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"FORT ROOSEVELT"- PROPOSED NAME FOR CAMP MARFA

WATER WORKS & SEWER CONST

Digging the Trenches and laying the Pipes, works Progress rapidly

Work commenced this week laying the Sewer pipes, and it is wonderful to watch this work. In looking over the plans, being absolutely ignorant of such an undertaking your reporter commended with himself in this wise. It has been reported that the engineers figured that this work could be done in about ninety days from commencement. Why, this would be absolutely impossible. Surely it would require several thousand men working all over the city digging trenches in sections, and then afterwards would come the laying and covering of the pipes, etc. But in our ignorance and inexperience we knew nothing about the wonders of modern machinery. For the first time we witnessed the working of an up to the minute trench digger. Some of the boys who had been over seas had witnessed the performance of these huge badgers—and had occupied some of the dugouts made, and to them it was the repeating of an old story—Even our Mayor who failed to reach the other side, had at some place in Texas, witnessed the work of these old war horses turned along the lines of peaceful industry. There are three of these trench diggers and while they pass along the middle of the streets doing the work of hundreds of men and over a thousand badgers, a gang of pipe layers are busy laying pipes and

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS BANQUET

Agricultural Agent And Publi city Agent of W. T. C. C. Present and gave Address

The first banquet, under the leadership of the newly elected officers of the Marfa Chamber of Commerce was given Thursday evening January the 27th in the spacious dining room and parlors of the First Christian church, was a most enjoyable affair to all present. About 100 citizens of Marfa and Presidio County and guests partook of the evening dinner. The guests of honor were Hon. B. M. Whitaker, Agricultural manager and Hon. E. H. Whitehead, Publicity manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. The following is a program of the evenings entertainment.

Invocation—Rev. J. C. Jones

Dinner

Piano Solo—Mrs. March Coffield

To Past President—Hon. R. E. Petross.

Response

To President—Rev. M. A. Buhler.

Presidents Addresses—Judge J. C. Fuller.

Vocal Solo—Mr. Sherwood.

Address—Hon. E. H. Whitehead.

Address—Hon. B. M. Whitaker.

Two Minute talks

Closing remarks.

Toastmaster—Judge J. C. Fuller.

FIRST ANNUAL STOCK SHOW

To be held in El Paso, Texas in Liberty Hall on 14-19 March

The First annual El Paso Fat Stock show will be held March 14-19, 1927 in Liberty Hall, El Paso, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Convention. A classification totaling \$13,200 is offered for breeding and car lot cattle, swine, sheep and goats.

In the cattle department a classification of \$9,000 has been arranged for Herefords and Shorthorns. Of this amount \$6,000 is offered for Herefords, and \$3,000 for Shorthorns. This classification is made possible by the co-operation of the American Hereford Breeder's Association and the American Breeders Association.

Dairy cattle will have a classification of \$1,500. The co-operation of the dairy interests in and about El Paso have made this classification possible.

For swine \$1,000 has been offered. Classification for Duroc Jerseys and Poland Chinas is included in this department.

A classification for both breeding and fat sheep and goats has been arranged for and this classification amounts to \$1,000. Three breeds of sheep, Rambouillets, Hampshires and Shropshires and one breed of goats, the Angora, will be presented.

There will be a classification for carlot cattle totaling \$700 which will include fat and feeder cattle.

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METCALF'S RESOLUTION AT THE ROTARY

Hon. M. O. Metcalfe presents Resolution at the Rotary Meeting

Marfa, Texas January 25, 1927

Chairman M. A.

I offer for the approval of the Rotary Club, the following resolution:

That this Rotary Club, and the individual members hereof, go on record as extending to Honorable C. B. Hudspeth, our sincerest appreciation of his untiring efforts before Congress in securing the passage of the Bill for funds to purchase lands at Marfa to make this a permanent post. Congressman Hudspeth has always been active and alert in interest of his people, and his service in this connection have been of untold value, and the accomplishment of the result sought will be of material value to Marfa Presidio County and the Big Bend section of Texas.

This Club appreciates the service of Congressman Hudspeth and the individual members extend to him a cordial invitation to visit with us at any time.

That a copy hereof be furnished to Mr. Hudspeth and a copy of printed in each of the local papers.

Respectfully submitted,
HUNTER METCALFE,

Passed by unanimous vote this 25th day of January 1927.
M. A. Buhler, President
B. H. DAVIS, Secretary.

C. B. Hudspeth endorses "Fort Roosevelt" to Secretary Of War

Will be a Fitting Memorial To a man who loved Texas C. E. Mead just received a letter from C. B. Hudspeth in part as follows:

"I am in receipt of your letter and immediately took the matter up with the Secretary of War relative to the naming of the Post. I think the suggestion of 'Roosevelt', as contained in your letter, is an admirable one, and I have endorsed this name to the Secretary of War. Also have asked him to acquaint me with the time in which the land will be purchased and what is necessary, if anything, on the part of the owners relative to abstracts. As soon as I receive a reply from the Secretary, will forward to you."

In handing this letter to the New Era, Mr. Mead said that Fort Roosevelt has been suggested as a proper name for the Post here, after discussing it with Mayor Hamie, Teddy Roosevelt was a Military President, and was always interested in Texas, and the Texas people. Although his home was in New York, he was at heart a Western man, and no more appropriate name could be selected for the Post at Marfa, unless there is something in the way that does not now appear, it ought to be easy to get the War Department to adopt the name, Fort Roosevelt.

