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## INTERSCHOLASTIC MEET FOR MASON CO. TO BE HELD IN MASON ON MARCH 21 AND 22

Prof. L. W. Dumas, director of the Mason County Interscholastic Meet has announced that the dates for the event to be held are Friday and Saturday, March 21st and 22nd, and has furnished the News with the following schedule of the program to be carried out:

### FRIDAY MORNING—

#### Literary Events

1. Music Memory 10 a. m. (?)
2. Essay Writing.
3. Spelling.

#### Friday Evening

1. Boys' Debate 7:30 to 9:00
  2. Girls' Declamation 9:00 to 11:00.
- ### FRIDAY AFTERNOON:
1. Girls Athletics, 1:30 to 5:00
  1. 100 yd. Dash for Senior
  2. 50-yd. Dash for Junior
  3. Basketball throw for distance Senior.
  4. Basketball throw for distance Junior.
  4. Baseball throw for distance Senior
  6. Baseball throw for distance, Junior.
  7. Double goal shooting relay 4 on team Senior.
  8. Double goal shooting relay 4 on team Junior.
  9. Shuttle relay 4 on team for Junior
  10. Volley Ball for Senior
  11. Running Broad Jump for Junior
  12. Tennis Doubles
  13. Tennis Single.
  14. 440-yd. Relay for Junior.

- ### SATURDAY—
1. Boys' Athletic 9:00 to 12:00.
  - A. Senior Boys
- ### Track—
1. 120-yd high hurdle.
  2. 100-yd dash.
  3. 1-mile run
  4. 220-yd low hurdles.
  5. 440-yd dash.
  6. 220-yd dash.
  7. 880-yd run.
  8. 1-mile relay.
- ### Field—
1. Pole vault.
  2. 12-pound shot put.
  3. Running high jump.
  4. Running broad jump.

Mason High School is only Class-A High School in county.

### CLASS B HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

- ### Track—
1. 120-yds high hurdles.
  2. 100-yd. dash.
  3. 1-mile run.
  4. 50-yd. dash.
  5. 44-yd dash.
  6. 220-yd dash.
  7. 880-yd run.
  8. 1-mile relay.
- ### Field—
1. Running broad jump.
  2. Pole vault.
  3. Running broad jump
  4. 12-pound shot put.
  - Tennis Doubles.
  - Tennis Singles.
  - B. Junior Boys.
  1. 50-yd dash.
  2. 100-yd dash.
  3. 440-yd dash.
  4. Running high jump.
  5. Running broad jump.
  6. Pull up (chinning bar).

### SATURDAY EVENING—

- 7:30 to 11:00
1. Girls Debate
  2. Boys Declamation.
  3. Presentation of prizes.
- ### FINANCE COMMITTEE:
- John Fing, Fredonia.  
Fred Schmidt, Mason.  
John Banks, Mason.

Mr. Dumas states that an effort is being made to induce every school in the county to compete in this meet, and should such efforts bring the proper results, it will be the biggest thing of this kind ever held in Mason.

The News is of the opinion that every school should make an effort to be first in this meet, and should every school enter there are going to be some warm contests as a result.

### FUNERAL AT GRIT

The funeral of a son of A. A. Stone held at Grit Tuesday. The News has been unable to secure information regarding the particulars.

Mrs. Jesse O. Schmidt, of Brady, spent a few days here the past week visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wood.

### R. W. WHITE PURCHASED ONE THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND

A deal was closed this week whereby R. W. White purchased from Walter Lindsay one thousand acres of land situated a few miles north of Mason.

It is stated the consideration in the deal was \$14 per acre.

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### FARM BUREAU DELEGATES BRING GRATIFYING REPORT

The following members of the Mason County Farm Bureau who were elected as delegates, attended the Annual Farm Bureau Convention at Dallas: A. T. Murray, Rex Lavelle, J. H. Wiedemann and M. L. Webster.

The gentlemen report the cotton and other marketing associations as being in excellent condition. The old officers, were re-elected.

Over 175,000 bales of cotton have been received to date and 100,000 bales of this has been sold at prices varying from 22 to over 38 cents per pound. The present average net price to the grower is at this time about 33 cents. The final sales may change this price either up or down. The cotton association alone has done around a twenty eight million dollar business this year.

These gentlemen visited the various departments and found the men in charge of them very willing to show and explain each part of the association and its business thoroughly.

Several amendments to the constitution were adopted and their adoption caused much study and discussion and the delegates are of the opinion that they will result in strengthening the Farm Bureau organizations.

One of the most important amendments adopted was, "That the annual dues, \$10, be no longer charged, but that the expenses of the Association be made up by the budget system and the same charged to each of the commodity organization on a pro rata basis of gross sales. This will mean that members can join and will only have to pay when they have products to sell and it should also have a tendency to increase the membership.

The delegates report that the different organizations are managed in a business like way and are worthy of every farmer's serious consideration.

If you are a farmer or a banker member or non member you will find the people in charge of the headquarters offices willing and glad to show you through the different departments and we especially recommend that you visit the offices at Dallas if up there.

### RULING IS MADE ON TEXAS POLL TAX LAW ON EXEMPTIONS

Austin, Jan. 22.—In an opinion to C. P. Sheppard, county attorney of Runnels County, it was held by the Attorney General's Department Tuesday afternoon that a person not a resident of a city of 5,000 or more people, becoming 21 years of age after Jan. 1, 1923, and prior to any election held before Feb. 1, 1924 may vote at any such elections without a poll tax receipt or exemption, or otherwise qualified.

The question submitted for a ruling came from Ballinger and was in effect whether a man or woman who has reached the age of 21 since Jan. 1, 1923 and prior to Feb. 1, 1924, could vote at an election held between those dates.

Another question presented included the same substance with the dates of Feb. 1, 1924, and Jan. 31, 1925, and who did not hold a certificate of exemption.

### LONG MOUNTAIN AGRICULTURAL CLUB REORGANIZED

The Long Mountain School reorganized their Agricultural Club, last Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 16.

The following officers were elected: President, Linville Mogford, vice-president, Harry Jacoby, secretary-treasurer Goldie Brewer; reporter, Nellie Eckert. The following committees were appointed: As for Stock Judging, etc, Elmon Brewer, John Harrell and Nellie Eckert; and for a membership committee, Myrtle Jacoby, Ila Allen and Edwin Roiston. Reporter

Mrs. J. W. Gamel left Thursday for San Antonio to be away a few days.



Saturday, February 2nd will be Ground Hog Day and should the sun shine he will see his shadow and return to his winter quarters for another six weeks.

