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## Poster For Floyd County

Black Lands Not Better Than  
 This Thinks Ellis County Citi-  
 zen—Hesperian a Dandy, too.

The Floyd County Hesperian,  
 Floydada, Texas,  
 Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find check for \$1.00  
 for subscription to your paper.  
 I received one sample copy just  
 after I was out in your country  
 the last of November and appreci-  
 ated the paper very much.

Would like to call your atten-  
 tion to a small error you made in  
 the small write up you gave me.  
 You stated I was from Ennis.  
 This is an error as I am from  
 Adolphian, the best little town  
 in Ellis County. I was much  
 pleased with the appearance of  
 your town and especially the  
 country surrounding. Purchased  
 a section of land, partly im-  
 proved, and look forward to im-  
 proving the entire section with  
 three sets of rent houses during  
 the coming year.

There are a great many farm-  
 ers in this country who are be-  
 coming interested in your new  
 country and believe there will be  
 a great number move from Ellis  
 County during the coming year  
 to the South Plains than have  
 ever left here before. Your  
 country, I found thicker settled  
 and had much better improve-  
 ments on the farms than I ex-  
 pected to see and wish for you  
 and your new country great suc-  
 cess for the coming year.

Hoping that I will not miss a  
 single number of your paper as  
 the sample copy you sent me led  
 me to believe you have the  
 best paper for the size town and  
 new country surrounding it I  
 ever read. It was full of news  
 and very interesting to a black  
 land farmer who has to pay from  
 \$75.00 to \$125.00 per acre when  
 you have land in your country  
 equally as rich and as productive  
 as the black lands of Ellis Coun-  
 ty.

Wishing you a prosperous  
 New Year, I am

Yours very truly,  
 W. W. Major.

Hesperian ads bring results.

## Never Leave Money

Around your home in the trunk or  
 carry it on your person and endan-  
 ger the life of yourself and family.  
 Don't run the risk of having your  
 hard earned money destroyed by  
 fire or stolen by a thief. Bring us

### That Old Gold

and let us store it in our safe for  
 you, where it is insured against  
 burglars. You can get the same  
 gold when you want it.

Better bring us that old worn paper  
 money and when you need it, call  
 for our brand new, own make mon-  
 ey, its clean and nice.

When you sell your Cotton,  
 Grain or Feed, deposit your  
 check in the First National  
 Bank.

We will pay checks for  
 any and all firms in  
 Floyd and adjoining  
 Counties  
 without Cost to You.

For money deposited in this Bank  
 guaranteed by the United States  
 Government.

**First  
 National Bank**  
 Floydada, Texas

## State Banks May Subscribe

Amount of Stock in Regional  
 Banks Limited to 6 per  
 cent.

The new National Currency  
 measure, which passed in the  
 Senate during the early holidays  
 and was signed by the president,  
 has brought about no little inter-  
 est as to the part state banks  
 could or would take under the  
 new law. It was feared that  
 state laws under which these  
 banks operated would not allow  
 their entering for membership  
 in the regional banks, not less  
 than eight nor more than twelve  
 of which may be established.  
 Recently, the Texas Department  
 of Banking and Insurance, gave  
 out the statement that the State  
 Banks of Texas would be allowed  
 to subscribe for stock in the  
 new regional reserve banks to  
 the extent of six per cent of the  
 capital stock of the subscribing  
 bank.

### Gasoline Jumps 2c per Gallon.

Last Friday the price of gaso-  
 line jumped two cents on the  
 gallon, other grades of oil and  
 gas advancing in proportion.

The price was formerly 15  
 cents.

The jump, it is claimed is on  
 account of a prospective shortage  
 in the crude oil, and the large  
 companies are said to be storing  
 millions of barrels to meet the  
 shortage, which is expected to  
 come sometime within the latter  
 part of this year.

### 162 U. T. Students Fails.

One hundred and sixty two  
 students in the Texas University  
 failed to pass on the required  
 amount of work during the fall  
 term. This number, according  
 to the regulations laid down in  
 the catalogue cannot return  
 until next September.

116 of the number who failed  
 were in the Academic depart-  
 ment, 42 were in the engineer-  
 ing department and 4 in the law  
 department.

147 students barely met the  
 requirements of the catalogue  
 regulations required to continue  
 in the school.

