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COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC MEET HERE FRI. AND SAT.

The annual contests of the University Interscholastic League for Mason County will be held in Mason on Friday and Saturday, March 23rd and 24th. In order to encourage pupils taking part in these contests, the undersigned agree to give the prize or prizes set opposite their respective names:

Championship for Mason schools in each contest not competing with other schools have been provided for by each of the following persons giving an Interscholastic League Medal, and by the Parent-Teachers' Association for the remainder: Dr. Knolle, Mrs. Anna Martin and Millan.

Following events are open to all schools of the county:

Debate—Girls' team, Mason Drug Company (cup).

Boys' team, Mason Drug Co. (cup).

Declamation—Junior Boys, First State Bank, medal.

Junior girls, Hofmann D. G. Company, medal.

Senior girls, Commercial Bank, medal.

Junior girls, J. J. Johnson, medal.

Spelling—Sub-Junior.

Junior—Commercial Bank, medal.

Senior.

Essay Writing, Music Memory—Open to all, Ford Garage, medal.

Athletic Events—Junior girls, Manhattan Cafe \$1.

50 yard dash; potato race, Relay race.

Senior Girls—50 yard dash, Potato race, Relay, Basketball throw.

Junior Boys—50 yd. dash, Sunshine Confectionery.

100 yard dash—Larimore & Grote, pocket knife.

440 relay.

Running broad jump, running high jump, chinning the bar.

Senior Boys—100 yard dash.

220 yard dash—Mason National Bank medal.

440 yard dash; 880 yard run, 1 mile run, one mile relay, 12 pound shot put, running high jump, running broad jump.

Superintendent Bennett has furnished the News with the above and Wednesday at noon announced he had been unable to canvass all the town, in soliciting premiums, but expects to complete his rounds between now and Friday, the opening day of the meet.

HELEN HOLMES RETURNS IN HUSBAND'S FILM

The legion of admirers of Helen Holmes, who at one time held the reputation of being the most daring girl on the screen, and who starred in railroad features and serials, returns after a prolonged absence, in "The Hills of Missing Men," the Playgoers feature starring J. P. McGowan at the Star Theater Friday night.

Miss Holmes, in private life, is the wife of J. P. McGowan and gave up the screen some time ago to devote all her time to her home and their adopted daughter. So happy is she at her domestic duties, that she had to be coaxed by friend-director-star-husband to play the part of Amy Allis in "The Hills of Missing Men."

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Zesch returned home from a trip to San Antonio. While away Mr. Zesch made the purchase of a meat slicing machine for use in his market.

It is announced the Commissioners' Court did not let the contract for graveling a portion of the Mason-Fredericksburg road last Monday; the reason being that the work will require a greater expenditure of money than was anticipated and it is desired to wait until some technicalities can be arranged in connection with securing State aid on the proposition.

Richard Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Jordan, of the Katemey section, was operated upon this week for appendicitis, and is getting along as well as could be expected.

Ben Evans who is teaching school near Eden, was here to spend last Saturday and a portion of Sunday among relatives and friends. He stated his school would probably run for another month.

Forward March



LOCAL STORE ADDS SLICING MACHINE TO ITS EQUIPMENT

In this week's issue will be found an announcement from the J. J. Johnson store in which Mr. Johnson announces the installation of a meat slicing machine and a sanitary cooling case in his grocery store.

The slicer is one of the very latest and most up-to-date machines on the market and will slice meats that contain no bones, any thickness desired, from the texture of a piece of paper, to a half inch.

Mr. Johnson has added to his complete stock of groceries a line of packing house products and is in a position to give the buying public of this city the advantages enjoyed by city people in being able to buy such provisions sliced according to their individual desires.

HONOR CONFERRED UPON MASON HIGH GRADUATE

Miss Lillie Eckert, graduate of Mason High School, 1921, who is a student in the Teacher's Training School in Dallas, was conferred special honor in a recent project campaign of the Dallas Schools given by Dr. Kimball. Out of the three hundred projects handed in, Miss Eckert has the distinction of being one of the six whose project was accepted to be broadcasted. This is the first time in the history of the T. T. S. that an honor of this kind has been conferred on any of her students.

Again Miss Eckert has the honor of being the second student who completed the Junior and Senior work in one year. She has already accepted a position as a teacher in the Dallas public schools for the ensuing year.—T. T. S. Bulletin.

MASON BOY HOME FROM OKLAHOMA LAST THURS.

Carrol Herring arrived home last Thursday from Oklahoma, having been absent from Mason since the stock judging team, representing the Mason High School, went to the Fort Worth Stock Show. Carrol won a place on the State judging team at Fort Worth and went to Oklahoma to judge. He reports having won sixth place in the Oklahoma judging contest on the basis of individual score, but was high point man on placing. He said he fell to sixth place because of inability to give reasons.

Carrol took sick while on the trip and has not been in school since his return home. It is announced he will give the News a story for publication regarding his trip as soon as he is recovered from his illness.

E. L. HORTON SERIOUSLY ILL AT DUBLIN, IS REPORT

Te report was received in Mason this week that E. L. Horton, a one-time resident of Mason and superintendent of the local schools a few years ago, is critically ill at Dublin, Texas, where he and his family are now residing.

The local order of A. F. & A. M. has recently had a distress call from Mr. Horton and a relief fund was made up to be sent him. It is stated Mr. Horton has been a sufferer of bright's disease and has recently become in a serious condition as a result of an attack of influenza.

The many local friends of Mr. Horton and family will no doubt learn of his plight with much regret.

Mrs. P. W. Parker, of Wichita Falls, arrived in Mason last Friday to remain for a while, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ischar, and to be here while Mrs. Ischar is recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

O. H. Mebus, accompanied by his son, Clarence, arrived in Mason Sunday from Port Arthur for a short time on business in connection with disposing of the Mebus household furnishings, preparatory to making Port Arthur their home. Mr. Mebus stated he had bought a large eight room dwelling in that city and will let rooms. They left Mason Monday for the return trip, having come through by auto, a distance of over 400 miles, and made the trip to Mason in the record time of twenty-four hours.

Mrs. H. H. Ischar underwent an operation at the local sanitarium last Saturday morning and we are pleased to report her convalescing nicely.

Mrs. Harding Accompanies President South



This picture was taken at the White House last week as Mrs. Harding made her first public appearance since her serious illness 6 months ago. Accompanied by the President she went for a six week vacation in Florida. The White House automobile was loaded with flowers from admiring friends.

RECENT COLD SPELL MOST SEVERE FOR SEASON OF YEAR

This section has been witnessing one of the most severe cold snaps that has been known for many years for the month of March. The temperature fell considerably below freezing and is reported by some as having reached as low as 20 degrees on Monday morning.

Last Saturday was a very disagreeable day and on Sunday morning one of the coldest northers of the years visited us. Freezing weather prevailed all day Sunday and only an occasional glimpse of the sun was had. Clear weather prevailed Monday, but the atmosphere was still cold and uncomfortable for donners of spring wearing apparel.

It is believed the fruit crop of this country is lost as a result of the recent cold weather, although it is being hoped some late fruit is not killed. Much of the fruit was in full bloom and a great many trees were in the bud and it is estimated the freeze was too severe for them to survive. Vegetation of all kinds was killed and people who had good gardens started will now have to replant.

Some farmers had corn up, which was killed down to the ground, but it is stated this will probably come out where it was not killed below the surface.

