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All The National, State,
County and Local News
That is of Interest to the
People of this Section
While it is News.

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NO ABILENE CENTRAL FOR MORGAN JONES

Railroad Committee and Promoters of Central File Three Suit to Force Building Line to Rising Star

Jones Said to Have Laid Down on Proposition and Coun- termanded Orders for Material, Therefore, Com- mittees File Suit in the District Court to Force Him to Build

Suit Against Morgan Jones Railroad Committee of Abilene and Abilene Central Railroad Plaintiffs Would Compel Building

Abilene, Tex., Jan. 29.—Three suits were filed in the District Court here this afternoon against Morgan Jones, owner of the Abilene Southern Railway and one time builder of Abilene Central road. In the first the plaintiff is the Abilene Railroad Committee; in the second and third, the Abilene Central Railway Company. In substance, the plaintiffs petition the Court to compel Morgan Jones to fulfill his part of contract looking to the building of the Abilene Central road to Rising Star. They allege that he has stated his refusal to comply with the contract he made with the Abilene Railway Committee; in other words that he has fallen down on the whole proposition. This is the basis of the suits. The plaintiffs state the apparent desire of Mr. Jones to throw up the job of building the Abilene Central to Rising Star. They even charge him with countermanding certain orders placed with Eastern companies for material. A meeting was held this afternoon. Mr. Jones and his attorney, D. T. Bomar, of Fort Worth, were there as well as W. G. Swenson, J. M. Radford, Henry James, George L. Paxton, J. M. Wagstaff and others.

A pacific tone was sounded instead of indulging in epithets and bandying words. The gentlemen present took up the question and discussed it from every angle.

The above was taken from the Abilene Morning News and gives out information to the effect that as far as to Morgan Jones building the Abilene Central, a proposed line of railway from Abilene to Rising Star, there will be nothing doing.

It seems that Abilene, "The City where the lines cross," gets up against it often on the railroad proposition and wind up by losing completely out on each one.

It will be remembered only a few months ago, that the papers of Abilene rushed wide-spread over the country giving out information in large volume to the effect that Abilene's wonderful 25,000 Club was going to net work the country with short lines of railway, all these lines of railroad were to have headquarters in that city and they would build enough of said short lines to fill all the trade to Abilene. Why were the reports sent out far and near? for the reason that Abilene had lost the Santa Fe railroad and because Sweetwater had secured this line of railway. Abilene at the time the Santa Fe refused to build through the city, got very angry, sent men to Austin for the pur-

pose of making Governor Campbell force the Santa Fe to build through that city, producing claims that if built over the route by way of Sweetwater that it would hurt some small line of railway west of here, but if it should be built through Abilene that it would just be the thing, and with their "bellows" they blew and puffed about what Abilene was going to do in the railway line, when they became aware of the fact that Governor Campbell could not do anything in the matter, if he had wanted to.

The 25,000 Club of that city had many "red hot" meetings and following these meetings the Abilene journals would publish many columns of "dope" in black face type telling how these lines of railroad were to be built immediately by said 25,000 Club. We believe that the fact of the business was that the 25,000 Club thought they could induce Morgan Jones to build all these lines of railroad, or else they were just "fore-flushing" all the while, not now, "Dear Morgan" has come forward and laid down his hand and refuses to even build one of the said lines that were to make the network of railways out of that city, and as of common they are going to go the same old route, as they did when the Santa Fe gave them the "high-ball;" that is going to force Morgan Jones "if" they can to build the Abilene Central. Well we would ask right here: Did you ever hear of a railroad promoter being forced to build a line when he did not wish to do so? No.

