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## PRESIDIO COUNTY MORE PROSPEROUS THAN FOR 7 YEARS

### Ranches Well Stocked Water For Irrigation And Everything.

Miss Katherine Duckworth in Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

MARFA, Feb. 1.—Prosperity is apparent in Marfa and practically throughout Presidio County. Assumption of all progressive business men is that the section is facing a period of advancement, with prospects most promising in all enterprises and all lines of industry. Investigation and interviews with outstanding business men in Presidio County's largest centers of population, including Marfa, Presidio, Ruidosa and Candelaria, give this report:

The majority of Presidio county's citizenship live in comfortable homes, which are provided with practically all modern conveniences. Ninety per cent of the entire population own their own homes, ranches and farms, and have good educational advantages. No section of the country is more capable of complete local support and independence.

#### Ranches Well Stocked.

Presidio County's vast ranches are stocked with pure-bred Herefords; farms orchards and gardens produce practically a full supply of human foods; roads are good, and passing through her door yards is a state-built highway, known as the Mexican Border Highway, accredited as the best road between San Antonio and El Paso.

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## HISTORY CLUB WILL GIVE A PLAY FEBRUARY 13th

Celebrating National Drama week, "No Servants," a one-act play will be presented by the History club of Marfa, Monday evening, February 13, in the high school auditorium. Closely following this program, the date to be announced later, another club play will be given privately to members, and a limited number of guests, in the home of Mrs. L. C. Brite. Both plays will be directed, staged and costumed by club members, with Mrs. Jack Wheeler, director, and Mrs. Conrad S. Babcock in charge of stage and costumes. The plays were specially arranged by Miss Bessie Jacobs and the music by Miss Frances Mitchell, both well known in local productions. The Sul Ross Glee Club of Alpine will sing the choruses. A. A. Cavanaugh and Miss Mitchell will play leads in "No Servants". Those completing the cast are: Mmes. W. P. Fischer, K. C. Miller, R. S. McCracken, and Miss Jacobs Those taking part in "Wistful Waiting" are: Mmes. T. M. Wilson, Lee Glascock, K. C. Miller, Jessie Hubbard, Arthur Kerr, C. E. Mead, Lillian Bailey and Miss Nell Wilson. Marfa's history club, the first of west Texas Clubs to be organized and federated, is the first of local clubs to sponsor the growing interest in the "little theatre" movement as a part of its literary activities. The club was organized in 1898 by Mrs. W. W. Bogel, with twenty-five charter members, all of whom have successively occupied the president's



chair and have been leaders in every progressive movement throughout this section. The history club of Marfa encouraged the organization and federation of all other local clubs and inspired the Davis Mountain Federation which includes Presidio, Brewster, Jeff Davis, Terrell and Pecos counties. The club was federated in 1911. Mrs. W. P. Fischer is now president.

**PINK BOLLWORM COMMISSION TO HOLD MEETING IN MARFA WILL MEET ON FEBRUARY 29th TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT QUESTION.**

In this issue of the New Era will be found an important notice from Geo. B. Terrill, Commissioner of Agriculture. A meeting is to be held at Marfa on February 29th, to discuss the question whether the growing of cotton in Pecos, Terrell, Brewster, Presidio

and Jeff Davis Counties shall be prohibited. This is an important matter, especially to Presidio County, since it produces most of the cotton in said counties. Pecos probably produces next to this county, with Jeff Davis, Brewster and Terrell hardly considered as producers.

Why El Paso County is not mentioned in the notice is probably because it is not in this district. But if the pink bollworm has wings—as some say—El Paso and Culberson County should be classed together, at least, with Presidio County.

Again, it has been a question, if the cotton acreage ought to be reduced, why not let the pink bollworm cut it down.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO MEET FEB. 14th**

The Young People's Missionary Society will hold its regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, February 14th, at 4 o'clock p. m., in the Methodist church. Mrs. O. L. Snyder of El Paso, Supt. of Young People in the New Mexico Conference, will be here for this meeting.

## PRESIDIO BRIDGE COMPANY CHOOSES OFFICERS

Presidio, Tex., Feb. 7.—The Presidio Bridge Company has elected C. L. Dittman of McCamey, president; H. E. Dupuy, of Presidio, vice-president, and F. H. Scott of Fort Worth, secretary-treasurer. Scott was in charge of the construction of the bridge in conjunction with Dupuy, who is chief engineer.

