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Mason Is Soon To Have A New Drug Store

TO BE LOCATED IN McDOUGALL BUILDING—"THE OWL"

Talk about a new drug store for Mason has been rumored for several weeks, but it was not until this week when Mr. Robt. R. Jaroszewski, formerly of Hallettsville, secured a lease on the McDougall Building in which to open the proposed business, was it definitely given out that a new drug store would become a reality in our little city.

Mr. Jaroszewski, who is a pharmacist with about twelve years' experience and who recently sold his drug store at Hallettsville, is to be manager of the new business to be opened here. This gentleman is to be associated with local men as stockholders in the business and it is announced the name of the new firm will be The Owl Drug Store. In a conversation with Mr. Jaroszewski on Tuesday a News reporter was informed the names of the owners and stockholders would not be made public at this time, but same would be furnished for publication later.

The new drug store will be located in the McDougall building, which is now occupied on the lower floor by the City Bakery and the City Meat Market and on the upper floor by Dr. W. F. Schauer and E. W. Schroeder. Possession of the building is to be secured the first of February and according to Mr. Jaroszewski, a couple of weeks will be required to remodel the building and prepare it for occupancy as a drug store; making it possible to open for business about the fifteenth of the month.

It was stated that the new firm proposes to carry a complete line of drugs and sundries and will in due time add to its equipment an up-to-date fountain, however, it is not likely the fountain will be installed at present.

MONDAY'S SHOWER AMOUNTED TO THREE-TENTHS OF AN INCH

It looked for awhile like this section was to get a good general soaking last Monday morning, but the pleasant anticipation of a good rain soon dwindled. Again Monday night rain began to fall and from all appearances it had started in for a good one, but again our hopes were shattered. It is said the precipitation of Monday morning and that night amounted to about three-tenths of an inch, according to the gauge at the Mason National Bank. It was a starter and from reports around the attempt was for a general rain in this section.

Work on Streeter Road Completed This Week

C. T. Nanny, one of the good farmers who reside west of Mason, was a caller at the News office while in town Wednesday. Mr. Nanny stated the work of grading the old Streeter road was completed this week and travel was permitted over the road for the first time, on Wednesday. He says the road is a dandy and as soon as more rain falls the grader and drags will be put over it a few more times, and it will be as good as any highway. This strip of road has been in very bad condition for some time and travel had almost been stopped over that route.

The people of that section are to be congratulated upon the splendid work they have accomplished and for their untiring efforts.

STORE AT PONTOTOC BURGLARIZED

It is said the store of John E. Latham, of Pontotoc, was burglarized one night recently. Mr. Latham also operates the Post Office of that place in connection with his store, but we have been unable to ascertain details regarding the incident.

J. H. Pike was here Thursday from his farm in the Streeter section and took a new lease on the News. Mr. Pike stated the rain Monday morning and night has enabled a few of the farmers in his community to start plowing.

Taxes Coming in Slow States Collector Leslie

LESS THAN 800 POLL TAXES PAID UP TO TUESDAY AFTERNOON

With but about two more weeks left in which taxes are to be paid, Tax Collector, Chas. Leslie, says a good big bulk of the tax-payers are yet to visit his office. This information was given out Tuesday afternoon, and the figures given below represent the number of poll tax receipts and exemptions certificates issued and cars registered up to three o'clock that afternoon.

There had been a total of 389 cars registered, 758 poll tax receipts issued and 21 exemption certificates issued.

Poll taxes paid by boxes up to that time were as follows:

1. Mason	255
2. Wagram	21
3. Katemey	66
4. Grit	48
5. Streeter	37
6. Grossville	23
7. Hilda	50
8. Loyal Valley	23
9. Art	26
10. Capps	25
11. Fredonia	36
12. Pontotoc	55
13. Eaton	35
14. Ranch Branch	30
15. Bauer	28
Exemptions	21
Total	779

First Term of School For This Session Closes

EXAMS BEING GIVEN THIS WEEK, STUDENTS MUST MAKE AVERAGE OF "C" ON GRADES

This week closes the first term of the present session of the Mason Public Schools. In the high school, the last three days of the week will be devoted to examinations. Cards will not be given out until some time next week. The new ruling as to passing in the high school is causing some worry on the part of the students. Until this year an average of "C" for the term was sufficient to pass a student regardless of how low he might fall on the examination. In the same way it was possible for a student to make extremely low grades on his monthly grades, and then by "cramming" just before the examinations, make a grade sufficient to pass him regardless of the fact that his work for the term had been unsatisfactory. Under the present ruling, which was adopted by the School Board last spring when the school bulletin was being prepared for publication and which was published in the bulletin, a high school student must make at least "C" on both examination and monthly work. In other words, it is considered that one who does not know at least three-fourths of what he is supposed to know in order to be promoted that he should take the work over again. This rule is an old and well established custom among the best schools.

During the examinations a student who has no examination for any particular day may stay at home if he likes. Usually, however, it will be better for him to come to school as usual. There will be teachers there to help him in any of his work that he wants help with. The faculty is anxious to have all who can to pass, and that at least a good per cent make high grades. Grades, however, rest with the student and not with the teacher. The teacher has no choice in most cases.

At the beginning of last week a section of each the second and third grade were placed under Mrs. R. E. Lee to be taught in her home. This was made necessary in order to relieve the overcrowded condition in the three lower grades. The sudden increase in attendance was due largely to the fact that the compulsory attendance term began last week.

Below is given a copy of the report made by the high school supervisor after inspecting the school here. It will be noticed that for once in the history of the school no serious criticism is made of our schools. We have at last emerged from under the threat of having our rank lowered, and are spoken

Breakdown at Power Plant Puts Town In Darkness for A Week

CURRENT TO BE RESTORED THIS WEEK—REPAIRS MADE IN SAN ANTONIO

A breakdown at the local power plant last Thursday night has caused the town of Mason to be without current and lights for several days.

The trouble is attributed to the breaking of a part on the large engine which pulls the machinery at the plant. Mr. Arch Metzger was operating at the plant when the breakdown occurred and it is said he had cut off steam for closing down the plant Thursday night and in some manner the large fly wheel on the engine caused the crank shaft, or whatever it was, to be carried around a few additional turns and resulted in the broken piece on the engine.

It was thought at the time the plant would be out of commission for several weeks, but upon the advice of Wm. Ellebracht, who represents the Alamo Iron Works of San Antonio, and who happened to arrive in the city Friday afternoon, the piece was removed from the engine Saturday morning and was taken to San Antonio on Sunday for repair. Mr. Beyer, of the company, and J. E. Barber took the piece down on the latter's truck, after having been advised by the Alamo Iron Works that they could either weld or cast a new piece on Monday or Tuesday. It is said they expect to be able to return to Mason with the necessary repairs by the middle of this week, and unless further delay is occasioned, hope to have the plant in operation shortly after the arrival.

While the breakdown seriously inconvenienced the patrons and owners of the plant, it is considered fortunate that the trouble occurred at this time and not at a busier time of the year. It is announced that this is the first trouble of any consequence experienced by the local plant within the past sixteen years, at which time the large engine, which is now out of commission was installed.

of as likely to become "one of the best schools in the State". Whoever may be responsible for all of this change in rank of the Mason High School, the pupils who attend the school are due the greater part of the credit, for without the right kind of pupils to do the class of work demanded of first class schools, the work of the teachers, superintendent, and board are of no avail. If your boy or girl has been one of those who have helped to raise the rank of our school, he deserves some praise from you for the part that he has played. He is human. Honestly earned praise is always appreciated.

Report of High School Supervisor
The work of classifying and accrediting the public schools of Texas is under the direction of a State Committee composed of six members chosen by the public schools and six by the colleges. This committee determines the conditions upon which the high schools are classified and accredited for the purpose of establishing educational standards, encouraging schools to attain these standards, and certifying those that have attained them so as to facilitate the transfer of students to any other school or college.

The regulations as prescribed by this Committee are administered by the State Department of Education through high school supervisors. In the visits of the supervisors and in their reports to school authorities recommendations are offered in the spirit of cooperation and helpful suggestion, with the earnest desire that all school authorities will join with the State Department of Education in raising standards of secondary education in Texas.

In order that the school may be properly certified it is essential that the minimum requirements as outlined in Bulletin 132 be met. To that end, the supervisor who recently visited your school makes the following recommendations:

1. The physical plant of the Mason school is the same as reported last year and is entirely inadequate. How-

Work Started on Lutheran Parsonage This Week

BUILDING WILL BE A TEN-ROOM, TWO STORY DWELLING

Work was started Monday to remodel the Lutheran parsonage. The work of tearing down the present stone building was begun Monday morning and by noon the roof had been removed and the walls torn down to a uniform height of about fourteen feet.

It is stated the new building will have a second story added, and is to be built of concrete blocks and when completed will contain ten rooms, an up and down stairs, hall and two sleeping porches at the southeast corner. Large and spacious L shaped porches will be added to both floors on the northeast corner of the building. The work of making the concrete blocks for the proposed building has been in progress for several weeks and all material for hurrying the building to an early completion is on hand and if no unexpected delays present themselves it is thought the parsonage will be ready for occupancy within a very reasonable time. We are informed the lower story of the building will be plastered over with concrete and given an appearance to correspond with that of the upper portion upon completion.

The parsonage is to be equipped with modern conveniences and will be one of Mason's most modern dwellings.

Llano Citizen Ends Own Life By Suicide Monday

The sad news of the death of Leslie Breazeale, of Llano reached friends and relatives here Monday afternoon. Information is to the effect that Mr. Breazeale death came at his own hands, having shot himself in the right side with a 30-30 rifle and death resulted instantly. It is stated that it is not known exactly what time the tragedy occurred, but soon after noon one of his daughters came home and found the lifeless body on a bed.

No reason is attributed to the cause of the suicide except that deceased had been suffering from ill health for some time, and it is believed this was the principal reason for ending his life. He leaves a wife and three children with a number of other relatives and friends to mourn his untimely death. Those going from Mason to Llano to attend the funeral Tuesday afternoon at Llano, were Clint Breazeale and mother, Mrs. A. Tinsley, and Miss Sweet Oatman.

MRS. FRANCIS LEIFESTE DIED IN FLORIDA ON JANUARY 5TH

Mrs. Francis R. Leifeste died on the 5th of this month at her home in Plant City, Florida. It is said her death was caused from cancer of the stomach.

Mrs. Leifeste was a sister to Mrs. H. Puckey, S. C. and H. O. and Theb. Brockman, of this place.

ever, the contract has been let for a new high school building and the remodeling of the old building used as an elementary school. When completed this new building will be a splendid asset to the community and will enable the Mason schools to rank among the best in the State.