But we can plainly see where "Dear Morgan" is not sensible in building the Abilene Central for the reason that this road would have nothing to draw trade from, because the Texas Central would cut it off on the east and the T. & P. on the north and east and the Santa Fe on the west and south, also the Abilene Southern on the south, leaving its business to be entirely supported by Abilene and Rising Star, and anyone would know that the trade between these two towns would not justify a railroad, no not even a mixed-train once a week. Both towns are very good towns, but their size and the enterprises they are composed of are of the nature that would bring very little trade to a railroad only in a local way, which amounts to only one or two full car loads of local per week.

Of course we are fully aware of the fact that it is a hard "pill" for Abilene to swallow, when it is fully aware of the fact that Sweetwater is the Railroad Center of Central-West and West Texas. And that it is only a matter of a few weeks until Sweetwater will walk by it in population, but, nevertheless they knew that it is coming fast,

and they of course have to "buck" and "snort" like the "old king of the range" before they are forced to become "docile". It does look bad after Abilene having claimed to be the coming city of this section to see a smaller town walk over her and land such things as the Great Atchison Cut-Off and a Big Packing House, which will make it the Metropolis, Commercial, Industrial, Railroad and Distributing Center of Central-West and West Texas, but things will come to pass when the "mighty" have to surrender and take a second place, of course it hurts, there is no use of making so much noise about it, "for it is the sinner that is afraid to die."

We truly sympathize with Abilene in the loss of the Central road and think that "Dear Morgan" should be "chastised severely" for acting so naughty. For if he did not intend to build the road he should not have made them believe he would, for to gain the confidence and then betray it is the meanest trick a person can do; but, it has been done perhaps in this case and has caused Abilene to be suffering with a great deal of nervousness for fear that "her queenly" position in West Texas may be lowered, while a fairer flower will make her "debut" and claim not only her place, but walk far beyond all others in the great Central-West and West Texas, and become "The Queen City of the Golden West."

In looking over the list of men who are going to force Morgan Jones, if possible, to build the Abilene Central, we note that they are the same line up of citizens who were going to force the Santa Fe to pass through Abilene, but in this last case we suppose they will not go down and ask Gov. Campbell to make Jones build the line, but will try to get Judge Blanton to force a railroad building out of Abilene.

Abilene has advertised, "Abilene where these lines cross," which may be true that the lines cross there, but it leaves the impression that they mean lines of railroad, but they certainly do not, as there is only one main line in the city, and two little plug train lines, owned by the same company. Of course the Abilene Southern and the Wichita Valley intersect each other there, and the T. & P runs trains through that city, which practically makes two lines of railway in the city, one a trunk line, the other a plug from Wichita Falls to Ballinger. But just forty-two miles west of Abilene there is a city where the railroads do cross, and it is not a force, in Sweetwater the T. & P. and K. C. M. & O. railways cross, both trans-continental lines of railroad, and the Santa Fe has built road bed and is now laying steel over the line west of here coming this way, and by June or July at the latest they will be running trains through the city, then this surely is the place "where the railroads cross." not "where the lines cross." And more, this is the place where the machine shops and division will be located, also this will be a packing house center. Sweetwater has not said "I am going to," but to the contrary has said: "I have done," and by doing has proved that it is the place, "where the railroads cross."

West Texas Normal Con- tract Awarded

Austin, Feb. 1. The Board of Education this afternoon awarded the contract for building the West Texas Normal at Canyon

City to Martin Holderness and Oats of Stamford. Their bid is \$89,000. Bond of 44,000 was required of the contractors, which was made. The Texas building Company of Fort Worth bid about \$99,000.

S. Horn, who has conducted a confectionery store at Abilene, Big Springs and other places in the state, will open up a like institution in this city about Feb. 15 in the Ragland building on the north side. His fixtures are arriving and being placed as fast as possible and all points to the establishment of a first-class business. Mr. Horn is experienced in this line and we are pleased to have him enroll as one of our enterprising business men.