ROOF OF A. E. GROSSE'S RESIDENCE FIRED FROM CHIMNEY

About 8:30 last Sunday morning a portion of the roof on the Chas. Bierschwale house, occupied by A. E. Grosse and family, caught fire from a spark supposedly from his chimney. It is stated the soot in the chimney caught fire and Mr. Grosse discovered it and watched the flames with much eagerness until the blaze subsided and he was of the opinion no damage had been done, but shortly afterwards a passing party came to the house and told him his roof was afire. The fire alarm was given immediately and ready response by the fire company and a number of volunteers soon had the blaze out, but not until a good big hole was burned into the roof.

The blaze was discovered in the nick of time, as a most severe wind prevailed that morning and it is believed the house would have been destroyed had the blaze gotten a little more start.

BETTY COMPSON FINE IN 'THE GREEN TEMPTATION'

Betty Compson's beauty is displayed in a greater variety of costumes in her most recent Paramount picture, "The Green Temptation," showing next Saturday night at the Star Theater than in any picture she has ever done.

As "Genele," the Apache, she is vivacious and daring.

Her "Columbine" in the pantomime dance with Theodore Kosloff, is piquant and dainty.

As the Amazon Warrior, in another striking dance, she is bold and fierce.

In the costume of a Red Cross nurse, she is quiet and sympathetic.

As Paris' most noted actress, she is haughty and proud.

At a mask ball given by one of Long Island's social leaders, she is the statuesque Grecian maiden.

The dancing costumes are gorgeous and display Miss Compson's beauty and talent as a dancer to a marked degree.

"The Green Temptation" was adapted from the story, "The Noose," by Constance Lindsay Skinner. Theodore Kosloff, Mahlon Hamilton, Mary Thurman and others are in the cast.

It is stated the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Colcord, of Temple, Ariz., was recently burned down, but the report is that the loss was almost covered by insurance. Mrs. Colcord was formerly Miss Lovie Hunter, of this city, and she has numerous friends in this locality who will learn of her misfortune with regret.

Ed Garner expects to leave this week on a prospecting trip to Leitch and if he finds environments of his liking, will probably move to that city with his family.

Dr. C. L. McCollum left Sunday for San Marcos to spend a few days with his family.

Richard Lloyd Jones Says

DETERMINATION IS A PRICELESS ASSET



Singleness of purpose is the foundation of all success. It is the man who knows exactly what he wants and insists on getting it who usually gets it.

We are too prone to look upon money rather than mind as our goal. Money harms only the man who has not learned to help himself.

It is the mind that mints money. Money never makes mind.

To be born with a silver spoon in your mouth is not a handicap unless you let the spoon gag you.

Poverty is not a virtue. It is nothing to brag about. It is an asset only as a compelling power to drive you out of it.

The poets praise a false philosophy when they sing of the glory of poverty. Be honest and admit it is a glory nobody wants. Everybody who is covered with that glory is trying to get rid of it. The whole struggle of the world is to scramble away from it. It is a hideous thing.

But the test of men comes not while enmeshed in poverty but when freed from its fetters.

The man who doesn't know what to do because he has no money is hardly less well off than the man who doesn't know what to do because he has money.

The young man who facing life has to be fed and clothed by a rich parent may command a measure of thoughtless envy but he commands no more of the world's admiration than the young man who has to be clothed and fed by charity.

It's the man who stands alone and does not use

others as a crutch to hold him up who commands respect. It is the man who has found how to help others in the march through life, who wins the admiration of others.

Youth's problem is not what are you starting but where are you starting for.

Your fortune depends not on what you have in hand but what you have in your mind.

Real nobility is the fruit of heart culture, no less than head culture, and your heart grows big only as you force it into the affection of other hearts.

Determination is a richer asset than dollars. It is the one indispensable tool that is needed for the successful completion of every job you may desire or are compelled to tackle.

Emerson reminded us that "keeping everlastingly at it brings success."

Determination forces you over the road of concentration. Concentration is the force of intellect thrown like the searchlight upon just one thing and held there.

The searchlight gets control of all the rays of light and purposefully directs them.

Concentration is the control of the cultivated mind.

Nobody cares whether Lincoln or Edison, Emerson, McCormick or Agassiz had a bank account because everybody knows they had a brain account. They cultivated and concentrated their brains upon a great determination to do something so well worth while that they rose above the poverty above fleckle fortune into the indestructible wealth of the world.

HONEY PHILOSOPHY for 1923

WHEN a fellow's late for business and offers as an excuse the fact that he put his teeth in water which froze in the night and so it took him ten minutes to thaw them out before he could eat his breakfast, it speaks well for his imagination, and maybe better for his sense of humor. What's more, we can all laugh. But when the laugh is ended we come to see that excuses are poor crutches on which to lean. That chap grows who, when wrong, admits it. Excuses are ugly patches on an ill-fitting suit that can be made quite dapper if its faults are seen and a hitch taken in here and there.

Poem by UNCLE JOHN



Smith has got a souper-six, and Jones has got an eight; Brownson keeps a four-sedan-a-standin' by his gate. . . . Biggs has got a tourin' coup, an' Bagges has got a truck, — Jefferson sez the 'Lectric is the finest job he's struck.

OUR HOSSLESS HOMES
The butcher drives a roadsterette, that's playin' hell with gas; The grocer drives a limousine that chokes ye, as they pass! The barber puts his surplus in a seven-seated bus.

O, everybody's got a boat, and that's includin' us! Granny steers her chummy-ear with doors of bevel plate. . . . Baby wants a winter-Ford—he'll have it, sure as fate! Sister—she's the suffragette—that lives on rubber tires—bound to have an auto-hearse, the minnit she expires! Makes a feller figger like he never done before—what we might amount to, if we weren't so beastly poor!

TEMPLE MAN CONVERTED TO NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING

John Wanamaker was the discoverer, or originator of modern newspaper advertising.

His discovery, and his faithful adherence to it made him America's greatest, best known, wealthiest and most successful merchant.

So great was his fame that ambitious merchants from everywhere journeyed to his great establishment in the hope of learning something of interest or profit, and thousands asked his advice and counsel—asked him for his secret of success.

And to all of these questions his answer—Advertising. Straight, attractive, truthful Advertising. "Buy good merchandise—buy it right, and then tell your customers and prospective custo-

mers about it in a straight forward, truthful way through the medium of clean, reputable newspapers—that is the secret of successful retail merchandising."

A. J. Jarrell, a leading merchant in Temple for more than quarter of a century, like thousands of other merchants was an admirer of Wanamaker and naturally envious of his success, and for a long time has been a follower of methods, that of consistent newspaper advertising. But a few years ago this Temple merchant got an idea that probably his methods could be improved upon, as this Temple merchant began to experiment. He scattered his advertising—going to all manner of so-called mediums, directories, road signs, calendar, etc., and even conceived the

wonderful (as he thought) idea of a "customers profit-sharing plan." All of which cut down his available appropriation for real advertising the Wanamaker kind of advertising—to a point where it became ineffective.

And then he woke up and said—"Never again."

And beginning with today—the first of this good month of March, A. O., 1923—Mr. Jarrell announces the discontinuance, once and for all, of all "schemes," all "profit-sharing" plans and all forms of "alleged advertising," and will confine his store publicity to straightforward, clearest newspaper advertising, the kind that made Wanamaker and thousands of other lesser merchants successful and famous.