### FORMER MASON CITIZEN DIED AT HOME IN MENARD THURS.

Jesse W. Leslie died at his home in Menard Thursday night of last week, after an illness of several weeks of heart trouble. Mr. Leslie was born in Monroe County, Tenn., Jan. 1, 1845, and at death had attained the age of seventy-nine years. He entered the Confederate army at the age of 16 and served throughout the war. He came to Texas after the war and was married to Miss Emma Splittgerber, on March 11, 1877, in Mason. He was a resident of this city for many years, and for a long time, was engaged in the mercantile business here.

Deceased was a member of the Methodist Church, also a prominent Mason. He has made his home in Menard for the past few years.

Mr. Leslie is survived by his widow and three daughters, Mrs. Will Lennburg of McAllen; Mrs. Louis Ellis of Menard and Miss Gladys Leslie of Menard; also one sister, 94 years old, Mrs. Polly Lee who resides with her son north of town.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at the home of Mrs. Wm. Leslie and were conducted by Rev. G. T. Gibbon, pastor of the local Methodist church. Interment was made in the presence of a large number of friends at the Gooch cemetery.

### T. E. FOSTER AND FAMILY GO TO MASON NEXT WEEK

T. E. Foster and family leave Llano for Mason on next Wednesday, where they will make their future home. Mr. Foster having accepted a position with J. W. White as manager of his ranch at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster have lived in Llano practically all of their lives. They have reared their family here, and have friends in every portion of the county, who regret seeing them leave, but will send best wishes with them to their new location and hope that it will not be long before they will see fit to return to Llano, the town they have known as home for so long. —Llano News.

### MASON COMMERCIAL CLUB

The regular monthly meeting of the Mason Commercial Club will be held at the court house next Monday night, and a record attendance is urged. Several committees are out who are expected to be prepared to report at the meeting on next Monday night.

### Russell Kyser Resigns at Sunshine

Russell Kyser, for the past several months employed by the Sunshine Drug Company as pharmacist, has tendered his resignation to become effective on February 1st. The Sunshine informed a News representative Wednesday afternoon that Mr. D. S. Prude, a registered pharmacist, of Dallas would arrive Saturday to fill the vacancy made by Mr. Kyser's resignation. Mr. Kyser states he will move to his farm near castell, after realizing that indoor work does not agree with him. Mr. and Mrs. Kyser have made many friends during their stay here, and the News regrets very much the departure of these good people from our midst.

### CLEAN TOWN CLUB MEETING

The News wishes to recall the meeting mentioned last week of the local Clean Town Club, which is to be held next Monday afternoon at the court house at three o'clock. Don't forget that it is your duty to be present at this meeting and demonstrate the interest you have in clean and sanitary conditions of your home town.

### ON WHITE BUYS INTEREST FRANK CLARK TAILOR SHOP

Mr. Frank Clark, proprietor of the Frank Clark Tailor Shop told a News reporter Monday that he had sold a third interest in his gents furnishing business and tailor shop, to Von White, of Brady.

Von is an experienced man in this line, and Mr. Clark states that the tailoring department will be charge of Von after this week. Von is a son of Mr. Geo. White, of this place, and his friends will welcome him into Mason's business circle with a warm hand.

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### EIGHTEEN BIG RATTLES ARE KILLED OUT OF ONE DEN

H. O. Brockman was in town Saturday, carrying a pocket full of rattles which he cut from several big rattle snakes which he and Henry Holloway got out of a den last week. Mr. Brockman stated that some of the snakes were exceptionally large, and that they fished eighteen of the reptiles out of the den with a long pole, but that there are still several left in the den and he is going back with some dynamite and make a clean sweep of that bunch of snakes. Mr. Brockman stated the den is located in one of the pastures of Mr. Sam Capps.

Mr. Brockman has the right idea; when a person knows of a den of these reptiles he should make an effort to clean it up. There are many places in Mason county in the knowledge of different parties, where hundreds of snakes could be killed.

### MASON HIGH CAGERS WALK ON LONG MOUNTAIN 33 TO 3

The Mason High School basket ball team journeyed out to Long Mountain one day last week and defeated the team of that school thirty-three to three.

The locals are being coached by Mr. Dobie, one of the High School instructors, and as this was the first contest they have entered this year, they made an exceedingly good showing.

Mr. Dobie states that an effort is being made to match a game with the Frederickburg High School team.

The local squad is composed of Stanley Saunders, Guy McLerran, Elwood Kothmann, Walter Doell, Leonard Kothmann and Garland Brewer. It is stated that Brewer and Saunders were most prominent in the contest with Long Mountain.

### PETER'S PRAIRIE AGRICULTURE CLUB MET JANUARY 18.

The following program was rendered: Lord's Prayer repeated, "Turkish March" on Victrola, club yells, club songs, roll call, speech by Alta Bratton, on Rhode Island Red chickens, talk on peaches in Texas by Claude Prater; address by Leona Pirtle on The Care of Baby Chicks. At this meeting 92 per cent of the members were present.

The secretary was authorized to give Mr. Martin a check for \$16.30 to pay for radio equipment.

The club has ordered some flowers to give to our ex-president, who is in the sanitarium. Reporter

Mr. F. R. Buchholz, of Castell, was in Mason Wednesday.

MEMBERSHIP NO. 1874



**Churches Benefit From Improved Roads  
Ministers Find Smooth Highway  
Necessary for Parish Work.**

"What is the matter with the church?" is the favorite demand of those who find something the matter with it. The country minister knows what is the matter with his church; nine times out of ten it is mud that is the matter with it; ruts and holes in roads which are the matter with it; inability of parishioners to get to it which is the matter with it, only equalled by his inability to go to his parishioners.

The United States is a God-fearing, church-going Nation. Churches grow; new churches are constantly being built. People want and need churches, at the church a few miles from home, a good road, but a handful can gather. But in the rural districts, miles from unless the Sabbath happen to have been preceded by a long spell of dry weather.

The farmer must be merciful to his horses. Time is a great factor in rural life. Where roads forbid the extra work, and a long trip means most of Sunday gone in travel, church attendance inevitably suffers.

Where roads are good, the country church makes no complaint of lack of attendance. Where highways are smooth, a parish may be five times as large and still not too large. Good highways are an asset to the church, as vital to the rural House of God as they are to rural schools and rural social intercourse.

**40-Year Sentence for Ralph Vancil.**

Fort Worth, Jan. 18.—A new trail will be sought by Ralph Vancil, young stockman of Rumples county, who was sentenced to 40-years in prison today for the alleged killing of his eight day old baby. His wife, prominent in West Texas and member of a leading family, said she would fight on with her husband for his freedom. Members of the two families who have been here all during the trail, indicated their intention to stand by the youth.

Vancil pleaded not guilty, declaring that he had left the child in the custody of a negro while he went to a hotel to see his wife. When he returned he declared he found the child dead.

He was arrested when officers who were watching for a shipment of illicit liquor on a country road saw Vancil liquor on a country road saw Vancil took him into custody and, after questioning he admitted that he had buried the babe in a grave he made himself and was burning the clothes.

