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MASON SCHOOL GRANTED UNITS---PLANS TO ADVANCE STILL MORE

The State Department of Education has just notified Superintendent P. A. Bennett, who is teaching in the Summer Normal at San Marcos, that the Mason school has been granted the full five and one-half credits of affiliation that was asked for this year. Mr. Bennett immediately sent the good news to us with the following statement:

"I have just received notice from the High School Division of the State Department of Education that Mason has been granted the full 5½ credits of affiliation asked for this year. This gives our school 17½ units of accredited work.

"This leaves only one high school in the State, not on a railroad, ahead of us. Our present plans are to place us second to no school not on a railroad by next June. If we have the largest town in the State not on a railroad, and one of the most solid towns financially, in the State, why should we not have the highest ranking school of any town not on a railroad? If we all work as we worked last year, and by all, I mean every citizen of Mason, I see no reason why we should not reach our goal.

"With an additional high school teacher this year we shall be able to care for all of the high school pupils who care to transfer, or in any way, arrange to attend our school. Remember, that all transfers, except special high school transfers must be made by July 31st. In case you want information about the school as to arrangements to attend our school the coming session, write me at San Marcos.

Yours truly,
P. A. BENNETT."

Mrs. Jennie Reynolds informs us that her son, Banks, who is employed as a railway mail clerk, has recently been transferred. He is now on a run from Temple to San Angelo, but recently was running between Brownwood and Clovis, New Mexico.

"UNCLE" CHAS. WARTENBACH HAS NARROW ESCAPE SUNDAY

Last Sunday afternoon, "Uncle" Chas. Warthenbach had a narrow escape when his horse became frightened at some bathers in the Llano river at the Hedwigs Hill crossing and backed his buggy off the low water bridge. The accident occurred when Mr. Warthenbach attempted to drive his horse across while the bathers were rolling and flouncing around in the water. It is said that buggy, horse and all fell into the water, but fortunately no serious injuries were received by "Uncle" Chas. The buggy was demolished some from the accident, but the only injuries received by Mr. Warthenbach was a wrenched back. The horse was none the worse off from the experience.

Arthur Dye has been inconvenienced quite a bit the past few days by a rising on his forehead, and has been unable to keep up with his wood cutting and hauling.

NOTICE TO AUTOMOBILE OWNERS

Notice is hereby given that it is unlawful to run an automobile with cut-out open, and that hereafter this law will be strictly enforced.

CHAS. LESLIE,
Sheriff Mason Co., Texas.

J. E. Barber hauled a big Hereford bull to Lubbock last week in his truck for E. W. Kothmann. Clarence Kothmann and Andrew Schreiber went along to keep Mr. Barber and the bull company.

Max Martin and son, Kurt, left Monday for San Antonio. Mr. Martin took his chummy roadster there in hopes of finding a buyer for it.

M. D. Loring and wife and children went to Brownwood last Friday to have their daughter, Jennie, treated for ear and throat trouble. The former returned home Sunday, but will return today to remain a few days and bring Mrs. Loring and the children home. Dr. W. B. Anderson is treating the child.

FORT MASON POST AMERICAN LEGION WILL HOLD TWO DAYS' CELEBRATION---JULY 27TH & 28TH AT THE REUNION GROUNDS

Big Barbecued Dinner Is To Feature Gathering in Mason. Local Parties Urge Legion to Make Celebration Cover 2 Days Instead of One

At a meeting of the Fort Mason Post of the American Legion, Monday night, that organization voted in favor of making the big picnic, which had heretofore been advertised for July 28th, a two days' affair; July 27th and 28th and further decided to add a free barbecued dinner for the second day to their program.

This decision grew out of urgent solicitations from a number of local parties who made volunteer offers to donate more readily and liberally if the Legion would undertake the two-day affair and add the barbecue feature. Committees were appointed Monday night to solicit funds and to secure donations of goats and beef for the occasion. Members of the Legion Post reside in all parts of the county and it was so arranged in appointing the committeemen that each settlement would have a representative to secure and receive donations. With the assured liberality of the volunteer donors, it is certain that no trouble will be had in making the contemplated two-day affair a splendid success.

The committee for arranging the barbecued dinner is composed of W. O. Bode, Max Simon, Oscar Reichenau and Kinney Eckert. Sub-committeemen are as follows: Walter Brandeburger, August Willmann, Frank Polk, Floyd

Waller, Emeth Keller, Jim Gray, John Latham and Henry Raesner.

As previously stated the Legion members have undertaken quite a big proposition in arranging for this occasion and it is being done at quite an expense. The barbecue will add quite a bit of expense to the already big expenditure occasioned by the purchasing of a great display of fire works and the securing of other entertaining features as well as expenses which are always occasioned in connection with getting the grounds in shape and readiness.

Celebration Is For Public

It is to be particularly borne in mind that this celebration is for the public, and not for ex-soldiers alone. While it is all being promoted and handled by the Legion members and the entertainment part will largely be by members of the Fort Mason Post and by members of other American Legion Posts, it is to be remembered that the whole-hearted co-operation of the entire citizenship of the county is needed to make the celebration the great success that we would have it be and at the same time enable the town and county to hold the reputation which it has for staging picnics and barbecue events. We all know what sort of a reputation we have in that way and it is up to

all of us to see that the Legion boys enhance our reputation by making this the gala event in the history of Mason and Mason county.

Entertainment During Picnic

As for entertainment there will be broncho and wild bull riding, goat roping contests, ball games, speaking, music, military formations and drills by the ex-soldiers and, what is considered the climax of entertainment, will be staged on the night of the last day when a great display of fireworks will be given.

The reunion grounds are to be put in the very best of condition. The well will be cleaned out and a pump and tank erected to provide water to all parts of the ground.

It is stated by the Legion that all stands and concessions are being held by the Post and will be operated by the members.

Dance On Both Nights

It is said that a dance will be given on both nights of the picnic at the C. C. Smith Hall in Mason and visiting people as well as home people are accorded a special invitation to attend the celebration and enjoy themselves to the utmost from early morning, Wednesday, the 27th, through Thursday night or the wee small hours of Friday morning.

HEY FAMILY ENJOYING FAMILY REUNION IN MASON THIS WEEK

The family of Mrs. Wilson Hey is enjoying a family reunion in Mason this week at the Hey home on Post Hill. The out-of-town children here for the occasion are Mrs. Garret Baze and two children, of Blanchard, Okla.; Mrs. G. W. Clemous and two children, of Holbrook, Ariz.; Ben Hey and family, of Junction, Texas; Miss Fay Hey, of Holbrook, Ariz.; Miss Nettie Hey, of Oklahoma City; Miss Maggie Hey and Walter Hey, of Blanchard, Oklahoma.

BROWNWOOD STREETS NEED WORKING

While in Brownwood last week, the writer saw quite a number of Mason and former Mason county people, among whom were Ben and August Willmann, Silas Capps, Monroe Brown, Jesse Mayo, A. M. Manning, "Red" Eschberger, Roy McCoy and Wayne Traweck. The Willmann boys stated they were there to have Ben's eyes treated by Dr. Schneider. Mr. Capps stated he was there for only a day on business matters, while the rest, with the exception of Wayne Traweck are residing in Brownwood. Wayne said he had "just blown in" there a day or so before, and we supposed he was looking for work. While out driving one afternoon, we also passed the H. C. Durst home and believe to have seen Mr. Durst at work in his yard, but never had the opportunity of seeing or conversing with him in my rounds of the town.

I was greatly surprised to see how run down the streets of Brownwood were. The roads show that they were in fine condition at one time and one can tell that they have had macadamized roads and streets, but now the streets are full of chug holes and it looks as though no work has been done on them for some time. It was a surprise to the writer because of the fact that only a few years ago, Brownwood is said to have been awarded the prize of being the best kept little city for its size in the State of Texas.