The supervisor recommends that careful attention be given to the purchase of equipment for the new structure in order that the equipment may be on par with the building.

2. The maps for history are not of an approved type and should be discarded and new sets of maps installed.

3. Papers may be submitted to the examiners in the following:
Spanish, two units; animal production, one and one-half units; civics, one half unit additional; American History one-half unit additional; advanced arithmetic, one-half unit; general science, one unit.

Attention is called to the general science laboratory work. Sixty experiments are required and two double laboratory periods per week must be scheduled.

Rainfall Here for 1921 Acounts to 13.21 Inches

LARGEST RAIN FOR THE YEAR FELL AUGUST 31ST

The total rainfall for the year 1921 for this immediate section of the county amounted to 13.21 inches according to the rain gauge at the Mason National Bank and according to the figures of A. E. Grosse, who has furnished the News with the following dates and figures:

January 11th	.01
January 24th	.25
February 6th	.19
February 17th	.13
March 1st	.99
March 8th	.42
March 13th	.57
March 18th	1.09
March 19th	.41
April 12th	.67
April 21st	.48
April 23rd	.18
May 1st	.42
May 9th	.28
May 17th	.50
June 8th	.66
June 12th	.50
June 20th	.50
June 23rd	.31
July 7th	.98
August 31st	1.25
September 9th	.80
September 25th	.62
December 1st	1.00
Total for year	13.21

It will be noticed in this connection, that no rainfall at all was registered during the months of October and November. News readers need not refer to the above figures to recall to mind that the year 1921 was very dry, but a close observation of the figures will cause one to realize the fact more firmly.

LEGION TO PRESENT PLAY AT JUNCTION ON FRIDAY NIGHT

It is announced that the home talent play entitled, "Tony, The Convict", which was recently staged at the Star Theater in this city under the auspices of the Fort Mason Post of American Legion, is to be staged at Junction next Friday night.

The play took so well when presented here, that it was decided to make an effort to present it elsewhere, and the Junction Post of American Legion offered to pay all expenses of the play and go fifty-fifty with the local post on the gross receipts.

Petition Being Circulated To Reduce Bond Issue In District No. 1

It has been announced a petition is being circulated among the voters of Road District No. 1, One in an effort to get the Commissioners Court to reduce the size of the recent road bond issue from \$20,000 to \$5,000.

We are informed the road district believes such a procedure at this time would be the most proper step to take, considering the circumstances. A tax of 36 cents on the hundred dollars valuation has already been assessed and is being collected to care for the \$20,000 worth of road bonds and it is said a large amount of the taxes will be refunded if the court grants the proposed reduction.

The Commissioners have been in session this week and have had much business to dispose of, and have postponed a detailed discussion on this matter until they see what will be the result in getting signers to the petition. Mr. Lamar Thaxton, attorney for the road district, stated a few days ago that little trouble is being experienced in getting signers to the petition and he is of the opinion practically every voter will place his name on the petition.

Mrs. Ben Pluenneke returned home from San Antonio yesterday and it is said she is much improved since her recent operation.

Underwood and Remington ribbons at News Office for 80 cents.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

Equip your homes and places of business with electricity and use labor-saving electrical appliances.

We are prepared to get you anything you need in this line.

Current every day from 5:30 to 11 p. m. and from 6 to 8 a. m.

Current all day on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Mason Ice & Power Co.

LOCAL UNDERTAKERS NOW HAVE A MOTOR DRIVEN BEARSE.

Henry Hofmann and Bro., local undertakers, announce the completion of their motor driven hearse and it is said from now on the new hearse will be used when they are in charge of funerals.

We are informed the body from the old horse-drawn hearse was removed from the frame and placed on a Studebaker-Six chassis, after a thorough overhauling was given the engine and new fenders had been secured. Mr. Hofmann says that the body of the hearse is new and the running gear is of a glass block fish. Parties who have seen the new vehicle say it is a beauty and has the appearance of an up-to-date and modern hearse. Ernest Hofmann tells us they could not have purchased a regular hearse that would compare with the one they now have for less than \$1,000.

SPECIAL

We have a few Edison Records (Re-Creations). Regular prices, \$1.35 and \$1.85. Now on sale, three records for one dollar.

MASON DRUG CO.

Walker White and C. C. Smith went to London last Friday night and it is said they "stepped out" in society. Whether they attended a dance, a party or made a social call, we have been unable to ascertain.

Mrs. Emil Hoerster and little daughter were in the city shopping last Saturday and while here took a renewal on the News for Mr. Hoerster. Mrs. Hoerster stated she is getting along very nicely since a recent surgical operation which was performed by Dr. Witte, of Houston. She is taking a serum treatment which is being administered by Dr. W. W. Beach.

CHICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices.

J. J. JOHNSON

Prof. and Mrs. Albert Lee, who are teaching in the Pontotoc school, were over the past week-end visiting among home folks and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ellebracht, of San Antonio, arrived in Mason last Friday for a visit among relatives and friends. Mr. Ellebracht is representing the Alamo Iron Works, of San Antonio, since the first of the year.

PRESCRIPTIONS

Accurately compounded day and night at Mason Drug Co.

Messrs. Chas. and Max Simon, of Kintle County, were here a short time recently, visiting among relatives and friends of this county. Max is now acting postmaster of Rosevelt and it is said he is expecting to receive his appointment at any time.

REPORT OF MASON'S VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR YEAR 1921

Jan. 31, 1920, Bal. on hand.....	\$ 52.87
Jan. 12, 1921, by dues from members.....	19.50
Feb. 9, 1921, by dues.....	9.00
March 2, 1921, by dues.....	7.75
March 30, 1921, public donation.....	181.42
April 22, 1921, by dues.....	6.00
May 6, 1921, by dues.....	3.00
Oct. 24, 1921, by dues.....	2.00
Total.....	\$281.54

Feb. 2, 1921, paid Mason A. Co. 8.55
 Mar. 7, 1921, Paid Mason A. Co. 2.24
 July 2, 1921, paid Louis Probst 5.10
 Nov. 1, 1921, paid R. Grosse..... 5.75
 Nov. 1, 1921, paid Mason A. Co. 7.60
 Dec. 16, 1921, paid Ed Henrich.....1.45
 Dec. 31, 1921, paid Lee Ecker.....2.00
 Dec. 31, 1921, paid Mason A. Co. 4.50
 Dec. 1, Balance on hand.....\$244.35

We further wish to report that in the year 1921, there were only two fires in the town of Mason. One at Chas. Bierschwal's rent house, damage, \$25; one at Oran Finley's, barn burned, damage, \$125. Total damage \$150.

We, as members of the Mason Volunteer Fire Company, wish to thank the public for their donations in helping us keep up our company in the past year and hope the public will be as liberal in the future.

We are also glad to report that the people of Mason have been very careful with fire, else we would have had more fires in 1921. Let everybody look after their flow in their houses and anything else that might cause fire, so we might be able to report at the end of the year 1922 with no fire. We all know the old saying: "One ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cures."

A. E. GROSSE,
 Secretary-Treasurer.

PRE-WAR PRICES AND LOTS

of Money Saving Opportunities at our January Clearance and White Goods Sale, Begins Saturday, January 14. Come!!

F. J. MAIER,
 Opposite Bank of Fredericksburg,
 Fredericksburg, Texas.

DETAILED CENSUS REPORT ON MASON COUNTY AS COMPILED BY GOVERNMENT CENSUS BUREAU

Color or Race, Nativity and Sex	
TOTAL POPULATION.....	4,824
Male.....	2,476
Female.....	2,348
Native white.....	4,662
Male.....	2,386
Female.....	2,276
Native white—Native parentage.....	4,039
Native white—Foreign parentage.....	357
Native white—Mixed parentage.....	266
Foreign-born white.....	113
Male.....	66
Female.....	47
Negro.....	49
Male.....	24
Female.....	25
1910: Total Population.....	5,683
Age, School Attendance & Citizenship	
Total under 7 years of age.....	764
Total 7 to 13 years, inclusive.....	866
Number attending school.....	775
Percent attending school.....	89. 5
Total 14 and 15 years.....	205
Number attending school.....	173
Per cent attending school.....	84. 4
Total 16 to 17.....	188
Number attending school.....	104
Per cent attending school.....	55. 3
Total 18 to 20 years, inclusive.....	286
Number attending school.....	46
Per cent attending school.....	16. 1
Males 21 years of age and over.....	1,297
Females 21 years of age and over.....	1,218
Males 18 to 33 years, inclusive.....	936
Females 18 to 44 years, inclusive.....	933
Total 10 years of age and over.....	3,686
Number illiterate.....	34
Per cent illiterate.....	0. 9
Per cent illiterate in 1910.....	3. 0
Dwellings and families:	
Dwellings, number.....	1,065
Families, number.....	1,088

ATTENTION CAR OWNERS

We carry a complete stock of Diamond Grid and Willard Storage Batteries. Also the most reliable storage battery charging and overhauling equipment.

Let us care for your Storage Battery.

Free inspection. Satisfaction guaranteed.

MAYO'S GARAGE
 Star Garage Bldg.

W. C. Ellison, the Fredonia confectioner, was a business visitor in the county Capitol last Saturday.

You can't fool the youngsters. They can always tell the difference between Kellogg's and the imitations!



Kellogg's Corn Flakes snap up fussy appetites something wonderful!

No coaxing needed to tempt family folks and visitor folks to eat a plenty—not when there's a big pitcher of milk or cream and lots of Kellogg's Corn Flakes—and, maybe some handy fresh fruit—ready to tickle tickle palates!

Kellogg's are unlike any corn flakes you ever ate! They're the original kind—they ought to be best! No other corn flakes are so deliciously flavored; no other corn flakes retain such wonder-crispness till eaten! And, Kellogg's are never leathery or tough or hard to eat!

Kellogg's are always a delight to serve—and a treat to eat at any meal! In fact, you'll never know how good corn flakes can be until you know KELLOGG'S! The difference is astounding!

Do more than ask for Corn Flakes—say **KELLOGG'S CORN FLAKES!** The kind in the **RED** and **GREEN** package!



KELLOGG'S Corn Flakes are made by the folks who gave you the **JUNGLELAND** Moving Pictures. Coupon inside every package of **KELLOGG'S** Corn Flakes explains how you can obtain another copy of **JUNGLELAND**.