L. C. BRITE TO HEAD NATIONAL LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

Lucas C. Brite of Marfa was elected President of the National Livestock Association at a meeting of the organization held in Salt Lake City last week. Mr. Brite is a pioneer cattleman of this section and is one of the most prominent ranchers of the State. He served two terms as president of the Old Panhandle Association of Texas and he, together with H. L. Kokernot and J. D. Jackson of this city, were largely instrumental in bringing about the merger of this organization with the Texas Livestock association, now known as the Texas Southwestern Livestock association.

He has served for many years as a member of the executive committee on both the National Live Stock association and the Texas Southwestern Livestock association. The office to which Mr. Brite has been elected is quite a high one and the Marfa man is receiving the congratulations of ranchers in the High-land section as well as all over the country. —Alpine Avalanche.

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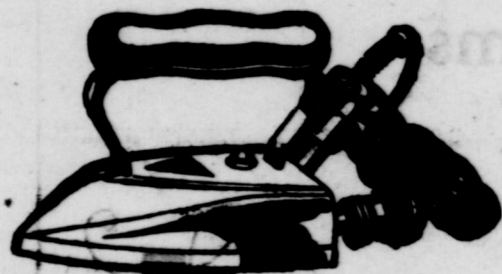
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"E. B."

To the 2,000 men and women on the pay roll of Central Power and Light Company their general manager is "E. B." His name is Ellis Barton Neiswanger, but from office boys to auditor they refer to him by his initials only. And whether they have been the organization ten days or ten years, nobody mistaken the reference.

For "E. B." is the push in the company's power and sometimes, the glare of the company's light. Because he was to the British Army what Ellis Barton Neiswanger is to the great company which has dotted the map of Texas with its local plants and transmission lines. England made a "Blooming Lord" of General Frederick Roberts and Kipling, did more—he wrote a poem which is known to those who never heard of the march to Kandahar. And in those living lines dedicated to "Bobs" everybody around Central Power and Light Company, that is, everybody who knows what's what and why, finds himself able to paraphrase the energies and activities of "E. B." Let's try it:

If a hi-line's slipped a trace,
Hook on E. B.
If an ampere's lost its place,
Dress by E. B.
For he's eyes all up his coat,
And a cheeriness in his throat,
And you will not play the goat,
Under E. B.

There's another thought in the tribute to "Bobs" singularly alike the it might be changed to this:

What he doesn't know of utilities
You can ask the outfit next door—
And he does not advertise.

That business about "advertising" is the solid fact. Nobody ever paid less attention to publicity. He isn't merely indifferent to printer's ink in a personal way, but almost hostile. However, nobody can lead the long procession of development, largely in South and Southwest Texas, but distributed over many other sections, that Neiswanger is crystallizing into achievement, without becoming known—and widely known. The man who looks after the red spots on the mountain tops represented by the utility plants at Alpine and Marfa, keeps the pulse of the Diessels at Wellington and Childress, marks the temperature in the cars which haul the perishable products of the Valley and the Winter Garden to the country's markets and galvanizes a hundred other public service energies into public comforts, is going to be talked about personally and discussed publicly. In the words of one of his staff, "E. B." will have to be like John D.—get used to it.

Ellis Barton Neiswanger is a product of Ohio—a Buckeye who is a whole lot of eye, and, also, plenty of the buck which doesn't need passing. But he is, like all the others who run on high in the organization, a Texan of long standing. He held important posts for years with Texas Power and Light Company at Dallas, and many of his intimate friends are there. He was selected by Ralph W. Morrison—now president of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce—to take the drag out of the Valley utilities when those properties were owned by Morrison and McCall. He did it. That's the whole whole tale. Down at San Benito and everywhere else in that fertile belt—not because of what he did—but because of the way he did it.

Another bit of Kipling fits in at this point. It is the creed of Ralph Morrison and the hymn of Neiswanger—"for when the one Great Seer comes to write against your name He writes not that you won or lost, but how you played the game." It not only fits, but it fits with mathematical precision. Neiswanger plays a big game and—he totes fair.

Neiswanger came off an Ohio farm up a tortuous passage to his present eminence in utilities service via the engineering route—as many another great executive has done and is doing. He knows his figures. But his speaking acquaintance with logarithms and then the dimension didn't bother his study of man—which is the proper study of mankind. Camille Flammarion weighed the sun and measured the or-

bit of Venus—but he would have been a fiddle in the management of a public service company. Neiswanger knows every wheel and every cog in the wheel. This business of supplying light, power, ice, gas, transportation over wide area to many thousands is a complicated affair. The field of necessary knowledge runs from coal prices to public relations—and misses nothing in between.

No one man could do it all. Theories where the study of men enters and enters big. Neiswanger is a good picker. He knows men and those he has placed on his staff know him. Together they are hitting the ball from the Davis Mountains down to the sea—developing Texas, growing with the development and making the State they love a better place in which to live and do business.

He is the chief of staff and operating head of a twenty-five million dollar concern—and there are not many such outfits in these parts—and no flood of them in any other parts. He is a disciplinarian, but he is cheerful and—and he's always fair. At least that is the verdict of the entire C. P. and L. brigade—of duty as well as on. It takes a man to do all that and be that—which is just what they say "E. B." is.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF PRESIDIO }

By virtue of an Execution, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Bexar County, on 20th day of November A. D. 1926 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Joske Bros. a Private Corporation versus B. T. Corder and Mrs. B. T. Corder No. 42760, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in March A. D. 1927, it being the first day of said month, before the Court House door of said Presidio County, in the Town of Marfa, the following described property, to wit: One third undivided interest of B. T. Corder and Mrs. B. T. Corder in and to the following described real estate located in the City of Marfa Presidio County Texas to wit:

1st being a point of lot No. 13 in Block No. 27 in the town of Marfa, Texas, described further as commencing at a point on the north line of said lot, 3 1/2 feet from the North west corner of said lot, as place of beginning, thence east on said north line 2 1/2 feet to the Northeast corner of said lot No. 13, thence south 125 feet to the Southeast corner of said lot, thence west on the south line of said lot 22 1/10 feet to a point on south line for corner, thence north 125 feet to the place of beginning.