Otto Schmidt was "under the weather" Wednesday afternoon, and his son, Clayton, was holding down his place of business.

Miss Sarah Puckey returned home Monday from Junction, where she had been attending a house party at the Hughes ranch.

ED SMITH UNDERWENT OPERATION IN SAN ANTONIO

The News is informed that Mr. Ed Smith, of this place, is in a hospital in San Antonio, recovering from an operation for appendicitis, which was performed last Friday. Mr. Smith left Mason Thursday, taking Mrs. Smith and Miss Lucille to San Antonio, from which place they were to take the train for a vacation trip to Denver, Colorado and San Francisco. It is said Mr. Smith developed an acute attack of appendicitis while going down to San Antonio and underwent the operation the day after his arrival there.

LIST OF MASON COUNTY FIRMS REQUIRED TO FILE STATEMENT

Below is given a list of the business firms in Mason County that have filed a statement in accordance with Senate Resolution No. 110:

Mason Grocery Company, McCollum Auto Company, Mayhew Produce Company, City Meat Market, City Bakery, E. Henrich & Bro., Mason Auto Co., City Cafe, Magnolia Petroleum Co., H. J. Hofmann & Bro. Planters Gin Co., Runge & Runge, E. Lemburg & Bro., Mason County News, Jordan Brothers, Katemey; Anna Martin & Sons, Hofmann Merc. Co., Fredonia; C. L. Martin & Sons, The Denver Hotel, The Commercial Bank, Williams & Hamrick, Katemey Telephone Co., Hofmann & Co., Wm. Hofmann & Sons, McMillan & Co., Brown & King.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING

The Fort Mason Post American Legion will meet at the regular meeting place in Mason, on Saturday night, July 23rd, according to Tom Strong, commander of the local Post of the organization.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Knolle, who are here from New Orleans for the benefit of Dr. Knolle's health, have rented rooms from Mrs. Bertha Todd. Dr. and Mrs. Knolle spent a few days the past week as guests in the home of Mrs. Anna Martin.

DON'T FORGET THE DATE
JULY 16TH
"COUSIN KATE"
Featuring Alice Joyce
At the Star Theater

MASON DROPS ANOTHER GAME---JUNCTION TOOK FRIDAY MATCH

The Mason Eagles are still playing in an unlucky streak, having been defeated in three games last week, losing two games to Pontotoc on Monday and Tuesday and lost the third game of the week to Junction on the Junction grounds on Friday, by a score of eight to three.

Polk and Shearer were the batter-ies for the Eagles and Hamer and Hamer did the twirling and receiving for Junction. It was Polk's third game he had pitched during the week and consequently was not expected to pitch airtight ball, but with the exception of two innings when bunched hits netted seven scores for the opponents, he pitched good ball. Hamer, on the mound for the Junction team, worked on the Mason boys with better results than any pitcher the local willow grippers have faced this season, having held the hit balls to the infield throughout the game, and allowed very few clean hits.

The Eagles will meet the Junction team in return games on the local grounds at the barbecue and picnic here on July 27 and 28th.

Roy, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schmidt, has been quite sick for several days. It is said a trained nurse, Miss Freda Hofmann, is with the child.

Mrs. Clyde Huckaby and children spent a few days this week, visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Frenzel, near Streeter.

Paul Martin spent a few days in Mason the first of the week from the Los Moras ranch in Menard County. He stated that his county is very dry and needing rain badly, but says the range still seems to hold out good. Paul stated that they had shipped more than 800 head of cattle within the past couple months from the Los Moras ranch, to the Fort Worth market.

ROBERT OWEN UPSETS

DRUG COMPY'S FORD CAR

Tuesday afternoon, Robert Owen Lange happened to an exciting accident, when the Mason Drug Company's Ford turned turtle with him while driving down the incline from the Post Office. It was a mystery how the boy escaped without serious injury, for he was trapped underneath the car, but managed to crawl out from beneath it. He said he turned out of the road for a wagon and when he did so the steering wheel became locked and caused the car to upset. Robert Owen has been limping slightly since the occurrence. We are told the car was not damaged further than a broken windshield.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Chandler and baby, of Desdemona, are here, guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Beach. Mrs. Chandler is a sister to Mrs. Beach.

F. B. McCollum and wife returned home last Thursday from San Antonio where they spent a few days. Mr. McCollum took a Buick car down to have it painted.

Henry Wells, a prominent young farmer of the Wagram section, has the thanks of Martin Loring for a couple dozen of nice roasting ears which he left while in town Saturday.

Miss Freda Hofmann, a rural trained nurse, whose home is near Castall, returned home last week from Brownwood, after having been there on a case.

OPEN HOUSE DAY AT S. W.

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Mrs. Eloise H. Lawson, manager of the local exchange of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, announces that today will be open house day at the telephone office. The public is extended a cordial invitation to visit the office from 3 to 5 p. m. Refreshments will be served.

MRS. DAVE POLK RECEIVES PAINFUL BURN

Last Friday, Mrs. Dave Polk received several severe burns on the arm and parts of her body, when a bottle of medicine, which she was heating on the stove, exploded. It is said that her clothes caught fire and some difficulty was had in getting her clothes extinguished. We are informed she is getting along nicely under the care of Dr. McCollum.

Miss Genevieve King left Monday for Junction for a visit with Miss Clara Fritz.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Relatives and friends of Mr. W. O. Brown, a former Mason county citizen, but now a resident of Kimble County, residing near Noxville, surprised him on the evening of July the 6th, in celebrating his 62nd birthday anniversary. The family had been preparing for this sumptuous affair for some time, however Mr. Brown being kept in perfect innocence of the occasion. They had even succeeded in confusing him about the day of the month.

It was not until the guests began to arrive that he thought about his birthday.

A delicious dinner was served at 8:30 o'clock to some one hundred friends and relatives. The feast consisted of barbecue, vegetables, fruits, jellies, pies and ice tea. In fact, everything that goes with a banquet, was served. The last course served was fruit sherbert, cream and cake. Yes, last, but not least, watermelons. The way in which the four waiters, Miss Edythe Brown, Howard Whitworth, Miss Maggie Whitworth and Clarence Whitewood served the table, is commendable.

The guests departed at 12:00 o'clock wishing Mr. Brown many more such happy birthdays.

Those from Mason attending were Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Brown, Mrs. S. Brown, Mrs. J. R. Flemming and two sons, Arthur and John, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leslie and Miss Oma Brown.

—Contributed.

Mrs. Westervert, of San Antonio, and her niece, Miss Jennie Westervert, of Corpus Christi, spent last Sunday and Sunday night in Mason as guests of Mrs. Kurt Martin. They left Monday for Junction, where the former lady owns a summer home.



NEFF FAVORS TWO CHANGES IN DEAN LAW

MEXIA, Tex.—Governor Neff declared here Saturday that he would advocate an amendment to the State prohibition law requiring an accused man to produce his permit to make liquor in such cases coming under alleged violations of the Dean prohibition law, and also that he would recommend a change in the law so that a purchaser of intoxicating liquor would not be guilty of a felony, his belief being that the alteration would tend to make enforcement more effective.

"We no longer can view with unconcern the open and ever-increasing violation of the prohibition law," declared the Governor. "In my judgment, in those communities where the law is being disregarded, it can be attributed to two reasons: One is inefficient and unwilling officers; the other is defects in the law itself.

"I am going to ask the Legislature, by appropriate legislation, to correct both of these impediments. There are some necessary amendments to be added to the prohibition law, so that it may be more effectively enforced.

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CAPITA CIRCULATION SHOWS DECREASE

WASHINGTON—Money in circulation in the United States July 1 amounted to \$72.92 per capita of population, according to a statement by the treasury. The total was \$5,774,007,000.