On the witness stand he said he had buried the body of the babe in order to protect the honor of his wife, to whom he was married a short time before.

There is only one-fourth in what you say, three-fourths in how you say it.

There is only one real failure possible; and that is, not to be true to the best one knows.—Canon Farrar.

Lots of men are seeking Packard reputations in Ford performances.

**MORE DIVERSIFICATION ON  
THE FARM AGRICULTURES  
PRESENT DAY NEED**

BY ALEXANDER LEGGE

President International Harvester Company.

Note:—This article is an extract from an address delivered by Mr. Legge and broadcast by Radio from station KYW, of the Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago, Ill.

It is an old story, this matter of diversified farming, but it is a good story. It is a story that has been told to the farmers of America for many years by means of lectures, by motion pictures, by charts and lantern slides, in booklets by the millions, by column after column of space in newspapers and magazines and now is being told by radio.

Most of the seed sown in this way has fallen on good ground and has yielded good crops. Many thousands have learned by this means that diversified farming is only another name for the farming that pays.

In the last year or so we have all read or heard a great deal more about diversified farming than ever before. Last three years has brought us one compensation. This compensation is the awakening of a widespread public interest in the farmer's situation and in his relation to the nation's prosperity, and now, from many sources, comes a flood of advice about how to put farming on as sound a basis as our other industries. The one thing on which most of these programs agree is diversified farming.

This is an age of specialization in almost everything. Why, then, call upon the farmer to do practically the opposite, and diversify?

The answer is simple: Only by diversified agriculture can the average farm be made to produce something that will keep on adding to the farmers' wealth, the farmers' returns, all through the year.

The one-crop farmer—a farmer for example the man in Spring wheat territory who raises wheat alone—is not productively employed and his land is idle for a considerable part of the year. All the time fixed charges against his farm keep on piling up. There is no idle period for taxes interest, insurance, or any of the fixed charges of upkeep. They are working all the time.

I remember that when I was a youngster back on the farm my father always had a horror of borrowing money, but he had no objection to borrowing in order to buy live stock. "Livestock," he used to say, "is like the interest on your note, it works while you sleep."

How long do you suppose any kind of business could survive conditions like those of one-crop farming, running only part of the year?

When the farm implement maker, for example, broadens out into the manufacture of a wide variety of machines, including all or many of the essential tools of agriculture, he does so in order to keep his factory profitably busy throughout the year, making the various kinds of implements according to their respective seasons. In this way, the manufacturer so arranges his business that the overhead cost of production, administration and sales distribution shall be divided among several lines instead of being loaded upon a single line that is manufactured and sold during only a limited part of the year.

Exactly the same principle, then, applies to the farm as to the manufacturer, the store, the bank or the railroad or any other such enterprise. All-year—(Continued on Page 5.)

**WORK!**

What is it that's making the old world go round?—

Work!

What's keeping a lot of good folks above ground?—

Work!

Don't be in a hurry.

Or hurry, or shirk;

Just sidestep old worry

With good, steady work!

What is it that saves us from manifold ills?—

Work!

What is it that satisfies, pacifies, fills?—

Work!

It's sure a life-saver.

That gives "pep" and "perk!"

No man is a "slaver"

Whose heart's in his work!

What is it that fills us with sweet, restful peace?—

Work!

What is it that gives us from heart-aches surcease?—

Work!

Don't think that you're "slaving,"

While "lucky" ones shirk;

The loafers are crawling—

What you find in work!

—James Edward Hungerford.

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**DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY**

**CURETON RECALLS DAYS  
OF DRIVING GREAT CATTLE  
HERD TO PACIFIC 1870**

Austin.—The spirit of the old West breathed into the capitol when William Cureton, father of Chief Justice C. M. Cureton of the State Supreme Court, came to visit his son. Stories of the great cattle herds that found their way over the trails to the north and even as far as California in the seventies were among the bits of Western history which Mr. Cureton related to his friends.

One of the greatest herds that ever went to the Pacific Coast from Texas was that of 1,400 head and more which started from McLennan County, twenty-two miles west of Waco on June 1, 1870, according to Mr. Cureton. He was then a young man, but accompanied the great herd as one of the leaders.

The cattle were on the road seven months, reaching California shortly before Christmas 1870. Bought for \$10 a head in greenbacks, which were then worth about 70 cents on the dollar, they were sold to the Miller and Lux ranches of California for \$30 a head in gold.

Mr. Cureton told of the long nights and days on the road, of brushes with fighting Indians and the constant vigilance against the depredations of even wilder animals who attempted to prey on the cattle, in the long trek westward.

There were no roads, no fences, no trails in those days on the way westward, and the cattlemen kept their directions by "Jobs Coffin," the great

dipper and other heavenly guide posts. One of the quaint methods of keeping to the path mapped out, was to point the wagon tongue in the right direction when the horses were unhitched for the night.

The herd, which sometimes stretched out for miles, was guided in its way by only ten men. Two rode in front two at each corner, two along the sides and two in the rear. A military organization was formed, so that during the nights the men took their turns on guard duty.

"We had to have the help of the cattle themselves," said Mr. Cureton. "It does not take a cattleman long to find out that some among the herd are natural leaders. These soon forge to the front and lead the remainder. When we wanted to move the herd we started the leaders off and the rest followed."

**Three Sides to Every Question.**

There are three sides to every question that ever came up since time began—your side, the other fellow's side and the right side. You cannot ever get the right side of any question until the two sides get together across the table in friendly manner, compare notes, and when they have gotten the best there is in both arguments they have something that is worth while. It cannot be done by force.

The foregoing statement is made advisedly after more than fifty years of travel under every clime and in contact with varied peoples. We believe there was never anything big in life gained by force—political, religious or social.

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### ONE OR THE OTHER, NOT BOTH

The cold truth about the bonus and tax reduction was thus strikingly stated by Senator Borah in his speech at New York a few days ago:

"You cannot take off a temporary burden of \$140,000,000 or \$150,000,000 and lay on a permanent obligation of \$4,000,000,000 or \$5,000,000,000 and call it tax reduction."

Congress who profess to be for both tax reduction and bonus try to dodge that truth, but it cannot be dodged. It will rise up to forbid their doing two things, one of which absolutely excludes the other.

There is no way of escape from alternatives that is presented—tax reduction and no bonus or bonus and no tax reduction. We cannot eat our tax cake and give away. We cannot both save and spend the same money. No honest, straight-thinking man pretends that we can.—Portland Oregonian.

### TAX REDUCTION! TAX REDUCTION! TAX REDUCTION!

The people want tax reduction, industry wants tax reduction and government itself needs tax reduction in order that tax payments may be more easily made.

The Public Ownership League of America is carrying on an aggressive campaign to prevent the repeal of present laws which permit cities, counties and states to issue bonds the income from which is entirely tax exempt. In other words, the Public Ownership League of America is fighting to retain tax-exempt bonds.

