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There are many people who have mules and a wagon, but none of them have a pair of mules and a wagon just like ours. We added them to our fixtures this week, and invoiced them with the rest of the goods. They are now at your service. Have you tried the North Side Grocery yet? Call our telephone number and see how easily you can get what you want when you want it.

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Those select ones who despise the things possessed of, and common to the "common herd" must undoubtedly be much fretted that they should be afflicted with la grippe, which is common—very common. Even the poorest of men can, and do have la grippe.

Perhaps, our friends, the doctors, may be able to coin a new name for the malady which will hide its identity for a time. We are almost certain, however, the doctors can't make a high brow feel any different physically from the poor fellow. The difference must be altogether a matter for the mind and pocket book.

Henry Ford, the wizard of Detroit, has returned home from Europe, having visited Sweden. He returns convinced that the men in the trenches are the men who are forcing the war to continue.

He avers that if he may only stop the war one day sooner than it would have otherwise stopped, he will have been well repaid for the money expended, since every day there are 36,000 soldiers killed on all the lines of battle.

Mr. Ford has plenty of money and admits it. He may indulge his fancies to his heart's content.

Election Times are Rolling Around.

The announcements of candidates for county offices remind us that election times are rolling around, and that only a brief period will elapse until we shall be running circles 'round ourselves electioneering and being electioneered for our favorite candidate for the offices which affect us most directly—those of the county.

Four candidates have formally announced their intention of running for office. Others will be coming in. We shall be deeply interested in their candidacies.

Be it remembered that in Texas it is necessary to have a poll tax receipt to vote either in the primary elections or the general. Perhaps you have forgotten. Forewarned is forearmed. Don't forget to get the receipt in January. You'll want to vote.

In the sinking of another passenger carrying liner by the Austrian submarines, there seems to be presented to the American officials of state the most serious complication which has yet been faced by the United States since the war opened. Apparently, this act of the Austrians must be the straw that will ultimately break the camel's back.

The act of the submarine came just at the time when Austria was apparently acceding to the demands of the United States that the rules of warfare as applied to maritime practice be observed by them. How the American officials will be able to stay by their position that the submarine warfare as conducted by Austria and Germany is unlawful, illegal and murderous, and not break diplomatic relations with one or both is something that is impossible to see at this time.

The American Government is bound to take more than passing cognizance of the sinking of the Persia, from the fact that a Governmental representative was on the ship enroute to his Post of duty, and was drowned, if the Associated Press Reports are correct, without any warning, whatever.

Lee Satterwhite, formerly editor of the Tulia Enterprise and more lately Swisher County farmer, has moved to Panhandle, and is now editor of The Pan-

handle News. Mr. Satterwhite is well known to many of the readers of The Hesperian as an excellent fellow and editor.

TOM W. DEEN SUBMITS CANDIDACY FOR RE-ELECTION AS CLERK

Present Incumbent of County and District Clerk's Office wants Office Again.

Tom W. Deen, present County and District Clerk of Floyd County announces his candidacy for re-election to this office, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July and has placed his name in our announcement column.

Mr. Deen is filling out his first term in the office of county and district clerk. His record of the past eighteen months is one of a task well and faithfully performed.

If he be re-elected the present management of the affairs of the office is sufficient guarantee that the affairs of the tax payers of the county will be in good hands so far as the clerk's office is concerned.

Attempt of Armstrong Prisoners to Break Jail Frustrated.

Claude News:
 Shortly after six o'clock last night Sheriff Woodburn was caught off his guard and overpowered by the prisoners in jail here and made an attempt to break jail. Their attempt might have been successful to a certain degree had it not been for the presence of mind of Mrs. Woodburn, who locked the door of the lower floor and immediately gave the alarm. Mr. Woodburn was only slightly bruised as no attempt at gun play, as far as known, was made on the part of the prisoners.

When the alarm was given several people rushed to the scene and soon had the would be jail breakers lined up and headed back to their cells. Among the number in the Claude jail is the notorious John T. Larkin, who forged the check several years ago on the First State Bank and remained hidden until recently, and Bud Sheets and Bud Sharps who broke jail here a few weeks ago. There are seven prisoners in the jail at the present time, more than there has been at one time in several years.