A year ago the per capita amount was \$57.18, and the total \$6,084,854,000, the reduction being brought about thru decreased issue of Federal Reserve Bank notes.

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BANKER DIES FROM INJURY TO HIS FINGER

An injury to his finger, considered of little consequence when it occurred ten days ago, resulted in the death Saturday morning of Dixon Williams Peacock, 30, of 1201 Fairmount Avenue manager of the collection department of the Fort Worth National Bank.

Septic pneumonia was the immediate cause of death. It followed blood poisoning which set in a few days after the injury. Peacock's finger was mashed when he caught it in a swivel while at work at the bank.

Training Camp Opens Friday.

San Antonio—The stage has been set at Camp Travis for the opening Friday of the citizens military training camp. Orders for 800 men from Texas to report for a month's military training have already been issued and a large detail of officers and enlisted men has been made to care for the camp.

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COTTON GROWERS' CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING ASSOCIATION

DALLAS, Tex., July 14.—Thirty thousand Texas cotton growers from 142 different counties have sent in contracts to deliver a total of 500,000 bales of cotton to the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Growers' Co-operative Marketing Association and contracts are still pouring in according to report made by Walton Pettee to the Committee of Twenty-One which originated the movement and expect to make a million bale pool.

Hill County leads the State in the number of signers, having put in 43,800 bales. Numerous counties signed between fifteen and twenty thousand bales. Ford County in West Texas cut its full quota nearly a week before the close of the drive. The greatest interest in the cotton pool was shown in west and south Texas. Nineteen bales was the average number signed in each growers contract.

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FIVE ARE KILLED WHEN A BOMBING PLANE FALLS

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PINK BOLL WORM IS FAST ADVANCING INTO TEX.

DALLAS, Tex., July 14.—The pink boll worm will cover the entire State within from three to five years unless something is done to check its spread, according to Dr. W. B. Hunter, member of the Federal Horticultural Board, with headquarters at Houston.

Because the pink boll worm may be carried in cotton seed it is not necessarily confined to certain areas. It may break out hundreds of miles from the point of original infestation, according to the doctor.

The Pink Boll Worm Commission which returned from Mexico last fall found that the damage done by the pest averaged 50 per cent of the yield and in extreme cases 80 per cent of the crop was destroyed.

Damage to the Texas crop within the next five years will approximate \$75,000,000 a year, according to Dr. Hunter and it will cost from a million and a half dollars to eradicate the pink boll worm in Texas.

He states that it has been definitely proven that the pink boll worm can be eradicated by a three year non cotton zone such as was put into effect in the section around Hearn and where at the present time the pink boll worm does not exist.

It is planned that the farmers shall receive full compensation for such losses as may be suffered under the non cotton plan of eradication. It is expected that one third of the expense of eradication will be borne by the National Government and 2-3 by the State.

There are two sections in the State now suffering from the ravages, one in south Texas consisting of Jefferson, Harris, Galveston, Liberty and Brazos counties and the other in west Texas, consisting of El Paso, Hudspeth, Pecos, Ward and Reeves.

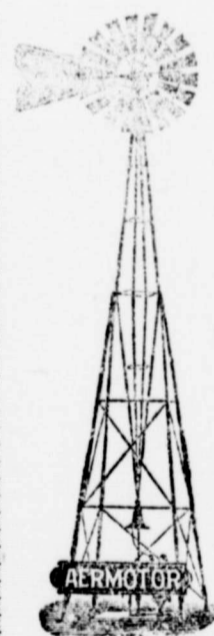
The Central Pink Boll Worm Committee representing 17 states, commercial and agricultural organization has appointed a subcommittee to assist in the formation of a law and a plan for extermination. Following is a personnel of the committee: J. W. Jarrell, Houston; A. P. Gordon, Pierce; W. L. Stalling, Houston; and C. M. Bassett, El Paso.

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M*C*N

"Doves" appears to us to be a more appropriate name than "Eagles" for the local ball team, for the former is far more harmless than the latter.

M*C*N

A feature of the American Legion picnic and barbecue to be held in Mason on Wednesday and Thursday, July 27th and 28, will be the ball games between Mason and Junction. These two teams have, for many years, been very evenly matched, and it has always been a pleasure for the Mason team to meet the Junction nine on the diamond. The ball team from our adjoining little city is and always has been composed of a clean bunch of sports in every sense of the word. In some instances, perhaps the umpires have not been as fair as was expected, but even so, we cannot remember of a squabble or wrangle arising between these two teams. The games with Junction on the 27th and 28 are looked forward to by the local team with great pleasure, and promise to be a real treat for base ball fans attending the games on those days.

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From Mason News, July 17, 1896:

Interesting experiments were witnessed at the ranch of Mr. W. D. Farris, near Ennis last week, in the way of dipping cattle to kill ticks.

A number of young folks enjoyed a social at the home of H. C. Fellmore Saturday night.

Miss Lou Martin, of Austin, is here visiting Miss Pearl King.

R. H. Garner has sold his farm on the Llano River to Pat and John Rogers for \$1,800.

A fistie difficulty occurred last Saturday between H. Mebus and Louis Schmidt.

The school trustees met last Friday and elected teachers for the high school as follows: principal, N. C. Wood; co-principal, P. J. Seaggs; second assistant, Miss Hermedia Mebus; third assistant, Mrs. N. H. Collins; primaries, Miss Maggie Payne and Mrs. D. L. Daniel.

The smoke house of O. H. Mebus burned Friday, igniting from the barbecue pit.

Mrs. Sckarls and three children, of San Antonio, are here, visiting the family of E. F. Stengel.

Mrs. W. B. Sands and children returned Saturday from a visit of a few weeks to relatives in Kerr county.

Wm. Bader, a convict from this county, is said to have had a leg broken last week by a tree falling on him.

15 Years Ago In Mason

From Mason News, July 13, 1906:

Miss Minnie Hey returned Tuesday from a visit to the Misses Taylor, near Fredonia.

J. G. Hodges was here Tuesday from Long Mountain. He sold his ranch in the Blue Mountains to W. O. Brown and brother for \$2,250.

Col. T. F. Rainey celebrated his 61st birthday last Thursday.

Willie Banks, of Temple, is here for a visit with his aunt, Mrs. Jennie Reynolds.

Dr. and Mrs. P. A. Baze entertained Friday evening, honoring Misses Moore of Llano, and Turner, of Kerrville. The following were present: Misses Payne, McCollum, Wheeler, Bierschwale, Nellie Gamel, Eva Lindsay, Bernice and Minnie Mathews, Fay Hey, Em and Kate Lindsay; Messrs. Crosby, Kend-

rick, Murray, Vedder, Nix, Peeler, Flesher, Cope, Leslie, Hoerster, LeMay, Dabney, Lewis; Mesdames Van Lewis and H. J. Lokrey.

The team of J. M. Phillips, attached to a hack, became frightened last Saturday and ran away, breaking the hack and tearing up the harness.

Mr. Ed Burrier and Miss Olga Bergman were married Thursday at the Mason House by Judge Jones.

D. H. Bickenbach and Henry Hoerster shipped several cars of calves to market from Brady this week.

Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

Too True

There are a lot of things that go on that the newspapers never hear about, and a lot of things the newspapers hear that never go on.—Ness City (Kans.) News.

We repair and recharge Storage Batteries of any make. L. F. Eckert Garage.

The island of Yap has an area of eight square miles. It has occupied more space than that in the daily papers during the last three months.—Hilo (Hawaii) Herald.



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Texas News

Receipts of wheat by Wichita Falls elevators so far this season exceed the total receipts last year, millers report.

The county commissioners court of Washington County have sold \$500,000 worth of road bonds at par with accumulated interest.