Asked regarding his new decision Mr. Jarrell replied: "Well, first, after wasting a lot of

Tiniest Page in U. S. Senate



Johnny Kenny, 12 years old, is the youngest and tiniest page in the U. S. Senate. He is a merry youngster, but a prime favorite with the dignified Senators. He is laughing at the vacation he is enjoying, now that Congress has adjourned!

money experimenting with different forms of "trade pullers" I have reached the conclusion that Wanamaker's system was right after all. And second, I believe that we merchants of Temple should confine our expenditures for publicity to our newspapers, the institutions that are doing more than anything else to build up our town."

"Yes sir," continued the big merchant. "The newspapers get all my business in the future. I am off of all other plans of alleged business-getting from here out."

Get your fishing tackle at the Owl Drug Store. 51-4f

Gates' Super-Tread Tires and Tested Tubes. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 13tf

W. S. Kidd and wife of Castell came up last week to visit their daughter, Mrs. E. O. Lowgren, who has been ill for the past few days. Mrs. Lowgren is improving rapidly and Mr. Kidd left the first of the week. Mrs. Kidd will remain for a few days.—Junction Eagle

LUNGARDIA FOR COUGHS AND COLDS

The quicker you can remove a Cough or Cold, the better. Deep-seated ones are a menace to the Lungs. If LUNGARDIA is not better and does not act quicker in Coughs and Colds of all kinds, sore throat, difficult breathing, spasmodic Croup, and for the relief of Whooping Cough,—your money back. Use it to ward off Influenza. Thousands praise LUNGARDIA.

For Sale by MASON DRUG CO.

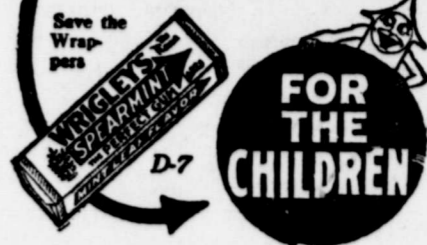
After Every Meal

WRIGLEYS

Top off each meal with a bit of sweet in the form of WRIGLEYS.

It satisfies the sweet tooth and aids digestion.

Pleasure and benefit combined.



NEW AUTO TAX GETS THE JITZ IN GREAT COBS

The new auto tax law which goes into effect January 1st, 1924 will require tax according to the following table. A greater percent of the tax will be spent on the roads in the county in which it is paid, if such counties have designated highways.

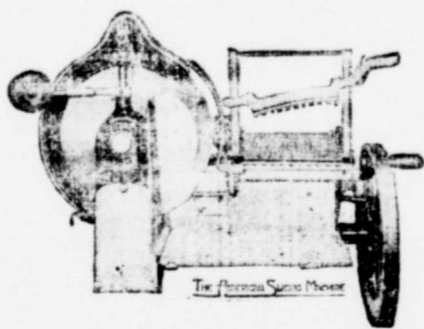
Make of Car	New Tax
Auburn	\$18.89
Apperson	27.55
Buick 6	19.72
Cadillac	29.42
Case	19.88
Chalmers	18.38
Chandler	20.58
Chevrolet	11.45
Cole	23.82
Dodge	16.20
Dort	15.35
Essex	16.85
Ford	10.65
Franklin	16.38
Haynes	21.58
Hudson	22.08
Hupmobile	16.35
Jordan	18.75
King	18.90
Kissel	26.15
Lexington	18.88
Lincoln	30.90
Locomobile	34.80
Marmion	27.98
Maxwell	14.25
Merced	13.78
Mitchell	21.08
Nash	18.38
Oakland	16.85
Oldsmobile	18.55
Overland	11.45
Packard Single Six	18.72
Packard Twin Six	33.32
Paige	20.78
Pierce-Arrow	33.05
Reo	19.72
Studebaker, Light 6 and 4	17.03
Stutz	22.75
Vellie	17.53
Willys-Knight	17.85

Tutt's Pills

The first dose astonishes the invalid, giving immediate relief, regulating bowels and digestive organs, inducing

GOOD DIGESTION

ANNOUNCEMENT



I have just installed an American Slicing Machine, and I extend to the public an invitation to call and see the machine in operation. It slices bacon, ham, cheese and other packing house products; every slice the same thickness

and uniform in every way. It will mean a big saving to you.

NO CHARGES FOR SLICING

We have in stock boiled ham, breakfast bacon, salt bacon, sausage and cheese. When in need of such items, come to our store. We will serve you with the sliced product and at the same price you pay for it in bulk elsewhere.

A large sanitary, cooling case has just been installed for use in connection with the slicing machine.

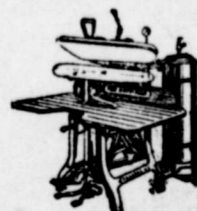
Full and complete line of staple and fancy groceries. Seasonable fruits and vegetables at all times.

'PHONE 80

J. J. JOHNSON

Garment Germs May Cause Disease

Our scientific method of pressing clothes kills all germ life, restores life and luster to the clothes and positively produces in every garment



The Natural Body Shape

CLEANING ALTERING REPAIRING

ROY E. DOELL

WITH J. S. KING, THE JEWELER

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

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

NO. 1203

THE FIRST STATE BANK

A GUARANTY FUND BANK

We can please you also. If you want?

CAPITAL STOCK - - \$25,000.00

DIRECTORS

OSCAR SRAQUIST
H. S. WOOD
PETER JORDAN

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

ADVERTISING RATES
 Local readers and classified ads 7 1/2 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.

Foreign Advertising Representative THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION



Attia Boy Literal
 Lecturer—"We've got to help our infant industries."
 Voice Farback—"I'm helping, brother. I just bought stock in a safety pin company."

Office Vamp Opines
 "When the boss can't come down to work, he's indisposed; when a clerk can't come down, he's drunk."

How It's Done
 Mrs. B.—"I wouldn't doubt but that Grace Rodgers will be a June bride."
 Mr. B.—"No doubt of it. If she can make up her sweetie's mind."

Long Term Loan
 If one's a ten spot in his pay
 That he will kindly loan us,
 We'll pay it back the very day
 The soldiers get their bonus.

WEEKLY LESSON IN ETIQUETTE
 By Miss Vera Dence
 When taking a young lady to a church social and she insists on paying her own way, do not argue with her. Show that you respect her independence and let her pay for both of you.

Agree Quickly
 She—Tobacco in any form is very bad."
 He—"Yep, it's the cheroot of all evil."

'Twas Damp Anyhow
 Careful Karl—"I'm saving up for a rainy day."
 Blooie Bliss—"I did that once—but it turned out to be a wet night instead. The bootlegger got mine."

'Rab for the Movers
 Old King Tut never lived to see the day—but he's had his furniture moved carefully at last.

Logical Conclusion
 "I see Congressman Spooof has got the presidential bee in his bonnet and has tossed it into the ring."
 "Yep, but it's the public that will get stung."

DUMB DAN
 He's So Stupid He Thinks
 that Liverpool is a swimming tank;
 that Sing Sing is a grand opera production;
 that Long Island Sound is made with fog horns;
 that a bird lays striped Easter eggs;
 that even thinks King Tut is a movie star.
 How do you know a Dumb Dan? Tell him he thinks. We'll print it.

The recent session of the legislature, a total of 1,124 introduced in the two houses, House and 423 in the Senate.

The next tire be a Gate's Super-tyd by Otto Schmidt. 137

MAIL ORDER DIVIDENDS

Associated Press dispatches during the week carried throughout the country the announcement that the mail order house of Montgomery Ward & Company, which maintains a big branch house in Texas at Fort Worth, on its business in 1922 earned slightly more than twenty per cent on its common stock, which has a par value of \$10 a share.