The main argument of the League is that if income from these bonds had to pay taxes, the interest rate on public borrowing would probably be increased 1 per cent. This, the League claims, would retard building of school houses, roads, drainage, sewers, waterworks and municipal electric light plants, and right here is the nigger in the woodpile. The League is not so much worried about roads, school houses or sewers that might not be built as it is over the fact that if public bonds had to pay a little more interest due to the income from same being taxed, the public would not continue at its present reckless pace in issuing these securities at the rate of a billion or more dollars a year, hence it would be much more difficult for advocates of public ownership schemes to secure millions and hundreds of millions of dollars as they now propose for the development of hydro-electric and public utility properties.

It is estimated that the income from \$30,000,000,000 of tax-exempt bonds and public securities escapes taxation. To a large extent salaries paid to public officials are tax-exempt. The Public Ownership League advocates continuance of the tax-exempt bond and also an increase in amount of these securities now outstanding.

This nation is now supporting a vast horde of public servants holding political jobs. The program of the Public Ownership League if it could be successfully carried out, would create an enormous additional number of jobs for taxpayers to support and add billions more bonds to the public debt, the income from which would escape taxation. Public property pays no taxes. For every dollar invested in publicly-owned enterprises, which kill private industry, by just that much are taxrolls reduced and additional taxes loaded on to remaining private property.

What has the United States to gain by such program? It is contrary to every idea in our free and democratic

form of government. It builds up system of officialism and paternalism such has wrecked Europe. Then we in the name of common sense break down the strongest government in the world with this socialistic program?

### SAVING YOUR MONEY

Secretary Mellon's program for tax reduction has brought a flood of approval from every section of the country. In black and white he has set down just exactly the numbers of dollars that every one our nearly six million taxpayers with incomes ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 will be able to save. This is definite. The people can see where they benefit. Also they can see that every day Congress delays action nearly \$1,000,000 of unnecessary taxes are being taken from their pockets.

David Lawrence in the Saturday Evening Post of January 5, records an interview with Secretary Mellon which every voter should read. In part Mr. Lawrence says:

"There sits a man in the Treasury Department who was never elected to public office, who never had much to do with politics and has no political aim, who has made a financial success in his private business, who is not under obligation to any interest or group of interests in America, who is sixty-eight years of age, and has nothing to gain or lose but a reputation for honesty and business sense, and whose only ambition in public office is to serve the American people effectively and to the best of his ability."

Mr. Mellon, in the course of his interview with Mr. Lawrence, said:

"The usual argument in favor of high surtaxes is that people should be taxed according to their ability to pay. But in practice that theory has its limitations. History has shown that there always is a point of diminishing returns beyond, which taxes cannot be pushed, if the revenue receipts are to be maintained. In wartime it is one point, in peacetime at another, or if the tax is not productive of revenue the whole purpose of the tax is lost. Taxes cease to be productive when they are oppressive and this results in so many different disturbances to the economic life of our people that high living costs, decreased opportunities for everybody and other ill effects are bound to follow.

"It is an axiom that you can't force a man to work against his will. Labor insists upon its right to quit work whenever a wage commensurate with effort is not forthcoming. So also it can be taken for granted that capital will not work if the return is not worth while.

"For instance, in the year 1916 there were 1296 persons in the United States who on their income-tax returns showed that they were receiving a taxable income of \$300,000 a year or over. The total amount of the income of these 1296 persons was approximately \$1,000,000,000 that year. By analyzing the income-tax returns we found that of that \$1,000,000,000, \$706,000,000 came from dividends on stock and interest on investments generally. But ever year since we have noticed a decline in the number of persons in this class of returns. For instance, in 1918 it dropped to 627, and finally in 1921 only 246 persons were in the group of incomes of incomes of \$300,000 or over, and the total amount of their taxable income from dividends and interest on investments amounted to only \$155,000,000 as against \$706,000,000 in 1916.

"One of the most unfair features of our present tax law is the failure to distinguish between earned income and income from investment. I sincerely trust that my recommendation on this point to reduce taxes on earned incomes may be approved by the Congress. It would mean much to millions of deserving American workers.

Asked as to what he thought would be effect during 1925 if it were believed a tax bill along lines of his recommendations would be passed, Mr. Mellon, said:

"People would have more confidence in the future. They would be able to plan expansion. Capital would flow more freely. Take the salaried man, the lawyer, the doctor, the skilled mechanic, the laborer, or any man or woman who earns money without the use of capital. Suppose our proposition is put into effect. Such a taxpayer would get 25 per cent reduction. Knowing that he or she will have to provide less money with which to pay income taxes in 1925 and thereafter, the buying power of that class of people will immediately be increased."

In summarizing the interview, Mr. Lawrence says: "It will be noted that Mr. Mellon did not discuss political effects. He feels that the readjustment

of surtaxes is not in any sense a partisan measure, because it has been recommended on substantially the same basis by every Secretary of the Treasury since the end of the war, irrespective of party.

"So far as the mass of taxpayers are concerned, of course, they would feel the effects of an improved situation in countless ways. The proposed repeal of taxes on admissions affects millions of persons who attend the theaters or the movies. The Mellon program includes also the repeal of taxes on telephone and telegraph messages, and miscellaneous taxes which have not improperly been termed nuisance taxes in legislative parlance.

"Not since the war has there been a single issue raised of such far-reaching importance to the people of the United States. And not since the war has there been such an opportunity by a single piece of legislation to relieve the burdens of the people and at the same time lead them to the road they have yearned to travel—the road to an enduring prosperity."

### FREE CAMP GROUNDS NOW A NUISANCE

Something of a craze for free camp grounds has swept through the country during the past two years. However, now, the Tourists and the Sportsmen's Journals appear to be unanimous against the practice of having free grounds. In order these camp grounds, water toilet and cooking facilities are provided and many of them provided with free fuel and it has been found that a lot of "jifty tramps" come to these free places and make permanent homes while their occupants obtain jobs nearby and compete with the home labor, yet live, rent and fuel free off of the community. In time the camp grounds infested with these people look like a veritable shanty town. Practically all of the authorities who study the tourist business say that a rental of at least \$1.00 per week should be made on each car and the money derived there from should be used in furnishing police protection and in keeping camp grounds in a sanitary condition.—Junction Eagle.

### THE FUTURE OF RADIO

C. Francis Jenkins of Washington, predicts as a development in the near future of the sending of photographs by radio so that they will be reproduced in the receiving end as clearly as "cuts" now printed in newspaper magazines.

The use of radio is still in its infancy, but new and marvelous uses to which it may be put are crowding hard and fast on the wings of time, and the end is not yet.