Send your clothes to the laundry for washing. Easier, Cheaper, work guaranteed. I deliver. D. E. Pitts, representing the Panhandle Steam Laundry. ltc

Leave your laundry work at the Palace Barber Shop. ltc. D. E. Pitts.

Judge Arthur E. Duncan left Saturday for Waco, where he will spend the week on business.

Shopping.

She screamed in terror when her purse
 Was snatched from out her jeweled hand,
 And hurled a modest semi-curse
 Toward the fleeting, bold, brigand;
 And when the copper caught the thief,
 She seized the purse with anxious air,
 And breathed a sigh of sweet relief,
 To find her treasures all were there.

A penciled note
 Her fellow wrote,
 A sugar plum,
 A wad of gum,
 A hair pin (bent),
 A copper cent,
 A button hook
 With broken crook,
 A safety pin,
 A curling tin,
 A powder rag,
 A sachet bag.

These were the treasures which she bore
 Around with her from store to store
 While on a shopping tour, to see
 The many pretty things, which she
 Would love to buy if she but had
 The cash, and with a smile so glad,
 It almost made the copper sneeze
 She thanked him with such sprightly ease,
 Tripped on to seek another store
 Or to where she could shop some more.

--Exchange.

Notice of Public Sale, Wednesday, January 12th.

29 head of milk cows, 14 of them with calves by their sides, 10 head of work horses and mules, all farm implements and harness. Lunch on the ground. At my place 3 miles East of Lockney. Other property on the ground for sale.

Frank H. Ford,
 Lockney, Texas

HOW TIMES COVERED WAR.

London Paper Sent Out Ninety Correspondents, Who got Nowhere.

War correspondents and their difficulties in Europe were discussed recently by Talcott Williams of the Columbia University school of Journalism in an address at the Brookline (Mass.) Civic forum. Starting with the Crimean War, sixty years ago, the reporting of the war by special correspondents grew to great importance. But the increasing facilities for the trans-

mission of news led commanders gradually to shut off on publicity, and during the Russian-Japanese war, correspondents were limited almost entirely to descriptions.

"The greatest preparation made for covering the present war," said Mr. Williams, "was made by the London Times. This paper sent ninety correspondents including men who were earning from \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year, and quite a group earning from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year. The expenditure amounted to between \$10,000 to \$15,000 a week. This entire force arrived on French soil and scattered along the lines. They couldn't get any where, and this large expenditure, which was continued for weeks, was practically fruitless.

The English censorship was immediate, drastic and complete. It has its comic side. In Germany they censored the dispatches by not letting any by, a simple plan that met every need. One result has been that, as German newspapers got only official news, posted everywhere, nearly 2,000 journals have gone out of existence.

"In England there was trouble at the beginning, but the mingled tact and efficiency of Melville E. Stone, head of the Associated Press, adjusted all controversy, and no land has been better served by England and continental news than the United States. The English newspapers were cut off altogether and recruiting flagged. To get 100,000 it took twenty-three days. Two or three representatives of leading journals called upon the war office and pointed out that it was impossible to get any popular movement unless the newspapers were allowed to print news of the war, and if it was impossible to print news of the troops, they should be allowed to publish soldiers' letters and

their losses. 'Every loss which we publish,' they said, 'will mean more recruits.' With news in ten days 100,000 men enlisted. The next seven days brought another 100,000 men, and recruiting has gone on steadily as English papers have printed more and more constantly, even without reference to the men or to the regiment, some thrilling deed of life in the trenches."

Slaton Boy Dies of Burns.

Slatonite:
 Willard Lemas, the boy who was severely burned on Nov. 27th by his clothes catching fire while he was trying to light a toy lantern, died at his home in Slaton Monday morning. For a month he had made a most remarkable fight for his life, but his injuries were too deep to respond to treatment. His parents took his body to Wellington, Kansas, for burial, leaving Slaton Tuesday morning.

Work Mules For Sale.

35 head four and five year old mules, broke and unbroke. Cash or Credit. See Harry Snodgrass. 2tc.