The Daily Texan, the students  
 paper, say that according to the  
 catalogue, these 116 students  
 are not allowed to return to the  
 University until next September.  
 Judging by previous years, a-  
 bout a third of this batch of  
 submarginals will be able, by  
 good arguments and bad, to  
 persuade the dean to allow them  
 back on strict probation. Against  
 this 116 were 105 in 1912 and 76  
 and 1911.

Ninety-six students passed in  
 just enough work to entitle them  
 to return.

The 146 "submarginals" and  
 the 96 "marginals," together  
 with the 45 who withdrew dur-  
 ing the fall term because of low  
 grades, give a total of 257 stu-  
 dents of low rank, approximat-  
 ely one-sixth of the registration  
 of the college. Approximately  
 two-thirds of this 257 are boys  
 (boys and girls being about  
 equally numerous) and five-eigh-  
 ths of them are first-year stu-  
 dents.

Mrs. F. M. Butler and Miss  
 Elva Strong visited in Plainview  
 the earlier part of this week.

Miss Kate Butler, who accom-  
 panied them, will remain in  
 that city as a music student dur-  
 ing the winter.

Try an ad liner.

## Bandit Scare in Apex Mine.

Monday, January 5th, the ru-  
 mor that Ralph Lopez, the Mexi-  
 can bandit who had killed sev-  
 eral officers of the peace and  
 stopped operations in the mine  
 for three weeks, had been heard  
 in the mine and likewise had  
 just escaped, set the town of  
 Bingham all a thrill, and a hastily  
 formed posse of men scaled  
 the cliffs in search for the man.  
 They surrounded a Mexican and  
 captured him but he proved not  
 the Lopez for whom they were  
 hunting.

Other miners claimed to have  
 heard Lopez attempting to  
 break in one of the bulk heads  
 of the mine, but they were de-  
 ceived by falling rocks in the  
 mine.

The mine is now unguarded  
 and though many have searched  
 the mine since the guard was  
 raised, it is generally conceded  
 that the bandit has escaped and  
 has been at large for two or  
 three weeks.

The sheriff of the county says  
 his only hope of finding the man  
 is that he will be apprehended  
 in some of the distant cities.

### Mercantile Store at Aiken.

Aiken, the first station the  
 other side of Lockney on the  
 Santa Fe, and just inside the  
 Floyd County line, now has a  
 general merchandise store,  
 which is being put in by the  
 Texas Land & Development Co.  
 Their stock of merchandise is  
 being put in and their manager,  
 who is from El Paso, will soon  
 take charge.

The section around Aiken is  
 being thickly settled with pros-  
 perous farmers, many of them  
 Germans, and this store is ex-  
 pected to do well from the start.

### Oklahoma City Buyer Here.

W. E. Killinger, of Oklahoma  
 City, broom manufacturer and  
 dealer, was in town the earlier  
 part of the week, and spent  
 some time out in the country.

He expressed himself as  
 very agreeably surprised at  
 the remarkable showing made by  
 this section. The large produc-  
 tion of the various crops, the  
 generally excellent improvements  
 on our farms, the water supply,  
 etc., all came in for a generous  
 amount of praise.

"This country is simply sub-  
 erb. I have traveled over Kan-  
 sas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and  
 much of Texas, and this is the  
 equal of any of them."

### Car of Horses to East Texas.

B. M. Gamble (Jake) left Tues-  
 day for Carthage, Texas, with a  
 car of horses and mules, which  
 he will dispose of on the market  
 at that place.

### Broomcorn Selling at \$75.

Broom corn buyers in this  
 county this and last week have  
 been paying \$75 per ton for the  
 past year's crop f. o. b. Floyd-  
 ada and disposition has been  
 made of quite a little of the  
 crop.

S. D. Ferguson, living across  
 the canyon, is among those who  
 are shipping out. He is loading  
 two cars this week which will go  
 to the St. Louis market for sale.  
 He thinks his corn should net  
 him a little more than \$75.

### Marriage License Issued.

Saturday, January third, mar-  
 riage license was issued by Clerk  
 W. B. Clark, to Mr. J. T. Taylor  
 and Miss Della Roberts, both res-  
 idents of the southeast portion  
 of the county.

The bride is a daughter of Mr.  
 and Mrs. J. F. Roberts. Mr.  
 Roberts is one of the most prom-  
 inent citizens of the county.