Kellogg's CORN FLAKES

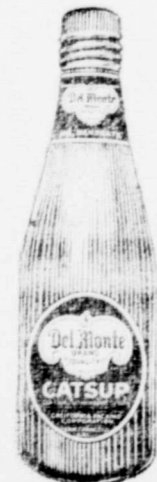
Also makers of **KELLOGG'S KRUMBLES** and **KELLOGG'S BRAN**, cooked and krumbled

Unexpected Company

Quite often makes it necessary to prepare a meal on short notice.



Have you ever inspected our complete line of Del Monte Brand products?



In our store you will find a great variety of articles suitable for making up a first class meal on an occasion of this kind.

Mason Grocery Co.

"A Dollar's Worth for Every Dollar"

PHONE 143

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White returned home Sunday from an absence of a week in San Antonio and Gonzales. Mr. White paid a visit to his brother-in-law, Mr. Murphy, who has been in very bad health and was recently considered in a very serious condition. He states Mr. Murphy was some improved when they left Gonzales. The lower country is very dry, according to Mr. White, and he says farmers are far behind with the preparation of their farms, due to continued dry weather.

New Type Faces

The News has recently added some new faces of job type to its splendid equipment for turning out neat and attractive job printing. We will be pleased to show you some samples of our work and quote prices and estimates or any and all kinds of work from a calling card to a catalog.

You'll enjoy the pictures at the Star Opera House. Shows every Friday and Saturday night. Don't forget, it starts at 7:00 o'clock.

CORROGATED IRON ROOFING

I have plenty of corrugated iron roofing in stock and owing to a recent decline in the prices, can make you some interesting quotations. See me for your needs.

F. LANGE.

If you want printing, we can do it for you and we take pains in turning out neat and attractive work. Get our prices on letter heads, note heads, statements, bill heads, envelopes, wedding and society stationery. **THE NEWS OFFICE.**

Mrs. Earl Baker, of New York City, is a guest in the home of her uncle, W. H. Larrimore, and family. Mrs. Baker arrived in Mason on Sunday afternoon, coming from San Antonio with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White. She will be remembered by her friends in Mason as Miss Verlin Thode. Mrs. Baker will leave Friday for San Antonio, where she intends to spend the week-end with her father, H. Thode, after which she will go to Dallas to visit her sister, Mrs. L. R. Gardner for a few days, then returning to her home.

Pear burners and repairs at F. Lange's Tin Shop. 38-1f.

Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

Underwood and Remington ribbons at News Office for 80 cents.

EGGS—EGGS—EGGS

You'll have plenty Eggs if you feel "Martin's Egg Producer". More eggs or your money back, guaranteed. "Martin's Roup Remedy" cures and prevents Roup. Satisfaction guaranteed by Mason Drug Company. 31-15f

SECOND HAND

FORD CARS AND TRUCKS

On hand and listed with us for sale at prices that are right.

Call at our shop and look them over.

L. F. ECKERT GARAGE

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M. D. LORING & I. E. LARRIMORE,
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Entered at Mason Post Office as second-class mail matter. Absorbed Mason County Star and Fredonia Kicker Nov. 21, 1910. Absorbed Mason Herald September 27, 1912.

Notice of church entertainments where a charge of admission is made, obituaries, cards of thanks, resolutions of respect, and all matters not news, will be charged at the regular advertising rates.

ADVERTISING RATES
Local readers and classified ads 7½ cents per line per issue. Display rates made known on application.
SUBSCRIPTION (always in advance one year) \$1.50

All ads placed in this paper, will be run until ordered out.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ADVERTISERS

DOES EACH ADVERTISEMENT PAY FOR ITSELF

An Eastern merchant of a national reputation stated that his advertising had accomplished three outstanding things: It had built the business to remarkable proportions; it had improved the class of merchandise carried; and lastly, the most important of all, it had made a better man of him!

This was more than a glowing tribute to advertising, it struck a deep fundamental truth—that advertising, aside from increasing sales, exerts a powerful influence on business.

The advertiser takes on new responsibilities; and he has responsibilities thrust upon him. His light is no longer hidden under the proverbial bushel. All that he is and hopes to be; what he sells and how he sells it; the kind of service he gives and the way he gives it; the people he employs and what they say about him—all these are brought under the minute public scrutiny.

Advertising is an investment. It is the source of the greatest commercial asset—public friendliness. And this business good will is the principal that bears a cumulative return, produced by the advertising.

The advertiser who looks no further than the creating of today's sales sees no further than the nose on his face. His vision is warped by the most obvious fact that the advertising is producing results—today. He is too concerned that each advertisement pays for itself in a visible and immediate return.

This does mean that he should substitute good-will advertising for that actually selling the merchandise. Each advertisement must pay for itself, where direct sales are desired. But the selling of merchandise must be combined with selling good-will, which is building sales for the future.

There are two things for which the public spends its money—goods and service. And service in the broader sense, includes the right kind of merchandise at the right price, in that that is really serving the customers' best interests. And in really serving the public, their friendliness is brought around to the extent that they buy, not because you want them to, but because they want to buy from you. And advertising is not securing maximum efficiency if it disregards good will in the sole endeavor to make sales.

Such advertising as does not pay, should never be condoned under the guise that it is good publicity. Each advertisement must have a specific and definite purpose, and be part of the entire campaign. Each advertisement must pay for itself—and does, when properly executed, either in immediate dollars and cents or in unearned increment. So all advertising must produce earned and unearned increment.

The time for cashing-in on the un-

earned increment is when it is needed. Many foresighted firms continued their advertising during the war when they were far over-sold, and they were creating an unearned increment or good will. Now is the time they are cashing it!—American Press.

OH—THOU FOOL

I have spent the days of my life building my business. I have been a slave to that business. My waking hours have been so full of my business that I have lost touch with my fellowman. The night is tedious and long and restless with worry that I cannot shake off, for I have no thought but of my business. My community around me seems nothing more to me than a vast collection of prospects. I hear of men and groups of men who are said to be earnest, public spirited citizens who are seeking to achieve things that mean nothing to me for I see no immediate return in them to my business. Yet, these men are far more successful than I am. And as they pass from the community great industries halt and men linger on their busy way to mourn for one who has been a friend to the community. I pass on tomorrow and only my immediate family would miss me and in business there would be some slight speculation as to who would be the new boss, but this community which has been my bread and butter, that has made it possible for me to raise and educate my family, that has given me everything that I have and which my family will have after me, will not care and will not miss me, for I have been narrow and selfish in my dealings with my city and with the men that have made my city worth while. I have failed to realize that my city could be no more prosperous, no better than the men and business houses in it. I have not been broad enough, far seeing enough to realize that my business could not be a great business without a great city behind it. I have been too selfish and too much engrossed in my own affairs to know that other men were facing the same difficulties as myself and that simple solutions could come thru co-operation. Down the street is a man in the same business. His problems are the same. Yet, I do not know him. I distrust him. How easy it would have been had we met on a common footing and talked things over. What fine things he and I could have done by co-operating for the good of the city. And by making a better city how we could have helped our business. All around me are successful business men, men who are thinkers and have the confidence of the public. These men and I, what is there that working together we could not accomplish for our city? And meeting them for an hour once a week, knowing them so we would be Jack and Joe to each other, talking as only friends can talk, how we would each have profited.—Rockdale Reporter.

WITTY AND WISE

Looks as if the dogs of war were going to have their puppies drowned.—Aurora (Ill.) Star.
Spoiled children come home to roost.—Leavenworth Post. But not till morning.—Kansas City Star.
How did man manage to impress others with his importance before he discovered the art of being disagreeable?—Baltimore Sun.
In these days the walking public is rapidly dividing itself into two classes—the quick and the dead.—Parkersburg (W. Va.) News.
The engine chokes when the car goes too slow. What we need is an appliance to choke the driver when he goes too fast.—Trinidad (Colo.) Picketwire.
I am always in the market for fat hogs and chickens. Get my prices. J. J. Johnson. 31-1f.

NEWS IN BRIEF IN NEARBY TOWNS

The quarantine for cattle ticks in McCulloch county has been lifted, and it is stated the county is now clean. The expense to the county in cleaning up was approximately \$21,000.

On Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Robt. Petermann, nee Selma Geistweidt, died at the home of her parents near Doss. Interment was made yesterday at Petermann's farm, where deceased was laid to rest at the side of her husband, who three years ago, succumbed to an attack of influenza. She is survived by two small children, a son and a daughter, her parents and numerous other relatives.—Fredericksburg Standard.

Last week's Junction Eagle carried the announcements of eleven candidates for county office in Kimble county. Doc Gibbs was one of four candidates announcing for sheriff and Ur Kendrick was one of two for Clerk.

The Queen Hotel at Brady has changed hands and since January 1st, has been operated by Mmes. Nellie DeBaum and S. E. Parker, of Lometa.

A test for oil in Llano county is soon to be made, according to the Llano News. The well is to be drilled near Valley Springs.

Brady and Menard played a scoreless tie in a game of football on Friday of week before last.

Seven candidates for county office have announced in San Saba County, according to the San Saba News of last week.

Frank Wallace, of Llano, and Miss Beaufat Black, of Lipscomb, were married at Waco on December 28th. They will reside at Llano.

Charles Bernhard of whose death we reported in last week's issue, died in Denver, Colo., after an operation at the age of 44 years. His remains were laid to rest by the side of his wife at El Paso, the wife having died 15 years ago. Surviving the deceased are his aged mother, Mrs. Thekla Bernhard, four brothers, Alvin, Emil, Monroe, and Rubin Bernhard, and two sisters, Mrs. John Rainey and Mrs. Henry Schildnecht.—Fredericksburg Standard.

Max Ficker was in Brady yesterday, returning to his home from Okla., where he had enjoyed a very pleasant visit during the holidays with his sister. Incidentally, he was treated to an experience with a typical Oklahoma "twister," which he found not enjoyable in the least. The storm, which included wind and hail, broke out one window in his sister's house, as well as window lights all over the town and did extensive property damage in a number of Oklahoma towns. Mr. Ficker says a big rain followed, which was not particularly needed, as previous rains had given fall grains a good start. However, the farmers in that section of Oklahoma made no cotton the past year; the mines are closed, it is claimed, on account of lack of orders, the banks will loan no money to farmers, and unemployment and distress are everywhere in evidence. Max returns better pleased than ever with this section of Texas, and says the only thing that keeps his sister in Oklahoma in preference to Texas is that her husband holds a lucrative position as mine superintendent.—Brady Standard of last Friday.

What the Cow Gave

Want ad in the Wichita Falls Times: "For Sale—A full blooded cow, giving milk, three tons of hay, a lot of chickens, and several stoves."

ECONOMICAL SHOPPERS

It will pay you to travel 50 miles or more to attend our Great January Clearance and White Goods Sale which begins Saturday, January 14. Hundreds of bargains arranged in such a way that it will make shopping a pleasure. We will be glad to see you.