J. J. Hayes and wife, of Gatesville, who have been visiting with Mrs. S. D. Bishop and family the past few weeks, left Saturday returning home.

Announcements

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, 1916.

For Treasurer Floyd County:

MRS. ADDIE THAGARD.

For Sheriff & Tax Collector:

J. B. JENKINS.

J. A. GRIGSBY.

SAM I. FARNSWORTH.

For Co. and Dist. Clerk.

TOM W. DEEN.

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MOUNTAIN PEAK

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PHONE NO. 94.

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J. A. GRIGSBY AUTHORIZES ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS CANDIDACY

Sandhill Man Will Make the Race For Sheriff and Tax Collector Floyd County.

J. A. Grigsby, of the Sandhill Community, has authorized the Hesperian to make formal announcement of his candidacy for sheriff and tax collector of Floyd County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held in July. Mr. Grigsby's name appears in the Announcement Column on another page.

Mr. Grigsby moved to Floyd County nine years ago, and settled in the Sandhill Community where he has been a resident since. He has successfully engaged in farming and has made his community a school trustee for the past several years. In his work as road supervisor of Precinct No. 1, he has gained valuable experience in dealing with the public.

This is Mr. Grigsby's first time to offer himself for an elective office. He promises faithful performance of the duties of the office if elected. He will make a canvass of the voters of the county during the progress of the campaign.

Rev. Geo. W. Shearer, of Tulia, was in Floydada the earlier part of the week shaking hands with friends. He says the church work in Tulia is starting off well.

Leave your Laundry work at the Palace Barber Shop. D. E. Pitts.

Arthur Barker, has returned from a visit to Plainview and Amarillo, where he spent the holiday season with relatives and friends.

W. H. Potts, of Lockney, was in Floydada last Monday and Tuesday transacting business.

I lost my watch. Open faced silveroid case. Imitation horse collar leather pendant. Finder please return to R. T. Miller. 1tp.

Typewriter paper at Hesperian office.

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CHAPTER VII.

The Prodigal's Progress.

LIKE Rachel of old, Hagar, the gypsy, "mourned for her children and would not be comforted." The years had brought nought but a harvest of heartaches for Hagar.

The son she had borne had been torn from her ere scarce she had felt his little head against her heart, and as



And the Face Was That of Arthur Stanley, Son of Hagar!

for the child she had taken from the house of those she deemed her enemies, the girl Esther, the child she had taken in retribution for the great wrong done her, the child she had nurtured in hate and had grown to love with every fiber of her being, sweet Esther, the rightful Stanley, of her, too, Hagar was now bereft.

Here, while her sad heart still mourned for both her children, yet longed the most for sweet Esther, came the homing pigeon to the rocks where it had been reared, and here Hagar saw it flying laden with its message and read the call for her that Esther sent.

have one fling, one good time together, in memory of the old days at Stanley hall before you go to the west. I will introduce you under any name you choose. There is a stunning young New York widow—lots of money and style about her—I want you to meet. She's just my style and I want your approval of her."

Arthur hesitated a moment and then realized that if the pursuit were still hot on his trail the last place he would be sought for would be at a high society function. So he shook hands with Blair and exclaimed heartily:

"I'll go you, Blair! One good fling before I go west to make my fortune. And if I make it, Blair, I promise you that you shall share it."

For Arthur all his generous impulses were now founded on the desire to



Hagar's Half Servant, Half Bodyguard, Luke Lovell.

recompense Blair for the heritage he had, unknowingly till now, deprived him of. And Arthur was young. For him the strong, brotherly affection he bore for Esther and the desire in his heart to do justice to Blair were now the main motives of his life. And he would have this farewell joyance with Blair.

Blair took him first to Abraham Bloom's private "club," and here, despite Arthur's wiser counsels, counsels the wisdom of which he now wondered at himself, Blair plunged again at roulette and lost the money he had got on his watch at the pawnbroker's and half of what Arthur had got from the same source on the diamond from the sky, of which, of course, Blair knew nothing.

Up to Richmond this night of Mrs. Randolph's ball came Hagar. She brought with her Esther, from whom she was resolved never again to be parted. Hagar brought also as half servant, half bodyguard her lieutenant in her gypsy queenship, Luke Lovell.