### NATIONAL ILLITERACY CONFERENCE MEETS

A National Illiteracy Conference held under the joint auspices of the United States Bureau of Education, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the American Legion, and the National Education Association was held in Washington, January 11-14, 1924. General sessions were held in the auditorium of the Department of the Interior Building. The corridors about the auditorium were the scene of an interesting exhibit of statistical charts, posters, and material used in adult education from a variety of sources, assembled by the Bureau of Education.

Group conferences on organization, management, and financing of movements for the eradication of illiteracy, the teaching staff, courses of study, and methods of instruction, publicity, and recommendations for State action were held.

The conference was well attended by representatives of the four co-operating agencies, and leaders in the movement for the eradication of illiteracy from all parts of the Nation.

It was brought out that the illiteracy menace existed largely in the cities because of illiterate immigrants and in the Nation at large because of the illiterate negro and foreign-born white adult. Illiteracy among the native-born whites is largely restricted to the South.

### Johnny Succeeded.

Teacher: "Johnny, use the words 'handsome' and 'ransom' in a sentence. Johnny (after deep thought): "A tomcat sat on the sewing machine. So sweet and fine and hon'some; Till he got ten stitches in his tail. Then, believe me, folks, he ran some."

Merchants who become habitually slow eventually fail.

### EARLIER HATCHED CHICKS ARE THE ONES THAT BRING BIGGEST PROFIT TO FARMER

Colege Station, January 27.—The early hatched chicks are the ones that make the profitable fall layers. But to hatch chicks early means a little more difficulty in the whole progress, demanding more to secure good results. The eggs must be carefully selected and cared for while being accumulated for hatching purposes, this difficulty, however, does not overbalance the profit of the early hatches.

By hatching chicks early they have the advantage of a longer growing period than those hatched late in the spring or summer. Hot weather retards the growth of chicks, and are therefore less liable to resist the dis-

ease and insects that appear as the summer advances. Given the same attention chicks that are hatched in early February and early March will weigh more, be stronger and more vigorous and fewer will die of disease than those that are hatched in May. A chick develops more rapidly in the first six weeks of its life than any other period. They should be allowed this period of growth before the warm days appear.

By hatching early chicks, surplus cockerels may be marketed for early broilers and fryers at a maximum price. The early maturing pullets will lay early in the fall and be broody the following spring. They will also lay heavily at Thanksgiving and Christmas time when eggs are selling at a premium. Both cockerels and pullets will be ready for the fall fairs.



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We do all kinds of sheet metal work and windmill repair and plumbing work. Will appreciate an opportunity to serve you when in need of anything in our line.

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CHAS. DOELL HENDERSON DOELL

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# Society

## BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mrs. Glewn Smith celebrated the 68 anniversary of her husband at their home Jan. 29th.

An excellent dinner was served to the following guests: Mr. R. Grosse, Mr. Jacob Schuessler, Misses Carrie and Mary Schuessler, Mr. and Mrs. Will Schuessler, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Reardon, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hofmann and son, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Schuessler, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rau, Miss Maurine Schuessler and the host and hostess.

## A BIRTHDAY PARTY

Last Thursday night the seniors surprised Louise Durst, it being the occasion of her birthday. Louise had been asked for supper to Mr. and Mrs. Eli Jordan and when she returned home her classmates were there waiting for her. After singing "Happy Birthday Louise," they played checkers, forty-two, and "Pig." The time soon came that they had to leave and they went wishing her many more such happy birthdays.

Those present were: Misses Louise Durst, Lois Reeves, Theresa Klapproth, Dessie Hoerster, Lucille Lange, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Leah Passmore, Alma Passmore, Coralea Tinsley, Ella Mae Metzger, Ruby Jordan, Beatrice Jordan; Messrs. Stanley Sanders, Calvin Sanders, L. D. Foster, Perry Donop, Guy McLerran, Milton Zesch.

## SURPRISE PARTY

A few friends and schoolmates came down to Mrs. A. Capps to enjoy a surprise party which was given in honor of Esther Witt it being her birthday anniversary. Music on the piano and several jolly games were enjoyed. Refreshments of sandwiches and fruit were served to the following: Esther Witt, Pauline Dohy, Dora Herring, Ruby Metzger, Mary Capps, Bertha Holmes, Esther Christillie, Louise Millaire, Gladys Behrens, Erna Witt, Lina Chinous, Lillie Mae Robertson, Eunice Green, Nelly Kothman, Agnes Witt, Eva Jean Kidd, Edna Bratton, Goodall Wooten, Seth Hofmann, Ivy Bee Shearer, Walter Willmann, Herbert Schrieber, Frank Willmann, Tomie Willmann, Hodges Schroeder, Melvin Capps, Ernest Lumburg, Melvin Kyger, Frederick Gipson, John Hocute, Bert Kothman, Mark Holmes.

## BRIDGE CLUB

Last Thursday Mrs. K. M. Eckert was hostess to the members of the Bridge Club and a few guests. After the games, a dainty salad course was served to the following members: Mesdames Roy E. Doell, Tom White, W. I. Marshall, Seth L. Baize, Walter Lindsay, Elgin Eckert.

Arch Metzger, John Lindsay, Miss Elizabeth White. Guests were Mrs. Luther Wood of Allen Okla, Mrs. Jesse O. Schmidt of Brady and Miss Thelma Wood.

## WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Womans' Missionary Society meets with Mrs. Robt. Hofmann next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Feb. 5th.

Subject—Our Superannuate.  
 Leader—Mrs. Erv. Hamilton.  
 Opening Hymn—No. 117  
 Bible Lesson—Luke 14:25-33  
 Prayer.  
 Dialogue—"The Forgotten Man."  
 Mrs. Jim Brown, Mrs. Dan Lehnberg, Mrs. H. B. Gibbins, Mrs. Ed. Smith, Mrs. Howard Smith, Mrs. Lamar Thaxton, Mrs. John Starks, Mrs. William Spillgaber.  
 Hymn—No. 256.  
 A Mid-winter Morning's Experience—Mrs. Eli Jordan.  
 A Soliloquy—Mrs. Ben Jordan.  
 Closing Hymn—No. 248.

## INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

The Intermediate League of the M. E. Church, South will meet at the church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock the following program will be rendered:

Song No. 180.  
 Lesson—Psalm 111.  
 Song—No. 58.  
 Prayer.  
 "The Little Burro Carries the Gospel Ladies"—Ida Mae Pryor.  
 Solo—Smith Lewis.  
 Saying "Thank You"—Vera Walker.  
 Piano Solo—Virgil Banks.  
 Poem—Louise Breazale.  
 Song—No. 135.  
 League Benediction.

## B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

The B. Y. P. U. will render the following program February 3, 1924.

1. Song
2. Scripture Lesson—Christ, the Lamb of God Atones for Sin—Alma Passmore.
3. The Old Testament Sacrifices—Lucille Lange.
4. "The Old Rugged Cross"—Opal Garrett, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Ruby Jordan, Miss Reeves.
5. Summary—Davie Herring.
6. Cleansed by the Blood—Leah Passmore.
7. The Blood as a Symbol of Consecration—Alva Beach.