2nd Also all of lot No. 11 in said Block 27, as shown on the plot of said town of Marfa.

3rd Also that part of lot No. 10 in said Block No. 27, described by metes and bounds as follows, beginning at a point on the North line of said lot No. 10, being distance from North east corner of said lot 6 feet as a starting point or place of beginning, thence west on said North line 19 feet to the Northwest corner of said lot No. 10, thence south 125 feet to the Southwest corner of said lot No. 10, on the South line of said lot 24 9/10 feet to a point near the south east corner to said lot No. 10, thence Northwest 125 feet to the place of beginning.

4th All of lots Nos. 8 and 9 of Block No. 27 according to the map of the town of Marfa as recorded in Presidio County Deed Book 21, page 410, said lots being in what is known as the old Town of Marfa and each of said two lots having a width of 25 feet from East to West and a length of 125 feet from North to South, also a five foot strip off west side of lot No. 7 in said Block No. 27 of Town of Marfa, Texas, said strip running 125 feet North and South and five feet from East to West, said strip being described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said lot No. 7, for Northwest corner, thence on North boundary line of said lot No. 7, five feet to Northeast corner of this strip, thence South and parallel with West boundary line of said lot No. 7, 125 feet to a point in; South boundary line of said lot No. 7, for Southeast corner of this strip, thence west on South boundary line of said lot No. 7, five feet to Southwest corner of said lot No. 7, from Southwest corner of this strip, thence North on West boundary line, of said lot No. 7, 125 feet to Northwest corner of said lot No. 7 the place of beginning.

5th Out of lot No. 10 said block No. 27, the following angle triangle tract of land, beginning at the Northeast corner of said lot No. 10 of Marfa, Texas, for Northeast corner of this tract, thence West on North boundary line of said lot No. 10, six feet to point in said North boundary line for the Northwest corner of this tract, thence Southeast in a straight line a little more than 125 feet to Southeast corner of said lot No. 10 for Southeast corner of this triangular tract, thence North with East boundary line of said lot No. 10 for Northeast corner of this tract, place of beginning. The lands herein described have a north front of 61 feet and a South width of 55 feet; levied on as the property of B. T. Corder and Mrs. B. T. Corder to satisfy a judgement amounting to \$2,001.96 in favor of Joske Bros. a private Corporation and costs of suit.

Given under My Hand, this 24th day of January A. D. 1927.

J. D. Bunton, Sheriff
By Jno. L. Hess, Deputy.

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UNSELFISH IDEALISM

Behind Local Newspapers

The local newspaper in the United States is each year getting on a firmer foundation and becoming more and more useful to its community.

It is the home newspaper which boosts the town, year in and year out, which takes the lead in every enterprise which has for its purpose the rebuilding of the community.

We frequently hear it said that the old-time independent spirit of the newspaper is gone, that its editorial policy is now subservient to the business office. Yet this is not true, there is more unselfishness and idealism in the average local newspaper than in any other business enterprise. It frequently speaks out in a way which it believes will be for the good of the nation and community regardless of what the consequences may be from a business standpoint.

The local newspaper is the principal booster for the community, and it does its boosting often without hope of material reward. Unfortunate is the community which neither appreciates nor supports its local newspapers.—Wisconsin State Journal.

One Unlucky Day.

Marfa people who are more or less superstitious and who look on "Friday the thirteenth" as a time to be unusually cautious will be glad to know that by a curious freak of the calendar there will be but one such day to look forward to in 1927. The thirteenth comes on Friday but once this year, and that in the month of May, instead of several times as it has in former years. No year escapes a Friday on the thirteenth, and yet every time it comes somebody discovers that it is unlucky for them. Every accident on that date looms larger than if it had happened at any other time, and every poor business deal is explained by the alibi that "it was made on an unlucky day." So for the relief of those who contend that it is a day of bad luck we are glad to point out that this year ought to be extremely lucky one for everybody, because there is but one Friday falling on the thirteenth.

Cats running away from tumbling heaps of mice is, one might say, as much news as the man biting the dog—news being the unusual, interestingly told.

So this strange story that has come out of the San Joaquin valley of California is news indeed.

That the cats run away from the mice is, however, not to be ascribed to fear of the rodents so much as to surfeited appetites. Cats of El Paso might not believe it, if you could make them understand, but there may always be too much of a good thing. The choicest delicacy may become repulsive if indulged in without discretion.

If this story of rats and mice over-running 96 square miles of territory is propaganda for California's justly celebrated climate which makes all manner of things grow and multiply, a better subject would better have been chosen.

Readers are apt to peruse unbelievably and turn away from the item with the same comment as your own, viz:

"Rats!"
—El Paso Herald.

BIDS FOR COUNTY DEPOSITORY

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Article 2.440 Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, at the February term of the County Commissioner's Court of Presidio County, Texas, to be held at the County Court House Feb. 14, 1927, bids for County Depository for Presidio County will be accepted and awarded to the Corporation or Individual entitled to qualify offering to pay the highest interest on the daily deposits of funds of Presidio County.

