.

6. "Whereas the success of agriculture depends upon the widest possible dissemination of knowledge relating to all phases of agricultural products, marketing and distribution of farm products, the Texas Farm Bureau Federation respectfully urges the legislature to provide adequate appropriations for our rural schools and suitable laws for the promotion of agricultural high schools in every agricultural county in Texas.

"We endorse the work that is being done by the Agricultural and Mechanical College including its extension service, and experiment station system and urgently request the legislature to provide adequate appropriations for this institution and its branches.

"We request the legislature to provide adequate appropriations for the wool scouring plant located at the main experiment station at College Station, and the Department of cotton grading and warehouse management in the school of Agriculture.

"FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED: that a copy of these resolutions be printed in suitable form and distributed to all State Officials, legislators, and all Texas members in Congress, J. C. Yeary, Phil Mason, W. Moore, J. G. McDonald, Resolution Committee.

W. B. Bizzell and G. H. Alford Advertisers.

### TAKE YOUR EVENING MEAL AT CARNIVAL TONIGHT

Patronize the home-talent carnival which will be held this evening on the public square. There will be an eating booth on the grounds where you can secure a good supper. This booth will be open at six o'clock. The vaudeville which will be at the Star Opera House, does not start until 7:30, and you will have plenty of time to enjoy other features of the carnival after the vaudeville show. It is announced that the general admission to the vaudeville will be 15 cents, but those desiring to purchase reserved seats may do so at the Mason Drug Company for 25 cents.

The Parent-Teachers' Association of Mason, under whose direction the carnival is being held, announces that all preparations for this evening's entertainment will have been arranged by 4 o'clock today. They state that prospects for a splendid success of their undertaking are gratifying.

The proceeds of this carnival will be used by the Association in improving conditions on the play grounds of the local school and in purchasing additional play ground apparatus.

Every citizen of the entire county should be interested in making this carnival a success and, if the encouragement being given the association counts for anything, the entertainment will enjoy a very liberal patronage.

### LIST OF JURORS FOR MARCH TERM OF DISTRICT COURT

Below is given a list of jurors to serve at the next term of District court in Mason, which convenes on Monday March 7.

#### Grand Jury.

J. F. Barrett, L. S. Wendel, Fred Schmidt, Allen Murray, Ben Pluenncke, Albert Lee, Emil Kothmann, H. Dan Kothmann, John L. King, Ed W. Jordan, Emil Hoerster, W. A. Capps, Kinney Eckert and Louis Hahn.

#### Petit Jury

A. J. Nixon, E. H. Lay, C. H. Skelton, Chas. Kettner, Eli Jordan, Emil Durst, Alfred Probst, Louis Leifeste, Andrew Massey, Arch Reeves, Claude Polk, Aug. Donop, Oscar Reichenau, Arthur Harley, Kurt Martin, Joe Pryor, W. E. Strackbein, Hans Sell, John Geistweidt, Alex F. Kothmann, Will Land, O. H. Birk, O. D. Barker, L. W. Schlandt, M. T. Looney, Jas. McWilliams, Chas. Evers, Ben Ritter, E. J. Postell, Howard Smith, Chas. Guentert, Lee Smart, Geo. Sorrells, Rubin Tatsch, Adolph Vater, Conrad Hartman.

Misses Ruth and Esther Martin were in Brady last Thursday to attend a dance that night. They were accompanied home by Messrs. Walter Caldwell and Jamie Brook, who were their guests for the dance in Mason on Friday night.

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Every effort will be made to make the Mason County Stock Show worth something to the entire county.

Sub-committees will be appointed in each community to report to the other committees any fine stock in that community worthy of exhibition.

Everyone is invited to attend and especially is every one owning fine stock, urged to attend.

This show is given that the people may find out the worth of fine stock, and may learn how to judge them, and learn who owns the pure breeds should they desire to purchase any of them.

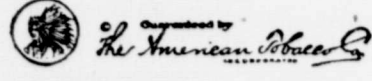
Competent judges, most of them from A. & M. College, will judge this stock and lecture as to why they place the ribbons on certain animals. Everyone will have an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about pure bred stock.

No money prizes will be given, as this stock show is given to arouse interest in better stock along all lines and show such as we may have, the honor and the advertising by winning one of three ribbons, is considered sufficient without making the expense heavier by giving money prizes.



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**EYEWITNESS TELLS OF LINCOLN ASSASSINATION IN FORD'S THEATER**

Abraham Lincoln, Born April 12, 1809.

"An eyewitness of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln?" is a phrase that even fifty-odd years has failed to strip of interest. In an office of the old National Museum building at Washington one can find George C. Maynard, curator of technology. An atmosphere of peace pervades the place until one speaks the magic words which bring to mind that fateful night at Ford's theater in April, 1865. Then Doctor Maynard tells of what he saw.

"That evening," says Doctor Maynard, referring to the night of April 14, 1865, "I went to Ford's. As everybody knows, the play was 'Our American Cousin.' My seat was in the first gallery, on a level with and in full view of the upper right-hand box, which was reserved for President Lincoln and his party.

"The occasion was an unusual one. The war had come to be regarded as an interminable conflict, something which would always engulf this country. Those in the theater that night were giving vent to perhaps their first real enthusiasm that the war had actually ended. It was to be a gala night. An atmosphere of festivity pervaded the place. Also, it was Laura Keane's benefit.

"Naturally, it was a patriotic performance. I still have a small scrap of paper on which I wrote the musical program. 'The Star-Spangled Banner,' 'Red, White and Blue,' and 'Marching Along' were played, while the entire company was to have sung 'Honor to Our Soldiers,' a patriotic song of the times.

"The President and his party did not arrive before the curtain rose. It was during the duty scene when they came in. Miss Hart, playing Georgiana, was telling an American joke to Mr. Emerson, taking the part of Tandy, and he failed to catch the point. Twice she

said to him: 'Why, can't you see it?' And he replied: 'No, I can't see it.' At this moment the Presidential party entered, passing around the south side of the gallery to enter the box. The play was suspended until President Lincoln was seated, the audience having risen with one accord and cheered enthusiastically. After some time Georgiana said, with emphasis: 'Well, everybody can see that,' and Tandy drawled: 'They ought to see it, you know.'

"It was about 10:30 when the pistol shot which sent the bullet at Lincoln was fired. Booth suddenly slid down from the front of the box onto the stage and rushed diagonally across, disappearing. He caught his foot in the flag decorations and made some exclamation which I did not understand, but no such dramatic speech as has popularly been accredited to him. Had he done anything of that kind I believe he would have been mobbed before he could have escaped. As it was, J. B. Steward, a man of athletic build, sprang onto the stage and was after Booth immediately.

"There was no panic, such as a fire would have caused. The entire audience was stunned, the real significance of the tragedy coming only after several minutes. The theater people swarmed upon the stage. An officer in military uniform managed to get to the President by climbing up from the stage into the box, the door having been barred. Laura Keane came quickly through the gallery with a pitcher of water, lending an odd note to the scene with her costume and make-up. The door of the box by this time was opened and she entered.

"Intense excitement reigned, yet no lack of self-control. There seemed to be a desire to lend whatever assistance was possible, while the air was electrical with a spirit of vengeance against Booth for the crime just committed. Several people climbed over seats, I myself helping one lady thus in making her exit. Some seats were broken. Yet, withal, the people left the theater slowly and quietly. It was about ten minutes before the President was removed, followed by Mrs. Lincoln supported by two gentlemen. A crowd of people filled Tenth street.

"At that time I was a member of the military telegraph corps of the War department, being a cipher operator. I rushed to the office. Persons I met on the way were ignorant of the tragedy. At the office the news had been learned, but no details, and D. H. Bates, manager of the office, asked for particulars.