Tom Blake, the detective, returned to Richmond at her summons and met her. It took but few inquiries with the means at Blake's command to locate Blair Stanley, cutting a swath in Richmond's gayest circles. It was with surprise Hagar learned, and a happy surprise, too, that Blair Stanley was alive and seemingly uninjured while the Arthur had believed he had killed him.

Later in the evening Blake brought her word that Arthur was with Blair under an assumed name and it was evident was going to the Randolph ball with Blair that night.

On many occasions the thrifty Hagar had turned such fashionable functions as the Randolph ball to good account. She knew the idle rich welcomed the diversion of the impromptu appearance of a gypsy fortune teller on such occasions. As a gypsy fortune teller she determined to appear and confront Arthur and get the diamond ere he left Richmond to make his way in the world.

Meanwhile a fair vision was on the threshold of Abraham Bloom's private "club." This fair vision was none other than the stunningly attired and vivacious woman of the world, Vivian Marston.

Abe's "club" was on a quiet side street. The supposed "New York society belle" ran little risk of being seen by any of Richmond's "best society people" at 4 in the afternoon as she hurriedly passed from her waiting cab into the double doorway of the "clubhouse."

Abraham Bloom received the supposed "New York society leader" with an astonishing air of friendly familiarity. Vivian Marston may not have been a society leader in New York, as the rest of Richmond supposed, but it was true enough that she was a gay New Yorker, and Mr. Bloom had met her there on more occasions than one when he had visited the gay metropolis.

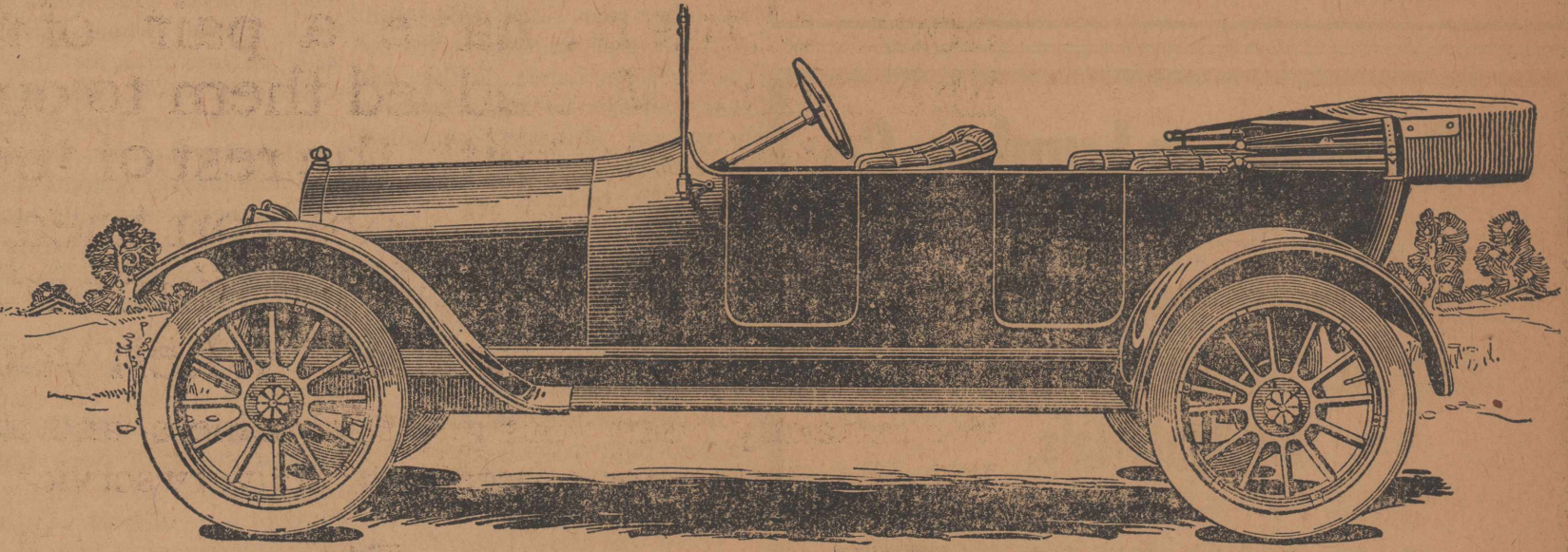
"Surprised to see me in your town, Abe?" asked Vivian gayly. "Well, I met one of your society dames, Mrs. Randolph, at Palm Beach last winter. I made a hit with her, and I am here as her guest."