W. T. DAVIS County Judge.

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WOMAN, 92, BOASTS 308 LIVING HEIRS

Challenges Any Grandmother to Show Equal Record.

Ogden, Utah.—Boasting that she has the largest posterity of any woman in the country, Mrs. Sarah Jane Taylor of Harrisville recently celebrated her ninety-second birthday. She has 308 living descendants, who include 8 children, 50 grandchildren, 189 great-grandchildren and 61 great-great-grandchildren.

She has challenged any woman in the country to show a larger number of lineal descendants and is anxious to correspond with any such woman.

Mrs. Taylor has been married twice, the first time when she was only sixteen. The marriage was with Bailey Lake, a fellow Mormon convert whom the young girl met on her way to Utah in 1850. They settled in Ogden where four children were born.

When the youngest was still a baby Brigham Young pressed Mr. Lake into service and sent him to Idaho to spread the Mormon gospel among the Indians. With the other Mormon elders at Fort Lemhi, Lake was attacked by Indians. The little garrison, besieged, sent Lake as a messenger for help. He was ambushed and killed in the Malad mountains.

A few years later his widow was married to the late Pleasant Green Taylor. Six children, four of them still living, were born from this union.

Mrs. Taylor was born in Port Gibson, Miss., November 12, 1834. She has the distinction of being one of the few remaining Mormons who crossed the plains in ox carts in the early fifties. She was among the religious followers who left the northern part of the state and went south when General Johnston's army came to Utah to subdue Brigham Young.

Eat in Darkness as Health Aid, Says Doctor

London.—With so much stress being laid on the virtues of artificial sunlight, special interest attaches to the announcement, made by a prominent London doctor, that we do not sufficiently consider the health value of darkness.

The authority states that in his opinion many of the ills that have their origin in digestive troubles are traceable to the too lavish use of light at meals. Brilliant lighting, he asserts, is harmful in dining rooms, restaurants and other places where meals are partaken.

Our digestive processes, on the perfect working of which human health and happiness so largely depend, are interfered with by the extra stimulant provided by garish lighting. The demands made on the senses by such factors as bright lights and arresting sounds mean that blood is drawn from the stomach to the brain and muscles, and the assimilation of food naturally suffers.

According to this authority the best light for meal times is that given by shaded candles. But we should all be better in health and in temper, the physician states, if we ate our meals in semidarkness.

Plan to Revive Whaling Off California Coast

San Diego, Calif.—After a hiatus of more than half a century whaling operations are to be resumed on an extensive scale on the southern California coast. A whaling fleet consisting of the factory steamer Lansing, with four killers, has established a base at South Bay, San Clemente Island, and has started a hunt for the famous California "grays," the humpback and the sperm, the only species frequenting these waters.

The whale oil, fertilizer and chicken feed, the principal products derived from the whale catch, will be disposed of entirely in the California markets, officials of the whaling company announce.

Slump in Fur

Washington.—Fur coats may gain an enhanced standing as luxuries if the supply of fur-bearing animals continues to decrease as steadily as in the last year. The Agricultural department said the number of fur wearers was increasing much faster than fur bearers.

Canadian Farmer Seeks Meteor Buried in Yard

Detroit, Mich.—George Turner, a farmer living near Amherstburg, Ont., and a number of his friends, are planning to dig up what is believed to be a portion of a meteor that buried itself in the ground outside Turner's home.

The missile is buried about ten feet and the hole, which is about twelve inches in diameter, indicates that it must have been whirling at a great rate of speed when it struck.

"My wife and I were reading in the front room when my attention was attracted by what I thought resembled a pillar of flame," Turner said. "At first I believed the house was afire and I rushed out of doors, but I found nothing."

Turner plans to send the missile to the government laboratories at Toronto for examination.

NEW WELLAND CANAL WILL FREE ONTARIO

"Cinderella of Lakes" to Take on New Life.

Toronto, Ont.—Lake Ontario, the Cinderella of inland seas, rejoices in the prospect of an early emancipation by the opening of the new Welland canal.

In every port on the great lakes shipping men and others are discussing what will happen in the new era to be inaugurated by the canal, which in some respects rivals Panama. There is much difference of opinion, but whatever happens will be an improvement for the ports located on Lake Ontario.

Here is one of the finest bodies of water in the world, 200 miles long by 40 wide. Surrounded on all sides by rich country and teeming cities, it ought to be alive with commerce. But the ordinary view of Lake Ontario is as lifeless as the picture of the "painted ship upon a painted ocean."

Imprisoned by Falls, Rapids.

Nature played a mean trick on Lake Ontario. It made her the connecting link between two of the most famous rivers in the world—the Niagara and the St. Lawrence—but the falls of Niagara, which millions of people have come from the ends of the earth to see, have isolated and imprisoned the lake.

Great ocean liners come up the St. Lawrence to Montreal and stop. Great liners of the inland seas cruise Superior, Huron, Michigan and Erie, but they stop when they approach the mouth of the Niagara river.

It is true both the Niagara and the St. Lawrence have been canalized, but the ships than can be accommodated are small and the trips through the locks tiresome.

The new Welland canal will be revolutionary in its capacity. Instead of a draft of 12 or 14 feet it will provide a draft of 25 feet, which can be deepened to 30 feet. Instead of 27 locks, it will have only 7 locks, and 3 of these will be double locks in flight, enabling boats to ascend and descend.

Instead of 12 to 18 hours now required to get through the canal the passage will be made in 8 hours or less. Ships of 12,000 tons, good-sized ocean liners, will be able to make the Niagara detour with ease.