The further suggestive and impressive announcement was made that out of the net profit earned by the company in 1922 preferred dividends for the given quarter ending December 31, 1922 were paid and, in addition the company made up arrears in the sinking fund and other charter requirements in full for the three years of 1920, 1921 and 1922. After making all these payments there remained a balance in undivided profits available for dividends on class "A" and common stock of \$2,717,988. The total sales of the company for 1922 were \$92,474,182 on which net profits of \$4,662,607 were realized.

These figures are given for the information of Temple merchants because the Mirror believes in spending home money in the home town and wants to see Temple merchants cut down the heavy sums that are being sent out of this town and county to swell the enormous profits of this and other big mail order houses. The local merchants can do this by advertising more liberally and letting their fellow citizens know that they can really save money by trading at home. These mail order houses pay big salaries to men in charge of their advertising and they do only a limited amount of newspaper advertising. But they subscribe for newspapers all over the country and they study the advertising columns. Then they consult their mercantile agency records to ascertain how many merchants are in a town, what their capitalization and what their probable volume of business. Noting that the merchants of a town do not patronize their local paper liberally the mail order publicity man at once floods the trade territory of that town with alluring catalogues and special literature and soon the local merchant wakes up to see the postman staggering by his store with enormous bundles and packages of mail order goods all or most of which he could have sold his neighbors by judicious advertising.

It is a business proposition and a practical matter. Unless the people of the community are educated to buying at home they are going to be lured into the postoffice to buy money orders to send away to the concerns which have convinced them that their business is appreciated and greatly desired. If the local merchant does not let them know what kind of goods he carries and what bargains he is prepared to offer them they should not be blamed if they patronize those who show an interest in serving them.

In these days of quick rural free delivery, good roads and autos the man outside of town can buy in Fort Worth just as expeditiously as he can in Temple and it is up to the Temple merchant to convince him that it is to his best interest to buy from his home merchant and to keep his money circulating at home instead of piling up dividends with it for the mail order barons.
 Think it over, Mr. Merchant.
 Let's Go!—Temple Mirror.

TOM SIMS SAYS—

It gets cold every winter and hot every summer, much to the surprise of about half the population.

London cop is singing in grand opera. The British give their cops more authority than we give ours.

Foreigner admits he paid \$1000 to get smuggled into America and we say he got a good bargain.

Chicago woman who lost her jewels in Los Angeles could have stayed at home and had that happen.

In Mansfield, O., a man's wife made him so mad he bit her nose off. Read this to your wife.

It is a wise man who never makes faces at a cop or laughs at his wife's new spring hat.

Be careful about what you want because you are liable to get it.

Any man can make a success if he has enough chances to practice on.

Most of the trouble is caused by trying to dodge trouble.

A hypocrite is very often someone who is cheerful at breakfast.

Scientists digging up the past should let bygones be bygones.
 You must meet your expenses if you expect to meet your friends.
 Spring always visits a few times before coming to stay.
 There are about 110,000,000 people in

From Our Early Files

From Mason News, March 25, 1898:

Dr. Chas. Hankins was in Mason Saturday from Fredonia.

Walt Smith has his residence nearly completed and will move in within a few days.

Justice Wilkinson is having a frame dwelling erected.

Marriage license were issued Monday to Mr. Alex Lang and Miss Mary Bell.

A pleasant social event was that held at the residence of H. Mebus Saturday night.

John R. Spiller, district and county clerk of McCulloch county, died Monday night.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lemburg, a girl, on the 21st.

E. F. Stengel has sold his lot adjoining Ben Hoerster to the German Methodist church and they will erect a parsonage thereon.

this country who wish they were someone else.

Few wrecks on the matrimonial seas are caused by squalls. Many are the result of sailing in a fog.

St. Patrick's Day is coming. He drove the snakes out of Ireland. Will we ever have a Volstead Day?

Only a few more weeks until porch swings wish people would sit on the couch once in a while.

Our kick against the future is it becomes the past even before you learn it is the present.

The report that our birth rate is declining merely proves that there is one born every minute.

If gasoline really goes to a dollar a gallon half the shoemakers will laugh themselves to death.

Just when our language was getting a little rest it is rumored Congress may have an extra session.

Civilization is spreading. In Japan, a baseball umpire got licked.

Just to show you what ambition will

From Mason News, March 20, 1908:

Mrs. Augusta Foster, aged 76 years, died Tuesday afternoon.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lemburg, a girl, on the 18th.

Mrs. P. G. Rogers, who is quite ill of pneumonia, is reported improving.

H. B. Gibbs visited relatives at Big Springs a few days last week.

Miss Elva Payne's school at Behrens recently closed and she has since been laid up with the measles.

A pleasant social was enjoyed Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Metzger.

Miss Pearl Land painfully cut her thumb Monday with a knife.

Miss Maud Beachamp received a severe burn on her arm last Sunday morning.

Mrs. Will Ellebracht has been confined to her home the past week with the measles.

Loose paper blowing about the streets caused the team of Arthur Leifstoe to attempt to run away Monday.

do a hen in Chillicothe, O., lays eggs seven inches around.

Germany is sending canary birds to this country, much to the delight of American cats.

Georgie man who wondered if the \$500 he had in a coffee pot would be stolen found it would.

A foolish field of corn is sprouting already in Connecticut.

Bradyville (O.) man has grafted chicken skin on his dog's back and now the dog can go chase himself.

Ruth, ball player, is trying to come back because he got into the first three letters of his name.

A young lady tells us her husband seems to think she signed up for love, honor and no pay.

All of us would be patient if it didn't take so much patience.

Wish spring would hurry up and say it with flowers.

From the Llano News we learn a consolidation of the Pontotoc and Field Creek schools is being advocated.

Editorial

IT'S EASIER TO DO A THING RIGHT THAN EXPLAIN WHY IT WAS DONE WRONG

Wealth is Spreading Out

LOOSE talk often catches the ear and sometimes facts take a long time to catch up. It is safe to say that most persons have the impression that the rich are getting richer and the poor poorer every day; that the concentration of great wealth is a growing menace that the United States must reckon with. But the cold hard truth will not down. The Bureau of Internal Revenue shows that all classes of Americans with incomes below \$50,000 show increases, while all classes having incomes in excess of \$50,000 show decreases, and this in spite of the fact that the mass income of \$15,924,639,355 in 1918, increased in 1920 to \$23,735,629,183.

When the figures for this year are at hand it will be found that the poor are getting richer and the richer getting poorer. Figures show that 64.39% of the aggregate personal incomes were in classes from \$1,000 to \$5,000 a year and 77.32 per cent in classes from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Incomes in excess of \$10,000 per year footed up only 22.65 per cent.

These disclosures may be a sad blow to our agitators and long-haired political economists.

The plain truth is that the American is living on a higher standard than any man in the world, that his income is far in excess of the income of any other national. If he must pay high prices he has the money to buy and still have a little left for a rainy day if he exhibits any of the characteristics of thrift.

America Booming Along

THE man who is not sold on America is the man who does not think. True we are an electric people, emotional to a degree, and subject to all the annoyances of temporary maladjustment. Now we are joyous, viewing the world from the mountain top, now we are wistful—in the depths of the valley.

Clear vision, however, sees nothing but the steady advance. While the blasts of winter have been chilling us, railroad traffic has been increasing until it reached the heaviest point ever experienced for the season. Panic talk about unemployment has given place to grumbling about the inability to get help. For the first time in the history of the country the cotton spindles in use in January have exceeded 35,000,000. Textiles are booming, iron and steel reports show enormous activity and automobile manufacturers predict their biggest year.