"She gives that big blowout you hear so much about tonight. I want to pick up some rich guy of Richmond and marry and settle down among the southern aristocracy. I have got plenty of fine clothes, but I had to hook my toe in New York to get them and get here."

"I want to beg, borrow or steal a fine outfit of jewelry, and I want you to help me get the loan of some, un-

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Texas.

Man Legally Dead 50 Years Gets Job in Denver.

Denver, Jan. 3.—A man who has been dead for more than 51 years, according to the records of the war department, became an officer of the department of justice here today, when W. A. Jamieson, of Denver, took the position of announcer in the United States District court.

Jamieson, a corporal in the One Hundredth Pennsylvania infantry in the war between the states, escaped from the Andersonville, N. C. prison. His name was confused with that of another prisoner who died, and Jamieson has a picture of his tombstone—No. 4590—in the National cemetery at Andersonville. His "death" is recorded on Aug. 2, 1864.

Have your pictures, paintings and diplomas framed to order at Wilson's Studio. tf.

S. I. FARNSWORTH OF LOCKNEY ANNOUNCES FOR SHERIFF.

Candidacy will be Subject to Action of Democratic Primary.

Sam I. Farnsworth, of Lockney, makes formal announcement of his candidacy for sheriff and tax collector of Floyd County this week, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, next July.

Mr. Farnsworth is widely known over the county. He has resided here for many years and has grown to be a substantial business man. He has engaged largely in the cattle business.

Four years ago Mr. Farnsworth was a candidate for the same position he now seeks. His candidacy at that time and his extensive early-day acquaintance makes him well known to the majority of the voters. He is a man of sterling worth,

well-qualified to fill the office which he seeks, and promises faithful performance of his duties should he be elected.

His name appears in the announcement column on another page of this issue of The Hesperian.

GINNING DAYS.

Beginning week of Monday, January 17th, our ginning days will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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Crosby County Automobile Smashed in Head-on Collision.

Crosbyton Review:

On last Sunday afternoon two automobiles collided north of Emma. A Hudson car driven by Ora Bemby, and a Buick driven by T. C. Mathies went together in a smashup. The occupants of the Hudson car, were S. E. Caldwell, Ora Bemby, Herbert Davis, Misses Rochelle Sanford and Elsie Heiselman. In the Buick were Mr. and Mrs. Mathies, two children and Elizabeth Booton.

In going around a lake in some way the two cars went together in a head on collision, bending axles, tearing tires off and smashing both cars up considerably. No one was injured, but all sustained a very bad fright. Another car came to their rescue and assisted the passengers to Ralls where a conveyance was secured to bring them all home.

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Schmidt Given Life Sentence.

Los Angeles, Dec. 30.—Matthew A. Schmidt was convicted for first degree murder as an accomplice of James B. McNamara charged with the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times building five years ago. The specific charge upon which he was indicted was the murder of Charles Hagerty, one of the twenty victims.

The jury, which was out only 46 minutes, fixed life imprisonment as his punishment, the same that was given to McNamara after confessing four years ago that he placed the bomb.

David Caplin, another alleged accomplice of McNamara, is awaiting trial on a charge similar to that of Schmidt.

See J. A. Lowry & Son for blacksmithing, horse shoeing and wood work.

Lubbock's Court House Bonds Are Sold.

Lubbock, Tex., Dec. 29.—Lubbock's recently floated issue of \$100,000 bonds for the erection of a new court house became property of the Temple State Bank Tuesday. The issue was taken at face value and accrued interest, together with a premium of \$300.

Bids will now be advertised and work will probably begin early in the spring. Arrangements are being made to move the old court house to the north side of the square, where it will be used by the county officials until the new building is ready for occupancy. The new building will occupy the same site as the old one.

For marble monuments, see S. B. McClesky.