Ontario Ports Looking Up.

A great milling industry has grown up at Buffalo, N. Y., and Port Colborne, Ont., because all the larger grain ships from the head of the lakes were stopped by Niagara. Now all the ports at the eastern end of Lake Ontario are getting ready to capture or at least share in this trade. The large boats will be able to get down the St. Lawrence as far as Prescott, Ont., and Ogdensburg, N. Y., but as the channel through the Thousand Islands is tricky the ports of Kingston, Ont., and Oswego, N. Y., are more generally favored. Kingston, one of the most ancient cities in Canada, is preparing for a great revival.

Montreal also hopes to benefit. Freight rates for the all-Canadian route will, it is hoped, be lowered (through as to this there is some doubt) and Montreal will be able to compete on more favorable terms with the Atlantic American ports. In any case, Montreal hopes to become a great milling center.

Toronto, in anticipation of the canal, has spent \$20,000,000 on a harbor development and even if the achievement of ocean port status is delayed it hopes by more accessible coal and ore supplies to establish on its harbor front large new industries.

By the end of the present season 80 per cent of the new Welland canal undertaking will be completed. By 1930 at the latest it will be ready for traffic.

The cost will be well under \$100,000,000.

Army Made 1,000 Flights Over Airways in Year

Washington.—During the last fiscal year army airplanes made approximately 1,000 flights over the eastern division of the model airways from Washington to Dayton. Commercial pilots also took advantage of the facilities offered on the model airways, recognizing the greater safety and ease of air travel over an organized and identified route.

Planes utilizing this route numbered 1,213, of which 959 belonged to the army, 14 to the navy, 14 to the marine corps and 66 to commercial concerns. In addition 163 planes flew over the route but did not stop.

Bering Sea and Straits Getting Much Warmer

Dutch Harbor, Alaska.—Bering sea and straits connecting the Arctic ocean are warming up, icebergs diminishing in size and fish ordinarily fearful of the cold migrating farther north, declare crews of whalers just back from the frigid regions. Seals and walrus have found the water of Bering sea too warm and were scarce except in the Arctic ocean this last season, while whales appeared more numerous in the polar waters than along the Alaskan coast. Herring, smelt and salmon, rarely frequenting Bering straits, have taken the old sealing grounds, say the whalers.

School for Gypsies. Uzhorod, Czechoslovakia.—The first school of gypsies in Europe will soon be established here.

TEXAS TOWN CLAIMS MANY DISTINCTIONS

Only County Seat Without Jail, Is Boast.

Lefors, Texas.—This quaint town in northeast Texas has so many distinctions they must be enumerated in some kind of sequence. Among these are the following:

Lefors is the smallest county seat in Texas.

Lefors boasts that it is the only county seat without a jail. The jail has been leased to a neighboring town. Though located on an otherwise treeless plain, the town is hard by a forest of giant cottonwoods.

This fact leads to another distinction. The town has the only saw mill in a territory larger than half a dozen northern or eastern states. There are no other saw mills out on the plains because there is no wood to saw.

The water wells are only nine feet deep in Lefors.

But perhaps the most interesting facts are these: The cottonwood trees bear grapes and virtually all the residents drink grape juice the year round, and although fifty years old this town's cemetery contains only four graves.

Near the town is the Valley of Lefors, formed by a branch of the Red river, which separates Texas from Oklahoma. This valley gives the impression that it is a corner of Japan or an imaginary kingdom in a dream. While the plains may be swept by cold winds, and the frost may creep down from the north, the Valley of Lefors is warm and cozy behind its rock wall shelter.

The towering cottonwoods do not actually bear grapes, but they support the wild grape vines that entwine them and hang down like veils. Here in protected dells grow fruits of all kinds, and the cherry blossoms enhance the Nipponese picture.

From the wild grape vines, a great crop of grapes is harvested every year. The juice of the grape is found in every home hereabouts.

When a man wants a well here he procures a post hole digger, bores down about nine feet and obtains clear, sparkling water.

For a generation Lefors has gone on drinking its grape juice and sawing its wood, and now oil is beginning to touch it with magic of life. The oil boom in the Panhandle is reaching into Gray county, of which Lefors is the exact geographical center.

The town with its dreamy valley is perking up. The cottonwoods are being transformed into new homes.

Find Bones of Mammoth on West Florida Coast

Washington.—The bones of a mammoth washed up on what were then the shores of Florida 500,000 years ago have been brought to the Smithsonian institution by Dr. J. W. Gidley, as the result of an excavation at Venice, Fla.

The skeleton, though not complete, is the best yet discovered on the west coast of Florida. All the teeth were found, as well as the complete foot structure, the lower jaw, a tusk and a shoulder blade and part of the vertebra.

Some of the bones were broken and in the surface of the breaks barnacles, which are now fossilized, had attached themselves. From these facts Doctor Gidley deduced that the bones had been washed up on the old shore of the Gulf of Mexico, though this is now four miles inland from the present coast. They must have been quickly buried in the sand for they are very little corroded.

The fossil was discovered by the Venice company, a subsidiary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, which immediately offered it to the Smithsonian institution as a gift. The company's co-operation enabled Doctor Gidley to rescue as much of the skeleton as possible.

"This discovery," said Doctor Gidley, "seems to be a Columbia mammoth, types of which have been found in territories to the north of Florida."

Write Chinese Bible

Tokyo.—A Chinese porter employed by a mission here has just completed the work of translating the Bible into his native tongue on a large scroll. The work took him four years and three months.