Come and enjoy the program with us.

Group Captain—Alva Beach.  
 President—Coralea Finsley.

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## CHURCH NOTICES

**M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH**  
 Sunday, January 27th.  
 Sunday School at 10 a. m.  
 Senior League at 4:30 p. m.  
 Preaching at 7:30 p. m.  
 Chas. Grote, S. S. Supt.  
 Prof. Doble, pres., Epworth League.  
 G. T. GIBBONS, P. C.

**CATHOLIC**  
 Services every first Sunday.  
 Mass at 10 a. m.  
 Sunday School from 2 to 3 p. m.  
 Rosary, Sermon, Benediction from 3 to 4 p. m.  
 Any question concerning Catholic Church or its teachings will be courteously answered at the afternoon services.  
 Everybody welcome.  
 JOS. F. DWAN, Pastor.

**GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.—Harry Plueneke, Supt.  
 Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. (except 4th Sunday at 11 a. m.)  
 Prayer Meeting every Tuesday night at 8 p. m.  
 English services on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays at night.  
 REV. J. W. A. WITT, Pastor.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 Services Sunday morning and night.  
 Sunday School at the usual hour.  
 Everybody welcome.  
 J. J. RAY, Pastor

**AT THE M. E. CHURCH SOUTH**  
 Next Sunday, Feb. 3rd, there will be preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. I am wondering why some of my members do not come to church.  
 G. T. GIBBON, P. C.

## WHITE LEGHORN HEN, CHAMPION EGG LAYER STRANGLES TO DEATH

San Bernardino, Cal., Jan. 20.—Lady Fontana, a white leghorn hen, declared to be the champion egg layer of the world, died at Fontana from strangulation or a broken neck, after having caught her head in a fence. The hen had a record of 564 eggs from Oct. 2, 1921, to October 1, 1923.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS

**Births**  
 Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Garner, a boy, Jan. 23rd.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Runge, a boy, Jan. 24th.  
 Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Smart, a boy, Jan. 24th.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Spaeth, a boy, Jan. 26th.

**LOST**—Between Long Mountain and Streeter, a hand grip containing Bibles and books of Japan. Finder will please return to Rev. D. G. Hardt, Art, Texas and get reward. 1t

## "HIS MAJESTY, THE AMERICAN" BIGGEST FAIRBANKS' PRODUCTION.

When Douglas Fairbanks began the filming of "His Majesty, the American" says the management of the Star Theatre, where the big picture will be run Saturday he broke away from every production tradition that he knew.

The story which was prepared by Joseph Henaberry, Mr. Fairbanks' director, with the assistance of Elton Banks, was worked over for eight weeks. It deals with the adventures of a young New Yorker who lives on excitement. His unquenchable thirst for new thrills leads him across two continents and the settings necessary or the portrayal of the story have cost a tidy fortune.

A Mexican village was built in the hills surrounding the Fairbanks studios in Hollywood. In another place a complete French town was constructed and in another section of the studio a New York tenement street was erected. A French railway line was needed so one 1500 feet long and of standard continental design was laid, the carriages being the exact duplicate of the type in use abroad.

The interiors, like the exteriors, are said to be a revelation, both as to magnitude and beauty. Although the new stage of the Fairbanks studios is among the largest ever built, it was not large enough for a tremendous interior of a palace. So one end of the gigantic stage was removed and 60 feet of flooring added to give the proper proportion to this beautiful and imposing scene. From the back of the main floor to the cameras measured 330 feet, which makes this probably the largest interior ever used in a motion picture.

Supporting Mr. Fairbanks are many film and stage favorites including Marjory Daw, Frank Campeau, Sam Sothern, famous New York and London actor and brother of E. H. Sothern Lillian Langdon, Jay Dwiggin, "Bull" Montana, Albert McQuarrie, Will Gillis and Phil Gastrox.

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The News is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary:

**For County Judge:**  
 J. H. JONES

**For Tax Assessor:**  
 M. L. WEBSTER  
 T. O. REARDON  
 W. O. BODE (Re-election)

**For Sheriff and Tax Collector:**  
 ALLEN MURRAY.  
 CHAS. LESLIE (Re-election)  
 R. W. WHITE  
 H. W. KELLER

**For County Treasurer:**  
 S. J. THORNE  
 ALVA TINSLEY  
 L. F. JORDAN  
 GLADYS E. LORING

**For District and County Clerk:**  
 R. E. LEE

Will Ellebracht spent several days the past week in Mason. Mr. Ellebracht left Monday for Lampassas where he will meet "The Trade Extension Department of the Chamber of Commerce of San Antonio," and go with them on a trip to San Angelo and intermediate points, returning to San Antonio Friday night.

New hats and caps just received at the Frank Clark Tailor Shop. Call to see our line. 31-tfc



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# SOME BUSINESS ENTERPRISES OF MASON

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<p>Go to <b>E. F. STENGEL</b> FOR FANCY GROCERIES Candies, Fruits and Cakes of all Kinds. Phone 43.</p>	<p><b>OTTO SCHMIDT</b> GATES TIRES &amp; TUBES Tire and Tube Repairing NORTH SIDE SQUARE</p>	<p><b>MANHATTEN CAFE</b> LEE SMART, Prop. SHORT ORDERS North Side Square</p>	<p><b>H. P. GARTRELL</b> Merchandiser for MERCHANDISE WEST SIDE SQUARE</p>	<p><b>HENRY J. HOFMANN</b> Contractor and Builder BUILDING MATERIAL Pakets and Varnishes Phone 166 South Side Square</p>
<p><b>CORNER CAFE</b> SHORT ORDER HOUSE W. S. SANDS, Prop. Northwest Cor. Square</p>	<p><b>OSCAR SEAQUIST</b> Custom Boot &amp; Shoe Maker Fine Line of Ladies' and Men's Shoes NORTH SIDE SQUARE</p>	<p><b>LOUIS SCHMIDT</b> Implements, Hardware, Stoves, Wire, Staples and Nails PHONE 101 North Side Square</p>	<p><b>THIS SPACE FOR SALE</b></p>	<p><b>C. C. HUCKABAY'S</b> GARAGE Tires and Auto Accessories PHONE 58 East Side Square</p>
<p><b>R. GROSSE</b> BUILDING MATERIAL PHONE 41 East Side Square</p>	<p><b>THIS SPACE FOR SALE</b></p>	<p><b>FRED E. KEY</b> BLACKSMITH &amp; WOODWORKER Nice Line of Tools PHONE 12 Northwest of Square</p>	<p><b>BEN HEY</b> NOTARY PUBLIC Farms and Ranches for Sale MASON, TEXAS.</p>	<p>For <b>WATKINS QUALITY PRODUCTS</b> See L. F. Jordan PHONE 198 MASON, TEXAS</p>

**FORD MAKES OVER TWO MILLION MOTOR CARS DURING YEAR OF 1923**  
Sets Pace for Manufacturers With Record Breaking Performance Last Year.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 24.—The Ford Motor Company made 2,200,082 automobiles, trucks and tractors in 1923—775,059 more than in any previous year according to production figures for the year announced today. Of the total 1,917,485 automobiles and trucks were made in this country and 15,474 in foreign plants, including Canada. To the total of these are added 101,898 tractors and 7,825 Lincoln cars.