Seventeen tankers loaded with 840,000 barrels of crude oil from Mexican ports entered and discharged at the port of Galveston during June.

The first two carloads of grapes raised this year in the United States were shipped Tuesday and Wednesday from Ingleside, in San Patricio county, Texas.

There will be a surplus in the state treasury to the credit of general revenue of \$549,000 on September 1, next, as against \$5,336,000 on September 1 of last year.

Paroles granted by the governor to convicts may be revoked at any time the governor may desire, the attorney general's department has ruled in an opinion given Governor Neff.

The number of prohibition enforcement agents on duty along the Mexican border in Texas and, in fact, throughout the entire state, will be more than doubled soon, it is stated.

Two hundred and thirty-three vessels entered Port Houston during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, according to the annual report just completed by W. E. Baker, deputy collector of United States customs.

At an election held in Rabb's Prairie district, near La Grange, for the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$3000 for the erection of a new school building, twenty-nine votes were cast for the proposition and none against it.

The Tyler Chamber of Commerce has offered a prize of \$10,000 to be given to the first company or individual bringing in an oil well in Smith County. There are three wells being drilled in the county at the present time.

Some rice at El Campo is reported to be heading out and practically all the crop is being watered. The damage of the recent storm several weeks ago is now estimated to be around 50 per cent, though it was felt it would not run this high.

A rice weevil has been reported in Matagorda County, according to the farm agent. And it is considered probable that the weevil found at China is the same insect. The farmers say it affects the rice by almost completely stopping its growth.

Business failures in Texas for the first six months of 1921 numbered 363, as against 102 in 1920 and 124 in 1919 for corresponding periods, according to statistics compiled by Dun's Dallas agency. Failures by months were: January 110, February 43, March 53, April 54, May 42 and June 61.

A carload of Iriop County lamb and ewe 12 months' wool was sold last week at Morton for 25 3/4 cents per pound, said to be the highest price so far this season in Texas. The sale was made by the West Texas Wool and Mohair Association, which this week disposed of 550,000 pounds of long fleece at an average of 20 cents a pound.

The pink boll worm will cost Texas cotton growers \$75,000,000 in the next five years unless effective eradication measures are taken, Dr. Hunter of Houston, member of the federal horticultural board, declares. "The average damage caused by the boll worm has been 50 per cent in all sections where it has appeared," said Dr. Hunter. "It will cover the state in less than five years unless exterminated."

Texas usually ships at least four-fifths of the supply of Bermuda onions. Nearly all the remaining fifth comes from California. Louisiana has averaged about 100 cars of early onions the past four seasons, mostly Creoles, which are not strictly in the domestic Bermuda class, but compete slightly with Bermudas in the market. Texas shipments to the end of June were close to 4200 cars, compared with 5086 last year, with 2836 in 1919 and 3506 in 1918.

A definite movement to procure a new through line of railroad through Northeast Texas to the gulf coast, by connecting up the Paris & Mount Pleasant, the Port Bolivar Iron Ore and the Santa Fe, Beaumont and Longview lines was started recently. More than thirty business men, including representatives of Paris, Mount Pleasant, Pittsburg, Longview, Daingerfield, Wynnboro, Marshall, Hugo, Okla., and other cities, held a meeting at Mount Pleasant and adopted resolutions urging upon the Santa Fe the immediate undertaking of the project.

SOCIAL EVENTS

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY WAS ENTERTAINED FRIDAY

The ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society were delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Wm. Splittgerber Friday afternoon, July 8. Mrs. Splittgerber was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Henry Saunders, Mrs. John Starks and Mrs. Julius Splittgerber.

Mrs. Robert Lee, leader, read a very interesting Bible lesson.

Mrs. Holmes King gave the important facts about Shanghai, the city of beginnings in China.

The Society greatly appreciated and enjoyed the piano duet by Misses Virgil Banks and Violet Vedder.

An interesting history and life of Three Great Missionary Leaders was given by Mrs. A. Finsley, Mrs. James Brown and Mrs. Henry Saunders, showing what can be done in Mission Fields.

Miss Mackie Leslie read a very impressive story teaching a lesson of truth to all.

Messages from the McTyler Girls was given by Mrs. Robert Hofmann.

After a short business session the meeting was closed and a social hour was enjoyed by all present. During this hour, delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to the following members and visitors:

Mmes. N. A. King, Harvey Land, A. Tinsley, Jennie Williams, E. W. Schroeder, S. A. McCollum, Robert Lee Thos. Murray, John Banks, James Brown, Robert Hofmann, Ben Jordan, Holmes King and Miss Mackie Leslie; visitors, Mmes. Wilson Leslie, of McAllen, Reardon, of El Paso, Luther Snow of Fort Worth, P. A. Baze, George Moneymon, Wm. Donop, Dr. C. L. McCollum and Misses Virgil Banks and Violet Vedder, and the hostesses, Mesdames Wm. Splittgerber, Julius Splittgerber, John Starks and Henry Saunders.

The next meeting of the Society will be held at the home of Miss Mackie Leslie.

A number of ladies from town enjoyed a very pleasant social afternoon at the country home of Mrs. Geo. Leslie last Tuesday.

The Christian Ladies' Aid was delightfully entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Wes Smith.

A total of 520,914 bags of raw centrifugal sugar from Cuba moved through the port of Galveston during the fiscal year which ended June 30, according to figures furnished this week.

Forbidding Name.

A little fellow who had been to the museum was asked by his mother if he remembered the names of any of the animals he had seen. "Yes," he replied, "most of the animals were named 'Do not touch.'"—Boston Transcript.

HOW ASIATICS TAME EAGLES

Spirits of Fierce Birds Are Broken by Deprivation of Sleep for Long Periods.

The Asiatic eagle is the golden eagle. It is a big bird, many pounds in weight, and exceedingly swift in flight, as well as fierce when attacked. Indeed, to see the natives on horseback carrying golden eagles on their arms is a strange sight, for the birds are usually tame, when one considers how they act when free.

The eagle fancier has a problem in taming, much less training, a golden eagle. The eagle hunter finds where an eagle frequently rests during the day. He climbs to this place and ties a live fox there, trailing the rope into some heaped-up stones to form a cavern in which he hides, firmly grasping the rope.

When the attention of the soaring eagle is attracted by the fox, the eagle drops down and kills it. So intent is the greedy bird on tearing his prey that he doesn't notice the dead fox is slowly being drawn along the rocks. When it is within easy reach the hunter casts a net over the eagle and secures him.

Kept absolutely in darkness, and with drums beating night and day so it cannot sleep, the spirit of the eagle is broken. When he shows signs of submission the trainer feeds him a little at a time and gradually wins his respect, if not his affection. With the passage of months the eagle attaches itself to the man who feeds and trains him.—Detroit News.

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CHURCH NOTICES

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

Rev. R. G. Rader, pastor of the Methodist Church, South, announces that there will be no services in Mason Sunday, July 16, due to the fact that he is conducting a meeting at Grit.

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.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST REVIVAL

Evangelist, G. M. Bostick, of Brownwood, is conducting a revival meeting for the Baptist denomination at Street-er this week. The meeting was opened last Saturday and will continue thru next week. During the week, services are only being held at night, beginning at 8:30, and on Sunday, both morning and evening services are held. Large crowds are reported to have been attending the services.

How about your subscription to the News, have you advanced it for another year?

For Torpid Liver

"Black-Draught is, in my opinion, the best liver medicine on the market," states Mrs. R. H. White-side, of Keota, Okla. She continues: "I had a pain in my chest after eating—tight, uncomfortable feeling—and this was very disagreeable and brought on headache. I was constipated and knew it was indigestion and inactive liver. I began the use of Black-Draught, night and morning, and it sure is splendid and certainly gives relief."