The bridge was opened for general traffic December 10, 1927, and the formal opening, and dedication, of this new port of entry, will be held in March or April. The bridge is located on state highway No. 118, leading from Marfa to Presidio to Chihuahua City, Old Mexico. It is the main port of entry between El Paso and Del Rio on the Mexican Border.

Many amusement places are being started in the town of Ojinaga, Mexico, for the entertainment of tourists. Presidio has three hotels and there is a project under way at this time for the building of a new 85-room hotel.

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Mrs. John Daniels of El Porviver was in Marfa Saturday week.

## ORIENT MAKES MANY IMPROVEMENTS IN 1927

### Is Granted Permission To Bridge River At Presidio.

The Orient railroad is continuing its extensive improvements program of last year by making even greater or more extensive improvements this year. The road is now at work enlarging their already spacious yards at Wichita, Kansas, a move that is to include the adding and improving of six or eight blocks of additional space. The fences of the right of way are being shoved back and more sidings and buildings are being built.

The Orient yards in Wichita are complete in every way and these improvements would seem to indicate a real development program in the near future. At present the Orient will buy second hand locomotives from other roads, and take them to their shops to be overhauled. They employ a complete crew of expert engineers for this work, and when the engine leaves the shop it is as good as a new one, though costing much less.

By July 1 of this year the Orient will also have added since January 1, 1927, 52 new, short-span steel bridges to their Texas lines. They will also have completed a large number of concrete boxes and culverts in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas Divisions. This is all permanent work and speaks well for the permanency of the road.

Besides the above expenditures (Continued On Last Page)



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### PEPPING AHEAD.

Report comes from the city of Candalaria that its progressive citizens are not to be left behind in the onward march of progress, they too, have or are now making gestures and motions with view of organizing a Chamber of Commerce.

### FOR THE LEGISLATURE

We are heartily in favor of the motion made by the Sentinel, that it is about time Presidio County sent some one to the Legislature.

### CHASED 325 MILES

An Associated Press dispatch from Austin tells how pink boll worms were chased 325 miles before capture. The Red Terror from Mexico is surely spreading over Texas—the report says:

The story of how L. A. Cook, State pink boll worm inspector, located at Presidio, in the Big Bend section, chased four Mexican cotton pickers 325 miles to San Angelo, killed pink boll worms clinging inside their picking sacks, and probably prevented new destruction in some uninfested section of the cotton belt, was told Tuesday at the State Department of Agriculture.

R. E. McDonald, State entomologist said Cook discovered that the Mexicans had gone eastward by an indirect route which would not pass a quarantine station. Overtaking them at San Angelo, he found four pounds of cottonseed in their sacks harboring several live boll worms, as he had suspected might be the case.

"This probably prevented infestation of the worms in some place in the cotton belt," McDonald said. "Eternal vigilance is the price we have to pay for immunity from the pink boll worm." Now you tell one.

### PRESIDIO'S NEW PAPER

The Presidio Journal is here and according to S. A. Pipes, its live-wire Editor, "is here to stay". Mr. Pipes is to be congratulated upon this splendid edition and when we read its pages, we can all but see "The Sky Scrapers". Doubtless, there is a great future for Presidio and we congratulate brother Pipes for his wisdom in getting there on the ground floor. Beyond the shadow of doubt Mr. Pipes will be a great help in building the Metropolis of the Rio Grande. The gateway to Old Mexico. The New Era wishes for him a bright future and much success, and long may The Presidio Journal live.

### Vandalism.

For the protection of the beautiful Sunset Park, a barb wire has been placed on the top of the posts, this was only several days ago. Last Monday night some malicious person deliberately cut the wire around the park in about 20 different places. The criminal statutes of Texas for such an act says: "Any person who shall wilfully and wantonly or with intent to injure or destroy any fence or part of a fence shall be confined in the penitentiary not less than one nor more than five years, etc."

THE BOX bill to place Mexican immigration on a quota basis; if passed by this session of Congress, will prove a disaster to all states bordering on Mexico the Chambers of Commerce of these states should unite in an effort to defeat the bill.