New Sanitary Code Effective Under this Requirement Every Case of Tuberculosis in Texas Must be Registered—Reports to be Privately Kept

Austin, Texas, Feb. 1. Every case of tuberculosis in Texas must be registered with the health authorities, according to the provisions of the new State sanitary code which goes into effect today. The reports on tuberculosis are to be privately kept and are to be considered in the light of a confidential communication, not for the purpose of isolation, but with the object of education in sanitary precautions and to supply literature to the State Board of Health. A number of new regulations in regard to the quarantines of contagious diseases and the sanitary arrangements of hotels and sleep-

ing places are also included in the new code. The code is the result of a long and careful study of the subject by the State Board of Health. It is the most complete and up-to-date code of its kind in the country. It covers all phases of the disease, from its prevention to its treatment. It also covers the sanitary arrangements of hotels and sleeping places, and the quarantine of contagious diseases. The code is the result of a long and careful study of the subject by the State Board of Health. It is the most complete and up-to-date code of its kind in the country. It covers all phases of the disease, from its prevention to its treatment. It also covers the sanitary arrangements of hotels and sleeping places, and the quarantine of contagious diseases.

Makes a Noise Like Johnson

The democratic prohibition advisory committee had a meeting at Austin last week to settle on one candidate for governor on whom to concentrate the support of the prohibition vote. The entries were walked, trotted, paced, cantered, singlefooted halfhammered back and forth, put through their paces generally and gone over from head stall to crupper; but the committee adjourned without making a choice by name, but gave out the following tip: "The committee finds there is but one candidate now in the field who meets the requirements of prohibitionists. That candidate is one who is pledged to active support not only to the cause submitting the constitutional amendment, but if it is defeated by the legislature, will insist upon statutory prohibition of stringent character."

L. L. Williams, a young lad, tells us he has entered the poultry business near the city and will indulge in raising same on a large scale. Master Williams is a brilliant and industrious young lad and we hope him much success in this undertaking.

REAL ESTATE TRANS- FERS FOR 7 DAYS

Showing the Rapid Rate That Sweetwater and Nolan County is Moving Forward. County Settling Up Fast

Abstract Companies Run Over with Business and the List of Purchasers are Growing Larger Each Day. Many New People are Becoming Citi- zens of Sweetwater Every Day

Real estate transfer filed during past week, as reported from the office of the Nolan County Abstract Company, January 25th, to February 2nd, 1910.

Jas. R. Hester and wife Rhoda Hester, to L. L. Medlock, \$1500.00 Lots 10, 11 and Block 27, J. B. Carlisle Add to Roscoe.
G. B. Howell to L. T. Maner, \$300.00, Lot 6 of S. W. Crutcher Sub. of Block 49, Southern & Western Add to Sweetwater.
F. A. Shuman & wife B. C. Shuman to S. J. McKaughan \$12 60.00, Part of section 38, Block 1A, H. & T. C. Railway Co.
R. M. Walker to J. B. Nettleton \$300, Lot 6, Block 38, Eastern Add to Sweetwater.
A. W. Hawkin & wife, M. E. Hawkin to J. L. Hawkin, \$10.00, etc., East 1-2 Section 69, Block 24
Tom Radican & wife Ida Radican to J. H. Barker, \$400.00, Lot 3, Block 40, town of Roscoe.

00 Lot 1, Block 121, Orient Add to Sweetwater.
Trustees, for Orient Land Co., to John J. Foard, \$500.00, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Block 116, Orient Add to Sweetwater.
Texas & Pacific Ry. Co., to Annie Snell \$450.00, Lots 10, 11, 12, Block 40, Town Sweetwater.
Orient Land Co. to A. B. Yantis, \$250.00 Lots 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, Block 40, Town of Sweetwater.
United State & Mexican Trust Co., to A. B. Yantis, \$250.00, Lots 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, Block 67, Orient Add to Sweetwater.
H. W. Warsham to Mrs. Pearl M. McQueen, \$105.00, W. 1-5 of N. 1-2 of Block 4, J. E. Stallings Add to Sweetwater.
L. M. Watkins and Ada Watkins to A. G. Fry and I. T. George, \$2000.00, East 1-2 Lot 1, Block 3 East Add to Roscoe.

