

THE SLATONITE

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COAL IS FOUND NINE MILES EAST OF SLATON

A coal mine yielding lignite which was worked 33 years ago near Slaton is to be opened up on a commercial basis it is hoped at an early date by Col. A. B. Robertson, owner of the famous V ranch on whose land the old mine is located.

The mine was worked 33 years ago by J. M. Campbell, now of Mineral Wells, Texas, and his two sons, C. R. and J. L., of near Tuttle, Oklahoma, who resided on the Robertson land for almost a year and got all their fuel from the "slope," taking out 5 or 6 tons in one winter for home use.

When they left the place they filled in the "slope," which had been dug back in the hill for a depth of over 20 feet and exposing a high grade vein of coal 18x30 inches thick, with the idea of some time returning and developing the mine, and since then the land has been passed over hundreds of times by cowboys and never once was the small outcroppings of coal near the surface recognized.

Several months ago the Campbells returned to the spot quietly and relocated the scene of operations and went back home without making their mission known. Some time later they communicated with Col. Robertson, telling him of the coal on his land, and arrangements were soon made whereby all interested parties should share an interest in the coal rights.

This week the Campbells came to Slaton and went out to the Robertson ranch where they took out some of the coal found near the surface and burned it in a cook stove to prove its qualities.

It has been contended for a number of years by men who claim to know coal and other mineral formations that the Slaton country would some day produce coal, oil and possibly some of the valuable minerals, altho oil and gas is more commonly mentioned.

The development of this newly found field will be watched with much interest, however there is no excitement over the discovery and land is not being sold on the basis of containing valuable coal rights, notwithstanding this may some day soon develop to be the case.

It is possible that after being analyzed by chemical process many facts and theories can be developed regarding the formation of coal on the Plains and its original source.

Col. Robertson will have an expert come here and go over the ground before development work is started.

W. E. Olive, of the Sanitary Grocery, closed a deal this week whereby he bought 114 acres of unimproved farming land west of town 4 miles from C. A. Joplin.

For auto livery service day or night call the Slatonite.

A Few of Our Delicacies



should be in your closet or pantry at all times. Then if unexpected company comes you are not caught unprepared. You can set out a dainty luncheon of jelly, wafers, canned fish, poultry or meats in a few minutes and thus uphold your reputation for hospitality.

Slaton Sanitary Grocery

YOU ONLY PAY FOR WHAT YOU BUY, AND AT LOWER PRICES

"THE SANITARY WAY IS THE ONLY WAY"

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Missionary program for Sunday, September 7th:

Subject, The Present Opportunity in China.

Leader, Mrs. Spetter.

Isaiah 49: 8-13.

Devotional.

Paper on China, Mrs. Hoffman.

John 3: 16, Willa Vermillion.

Mark 6: 7-8, Francis Hoffman.

Matt. 4: 23-24, Orby Joplin.

China Resisting, China Yielding—Shall China be Christian? Mrs. Joe Smith.

Open discussion.

What part shall you and I have in helping to win and save China in this hour of her greatest opportunity?

Reading, Miss Vyola Talley.

Bible contest. (Bring your bibles.)

State adopted school books at the Red Cross Pharmacy.

Elder Liss Sanders, Christian evangelist, will preach here at the Methodist church Thursday night and the balance of the week and over Sunday. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

Best line of inks, pencils, and tablets for the school children at the Red Cross Pharmacy.

SPANISH STUDENTS, NOTICE.

All persons desiring to take a course in practical Spanish will please see me at once. This course will include the pure Castilian, with especial reference to the Spanish dialect as spoken in Texas, the object being to acquire a speaking knowledge of the language in the shortest time possible. Students should start at the beginning. Class will be limited. Fees very reasonable.

R. A. BALDWIN.

W. H. M. S.

Program for Monday, September 15th:

Woman in Public Activities—Preventive and Rescue Work.