Left Lincoln Pistols

Copenhagen, Denmark.—Three pistols presented by Abraham Lincoln to King Frederick VII were overlooked by thieves who broke into the Jagerspris Castle museum here and made off with a lot of valuables.

Stamps of 1925 Would Circle Globe 11 Times

Washington.—The little postage stamp you use from time to time is one of a huge family. There were more than 18,000,000,000 of them made in Washington last year, being sufficient for supplying each man, woman and child in the country with 160.

They represented a face value of \$450,000,000 and required 900 tons of paper and \$70,000 pounds of ink in their manufacture. Placed end to end, they would girdle the earth eleven times. The cost of producing them was about 1 cent for each 125.

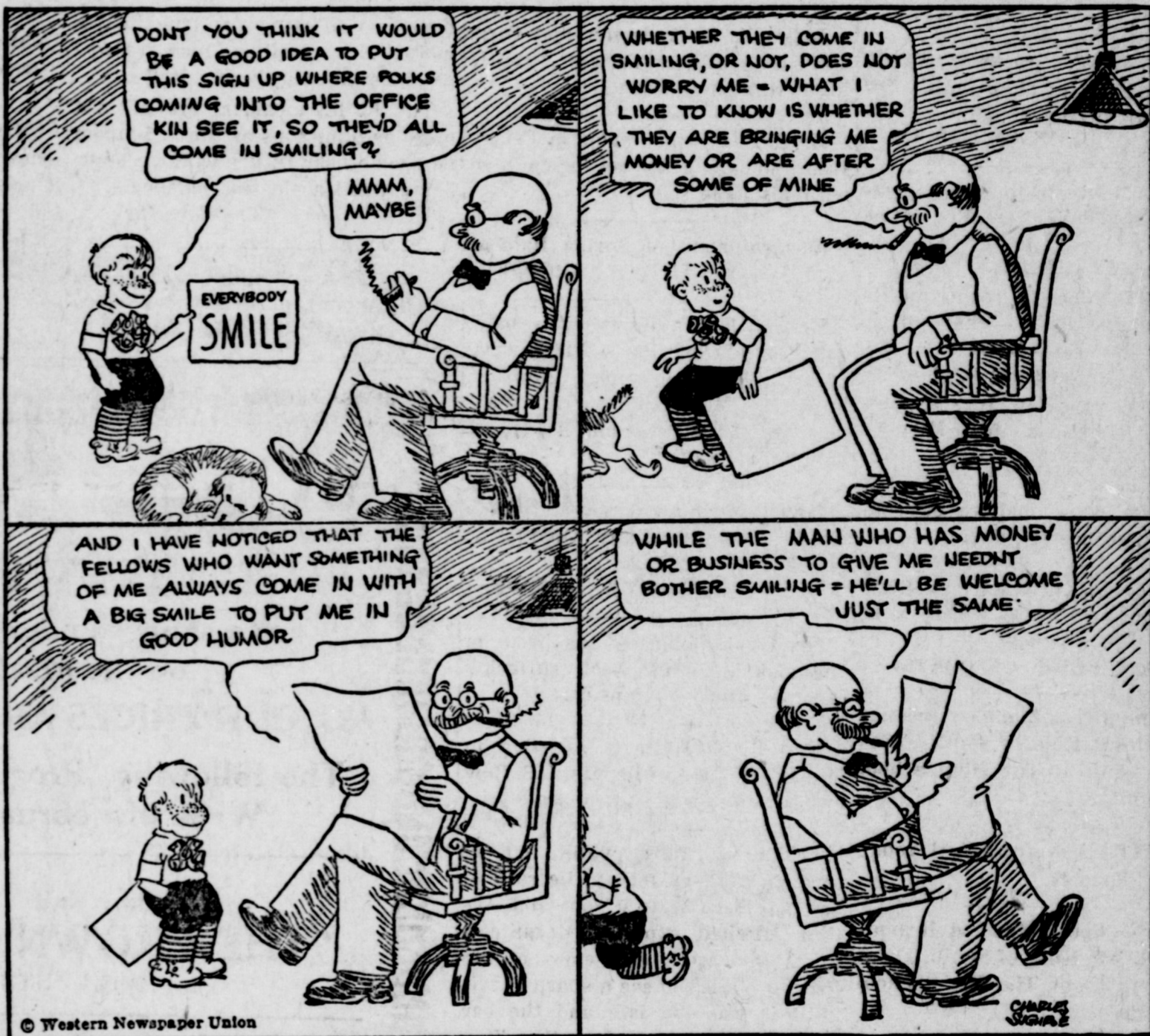
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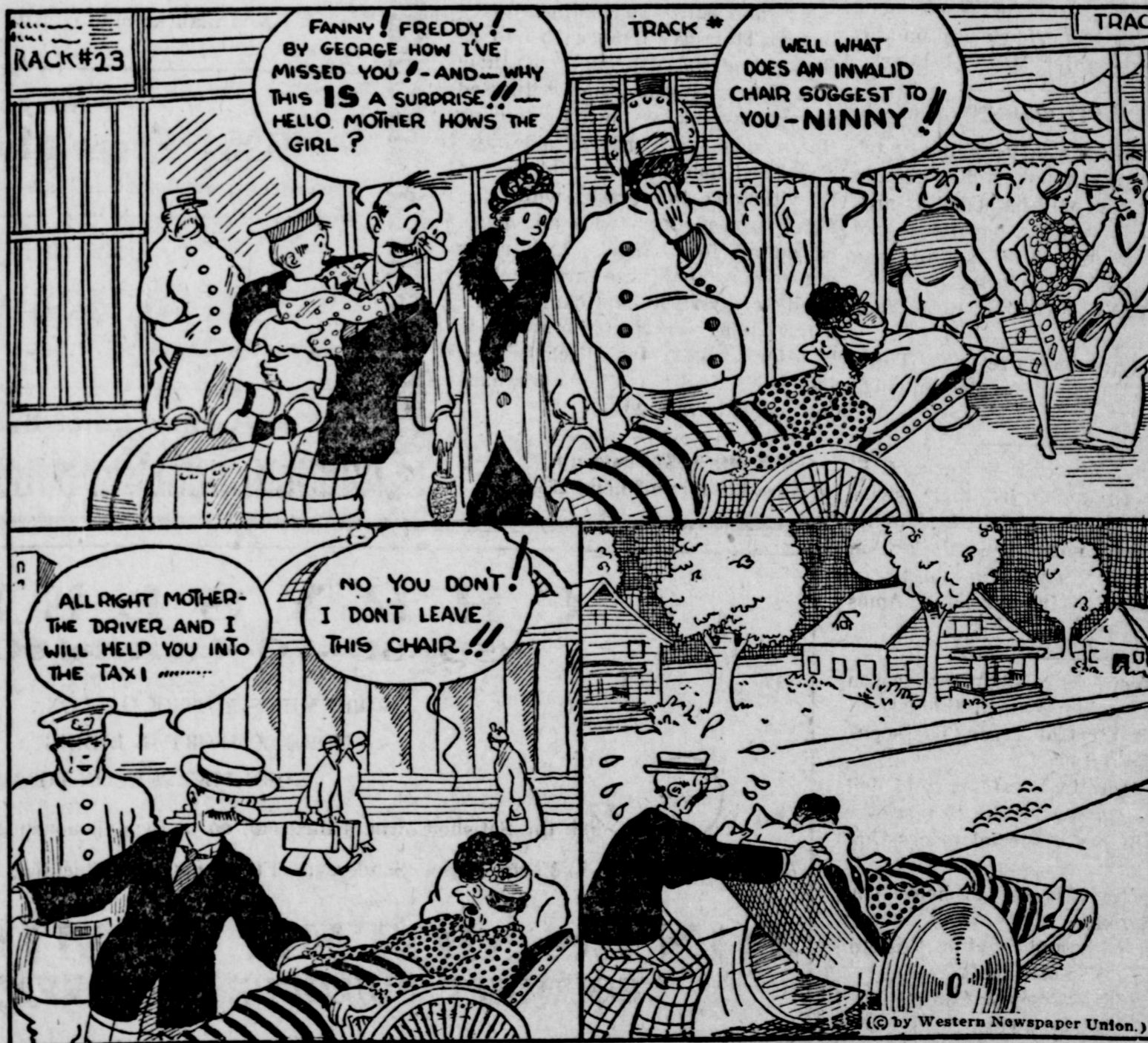
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DISTRICT COURT