F. J. MAIER,
Opposite Bank of Fredericksburg,
Fredericksburg, Texas.

Mr. Thos. Murray informs the News that his daughter, Mrs. Winnie Morrow, who has been here for several weeks recovering from illness, has gone to Anson, where she will spend a few weeks with her daughter, and afterwards go to Waco for a visit with her brother, Lindsay Murray.

WINTER CLOTHING

We have an excellent line of
SWEATERS, MACKINAWs AND
OVERCOATS—UNDERWEAR
Shoes and Hosiery
For every member of the family.
Inspect our line. Our low prices will
please you.

E. LEMBURG & BRO.

SHORT COURSE OFFERED BY T. U. ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

Austin, Texas, Jan. 12.—For the purpose of informing housewives of changing economic conditions and assisting them in putting the home on a business basis, Miss Edythe Hershey of the home economics extension division of the University of Texas will give a short course during the winter term. The course consists of a series of six lectures to be given during one week. The only expense will be a registration fee of \$1 to be charged each person who attends. Miss Hershey will visit towns at the request of any group of women interested in the subject. Concrete problems of interests to every homemaker will be discussed in the lectures, and each member who registers for the course will have the opportunity for special conferences with Miss Hershey. Special emphasis will be placed on explanation of the need and use of the budget, the adjusting of expenditures to various incomes and the keeping of accounts.

IMPORTANT NEWS!

Our Great January Clearance and White Goods Sale begins Saturday, January 14. A big house full of bargains will be ready for inspection. Come and look them over.

F. J. MAIER,
Opposite Bank of Fredericksburg,
Fredericksburg, Texas.

One million dollars an hour for more than two years—that is what the war cost the United States.

The wealth of a man is the number of things he loves and blesses, which he is loved and blessed by.—Carlyle.

If you know of some news items that would interest News readers, phone it in. If you don't know the details, give us an idea and we will do our best to get the particulars.

Cigars and cigarettes consumed every single day in the year, if placed end to end, would reach from the Atlantic to the Pacific and back again; 80,777 cigarettes and 13,835 cigars are burned to ashes for every minute of the twenty-four hours. The combined total lengths of cigars and cigarettes smoked annually in the United States aggregate almost 2,275,000 miles—over six times the total mileage of the Nation's railroads.

Acetylene Gas Light Plants

I am prepared to furnish data and information on acetylene gas lights. Let me figure with you if you contemplate installing a plant.

F. LANGE.

Wright's Condensed Smoke and Salt-petre at Mason Drug Company. 42-2f

FROM NEWS FILES OF 25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Jan. 15, 1897:
Rev. T. Broad and wife have moved to Brownwood, where their children all reside.
Henry Holst, who left here about ten years ago, is now mining in Alaska, and is said to be worth \$80,000.
Mrs. Ernest Lemburg and child returned home Wednesday from a visit of a few weeks to her parents at Brownwood.
A crowd of young people spent a pleasant evening Saturday, last, at R. C. Doell's. Those present were Ada Garner, Emma Chenaunt, Bertha Todd, Anna and Ethel Allman, May Hamilton, Ruby Grandstaff, Effie Gamel, Lillian Mebus, Lilly McKeynolds, Minnie Murphy, Messrs. Edgar Mebus, Jim Baker, Chas. Burnam, Clyde Tra-week, Laurence Christopher, Chas. Broad, Frank, Jim, and Will Garner, Henry Keller, John, Silas and Ervino Mayo, Howard Smith, Chas. Worlie, Orb Stapleton, Frank and Geo. Leslie, Manks King, Wilson Hey, Jr., Gratton Crosby, Paul Allen, Otto Bogusch, Holmes and Paul Doole, Walter Todd, Will Holland.
Marriage License—A. W. Nolin and Miss Emy Pankey.
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hendricks, a boy on the 7th; to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holcomb, a girl on the 8th.

15 Years Ago In Mason

From Mason News, Jan. 11, 1907:
It is said the Orient railroad will build from San Angelo to Llano via Mason.
Little Miss Alma Willmann is recovering from a six weeks' siege of typhoid fever.
Mr. Leo Zesch and Miss Lina Gross were married last Wednesday.
Dr. R. J. Baze and family leave next week for Chickasha, Okla., to make their home.
Frank Clark has just finished marketing his cotton crop, making 23 bales from 36 acres.
Mr. Ralph Carter and Miss Ethel Polk were married last Thursday afternoon.
F. H. Kothmann and his son, Chas., have recently purchased 16,900 acres of Elm Creek pasture in Menard county, of Walter Tipps for \$3.87½ per acre.
The little child of Mr. and Mrs. August Henrich died Sunday morning at Junction; aged about one month.
B. F. Doxey has sold his 480 acre place at Grit to Jim and Jess Lee, the price paid being \$11 per acre.
J. D. Mangum has sold the Gus Schmidt place of 160 acres to John Watkins for \$2,065.

J. D. Eckert, Pres.
E. O. Kothmann, V. P.
W. E. Jordan, Cashier
Kinney Eckert, Ass't C'r.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE
MASON NATIONAL BANK

At Mason, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 31, 1921.

RESOURCES

1. Loans and discounts, including rediscounts (except those shown in b and c).....	\$179,706.13
2. Overdrafts, unsecured.....	1,486.97
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, \$14,725.00; Furniture and fixtures, \$2,600.00.....	17,325.00
8. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	10,967.38
10. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks.....	18,969.66
11. Amount due from State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in items 8, 9, or 10).....	2,193.58
TOTAL OF ITEMS 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.....	\$ 21,163.24
14. Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items.....	494.37
15. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	1,256.00
16. Other assets, interest earned but not collected.....	841.95
TOTAL.....	\$274,335.04

LIABILITIES

17. Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000.00
18. Surplus fund.....	50,000.00
19. Undivided profits.....	1,945.75
a. Reserved for interest and taxes accrued.....	\$ 2,070.43
c. Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid.....	4,016.18
20. Circulating notes outstanding.....	24,500.00
22. Amount due to national banks.....	4,188.37
TOTAL OF ITEMS 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25.....	\$ 4,188.37
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):	
26. Individual deposits subject to check.....	130,469.86
Reserve, items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31.....	\$130,469.86
40. Bills payable with Federal Reserve Bank.....	10,000.00
45. Liabilities other than those above stated, Interest Collected not earned.....	1,160.63
TOTAL.....	\$274,335.04

State of Texas, County of Mason, ss:
I, D. F. Lehmburg, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
D. F. LEHMBERG, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, 1922.
(Seal) CARL RUNGE, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: C. S. VEDDER, E. J. LEMBURG, E. A. LOEFFLER, Directors

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Births

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Bynum, a boy, January 3, 1922.
Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Nicholson, a boy, December 28, 1921.
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Loeffler, a girl, December 23, 1921.

Island of "Beauty Doctors."

The women of the Marquesas probably have commanded more superlatives than any other human or physical feature of the South seas. They are said to "possess beautiful, luxuriant hair, fine eyes, perfect teeth, a slender, graceful form, a skin of velvet texture and unblemished surface, and their physical attractions are combined with a vivacity of spirit and action." Their use of coconut oil for a massage has been emulated by the belles of more civilized lands, but the lacelike tattooing is one beauty aid which still is peculiarly their own.—National Geographic Society Bulletin.

Preparedness.

"Bouncer's daughter, eh? Well, she certainly seems sure of herself."
"Sure of herself? I should say she is. Why, if the doctor told her she was going to die, she'd start taking lessons on the harp immediately!"—London Tit-Bits.

Spain Always Agricultural.

Spain is essentially an agricultural country. Seventy per cent of the people who work are engaged in labor on the farms. Only 3 1/2 per cent are engaged in manufactures. Only 1,000,000 out of 27,000,000 belong to labor organizations.

Puritan's Well Uncovered.

An old well, now dry, which is believed to have belonged to Gov. John Endicott of the Massachusetts bay colony, was discovered recently when a policeman kicked a brick loose in the sidewalk on Tremont Row in the downtown district of Boston.

The sidewalk slipped in for several feet and investigation showed the well about ten feet and partly filled. Historians said the well was of the type used by the Puritans. Governor Endicott, in 1685, occupied an estate in the vicinity.

A Lowlown Trick.

Mrs. Lamb—I see you're not speaking to Mrs. Fox.

Mrs. Wolf—I should say not! She told me her cook was a treasure and I found the cook dirty, lazy, incompetent and dishonest after I'd doubled her wages to get her away from Mrs. Fox.

Love Triumphs Over Gold

By RALPH MUMFORD.

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"I'll outlive the three of you!" shouted old Jasper Wriothesley—"I'll dance on your graves yet!"
It was an outburst unworthy of a rational man, but Jasper Wriothesley was an evil-hearted money grubber, and his love for gold caused him to shut out from life the only three men he had ever got very close to in human sense.

For ten years the firm of Wriothesley & Co., founders, had done a thriving business in Ironton. In the heat of passion the firm broke up. In adjusting affairs his partners got justice where Wriothesley had craftily hoped to squeeze them. Maddier than ever, he made his wicked vaunt.

He took in his son as his partner then, and had just one motive in life—to make of young Rupert as hard a penny-saver and slave-driver as he had been himself. Pretty Edna Morton was the last one of his old friends Rupert was influenced to drift away from.

Old Jasper Wriothesley carried out his evil boast. When one of his partners died he actually traveled fifty miles to go out to a quiet cemetery, and, unseen by any one, prance madly above the ashes of the man he hated. A second partner died. Again the impish instinct, the weird self glorification of the old man's nature, drove him to keep his threat. He also died two days later.

Then Rupert became sole owner of the business. More than once he, had seen Edna Morton at a distance. He had evaded her, for somehow he felt that his father had not acted quite square with his old partners. More than that, he learned that the Mortons were not in the best of circumstances owing to an unwise investment of Mr. Morton, and that Edna was teaching school.

"I'm tired of it all," he told himself one day. "There is neither heart nor hope to this life. I'm going to sell out."

The adamantine, persistent influence of his father seemed to pursue him. At times it almost frightened Rupert Wriothesley, as he actually felt the presence of the old business tyrant, urging him to make, to hoard gold—always gold! Gold!

"I'll make the break," he told himself positively one day. "I've written to a city firm, and have offered the works at a fair price. Another week,

then for a rest—a change, a getting back to real, rational living."

And then—circumstance, accident, fate, precipitated where Rupert Wriothesley had procrastinated—the great flood at Ironton.