933 MILES RAILROAD BUILT 1915

Least Mileage Since Civil War— One-Sixth of Railroads in Hands of Receiver.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Fewer miles of railroad were built in the United States in 1915 than in any other year since 1864, and more miles of railroad were in the receivers hands during the year than ever before, according to railway statistics compiled from official sources by the Railway Age Gazette, and made public tonight. There has been only three years since 1848 in which the increase in railway mileage was less than 1,000 miles and those were the civil war years of 1861, 1862 and 1864.

In 1915 the total miles of new railway built in the United States were 933, as compared with 1532 in 1914 and 3,071 in 1913.

There was also a reduction in the second trackage built. The largest mileage of new road built in any one state was in Pennsylvania, which constructed ninety-eight miles. Oregon was second with eighty-three miles, and Washington third with seventy-one miles. Eleven states built no new road at all. Canadian roads built 718 miles of new first track, as compared with 1,978 in 1914, while in Mexico 36.5 miles were built as against none recorded for 1914.

RECEIVERS OPERATE HUGE MILEAGE.

According to the statistics quoted, receivers hold and operate 38,661 miles of railroad, with a total funded debt of \$1,607,895,500 and total capital stock of \$747,004,801.

The roads in hands of receivers represent nearly one-sixth of the total mileage and capitalization of the railroads of United States. Oct. 1 there were 41,000 miles of railroad in the hands of receivers, the greatest ever recorded. Since then the receivership of the Wabash, 2,515 miles, has been terminated and several smaller roads have been sold under foreclosure. The mileage now under receivership was exceeded in 1894, when the total was 40,018 on June 30th. Roads having a total mileage of 10,143 and a capitalization of \$1,070,808,628 went into receivership during the calendar year of 1915, the greatest mileage to go into bankruptcy since 1893.

NEW FREIGHT CARS INCREASED.

Statistic on the number of new cars and locomotives ordered during 1915 show that there was an increase over 1914, but was smaller than any other year in recent times except 1908. The new freight cars ordered in 1915 totaled 107,796 as compared with 160,624 in 1914 and 146,732 in 1913. New passenger cars numbered 3,091 as against 2,002 in 1914 and 3,179 in 1913. Locomotives numbered 1,573, 1,265 and 3,467 respectively during these three years. The bulk of the orders this year were placed during the last three months and include 302 cars ordered by the Pullman Company for its own use and 18,222 freight cars and 850 locomotives ordered by foreign countries. The miles of railroads operated under block signal systems increased 9,677 miles during 1915 to a total of 97,809, while the automatic signal mileage increased 1,471 miles to a total of 31,160.

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NOT ENOUGH CHILDREN

ever receive the proper balance of food to sufficiently nourish both body and brain during the growing period when nature's demands are greater than in mature life. This is shown in so many pale faces, lean bodies, frequent colds, and lack of ambition. For all such children we say with unmistakable earnestness: They need Scott's Emulsion, and need it now. It possesses in concentrated form the very food elements to enrich their blood. It changes weakness to strength; it makes them sturdy and strong. No alcohol. Beett & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

1915 LIVESTOCK MARKET RECEIPTS

Report for Year Shows Decrease From 1914 in All Lines Except Horses and Mules.

From The Ft. Worth Record: For the year ending Dec. 31 receipts of the Fort Worth livestock market when compared with the year 1914 for the corresponding period, will show a decrease in every branch except for horses and mules. The horse and mule market receipts show a decided increase of 5,912 head.

The total cattle receipts for that period including Thursday, Dec. 30, for the past year number 798,355 head as compared with 987,839 for the corresponding period in 1914. Calf receipts show a decrease of 35,199 head. Receipts for 1915 were 149,946 as against 185,145 for 1914. Hog receipts were 464,691 as against 512,789 last year, a loss of 48,97 head. Sheep and goat receipts for 1915 numbered 368,217 as against 467,749 last year. Horse and mule receipts were 53,560 as against 47,648 head last year.

CATTLEMEN HOLDING STOCK.