"A full force of telegraphers spent the night in the office, sending out reports of the President's condition. It was eight o'clock on the following morning before I left for my lodgings. I walked along G street. The morning was rainy, raw and cheerless. Between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, almost in front of Epiphany church, I met a small squad of cavalry, accompanied by a few military officers and civilians on foot. The band was proceeding quietly and with an evident desire to avoid public notice. They were escorting the President's body to the White House.

"There is one other memory of that time of sorrow which I retain vividly. On the morning the President's body began the journey to Springfield it was warm, bright and altogether a day best suited to rejoicing, yet all Washington had come down town to see the funeral procession. Processions, nor-

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mally, are stretched out, but this one was made as compact as possible. In the front went a detachment of cavalry, wedge shaped. Very slowly they proceeded, making their way steadily into the crowds which swarmed the streets, forcing them silently back to the curb. Carriages containing officials instead of going single file, went three and four abreast. The horses' footsteps were the loudest sounds, while sobs punctuated the stillness of the watching multitude."

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**BILL FAILS TO PROTECT TAXES DUE FEBRUARY 1ST.**

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 2.—The bill recently passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Neff postponing publication of delinquent tax lists until October, 1921, and reducing the

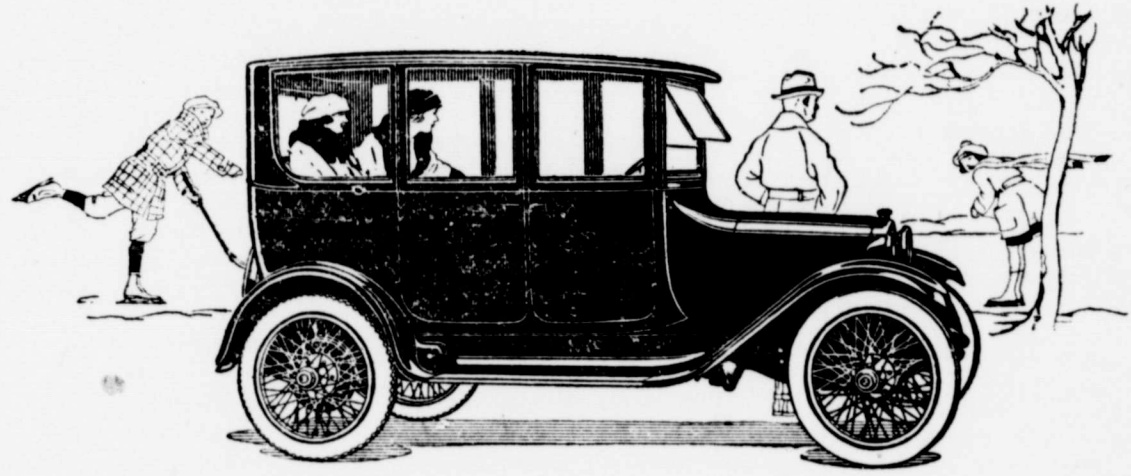
State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.  
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.  
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**PARTY AT CHAS. DONOP.**

(Contributed)

On Thursday of last week, a bunch from Mason and also from other parts of the county, sprung a surprise on Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Donop, who reside near the Hedwigs Hill crossing on the Llano river, all declaring having spent a very pleasant time, playing games and talking, after which, fruit was served to the following: Helen and Norma Keller, Cora Durst, Alma Eckert, Bertha Schreiber, Hedwig Ellebracht, Clara Brandenberger, Esther Donop, Pearl Land, Lydia Heinrich, Mrs. Dan Hoerster, Harry and Herbert Pluencke, Oscar Shearer, Will Loeffler, Frank Willmann, Ernest Jordan, Dan Hoerster, Silas Brandenberger and Andrew Schreiber.

Don't forget the home talent Carnival to be held in Mason tonight. Proceeds for the benefit of the Mason Public Schools.

Miss Alice Lemburg, teacher of music in the Menard High School, was in Mason to spend the past week-end with home folks and friends.

Type writer ribbons at News Office.

penalty for failure to pay 1920 taxes on time from 10 per cent to 5 per cent does not affect the penalty for failure to pay 1920 taxes due Feb. 1, 1921, according to a ruling by the attorney general's department.

The bill did not pass the Senate by the necessary two-thirds majority to make it effective on being signed by the Governor and therefore does not go into effect until ninety days after adjournment. Up until that time the penalty for non-payment of 1920 taxes will be 10 per cent, according to the opinion. The opinion was given at the request of Lon A. Smith, state comptroller, who said that he had received large numbers of queries from over the State as to whether the reduction was now applicable.

**PLEASE SETTLE**

All parties in debt to me will please settle their account as soon as possible, as I need the money. F. H. Schuessler, 47-2tc.

Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

Mrs. Max Martin and Misses Ruth and Esther are spending a few days at the Block House Ranch this week.

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It takes very little brains and much less play to constitute a first class grumbler.

Take as much care of your money as you can if your means are limited, but don't try to save your smiles or kind words. The more liberal you are with these the more you will have.

It's not the number of things you can do, but doing each one well, that counts.

The man who knows little is confident of many things.

A selfish man does all his courting before he is married.

If you have a true friend, you have something that money cannot buy. Do not lose him for the sake of money.

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**A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND**

Remember that the best friend, the best confidant, is your mother. Have no friend with whom she is not acquainted. Make her interested in what you are doing, and if the trials of her life are many, just remember that to gain sympathy you must give it. Make yourself your mother's companion and friend, then she will be yours. Do nothing that you conceal from her, and never believe for a minute that when you have really made her understand, she will not care for what interests you. Mother isn't very much older than you after all—it hasn't been such a long time since she enjoyed just what you do, since life seemed as full of brightness as does yours, since she made as many inquiries and tried to think out as many problems as you do and once you two can meet on this common ground, be sure that you will have nobody who will as thoroughly sympathize with you as does your mother.

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Are you hospitable to our school teachers? We are interested in their welfare, as they are a good financial asset to any town. After all, they are taking a large responsibility in your behalf which means leaving their intimate associates, giving up many things they prefer to do, and last but not least, the things they like to eat. They are supposed to board and room indefinitely, while bringing fresh enthusiasm to their work each morning. No one can feign enjoyment forever. Put yourself in their place and think how well you would like to spend every day with about forty-five or more children just as bad as your own. Go out of your way to break the monotony for them. Of course there are always some teachers with a personality that insures their entrance into the most enjoyable society of every community. But the majority are less fortunate. It is a shame to lose a good teacher the second year, simply because no one has made her feel any particular desire to remain in the town.

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To make good use of time you should have none to spare.

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**REDUCE AND DIVERSIFY OR FACE DISASTER**

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 5.—Texas farmers, bankers and merchants are facing a crisis in the business of the State, and it seems certain that unless a drastic reduction of at least 50 per cent in the cotton crop is made, the bitter experiences of the past harvest season will not only be repeated but will be intensified next fall, according to a bulletin of the Texas Industrial Congress.

Reports to the Congress from correspondents in various parts of the State indicate that in many cases farmers are not contemplating a reduction in the cotton acreage of even one-third, as has been generally recommended.

The experience of the past has shown that where a reduction of one-third has been urged the actual reduction has been about 10 per cent of the previous year's crop.

The bare facts lead to the conclusion that a 50 per cent reduction in this year's acreage is not too great.

The 1920 crop amounted to 13,000,000 bales. With no market abroad and a lessened consumption at home, there is every probability of a carry-over of from seven to eight million bales. A normal acreage this year, therefore, and a favorable season, will swamp the South.

There is no market for cotton because Europe is already well supplied or has not sufficient credit to purchase the crop still on hand.

Farmers who produced a crop last year on credit are in still worse condition today, because their indebtedness has not been liquidated, and hence the banker and merchant under these circumstances can not be expected to extend the usual credit for making this year's crop, even if they were inclined to do so. From expressions received from a number of bankers and merchants, it is believed that they will regard with favor the use by the farmer of such credit resources as he may have in growing a variety of crops and in the production of hogs and cattle for the consumption of the forage crops which he can raise.