Last week a number of divorces were granted. The Grand Jury, having turned in 4 felony indictments adjourned Wednesday.

The case of Luz Garmona charged with the murder of Cecilia Jaime was set for Tuesday of this week, but was continued to Wednesday of next week, February 9th. The Court appointed Judge Miller and Judge Metcalfe to represent the defendant.

In the case of A. Hodges vs F. W. Cook, injunction suit, tried Wednesday; judgement for Plaintiff. Mead and Metcalfe for Plaintiff and Judge Van Sickle for Defendant.

MARFA HI SENDS ESSAY PAPERS TO AUSTIN TO BE JUDGED

F. T. Ramsey and Son of the Austin Nursery acknowledge the receipt of the Essay papers sent them by the Marfa High on Jan. 27.

The Austin Nursery has offered a prize for the best essay written on "The Advantages and Value of Planting Trees," and Marfa Hi has entered the contest. Here's hoping that Marfa Hi will have a winning paper.

The following is a list of the winners in the Contest held at Marfa High to select its best to send to Austin:

Freshman Class, Virginia Coles.
Sophomore Class, Samuel Marsh.
Junior Class, Hazel Williams.
Senior Class, Hilda Marsh.

Spring Scottish Rite Reunion

EL PASO MARCH 28th to APRIL 1st

The dates of our reunion for this Spring are March 28-April 1st. All eligible Master Masons are invited to place their applications with us.

The Scottish Rite degrees are conferred at reunion twice a year in six cities of Texas: Galveston, Dallas, El Paso, San Antonio and Houston. The government of the Scottish Rite is vested in the Supreme Council of the thirty-third and last degree which sits at Washington. Of this illustrious John Henry Cowles, 33°, to whom reference is elsewhere made in this Bulletin, is Grand Commander, and Illustrious H. W. Wilcover, 33°, is Secretary General. In Texas Illustrious Sam P. Cochran, 33°, is Sovereign Grand Inspector General and Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Council.

Brother Horace A. Lay, 33°, IGH, is another faithful worker who will be on the job for the next reunion. As chairman of the Reception Committee he will see to it that out of town and other guests will be welcomed at all reunion functions.

F. C. Mellard, 32°, Marfa, assures us that his 7° team will be there to confer that degree.

NOTES

Frank C. Mellard, 32°, Marfa, advises that Marfa Lodge will have a big meeting late in February to present jewels to all Past Masters. W. J. McDowell, 32°, Past Marfa: "Give my regards to all the brethren."