## Vardaman Man With Message

Rule of Gold succeeded by Golden  
 Rule.—"Impending Crisis"  
 Unimpassioned Discussion.

### ROSS CRANE TUESDAY

Finds Responsive Audience and  
 gives "Stiff" Program well  
 Worth Hearing.

Senator Jas. K. Vardaman, of  
 Mississippi, spoke in Floydada  
 last Saturday night at the Pub-  
 lic School Auditorium, filling his  
 date as announced by the com-  
 mittee.

He was met at the train in the  
 afternoon by J. B. Bartley, G.  
 W. Shearer, A. E. Barkemeyer  
 and F. E. Savage, representing  
 the management of the Lyceum  
 Course and by a large number  
 of the school boys and girls, who  
 with Miss Savage as leader sang,  
 "Dixie" as he alighted from the  
 train and was introduced around.

His talk in the evening proved  
 that he, indeed, had a message,  
 —and he delivered it in a most  
 interesting and beautiful way.

He was introduced by A. P.  
 McKinnon in a short address in  
 which the Judge paid tribute to  
 the distinguished visitor as an  
 orator of ability, as a man of  
 power in his own state and a  
 legislator of national reputation.

Everyone present was charged  
 with their responsibilities in the  
 matters of government.

Speaking of the tariff law just  
 passed and of the currency mea-  
 sure, Mr. Vardaman declared  
 them to be the biggest accom-  
 plishments of the United States  
 Congress within the past fifty  
 years. With the awakening of  
 the public conscience they mark  
 the beginning of "more of the  
 Golden rule and less of the dam-  
 nable rule of Gold."

"The Impending Crisis," the  
 subject head under which the  
 senator discusses the racial ques-  
 tion, proved to be most interest-  
 ing and instructive, more es-  
 pecially as his audience was  
 made up greatly of persons un-  
 familiar with the negro ques-  
 tion. The responsibility for the  
 presence of this question must  
 be shared alike by the north and  
 the south, he said. His state-  
 ments he bore out by frequent  
 references to the public utter-  
 ances of Thomas Jefferson, Ab-  
 raham Lincoln and others. How  
 Mississippi relieved itself from  
 the rule of the negro in spite of  
 the 15th amendment would make  
 an interesting chapter within it-  
 self.

At every point in his discus-  
 sion the Senator had the closest  
 attention of the audience. Fre-  
 quent flights of pretty language  
 and pointed humor were ever at  
 his tongue's end.

From Washington, after the  
 signing of the Currency Measure  
 Mr. Vardaman had traveled  
 direct to the southwest, Floyd-  
 ada being his second point west  
 of Fort Worth, the other being  
 Abilene. He left for home  
 Sunday morning by way of  
 Roaring Springs and Quanah.

### Ross Crane An Artist.

Of quite a different nature  
 was the number Tuesday night.  
 Ross Crane, cartoonist and clay  
 modeler, was the attraction offer-  
 ed, and his efforts were thor-  
 oughly appreciated by a large  
 and attentive audience.

With his crayon he presented  
 some very preito sketches, some  
 very ludicrous ones, and port-  
 rayals of some of the dominating  
 figures in American life. During  
 the progress of his productions

## Need Exemp- tion Receipts

Voters 21, before July 27th Must  
 Apply in Person for Exemp-  
 tions.

Young men who will be of age  
 before July 27th, of this year will be  
 allowed a vote in the primaries  
 and in the general election over  
 the state. This is true, with a  
 provision. This provision is im-  
 portant and should be carefully  
 noted by young men who con-  
 template taking a part in the  
 elections. It is this: Exemp-  
 tion certificate showing that the  
 applicant will be 21 before July  
 primaries must be secured before  
 January 31st; in the same man-  
 ner as poll taxes, except that  
 while poll tax receipts may be  
 secured by an order the exemp-  
 tion receipt must be secured in  
 person by the applicant.

This rule does not apply to  
 voters over 60 years of age. These  
 are exempt from paying the  
 poll tax and are likewise  
 exempt from the necessity of  
 securing an exemption certifi-  
 cate. This is upon the authority  
 of A. C. Goen, Sheriff and Tax  
 collector, who states that the  
 rules as laid down will be strict-  
 ly adhered to.

Poll tax payments are required  
 the same as other taxes. If paid  
 after January 31st a penalty of  
 10 per cent is added, but the  
 franchise is withheld.