The decrease in the number of cattle received and sold on the yards, according to commission firms, packers and dealers, is attributed to the good range conditions, war in Mexico and the financial condition of the cattlemen. Prices are not as good this year and cattle and hog men only marketed the tailings of herds, whereas in 1914 prices were better and more cattle were forwarded to market. Cowmen did not have to ship this year, having made enough feed to carry them through the winter.

The calf loss in receipts was logical, stated a commission man and a packer buyer. The scarcity of cows and heifers suitable for breeding has made itself manifest and practically all the calves marketed during the past year were either steers or bulls. Packers and the stockyards company have been conducting a campaign against the marketing of heifer calves for the past several years.

HOG PRODUCTION AREA INCREASED.

The loss in hog receipts is due to the increased area devoted to hog production, and only that class which were unfit for breeding purposes and ready for market were sold. The hog market fluctuated considerably during the past twelve months and at one time hogs sold as high as \$8.50. The production of hogs in Texas during the next twelve months promises to show an increase, also the receipts on the Ft. Worth markets.

Practically the same conditions that caused a shortage in other divisions created a loss in sheep and goat receipts. The country over shows a shortage in the production of mutton. Sheepmen shipped only old matured wethers and ewes to market during last spring and early summer when the sheep shipping season was at its height. Mexico was invaded by sheepmen for stocks. The high price of wool curtailed the shipment of mutton to any of the markets of the country.

The increase in the receipts of horses and mules is attributed to purchases made by the warring nations. Prices have been high and horses sold on an average of \$150 a head and mules brought the same price. The horse and mule stocks of the state are fairly well depleted for all stocks that were broke to harness and saddle.

Poultry Raisers, Attention!

We expect to ship a car of poultry at some date in January. Please watch for the announcement of the date and prices. Marshall Grain Co. ltc.

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HEAVY DAMAGE IN FIRE AT TAHOKA DECEMBER 30TH.

Block Burns When Fire in Business Section of Town Rages— \$60,000 Damage.

Tahoka, Dec. 30.—Fire swept away practically the entire block of buildings on the north side of the square here tonight, doing a damage now estimated at fully \$60,000. Building and contents in many instances were totally destroyed before the eyes of the owners, while the volunteer fire company looked on helplessly.

The principal damages are: Thomas Brothers, drug store, \$10,000, partly insured; Weather's Tailor Shop, total loss; Clayton Barber Shop, total loss; Gain law office, total loss; Parkhurst confectionary, \$5,000, partly insured; Linn Hotel, \$10,000, partly insured; St. Clair Dry Goods Company, \$2,000, partly insured; Keever meat market, bakery and restaurant, partly insured.

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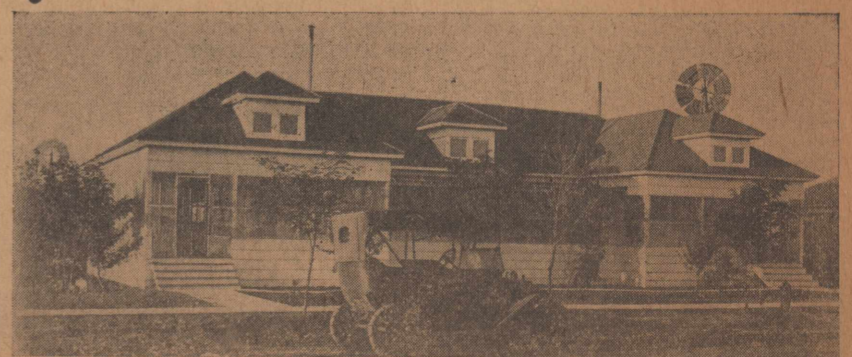
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COTTON BAGGING RULING FOR COMING COTTON SEASON.

W. & M. Dept. Gives out Information for Ginners and Farmers of Texas.

The press of Texas is asked by the Warehouse and Marketing Department, under date of December 30th to give publicity to the following ruling of that department, which will prove of interest to cotton farmers and ginners:

TO THE GINNERS OF TEXAS:
The Warehouse and Marketing Department desires to state, in answer to many inquiries and for the benefit of all concerned, that that part of the law pertaining to bagging as prescribed in Section 6 of the law, which is mandatory and reads as follows, will be enforced to the letter, the coming season:

"Sec. 6. Each and every bale of cotton ginned by a public gin in this state shall be wrapped in bagging so as to completely cover same, and leave none of the cotton exposed. The bagging in which the same is wrapped shall be of such a character of fibre and texture that all the markings placed on same, will under ordinary conditions, remain intact and visible." etc.