It was every man for himself when the great column of water began its warning encroachment. Rupert was at his home, and the leaping overflow from the swollen river first attacked that part of the town. He drove to the works—that treasure box in the vault was his first thought. He was forced to abandon his vehicle one-half way to the plant. When he reached the works there were two feet of water in the office.

Hastily Rupert packed the bulk of his ready resources in a satchel. The workmen were fast abandoning the place. Rupert struck across the factory yard to find himself hemmed in near some sheds. A break in the river banks had brought a raging torrent down the valley at cyclone speed.

It was a moment for rapid action. Everywhere was confusion, alarm, peril. Ten minutes later Rupert Wriothesley saw the great plant tottering to ruins, swept off its foundation, and he was floating along, holding to the roof-tree of a shed with one hand, the other holding the satchel with its precious contents.

Others, clinging to planks, to coops, to barrels and boxes, drifted by him. The terror of storm and flight drove the floating refugees desperately forward. Rupert doubted if the frail shed would long remain intact. Its timbers were already parting. Then as a raft formed of a frail platform, some sidewalk section, passed thirty feet away, he thrilled.

Upon it just fainted from terror and exhaustion, was a familiar form—it was Edna Morton! It seemed as though the veil of years was pierced at a touch, and he recalled the golden hours of the far past. Edna was helpless. At every toss of the waves she slipped nearer and nearer to the edge of the frail float.

He could reach her, he saw that, but in that terrible flood he must be unhampered. Her sweet white face appealed to him. Rupert Wriothesley gave the satchel a fling with almost a curse, leaped into the water, and reached Edna Morton just as she was slipping overboard.

It was two hours later, ashore and safe, that Edna heard how nearly she had drifted into the jaws of death. And then and there, his great sacrifice seeming a joy and relief, Rupert Wriothesley told of the love that came to his tired spirit like a sweet soothing balm at last.

Starting Off Right.

"Stop the baby!"
"What's he doing?"
"Tearing the pages out of the new novel you brought home."
"Let him alone. That boy shows such destructive tendencies where literature is concerned I'm sure he'll be a famous book reviewer some day."

LAMPS LONG BEFORE CANDLE

Except the Torch, They Are the Oldest Form of Illumination Known to History.

Lamps were employed long before candles were invented. As far back as recorded history goes one reads of their use. In some languages, indeed, there was but one word for both.

The first light was simply a torch. Then men improved upon that and devised the scheme of obtaining light from porous fiber soaked in some animal or vegetable oil. Lamps of brass, bronze and stone have been found in the Pyramids, as well as in old East Indian temples; and common terracotta ones were in general use for domestic purposes in Greece as early as the Fourth century, B. C.

The earliest candles of which there is any record were those used by the ancient Romans, and were made of rushes coated with fat or wax. The first Christians made constant use of candles.

Many of the masterpieces of great authors of antiquity were written with no other light than that from the fireplace or the uncertain flicker of a tallow candle, or even the flame of a dried rush.

Unique Engineering.

A remarkably interesting engineering operation was performed in Brooklyn. A large theater building, having walls ninety feet high, was lifted from its foundations, turned squarely around, and moved 300 feet to a new site.

To turn it the exact center of the floor was ascertained, and with this as a hub a series of small steel rollers was laid on a prepared platform, and then the building, resting on steel beams, was allowed to settle down on the rollers. With jackscrews on two diagonally opposite corners pushing in opposite directions, the structure was then turned as if on a pivot. The moving of brick buildings is common, but this is said to be the largest and heaviest structure that has ever been put bodily on new foundations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congressional.....	\$15.00
District.....	10.00
County.....	7.50
Precinct.....	5.00

Terms: Strictly cash in advance. No announcements inserted unless cash accompanies same. Announcements inserted in order in which fees are paid at this office. Fee includes 100-word announcement to be furnished by candidate; all over 100 words at the rate of 7 1/2¢ per line. Fees do not include subscription to The Mason County News.

LOYAL VALLEY BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB

On Monday of this week we visited the Loyal Valley school and organized the Loyal Valley Boys and Girls Club.

The following officers were elected: Miss Hoerster, Senior Leader; Miss Anita Crenweige, President; Mr. Henry Keller, Jr., Vice-President; Miss Myrtle Callaway, Secretary-Treasurer.

There were twenty-one pupils in the school, twelve of whom are members of the Boys and Girls Club and where a community shows the interest that this community does, there is no doubt in the writer's mind but that it will be a success.

We have secured four fine registered Poland China pigs for the boys of this club. These pigs will be cared for as per instructions sent out from our office and at the close of school, prizes will be given for the best pig at that time. These pigs will also be shown at the Stock Show next fall and we predict that the Loyal Valley boys will give the boys of other clubs as well as the breeders of the county, a race for the prizes.

The girls will raise poultry and eight of them have stated that they would raise some prize winners.

Mr. Geo. Moneyhon who furnished the boys with the pigs has agreed also to furnish the girls with eggs for hatching from his pen of pure bred Rhode Island Reds.

The following plan is followed in furnishing these eggs, and all a member needs to get into the purebred poultry business is a setting hen:

She can be loaned from mother and returned when the chicks are hatched. The members are given the eggs and when the chickens are two months old, can decide whether they, the member, want to pay \$1.50 for the eggs or let Mr. Moneyhon select the second best pullet in pay for the eggs. They then must keep the pullet until four months old at which time they agree to deliver the pullet to him at Mason. Thus you can readily see that any boy or girl can get pure bred poultry without any money outlay.

In the spring, we will have a Home Demonstration agent in Mason County for a few weeks and the girl clubs will be given some valuable lessons in cooking, canning, etc.

We intend to organize clubs in several of the schools and will give you the report of their progress from time to time.

W. I. MARSCHALL.

Subscribe for the News today.

TURKEYS BRING IN MONEY

Yoakum, Tex.—Albert Pohl, a Lavaca County citizen has sold \$544 worth of turkeys this season, and would have had more he says, but for the wolves that killed one-fourth of his flock. Last year he sold \$500 worth of turkeys. Cotton crop failure does not affect Mr. Pohl much.

After reading the above article and thinking about same from a business standpoint it looks like each farmer and ranchman that intends to raise sheep, goats or hogs or turkeys in the near future, that isn't a member of Mason County's Wolf Club, would come in at once and join.

If you will only stop and think how cheap it is, and the good you and your children will derive from it for years to come we don't see how you can afford not to become a member.

Suppose you own 160 acres of land, the dues will only be \$1.00 the first year, and apt to be only 80 cents the second year and get some cheaper each year. One turkey at present prices will pay your dues for three or four years. For the one with a section or more that wants to run a few sheep to keep the weeds down and have some easy money, too, to pay some notes due on his place each year just think one sheep lost by the wolves would pay his dues on 5 or hundred acres.

Let's all think this over. If you are a member, then talk to some of your

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the

First State Bank

at Mason, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1921, published in the Mason News, a newspaper printed and published at Mason, State of Texas, on the 12th day of January, 1922.

Resources

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$82,176.95
Loans, real estate.....	4,000.00
Overdrafts.....	1,199.22
Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,000.00
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand.....	35,421.91
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund.....	750.00
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund.....	1,714.28
TOTAL.....	\$129,262.36

Liabilities

Capital stock paid in.....	\$25,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	5,000.00
Undivided profits, net.....	309.36
Individual Deposits, subject to check.....	98,752.42
Cashier's Checks.....	200.58
TOTAL.....	\$129,262.36

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 9th day of January, A. D., 1922.
(Seal) CARL RUNGE,
Notary Public, Mason Co., Tex.
Correct—Attest:
E. W. KOTHMANN,
OSCAR SEAQUIST,
PETER JORDAN,
Directors.

PRUNING AND CARE OF ORCHARD

If you have not pruned your orchard it will be necessary for you to do so in the near future as any orchard's life is shortened by not pruning and, again, pruning will retard the growth of the tree somewhat and prevent too early blooming. We often have late frosts in this county and it is best for the fruit tree to bloom after danger of frost has passed.

If the orchard is young, one should plow it now and plant peas or some grazing crop in the middles, but if over three years old it is best to plow and then cultivate shallow every two weeks and plant nothing in the middles until late summer. Plant peas or some cover crop to be turned under the following spring. The late planting of cover crops checks the growth of the wood and tends to ripen the fruit. In the young orchard cultivation makes available the plant food and preserves the moisture.

The peach tree should be cut for a low head with three or four main branches. The branches should put out from the body at different points, as this will strengthen the tree. Keep one branch to the southeast, as the sun busters a tree from that side in this country, and this will help protect the trunk from the sun's rays. Cut out all dead wood and all branches that rub or interfere with others. The fruit is set on last year's growth so do not remove all buds, but keep the tree open in the center and cut low so that the sun and air can circulate freely, thus keeping cut insect pests, etc., and also this will make spraying and gathering of the fruit easy.

Plums need not be pruned as heavily as peaches, but the central branch should be cut out so the tree will have a globe shape and then remove all dead wood and branches that rub. When a plum tree puts out too many side branches that are making too strong a growth some of these should be headed in to check growth.

Information in regard to care of the orchard may be secured from the County Agent, W. I. Marschall, friends and get them to join. The by-laws and all members' names will be published next week. Up to date, the Club has paid for 43 wolves and 79 wild cats. We have some expert trappers at work now if the wolves are bothering you please call up some director, and if he isn't able to send you a trapper, talk to the secretary, and he will do his best to send you a trapper at once.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

J. S. KING, Jeweler

Dealer in
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JEWELRY,
SILVERWARE,
CLOCKS ETC.

"GIFTS THAT LAST"

SOCIAL EVENTS CHURCH NOTICES

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Last Thursday afternoon, the ladies of the Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Carl Runge, the occasion being the first social gathering of the year. A splendid program was rendered, the subject being, "Africa".

Mrs. S. A. McCollum, as leader, told some interesting facts about the people of Africa, and our work there. A poem, "At The Year's Close", was given by Mrs. Holmes King.

A palaver on our work in Africa was given by eight ladies and was very interesting and was greatly enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Otto Schmidt gave a reading entitled "Lives and Candles".

"This Year Also", a poem, was given by Mrs. Robert Lee.

Mrs. Will Land read a letter from the Home Base Secretary, after which the pledge for the year 1922 was made. All present enjoyed the beautiful music on the Edison.

The program concluded, the meeting was dismissed with prayer, and a social hour was enjoyed, during which delicious refreshments, consisting of cake and cocoa was served by the hostesses, Mesdames Carl Runge, Thos. Murray and Otto Schmidt, to the following guests: Mmes. W. A. Zesch, J. T. Banks, S. A. McCollum, Allan Murray, John Starks, Robt. Lee, Will Land, James Brown, A. Metzger, N. A. King, H. King, Ed Smith, Ben Jordan, E. Hamilton, Ben King, Robert Hofmann, Lamar Thaxton, and Mrs. J. P. Lyle.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Ed Smith, February 7th.