The figures were coupled with an announcement that the Ford Company expects to exceed this figure in its 1924 production and that it plans to start early this spring on its program of 10,000 cars daily.

The statement says: "The production of more than 2,200,000 automobiles in one year probably is the greatest feat in manufacturing ever accomplished, especially in view of the fact that the Ford Company controls the complete manufacture and raw material supplies for a large portion of everything that goes into the make-up of its products."

**LEHMAN HOTEL BURNED**

The Lehman Hotel, a 17-room frame building in North Menard burned Monday night. The hotel was being run by "Dock" Miller. About 6:30 Miss Gladys Miller went up stairs and discovered the building was on fire. The fire seems to have originated in the northwest part of the building in an empty room. It is not known how the fire started. There being no fire plugs near the building, it was impossible for the fire department to get enough water to fight the flames and had to stand by and watch it go up into smoke.

The building was owned by the Scruggs estate and was valued at from \$3,000 to \$4,000 with \$1,500 insurance. The estate also owned a part of the furniture valued about \$150 which was also burned.

Apart of the furnishings of the lower story belonging to Mr. Miller was saved but his loss was considerable.—Menard Messenger.

**CARDBOARD—BLOTTERS**

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

**SHERIFF'S SALE**

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gillespie County, State of Texas, on a judgment rendered by said court on the 24th day of February 1923 in favor of Emil Knopp and against Chas. H. Keyser as maker and Bank of Fredericksburg, unincorporated, as endorser for four thousand nine hundred and thirty-five 30-100 dollars, interest, costs of suit and foreclosure against defendants Chas. H. Keyser, Aurena Keyser and Bank of Fredericksburg, unincorporated, of mortgage lien of date Aug. 26th, 1919, and to me as sheriff of Mason County, State of Texas, directed and delivered, I did, on the 21st day of January A. D. 1924, levy upon and seize the land and premises situated in the Eastern part of Mason County, State of Texas, known and described thus: All that 251-1-2 acre tract of land out of and part of league and labor sur. No. six, abstract No. 195,

granted and patented to James Dever by Patent No. 110, Vol. 3, which is bounded as follows: Beginning at point in the West boundary line of said sur. No. 6, grantee James Dever, situated 0-49-3-4 vrs. North of its S. W. cor. the N. W. cor. of 200 acre homestead of defendants Chas. H. Keyser and Aurena Keyser and the S. W. cor. of this tract; Thence N. 89 1-2 'E. 1308 1-2 to point in East line of that 451 1-2 acre tract out of said sur. No. 6, grantee James Dever and held by defendants Chas. H. Keyser and Aurena Keyser on Aug. 26th 1919 for N. E. cor. of said 200 acre homestead tract; Thence with E line of said 451 1-2 acre tract N. 14 1-4 'E. 1021 1-2 vrs. to its N. E. cor. a stone at intersection of three fences from which a L. O. brs. S. 14 1-2 W. 75 9-10 vrs, another bars S. 14 3-4 W. 75 9-10 vrs.; Thence S 89 1-2' W. 1558 7-10 vrs. to st. md. in West line of said sur. No. 6 for N. W. cor. of said 451 1-2 acre tract and of this tract Thence with said W. line 900 1-4 vrs. to place of beginning. It being the North part of that 451 1-2 acre tract known as Chas. H. Keyser place, and will on the first Tuesday in March A. D. 1924, it being the 4th day of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. at the Court house door of Mason County, Texas, in the town of Mason, Texas, sell said land at public auction, for cash to the highest and best bidder, for satisfaction of the aforesaid judgment.  
CHAS. LESLIE  
Sheriff of Mason County, Texas

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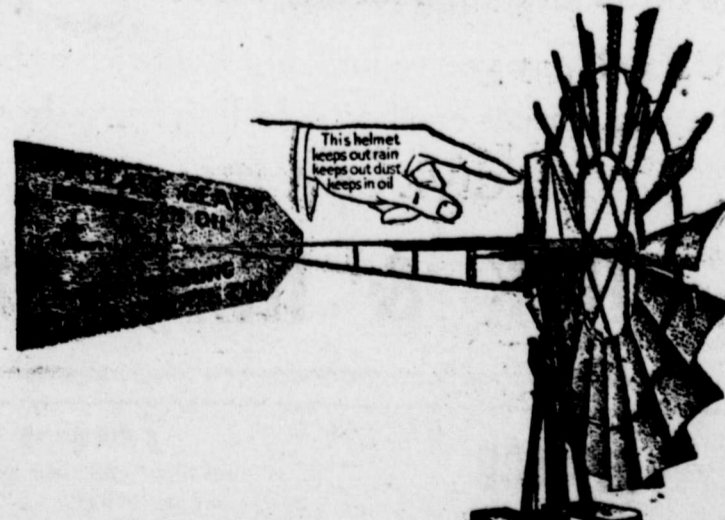
**A Wish**  
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## TRUE STEEL

By ARIA E. CUTTING

**MARTHA.**  
White-haired Timothy Steele stepped into the large hall and strode over to the old-fashioned winding staircase. Everyone knew him as "Grandpa Steele."

He received no reply. There was a moment's pause, during which he glanced through the wide doorway and out onto the veranda. By the garden gate stood a fine looking young man, whose attitude gave Grandpa Steele the impression that all was not well. "Now, I wonder what's the matter with Dan," mused the old man.

Just then the young man in question very decisively opened the gate. "A—a—Danforth Arnold, come back here!"

Grandpa Steele had a way of commanding, and as a rule his "a—a" was a point of emphasis, and was sometimes used as a form of reproach. The young man came forward and grasped the old man's hand.

"Grandpa Steele, Martha and I have quarreled. And 'twould be best for me to go, and not call again."

"A—a—little fool, aren't you? And so's Martha!"

"But you don't understand—"

His clear blue eyes twinkled merrily.

"So you think I'm still green in all my, seventy years?"

Grandpa Steele strode slowly into the hall again, and Dan awaited events.

"Martha!"

"Yes, grandpa."

"Come down here right away. I have a story to tell you. It's very appropriate for the day."

Martha came. She was an attractive young lady, with her curling yellow hair and blue eyes. Everyone knew that her grandfather adored that girl.