Ground Hog Day

That the...

if was left for Ground Hog Day to forecast the advent of spring. Of course there are many good people who pretend to have no faith in the instinct of the ground hog, just as there are well informed people who do not believe it matters in what phase of the moon and sign of the zodiac one plants seed, kills hogs, makes soap, lays a fence, weans calves, shaves, takes a bath or changes shirts. However, the predictions of the ground hog have been justified long after the very names of his discreditors have been effaced from their headstones. And what message had the ground hog last Wednesday at high noon? As he carefully scratched the wadding from the mouth of his hole and cast his weather eye aloft, the scent of spring was in the air. Cautiously he emerged and looked about for his shadow. Did he see it? If he did, back he went with a warning squeal; for he knew there were six weeks more ere the broad blasts abated. If he did not see it, he left his hibernation nest and is now in search of food. Which did he do? Was the sun shining at 12 o'clock Wednesday?—Colorado Record.

This week we announce for Tax assessor, Mr. G. H. Sheppard, of Hylton, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. Mr. Sheppard is a prominent citizen of Hylton and is fully qualified to fill the office if elected. He is a school teacher by profession and has taught school at various places in this county, all of whom are unanimous in their praise for Mr. Sheppard. Although a stranger to the writer, Mr. Sheppard appears to be a polished young gentleman and we are confident that he will, if elected, serve the people with entire satisfaction. He solicits your support and will appreciate same if tendered him.

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 office at Sweetwater, Texas, as second
 mail matter.

District Court
 6th Monday after the First
 Monday in February and Sep-
 tember.
 Jas. L. Sheppard, Judge,
 R. N. Grisham, Attorney,
 T. E. Crutcher, Sheriff
 Simon O'Keefe, Clerk,
County Court
 2nd Monday in January, 2nd
 Monday in April, 2nd Monday in
 July and 3rd Monday in Septem-
 ber.
 John J. Foard, Judge,
 Geo. T. Wilson, Attorney,
 T. E. Crutcher, Sheriff,
 Simon O'Keefe, Clerk,
Commissioners Court
 P. E. Harkin, Commissioners
 Prec. No. 1,
 J. D. Curry, Commissioner
 Prec. No. 2,
 S. Glenn, Commissioner Prec.
 No. 3.

**COTTON GROWERS
 RED HOT SESSION**

Held Saturday Afternoon at
 which Resolutions were
 Bitterly Discussed

OFFICERS NOT ELECTED

Neither Has Next Meeting Place
 Been Selected as Resolutions
 Introduced Caused Hot
 Discussions

Waco, Jan. 29.—Quite a stir
 was created here this afternoon
 at the convention of the Texas
 Cotton Growers' Association
 when resolutions were offered
 demanding that all the employes
 of the Agricultural and Mechanical
 College and experimental
 stations must be directly in har-
 mony with the agricultural and
 industrial interests of the state
 and also urging the legislature to
 place these institutions in the
 control of non-partisan state
 board of agriculture. It was the
 latter part of the resolutions that
 caused such strong protests.

The resolutions were offered
 by A. M. Furgeson of Sherman
 and opposed by professor H. L.
 McKnight and other A. & M.
 instructors who claimed that the
 attempt was a political move.
 After a peppery discussion a
 resolution was passed and tran-
 quility restored.

Another resolution was passed
 urging the marketing of cotton
 throughout the year instead of a
 few months as has been the cus-
 tom and congress will be peti-
 tioned to repeal the tax on ole-
 margarine. A resolution setting
 a price to be offered by the as-
 sociation for the best cotton seed
 was passed, the object being to
 stimulate cultural methods. No
 officers have yet been elected,
 neither has a meeting

ENGLISHMEN CLING TO BOOTS

Refuse to Wear Slippers in Asphalt
 Paving and Manager is Com-
 pelled to Hire Italians.