We are now confronted with the

**YEARS AGO ALL VALENTINES HAD A PERSONAL TOUCH**

Much of the Romance of the Day Has Passed, Though Sentiment Is the Same as Ever.

Three hundred years ago young men and women wrote their own valentines, which consisted then only of love mottoes, or declarations of affection, written in verse from a very full heart and on plain paper. Many of our great-grandmothers saved these old missives.

Perhaps our parents came across such valentines, old and yellow and decayed, napped away in lavender in the bottom of a dusty trunk up in the attic. Yet when these valentines were first penned and put in her hand how grandma's heart did palpitate and the blushes rise to her cheeks! No matter how halting the sonnet, or anagram or triolet, it was the music of love to her. "Heart," "dart" and "art" did rhyme sweetly!

The machine-made valentines that we buy nowadays have lost this personal touch, though perhaps some of them have gained from an artistic point of view. Today it is only the school children and a few open-hearted interested grown-ups who find the custom of valentine making and valentine giving the fascination that it used to be. Why, even Charles Lamb wrote valentines, and loved to.

Now the modern young man drops in a confectioner's or florist's shop and orders candy or flowers sent to her. He scorns the valentine sonnet—whereby the girls of today are missing a heap of romance.

This was the day when a young man might accuse some young woman he admired of being a coquette without insulting her. In those days "coquette" had just such a naughty meaning as "vamp" has today. It meant a heartless trifer.

If she thereupon sent him a handmade valentine on which were two bleeding hearts made as one, it was her answer to his accusation. It meant that conquering the hearts of other men than he, meant nothing to her; that only his heart and hers in all the world counted, that her heart was bleeding for him just as much as his was suffering for her.

The comic valentine is an outgrowth or burlesque of the super-sentimental valentine and has almost died out. Instead of pointing out the recipient's perfections and charms it dwells vividly and uncomplimentarily on his mannerisms, clothes and appearance, in colored caricature. Red hair, large noses, blotched complexions, remarkably skinniness or avoirdupois are usually the jocular themes. Because valentines are sent anonymously, it is possible with impunity to remark scathingly on the physical characteristics or disposition of one's friends or foes.

**FREDONIA ITEMS**  
(Py Green Leaf)

Rain is needed in this section. Willie Taylor and family went to Temple Saturday to see Mrs. Clyde Poyner, who is seriously ill in a sanitarium.

Miss May Weaver, one of the Pontotoc school teachers, attended Mrs. Sarah E. Weaver's funeral here Monday afternoon.

Rev. McQuinton began a protracted meeting here Sunday.

Miss Clara Lee McMillan, of Burnet County, is here, visiting her parents.

Miss Leora Holt, of Voca, is visiting Miss Clara Lee McMillan. Quite a number of people of this section went to the goat roping at Mason Saturday afternoon.

**Mothers Read This**

Children will take Fidelity Quality Aromatic Castor Oil without nausea. Its practically tasteless and you're sure it's pure when it's Fidelity Quality. Sold and recommended by all druggists and in Mason by Mason Drug Company.

choice of reducing the cotton acreage, severely, and raising a diversity of crops, or of facing business disaster next fall.

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

**FROM NEWS FILES OF 25 YEARS AGO**

From Mason News, Feb. 14, 1896:

Congressman Crain died suddenly at Washington on the tenth. His remains were taken to Cuero.

Mrs. Hudson, living near Katemey, died on the 12th at the advanced age of 80 years.

Major G. W. Littlefield is up from Austin, visiting J. W. White and looking over his ranches in this and Kimble counties. He is accompanied by his nephew, T. D. White, of New Mexico.

A. L. George, an ex-convict, who served 5 years for another man's crime, lectured at the M. E. Church last Friday evening.

Messrs. Beno and Theo. Schmidt, Frank Husband and H. Puckey returned last Saturday from Houston, where they attended the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Mrs. Ruth Riels and Miss Alice returned Tuesday from a visit of a few weeks with Mrs. Hattie Reeder at Granbury.

A social hop was given at Clerk Hey's Thursday evening, complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Ward McMurry. Those present were Misses Delia and Em Lindsay, Ann Crosby, Mollie King, Minnie Coots, Ollie Hunter, Ada Garner, Bell and Lola Bird, Ella and Mary Schmidt, Vic McGinnis, Olga Worrel, Carrie and Kate Hey, Mrs. Dona Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bell, Mrs. R. C. Doell, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, of Llano, Messrs. Chas. H. Fman, Ovy Garner, Ben and Silas Mayo, Gratton and Walter Crosby, Ike Martin, Frank Moody, Paul Doole, M. L. Iden, Jim Hibbard, Chas. Worlie, Seth Gooch, Bud Garner, Henry Hofmann, and Jim Kelley.

Peter Jordan lost his coo-crib by fire last Monday about noon.

Louis Schmidt went to Llano Monday to look after a big shipment of hardware.

**15 Years Ago in Mason**

From Mason News, Feb. 9, 1906:

A total of 1015 poll taxes were paid in Mason county up to February 1st; almost a hundred more than last year.

Max Crenwelge, son of Peter Crenwelge of Cherry Springs, wandered away from home Sunday afternoon and a searching party of several hundred men have been unable to find him up to this time.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Saunders was destroyed by fire last Saturday morning.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Simon, a girl, on the 5th.

Mrs. N. E. Berry is visiting the family of J. B. Fisher in Kimble county

Do you know you can roll 50 good cigarettes for 10c from one bag of

**GENUINE "BULL" DURHAM TOBACCO**  
 The American Pipe Co.

Chas. Bierschwale returned last Thursday from a trip to Frio county with Chas. and Dan Kothmann, the latter two with their brother, Ben, having purchased 5000 acres of pasture land in that county. The purchase price was \$2.75 per acre.

Miss Ruby Grandstaff surprised her Mason friends by returning home as Mrs. Walter Russell. Miss Ruby had been in Memphis, Tenn., for several weeks and upon her return home was met at Dallas by Mr. Russell and they were married last Saturday night in the parlor of the Oriental Hotel at that place.

Grand Jury—J. D. Mangham, Burt Marshall, Emil Hoerster, H. Zork, Chas. Kothmann, S. B. Capps, Wesley Hibdon, Alf Reeves, Adolph Schuessler, D. R. Hillmann, John Ruegner, Chas. Worlie, R. H. Kidd, A. P. Rudder and Frank Latham.

Miss Benellen Reynolds entertained a number of friends Friday evening at a Finch party.

Dan Lehmberg is out of the Commercial Bank and is spending a month at Phebeville recuperating from a recent spell of sickness.

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# BANKS TO BE CLOSED SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

The undersigned banking institutions of Mason will be closed all day next Saturday, in observance of Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

We ask our respective patrons to arrange to do their banking business on the day before or wait until Monday.

THE MASON NATIONAL BANK  
THE FIRST STATE BANK  
THE COMMERCIAL BANK  
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Miss Iva Wootton, who has been employed in Austin for the past several months, returned home last week to spend several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wootton.

Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Beach returned this week from a short visit to Hamilton; having taken Mrs. Beach's mother home, after a visit in Mason.

The dances given in Mason last Friday and Saturday nights at the Smith Hall were largely attended. The music was rendered by a negro quintet from Fort Worth, representing Single Smith's Jazz Band. Everyone attending reports a fine time and are unanimous in expressions of praise regarding the quality of music. Quite a number of out-of-town people were here for the occasion; there being several here from Llano, Brady, Menard and Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ellebracht and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Loring and baby went to Fredericksburg Sunday and spent a few hours at the Nimitz Hotel as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Ellebracht, of San Antonio. Little Jennie Loring, who had been visiting in San Antonio returned to Mason with the party Sunday afternoon.