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### PRESIDIO SHOWS RAPID GROWTH IN PAST YEAR

Many new people have moved into Presidio the past year, several of whom have built homes and others expects to build in the near future, according to R. E. Bledsoe of Bledsoe and Bagley, realtors, who also states that Bledsoe & Bagley expect to start the laying out of streets at an early date. Most of the home sites in Presidio are now being made in the foothills north and east of the old Government barracks, Ft. Leaton. Besides the business building already completed, some are under construction and others being planned. A new customs house has recently been completed at a cost of \$8,000; an international bridge, a credit to any city on the border and meeting all the requirements of both governments, in specifications, was completed several months ago. At a recent stockholders' meeting, L. C. Dittman of McCamey was elected president of the Bridge Company; H. E. Dupuy of Presidio, vice-president and F. L. Sott of Fort Worth, secretary-treasurer. Formal opening of the bridge,

sponsored by the Presidio Chamber of Commerce, is planned for March or April, the opening having been delayed in order that comfortable camping facilities may be provided for the crowd which is expected. S. C. Johnson, of Fort Stockton, has begun the erection of a power plant, the approximate cost to be \$60,000. At a recent meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, Presidio, R. C. Sparks, George Etes, H. B. Davis and H. H. Lovett were elected directors for 1928. Sparks states that developments preparatory to the building of the Orient into Presidio, have just started, with many new plans proposed for the immediate future.

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The West Texas Chamber of Commerce is to be commended for its action in asking a congressional investigation of the Federal Reserve Banking System which has proven to be the greatest curse ever imposed upon the American people—the request should have included the Interstate Commerce Commission which serves just about as useful purpose.

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# Locals and Personals

Prof. J. S. Garza of Sanderson was a visitor to Marfa Sunday.

Herschel Hord returned first of the week from Kansas City and other points. While away he attended the Studebaker Convention at Chicago.

### THE POPULAR ART SHOP

A beautiful assortment of Kayser Hose—Twin-Heel, Parisian clock and other styles.

Captain Jerry Gray was a visitor to Marfa, Monday from Presidio. It is reported that his friends there are trying to induce him to run for County Commissioner from That Precinct.

Messrs. Elliot and Bagby, State Auditors, have been for several days at Marfa checking up the Tax records of 1927.

### NOTICE

Hunting, Cutting of Green Pines and Cedars or otherwise trespassing on my lands in Jeff Davis County, are hereby STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.

Dr. R. L. Irving of Fort Davis was a visitor to Marfa Friday.

E. A. Share of Houston, came in this week on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Share. Elsworth is with the George Leland Investment Company of Houston, and while here expects to look around in the interests of the Company. He says his stay may last for several weeks.

### THE POPULAR ART SHOP

A beautiful assortment of Kayser Hose—Twin-Heel, Parisian clock and other styles.

Richard Warren, District freight agent of the S. P. Lines, with headquarters at El Paso was a visitor to Marfa Wednesday. He was accompanied by J. P. Castel, traveling freight agent.

P. D. Anderson of Presidio was in Marfa several days ago. He stated that he was looking for votes but failed to say what for.

O. L. Shipman and E. R. Pampell have been taking a short vacation from their business at the Busy Bee and motored through the country over to Carlsbad to take in the Carlsbad cave.

J. E. Murtha who have been for some time in a hospital at Sweetwater where he underwent a slight operation, is much improved and hopes to join his family here soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dodd and little daughter Mary Alice Dodd left here last week for Channing, where Mrs. Dodd and little daughter will spend the remainder of the winter with her mother. Mr. Dodd will return soon and take up his surveying.

Regular services at the Christian Church morning and evening at the regular hours, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The Pastor T. M. Broadfoot will be there to hold these services, having returned from and Evangelistic service held for the last two weeks in Dallas County.

F. O. Stain of El Paso, Traveling Fessenger Agent, of the S. P. Lines, was a pleasant caller at the New Era Office Thursday. Mr. Stain stated that he was new in this part of the country but was very much pleased with our country and the people in general, and expects to pay us another visit in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Porter of Lubbock are in our city for a months stay. Mr. Porter is State Seab Inspector.

### LAMBERTH MISSIONARY SOCIETY HOLD REGULAR MEETING

The Lamberth Missionary Society held the regular business meeting Feb. 6 at the home of Mrs. Arthur Mitchell with a very good attendance of members. One visitor was present.

Mrs. A. Mitchell presided. Mrs. Joe Rosson substituted in the absence of Mrs. Tom Snyder.

Mrs. Rosson was also unanimously chosen to fill Mrs. Snyder's place, in Mrs. Snyder's absence.