Even with all of this improvement conditions are still unsettled. There is still talk of merchants travelling on dangerous ground. The Glooms contend that merchants will be caught with high price merchandise on their shelves that the public will decline to buy at the prices asked. More than likely, however, the alert merchandiser will have bought and banked his profits before the Pessimists awaken to the fact that we are living and working in the greatest country in the world.

We control practically all the gold in the world and what is more important we are coming to set the moral and business standards of the world, which snamed up in plain honesty, spells the certain reward of dominating progress.



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A big mass meeting has been advertised to be held by the citizenship of Gillespie County at the court house in Fredericksburg on Friday evening, March 23, at 8 o'clock. The subject for discussion will be that of securing a railroad from that city through Mason and connect with some trunk line north.

The Brady Chamber of Commerce, seconded by the Brady Luncheon club, and with the hearty co-operation of the entire citizenship of Brady and McCulloch county, expects to stage a great "Technological" rally and get-together meeting in Brady next Thursday, March 22nd. Action followed the request by the Coleman Chamber of Commerce for such a meeting to be held in Brady at the earliest convenient date, and in which all towns of this section interested in the locating of the Technological college were to be asked to join and cooperate. An appropriate program is now being prepared and Brady expects to do the honors in a fashion as to convince all that in an immediate section lies the logical location for Texas Technological College—Brady Standard.

Punchettes



TITHING

ONE may imagine when tithing is discussed that one is discussing a church ritual. Of course, such an imagination is born in ignorance. Tithing is not a part of the ritual; it is not statutory nor is it a by-law. The law requiring tithing is fundamental. It is eternal. It existed long before the Ten Commandments were given, and was written into the constitution of man's relationship to God. It is not only fundamental, but is absolutely essential.

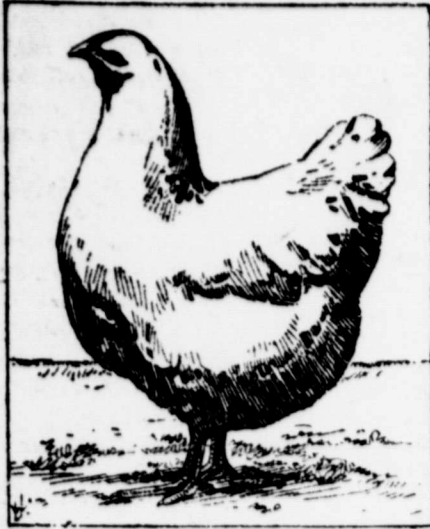
The first family of the universe paid their tithes. Abraham paid his tithe to Melchizedek, and so on all down the ages. Christ did not abrogate, repeal nor suspend this fundamental law and principle. He required it, brought it over into the dispensation of Grace, and it is required of every Christian.

If every church in the world were composed of members who were conscientious, faithful tithers, there would be enough money in the treasuries of the churches to evangelize the world and to rectify every church deficiency on earth.

Every man in the church who today refuses to tithe is a deliberate robber. The benefits of tithing ought to settle the question. There isn't any conscientious tither who doesn't get more out of his nine-tenths than the robber gets out of the ten-tenths that he unjustly and unwise and unfairly uses. There isn't a tither on the page of history that has ever been a beggar or who has been clothed in rags or who has walked the streets in disgrace and dishonor. Every man who keeps God's box filled and who is absolutely honest with God has bestowed upon him divine blessings, and he enjoys that peace, prosperity and happiness which comes through no other source.

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Woman's Literary Club
The Woman's Literary Club held its weekly meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Belle W. Bridges. Our lesson on Henrik Obsen and his books and plays was very interesting. Short sketches of notable women of America will be our lesson for March 9th, and for April 5th, Modern fiction writers.

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Surprise Party

On last Monday evening, Miss Thelma Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wood, was agreeably surprised with a party in honor of her 17th birthday anniversary.

A contest was held and Willie Mae Doell won a box of stationery.

Those attending the party included Misses Willie Mae and Ella Doell, Maggie Clark, Opal Garrett, Willie Mae Bickenbach, Genevieve King, Ruth Bruce, Lorena Draper, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Ethel Dees, Thelma Wood; Messrs Crawford Lemburg, Alton Clark, Henry McDougall, Roy Bratton, Jack Garrett, Allan Doell.

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MEETING OF HILDA COMMUNITY CLUB

On March 9th, at 2:30 o'clock, the Club was called to order by the president.

After the roll had been called and the minutes read and adopted the following program was rendered:

- Song—By the Club.
- Recitation by Quincy Kothmann, "On Poultry".
- Recitation by Elgin Geistweidt, "Tight Times".
- Song by the Club.
- Reading by Earl Loeffler, "Feeding Dairy Cows".
- Recitation by Ernest Geistweidt, "On Cattle".
- Song by the Club.
- Reading by Andrew Wiedemann.
- Recitation by Lolita Loeffler, "A Lay to the Layer".
- Quartet by Rueben Wiesemann, Ben and Lolita Loeffler and Nellie Geistweidt.
- Recitation by Rueben Wiesemann, "The Broken Hearted Dutchman".

REPORTER.

Ladies' Aid

Last Wednesday afternoon the Ladies' Aid of the Christian Church met at the pretty country home of Mrs. Irvin Ellebracht with Mrs. John Lindsay assistant hostess.

After the lesson and discussion, delicious fruit punch and cake were served the following guests: Mmes. Chas. Bierschwale, John Lemburg, H. Puckey J. Schlittgerber, H. S. Wood, Ben Phuenneke, J. S. King, K. M. Eckert, Oscar Shearer, W. I. Marschall, Seth L. Baze, Walter Lindsay, Arch Metzger, Wes Smith, M. D. Loring, Tom White, Anna Strickland and Misses Maybelle Loring and Zella Wood.

Next meeting of Aid will be with Mrs. Puckey.

Bridge Club

Saturday afternoon Mrs. M. D. Loring entertained the Bridge Club from three until six.

A dainty salad course was served the following guests: Messlames Elgin Eckert, W. I. Marschall, Walter Lindsay, Seth L. Baze, John Lindsay, P. A. Bennett, Joe Gresham, K. M. Eckert, Arch Metzger, Irvin Ellebracht, Anna Strickland and Misses Maybelle Loring, Mammie Doell, Julia Bierschwale and Marie Brockman.

Next meeting of Club will be with Mrs. Arch Metzger.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Mason County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once a week for a period of at least ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the County of Mason, State of Texas; the following notice.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all persons interested in the estate of Henry Gatt, deceased:

Henry L. Gatt has filed in the County Court of Mason County, an application for the probate of the last will and testament of said Henry Gatt, deceased, filed with said application, and for letters testamentary of the estate of Henry Gatt, deceased, to be issued to Auguste Gatt, surviving wife of deceased, as in said will provided, which will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing on the fourth Monday in May, A. D. 1923, the same being the 28th day of May, 1923, at the court house thereof, in the town of Mason, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at my office in Mason, Texas, this 20th day of February, A. D., 1923.

(Seal) R. E. LEE,
Clerk County Court, Mason County, Texas. 1-3tc

Whitman's Sampler Box Candy at Mason Drug Company. 45

Sidney Dees, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dees states he will leave within a short time for Livingston, Montana, where he expects to accept a position in a business operated there by an uncle.

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LADIES—See our millinery and ready-to-wear. We have something to please you. Morrow's Hat Shoppe. 1tc

Will Ellebracht was in the city Wednesday doing business for a San Antonio concern, which he represents.