Tom Threepersons, 32°, Y Ranch, Odessa: "Sorry we missed 'open house' at the Cathedral with you. Believe we have visited you every New Year's since I've belonged to the Rite. Tell all the boys 'howdy' for me."

E. H. Whitehead, publicity manager, West Texas Today: "We are holding our February issue of West Texas Today for an El Paso special number. I am planning to use the picture of the Cathedral in that edition." —El Paso Bulletin.

Tom Threepersons, was stationed here some time ago as a U. S. Customs officer under Capt. Greed Taylor.

E. H. Whitehead was a pleasant visitor to our City this week, and was one of the speakers before the C. of C. Banquet, Thursday evening.

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another gang covering them up. Work commenced Monday and as we write this, Wednesday evening we will not tell the amount or extent of the work accomplished. We do not desire to pose as a Munchausen. Go and see for yourself and then you can go and tell your own story. —Observer.

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The premium List will be ready for distribution in a few days. Some may be had by addressing Mr. D. A. Bauden, General Manager, Chamber of Commerce, El Paso, Texas.

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THE HORD MOTOR COMPANY is just in receipt of a message in price reduction on STAR Automobiles as following:

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| SPORT ROADSTER | New Prices | \$885.00 | OLD PRICES | \$910.00 |
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| COACH | " | 845.00 | " | 880.00 |
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| LANDAU | " | 975.00 | " | 995.00 |
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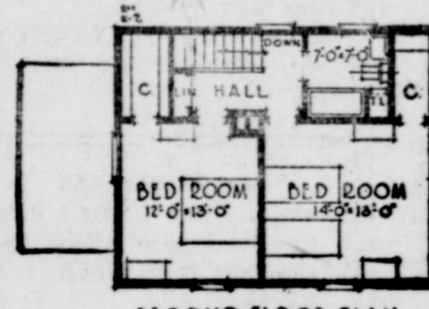


ANY one who has ever motored through the quiet sleepy towns of New England has fallen in love with the small houses that abound in that section of the country—neat, white, unpretentious and with a touch of reserve about them. Just such a house is the one pictured here. It is equally adaptable for town or country, and by merely shifting the living and entrance porches around can be built on a wide or narrow lot without spoiling its architectural...

The house is sturdily built and has an exterior of wood siding except for the unusual stucco panels that start at the level of the second floor windows. The roof is of stained shingles, preferably moss green, in keeping with the window shutters. A house of this compact style is very easy to heat, especially when the specifications call for insulation throughout with celotex, which prevents heat leakage, and keeps the house cool in the summer.

The living and dining rooms are here combined into one large room flooded with light by windows on three sides. The two bedrooms on the second floor each have double exposure and an extra large closet in which a window may be placed.

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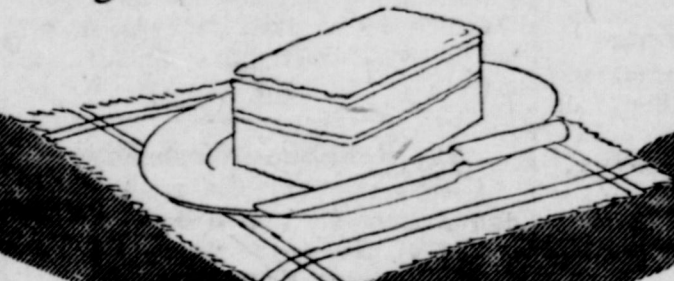
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ATHLETICS IN MARFA HI

Basket ball and Volley Ball are the centers of attraction at the Marfa Hi, the girls of the Volley ball team practice at every available chance and as has been shown are a hard bunch to beat. Lately they have played a number of visiting teams and won easily. If Marfa ever had a chance to win in Volley ball, this is the year of years, these girls through practicing most of the time, with the boys on the other side of the net, have become experts in this game, and should win the championship of this district.

Coach Prof. Gregg has drilled together a very formidable cage machine, out of two veterans and a bunch of green material. This young quintet of lads are running true to the form of the teams of old. They may go down in defeat once in awhile but when they do they go down fighting every inch. This is one of the finest things a team can show.

These young lads may not be the best in the world but they have been selected to uphold the honors of Marfa "Hi". The lads and the Coach are working hard, getting ready for the District Tournament which is to be held in Alpine on the 11 and 12th of this month. The High school is behind them with heart and soul. But are the good Citizens of Marfa? It doesn't matter whether you know what Basket ball is or not, your duty is to get behind the Marfa High school and back it up in everything it undertakes to do, if not for the sake of sport, then for the sake of your own children, your children have some pride, you can help them: help them make the other teams think twice when they think of Marfa. Let's see how many Marfa people will be in Alpine on the 11 and 12th of February. You can lay your bets that Alpine will be there good and strong!

Don't forget, Alpine, Feb. 11 & 12.

BIDS CALLED FOR

We are asking for bids on the construction and painting of sign boards, markers and posts to be placed on the Mexican Border Highway between Del Rio and El Paso, being 12 boards 4 ft. by 5 ft., 20 mile posts, to be placed one mile apart approaching and leaving towns, 100 boards to be placed every 5 miles and at the intersection of roads leading off the main line, 100 danger posts to be placed approaching curves, dips, and gates, 20 boards to be placed on gates, all these to be painted and lettered on both sides. Drawings and descriptions of these boards can be seen at the Chamber of Commerce. Also include in your bid the placing of these boards and stakes along the highway which will probably require a truck, 2 men and a painter. Anyone desiring to bid on this work will please give us the approximate amount the work can be done for and the details will be taken up with them later. February 1st, 1927.

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