His witty tongue was flowing  
 and the audience was kept  
 thoroughly entertained with his  
 ready humor.

His clay modeling was a del-  
 ight. His efforts were not any  
 less appreciated in this line than  
 in his productions with the cray-  
 ons.

Outside of the real entertain-  
 ing value of the number the  
 uniqueness of it was an attrac-  
 tion in itself and praise for Mr.  
 Crane was unstinted.

The next number which will  
 appear in this month, —The  
 Hawkeye Glee Club, will come  
 after the 20th. This, as the  
 name suggests, is a male guar-  
 tette. Advance reports state

## Seized Whiskey In Amarillo

Officer Sams will Make test case  
 of Amount May be Brought  
 in for Personal Use.

The Amarillo Daily News of  
 January 6th, contains the follow-  
 ing:

Two men, six suit cases and  
 seventy-two quarts of whiskey  
 was the result of a seizure by  
 Sheriff Burwell from the Santa  
 Fe train arriving from Texico  
 last Sunday morning.

Cleburn Thomas and Bart Ford  
 were the two men arrested,  
 having in their possession two  
 suit cases containing thirty  
 quarts of whiskey. Four other  
 suit cases were also seized by  
 the sheriff which were unclaimed  
 and contained forty-two quarts  
 of whiskey. The liquor seized  
 included several brands—Hill  
 and Hill, Jersey Cream, Guggen-  
 heimer, Frazer and Old Ken-  
 tucky Comfort.

When asked what they intend-  
 ed to do with the liquor the  
 men arrested stated that they  
 had brought home "a little for  
 their own personal use." Sheriff  
 Burwell says he intends to make  
 of this a test case to determine  
 whether any man may bring any  
 desired quantity of liquor into  
 the city or county and go un-  
 molested, although the circum-  
 stances may point to intended  
 violation of the local option law.

Thomas and Ford will proba-  
 bly have their preliminary hear-  
 ing to-day.

G. B. Marshall returned the  
 latter part of last week from  
 Clay County where he visited  
 during the holiday season with  
 his son.

W. L. Jackson recently pur-  
 chased a quarter section of land  
 in the Lakeview neighborhood,  
 and is getting the improvements  
 well underway, including fence-  
 ing, residence, barns, etc.

that they are singers and players  
 with a good repertoire and al-  
 ways give a most pleasing ren-  
 dition.

## First State Bank OF FLOYDADA.

Offers to its customers every accommo-  
 dation consistent with safe banking.  
 Makes loans on acceptable collateral; ne-  
 gotiates real estate loans; sells exchange  
 on the principal cities thru the United  
 States, and foreign countries; issues time  
 certificates of deposit, makes collections,  
 will care for your money, protect you from  
 loss and save you from trouble.

WE INVITE YOU

to make this bank headquarters for the  
 transaction of all of your financial affairs  
 assuring you of courteous consideration  
 and liberal treatment.

**First State Bank**  
 A Guaranty Fund Bank



## Girl's Life

You what wonderful benefit I have re- of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes ds, of Clifton Mills, Ky. as no equal for la grippe, bad colds, troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught girl's life. When she had the measles, on her, but one good dose of Thedford's made them break out, and she has had no I shall never be without

## THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizzi- aria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar Thedford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, gentle and valuable remedy. you suffer from any of these complaints, try Black- ht. It is a medicine of known merit. Seventy-five s of splendid success proves its value. Good for ng and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25 cents.

## COAL! COAL! COAL!

When you need coal just phone 69, Bill will deliver it to you in short order. We handle Niggerhead, Canyon City lump, Washed Nut, Domino lump and Nut. The prices are right, the coal is right and the weights are right. We also carry a good line of Grain, Hay, Cotton seed meal and cake, meat salt and stock salt. If you are not already a satisfied customer we want you to give us a trial.

## NEWELL BROS.

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American Boy and  
The Hesperian for \$1.65  
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and endorsed by their parents

## Farm Loans

In Sums of

\$500 and Up

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## Gamble Land & Cattle Co.

Rooms 6 & 7, Barrow Bldg.

Floydada, Texas

Posted!

the undersigned, forbid rson or persons to hunt in nclosures, with firearms, snares, netting or fishing, ay way molesting birds or tearing down fences, g or going over fences or gates open.