London.—Why does the English
 workman prefer to go workless rather
 than change his boots, even when foot-
 wear suitable for the work to be done
 is supplied to him free?

That he does was the view ex-
 pressed by the secretary of the French
 Asphalt Company. This too, he said,
 was the reason why one so often sees
 gangs of Italian workmen laying down
 asphalt in the streets.

"Since 1871," he explained, "we
 have been laying asphalt in the streets
 of London, Glasgow and other large
 cities, and the nature of the material
 we use makes it necessary to melt it
 on the spot, and then hammer it down
 at a temperature of 200 deg. Fahren-
 heit.

"In London most of our work is
 done in the summer months, when
 traffic is generally light, and in these
 months we have frequently tried to
 employ British labor.

"But the combination of heat from
 above and heat from below has been
 too much for the English workman,
 and, despite the fact that we have al-
 ways offered special cloth slippers,
 which effectually overcome the incon-
 venience of walking on the hot asphalt,
 he has times out of number refused
 to make the exchange, and gone else-
 where.

"Hob-nailed boots are, of course, im-
 possible, because the nails would in-
 jure the softened asphalt.

"With equal rates of pay for both—
 trade union scales—we naturally pre-
 fer to employ Englishmen, and I am
 glad to say that we have at length ed-
 ucated one entire English gang, which
 is now asphalt-laying in our employ.

"In the course of time, I hope we
 shall take on more; but if I know any-
 thing of the British workman this
 prejudice against changing his boots is
 likely to die hard.

\$48,000,000 LOST BY FIRES

Census Bureau Makes Interesting Re-
 port on Annual Expenditure
 for Protection.

Washington.—It costs each person
 in the United States only \$1.65 a year
 to go to bed early and sleep sweetly
 with a sense of security created by
 the knowledge that if his house starts
 to burn firemen will come quickly to
 put out the flames. The census bu-
 reau, which has made an investigation
 of fire departments and fire losses in
 the largest 188 cities of the country,
 recently issued an interesting report
 on the subject.

In Berlin it costs only 26
 cents a year, in London 19 cents and
 in New York 17 cents to sleep easily.

CHINESE CORN IN SOUTHWEST

Small Lot Sent to United States De-
 partment of Agriculture Con-
 sidered Excellent.

Washington.—A small lot of shelled
 corn, of a kind that is new to this
 country, was sent to the United States
 department of agriculture from Shang-
 hai, China, in 1908, and tested the
 same season. It proved to have qual-
 ities that may make it valuable in
 breeding a corn adapted to the hot
 and dry conditions of the southwest.
 The plants raised in the test aver-
 aged less than six feet in height, with
 an average of 12 green leaves at the
 time of tasseling. The ears averaged
 five and one-half inches in length and
 four and one-third inches in greatest
 circumference, with 16 to 18 rows of
 small grains.

This corn is very different from any
 that is now produced in America. Its
 peculiar value is that the erect ar-
 rangement of the leaves on one side
 of the stalk and the appearance of
 the silks in the angle where the leaf
 blade joints the sheath offer a pro-
 tected place in which pollen can set-
 tle and fertilize the silks before the
 latter are ever exposed to the air.
 This is an excellent arrangement for
 preventing the drying out of the silks
 before pollination. While this corn
 may be of little value itself, it is
 likely that, by cross-breeding, these
 desirable qualities can be imparted to
 a larger corn, which will thus be
 better adapted to the southwest.

The discovery of this peculiar corn
 in China suggests anew the idea that,
 although America is the original home
 of corn, yet it may by some means
 have been taken to the eastern hem-
 isphere long before the discovery of
 America by Columbus. From descrip-
 tions in Chinese literature corn is
 known to have been established in
 China within less than a century af-
 ter the voyage of Columbus. But this
 seems a short time for any plant to
 have become widely known and used.
 Besides, this particular corn is so dif-
 ferent from anything in the new
 world that it must have been de-
 veloped in the old world, and for that
 to happen in a natural way would
 take a very long time.