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William Richard Grosse, little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Grosse, celebrated his fourth birthday anniversary last Tuesday. He entertained a large number of little friends at a party in the afternoon from three to six o'clock.

PARENT-TEACHERS WILL MEET NEXT MONDAY AFTERNOON

The News is requested to announce that the Parent-Teachers' Association will meet at the school building next Monday afternoon at four o'clock.

Below is given an outline of the program, and it is urged that a good attendance be had:

1. Opening Address—Rev. M. Heinrich.
2. Vocal Solo—Miss Genevieve King.
3. Duet—Misses Sarah Thaxton and Augusta Jenkins.
4. Account of Recent Travels—Miss Ruth Martin.

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Mrs. Conrad Leifeste and daughter of the Art section were pleasant callers at the News office last Friday. Mrs. Leifeste recently returned from a visit with her two daughters who reside at Seguin. She stated that her daughter, Mrs. L. R. Krueger, is the proud mother of a baby boy which was born on the 2nd of January. Mrs. Leifeste took out a renewal on the News and has ordered it sent to her daughters at Seguin for this year.

F. C. Beyer enjoyed a short visit with his brother, and among former friends at Marion this week.

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SERVICES AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The News is requested to announce that M. C. Jackson, District Evangelist, will preach next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and Sunday night at 7:15 o'clock at the local Christian Church. Everybody is extended an invitation to attend.

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Preaching, 3rd Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Roy G. Rader.

Preaching, 4th Sunday, 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. by D. G. Hardt.

Preaching at Loyal Valley, 2nd Sunday at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Preaching at Grit, 3rd Sunday at 3 p. m.

Preaching at Bethel, 4th Sunday at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Preaching at Long Mountain, 4th Sunday at 7 p. m.

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QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

It is announced quarterly conference will be held at the German Methodist Church this week and Rev. Mr. Breihan District Superintendent, of San Antonio, will be here to conduct the services. Services will be held Friday night and Saturday night and on Sunday, services will be held in the morning, afternoon and at night. The night service on Sunday will be in English. The public is extended a hearty welcome at these services.

Mrs. D. F. Lehberg, who has been in Brownwood for several weeks under going treatment for risings in her ear, is said to be improving slowly. She intended to return home this week, but has had to remain longer, due to an additional rising appearing in her ear quite recently.

The seven-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gamel, who reside near Harper, was operated upon Wednesday for tonsils and adenoids. It is said the child's throat and nose was almost stopped up from the growths and their removal seemed absolutely necessary in spite of the child's age.

Rev. M. Heinrich and family moved to the Louis Pries residence last Thursday. They will occupy the Pries residence until the work of remodeling the Lutheran parsonage is completed.

Alfred Eckert was here last Friday from the Katemy section. He reported his little seven-year-old girl, who recently had diphtheria, as being much improved. Mr. Eckert stated that it was necessary for them to take the child to the Brady sanitarium and have a tube inserted in her throat that she might get her breath, due to the serious condition of the child's throat while ill.

Another bus line from Brady to San Antonio started operations this week. This now makes two motor bus lines now on this route and should make travel and express hauling to and from San Antonio more convenient. The owner of the latest bus line is said to be Mr. Jim Walker, of Cherokee. The car is being driven by Lovie Walker.

VOICES HERE, VOICES THERE, VOICES EVERYWHERE.
January 27th, Star Theater.

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Susan Rides in a Parlor Car

By LAURA MONTGOMERY.

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While the Simpsons had lived in Emington they had had a hard time to make both ends meet. After they had moved three stations down the line Joseph began to get more work and Mrs. Simpson was able to use her energies for her family instead of helping out the earnings of her husband by doing two washings a week at home. The same energy that had impelled her to slave over the wash-tubs was now diverted into other channels and she constantly urged Susan, her nineteen-year-old daughter, to try and blossom out as a well-dressed young lady.

"If you'd just hold your head up, Susan, and study hard there's no telling where you might land," she prodded, stitching away at a too-elaborate white frock for the girl.

"But, ma, we're just ordinary village folk. Everybody knows to a cent what we have, so why bother? I don't want to land anywhere except—" here a delicate pink crept up into her freckled cheeks, that were a satiny white where the golden dust of the freckles had not come—"in Charlie's cottage. I used to wonder who would want to marry me, and of all the fellows I never thought of him. He's so strong and tall. Don't you think he is the best looking man in Emington, ma?"

Her mother glanced down the brown ribbon of road that led toward the quaint village. The small house with the steep green roof was on an ambitious rise of ground that nearly achieved the distinction of being a hill. She could see the roofs of the village and the curling wreaths of gray smoke that swept heavily along the hot clouds above the single-track railroad.

"I often think, Susan," said ma dreamily, "what the railroad might bring. Most any one might come in



"You Are Fresh and Pretty—"

on the noon train—yes," she said in answer to her daughter's questioning glance. "Charlie is good looking, but you might marry better than a blacksmith. You are fresh and pretty—"

The dawning pink became a mortified scarlet. "Ma, how you talk, as though I'd marry to better myself. I love Charlie and I'm proud to think that I'll live in the darling brown cottage that is nearly finished."

Ma's tired, ambitious head wagged sagely over her sewing. Susan should be pushed forward in spite of her silly scruples. Ma had insisted upon Susan taking a few singing lessons and the girl was to sing a solo at Glenner's hall at Emington. When the time came for the entertainment ma went about with a mysterious, secretive smile on her pursed-up lips. She had finished the fussed-up white lace frock with its intricate trimmings of tiny ruffles and she had even sent away (through a mail-order catalogue) and bought a pair of white satin slippers with wobbly heels that tottered unless Susan remembered to walk very carefully.

"I guess," said ma when she had fastened the last hook and ribbon and turned the embarrassed Susan around for the family gaze, "that no one who looks at her today will remember that I used to take in two big washings a week to keep us going. With Susan's voice and looks there's no telling how far she'll go."

"Ain't she goin' to Emington to sing tonight?" queried Freddy excitedly. "Stupid, we're all goin'!" yelled

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"NEW-WOMAN" IDEA IN CHINA

Modern Agitators Work Along Lines That Would Rid Orient of "Clinging Vines."

About the only thing of modern times to which China has not laid claim as being so old in that country that it was outworn and discarded centuries ago, is the new woman with a magazine of her very own, published in the interest of her development. This publication, observes the Pittsburgh Dispatch, called the New Woman, boldly states as its object the reform of the old society to give a more honorable place to women, and the new woman is described as "a joyous being, of honest occupation, complete personality, free, independent and mutually helpful."

Yet the new woman of China comes in for some criticism, for among the things she is exhorted to cultivate are plain living and dressing, which, the writer goes on to say, was the rule in old China, but that now women wish to keep up with the styles and wear jewels. They are reminded that the chief thing about good dressing is to wear clean clothing. Another admonition to the new woman of China which might indicate she is prone to err, just like the new woman of any other land, is that she put far away from her the desire for empty glory of "face."

In other respects the things commended for the new woman seem to be along the same lines as in other lands—the cultivation of strength of will to go outside the home and mingle with others and take part in public affairs, and to discard the clinging-vine habit of looking to the men for everything.

HAY FEVERITES MADE TOWN

Chance Discovery Had Great Effect on the Building Up of Petoskey, Mich.

A most unwelcome visitor is hay fever. With its advent a vast army of hay feverites move northward; some to the Maine woods, some to Mackinac Island and points farther north, and many to Petoskey, Mich., or its immediate vicinity, which seems to be a most popular camping ground for sufferers from the "hay."

We met a real old lady there a few summers ago, who told us that she believed she was the first person to discover that the Petoskey atmosphere had a curative effect on hay fever; she was a sufferer with that disease herself and more than fifty years ago, she said, she and her husband were en route by boat from Chicago to a point much farther north when they were driven by a violent storm into the bay at Petoskey, where they remained for two or three days, during which time she noticed that she was entirely free from hay fever. At that time the medical profession was giving hay fever an extensive study, so when this lady and her husband returned to Chicago they related their experience and suggested that as Petoskey was so accessible to Chicago, the hay feverites form a colony and try out the place the next summer, which they did. They found Petoskey a straggling Indian village, with positively no accommodations for visitors, but as time went on and people continued to go there each year for hay fever, it gradually grew into a flourishing up-to-date town with several thousand inhabitants.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Harrowing Wheat Pests.

Plant pests cause the loss of millions of bushels of wheat in the United States, and if all the wheat now destroyed annually by these pests could be saved and made into flour the United States Department of Agriculture says it would add approximately 29,463,700 barrels to the yearly output of the nation. The annual production of wheat in this country for the four-year period 1916 to 1918, inclusive, was 733,349,500 bushels. The annual loss from disease during this period was 147,318,000 bushels. While it is not possible entirely to eliminate wheat disease, it is possible to much reduce the toll. One branch of investigation in the bureau of plant industry is to work out the preventive measures for the diagnosis of all cereal crops.

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Lucy, holding out a tightly braided head. "Ma, iron my plaits now so they'll be good and fuzzy. Shall I have a white dress like Susan's after she's married to Charlie?"

"You never can tell who might come in on the train," mused ma, twitching at Susan's sash. "Be sure you sing just as loud as you can and don't let that Spriggs girl think she can sing better'n you just because she's taken six months. You've got a natural soprano."

Susan, nervous and uneasy, nodded mutely. If her throat felt the same when the programme opened she

knew that she would be unable to sing a single note, but she remained silent.

"Now," said ma grandly as she emerged from the ticket office with the tickets, "I've done something big for Susan. Here's the Banner coming now, down the track. You children, and pa stand ready to hop on, and be sure and turn back some seats, so's we can all ride facing each other. You, Susan, are going to ride in the parlor car. Here's the ticket for your ride. Mr. Meadows sure stared when I asked him to reserve a chair in the parlor car for today. I've read that only the best people travel that way, and there's no telling who—"

Her eager voice was drowned in the approaching roar of the Banner train from St. Louis, and before the dazed Susan could ask how much the reservation cost she had been helped up the steps by the colored porter and the train flashed off.

Susan kept her eyes fixed on the dying landscape for a few miles, then timidly raised her eyes. Her fellow passengers paid scant attention to the little freckled country girl in her unsuitable frock of lace and floppy hat. She vaguely sensed the difference in clothing and tried to keep her white satin shod feet under the foot-rest. She was glad when her station was called and she tottered to the vestibule to descend. At the farther end of the train she saw Charlie gayly helping down ma and the numerous members of ma's family.