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GROWTH INFLUENCED BY RAIN

Observations of Travelers Show Remarkable Difference in Vegetation of Tropical Forests.

Tropical forests are divided by Hann into those having months of less than six rainy days and those having no dry season proper. Those with no dry season are constantly humid, although the varying seasonal moisture has its influence even here. Undisturbed constantly humid regions are nearly always covered with evergreen rain forest; periodically dry districts are occupied by deciduous woodland and savannah. With every slight annual precipitation the vegetation becomes that of the desert. Seen on approaching, a tropical rain forest shows a much more irregular and jagged skyline than the temperate forest, and its varied shades of green are usually dull, but often broken by white, red or other brilliant-hued flowering tree crowns. The tree tops, moreover, are often overhung by climbing vines and parasitic plants. The interior of some rain forests is a dense mass of tangled foliage from the ground up to the tree tops, but others are like immense dark columned halls which afford a free passage and a clear outlook, with only a few ferns on the ground and tree stems. As examples of light column forest Schimper mentions those of a species of Canarium on the mountains of Dominica and of many tree ferns in Trinidad. In the closed forest, the trunk and even leaves grow mosses, algae and flowering herbs. The struggle for light, intensified by great moisture, is a feature of the virgin rain forest.

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Court House Roof Being Painted

Wallace Boston has been awarded the contract for painting the roof on the court house in Mason, and is now smearing it on. Grover McDougall is assisting him. Two coats of paint will be put on. Larrimore & Grote have the contract to furnish the paint.

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PRUNERS MEET TO CUT TEXAS BUDGET

Appropriation Fixers Trying To Solve \$5,000,000 State Deficit.

Austin, Tex.—The house appropriation and senate finance committees Saturday began their joint sessions to prepare the general appropriation bills for the special session of economy, with the state's finances the keynote of opening remarks. Representative Satterwhite declared that he was against making appropriations which would put the state "in debt one dollar," but the question is how is the new committee to avoid the apparent deficit close to \$5,000,000?

A statement of the state's finances as prepared by the state board of control was read to the committee and it shows reduced revenues from all directions.

The total demands of the state institutions and departments for the next two years was \$39,903,342 and the board of control cut it to \$25,456,586. The amounts recommended by the board in the four major bills and used as a basis by the committee are as follows, respectively, for the next two years: Judiciary support, \$1,442,478 and \$1,438,213; departmental, \$2,552,773 and \$2,567,418; eleemosynary, \$3,194,545 and \$3,053,705; educational, \$13,023,051 and \$12,433,534.

The board of control's statement reviews the appropriations of 1920 and finds that as a result the unexpended balance of general revenue on Sept. 1 will be \$533,117; that appropriations of this year total \$7,876,871, and that the oil gross production tax will be materially reduced, because of the low price of oil.

Rain Aids in Fighting Fires.

Toronto.—Forest fires in northern Ontario had abated considerably Thursday owing to rain. Three hundred rangers directed the battle against the flames over an area of more than 5000 square miles.

Filling Station Gossip.

Lew McCall says that motorists who come through Columbus en route for Kansas City have about the following conversation when they stop at the filling station here:

If it's a Cadillac, the driver says: "How far is it to Kansas City?" "One hundred and forty miles," is the reply. "Gimme twenty gallons of gas and a gallon of oil," says the driver. Then comes the Buick and the chauffeur says: "How far is it to Kansas City?" "One hundred and forty miles," is the reply. "Gimme ten gallons of gas and a half-gallon of oil," and he drives on. Along comes a flivver and the driver uncranks himself, gets out and stretches, and asks: "How far is it to Kansas City?" "Oh, about one hundred and forty miles." "Is that all? Gimme two quarts of water and a bottle of 3 in 1, and hold this son-of-a-gun until I get in."—Columbus (Kans.) Advocate.

Charter No. 7098

Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE MASON NATIONAL BANK

At Mason, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on June 30, 1921.

RESOURCES	
1. Loans and discounts, including rediscounts.....	\$195,389.90
2. Overdrafts, unsecured	1,176.68
4. U. S. Government securities owned:	
a Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value)	\$ 25,000.00
b All other United States Government Securities	12,650.00
Total	37,650.00
5. Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.:	3,450.00
6. Banking House, \$15,175.00; Furniture and Fixtures, \$2,600.00	17,775.00
8. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	8,143.90
10. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	23,068.23
11. Amount due from banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, or 10).....	1,093.99
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.....	\$ 24,155.22
14. Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items.....	615.02
15. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	1,250.00
16. Other assets, if any—Interest earned, not collected	325.14
TOTAL	\$289,930.96
LIABILITIES	
17. Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
18. Surplus fund	50,000.00
19. Undivided profits	553.58
20. Circulating notes outstanding	24,300.00
22. Amount due to national banks.....	1,777.58
Total of Items 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25.....	\$ 1,777.58
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):	
26. Individual deposits subject to check.....	142,179.12
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31	142,179.12
37. Bills payable, other than with Federal Reserve Bank (including all obligations representing money borrowed other than rediscounts).....	10,000.00
40. Bills payable with Federal Reserve Bank.....	10,000.00
44. Liabilities other than those above stated—Interest collected, but not earned.....	1,120.58
TOTAL	\$289,930.96

State of Texas, County of Mason, ss:

I, D. F. Lehmeberg, 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 8th day of July, 1921.
 (Seal) CARL RUNGE, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: E. J. Lemburg, C. S. Vedder, E. A. Loeffler, directors.

BIG PLATFORM DANCE

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Reardon and three sons, of El Paso, spent a few days in Mason the past week, visiting in the home of Mrs. Reardon's grandfather, Mr. Jacob Schuessler. They left Mason Monday for Brady to visit relatives and from there, will go to Fort Worth for a visit before returning to El Paso.

There will be a big dance at Geo. M. Pearl's Friday night, July 22, 4 miles northeast of London on the London-Mason road. The music will be furnished by a string band from Mason. Everybody invited.
 18-1t. GEO. M. PEARL.

SALE OF PRIVILEGES

San Saba County Fair, San Saba, Texas, August 16, 17, 18 and 19th. The eighteenth annual of one of the best known fairs in Texas and a leader of its class. Public auction of usual privileges at Court House, San Saba, July 23, 1:30 p. m. Privileges will be sold subject to rules and regulations of the Directors. For further particulars, write R. W. Burleson, Chairman, Concessions Committee, San Saba, Texas. 18-2tc.

Miss Esther Donop is spending a couple weeks in Port Arthur on her vacation, visiting with friends and relatives.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

FARM BUREAU COTTON POOL IS NOW AN ASSURED SUCCESS

Births
 Mr. and Mrs. Claud Polk, a boy, July 5th.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Turner, a girl, June 24th.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dobbs, a boy, July 2.
 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hahn, a boy, July 8th.
 Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ferguson, a boy, July 8th.

Following is a statement given out Wednesday morning by W. Marshall, Demonstration Agent for Mason County:

"You will perhaps be interested in knowing that the Farm Bureau cotton pool is now an assured success. Up to July 7th, 578,000 bales have been signed for and there are still a good many contracts in the hands of the farmers. Some of the contracts are still continuing the signing campaign and it is estimated that at least three quarters of a million bales will be signed. It will be remembered that unless as much as one million bales were signed for, the signers had the option of withdrawing, or can sign a card sent out from the State office, authorizing the forming of a 500,000 bale pool. Nearly everyone is signing this agreement. You will also all receive a card on which you will find the names of two men printed who are to be elected as directors form this district. It is your duty to vote for a director as in this way you will have some voice in the management of the Cotton pool. Should you know someone else that you had rather have, you can scratch both and put another name in.

"The pool is now assured, as stated before, and anyone wanting to sign can get contracts from this office.