Take in the picture show at the Star Opera House each Tuesday, Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 7:45 sharp.

Don't forget the home talent Carnival to be held in Mason tonight. Proceeds for the benefit of the Mason Public Schools.

Mason people will be interested in the following, which is a copy of an announcement recently received in this city by friends of Miss Theresa Greer: Mr. and Mrs. Alford Williams announce the marriage of their sister,

Mavra Theresa Greer  
to

Mr. Eugene Harvey Kipp on Thursday, the twenty-seventh of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-one  
M. E. Church, South  
Eagle Pass, Texas.

An at home card announces that Mr. and Mrs. Kipp will be at home after February 10, at Clover Lawn, Guadalupe, Mexico.

Miss Greer is well acquainted in Mason. She is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Greer, of Bandera, and on several occasions, has visited her sister, Mrs. J. M. Thompson, formerly of Mason, but now residing in El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Russell and son and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ellis, all of Montreal, were in Mason last Friday and Saturday renewing acquaintances and enjoying a general good time with friends of the city. Incidentally they enjoyed the dance of Friday evening.

## REGISTERED HEREFORD BULLS AT BARGAIN PRICES

Owing to the financial stringency existing at present and realizing the great need of better sires in most of the beef producing herds of the country, am offering some inducements to that end. Prices have been cut very deeply on a great many of the bulls on hand, making them the best investment to be found.

Have on hand some coming two year olds, good specimens of the breed, tracing to some of the best ancestry known to Hereford History. Priced at from \$200 to \$500 per head owing to individuality and breeding.

As a SPECIAL INDUCEMENT to introduce some of the calves of the internationally known Wyoming 7th., 677353, we offer you your choice of a number of his get at the low price of \$300 per head while they last.

Breeding stock such as this has never been offered like this before and this is as an introductory offer only. Now is the time to buy some of the best breeding stock at real bargain prices. Do not miss your opportunity.

A good bull is half of the herd. He reproduces himself many times every year. A cow at best, can reproduce herself once a year. What are your cows worth? Can you afford to mate them to a good bull? Can you afford to mate them to a common bull?

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## CHURCH NOTICES

### DON'T FAIL

To hear the two sermons which will be delivered by the pastor at the Baptist Church next Sunday, Feb. 13.

Morning service at 11:15  
Subject—"The Trial of Jesus Before the Court of Hell."

Evening services at 7:15. Subject—"The Two Voices, Nature and Scripture Warning Men to Get Ready for the Judgment."

Special music by choir.  
Everybody invited.  
FRED KEY, Deacon.

### METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30.

This is "Parsonage Week". The committee is at work, look out for them. Next Sunday at the evening service, a report will be made, giving the results of the week's work. Do your best. Let's put it over.

### GERMAN M. E. CHURCH

First Sunday—English Sun. School 10 a. m. to 11 a. m.

Preaching by Rev. G. W. Schreiber from 11 a. m. to 12 m. and from 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Second Sunday—English Sunday School 10 to 11 a. m. Preaching by Rev. Robt. Moerner 11 a. m. to 12 m. Preaching by Rev. G. W. Schreiber, 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Third Sunday—English Sun. School from 10 to 11 a. m. Preaching by Rev. G. W. Schreiber from 11 a. m. to 12 m., and from 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Fourth Sunday—English Sunday School from 10 to 11 a. m. Preaching by Rev. G. W. Schreiber 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Fifth Sunday—English Sun. School from 10 to 11 a. m. Preaching by Rev. G. W. Schreiber 11 a. m. to 12 m., and from 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Prayer meeting every Tuesday night at 7:30.

Everybody cordially invited.  
Committee.

### BAPTIST LADIES' AID

Will meet at the church Feb. 16 at 3 o'clock.

Subject—Foreign Mission Outlook.  
Lender—Mrs. Bennett.

Hymn—Jesus Shall Reign.  
Bible Study.

Prayer.  
New Year's Greetings—Mrs. W. W. Beach.

Candles of the Lord—Mrs. Key.  
Solo.

The Lower Lights in the Near South by Mrs. Gage.

A Nation Born in a Day—Mrs. Garrett.

My Father's World—Mrs. D. B. Beach.

Hymn.

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## YOUR TEETH MAY BE THE CAUSE OF THAT AILMENT YOU HAVE

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Brady, Texas.

## ENTERTAINMENT OF VARIED NATURE IS FORT WORTH SHOW

DATES ARE SET FOR MARCH 5  
TO 12—LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION  
CENTRAL FEATURE—OTHER  
ATTRACTIONS

Varied entertainment will be the watchword of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, which will be held at Fort Worth March 5 to 12. With an exhibition of blooded livestock that promises better than



The lady bronc and trick riding has always been a feature at the Ft. Worth Rodeo.

any made in past years as a nucleus and central feature, the show will be rounded out with numerous features that will provide entertainment for everybody.

M. Sansom Jr. and Ray H. McKinley again will be secretary-manager and assistant secretary-manager and they practically have the same efficient line-up that has assisted them in holding the show in previous years. John I. Burgess, prominent Tarrant county stockman, again will be director in charge of the livestock exhibition.

Eleventh-hour revision of the premium list gives the purebred herds about the same classification and money as at the 1919 show. Smaller premium classes hardly have witnessed any money reduction.

The cattle sales feature promises to be even more prominent than in the past. Added interest in this section has been aroused through the probability that numbers of Mexican stockmen, keen to secure first-class purebreds for the rebuilding of their shattered herds, will attend the stock show for this specific purpose.

The American Legion will take a leading part in the stock show, particularly on Tuesday, March 8, which has been set aside as American Legion Day.

It is anticipated that 10,000 ex-service men from Texas and Oklahoma will be on hand that day and a special Legion program is being worked up.

Plans are being formulated to make the Rodeo features of the snappiest and most varied nature. Captain W. H. Furse, manager of the Horse Show features, is in communication with some of the leading stables of Oklahoma and other states and expects to have a first-class showing of equine beauties. In fact, he already has been assured of the participation of several large stables. He also expects to have a number of army entries from Fort Bliss, Okla. Other features of the Rodeo will consist of some of the most thrilling cowboy sports that ever have been staged in the United States.

The J. George Loos Carnival will be pitched on the Coliseum grounds. This splendid attraction has been held in connection with the stock show for several years but this time will be much larger and much different from previous performances. J. George Loos, the proprietor, has been busy all fall and winter lining up new attractions for the carnival, which will open its spring and summer campaign here. There will be many new and unique features that Texas carnivals have not yet presented.

For the first time, a splendid bench show will be held on the Coliseum grounds. This will be staged under the direction of the Fort Worth Kennel Club and one of the most creditable exhibitions of fine dogs ever made in Texas is anticipated.

The show will be inaugurated on the evening of March 5 with the usual splendid society event, a pageant that bids fair to eclipse any of past years. The event is under the direction of leading society women of Fort Worth and the scenery and costuming promises to be gorgeous.

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"In every human being there is a wish to ameliorate his own condition."—Macaulay.

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## ALL IN READINESS TO OPEN BIG SHOW AT THE COLISEUM

**SOUTHWESTERN EXPOSITION AND FAT STOCK SHOW AT FORT WORTH STARTS SATURDAY, MARCH 5, WITH SPLENDID PAGEANT**

The eleventh-hour rush of preparation for the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, to be held at Fort Worth, March 5 to 12, finds the plans of the management maturing more rapidly than in past



### BULLDOGGING

In the Rodeo at Ft. Worth. The world's record has been broken several times.

years, even though the array of attractions is larger. Manager Sansom and Assistant Manager McKinley have the reins well in hand and feel safe in assuring the public a better, more varied and more interesting show all week perhaps than any that yet have been staged in the vast Coliseum building and upon the Coliseum grounds.