Jack King and Clarence Williamson are back in Mason, following a visit in San Antonio for several weeks.

Mrs. G. W. Moneyhon and sister, Miss Imogene Keller are spending several days in San Antonio this week.

Miss Willie Mae Doell was a weekend guest of her sister, Miss Jessie, at London.

A. R. Latham, a prominent ranchman of the Fredonia section, was a business visitor in Mason last Saturday.

Leaves in an Acre of Wheat.
An acre of wheat should average thirty-six bushels. This would produce 1,595 pounds of flour, equaling 2,146 pounds of bread—that is, 541 four-pound loaves. This would provide for a family of six for a year.

And Save All Risks.
There is no excuse for murder nowadays. By waiting awhile, you may live to read that your enemy killed himself with his motorcar.—Kansas City Star.

Difference in Crowds.
"Folks ain't got de respect foh music dey used to have," said Uncle Eben. "De difference between de old crowd and de new crowd is dat de old crowd used to play on de bones an' de new crowd rolls 'em."

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TEXAS

Leonard Wood, who is taking a business course in the Alamo Business College, of San Antonio, was here to spend a short time with home folks the past week-end.

Miss Katie Ischar, one of the teachers of the Cross school, was at home last week during which time school was suspended on account of an epidemic of influenza in that section.

Mat Dees took in the sights in San Antonio the early part of this week.

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ONE ANGEL

By LOUISE M. ADDLESON

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For some time Arthur Griffwell had been aware of an angel's presence.

On the eighth day of his illness, however, a doubt assailed him. "Who are you?" he inquired.

"I am Miss Williams, your nurse," answered the white-clad one.

He stared unbelievably. "I thought you were an angel," and added, his voice trailing a little, "because you're so beautiful—and good."

"Angels are beautiful and good," she said, "but I'm not beautiful at all—and not so very good. Take this, please, and go to sleep." And she began feeding him some broth.

He took the broth submissively, because the angel told him to. "It's good," he said. "Let me hold your hand again, angel." And clutching it tightly he fell into a delicious slumber.

When he awoke the angel was seated in a chair, reading, and he saw that though she had pleasant brown eyes she wasn't really an angel, and that she wasn't at all beautiful.

"Angel," said he, wanly, a little later, "will you kindly tell me how you happen to be here and also—if you don't mind—how I got here? The last I knew about myself I was in Canada. And now I'm in my own home—in my own room, being treated like a baby."

"You exposed yourself to cold and damp weather, Mr. Griffwell, and caught a chill which developed into pneumonia. We barely saved you."

"Ah, yes, I remember. My wife—had gone to visit her mother—in Canada. I followed, got stuck in the snow with my machine and walked 30 miles before I came to a railway station."

Arthur Griffwell paused a moment and lay back wearily on his pillows. "Oh, angel, what fools we mortals be!"

Miss Williams was silent. She knew more than he realized. In his delirium Arthur Griffwell had withheld nothing. She knew of his wife's extravagance, her wild caprices, her indiscriminate friendships, her sudden determination to leave Griffwell, and his desire to bring her back and preserve the sanctity of his home at all costs.

The next morning Griffwell's brain was clearer. He got some toast and egg for breakfast, and regarded Miss Williams afterward with a puzzled frown.

"Did I babble a whole lot—in my illness?"

"You were delirious," said the angel. He tried to pierce her serene, impenetrable gaze, but she only smiled and began straightening his room.

"Nurses know a whole lot about people's affairs, don't they?" he asked.

"The sanctity of the sickroom is inviolable. You need not fear."

He nodded. "I seem to have been an awful baby. Quest. I have a recollection of asking you to hold my hand."

"Sick people always do," said the angel, placidly. "We nurses care for you—pamper you—like babies. You love us madly—until you get well. Then you pay us and we go." And she smiled again, the serene, tranquil smile that made Griffwell feel at peace with the world.

He looked earnestly at the plain, quiet face. "How does one attain calm, quiet self-possession such as yours? It is a priceless gift."

"By doing useful work, thereby bringing peace to the soul," she answered, simply.

He pondered this for some time.

The following week the angel was paid and dismissed. Returning to her boarding house, Miss Williams seated herself before the mirror in her room and scrutinized her reflection critically.

"I ought," she told her homely image in the glass, "to be content with nursing for the rest of my life. I am a good nurse. People speak well of me. I—I do not miss the love of men. I am happy—happy—happy! I do not miss Arthur Griffwell. I will forget him. I must forget him! I will—I will—I will!"

And though she began the process of forgetting by throwing herself face downward on the bed and weeping until she fell asleep, Miss Williams succeeded—perhaps not in forgetting her erstwhile patient, but at least in locking the memory of him in a remote corner of her brain. Therefore when, a year later, she was informed that a gentleman was calling on her, she was more than a little confused to find, on entering the little parlor, that it was occupied by Arthur Griffwell.

She stammered in her surprise. He gave her no time to think, however, but took her two hands in his.

"Angel," said he, "for you will always be that to me, I've been wanting to come for ever so long, but I thought it best to wait, for both our sakes. You see, my wife died, eight months ago."

She stared. "Don't you see? Oh, angel, with the kind, kind eyes, I love you! I love you for your sweet serenity, for the

CHURCH NOTICES

GERMAN M. E. CHURCH

Next Sunday, Rev. H. Homburg, of Sequin, will preach at 11 o'clock, in German language. Rev. J. W. A. Witt will preach at 7:30 o'clock in English language. Everybody cordially invited.

UNION LENTEN SERVICES

Rev. D. G. Hardt, of Art, and Rev. J. W. A. Witt, of this city, will conduct union Lenten services during passion week, beginning next Tuesday, March 27th and continuing through Friday, March 30th.

The services will be at nights only at 7:30 o'clock and will be in the German language.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

The following schedule will be followed:

Tuesday Night—Mason German M. E. Church, Rev. Hardt; Art German M. E. Church, Rev. Witt.

Wednesday Night—Mason M. E. Church, South, Rev. Witt; Art, German M. E. Church, Rev. Hardt.

Thursday Night—Art German M. E. Church, Rev. Witt; Mason German M. E. Church, Rev. Hardt.

Friday Morning—Art German M. E. Church at 10:45 a. m., Rev. Witt.

Friday Night—Art German M. E. Church, Rev. Hardt; Mason M. E. Church, South, Rev. Witt.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. L. M. Wood, of Brady, will be in Mason next Sunday to conduct services at the local Presbyterian Church. Services at the regular morning hour and in the evening also. The public is cordially invited to attend.

SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

Since our last report the following have made subscription payments. News, for which we extend the thanks:

Harry Nagel
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Alf Polk
Sam Awalt
Miss Meta Loeffler
F. A. Grote

blessed quiet that you always spread about you. My life has been a torment. I want you—and love—and peace. Will you come to me?"

Through a mist she saw his face with its unutterable longing. She felt his arms about her, his kisses on her tear-wet face.

Still Has Hopes.

Ethel—Stella is trying very hard to reduce.

Clara—Yes, poor girl. She's convinced that beauty is only chin deep! —New York Sun.

That Ended That.

I had been going with Bob for several months and finally we became engaged. He presented me with a beautiful diamond ring.

The next evening a family friend who happened to be a jeweler was calling. Of course, mother had to show him my ring.

The next day father told me the jeweler told him my ring was quartz and gold plate.

Bob and I were engaged just two days.—Exchange.

Left Provision for Fat Cat.