1. Meditation on God's Word: The Significance of the Imperfect (Phil. 3: 7-21), Mrs. Blanton.

2. Influencing the Public through the Home, Mrs. Adams.

3. Influencing the Public through the Church, Mrs. Spetter.

4. Influencing the Public through other organizations, Mrs. Proctor.

5. Lives of activity open to Women, Mrs. Smith.

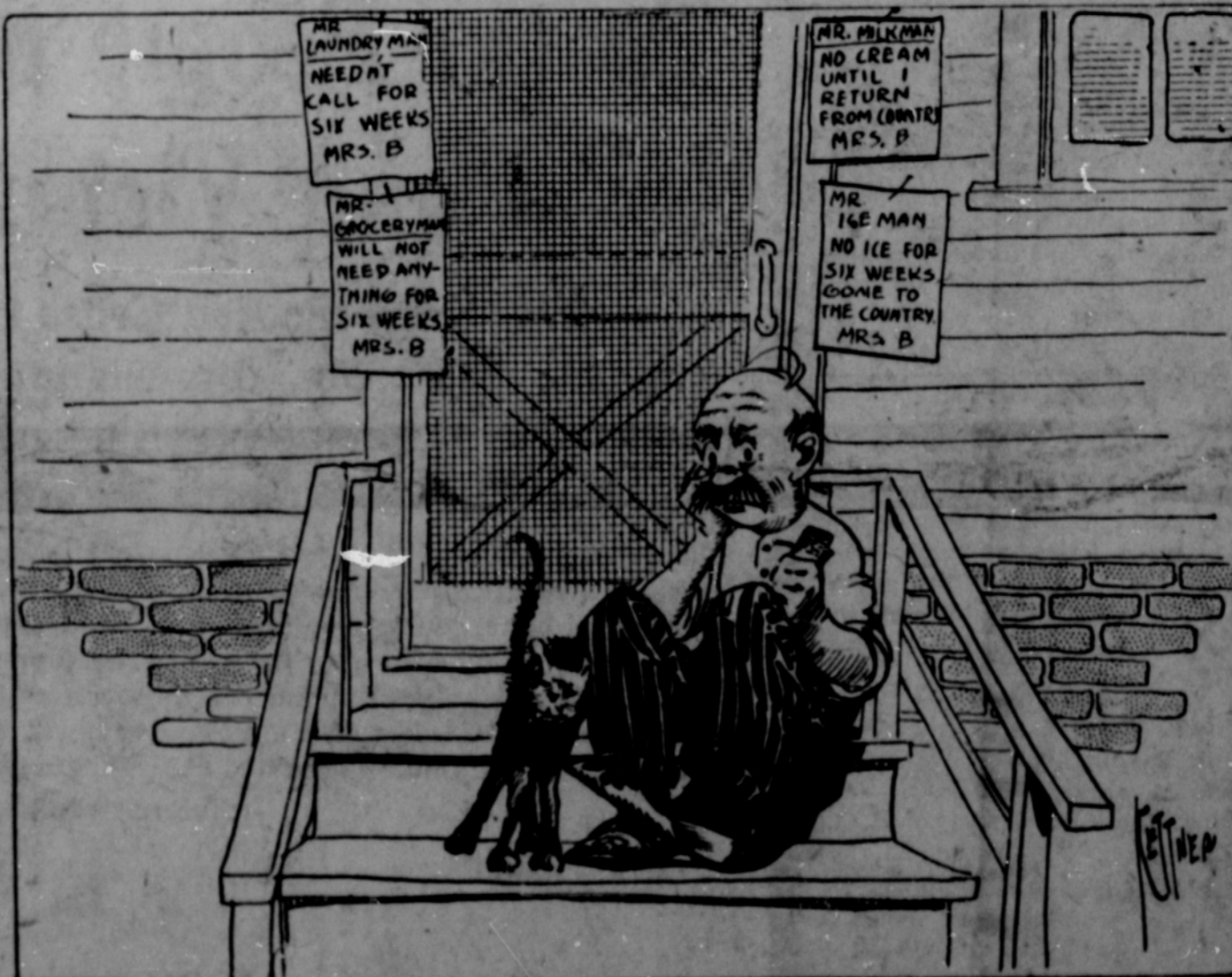
6. Result of such activity, Mrs. Twaddle.

The need of such homes as the Vashti, and Virginia K. Johnson, Mrs. Wadsworth.

Result of community study, Mrs. Leonis.

Prayer, by Mrs. Proctor.

TIME TO COME HOME.



AUSTIN MAN SAYS BEST CROPS ARE NEAR SLATON

The Slatonite editor received a letter the first of this week from Tom B. Walling of Austin, Texas.