Entries of blooded livestock are arriving from all sections of Texas and adjoining states and it is now the general belief that every class will be better filled with choicer cattle. The dairy show has the best prospect of any of the classes in the livestock division.

The curtain will be rung up on the bring spring exhibition Saturday night, March 5, with a social event of state-wide importance—the imposing pageant, directed by Fort Worth society women, which always is a great feature and draws attendance from near and far.

Upon the Coliseum grounds, the J. George Loos carnival, an attraction whose merits have been winning it new friends year after year, has been placed. Manager Loos declares that his carnival is larger and better than in previous years, that everybody will find many things that will hold their interest. New and unique features of entertainment have been secured in a winter-wide search by Mr. Loos himself, who is a veteran of the carnival game.

Under the sterling leadership of C. C. Miller, the poultry show, which is held simultaneous with the stock show, in a hall adjoining the Coliseum, looms up alluringly for the lovers of fine birds. The Fort Worth exhibition has been coming to the

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front rapidly during the past few years and now occupies a flattering position among the poultry shows of the Southwest.

Texas and Southwestern purchasers of livestock probably will have eager competition in the sales events these years with eager purchasers from Mexico. The stockmen of that country are fast rebuilding their herds and, with the keen judgment of veteran cattle raisers, are seeking the better breeds, of which they will find a magnificent representation at the Fort Worth show.

Arrangements are practically complete for the Horse Show and Rodeo events, which occupy the foreground in the matinee and at night. Top-notch hands from all over the West are coming to Fort Worth to take part in the cowboy sports that always have proved so thrilling and interesting, with so much of the unexpected mingled throughout. In fact, a number of the nation's leading exponents of cowboy sports are wintering in Fort Worth and will start the spring and summer season here. The very best stunts in cowboy sports are planned—and they will be staged with the snap for which the Fort Worth show has become famous.

Bryan Roach, world's champion bucking horse rider; Hugh Strickland, his foremost rival; Tommy Kirnan, famous trick rider and roper are among the stars who already are being ready for the opening performance.

The Horse Show features promise better than for several years. Captain W. H. Furse, in charge of this branch of the show, announces that several prominent stables from Oklahoma and other states will be on hand, as will army horses from Fort Bliss.

Everything at Fort Worth is ready for the tap of the gong—and the very best attraction yet staged appears to be coming up.

### NEW AMERICAN INDUSTRY.

Establishment of a new eastern factory with 50,000 square feet of floor space, for the manufacture of artificial pearls from fish-scale essence, marks the beginning of a new American industry, formerly dependent on imports from France, Germany and Italy. The common herring is the base of supply for the iridescent material used, and removing it is an arduous task, because each scale, taken only from certain parts of the fish, yields but a tiny speck of luster.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS

### Births

The following births have been recorded by County Clerk, R. E. Lee, since our last report:

Mr. and Mrs. John Pike, a boy, February 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Huckabay, a boy February 6.

The County Board of School Trustees were in session last Monday. The most important question to come before the board was the request from patrons of the Peters Prairie and Fikes school, asking for their school districts to be consolidated. After some lengthy discussions, the board granted the consolidation as asked for.

### DITCH THAT FIELD

If you have not the time to ditch and terrace your field, ditch it. In many fields, all the outside water can be ditched out of your field, then with two or three terraces on the upper side of the field, you can stop most of the damage, such as washing away of the soil, leaching and bad stands.

Ditching and terracing hold the water longer from small rains and you make better crops during drouthy years, and carries it away slowly and you keep soil and crops on rainy years.

Land is too high, labor too high and living too high not to make the most out of it. This is the month to attend to this. Don't neglect it.

DOR W. BROWN,

County Demonstration Agent.

Mrs. J. L. Jones and daughter, Mrs. Lola McCollum and Miss Gladys Leslie were down from Junction the past week-end visiting relatives and friends in Mason. They returned to Junction Sunday, accompanied home by Mrs. Walter Lindsay and little son, who will visit in the Jones home.

So far as research work has been able to discover, nature's primary forms, colors and sounds are very few, but to human knowledge there are no two things on earth exactly alike; even so small an object as a grain of sand has its individuality, and no two plants, flowers, seeds, or leaves have been found to be the same in form, size and color; this is also true of the mineral, vegetable and animal kingdom. No two voices are identical, and no human skill has ever produced two musical instruments with the exact same sound. This is, indeed, one of the great mysteries of the world, obvious to all but seldom thought of.

Ralph Carter who has been in Denison the past few months, has returned to Mason.

## STATE BREVITIES

**GILMER**—Seven persons were badly injured, one of whom is expected to die, and much property was damaged by a cyclone which struck this city late Sunday afternoon.

**BALLINGER**—The safe in the Santa Fe railroad passenger station here was blown to pieces Monday morning and bandits escaped with about \$200 in silver and currency.

**BRADY**—Owen Spivey, 16 years old, was killed nine miles southwest of Brady while hunting rabbits with a party of boys.

Pointing a supposedly unloaded gun at Spivey, Olin Butler, 12 years old, exclaimed: "I'll show you how to shoot a turkey" and pulled the trigger. The charge blew the top of Spivey's head off.

**PALESTINE**—A woman convict escaped from Huntsville, surrendered to officers here Tuesday.

**AUSTIN**—The State Senate Tuesday afternoon passed a bill appropriating \$1,500,000 for the construction of a hospital at Kerrville for tubercular soldiers.

**ABILENE**—After two years of suffering of German poison gas, Herman A. Griffith, member of the Supply Train of the Rainbow Division overseas, died early Tuesday at the family home here.

**AUSTIN**—During January there were three cases of sleeping sickness reported to the State Health Department. Of the fifty-four cases in Texas in 1920, Dr. Carrick said, twenty-six proved fatal.

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## GENERAL NEWS

**WASHINGTON**—Four thousand former soldiers in Texas are suffering from tuberculosis and cannot be accommodated in Federal hospitals for lack of accommodations, Senator Sheppard told the Senate Tuesday, in urging appropriations for hospitals.

**WASHINGTON**—The Army appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$320,000,000 and providing for a force of only 150,000 men in 1922, was passed Tuesday by the House and sent to the Senate.

**WASHINGTON**—No better proof of the tendency to return to normalcy in a hurry could be given than in the overwhelming vote by which the houses of Congress have just passed over President Wilson's veto the bill to reduce the Army from 280,000 to 175,000 men.

**WASHINGTON**—The House today unanimously passed a bill authorizing the construction of five hospitals for disabled war veterans at an estimated cost of \$12,500,000.

Mrs. T. C. Smith and little daughter left Tuesday for their home at Woodward, Oklahoma, after having spent a few weeks in Mason visiting Mrs. Haasper.

Murray Kyger had the misfortune of breaking his arm just above the wrist, Sunday morning while cranking an automobile.

Attorney Carl Runge and Tom White spent a short time in San Antonio this week on business.

The News regrets to learn of the serious illness of Mrs. O. H. Mebus and it is hoped her early improvement will soon be forthcoming.

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**STUDENT ENTERS PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL**

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 10.—Arthur "Pink" Riviere, a freshman in the University of Texas, has been signed as pitcher by the St. Louis Cardinals. Riviere, whose home is at Liberty, Texas, entered the University from St. Edward's College, Austin, where he first established a reputation as a strike-out pitcher. He is at present working out with the Texas Long-

horns, and will probably remain in school until the end of the winter term, after which he will report to training camp. The attention of the professionals was first attracted to his work during the past summer when he toured northern Mexico with the independent Bay City Club, in which he was credited with eighteen victories and six defeats. It is reported that he was signed for \$3,000.