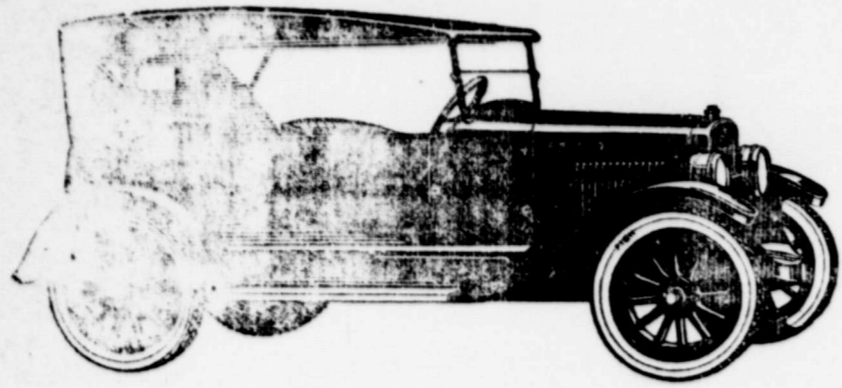
By a will filed in the Knox county court, Maine, Mrs. Foudray provided for her cat Bean as follows: "If I die before my cat Bean he is to have the best of care, allowed to sleep on the table or window sill and not left out of doors at all, and \$5 per month for salmon, milk and meat. When he dies he is to have a white casket made and be buried in my lot in Acheson cemetery, and a small stone put up for him costing \$20." Bean died last.—Portland Press Herald.

Another Extra Dividend.

"Did you ever steal apples when you were a boy?"

"Sure," said Mr. Grabson. "Watermelons, too. And that reminds me."

"Eh?"



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THE CONFESSION

By CHARLOTTE TALLEY

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It had become almost an obsession with me, red-haired Thomas McKee to solve the problem of the tragic lips around the otherwise perfect mouth of Mrs. Archer, his secretary, and to obliterate them.

As he sat at his roll-top desk tapping it nervously with his slim white fingers, the alteration of his return to his law office after a week of illness, it was Doctor Jones' extraordinary advice to him, and not the neat piles of business letters before him, that occupied his thoughts. "Get what's worrying you off your mind," the doctor had said. "If you're in love, propose." Well, he was in love, but Jean Archer had not responded very noticeably. Now he meant to propose, however, without delay.

He went over to where Mrs. Archer sat before a typewriter, in her black gown with its soft, white collar, and stood looking down at the tendrils of dark hair that curled above her white neck. "Jean," he said, flushed and bold. "I want to talk to you. Bring over your pad so, if Pablo comes in, he'll think I'm dictating."

Mrs. Archer finished typewriting a sentence before she spoke. Her cheeks had grown pink as laurel blossoms in June and she said, sweetly, without

looking up, her thick black lashes veiling her gray eyes. "Mrs. Archer, if you please, Mr. McKee." Then she brought her pad and pencil and sat down beside his desk.

"You'll always be Jean to me, Mrs. Archer," Thomas began, whimsically. "I have decided that I ought to get married. Now, no wife on earth would live with me peaceably if she knew what an attractive secretary I have. I don't care for any other woman, moreover, so the only solution of the problem, as I see it, is for you to marry me."

Mrs. Archer's face matched the blank white pad before her as she faltered. "I shan't marry anyone, Mr. McKee. It would be wrong; at least, I should have to make a confession which would be most painful to me, and I might not then be acceptable."

Thomas flushed. He was silent for some moments. But his faith in Jean Archer was as strong as his love for her.

"That's all right," he said, stoutly. "Let's hear it."

Mrs. Archer's reply was to go over to her desk and, unlocking the right-hand drawer, to take from it a folded typewritten paper, which she placed before him. He took up her confession and read:

"My husband was dying. Weeks before, the doctor had told me he could not possibly live. We did not expect him to last through the night. At intervals, according to the doctor's instructions, I administered medicine or nourishment.

"If my husband died that night, Marion, my little girl of eight, and I would have five thousand dollars from an insurance policy with which to face life. If he lived a little longer, we should have nothing; money had already been borrowed on the policy and the last day of grace would expire the following day.

"We were strangers in the Southwestern town, where my husband had been sent by his Eastern physician to save his life. There was no one to whom I could turn as a friend.

"My husband was sleeping profoundly after a paroxysm of coughing, when the thought came to me. What would he wish if he were able to judge the situation? Marion had always been his idol. Why should she be made to suffer? It was almost time for his heart stimulant. (This temporarily renewed his hold on life, only to prolong his suffering. When I felt his pulse it was very weak.

"I went into the next room and looked at Marion. Our beautiful, helpless darling, with all of life before her! I was distracted; almost hysterical, from the strain of work beyond my strength, and weeks of worry.

"I then returned to my husband's bedside to prepare his medicine. He was awake and conscious, but with a feeble hand he thrust away the medicine glass.

"Jean," he whispered hoarsely, 'today—the insurance—Marion—I'm going soon. Let me go in peace.' This was not the first time that my husband's thought and mine had been identical.

"I tried to soothe him as I held the glass to his lips, but he would have none of it.

"For a few moments I sat watching him, making no effort to use force. Then suddenly he gasped and was gone.

"Had my delay hastened his end? Distractedly I begged the doctor to tell me as he filled out my husband's death certificate. 'It may have by a few hours,' he said, 'but that is all.'

"But I ponder the question often, and I never forget what I failed to do that night, for I truly loved my husband . . ."

Thomas McKee drew a perplexed sigh. He was accustomed to making decisions, but this case was without a precedent.

He turned toward her. Her fringed gray eyes held a look of appeal and the lines around her mouth had deepened. "I'll smooth them out," he inwardly declared.

"You must forget," he said. Then he drew her unresisting toward him, and she rested in his arms like a tired child, wearied after a long journey.

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"Every night, and night after night, I had to take something for a laxative, and it had to be kept up nightly. My side would pain. I looked awful. My skin was sallow and seemed spotted. I would look at my hands and arms, and the flesh looked lifeless.

"I happened to get a Birthday Almanac, so I told my husband I would try the Black-Draught, which I did. I took a few big doses. I felt much better. My liver acted well. I made a good, warm tea and drank it that way. Soon I found

that nervous, tight feeling was going, as was the pain in my side. I found I did not have to take it every night. Soon, after a few weeks, I could leave it off for a week or so, and I did not suffer with constipation. . . I gained flesh. I have a good color, and believe it was a stubborn liver, and that Black-Draught did the work.

"I went to my mother's (Mrs. Deeters) one day, and she wasn't well at all. . . I told her we'd try Black-Draught. We did, and now she keeps it to take after eating. It certainly helped her, and we neither will be without it in our homes. It is so simple, and the dose can be regulated as the case may be. We use small doses after meals for indigestion, and larger doses for headache or bad liver."