Mrs. Mitchell urged the society to take up the same special work, and it was decided to have a play. To be given sometime in the spring.

Mrs. Mitchell asked each member to bring a guest, to the next meeting to let them see how interesting and progressive the meetings really are.

Mrs. D. A. Flint was hostess to the society. Mrs. Flint served delicious refreshments with which the Valentine scheme was carried out.

### BELLE BENNETTE MISSIONARY SOCIETY HOLD REGULAR MEET

The Belle Bennette Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met with Mrs. A. J. Hoffman in the regular Monthly business and lesson study meeting Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 8. The subject for study "New Standards for New Days" was conducted by Mrs. Harry Anderson. Mrs. Hincley gave an interesting talk on "The Old and New Versions of Missionary Service." Mrs. Thompson reported that the book "New Talks for New Times" had been completed by the Study Class. Two new members, Mrs. J. Frank Rosson and Mrs. Chas. Shannon were enrolled. At the close of the study period Mrs. Hoffman served delicious tea, cake and sandwiches to the following members: Mesdames, Arnold, Harry Anderson, Frank Gottholt, Gregg, Lucius Hurley, Hincley, Rawlins, Nichols, Jack Rawls, Frank Rosson, Chas. Shannon, Jim Tyler, Thompson, and Jimmy Yates. Mrs. Rawlins Nichols will have the social hour for the society Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 22, 1928.

### THE CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT CO., SOON TO MOVE ITS OFFICE

The Central Power & Light Company here has recently purchased the Griffith building adjoining the Masonic Temple and are having its new quarters fitted up in fine style. According to C. R. Norman, local manager, this office when completed will be one of the company's most modern and best equipped places of business. Among other improvements now under construction, according to Norman, is a transportation line between Marfa and Alpine.

During 1927 the company rebuilt both distribution systems in Marfa and Alpine and erected a new plant and distribution system in Fort Davis. Following suggestions made by officials of the company, Marfa's chamber of commerce will appoint a committee to prepare a list of industries needed here, and the company, from the offices in San Antonio, will aid in interesting and locating these industries.

### BAPTIST CLOSE ONE OF BEST REVIVALS HELD IN YEARS

The revival at the Baptist church closed Sunday night with the largest crowd attending that has probably ever been in the Baptist church building. Many extra chairs were brought into the auditorium, some stood thru the service and some were turned away. Rev. Thorn's messages were well adapted to the needs of the people. Folk from all the churches and no churches gave him hearty and sympathetic attention every evening. The many children who were attracted by Mr. Cooper's Booster Choir sat thru the sermons and seemed to enjoy them. There were fifteen additions to the church. An impressive baptismal service was held Sunday morning.

### GEOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR PRESIDIO, BREWSTER & JEFF DAVIS COUNTIES

Mr. Dave Andrews who is in charge of the geological survey of Presidio, Brewster and Jeff Davis Counties for the U. S. and State Governments, was in the city Wednesday conferring with oil and mining men relative to the survey.

The work will begin immediately on the east side of Brewster County and push westward into Presidio County as rapidly as possible. The Chamber of Commerce committees on oil and minerals have and will render Mr. Andrews valuable information, as well as assistance.

This survey will be of very great importance to the Presidio section which is rich in mineral wealth and will very probably unearth many rich mineral deposits of a nature undreamed of at this time, as our mountains have not been prospected scientifically.

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### MISSIONARY SOCIETY HOLDS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

A very enthusiastic and delightful meeting of the Missionary Society of the First Christian Church was held Monday afternoon at the beautiful and hospitable home of Mrs. L. C. Brite. There was an excellent attendance and much interest was manifested in plans for the immediate future. It was decided to put on a contest in raising money to be used on their pledge. The division leaders are to see who can turn in the most money for the next several months, by each member giving 50 cents and investing the 50 cents personally, thus seeing who can bring in the most money from her investment.

Race problems, the Negro, was the theme of a very earnest program. Mrs. Erie led the program, which opened with a hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains". After a helpful talk by the leader, the Scripture lesson was given and all members joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer. Interesting features of the program included the reading of two poems by Mesdames E. Williams and G. F. Killough, and two Negro Spirituals, "Uncle Rome", and "Lord I want to be a Christian", rendered by Mrs. H. H. Kilpatrick. Those giving helpful leaflets on the subject were: Mesdames, Will F. Evans, J. B. Gillett, J. T. Hamic, and T. H. Broadfoot.