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**Keen-Witted Judge Escaped Thrashing at the Hands of Irascible Revolutionary General.**

Gen. Charles Lee-of Revolutionary war fame, was a man of wild temper, and one of the most chronic users of oaths the army knew. Judge Breckenridge of Philadelphia printed some paragraphs one day that were very offensive to the general, and he promptly issued a challenge, which the judge, a man with a keen sense of humor, refused to recognize. Lee secured a horse whip and started to find the judicial enemy. The judge, however, saw him coming, and ran into a public house and barred the door. Lee paced back and forth outside, screaming oaths and designating the judge as a coward and poltroon.

"If you are afraid to be shot, you blankety blank, come out and get whipped," roared the general.

"I never cared for being whipped even when I was a boy," yelled back the judge, "and, by Jupiter, I haven't acquired a taste for it even yet."

The crowd that had gathered burst into a roar of laughter, and the general, seeing he was making himself absurd, departed, whereupon the judge came out and calmly went his way.

**IN THE SAME BOAT**



Father—Jimmy, open the door for your poor, tired pa. Mamma has locked me out and I want to get in.  
 Jimmy—Well, she's locked me in and I wanna get out.

**WAR'S DEMAND ON LUMBER.**

The consumption of lumber during the war has been approximated at 6,500,000,000 feet, board measure, by the United States forestry service. Of this amount of lumber purchased directly by the various government departments, the army consumption was nearly 5,500,000,000 feet, the navy consumed more than 120,000,000. During 1918 the Emergency Fleet corporation consumed for ship construction approximately 800,000,000 feet. Lumber needed for boxes and crates alone required approximately 2,000,000,000 feet. Structures for cantonments, hospitals, warehouses, etc., used approximately 3,000,000,000 feet.

**FOR THE WETS.**

President D. S. Tuttle of the Church Temperance society was talking to a Washington reporter about the great difficulty which prohibition enforcement officers experience in maintaining the liquor laws.

Mr. Tuttle gave a somewhat bitter laugh.

"I see that Edison," he said, "has invented a wonderful appliance which will enable anyone to get in touch with spirits."

Mr. Tuttle laughed bitterly again. "I predict," he said, a large sale for this invention."—Detroit Free Press.

**NATIONAL BISON RANGE.**

In the ten years since the Montana national bison range was established, says the Weekly News Letter, the 37 buffaloes with which the herd was started have increased to 296. Besides that, there are on the range 125 elk, 33 antelope and a few mule deer. The range is big enough to support 800 bison and 1,600 head of smaller game.

**For the South-bound Tourist**



EVERY year sees the tide of winter tourists rising higher and sweeping southward, beginning with the older people in October and November and reaching its flood in January and February, when the world of fashion makes its annual pilgrimage. This tide ebbs more slowly than it did a decade ago—March finds many new arrivals in the winter resorts, but in that month it turns and the ebb begins.

A comparatively small part of the sojourners in winter resorts are fashionables on dress parade; but what they wear is considered of first importance, because the styles they favor are guide posts for designers of spring apparel. New ideas, from high and authoritative sources, have their try-outs in the fashionable resorts, and many smart shops are on the ground to supply the wants of those who make decisions after they arrive.

Among the beautiful things made to pass the critical eyes that have been trained to discriminate, there are such splendid lingerie dresses as that shown in the picture above. Fine batiste, hand-made lace and the finest platings join forces to produce the

utmost in this particular type of frock in this model and in order that none of the intricate and painstaking work may be lost sight of it is worn over a black satin slip. It has a belt of narrow velvet ribbon. The combination of black and cream white is beautiful and a cluster of brightly colored velvet roses at the corsage is in exactly the right setting. The wide-brimmed hat of black braid with wreath of flowers and grasses is quite equal to the fine company in which it finds itself.

Striped silk, which is shown in many lovely color combinations this year, makes the sports dress that dares vie with its dainty sister. It has a full skirt bordered with narrow, picot-edged ribbon and a rolled collar ornamented in the same way. The tie of velvet ribbon with ornamental tassels is important and the sports hat, in Spanish style, plays its part well in this snappy costume.

*Julia Bottomley*

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**INCOME TAX FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW**

Births, deaths, and marriages during the year 1920 affect materially income tax returns for that year.

Millions of babies were added to family circles, each of whom brings an exemption of \$200 in the parents' income tax return.

Widows and widowers who lost their husbands or wives during the year are especially affected. They are single for the purposes of the income tax law and are granted only an ex-

emption of \$1,000, unless the head of a family.

Persons who were divorced or separated by mutual agreement during the year also must consider themselves as single persons.

The status of the taxpayer on December 31, 1920, determines the amount of the exemptions. If on that date the taxpayer was married and living with wife or husband, claim may be made for the \$2,000 exemption. If single, or married and not living with wife or husband on December 31, the exemption is only \$1,000.

Persons who reached majority during the year and whose earnings for that period amounted to \$1,000 or more, or \$2,000 or more, according to their marital status, must file a return and pay a tax on their net income in excess of those amounts.

To avoid penalty, the return must be in the hands of the Collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which the taxpayer lives, or has his principal place of business, on or before midnight of March 15, 1921.

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### MR. DAN SEA DIES AT BRADY

Mr. Dan Sea, aged about 53 years, died last Wednesday night at 8:30 o'clock in the Brady sanitarium, where he had been taken for an operation. Mr. Sea was a resident of the Voca community and is survived by a wife and two children: Mrs. Lee Darley, of Voca, and Mrs. Bell Carson, of Pontotoc.

The remains were laid to rest in the Pontotoc cemetery last Thursday afternoon.

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## LOBSTER-ROMANCE

By MARY CONNELLY.

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No matter what their respective occupations or social standing during the winter months, on this particular occasion they were simply a fisherman and his sweetheart going lobster catching at 5 o'clock of a summer's morning, and as the man steered for the open sea he divided his attention between the girl opposite him and the brightly painted buoys which bobbed in the green water, marking the place where the lobster pots lay hidden.

Sea-gulls screamed overhead, and occasionally skimmed the water gracefully a few yards from the side of their boat; "Mother Carey's chickens" with their ministerial coats of black and white fluttered to within a few feet of them in answer to the fisherman's coaxing whistle; and now and then a buoy floated calmly by with a solitary mackerel-duck as passenger. The sun rose higher and higher, and the southwest wind sent the salt spray into their faces as they sped over the water.

The fisherman spoke for the first time since they had become entangled in the rope of a buoy.

"Here's a trap I haven't pulled for a week," he said, as he leaned over the side of the boat and drew the line toward him. The sound of his voice, quite normal and showing no hint of the conflicting emotions that had been going on within his breast that morning, gave him courage. He turned toward the girl, a half-smile on his lips.

"Let's bet on it," she suggested, and she returned his smile quietly.

"It will be empty," she said, beginning to show interest.

He laughed merrily, "Impossible!" he exclaimed; "after a week there ought to be something here. It's near rocks, too. If you lose," he added, "you pay a forfeit, you know."

There was complete silence as he drew the pot from the bottom hand over hand, and as it came to the surface covered with dank sea-weed and full of tiny star fish, they both leaned over it eagerly.

"Empty!" exclaimed the girl, as she sank back in her seat with a little laugh of triumph. The man dropped the trap back into the water and hung the dripping buoy angrily from him. Her laughter hurt him in his disappointment.

"We'll have to try three times," he told her; "it's the only way to make it fair for both of us."

Again he stopped the motor and caught at the buoy as it swept past. The game was growing exciting and the girl came and stood beside him. She wasn't exactly sure whether or not she wanted to win this time. As the trap neared the surface he closed his eyes and guessed quickly.

"There'll be two," he said, almost grimly, as he unfastened the little door. A perch imprisoned within sent the salt water into his eyes with its terrified flapping, and it was a moment or two before he could examine the contents of his trap. One large lobster, and, yes, hidden in one corner; a little chicken lobster. He

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measured it critically and then smiled.