TERRAPIN IN A WILD RACE

Othello Looked Like Sure Winner, but
 Tucked His Head in, Allowing
 King Leopold to Win.

Baltimore, Md.—Baltimore, which
 has furnished several novelties in the
 line of unique stunts in which high
 society occasionally indulges, has ad-
 ded to its laurels in that regard by hold-
 ing a terrapin race. The affair was
 run at the Baltimore club recently,
 and will live in history with the won-
 derful Pimlico meet of the '70's, to at-
 tend which congress adjourned.

From the Baltimore County club
 the Maryland club, so the story
 goes, were procured one each of the
 greatest specimens of the diamond
 backs those exclusive social centers
 had in stock. One of the contestants,
 named Othello, took the lead from the
 start, and the other, dubbed King Leo-
 pard, had few supporters willing to
 back him.

It looked like a "cinch" for Othello
 until the chalk line had been almost
 reached, when Othello drew his head
 and shut himself up like a clam,
 refusing to budge. King Leopold
 used his rival and came under the
 tree a winner.

AIR PICTURES NOW BY WIRE

Photographs of All Kinds Can Be Tele-
 graphed for Publication with
 Success.

London.—The telegraphing of pic-
 tures from London to New York is a
 problem at present engaging the at-
 tention of scientists.

In a lecture given before the Royal
 society of Arts, Thorne Baker said
 Prof. Korn was likely to find a practi-
 cal solution of the problem of sending
 photographs by ordinary cable across
 the Atlantic while he, himself, was
 endeavoring to perfect a wireless sys-
 tem for the same purpose, which al-
 ready had given promising results.

A series of photographs was shown
 illustrating the progress that has been
 made since the first instruments of
 Prof. Korn were installed in Novem-
 ber, 1907.

The Korn telautograph and the
 Thorne Baker telegraph enable
 photographs of all kinds to be tele-
 graphed for publication with a fair
 measure of success. The improve-
 ment in the processes of transmis-
 sion within this relatively brief pe-
 riod are striking.

Homes Showered with Cats.

Pittsburg, Pa.—A fake advertise-
 ment asking for 500 cats, for which
 one dollar each would be paid, with
 the address 5966 Ellsworth avenue,
 given as the home of the man want-
 ing the cats, is causing all kinds of
 trouble here.

There are two fashionable resi-
 dences known as 5966 Ellsworth av-
 enue, and men, women and children
 have been carrying cats to them.
 The Humane society stationed an
 agent to send the cats home.

Mark Twain Challenged.

St. Louis.—Mel. Charles Gontor of
 4297 Page boulevard has issued a
 challenge to Samuel Clemens (Mark
 Twain) and Matthias Dougherty—the
 only two other surviving members of
 the St. Louis euchre club—to play off
 at his home a match game of euchre
 that started in 1865 and continued
 four consecutive years. The challenge
 includes an invitation to dinner.

**THEY WISH
 TO KNOW**

To day Postmaster Howard re-
 ceived a telegram from The
 Saturday Evening Post, of Phila-
 delphia Pa., desiring to know the
 population of Sweetwater, and
 in reply Mr. Hodard wired them
 the population was 4,800 and
 growing fast. Sweetwater is
 before the public today and in
 all parts of the United States,
 both big and little concerns are
 becoming interested in this city.

The world has begun to re-
 alize what this city is going to
 be. No other city in the coun-
 try has the opportunities to offer
 that is being offered here. Think
 what it means a town of 4,800
 with three transcontinental rail-
 ways, one packing house, and
 another packery in sight. These
 are the biggest things, as the
 railroads will have their machine
 shops and division here, but
 there are many smaller interpris-
 es that amount to a great deal
 here at present, and there is go-
 ing to be a lot more in a very
 few days.