When Martha reached the bottom stair she stopped, confused. She had given Dan ample time to make himself invisible!

"I'm going to tell you a story—and it won't be a fairy story, either," the aged man said. "It began 'way back in '75. I've been thinking some day I'd tell it to you. And now's the time."

"A—a—'twas even before 1775. Andrew Steele and his brother Timothy built a fine house near here. They had come from England—fine men, with that attractiveness about them that set them apart as leaders in their locality.

"Somehow, Andrew and Timothy got into a wrangle about owning some property. It seemed that Timothy was in the right. This was some time before the war broke out, too. Well, Andrew suddenly disappeared, and nobody could find him. The first bad break in the Steele family, and they regretted it.

"Across the road from Timothy's lived Martha Royce and her folks—fine people, too. Martha was as sweet a young lady as ever lived. It seemed that her marriage to Andrew was an event to be much looked forward to.

"Well, after the quarrel with his brother, Andrew went to Martha and told her all. She tried to make him see things from a sensible point of view. But even her coaxing did no good. They parted—a romance blasted. A—a—and a pity, too. Martha was never the same after that.

"Well, 'twas after one of the worst battles of the war. Timothy was in command of a regiment. Like all the men of his day, he was filled with what we call the 'spirit of '76.' The battle raged fiercely the whole day, and the sun finally cast its last hot rays upon the terrible scene.

"Timothy was seriously wounded, right by his own house—by his own house. He sat up as best he could and looked about him. Close by him was a redcoat, evidently dead. A—a—no—not dead. Not dead. The fellow stirred. Timothy forgot himself and grasped him by the arm, but when he saw that fellow's face he trembled all over.

"As you may guess, it was Andrew. Timothy dragged his brother as best he could to the door of the house—their own home. Martha was at the house, and she straightway tried to soothe the dying prodigal. His last words were:

"Forgive me, Martha. Even though I've sinned—even though I have not lived up to my name—even though I left you—my love for you has been as true as steel—true as steel. I wanted to come back, but I was completely ashamed. I was not worthy of you. And so here I am, Martha. Can you forgive—a traitor—in more ways than one?"

"Martha found a bit of silk ribbon in his clenched hand. A—a—she had given him that silk ribbon. I have it now. That's all. All that remains now is that silk ribbon—that and a memory—a memory."

## From Our Early Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Feb. 3, 1899

Mrs. E. J. Lemburg very pleasantly entertained Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mangham, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Schaeff Friday evening, last.

Miss Lizzie, Buren and Annetta Moran returned last week from an extended visit to relatives in San Antonio and Medina.

Will Hofmann goes this week to buy new goods for the firm of Hofmann & Company.

Mrs. Puckey and children spent a few days this week in the country visiting Mrs. A. Brockman.

Louis Schmidt bought a young deer a few days ago and will put it in the deer park of J. W. White's.

Henry Airhart had the thumb and forefinger on his left hand torn off last Thursday by the explosion of a dynamite cap which he was trying to punch a nail into.

S. B. Capps bought 160 acres of land from J. T. Fleming for \$4,500.

Mrs. Sarah Gowing and children have moved here from Brady.

E. J. Lemburg has let the contract to Walt Smith for the erection of a stone residence in the Wheeler addition.

Theo. Splittgerber, who has been down from Menardville for some days, returned there this week. He is engaged in farming and raised a hundred tons of Johnson Grass last season.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Chas Faubin a girl, on the 26th.

Hon. T. A. Rolston, ex-commissioner of Precinct No. 3, was in town Saturday and reports considerable sickness in his community.

Mr. Harrell and family of Menard County were here this week visiting the family of J. W. White.

Elder Walter S. Knox and family, of Llano, are here to locate. Mr. Knox is the new Christian Minister.

Night had cast her shadows over the earth during Grandpa Steele's recital. Suddenly Martha rose, bent and kissed Grandpa Steele. Then, without a word, she ran down the steps and into the garden. A moment later Dan followed.

"Bless them," murmured Grandpa Steele, "But I wanted them to understand—to understand."

Will have for sale, a few eggs from my pen of Standard Bred White Leghorn chickens, \$1.50 per setting. T. O. Pearson.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Jan. 29, 1899

Mrs. J. C. Harper and little son, Frank, and little daughter were here Saturday from the Grit country.

J. W. Purdy left this week for a visit of a few weeks to relatives at Loh.

Mr. J. W. Dobbe and Miss Minnie Rueguer were united in marriage last Thursday.

Mr. D. J. See died Monday morning. He was in his 80th year.

Marriage License—Mr. G. T. Bass and Miss Minnie Hey; Mr. J. W. Dobbs and Miss Minnie Rueguer; Mr. Damon Turner and Miss Alvina Rueguer.

Mrs. R. S. Ross and family will leave Saturday for their new home at Itasca.

E. J. Lemburg left Thursday for St. Louis to buy goods.

Walter Schreiner was here Tuesday from his ranch.

Miss Bertha Henrich is at home after three years absence studying music and will teach both vocal and piano at her home in Mason.

E. W. Schroeder and family went to Llano Tuesday on a visit.

Mrs. E. A. Lutes of Oklahoma is here visiting her sisters, Mmes. Henry Doell and Chas. Kensing.

Felix Jacoby, of Fredericksburg was here Saturday returning from a trip to Brady.

Mrs. Thos. Broad died Monday in Brownwood, from pneumonia.

Emmitt Tinsley is preparing to move his stock of goods to Brady.

Andrew Jung of Seattle, Wash., and Will Jung of Fredericksburg are here visiting their sisters, Mmes. Hy Doell and Chas. Kensing.

## WANT COLUMN

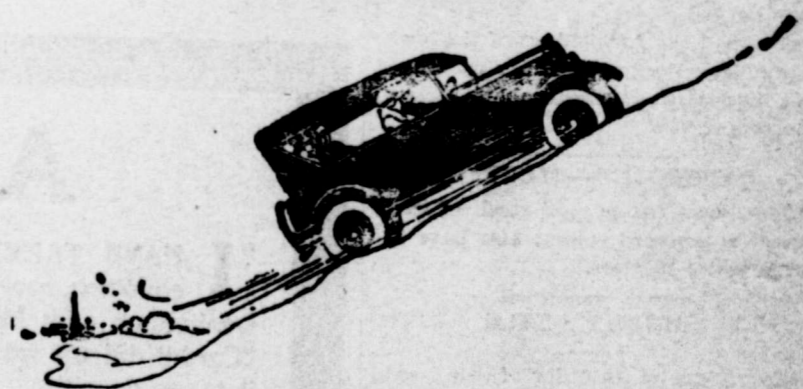
EGGS—White Leghorn, English Strain, \$1 per setting. See J. W. White. 47-1f

FOR SALE—Purchased M. B. Loms, \$30; Club raised by Ben Loeffler. See me or apply to V. I. Marshall. 44-3tp

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