"Nine and one-half inches," he told her, "I win this time."

Preparations were made for the third and final catch. A snowy-capped wave sent a white buoy bobbing into view and the girl felt a little tug at her heart-strings as she watched the man lean over and pull it from the water. Suddenly, with all her heart, she prayed that he would lose. The game had gone too far. She saw it in his eager glance and felt it in the quickened beating of her own heart. It seemed almost as though her liberty were slowly slipping from her, and she wanted so much to be always free. It was her turn to guess, and she glanced about her quickly. They were far out to sea by this time, and the rocks were no longer visible. She repeated her first bet.

"It will be empty here," she said. He looked at her and sighed. "I was afraid that you would say that," he said gravely. "I seldom get much out here at the present time."

Hand over hand he drew in the rope until the trap rested dripping upon the side of the boat. He cleared away the sea-weed and looked into the trap while the girl sat with averted head almost as though it mattered nothing to her how it would all come out. Then a glad little chuckle from her companion made her turn, and she saw him standing with a giant lobster held by the back. She did not know whether to be angry or glad, but as she saw the unmistakable look of happiness in his eyes she began to smile at him. Hurriedly he snapped the lobster's claws and cast it into the barrel. Instinctively they both felt that fate had decided more than a mere forfeit for them. Shutting off the motor he came toward her, and suddenly realized that she was undeniably glad to see him coming.

Whether or not the man asked the girl the all-important question that summer's morning has not been decided, for at the time the last catch was taken they were three miles out, and all jurisdiction over them had ceased, but sufficient it is to say, that when the boat came to shore an hour or so later they were sitting together upon the seat above the engine, looking as though they had found a pot of gold at the end of the sun-path they had followed that morning.

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There are some car owners who have not yet purchased their new automobile license and there are some who have purchased them and have not yet attached their seal to their car. I ask that everyone who has their seal to put it on, as it is the only way I have of telling the cars that are delinquent in the matter. It will aid me in forcing the other fellow to pay the tax on his auto and it will likely save you some trouble and expense for it is a violation of the law to run a car without a seal, and I expect to enforce the law. I ask for your assistance.

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### UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Feb. 10. Special method courses and courses in advanced or graduate work will be strong features of the University of Texas summer session in 1921. It is announced. Special method courses for the benefit of teachers in various fields of work will be given by prominent State and out-of-State educators, with the aim of giving a practical demonstration of the most modern methods of class management and administration. In the Summer School special method courses will be given in the following subjects: English, Latin, Spanish and geography. In the normal classes, special method classes will be held in music, art work and drawing.

To meet the needs of the many teachers and superintendents who study in the summer months for a degree or a higher degree, an unusually large number of advanced and graduate courses will be offered. During the 1920 summer session 124 graduate students were enrolled and included in the number were superintendents from all parts of the State. Eighteen graduate students completed their work last summer and received their M. A. degrees in August.

The first term of the Summer school will begin on June 14, the second on July 25. Students may enroll for one or both terms. It is announced that the summer school catalog, containing all information as to courses, etc., will be ready for distribution March 15, and can be secured upon application to the registrar.

Mrs. J. E. Hayden, of San Saba, has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Alva Tinsley since last Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Tinsley met her in Llano. Mrs. Hayden is pleasantly remembered in Mason as Miss Laura Mosley.

**PRESCRIPTIONS**  
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Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wood, of Allen, Oklahoma, arrived in Mason last Friday for a couple weeks' visit with Luther's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wood.

### THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any constable of Mason County, Greeting:—

You are hereby commanded to summon Will Sander by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Mason County, Texas, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Mason on the 4th Monday after the first Monday in February, A. D., 1921, the same being the 7th day of March, A. D., 1921, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 4th day of February, A. D., 1921, Number 1014 on the Civil Docket of said Court, wherein Mrs. Ida Sander is plaintiff and Will Sander is defendant, said petition being a suit for divorce on the grounds that plaintiff and defendant who are husband and wife were separated on or about the 2nd day of November, A. D., 1918, and have not lived together as husband and wife since said date; that the cruel treatment to which she was subjected while she did live with defendant as his wife and the manner in which defendant abandoned her constitute cruel treatment and is conduct of such a nature as to render their further living together as husband and wife insupportable.

Herein fail not, but have before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of the District Court at office in Mason, Texas, this 8th day of February, A. D., 1921.

(L. S.) R. E. LEE,  
Clerk District Court, Mason County, Texas.

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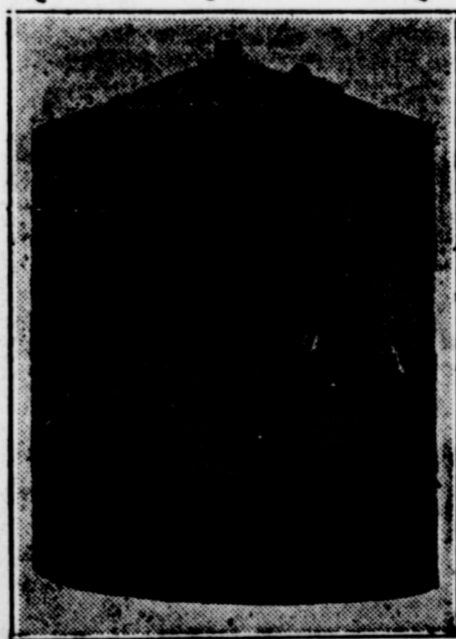
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## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY ENTERTAINED BY MEMBERS

(Contributed.)

The Woman's Missionary Society was nicely entertained at the home of Mrs. Robt. Hofmann. The ladies entertaining were Mrs. Robt. Hofmann, Mrs. Ben Jordan and Mrs. Dor W. Brown.

Mrs. E. W. Schroeder led the program, the subject of which was "New Orleans and its History."

Mrs. Lamar Thaxton gave a short history of the city. Mrs. Will Land gave an account of "St. Margaret" and the wonderful work of her life. A special song was beautifully rendered by Mmes. John Banks, Dor Brown, Wm. Splittgerber, Dan Hoerster.

Mrs. Ery Hamilton told in a splendid manner the work of our Missionary women in New Orleans.

Mrs. S. A. McCollum gave a reading on Prayer that should give every one more desire to use Prayer in the manner in which God advises us to do. Through prayer, almost anything may be accomplished. We should have prayer in the homes and abroad. A beautiful letter poem, "When I Have Time" was given by Mrs. Holmes

King. After this program, a contest "That Our Grandmothers Missed" was held by the hostesses. Those participating in the afternoon's entertainment were Mmes. Allen Murray, Thos. Murray, N. A. King, W. Land, Dan Hoerster, H. Saunders, Ben Jordan, E. W. Schroeder, S. A. McCollum, Jennie Williams, Otto Schmidt, Lamar Thaxton, Dor Brown, Albert Metzger, W. A. Zesch, Ed Smith, Belle W. Bridges, John Banks, Dan Lehmborg, Holmes King, Carl Runge, John Starks, Ery Hamilton, Wm. Splittgerber. New members: Mesdames Elmer Barber, Edwin Lowgren, Dave Beech, Robt. Lee, Gordon Dees. Visitors: Mmes. C. M. Frances of Chicago, C. Bowles, of Franklin, Texas, Misses Jennie White, Nannie Schuessler, Mary Schuessler, Ella Mae Kidd and Frank Brown of Cherokee.

Miss Jennie White won the prize, a box of candy and Mrs. Ed Smith won the booby prize, a box of stick candy. After the contest, a splendid salad course was served with cocoa and candy.

Everyone had a splendid time and enjoyed the hospitality of the ladies who entertained.