I am advised by letter from College Station today that some member of the boys or girls livestock clubs of the State will be given a free trip on the Banker-Farmer livestock special. The member who makes the highest grade on examination will get the trip. The questions will be selected from a list of eighty-four questions, a copy of which can be gotten from this office."

Mr. Marshall also announces that Miss Addie Sullivan, of the State Extension Department, will give two canning demonstrations in Mason County, one to be held on July 20, a place for which, has not been definitely decided upon, and on the 21st, the demonstration will be held at the court house in Mason. Everyone interested in canning, is urged to attend these demonstrations.

Miss Mary Jane Puckey went to Junction Monday to visit with Miss Clara Fritz for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Howard, nee Carrie Willmann, arrived in Mason last Saturday from Lockhart and are visiting Mrs. Howard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Willmann.

Marriage License

Arthur Prater and Miss Lara Townsend, July 8th.
 Fritz Pape and Miss Adene W. Mueck, July 9th.
 Mr. Henry Durst and Miss Darathia Muller, July 13th.

FOR BLUE BUGS

and all Blood-Sucking Insects, simply feed "Martin's Blue Bug Remedy" to your chickens. Your money back if not satisfied. Ask Mason Drug Company, Both Stores. 9-20t.

S. V. Wood and daughter, Miss Ola, spent a short time in Mason the past week, visiting in the home of Mr. Wood's son, H. S. Wood. They left the first of the week for their home in Blanket, Brown County. Miss Cleo Wood accompanied them home on a short visit.

You'll enjoy the pictures at the Star Opera House. Shows every Friday and Saturday night. Don't forget, it starts at 8:30 o'clock.

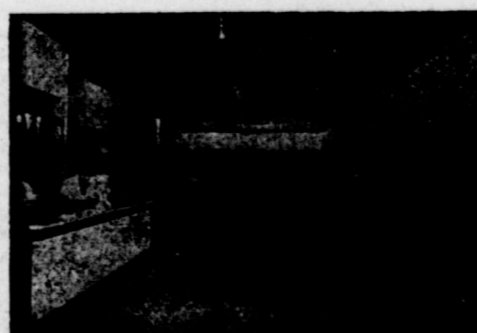
Dor W. Brown left Monday for San Angelo, at which place he and his family are preparing to move and where Mr. Brown will serve Tom Green County in the capacity of County Farm Demonstration Agent. Mr. Brown stated that he would go to the State A. & M. College to take the short course and return through Mason in a couple weeks to get his family.

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

Mrs. T. M. Hodges and Mrs. Hugo Kelley, of Junction, were past weekend visitors in Mason. Mrs. Hodges was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. E. W. Schroeder and Mrs. Kelly was a guest of Miss Mayne Smith. They returned to Junction Monday morning.

How dangerous is a kiss? See "Cousin Kate" Saturday, July 16th at the Star.

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KU KLUX PROBE BY LEGISLATURE ASKED BY ROUNTREE

AUSTIN, Tex.—A legislative investigation of the Ku Klux Klan in Texas will be proposed in a resolution to be introduced at the special session of the Legislature on its opening day, it was announced Saturday by Representative Lee J. Rountree of Brazos County, who said he would introduce the resolution.

It is not proposed to make the investigation with a view to stamping out the Klan in Texas, if it is found that there is such an organization, Representative Rountree said, but to merely find out what the organization is doing and what its aims are.

"We do not propose by this resolution to prevent the organization, but we want merely to find out if there is such a Klan," he said. "We are doubtful if there is such an organization, and since the grand juries of several counties have failed to find that there is such, we want to know. Yet men are charged with being members of the Klan."

"If reports are true," said Representative Moore, "the Klan has been doing good work in Texas, and should be supported by the best citizenship of the State, seeking to suppress lawlessness, but we merely want to know if the Klan is in existence."

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MORE MEN TO FOLLOW PROFESSION OF TEACHERS

AUSTIN, Tex., July 14.—More men than usual are applying for positions as teachers, according to Miss Miriam Dozier, secretary of the Teachers Appointment Committee of the University of Texas, although women are still in the majority among the applicants. She states that there are now on the list of available applicants names of men who would make good high school superintendents and principals, as well as the names of those who would accept positions as village principals.

Many teachers are now being supplied positions by the committee, and there is a more normal supply of teachers than at any time since the war, Miss Dozier says. This work is always heavy, during the summer months, but it is said to be even more noticeable during the present year. Students in the University Summer Normal and Summer School have enrolled with the committee on teachers, and there are many applicants with second grade certificates who would fit into rural school positions. On the other hand there are many candidates for college positions among the graduate students with Master of Arts degrees.

There has been a gradual increase in the number of calls for teachers and in the list of applicants since the Teachers Appointment Committee was established in 1912 for the benefit of University students. During last year there were 1481 calls for teachers in comparison with 231 calls the first year.

We loan you a battery while recharging your own. L. F. Eckert Garage.

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the

FIRST STATE BANK

at Mason, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1921, published in the Mason County News, a newspaper printed and published at Mason, State of Texas, on the 14th day of July, 1921.

Resources	
Loans and discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$82,314.19
Loans, real estate	1,500.00
Overdrafts	3,972.32
Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,387.78
Due from other banks and bankers, and cash on hand	21,733.49
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund	750.00
Assessment depositors' guaranty fund	707.83
Other Resources	47.60
TOTAL.....	\$115,413.21

Liabilities	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 25,000.00
Undivided profits, net.....	4,631.61
Individual deposits, subject to check	73,665.52
Cashier's checks	116.08
Bills payable and rediscouunts	12,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$115,413.21

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.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of July, A. D., 1921.

(Seal) ROSCOE RUNGE,
Notary Public, Mason County, Texas
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OSCAR SEAQUIST,
F. B. McCOLLUM,
E. W. KOTHMANN,
Directors.

DOCTOR TARRED AND LASHED. HE REPORTS

QUITMAN, Tex.—A doctor living at Pine Mills, Wood County, came here and reported to Sheriff Jolly that he was taken from his home Thursday night and whipped and tar applied to his body.

No arrests have been made, and there is no clew leading to identity of the members of the tar party.

EL PASOAN ARRESTED UNDER MANN ACT

Wichita Falls.—Charges of violation of the Mann Act were filed Saturday against Herbert A. Smith of El Paso by Federal officials. Smith is charged with transporting a woman from Dunlap, Okla., to Electra.

Two other men were arrested Sunday on charges of criminal assault in Wichita Falls, the prosecuting witness being a 15-year-old girl.

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SOUTH TEXAS NEEDS PICKERS OF BIG CROP

CORPUS CHRISTI.—Several thousand more cotton pickers will be needed in South Texas within the next two weeks to harvest the largest cotton crop in its history, according to Roy Miller, secretary of the Rural Land Owners' Association, which comprises the twenty southernmost counties of the State.

The crop will average more than a bale to the acre in many places, Miller says.

DEATH IS VERDICT IN VICKERS CASE

The death penalty was returned against Ernest Vickers, alias Blackie Kelley, in the Criminal District Court Saturday at 5 p. m. The jury was out four hours.

Vickers is charged with killing J. B. Loper, special officer for the Frisco, who was slain on the night of October 20th when he refused to "stick 'em up" as commanded by a highwayman on the Texas & Pacific reservation.

Assistant District Attorneys Tolbert, Martin and Parker argued the case for the State in the order named. Sam Calloway and Harvey P. Shead presented the defense argument.

Just as Shead left the court room at the close of his argument he was met by Oscar Loper, brother of the dead man. Loper struck him in the face, according to eyewitnesses. Loper is believed to have taken exception to statements Shead made in arguing for striking him and that there probably would be no assault case made against Loper. The jury had just been placed in its room and did not witness the difficulty between the men.