J. F. McCarty.  
J. J. Day.  
A. N. Armstrong.  
J. E. Martin.  
Thos. Montgomery.  
E. C. King.  
J. L. King.  
W. A. Shipley.  
Jno. W. Smith.

Change Up in Banks.

I. C. Wright resigned the first of the year from his position with The First National Bank, and left the first of this week for Avinger, in Cass County, where he will hold the position of Cashier with the First State Bank.

He and his wife have many friends who regret to see them leave but wish them prosperity in their new home.

F. M. Butler has succeeded Mr. Wright as Teller in the First National here and J. H. Donaldson moves over from the First State to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Butler's promotion.

## Community Co-Operation

Copyright Farm and Ranch-Holland's Magazine

Is your community everything that you wish it? Is your school efficient in building and equipment and its work satisfactory? Is your church doing its fullest measure for the moral welfare of your family and your neighbors? Have you as good roads as you want? Are the streets and sidewalks and other conveniences of your town all that your needs and comfort demand? In other words, does your community afford you and yours ideal environment in which to live?

Communities are made by individuals and families of more or less common ideals and common interests coming together in one locality to live. When the community is young every man is for himself, every family is self-centered, in the struggle to become established. There is little community effort beyond the starting of an elementary school or the founding of a primitive church. When material

competence is reached by a big part of the population and they have the means of living comfortably at home, then they begin to give more thought to getting conveniences and necessities that the whole community may enjoy. This thought crystallizes around the community school, the church, the roads, and, if it is a growing town, sidewalks, water supply, fire protection, sewage disposal and so on.

Right here is where community cooperation is needed in dead earnest and must prevail or there will be little satisfactory progress. Public improvements are a public work and must be accomplished by the public, and the public cannot do work with every man independent, both in thought and plan and in action. Those communities are best equipped for satisfied living on the part of their people where the spirit of genuine, active co-operation prevails most.

### Chance Prizes Barred by Law.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 1.—Any scheme for the distribution of prizes by chance is held by the attorney general's department to be a violation of the law prohibiting lotteries.

This question came up over a query submitted by the district attorney at Amarillo who wanted to know if a merchant gives to each customer buying fifty cents worth of goods a ticket bearing a number and, a duplicate is issued which is retained by the merchant, and at the end of three months the duplicates were placed in a box and a drawing is conducted and the person holding the original is awarded an automobile, would that constitute a violation of the anti-lottery laws.

The department held it would.

For Sale—Good John Deere Breaking plow, Good as new. See Louie Moore. 2tp.

Earl D. French arrived in Floydada last Friday afternoon from Georgetown University, where he has been studying during the first semester. He is a son of G. B. French and wife southwest of town and will reside here during the spring and summer.

### Hurt by Fall.

During Christmas week Walter Long, President of the Lockney State Bank, was painfully injured on his ranch east of town by a horse falling on him. He was out at night near his house after cattle, when his horse slipped on the ice and fell on him. He was rendered unconscious temporarily, but when he came to he saw the light at his house and made his way to it. Medical aid was summoned and Dr. D. J. Thomas responded. The next day he was brought to town where he has been under the care of a physician since.

In the fall his face and head were badly bruised and he has suffered great pain, but his injuries are not thought to be serious; and he will be around in a short time.—Lockney Beacon.

W. R. Tilson, a prominent citizen of Whiteflat, was in Floydada Monday, accompanying his two sons, who went on to Plainview where they are enrolled as students in Seth Ward.

Mrs. Jno. W. Smith spent Monday and Tuesday in Plainview visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Edwards.



## ADVERTISING TEXAS

Money Follows Line of the Least Resistance.

BY W. HOLT HARRIS

MUCH has been said and more written about advertising the resources of Texas abroad and our glowing opportunities, when properly safe-guarded, will make the eagle on every American dollar spread its wings and fly to Texas. But the thing most essential to our growth and progress is the proper alignment of our laws and conduct and a clearer understanding of the necessities and requirements of progress. When this is done, it will be as unnecessary to solicit capital to come to Texas as it will be to invite the bees to make honey. Money follows the lines of least resistance and capital flows wherever profit is greatest and conditions most stable. The bank vaults of the nation are filled with dollars that are searching to and fro, up and down the earth for safe and profitable investments but it is of first importance that the house be put in order before the guests are invited.