## Sixty Dollars a Month and Board

By H. LOUIS RAYBOLD

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"My sister's a crank on the subject" declared Kenneth Horton from the davenport piled with fraternity sofa pillows. "She's terribly advanced—thinks no man worth his salt unless he earns his living by the sweat of his manly brow. Take me," he illustrated ruefully. "I want to go muscalonge fishing in the Muskoka this summer, but Kit says 'No—my place is helping father on the farm. He's short of help'—so that's where you can address me, care of the R. F. D."

"Maybe she's right, at that," grinned Jack, his roommate, whereupon he became the target for a rapid fire of cushions. "But, joking aside, Ken, I'll admit I'm—well, honestly gone over her picture. I'd like to meet the original."

"You! What chance would you stand, you bloated bondholder, you dyed-in-the-wool old plutocrat? Why, she'd give one look at your Cordovan shoes, silk shirts and exclusive neckwear—and get out her tracts on the sins of the wealthy. I was home all last summer, and I know!"

"But you don't know my scheme, old thing," retorted Jack earnestly. "I don't intend to let her see me in this offensive outfit. You say your father is short of help. Let me go down and apply for work. You tip him off to hire me, but keep mum as to my real status. Miss Katherine will see in me a 'man who toils' and—who knows?"

A week or so later, Kenneth presented his father with a new "hand," whom he vaguely explained as "picked up on the way," and Kenneth's father, after one glance at the powerful frame, the strength of which was not concealed by extremely ill-fitting clothes, hired him on the spot for \$60 a month and board.

As the days went by, Jack alternately cursed and blessed his job. Viewed as a "stunt," it was proving rather a costly one in time and energy, but considered in the light of an opportunity to be near the most beautiful girl he had ever seen and to show her the stuff that was in him, it wasn't so bad. Mr. Horton did not hesitate to commend his reliability, willingness and efficiency, and Jack secretly cherished the hope that some report of it all reached Katherine through her brother.

Just one worry had Jack. He wished Katherine would not ride Sultan. The horse was a real devil, and Jack had heard Kenneth warn Katherine that he would cut up rough some day. Sultan's brother, the Shah, was being broken in by Mr. Horton, and Jack, watching the spirited creature rear and buck beneath his rider, shuddered at the power possessed and, luckily, so seldom appreciated, by that animal, the horse. But Jack was scarcely in a position to join his protests with those of the girl's father and brother.

His meetings with Katherine had been most casual and quite impersonal. Nor had he observed on her part any interest whatever in a man who toiled. Then one day she came down to the meadow where Kenneth and his father and Jack were piling the hayrack with sweet, sun-saturated hay. With her was a gay bevy of college girls, who clamored to help and then ride home on the load. Jack had the pleasure of giving Katherine a helping hand as she climbed to the top. Then he settled down close by the two men in front to make room for the girls.

He was meditating on the disadvantages of the position he was occupying for the sake of a mad whim when his thoughts were interrupted by scraps of conversation behind him.

"Well, your views have changed, Kit."

"To be sure," came the voice of the girl he loved. "That was just a passing phase of my education. Of course, I still think honest work hurts nobody, but I can see how wealth, and the leisure it brings, has its place in the world, too."

"Remember how you said you'd never marry a rich man?" teased somebody.

"Oh, forget the idiosyncrasies of my sophomore days," pleaded Katherine good-naturedly. "Just let him show himself now and you'd appreciate my change of heart."

The inconsequential chatter continued along other channels, but behind Mr. Horton's unsuspecting back Jack glared at Kenneth. Katherine was no longer looking for a "toller," and if he chuckled the bluff and 'fessed up, as Kenneth repeatedly urged him to do, he feared she would think him nothing less than an idiot.

The following day Jack, bridle on arm, his course of action still unde-

ecided, followed Mr. Horton as the latter went down to the south pasture to have another tussle with the Shah. Lifting down the bars, the two men entered the lot, replaced them carefully, and walked slowly over to where the Shah, sleek and magnificent, was feeding. Jack, bridle behind him, waited as Mr. Horton made his approach.

Suddenly, around the bend of the wood road that skirted the pasture, a horse's staccato hoof beats broke the slumberous silence of the midsummer morning. And to the startled eyes of the men appeared the Sultan, a runaway at last. Clinging to his back was Katherine.

Both men, inspired by the same thought, started for the Shah, who was standing, nose raised, sensitively aware of the excitement. But Jack, being the younger man, was the quicker. Managing to slip the bridle on, he swung astride and, somehow asserting his control, drove the animal straight to the bars—and over.

The Sultan, suddenly confronted in a lane so narrow that the tree branches met overhead, by a plunging animal determined to throw his rider, slowed down, stopped, and stood shivering. At the same moment that Katherine, weak and shaken, slipped down from the saddle, Jack was hurled over the head of the Shah.

When Mr. Horton reached the scene, the Shah was down the lane, the Sultan standing quietly, and Katherine bending over her rescuer, who was lying with his eyes closed.

"Where the devil did you learn to ride like that, man?" murmured the farmer even as he stooped to feel Jack's heart.

"Playing polo," answered Jack absent-mindedly, and lost consciousness.

Mr. Horton, to whom polo-playing farmhands were a new experience, sent Katherine to the house to get the doctor for Jack and to get Kenneth to come after the horses.

Late that afternoon, Jack, propped up on the chaise longue in the cool guest chamber of the farmhouse, was berating himself with choice invectives.

The door opened softly and in stepped Katherine, bearing a tray. "Mother sent up your supper," she explained.

There was one thing Jack wanted more than his supper—he wanted to know if Katherine knew. Perhaps she read his wish in his face. At any rate she smiled a little and sat down by the window.

"Kenneth has told me the whole story," she said, "and while it was kind of crazy, I can't help feeling flattered that any man would be willing to work hard for sixty dollars a month and board, just to—to—"

"To try and make good in the eyes of the woman with whose picture he fell in love," said Jack quietly.

Katherine flushed. Then: "Please, oh, please wait," she said hastily, "until—until you're well again."

And Jack, knowing the doctor had predicted a speedy recovery, was content.

## FEAR OF BREAKING MIRROR

Accident That Is Associated With One of the Oldest Superstitions of the World.

When a lady, however cultured and intelligent, accidentally shatters her mirror, she is apt to turn pale. She may even faint, though she may not actually believe in the subsequent "seven years of bad luck" or the loss of the one she holds most dear.

Is this perhaps because all peoples have regarded mirrors as symbolic? That from the earliest time, it has been the instrument with which the seer communicated with fate? (Who has not gone secretly to consult the crystal gazer who in her back hall bedroom used a wet mirror instead of a crystal ball?) There are Christian families today who will carefully drape the mirrors in a sick room because their ancestors believed the spirit of death gained entrance through them.

It is rather natural, then, that breaking the means of communication with the Beyond should be regarded as a calamity. Hence the "seven years of bad luck." Napoleon was so intensely superstitious on this point that once he happened to break the glass that covered the picture of Josephine. Fearful that this might spell the same calamity as breaking a mirror he sent a courier to make sure that she was safe, and slept neither day nor night till the courier's return. A famous English writer died just one month after he openly boasted that he would defy this mirror superstition.

## Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

## Mrs. Crandall (Iowa) Tells How She Stopped Chicken Losses

"Last spring, rats killed all our baby chicks. Wish I'd known about Rat-Snap before. With just one large package we killed swarms of rats. They won't get this year's hatches. I'll bet." Rat-Snap is guaranteed and sells for 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by Larin.



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Misses Coleman, Fritz and Phillips of Junction were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Puckey last week-end.

Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

## Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

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## MANY ACCIDENTS.

"Was there a lovers' lane at the summer resort you visited?"

"No, but there was an automobile speedway."

"Yes?"

"And a local undertaker who assured me that the course of true love often ended at the morgue."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

## FAR NORTHERN MISSION.

In Point Barrow, Alaska, is a Presbyterian mission, the farthest north of any that church sustains. The revenue cutter Bear recently succeeded in fighting its way through the ice floes to that point for the first time in two years.

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