This city is going to build
 faster than Oklahoma City ever
 dared to build, (that city is said to
 have built faster than any other
 city in the world) but Sweetwa-
 ter will build so much faster
 than Oklahoma City that the
 comparison will not be any-
 thing. No doubt the Saturday
 Evening Post securing this data
 for an article they were publish-
 ing or for the benefit of some one
 who ask them to find out the
 facts, but nevertheless, when a
 paper like Saturday Evening
 Post goes to the trouble of wire-
 ing to a town this far off for in-
 formation as to the population
 you may count that it amounts
 to something and is not just a
 small item.

Sweetwater Metal Works for
 tin and plumbing work. Phone
 371.

FROM THE RACE

Says Prohibition Issue Is Too
 Strong In Minds Of
 People

WILL HELP OUT UNION

From This Time on "Farmers Can-
 didate" Will Devote Spare
 Time to Best Interests
 of Union

Texarkana, Jan. 29.—Gus Shaw,
 heretofore the avowed aspirant
 for the Democratic gubernatori-
 al nomination, but who had not
 formally announced for the race,
 today withdrew from the contest.
 The withdrawal was contained in
 a letter to T. J. O'Donnell of
 Tahoka.

Shaw says that while he for-
 merly expected to seek the nomi-
 nation, he had never and that
 the Texas people are so occupied
 with the statewide prohibition
 issue that this platform for agri-
 cultural and individual develop-
 ment would receive very little
 consideration at the hands of the
 voters in the next primaries.
 Shaw says that he does not care
 to enter an office when his fitness
 for such an office is to be deter-
 mined by his views on one par-
 ticular issue. Shaw declares
 that he will support prohibition
 and will not alter his stand.

J. E. Chandler has laid off a
 town site near Caps on the Santa
 Fe railroad and thinks the Santa
 Fe expects to build a town there
 having bought a section of land.
 Abilene Reporter

H. M. Nesmith of Buffalo Gap
 has organized the Texas, Arizona
 Mining and Exploiting Co. The
 capital stock will be \$10,000 and
 the company will be chartered
 under the laws of Arizona.

TO EXTERMINATE RATS.

Evansville, Ind.—There are millions
 of rats in Warrick county, Indiana,
 that do great damage each year, and
 to wage a war on these rodents is
 the purpose of clubs that are now or-
 ganized all over that county.

LEAVES FORTUNE TO HORSES.

Boston, Mass.—A fund of \$70,000
 to care for favorite horses and dogs
 and over \$25,000 left to household
 servants are among the bequests of
 Charles Francis Wright, who died re-
 cently.

The bulk of the estate, which is es-
 timated at several million dollars, is
 to be divided between the New Eng-
 land Peabody Home for Crippled Chil-
 dren of Boston and the free hospital
 for women of Brookline, upon the
 death of a relative.

\$40,000 FOR SOUP TUREENS.

New York.—Including commissions
 and other incidental expenses, J.
 Pierpont Morgan recently paid \$40,
 000 for two soup tureens which he ob-
 tained in Paris. The tureens are now
 on their way to this country, and are
 the work of a noted artisan, D. A.
 Melissier, and engraved by Huquet.



Residence of R. H. Fitzgerald, Sweetwater

R. L. McCAULEY, President
 J. T. HALEY, Vice-President
 E. Q. DANIEL, Cashier
 G. E. BRADFORD, Asst. Cashier

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Will begin business on the North Side in the
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Sweetwater, Texas

Henderson's Dray and Transfer
 Let Us Do Your Heavy Hauling. We Store,
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 Ring Office 349 or Residence 374

We Will Do The Rest Sweetwater, Texas

Wanted: Old Rags.
 We need Rags to wipe our Machinery
 Those having a surplus can sell 'em at
The Signal Office.