The Society was happy to have as their guest Mrs. J. G. Porter of Lubbock. All passed a very enjoyable social hour after the program was concluded. An elegant refreshment course was served, the plate holding: cream chicken on patties, hot rolls, chopped frozen fruits on lettuce leaf, topped with grape and orange ice, maple layer cake or fruit cake, tea, chocolate or coffee with whipped cream. Last but not least, bright colored fancy candy in silver baskets was passed, artistically reflecting the bright color note that prevailed in the decorations which constituted a wealth of bright blossoms and ferns, rendering the environment very attractive indeed.

Mrs. George Jones who was operated on in El Paso last Tuesday is reported much improved and hopes to be home soon. She was accompanied by her husband and Mrs. Will Colquitt.

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### NOTICE OF HEARING BY THE PINK BOLLWORM COMMISSION OF TEXAS JUDICIAL DIST. 83

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held at the County Court House of Presidio County at Marfa, Texas, at 9 o'clock a. m., February 29, 1928, by the Pink Bollworm Commission of the State of Texas and for Judicial District 83 for the Counties of Pecos, Terrell, Brewster, Presidio, and Jeff Davis.

The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether or not it is necessary for the protection of the cotton industry of Texas that the growing of cotton be prohibited within said counties or that the growing of cotton be placed or continued under supervision as a means of control and eradication of the pink bollworm which has been found to exist in the cotton growing areas within said counties.

All persons having an interest in such matters should come before the Pink Bollworm Commission at the time and place herein before mentioned, and state their contentions in said matter.

GEO. B. TERRELL, Commissioner of Agriculture of Texas. Austin, Texas, February 7, 1928. 1c.

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS EL PASO DIVISION

In the matter of John Rowdy Love, Bankrupt. In Bankruptcy No. 439.

To the creditors of the above named Bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of January, A. D. 1928, the person above named was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the Court House at Sierra Blanca, Texas, on the 15 day of February A. D. 1928, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, consider the Trustee's application to sell the entire property, both personal and real, belonging to said estate, and transact such other and further business as may properly come before said meeting.

Dated at El Paso, Texas, this 1 day of February, A. D. 1928.

NICHOLAS D. MEYER, Referee in Bankruptcy.

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"Why Each State should pay a Special Bonus to World War Veterans."

"Why the Soldiers should have their present pay raised."

"Why A Law Should be Passed that would prevent repetition of the conditions following the World War, whereby our soldiers were compelled to Beg and Patronize Bread and Soup Lines."

The four winning articles, with the name of author, will be published in my book "An Appeal For The American Soldier," and copies will be sent to this session of Congress and to each winner. All publication rights must be assigned to me.

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Meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings in each month. Visiting members are cordially invited to be present.  
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Billy Burch

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**MARFA MORE PROSPEROUS NOW THAN IN SEVEN YEARS**

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on improving the lines that are already in operation, the Mexican lines of the Orient are now being completed from Ojinaga, to Chihuahua City, Chih., Mex. It is expected that work will be started on the 87 mile gap that now exists between Alpine and Presidio, on the border and across the river from Ojinaga. When these two gaps are completed the Orient will have an unbroken access to the heart of the richest and best trading district in the United States and to the heart of the richest and largest province in Mexico. It will also mean cutting off several hours running time between the northern and eastern trading areas.

Tuesday Congress granted final permission to the Orient for the construction of their bridge across the Rio Grande here. This bridge is to be a combination rail road, vehicle and foot passenger bridge. The material for the structure has already been ordered and work will be begun on it as soon as the Mexican lines reach the border, the contract having already been let.

In the original plans drawn up by the Orient Engineering department for the gap between Presidio and Alpine is another bridge that is worthy of mention. This is a structure that will cross Alameta Creek, ten miles from Presidio. Here the original plans call for the erection of a steel bridge 1000 feet long and 76 feet high, to be built of steel towers and to cost about \$150,000. This will be the largest and most expensive bridge between Presidio and Alpine. When work starts on the road it is believed that the crew will start from Presidio and work as far as that point, and that the rest will be brought from Alpine to there—Border Times.

**FORT DAVIS GETS NEW ATTRACTIVE BUILDING**

Fort Davis, Texas, Feb., 1—The construction of what promises to be the most attractive business building in Fort Davis was commenced the early part of this week. It will be a two-story concrete structure with a cobblestone front. The ground floor will be occupied by the Dumas market and Able's Cafe, while one-half of the upper floor will be used as an amusement hall, and the other half for offices. The building will be completed by the first of May.