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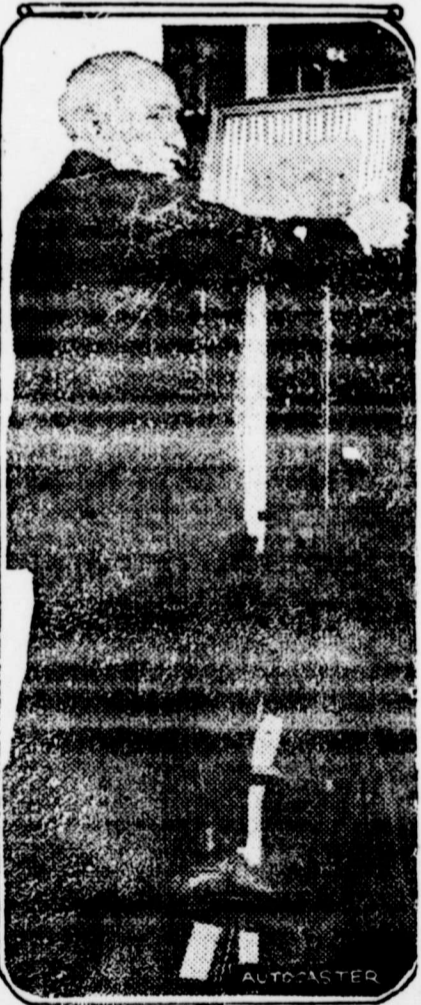
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Congress Bids Uncle Joe Cannon Good-by



Many tears were shed as Uncle Joe Cannon, after fifty years in Congress, packed his belongings for return to his home in Dansville, Ill. His years in Congress stand as a record.

SOMETHING NEW
Whitman's Pink Package at MASON DRUG COMPY.

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Prof. L. W. Dumas informs us the gross receipts of the minstrel show, given last Thursday night at the school auditorium for the benefit of the Mason High School Stock-Judging Team, amounted to \$79 and the amount netted by the entertainment will be about \$65. It is considered the amount cleared was exceptionally good, considering the severe weather prevailing on that occasion.

KODAKERS ATTENTION

Llano Photo Studio under new management. Kodak finishing at city prices. Films developed free. Prints 3, 4 and 5 cents each. Twenty-four hour service.

BOX 13—LLANO PHOTO STUDIO, 51-tfe.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dees went to San Antonio last Saturday morning for a few days' visit.

Ed Loeffler and family are enjoying a new Chevrolet Sedan which they purchased this week through the Llano agency.

CHICKENS

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

31-tf J. J. JOHNSON

Miss Mary Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wood, left Saturday for San Antonio, where she will take a course in a business college. It is announced she will accept a position in the store of J. J. Johnson upon her return.

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TWPEWRITER RIBBONS

For almost every make of machine at the News Office.

Dr. and Mrs. P. A. Baze, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Baze and Mr. J. W. White left Wednesday for San Antonio for a short business trip.

Buy her a box of Norris Chocolate Brazil Nuts at Mason Drug Com'py.

Messrs. Otto Keyser, W. S. Kidd and John Keyser were business visitors in Mason Saturday from the Castell section. The former gentleman stated that his wife, who was injured by a tree falling on the car in which she was riding on Sunday of last week, is recovering from her injuries very nicely. He stated Mrs. Keyser was able to be up for the first time since the accident on Thursday.

NORRIS BOX CANDY

Chocolate Nuts and Fruits.
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Ben Evans, who is teaching school near Eden, was here to spend last Saturday and a portion of Sunday among relatives and friends. He stated his school would probably run for another month.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith spent several days the past week in town from their ranch. Mr. Smith reports the recent sale of his yearlings to Mr. Murchinson, of Menard, a what he considered a good price.

Take in the picture show at the Star Opera House each Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 7:15 o'clock.

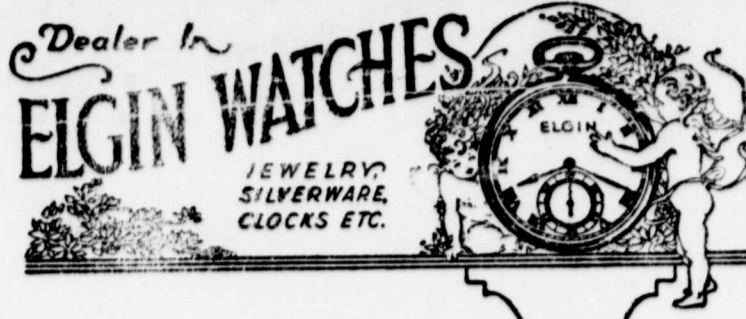
Galvanized roofing at R. Grosse's.

Wright's Condensed Smoke.
Wright's Ham Pickle.
Wright's Smoke Flavor.
At Mason Drug Company. 33

It is stated a car was upset on the Mason-Fredericksburg road on Saturday morning of last week and the occupants were bruised and considerably jarred from the accident. We are told the people were strangers and that injuries sustained were not serious enough to delay them in their travel.

I am always in the market for fat hogs and chickens. Get my prices. J. J. Johnson. 31-tf.

Eagle Brand Typewriter Ribbons, 80c



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GENERAL MALONE TO COMMAND CITIZENS' MILITARY TRAINING

Announcement has been made at Headquarters Eighth Corps Area that Brigadier General Paul B. Malone, now commanding 2nd Field Artillery Brigade, will command the Citizens' Military Training Camp at Fort Sam Houston which is to start July 30th and end August 28th.

General Malone graduated from the U. S. Military Academy in 1894 and his career in the Army has been one of distinguished service and broad experience. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection and the World War, and his many decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guiere.

General Malone has had much experience in the training of young men and is looked upon as an authority on that subject in the Army. He was an instructor at West Point from 1901 to 1905. He commanded one of the first Citizens' Military Training Camps held in this country at the Presidio, San Francisco in 1915. The camps of today are the outgrowth of the success of this first camp and the similar ones held at Plattsburg, N. Y.

Early in 1917 General Malone was placed in charge of the Training Camps in the Central Department to produce Officers for the World War. He remained on this duty until going over-

seas with the first American forces where he was made Assistant Chief of Staff G-5 at General Pershing's Headquarters. There he had charge of the training of the American Forces in France.

General Malone has expressed himself as being delighted with his assignment and has already started the work of building up his organization for the various activities of the camp.

Whitman's Celebrated Box Candies at Mason Drug Company. 45

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Dr. and Mrs. P. A. Baze are the owners of a new Chevrolet Coupe, which was recently purchased from the Llano agency.

CARDBOARD—BLOTTERS

The News has a good stock of cardboard in assorted colors; also have the large white blotters.

Tom Strong, our county treasurer, was on the sick list several days the past week and Mr. Thorne has been looking after the treasurer's office.

Mrs. Henry Saunders and Mrs. C. H. Garrett are in Brownwood attending a district meeting of the Baptist Ladies' Auxiliary.

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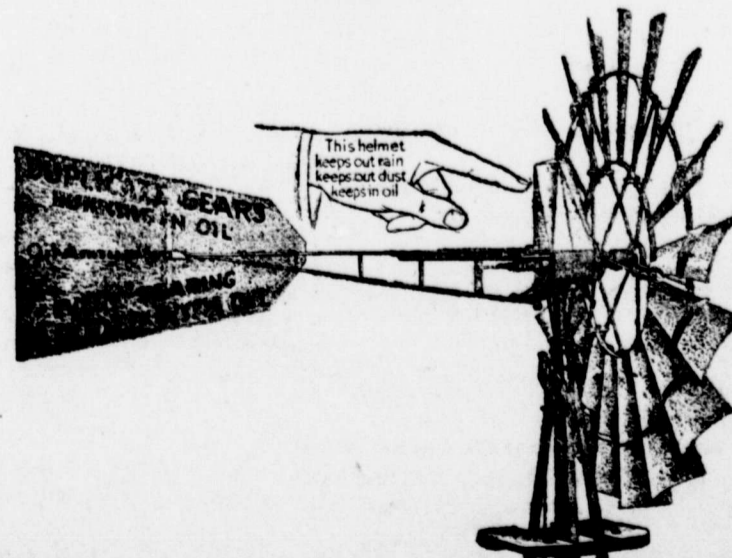
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