"Why, where's Susan?" she heard him exclaim as pa gingerly stepped down from the high step of the day coach and counted heads.

"Susan," ma's voice was replete with pride, "came in the parlor car. You know, she's agoin' to sing at the ball tonight."

Charlie's face clouded. He went slowly toward the small, white-clad figure tottering along anxiously toward him. "Susan, I feel ashamed of you," he said sternly. "Why should you ride in a chair car and your ma go in the day coach? If you've got such notions as that I don't think you're cut out for a working man's wife. Is a duke coming to take you to the hall or do you want me to help you along in those satin shoes?"

Susan's eyes misted suddenly, but she was too shy to reply. Pa, who had followed, intervened.

"Susan didn't know that she was to ride in the parlor car. It's her ma's doings. You see," pa winked at the disapproving young man, "I've never been of much account in the family and ma has had to look out for our future, but," he sent a cautious glance back to where his better-half was talking volubly with a group of old neighbors, "I guess I'll have to begin and curb her some. Now that she ain't busy with the two washings a week her mind is running toward society-doings and she plagues Susan about acting like a young lady instead of a nice little girl who can cook the best meals in the country."

"I thought my dress was pretty fancy," murmured Susan with a contrite smile in the direction of her irate mother, "but I hated to say anything after ma worked so hard decking me out."

"Oh," Charlie tucked the sunburned little hand under his arm with a beligerent glance at a traveling man nearby, "that's it. Say, Susan, I thought for a minute that you'd grown above me. Want to stop in at the ice cream parlor and get something? All the family, too," he added generously. Susan's face became sunshiny. "All right," she assented, "my throat does feel awful dry."

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Anderson are here from New Mexico for a visit among relatives and friends. Mrs. Anderson is a sister to Mrs. L. C. Looney.

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HINTS ON CARE OF PELTRIES
 From United States Department of Agriculture Bureau of Biological Survey

Skimming.—The care of hides includes skinning, curing, and tanning. As a rule, the first step in skinning an animal is to make a cut along the underside from chin to tip of tail, and from each foot along the inner side of the leg to intersect the main cut nearly at right angles. Fur bearers, however, excepting beavers, the pelts of which are sent to market flat, are slit across beneath the tail from heel to heel, the skin being reversed as the body is with drawn. The tail and the base of the ears should be skinned out.

Curing.—Fresh skins should be divested of loose fat and muscle, and then either tanned at once or cured so as to be kept without deterioration until a convenient time for tanning arrives. They are cured by being stretched free of wrinkles, flesh side exposed, and left in a cool, shady airy place. In a moist atmosphere or where haste is imperative, the flesh side may be covered with a layer of salt and the skin folded hair side out into a compact bundle, which should be opened and refolded two or three times during the first two days to insure salt action in every part. Flat skins may be stretched by pinning them out on a floor or frame but in any case there should always be a circulation of air on both sides. Pelts of fur animals are dried, flesh side out, after being drawn over pieces of board shaped so as to stretch them uniformly. Wolf, fox, lynx, and wild cat pelts are taken from the boards and turned fur side out before they are fully dried.

Other kinds of pelts go to market flesh side out.

Tanning.—Skins may be tanned either with the hair on or off, as desired. Hair can be removed from hides by soaking them in tepid water made alkaline by lye or lime. The following recipe for a tanning liquor is in common use: To each gallon of water add one quart of salt and one-half ounce of sulphuric acid. This mixture should not be kept in metal container. Thin skins are tanned by this liquor in one day; heavy skins must remain in it longer. They may remain in it indefinitely without harm. When removed from this liquor, they are washed several times in soapy water, wrung as dry as possible, and rubbed on the flesh side with a cake of hard soap. They are then folded in the middle, hung lengthwise over a line, hair side out, and left to dry. When both surfaces are barely dry, and the interior is still moist, they are laid over a smooth, rounded board and scrapped on the flesh side with the edge of a worn flat file, or a similar blunted tool. In this way an inner layer is removed and the skins become nearly white in color. They are then stretched, rubbed, and twisted until quite dry. If parts of a skin are still hard and stiff, the soaping, drying, and stretching process is repeated until the entire skin is soft. Fresh butter, or other animal fat, worked into the skins while they are warm, and then worked out again in dry hardwood sawdust, or extracted by a hasty bath in gasoline, increases their softness.

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INFORMATION IN REGARD TO INCOME TAX IF MARRIED

The following statement is issued by Collector of Internal Revenue, Austin, Texas, the First district of Texas:

The Revenue Act of 1921 contains two new and important provisions, which are the subject of frequent inquiry. The first relates to the personal exemptions allowed married persons, and the second to the provision requiring that a return be made of gross income of \$5,000 or more.

The act provides that a married person, living with husband or wife, whose net income for 1921 was \$5,000 or less shall be allowed a personal exemption of \$2,500. If the net income of such person was over \$5,000 the exemption is \$2,000. Under the Revenue Act of 1918 the personal exemption allowed a married person was \$2,000, regardless of the amount of net income. The normal tax rate remains unchanged, 4 per cent on the first \$4,000 of net income above the exemptions and 8 per cent on the remaining net income.

In order that an income slightly in excess of \$5,000 shall not be subjected to an inordinately disproportionate tax because of the reduction of the exemption to \$2,000 thereon, the law provides that such reduction shall not operate to increase the tax, which would be payable if the exemption were \$2,500, by more than the amount of the net income in excess of \$5,000.

For example, on a net income of \$5,600, the tax, without this saving clause would be \$120.40, which is 4 per cent on \$3,010, the amount of net income less an exemption of \$2,000. The actual tax is \$110.40, computed as follows: from the net income of \$5,610 is deducted \$2,500, leaving \$2,510, the 4 per cent tax on which amounts to \$100.40. To this is added \$10, "the amount of net income in excess of \$5,000."

The personal exemptions allowed married persons, apply also to the head of a family, a person who supports in one household one or more relatives by blood, marriage or adoption.

Heretofore, a person whose net income was less than his exemption was not required to file a return. Under the Revenue Act of 1921, if the gross income of an individual equalled or exceeded \$5,000, or if the combined gross income of a married couple and that of dependent minor children equalled or exceeded \$5,000, a return must be filed, regardless of the amount of net income.

"Net income" is gross income, less certain deductions. The fact that al-

lowable deductions for business debts, etc., may be deducted to amount of \$1,000, the requirements of the gross income of \$5,000 equalled or exceeded \$5,000.

CHICKENS
 If you have chickens fail to get my prices.
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GIRL'S LEGS TO SELL HOSIERY IN DAYTON

Twelve Thousand Pairs of Stockings Sold as Result of a Daring Stunt in a Winter Garden

A leg promenade to sell hosiery may be a risky undertaking, but if you know your audience as E. Burderdlin, advertising manager of the Louis Traxler Company of Dayton, O., does no harm is likely to result to the store's patronage.

The best evidence that no one's sense of modesty was shocked when the store staged the "Promenade de Hosiery" recently was the splendid response the following day, when 12,000 pairs of women's fine silk hose were sold.

The day before the sale opened one of the largest windows in the store was given over to the display. A stage was erected about two feet above the floor of the window and a curtain dropped so as to allow a space of 22 inches above the stage floor. Seven girls were concealed behind the curtain promading up and down from 9 o'clock to 1 and from 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The curtain covered all of the girls above the knee, and all of them wore samples of the hosiery featured in the sale. During the noon hour when the girls were at lunch wax models were

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used instead.
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 41-1f TOM WILLSAP.

Take in the picture show at the Star opera House each Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 7:00 o'clock.

Fresh cement at R. Gross's.

Mr. and Mrs. Erv Hamilton returned home last Thursday from Shawnee, Oklahoma, where they were for several weeks visiting in the home of their daughters, Mrs. F. V. Askew and Mrs. C. M. Wallace. Mr. Hamilton reported that section very dry and much in need of rain. He stated that they had a very pleasant trip and experienced but little severely cold weather while away.

Was Very Weak

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

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Winning a Job and Son-in-Law

By HARRIET JENNINGS.

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Like a man running into a shower of gold, a pauper finding a diamond in the dust of the street, an invalid suddenly discovering an elixir of life, Dugald Morris gave a great shout as he read in a newspaper he had picked up on a park bench a brief, but to him a vitally suggestive item. It ran: "Honorable Walton Reeves of Colorado, newly elected congressman, is at the Hampton hotel."

A vivid picture dream ran riot in the mind of Morris. It seemed as though a sudden blaze of golden sunshine had come to illumine a life beset with clouds. He had drifted here to the nation's capital with his motherless daughter, Beulah, hoping to find some governmental position.

Dugald Morris was a trifle depressed when he imparted to his daughter the inspiring information that he had found a real friend at last. When her father named Walton Reeves a strange quiver crossed Beulah's face. Ten she flushed, and when the story was ended she said simply:

"I would ask no favors of a person who has possibly long since forgotten us, and who probably has never acquaintances to consider, and it may be some other Reeves."

"Oh, no. It was to Colorado our friend went. I'll be glad to see him, outside of what help he may give me in getting a political job."

Beulah turned aside as if to busy herself at her work. There had been a romance to the going away of Walton Reeves. He had never asked Beulah to be his wife, but plainly as could be he had indicated to her that he would think constantly of her while away.

Beulah had put aside the shattered remnants of that old love dream. She said nothing as her father got ready the next morning to call at the Hampton hotel. Her heart ached a bit, but she did not mind that now.

Dugald Morris arrived at the hotel to find that the Hon. Walter Reeves occupied Suite A on the parlor floor. He was admitted to the ante room. An officious usher asked his business.

"I want to see Walt Reeves," replied Dugald in his blunt, friendly way.

"Sorry, sir," announced the usher, a few minutes later, "but Mr. Reeves doesn't know you."

"What's that?" fairly shouted Morris. "Walt Reeves doesn't know me"

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His Love in the Garden

By CLARISSA MACKIE.

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In his room at the Red Inn, Whittier paced the floor with long impatient strides. Passing his first youth, he was rated among odderate bachelors, but his eyes had never lost their gay challenge nor his inner vision its boyish ideals.

At last he left the inn and walked into the country. Many changes there were since the old happy days, but several familiar landmarks remained; so when he came to a dim lane that dipped down between ancient cedars he stepped over a broken gate and approached the house by the well-known way, across the orchard and through a garden of wonderful roses.