There is nothing that so weakens the foundation of industrial achievement as the knockout drops of uncertainty, and capital will never seek investment where a myriad of scornful fingers are pointing toward it and neither will it give serious consideration to opportunities that are scarred by fear. No amount of publicity, however adroitly presented, can bring about profitable results under such circumstances. Such a country can only hope for satisfactory development through some freak of nature.

We have so many laws and rumors of laws and Dame Duty is such a fickle goddess when flirting with Ambition, that it keeps industries guessing as to the true status of affairs lest they all become companions in adversity.

The press of Texas has been groaning for the past few months under a burden of announcements of progress made by the State in its efforts to visit the pains and penalties of law upon industry and the incandescent flashes of malice and prejudice that have lighted the horizon have had a tendency to wither and blight our destiny and we still hear threats of war. Not only has it done violence to progress but it has very effectively placed fetters upon our growth and development by giving the State millions of dollars of bad advertising.

... THE ...

## Guyton & Nichols SANITARIUM

A new and up to date private institution, equipped especially for patients requiring surgical attention.

Wanted—Intelligent young women to enter the training school for nurses. Mrs. J. V. Guyton, R. N., in charge. PLAINVIEW TEXAS



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A perfect means of guarding against emergencies and overcoming loneliness.

Now is a good time to learn how YOU can get this service.

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### Notice By Publication of Final Account.

No. 139.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Floyd County—Greetings: J. J. Dobson, Administrator of the Estate of W. W. Pitts, deceased having filed in our County Court his final account of the condition of the Estate of said W. W. Pitts, deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said Administration. YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, that by publication of this Writ for twenty day in a Newspaper regularly published in the County of Floyd you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the January Term, 1914, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the Court House of said County, in the City of Floydada, on the 19th day of January, A. D. 1914, when said Account and Application will be considered by said Court.

Witness W. B. Clark, Clerk of the County Court of Floyd County.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Floydada, Texas, this 23rd day of December, A. D. 1913.

(Seal) W. B. Clark,  
Clerk C. C. Floyd County.  
A True Copy, I certify:  
A. C. Goen,  
4tc. Sheriff of Floyd County.

### Texas Metal Mine Production in 1913.

The output of Texas mines for eleven months of 1913 and an estimate for December, according to preliminary figures compiled by Charles W. Henderson, of the United States Geological survey, was \$100 for gold, 401,415 ounces of silver, 260,000 pounds of lead, and a nominal quantity of copper. The greater part of the output of these metals came from the Shafter district, Presidio County, from the Presidio silver mine and cyanide mill. Lead-silver ore was shipped from the Sierra Blanca district, El Paso County.

## SHIP-BORNE CHOLERA

How Our Quarantine Service Keeps Disease Out of the United States.

The seasonal advance of Asiatic cholera from East to West, over mountains and continents, has long been known to follow the paths of human travel and commerce. In the past century many wide-spread epidemics of the disease have embraced the entire continent, but since 1873 it has never prevailed to any extent in this country, although ship-borne cases have occurred from time to time at the various quarantine stations.

The awful epidemic of Asiatic cholera in previous generations can now be recalled only by those who are far along in life. Few of us know or stop to consider that the only reason why the terrible cholera epidemics of the 50's and 60's are not repeated in our own day is because of the constant vigilance of our quarantine service. A recent article in The Journal of the American Medical Association by Dr. Chas. V. Craster, throws an interesting light on the subject. Dr. Craster shows that during June, July and August, 1911, ten cholera-infected ships arrived at quarantine, New York, from Mediterranean ports, bringing a total of 5,411 passengers and 1,789 members of ships' crews having been exposed to cholera. Six patients arrived sick and four were convalescent from the disease. Twenty-four cases were treated at the isolation hospital on Swinburne Island, with thirteen deaths. Two cases occurred among released passengers in New York City and state, and one member of a ship's crew. One fatal case occurred among the quarantine employees. Thirty-one cholera carriers were detected by routine examinations; these were isolated and treated as cholera patients. During the four months of routine examination of passengers from infected ports for cholera carriers, 26,678 persons were bacteriologically examined.