John A. Dumas, Fort Davis Merchant, will be the owner. Several years ago Mr. Dumas drove into Fort Davis in a worn out, rattling Ford car, with four bad tires, a bursted radiator, and four dollars and thirty-five cents in cash. He sold his Ford for enough to make the first payment on a small adobe shack, in which he started his lunch and market business. From the very first he was successful, and in spite of much opposition and tongue-lashing, he has forged ahead of his competitors, until now he the proprietor of the most profitable business concern in Fort Davis.

"Second to none!" is the slogan which these two men have adopted.

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**ORIENT RAILROAD MAKING MANY IMPROVEMENTS NOW**

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Presidio County is endowed with natural resources, including fertility of soil, abundance and purity of water secured from deep wells; untold mineral wealth; unsurpassed scenic attractions and healthy climate. Presidio County leads all others of the Big Bend in agricultural development, with improved farm lands amounting to approximately 9,000 acres along a 85 mile stretch of the Rio Grande. The fertile soil of this section, its abundance of water, early Springs and long warm summers make it ideal for diversified farming, truck gardening, intensive cultivation of Bermuda onions and all winter vegetables, and for producing practically all kinds of feed stuffs and cotton.

Peaches, plums, figs, and a great variety of other fruits can be profitably produced, and it is possible for farmers in this district, using irrigation, to arrange crops so that there is a continuous program of production during the entire year, for after Summer crops have been harvested the same land is available for the planting of Winter Vegetables.

**Water For Irrigation.**

Water for irrigation in this section is obtained from the Rio Grande and from springs and wells, by means of pumping systems. This year the valley has had its most successful year agriculturally, with a cotton crop of more than 2,000 bales, averaging a bale and a half an acre and selling for 21 cents a pound.

Based on a \$35 per head average which is a conservative estimate, almost \$2,000,000 worth of cattle have been shipped from Marfa this season, many of which were pure bloods, bringing fancy prices. High grade stock sold at 9 1-2 and 10 cents a pound. Up to Dec. 1, 1927, approximately 920 carloads of cattle were shipped from Marfa and Valentine. Several hundred more went out before the shipping season closed.

Throughout 1927 Marfa witnessed a substantial development program. According to M. D. Bounds, president of the Marfa National Bank, deposits were larger than since 1920, T. M. Wilson, president of Marfa State Bank, says conditions in Marfa and vicinity are better than at any time in the past 20 years.

Commercially, Presidio County offers unusual opportunities. The chicken industry can provide a means of livelihood for people of energy; the mineral and mining district is awaiting capital for development.

**Vast Mineral Resources.**

The silver mining industry of Presidio County, located at Shafter, has for 40 years been an important factor in the section's development. In the neighborhood of this district and below the rimrock large undeveloped mineral resources are reported to be awaiting development.

Eight cuttings of alfalfa were harvested in the valley this season, selling at \$25 a ton; the wheat crop ran 50 bushels to the acre; corn, higer and other feed-stuffs have grown abundantly, and so have fruits and vegetables.

Presidio County is fast develop

ing into a goat and sheep country. The annual income this year from mohair was \$70,000. Mohair sold at 52 cents and kid hair at 62 cents. Much more land can be bought and fenced for the raising of goats and sheep. There has been an increase of dairy cattle in Presidio County this year, with dairy products growing in importance. There is an opening for a greater development in this line of industry.

The increasing tourist trade, which goes directly through Marfa on its east-west route over the country, offers an opportunity for the building of a modern hotel, tourist camp, apartment house and other housing facilities.

**WOODMAN CIRCLE HOLDS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Monday evening at the W. O. W. Hall the Woodman Circle met and held their regular monthly meeting, with the Guardian Mrs. Millicent Williams presiding. The Circle seems to have taken on new life along with the New members initiated at this meeting, namely, Mrs. Charlie Bishop, and Miss Hazel Williams. Two more applications are pending, those of Mrs. Floyd Nicolls and Miss Katherine Schutze, who will be initiated at the next regular meeting. At the conclusion of the business meeting a very delightful social hour was held in honor of the newly initiated members and at this time Mrs. Georgie Arnold served a tempting refreshment plate, holding sandwiches, potatoe chips, hot tea and fancy cakes.

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