Mr. Walling is very much pleased with the Slaton country, but like many others, realized the lack of intensive cultivation to bring the Plains to the highest state of agricultural efficiency in the production of crops. What must his opinion have been when he saw maize and kaffir producing a ton of heads to the acre, and cotton a third to three-fourths of a bale to the acre and corn 35 to the acre—and all with very little cultivation?

His one desire after looking over these fields (that are slightly cultivated) is to find out just what the Plains will produce under intensive cultural methods, and the day is coming when the yields will be doubled.

"I was in your thrifty little city last week and fully intended seeing you on my return to Austin but found it necessary to go up into Lipscomb county so missed you this trip.

"I must say that Lubbock county appeals to me as no other section of country west of Fort Worth, for I saw the best crops and by far the best water in your county of the entire Plains country.

"However, I have one—only one—criticism to make and I want you to take it in the spirit in which it is sent, for I know your country is not getting a fair test at the farmers view of it. No one in the black land belt of Texas would expect to raise a crop if he only put the seed in the ground and trusted to luck for a crop.

"I do not mean that all your farmers try to raise a crop without the hoe and the plow, but asked a fine young fellow in your city why he didn't kill blue weeds. His reply was: 'can't be done.' I asked him he had ever had a hoe in the field. "No," he said, "we don't use hoes." Then seeing that had never been plowed, I asked him if he had ever plowed it and he said "I have been too busy to plow it." Of course the weeds will grow, and again killing weeds is not the motive in cultivating crops. If your people will plant less acres and keep plows going all through the season you won't need

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 For Information About the City of Slaton
 and the Surrounding Country
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 R. H. TUDOR, Proprietor
Contracting and Building
 Estimates furnished on short notice. All work given careful
 and prompt attention. Give us a trial.
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 Legs Off "Looking"
 for that Fellow
 Brown—**

The QUICKEST way to catch him is to sit still and extend your arm just far enough to grasp your



—then tell "central" you want to talk to Brown and—"Hello, there's Brown already." So easy

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**LOOMIS SELLS
 PHARMACY**

After an absence from the printing office of eight months which was spent in dosing out castor oil and counting pills in the Red Cross Pharmacy which he purchased last December, Mr. L. P. Loomis sold the drug store Saturday to our townsman, Mr. R. L. Blanton, who took charge Monday. The change perhaps came as a surprise to many of our people who supposed that Mr. Loomis had mapped out a course as a confirmed pill roller, but the only explanation the Slatonite has from the latter was that he did not want to own two different institutions at the same time, and when it came to choosing between two courses he took the one he had spent almost his whole life in—the printing office. So we suppose that means that we (R. C. Edgell) will either have a boss hereafter or a new satan; we have not learned yet which; but may know next week.

In speaking of his stay in the store Mr. Loomis stated that the business had been fully as good as he expected, and he is well pleased with the investment he had made.

The gross cash receipts of the Red Cross for each of the last 3 months have exceeded those of any other month in the history of the store.

Mr. Blanton has been highly successful in the mercantile business before and the Slatonite is greatly pleased in seeing him affiliate himself with the business circles of Slaton as owner of the Red Cross Pharmacy.

We believe he is well suited for the business, and predict for him a success in that line, and that he will conduct the Red Cross in a manner to make it a bigger and better store. The people of Slaton and vicinity are pleased to welcome him as a merchant.

R. L. Blanton was elected councilman at the regular city council meeting Tuesday night, to succeed W. A. Turner who resigned when he went away. Mr. Blanton is one of the leading business men in Slaton and his election meets with the approval of every one.

For Sale.—A few Frontz Winter Laying Strain White Leghorn Cockerels at \$1.50 each—less than half value. Mrs. R. C. Edgell.

Miss Frankie Vermillion returned from her old home at Greenwood, Texas, this week.

Daily papers at the Red Cross Pharmacy.

SOCIETY.

One of the most enjoyable afternoons was spent Wednesday August 27th from 3 to 6 o'clock at the well appointed Jordan home on Grand Ave. when Mesdames P. E. Jordan and J. F. Spetter entertained twenty-three ladies in a very charming manner, Mrs. A. L. Brannon, who is soon to leave Slaton, being the honor guest. Mrs. Jordan received the visitors and Mrs. Spetter presided at the guest book. As the guests arrived they were invited to the dining room where Miss Mary Spetter served delicious ice cold punch. Several interesting contests were enjoyed during the afternoon, and at 6 o'clock the hostesses served an appetizing lunch of chicken salad, bread and butter sandwiches, tomatoes with mayonnaise, stuffed olives, and ice tea. Each guest presented Mrs. Brannon with a small remembrance gift as a token of the love and esteem in which this popular young matron is held, and departed voting Mesdames Jordan and Spetter ideal hostesses. All regret the expected departure from our city of Mrs. Brannon who leaves soon for Amarillo where she will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Utter, 1211 Lincoln, until Mr. Brannon decides on a new business location.