Dr. Craster concludes that time and length of voyage from infected districts does not confer any special immunity against the occurrence of Asiatic cholera in this country. The well-established existence of the cholera bacillus carrier has altered considerably the aspect of cholera prevention for we have to deal not only with real, but also with possible agents of infection. The high efficiency of present day quarantine procedures has rendered the possibility of spreading infection from cholera cases extremely slight. The real danger to the public is not alone the person sick with the disease, but especially the cholera carrier, who, though apparently well himself, is capable of infecting others. In typhoid carriers the gall-bladder is known to be the store-house of the infecting organism. That a similar condition may exist with cholera carriers has been suggested. In the prevention of cholera, besides the effective isolation of the sick there has developed in our experience at quarantine the necessity of extreme caution in the release of contacts or fellow passengers from detention, before a routine bacteriologic infection.

When sporadic cases of cholera occur in any community (the so-called cholera nests) the examination of drinking-water and of food, although advisable always, is not of the same importance as a diligent search for the true source of infection, the infected, presumably healthy person, the proper means for whose detection, although involving a state in great outlays of money and time, are of necessity justified in emergencies for the proper preservation of the public health and confidence.



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### Business Men's Courtesy Appreciated.

We, the members of the Farmers' Union of Floyd County desire to extend our thanks to the business men of Floydada for closing their places of business during the hour of the lecture of the Hon. H. N. Pope. (Signed) W. D. Zion, Pres. J. S. Dickey, Sec'y.

### Technicalities Didn't Count Then.

Back in the "good old days" technicalities didn't count for as much in the eyes of the law as they do now, especially on the frontier, if a sample of the legal documents shown below may be taken as proof. The document, which is in the hands of the Sheriff at San Angelo reads as follows:

"State of Texas, County of Montague. Before me, J. M. Grigsby J. P., this day cum George Miles, a respectful person, who on his own oath says that one Louis Knite, a bad man, on the 9th day of November, 1873, in the county of Montague, State of Texas, did wilfully and ferociously make an assault to murder lawyer W. M. Jackson, a human being with a six shooter, a very deadly weapon; the said W. M. Jackson then and there jumpin back violently against the peace and dignity of the State. Signed: GEO. MILES.

"Sworn and subscribed before me Nov. 9th, 1873. Signed: J. M. GRIGSBY, J. P."

The Sheriff states that said Louis Knite is still at large and will doubtless remain in that blissful state.

### Building Fine Improvements.

G. A. Crum left this morning for the Lee County Neighborhood where he will be engaged for the next month or so on a fine house and barn contracted by C. C. West, a prominent farmer of that neighborhood.

Mr. Crum has a crew of men from this place who will aid him in the construction work.

### Watermelon January Third.

J. F. McCarty, who is stock-farming at Section 12 crossing on the Blanco, has a wife who is a gardener and truck raiser of rare ability. This last year her watermelon patch was one of the best in the county.

Last Saturday the third Mr. Mc shared one of these melons with his friends at the First State Bank in this city. The melon had kept in good condition and had an excellent flavor. It was kept in a cellar during the cold of the fall and winter.

This probably has the record for late water melon eating.

Justice J. C. Gaither, was confined to his bed last week for several days and for a day or two was rather seriously ill. He is recovering from his indisposition, however, and is able to be out among his friends again.

### VALUE OF SKUNK TO AGRICULTURE

Varmints are Insect Destroyers and Bite Does Not Cause Hydrophobia.

If reports from the Agricultural Department are correct, — and they are, — skunks should be protected, because of their value as exterminators of insects.

The bulletin of the department referred to reads as follows:

The skunk, which is represented throughout the country by a number of varieties, genera, and species, is an animal of great economic importance. Its food consists very largely of insects, mainly of those species which are very destructive to garden and forage crops. Field observations and laboratory examinations demonstrate that they destroy immense numbers of white grubs, grasshoppers, crickets, cutworms, hornets wasps, and other noxious forms. The alarming increase of white grub in some localities is largely due to the extermination of this valuable animal.

It is a matter of common observation where white grubs are particularly abundant in corn-fields to notice little round holes burrowed in the ground about hills of corn. These are made by skunks in their search during the night for these grubs. During the recent outbreak of grasshoppers in Kansas it has been determined that in many cases a large proportion of the food of skunks consisted of these grasshoppers.