Under a great beech tree there was a group of wicker chairs, a tea table and a woman sitting alone. He could not see her face—only the shining golden hair and the fullness of a lavender gown. She did not see him, so he had time to study his racing pulses, to remind himself that she was probably married, and if not married to have learned to detest him for what had happened to break their engagement. Fifteen years lost out of a woman's life is a tragedy if love has charmed her; he was prepared to meet frozen calm, deadly cordiality, polite indifference, anything save the glad recognition in her eyes when she turned and placed her hand in his.

"Dore!" he exclaimed, "time has stood still in Roseland."
"Don't tell me I have not changed," she pouted, tilting a flawless face to his. "Fifteen years does make a difference!"

He shook his head helplessly. How did she maintain that elusive charm of eternal youth? He felt years



He Could Not See Her Face.

older, and yet he knew that they were nearly of an age. Yet here she was, untouched by the years, a thing of wax, immobile, unfeeling. He had left her in this very spot—how defiant she had been, ruthless in her condemnation. He had pictured her now a sad woman, at least a well-polished woman, grown away from girlish folly, perhaps a companion for him in their soberer years—and she was youth incarnate still.

It made him feel older as he talked to her, replied to her questions about his explorations, his long absence in Africa. He wanted to ask about her people, but her replies were elusive. "My aunt will be out presently," she hastened to say, and then: "You came straight here from Africa?" "Almost a straight line," he smiled. "I knew you would come." "How did you know?" "Your arrival in New York was heralded in the papers—such distin-

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HOMEMADE CANDIES

Home-made candies are more healthful and economical than the commercial products. Every housekeeper should learn how to make well two or three kinds, utilizing the fruits, nuts, popcorn, and syrups which may be in the house.

Following are a few recipes for some simple, wholesome, and delicious candies.

Tuffy—Boil syrup, sorghum or molasses, and vinegar (1 tsp. to 1 c. syrup) until brittle when tested in cold water. Pour on cold buttered platter. When cool enough to handle pull until light, handling as little as possible. If a strongly acid molasses is used, soda (1 1/2 tsp. to 1 c. molasses) may be added when the boiling begins. To prevent syrup from running over rub the rim of the sauce pan with fat.

Pop Corn Balls—1 c. syrup, 1 tsp. vinegar, 2 or 3 qts. of popped corn. Boil together the syrup and vinegar until syrup hardens when dropped in cold water. Pour over freshly popped corn and stir into balls or fancy shapes. Either honey, maple syrup, molasses, white corn syrup or corn syrup may be used.

Peanut Brittle—1 c. white corn syrup, 1 tsp. vinegar, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. vanilla, 1 c. freshly roasted peanuts halved. Cook the corn syrup, vinegar, and salt in a sauce pan until a little drop of it in cold water forms a soft ball. Put the peanuts and this mixture into a iron skillet and stir until the syrup becomes a golden brown. Remove from the fire and stir in vanilla. Have ready a shallow buttered pan, pour candy and spread out in a thin sheet. Allow to cool, then remove from pan and break into pieces.

Stuffed Dates—Use the best dates. Remove the stones. Fill with peanuts, walnuts, hickory nuts or any nuts available. Peanut butter makes a good filling that is different. Press dates in shape and roll in chopped nuts, coconut or a mixture of cocoa and powdered cinnamon.

Stuffed Prunes—Steam one pound of prunes and remove stones. Stuff part of the prunes, each with another prune, some others with chopped salted nuts, or stue with a mixture of 1 c. each raisins and walnuts and a few candied cherries. Another suggestion is to stuff prunes with stiff orange marmalade.

Wholesome Candy—To a measure of cleansed and pitted prunes, add an equal measure of raisins, form into balls, roll in ground cocoanut, peanuts or in powdered sugar. This is more wholesome than sugar or syrup candies because of the valuable mineral substances which these fruits contain.

Fudge—2 c. sugar, 1 c. milk, drop in white chocolate. Boil rapidly, stirring until it forms a soft ball in cold water. Add butter; let cool. Add vanilla and beat until it begins to show a dull finish. Pour quickly into a buttered pan and cut into squares.

Divinity—3 1/2 c. sugar, 1 1/2 light colored syrup, 1 1/2 water, 2 egg whites, 2 tsp. vanilla, 1 c. nuts chopped or 1 c. raisins. Boil first three ingredients together. Stir until the sugar melts, then cover for a few minutes until all crystals are washed down. Let boil until it forms a "soft ball" in cold water. Then pour a cupful over the well beaten whites, beating well. Remove the mixture to the stove and let cook until it forms a "hard ball" in cold water. Pour over the egg mixture, beating constantly. When it begins to stiffen add vanilla, fruit or nuts and pour into buttered pan to cut into squares.

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W. G. Keyser and Tom Moseley, two of Llano's prominent citizens, were business visitors in Mason on Monday. Mr. Keyser says although he is a Llanoite now, he will never forget old Mason and his many good old friends of this place.

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Some people are always looking for sky-rockets. They believe human affairs are guided by the genius of luck. They believe in a Santa Claus for adults. They expect to wake up some morning and find themselves wealthy, famous and powerful. But the chariots of fire never appear. The golden lands that lie at the end of the rainbow are never reached. Across their firmament the meteors of great success never flash.

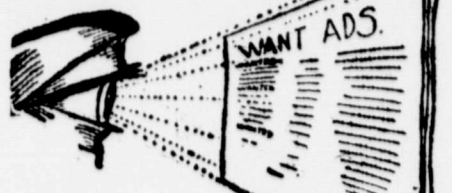
If there is anything that a well-balanced man over thirty ought to know it is that Genius is generally nothing but Hard Work disguised in fancy clothes.

It's the steady grind day after day in the face of ups and downs that makes a fellow's dreams come true. Constant application, persistency and dogged determination are the qualities that win at last.

Shaking dice with fate is a fool's game. History records the victories of no man who was not a day laborer in life's harvest field.

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Recent reports from the bedside of Mrs. Harry Bierschwale, who is in Austin and who underwent a surgical operation last Saturday morning, is to the effect that the lady is getting along as nicely as could be expected. Her many friends will be pleased to learn she stood the operation successfully and will likely be able to return home in a short time.

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The Colonel's Daughter
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Coward! How that word rankled within the soul of Ralph Warden, and what a difference its utterance had made in his life!

He had lived at Junta, a frontier town and a military post, since boyhood. Just as he came of age his mother had died. Through her brief period of illness it had been the friendly visits and kind ministrations of Ethel Lynd that had made her serene and peaceful. Ralph had grown to love the beautiful daughter of Colonel Lynd.

He recalled the day when Miss Lynd, her girl cousin, Lieutenant Vanderloot and three visiting school friends of Ethel were strolling near the river, when a homeless drunkard known about the district as Pauper Joe, reeled across their path. He chanced to joggle against Ralph. In his maudlin fury called him a name that was always wiped out with blood in that primitive section, and struck him.

For a moment the fire of resentment and indignation sprang to the eyes of Ralph. Then, clinching his fists, holding his breath, his face grew ashen as he stood rigid as a statue. He fancied he noted a look of contempt cross the face of Miss Lynd. He heard a word spoken— "Coward!"

Then the group passed on, but not until Lieutenant Vanderloot had stepped forward, vaunting his chivalrous strength in some sneer at Ralph, and with a cruel blow sent the poor wretch, Pauper Joe, to the ground. It might have been over-sensitiveness, but Ralph fancied that Ethel and her friends purposely hurried on. He lingered. It was he who lifted the stranded wreck to his feet and led him to a lodging house.

Two days later Ethel left Junta, and Ralph had not met her in the meantime. "I kept my promise," said Ralph to himself staunchly, as he thought of the blight that had come over his fair love dreams. "I have lost Ethel, the story of that blow has got around town, and some think me a mean spiteful craven; but I promised mother, and I have kept my word!"

It was on her death bed that Mrs. Warden had drawn her son to the sacred pledge regarding two things—drink and fighting. Mrs. Warden had died with a satisfied smile, when her loyal son had promised never to raise his hand against another in temper or hate.

One day a sudden resolution came into his mind; he would join the regular army. Thus it was that one year after the last sight of the only woman he had ever loved, he was a sergeant at Fort Danger, under orders of the man he had considered a rival—a rival no longer, however.

"I wronged you once, Warden," admitted the lieutenant voluntarily the day Ralph came to the fort. "I thought you a poltroon, and said so. Later it leaked out to all of us about your sacred promise to your mother. I respect you for it. I think that discovery made pretty Miss Lynd edge away from me."

The whirligig of time brought about another strange happening—Pauper Joe, no longer a drinker, the fond, fer-

vent friend of the man who had been kind to him, was also stationed at Fort Danger.

It was late on a blazing hot summer afternoon, when as Ethel Lynd sat in a breezy corner of Fort Blain scanning the broad plain with a field glass, she made out a horseman in the distance, coming at terrific speed. She informed the officer in charge. Twenty minutes later there dashed into the fort a reeking horse.

The rider was Ralph Warden, his helpless burden Pauper Joe. "Water, for the love of heaven!" he pleaded. Then, when the cooling draught had passed his fevered lips: "Care for him, sergeant—the hero! I must tell the story quick, for I'm done for."

What a story it was! Fort Danger, surrounded by Indians, cut off from civilization, with only a week's supplies, was hemmed in. Most of the soldiers, desperate, mad for fight, had got at the liquor stores. They would fight like demons, but when the food gave out they were doomed.

Ralph Warden, Pauper Joe and two others had made the only attempt possible for relief—a dash across the arid desert. Indians had attacked them. Ralph had shielded Joe, grabbed him up to his saddle at the risk of his life, and—

"He was my only friend—a hero, the sole survivor," breathed Joe. "Heaven bless him!" and died.

Fort Danger was relieved and saved. It was Ethel who nursed Ralph back to life. It was Ethel who contritely told him how she had wronged him, and later how she regretted losing him, and now, when his eager lips questioned her, she told, too, how she loved him.

Not So Bad.
"And who is the insignificant person over there in the corner of the veranda?" asked the recent arrival at a summer hotel. "That is my husband, sir."

"Well! Well!" exclaimed the recent arrival, slightly flustered, but thinking rapidly. "I have often observed that the most beautiful women marry homely men."—Birmingham Age Herald.

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

L. F. Eckert has recently delivered to Max Martin a new Ford Truck. Rumor has it that Mr. Martin expects to use the truck in connection with his newly acquired business activities, that of buying and selling dogs. The News, however, has been unable to get this rumor confirmed by Mr. Martin.

Louis Schmidt is lately assuming the responsibilities of a weather prophet. He advised the News a few days since that we would have no more cold weather and the little shower of rain on Monday would soon have weeds and grass growing nicely. Here's hoping he will come nearer hitting it than Billy Hart does at times.

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