The invited guests were Mesdames A. L. Brannon, S. H. Adams, J. M. Simmons, W. E. Olive, A. S. Page, E. N. Twaddle, L. P. Loomis, W. H. Proctor, R. W. Parker, J. S. Edwards, R. L. Blanton, J. G. Wadsworth, A. J. Cleveland, I. W. Hudgens, W. W. Tompton, and A. B. Robertson, Jr.; the Misses Mary Spetter, Edna Twaddle, Pearl Dunscom, Myrtle Dunscom, Bertha Proctor, Vyola Talley and Miss Dickerman.

Kodak supplies at the Red Cross Pharmacy.

Kodak films and post cards at the Red Cross Pharmacy.

Patronize a home concern.—Slaton Auto Supply Company.

For \$1.00 we clean that car of yours. Slaton Auto Supply Company.

For Sale or Trade.—Second-hand buggies and harness. G. L. Sledge Livery Barn.

City Directory and Railway Guide.

CHURCHES.

METHODIST CHURCH.
 J. P. Calloway, Pastor.
 Sunday School every Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m. J. I. Mabry, Superintendent
 Preaching services every second and fourth Sundays in the month at 11 o'clock a. m., and at 7:30 p. m.
 Womans' Missionary Society meets every Monday afternoon at three o'clock.
 Union Prayer Meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Methodist church. Everyone welcome.

BAPTIST CHURCH.
 J. R. Balch, Pastor.
 Sunday School every Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m. J. W. Patterson, Superintendent.
 Preaching services every first and third Sundays in the month at 11 o'clock a. m., and at 7:30 p. m.
 Ladies Aid Society meets every Monday at 3 o'clock p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
 Rev. Word, Pastor
 Preaching every fourth Sunday in the month at 11 o'clock a. m., and at 7:30 p. m.

SLATON COMMERCIAL CLUB.
 R. J. Murray, president; R. C. Edgell, secretary. Club meets every Thursday evening at 8.00 o'clock at the McRea Hall on Texas avenue.

INDEPENDENT ORDER ODD FELLOWS.
 Slaton Lodge meets every Friday night at 7.30 o'clock in the MacRea hall. L. P. Loomis, Secretary. R. C. Edgell, N. G.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.
 Slaton Camp 2871 W. O. W. meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights in each month at MacRea Hall. J. T. Bellomy, C. C., J. M. Simmons, Clerk.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.
 Slaton Grove Woodmen Circle No. 1320 meets on second and fourth Thursday evenings each month at 3.30 o'clock in the MacRea hall. Visitors cordially welcomed. Mrs. Ida Bellomy, Guardian. Mrs. Carrie Blackwell, Clerk.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.—Santa Fe South Plains Lines

SOUTH BOUND.	
No. 27, Arrives from Amarillo	2:30 p. m.
" " Departs for Sweetwater	2:55 p. m.
NORTH BOUND.	
No. 28, Arrives from Sweetwater	10:40 a. m.
" " Departs for Amarillo	11:05 p. m.
AMARILLO LOCAL.	
No. 93, Arrives from Amarillo	5:15 p. m.
No. 94, Departs for Amarillo	6:00 a. m.
LAMESA LOCAL.	
No. 803, Departs for Lamesa	3:20 p. m.
No. 804, Arrives from Lamesa	11:30 a. m.

**To the People of Slaton
 and Vicinity**

In retiring from the Red Cross Pharmacy We desire to express our appreciation to you for the patronage you have given us and the encouragement you have lent us in the conduct of the store. We have endeavored at all times to make the Red Cross not alone a commercial investment but an institution which would help to make Slaton a bigger and better town, and whatever success we have made of it we owe to you. We thank you for your friendship and support. We can very heartily commend you to the new owner, Mr. R. L. Blanton, and know that he will make a merchant who will be of much benefit to Slaton, and who will build up the Red Cross into a bigger and still better store.

Sincerely yours,
L. P. LOOMIS