Some of the most destructive insects in agriculture are such as do their work below ground and out of reach of any method that the farmer can apply, and it is against many of these that the skunk is an inveterate enemy. Notwithstanding all of this, there is probably not an animal that is as ruthlessly slaughtered as is this one, whereas it is as equally

entitled to protection with, if not more so, than some of our birds which enjoy this privilege.

In some regions, especially in the Southwest, the bite of the skunk is supposed to produce hydrophobia. This fear is unfounded since it is proved that the bite of a healthy skunk is no more serious than similar wounds caused by other agencies.

In connection with the work of the range caterpillar investigations in northwestern New Mexico it has been found that skunks destroy a great many of the pupae (chrysalis) of this caterpillar, and in fact during September and October, when this food is easily available, they prefer it to all other. About the middle of September it was discovered that many webs were empty the pupae having been neatly extracted from the web and either carried off or eaten. In many areas containing hundreds of acres from 25 to 75 per cent of the pupae had been carried off, while in a few isolated places as high as 95 per cent of the Hemileuca (Mexican range caterpillar) pupae were gone. Following these observations, piles of skunks excrement were found which consisted in some cases almost entirely of pupae shells. Subsequent counts made show the excrement found to have from 60 to 95 per cent of its contents consisting of these crushed shells. On the Crow Creek Ranch there was not an area observed but what had some of the Hemileuca pupae destroyed by these animals. It is thus seen that the common skunk is at the present time one of the most important factors looking toward the control of Hemileuca outbreaks and should be protected by the ranchers in the infested district.

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### Co-Operation is Key-Note

Farmers' Union Lecturer Says Speculation is Outgrowth of Marketing System.

Hon. H. N. Pope, of Fort Worth, State Lecturer for the Farmers' Union is speaking in Floyd County this week. His itinerary beginning at Floydada last Saturday, includes eight speaking dates at as many points in the country, ending Saturday night at Lone Star.

His lecture in Floydada Saturday afternoon was largely attended, both by business men of the town and by farmers of the county. The district court room in which the meeting was held, was well-filled during the larger part of the address and the closest attention was paid the remarks of the speaker.

Mr. Pope is entirely logical in his deductions and made a marked impression on his hearers.

His arguments did not differ greatly from the ideas advanced by the organization through their other speakers and through the press, rather making more plain the things for which they stand.

The marketing system, speculation and co-operation were each given as thorough a discussion as possible in an hour and a half. He declares that the Farmers' Union has taken up the fight for a better marketing system and will not quit until a system is desolved which will be more fair to the producer and the consumer alike. Speculation in farm products, which is the outgrowth of the present system, was discussed at length. "I don't blame the speculator but I do blame the man that makes speculation in the things necessary to life a necessity," he said.

After his discussion of the need of co-operation which clog-

ed the address, several farmers came forward and a local organization was perfected.

Monday night he spoke at Lakeview, Tuesday at Baker, Wednesday at Fairview, tonight he will address the people of Roseland, tomorrow night at Sandhill and Saturday afternoon at Lockney, closing at Lone Star Saturday night.

The following officers were elected for the organization perfected at Floydada Saturday: J. L. King, President; H. L. Puryear, vice president; J. T. Pitts, Sec.—Treasurer; J. C. Thomas, chaplain; J. F. McCarty, door-keeper; J. J. Frizell, conductor.

Meeting dates are the first and third Saturdays at 2 o'clock. Their first meeting will be held on the 17th.

### Union Lecturer is at Home Here.

H. N. Hope, formerly of Parker county, who is at present making his home in Fort Worth, and is now lecturing in Floyd County for the Farmers' Union, has visited this county numerous times previous to his present visit. He has a daughter living at Lockney, Mrs. R. M. Broyles and is also related to Mrs. S. E. Duncan of this city, and to the Cope boys.

"I feel perfectly at home in Floyd county," he said. "I think you have a fine country and I would really like to live here."

Mr. Pope has been connected with the Farmers' Union since its inception. During his incumbency in the office of Sheriff of Parker he quite often made addresses for the Union and the past few months has been devoting all his time to lecturing.

He will leave for headquarters immediately after finishing his lecture tour and will attend the State meeting of the Union that convenes the 14th.

Ross Henry left Monday for Amarillo to enter Lowery-Phillips Military Institute.

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# Write "Ford" on the New Leaf

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Many make mistakes every year in buying motor cars. Don't let your name appear on the auto mistake list during 1914.

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