FOUR HELD FOR 'SHOVING QUEER IN DALLAS

DALLAS.—Two more arrests were made today in connection with counterfeiting, indulgers in which have been doing a "landoffice business" here for several days. The men arrested are being held in the county jail.

To date, four men have been arrested in connection with the counterfeiting. Half dollars, poor imitations, were the coins the "shovers of the queer" handled here. Police believe they now have the "brains" of the organization under arrest.

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FARMER TAKES CURE FOR MAD COW BITE

SHERMAN, Tex.—P. I. Francis, Grayson County farmer, who was bitten on his hand by a cow, which later died in convulsions from what was pronounced by a veterinary surgeon as rabies, is at his home after receiving treatment in Sherman.

The cow was the family milk cow and nothing wrong with her was noticed until Thursday at milking time when the cow became violent. A veterinarian was called but the cow gave battle to those who attempted to treat her.

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"COUSIN KATE" MAKES UNUSUAL FILM PRODUCTION

Alice Joyce Has Pleasing Role in Picture Version of Famous Play

Her mother's urging rather than her own heart caused Amy to accept Heath Desmond as her fiance. She regrets the action when she finds the young artist painting on Sunday and talking rather flippantly of his sin.

Encouraged by the advice of the young curate, who really wants the girl for himself, Amy sends Heath away.

This is the beginning of a dramatic situation in "Cousin Kate" a Charles Frohman play by Hubert Henry Davies, which has been visualized by Vitagraph as an Alice Joyce production, directed by Mrs. Sidney Drew. It will be shown at the Star Theater on Saturday night, July 16th.

The following day Amy regrets her hasty action and sends her brother, Bobby, to Heath's apartment with a conciliatory message. Bobby learns that the artist has gone away, taking baggage and leaving no word as to when he will return.

Mrs. Spencer and Amy are in dismay. The wedding date is only three days away, and many invitations have been issued. The Rev. Mr. Bartlett arrives and tries to comfort the pair, telling them that perhaps it is all for the best in spite of the embarrassment of the situation. Actually the clergyman is pleased, as he wishes to marry Amy himself.

Mrs. Spencer, at a loss for some explanatory announcement of Heath's disappearance, decides to await the arrival of Cousin Kate, an alert minded and ever resourceful young woman, who is due for the wedding.

Meanwhile Heath has repented of his act, and he turns back. In the train homeward bound he chances to make the acquaintance of a woman of rare charm and fascinating manner. He falls madly in love with her and knows that she cares for him.

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"Do you think it is healthy to keep your hogs in the house?" a social investigator asked a native.

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BIG STILL FOUND NEAR ANGELO

One hundred and fifty gallons of liquor, probably intended for July Fourth consumption, went to waste when Rickey Wells and Charlie Corbin, local service car operators, were arrested Sunday morning while cooking breakfast at the Middle Concho river on Tom Peltam's ranch, 14 miles west of San Angelo.

Complaints, charging the illicit manufacture of liquor, were filed Monday morning in Justice J. O. Frink's court and it was stated that examining trials will likely be conducted Tuesday morning. W. A. Anderson has been employed as counsel for the men in jail.

Frank Duckworth, sheriff, Wayne Green, deputy, George W. Cunningham, police chief, and Sam Haynes his

Government Tax Receipts.

Washington.—Total tax receipts by the government for the fiscal year ending June 30 were \$4,593,933,248, of which \$3,212,713,489 was derived from income and profit taxes, the bureau of internal revenue announced Friday.

Steamer Sunk by Mine.

Washington.—The shipping board steamer Mopang struck a mine while entering Burgas harbor, in the Black Sea, July 5, and sank in five minutes, according to reports to the board Friday. There was no loss of life.

Dupont Appointed to Seat.

Dover, Del.—General T. Coleman Dupont was Thursday appointed United States Senator from Delaware by Governor Denny to succeed Josiah O. Wolcott, who resigned last week to become chancellor of Delaware.

Ship Takes 10,576 Bales Cotton.

Houston, Tex.—The shipping board vessel Houston departed for Bremen Friday with a cargo of 10,576 bales of cotton. The total cotton exported this year amounts to 433,632 bales.

Gold Consigned to U. S.

New York.—Gold valued at approximately \$10,000,000 arrived from France Tuesday on the steamships France and Lorraine consigned to bankers.

Wheat Is Pooled.

Fargo, N. D.—Three million bushels of wheat have been signed in North Dakota to be marketed through the United States Grain Growers, Inc. practically all of it being pooled, it was announced Wednesday.

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deputy surprised Wells and Corbin Sunday morning. They were alighting from their car before they were seen and the two men surrendered without attempting to escape or offering resistance.

The still consisted of a large boiler, copper coil and three 50 gallon barrels, each filled to capacity with fermented mash of corn and peaches. Officers said the mash was ready to go to the boiler and empty bottles nearby gave evidence that the liquor was about to be drawn off. The still and sufficient mash for evidence was brought to town and the rest of the intoxicating beverage was fed to the fishes.—San Angelo Standard.

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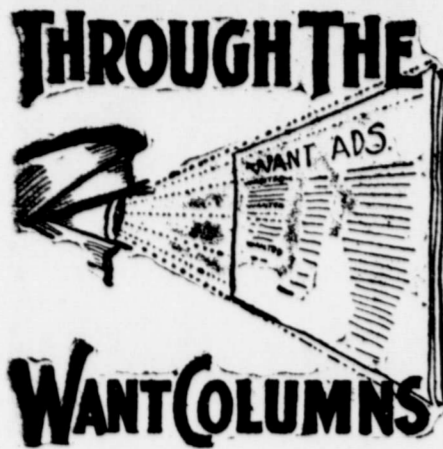
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LOST—Somewhere about town, last Saturday evening, a S. H. N. I. class pin for year 1921. Finder, please notify News Office. 1tp.

FOR SALE—Privileges and all kinds of concessions for Confederate Reunion, August 3-4-5 to be auctioned off July 20th. 10,000 people expected daily. Write G. C. KIRK, Chairman Concessions, Brady, Texas. 1tc

MULES WANTED—I want a good span of young mules; must be gentle and not under 15 hands high nor over 5 years old. Also want a cow pony not over 15 hands high nor over 5 years old and gentle. Frank Brandenberger. 17-2tp.

SHEEP LOST—About thirty-six head strayed from my place; some branded K on nose; one belled ewe in bunch. Anyone knowing whereabouts, please notify Emeth Keller. 14tf

FOR SALE—A big bone Poland China Boar, registered. Took first prize Mason Co. Annual Live Stock Exhibit the past April. Twelve months old May 12, 1921. See owner, E. L. Horton. 14tf

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELECTION

State of Texas, County of Mason.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 30th day of July, 1921, at the Katemey School House in Common County Line School District No. 27 of Mason and McCulloch counties, Texas, as established by the County Board of Trustees of Mason County of date the 20th day of April, 1921, which is of record in Book designated "Record of School Districts No. 1" on page 11 to 16, inclusive, and as established by the County Board of Trustees of McCulloch County, Texas, of date the 2nd, day of May, 1921, which is of record in Book designated "Record of School Districts" pages 77, 78 and 79, to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified taxpaying voters of that district desire to tax themselves for the purpose of supplementing the State School Fund apportioned to said district and to determine whether the Commissioners' court of Mason and McCulloch counties, Texas, shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually a tax of and at the rate of not exceeding 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property in said district located in the respective counties for said purpose.

E. W. Jordan has been appointed presiding officer for said election and he shall select one judge and one clerk to assist him in holding the same, and he shall within five days after said election has been held, make due return thereof to the commissioners' court of this county as is required by law for holding a general election.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and of Mason and McCulloch counties and who are resident property taxpayers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election and all voters who favor taxation for school purposes shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"For Maintenance Tax".