In the matter of marking the bales so the marks will under ordinary conditions remain intact and visible, we suggest that if a bagging of good, strong fibre is used, as required, a good quality of indelible marking ink will last until the cotton reaches its destination. The practice of using lamp black and kerosene oil should be discontinued, as it will not stand even a heavy shower and is often the cause of misunderstanding between customers who leave their cotton on

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with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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the gin yard.

In regard to Section 46, which is not mandatory, and which reads as follows:

"The Board of Supervisors shall have the power one year after this act takes effect to provide the character of bagging to be used in the baling of cotton." The Department fully appreciates the importance of the above section, and has, at much expense and for some time, investigated the advisability of carrying out this provision the coming season. Representatives have been sent east to make a thorough investigation of the matter, and upon their reports it has been decided that in the face of inflated values in imported jute and owing to the impossibility of arranging with unsettled foreign markets a legitimate tare under the new conditions this provision would create, it would be unwise and unjust at this time to enforce this discretionary provision.

We are of the opinion, however, that later on, when the cotton trade is normal, the enforcement of this section of the law will mean a saving to producers of Texas in tare alone several million dollars annually.

F. C. WEINERT,
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Managers.

Reece Barton is Oldest Cowboy.

Reece Barton, range boss of Bud Smith's ranch north of Red river, called Christmas day and advanced his date until Jan 1918. Mr. Barton will be 87 years old in March. He came to this county in 1868. He now spends from ten to twelve hour a day in the saddle and few younger men can do more work than he does. Mr. Barton and Mr. Smith have worked together since 1887.

"Barton," as he is called by every one, gave each of the Smith boys a cow and a pony when they were born, thus giving the boys an early start.

Mr. Barton has two brothers, one in North Carolina and another in South Texas. He has not seen either of them in many years.

Mr. Barton is very active, stands erect and has a smile to

greet his friends or a stranger. There are but few men of Mr. Barton's type on the Western ranges today. We wish him many more years.—Childress Index.

Hotel Matador to be Re-Opened.

Mrs. Bob Hollman is now in charge of the Hotel Matador. Mr. and Mrs. Hollman are well known to the people of Motley county and that the Hotel Matador will be conducted in first class goes without saying.—Motley County News.

Osage Indians Made Citizens.

Tulsa, Okla. Jan. 1.—The biggest New Year's gift for Oklahoma so far reported came in a decision today at Pahasuka, Okla. when Judge Henry Hudson, of the twenty fourth judicial district, handed down a decision declaring all Osage Indians full citizens of the United States and as such are entitled to all rights, privileges and immunities under the fourteenth constitutional amendment. The decision came after the court had considered the questions involved for two months.

There are 2 229 Osage Indians, each of whom is worth \$30,000. The decision gives the Osages complete control over their personal properties and releases them from much over which the government exercised supervision. It does not affect their real estate holdings.

In handing down the decision

Judge Hudson held as naught a divorce which an Osage procured by tribal custom from his wife, holding that the Osages are citizens and that their divorces must be granted by the state courts.

A Dallas Physician Says:

There is a mistaken idea that a cold and la grippe are identical. Colds are contagious. Colds are an infectious trouble. Colds are common where children are affected with adenoids or bad tonsils.

Oil sprayed into the nostrils is helpful rather than injurious.

A prescription that is beneficial for a cold in one person, may be harmful or of no value to another person.

The condition of a person affected with a cold should be determined and treated by his physician.

Colds should not be permitted to run on by persons hoping to wear them out. Such a course sometimes proves fatal.

Physicians are agreed that there is a marked difference between colds and la grippe. The latter disease is due to infection by the influenza bacillus, and while the first symptoms are very similar to those of an ordinary cold the effects ultimately are far more serious. La grippe had its origin in St. Petersburg, now Petrograd, Russia, some years ago and rapidly spread throughout Europe and the entire world.

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says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

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