And those opposed to such taxation shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"Against Maintenance Tax".

Said election was ordered by the County Judge of this County by order made on the 27th day of June, 1921, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated this the 28th day of June, 1921.

CHAS. LESLIE,
16-3t Sheriff, Mason County, Texas.

TRICKING JACK

By MILDRED WHITE.

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I shall never forget the morning of our meeting. I had arisen early, to escape Ursula's vigilance, and had gone down to the sea. I loved Ursula, but her too constant interest in my welfare fretted me, until I felt like an imprisoned bird. Poor soul, she was ever fearful lest the sun be too hot or the breeze too cold, or the walk too tiring down the beach.

So I ran through the early dewy morning down to the water's edge, and I wore my bathing suit beneath a long coat. And when I had floated for awhile in the sunlit waters, I came again to the beach and wrapped in the plaid cloak, sat drying my hair.

The slight adventure of eluding Ursula had given to me a tinge of adventurous spirit, so that I was not surprised at that early hour to hear a man's voice at my elbow. For the man was but part of my adventure, you see, 'til I turned to look into his face. Then, well, I have heard of such things before, and have scoffed at them, but here was no more care-free adventure for me, but woman's love, come at first sight. He was just my man; the one I had dreamed of unconsciously, and had known in my heart that I should one day meet. So it had been easy to be indifferent to the others who came seeking, in my waiting for him. Now he was here. He had come from a brisk walk, it seemed, down the shining road, and had stopped for a breath of ocean air. At least that is what my man thought, so straight and tall; but his stopping was really—to find me. Ursula would have mocked at my romancing, but I knew. I fell into conversation with him easily, and he lingered and dropped half reluctantly to the sands at my side, and I learned that he was studying, through difficulties, to be a civil engineer, and was now taking a short vacation; that a friend had suggested this seaside resort, and I happened to know the friend he named. But I did not tell him so. Neither did I tell my own name, or aught of my affairs, but arose quickly at sound of the seven o'clock whistle and ran on up the sands just waving my hand in farewell. I surmised that my man of the dark, kindly eyes was stopping at the more modestly appointed, "Bon View" near the wood, with the companion whom he had named. And, accidentally, I came upon the two together that afternoon as I almost rounded the bench-tree in the park. They were seated beneath the tree, and when I heard what they said I withdrew without being observed.

"You must stay," Ned Fane, the friend was saying. "Miss Devitt Smith is here. You must meet her, Jack—"

And then it was that I heard myself retuted, he would have none of me, this dear, big—Jack. My name was known to him, through the papers. He—well, in his own half-sneering words, he "would not aspire."

So I set out to trick him. Happiness is such a rare and beautiful thing, that one must not let it escape when it brushes by, leaving one's life forever desolate.

I bought two little gingham dresses at the village store, just two, no more, a pink and a blue. The rustic straw hat they sold me was most becoming. I loved its stiff blue bow and its pink, pink rose. And I was seated in the only seat on the train that could accommodate just one more. The disdainful Jack person, I learned, was going back to the city that morning. And, more than this, I knew the name of the small town where his own people lived. Mr. Jack Bevors visited often there.

I had left a brief note on Ursula's pillow. I would take good care of myself, I promised her, and be back before the end of the season. And though that was the extent of my information, I felt free and conscience clear as my big man entered the car and came straight to my side. He remembered that early morning meeting, you see, and accepted the fact of my provincial appearance happily. And as we rode chatting together, he professed himself pleased at the discovery that my residence was to be in his own home town.

It was not difficult for me to obtain board in that town, when I offered to help with household tasks, and in my new position I was having a very good time.

I sat on the tiny porch at evening, and saw much, very much, of Jack. I called him Mr. Bevor, politely. The disapproval of his family troubled me not at all, nor the uncharitable speculation concerning myself in the village. I wore my pink gingham and my blue gingham, and kept them fresh, and Mr. Jack told me how lovely I would look in silks and lawn—and we were married. Yes, we were, with the country minister's daughter, only, for witness. I cried, at leaving

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"I am Annette Devitt-Smith," I told him, "though I have led you to call me by my home name of just Nan. For if you would love only a humble Nan Smith, and despise a poor girl for her millions—why, what else is there for me to do?"

And then, triumphant, I slipped away to telegraph Ursula to have the town house in readiness for our welcome.

NO QUARREL ON THAT POINT

Father and Small Daughter in Complete Agreement Concerning Classification of Relatives.

There lived with an eminent divine his two sisters, Mary and Jane. One morning he was deeply engrossed in a new treatise he was preparing, when his young daughter was brought to him by her governess.

"I have to report Miss Ellen for a terrible thing. She called her Aunt Mary a—a—a d—d fool!" said the governess.

"How terrible!" responded the divine. "Did you call your Aunt Mary this awful thing?"

"No, father. I didn't," faltered the youngster. "I called her a fool—but not a—a—a d—d fool."

"Well, even that is very wicked of you," he replied, "but as you did not use that awful adjective I will forgive you. You may go." And he returned to his writing.

The youngster, however, did not go. "Please, father," she said, presently, "I didn't call Aunt Mary a d—d fool. I called her a fool. But—I—I—I did call Aunt Jane a d—d fool!"

"Yes, yes!" he mumbled, without looking up from his work; "I quite agree. That is the precise distinction between them that I usually make myself!"—London Tit-Bits.

Sees to It.

"In former times the man who lived in a small town saw little of life."

"And now."

"Now the same films go everywhere."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

BACHELORS KNOWN TO FAME

List is Not Overlong, but There Have Been Some Great Men Who Remained Single.

Who is the most famous bachelor in history? While, as is natural to expect, a large majority of the notables of the past have been married men, there have been a few who have attained prominence in the world of art, of science, of statesmanship and in war without the aid of a "better half."

One who had as much claim as any other to the distinction of most eminent bachelor is Michelangelo, one of the greatest figures of the past. Voltaire, scientist and statesman, is another great man who remained single.

In the realm of warfare few of the really great have remained bachelors. Perhaps the most eminent is Lord Kitchener, who was so largely responsible for England's military strength in the World war.

Eliminating these few the list presents a more complicating problem to one who would pick the greatest. There are several others of about equal prominence. Among the painters Raphael stands out as one of the greatest to die unmarried. Chopin and Beethoven achieved fame in the realm of music without the inspiration of a helpmate.

Several modern writers, poets and essayists achieved prominence by themselves. Charles Lamb, Alexander Pope, Walt Whitman, Phillips Brooks, Henry James, Whittier and Swinburne head the list.

Petrarch was an unmarried historian, and Cecil Rhodes, also single, attained great prominence. Few men have become famous as statesmen without marrying before the end of their career. President Buchanan was a notable exception.

MASON BALL TEAM LOSES TO FREDERICKSBURG WEDNESDAY

The Mason Eagles went to Fredericksburg Wednesday afternoon and met the fast team of that place on their diamond. The game was interesting throughout, which is evidenced by the fact that the score was 4 to 0 in favor of the Fredericksburg team.

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RANCH BRANCH BEATS PETERS PRAIRIE IN BASEBALL GAME

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DR. BYLER COMING

The News is authorized to announce that Dr. R. D. Byler, of San Antonio, will be in Mason the first week in August to remain several days. Parties desiring dental work will find him at his office in the C. C. Smith building, where he will be pleased to have his friends and patrons call on him. 18-3tc

Attorney S. C. Rowe arrived in Mason Tuesday from Fort Worth to join his wife and children who are here visiting relatives. He expects to remain a week and upon returning home will be accompanied by Mrs. Rowe and the two girls.

James Cravey was here the first of the week from the Blue Mountain country, and took the occasion to renew his lease on the News.

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