

The Snyder Signal

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NOT FORGET—THE CHAUTAUQUA BEGINS SATURDAY, OCT. 16—BE ON HAND

WHY COTTON IS LOW

T. Parkhouse, a cotton man here, was here this week visiting his daughter, Mrs. E. B. Barnes. He has a close study of business and it is his opinion that we do not have a satisfactory market. He says peace is fully established in Germany. Germany wants our cotton and we have no exchange and we have to send an agent with money to get the money because cotton is turned over to people and they can't ship, the buyer can't get it to advantage. Parkhouse says if the League of Nations and the peace treaty had been ratified by the United States we would now have ample relations with Europe, our people would be getting good prices for their cotton and this country would be in prosperity. He is asked where the blame rests for the present conditions. Mr. Parkhouse promptly answered, "On the floor of the senate."

Methodist Church. Your church will expect you to bring some flowers at 11 and 7. At the 11 o'clock hour there will be at our church a service to welcome Bro. Wright to the Presbyterian church. Bro. Wright will preach "Christian Oneness and World Peace." All the various denominations of the city have been invited to participate in this service. Let us have a hearty welcome. J. H. HICKS, Pastor.

Fifth Sunday Meeting. The North Colorado Baptist Association to be held with the Baptist church at Dermott, beginning Saturday night before the fifth Sunday of the month. Preaching by Rev. King.

Devotional Service. 9:30. Devotional service by Bro. Tandy Martin. "What Are the Qualifications of a Deacon, and What is His Duty to the Church?"—Elder J. W. m., sermon by Bro. J. W.

"Is Giving of Our Money to the Cause of Christ a Part of Our Duty?"—L. S. Knight. m., "The Baptist Progress, Why It Should Be in Every Home"—Bro. Lee King.

"How Far Should Churches Engage in Worldly Amusements?"—Elders Lucas and Morton. P. m., sermon by Elder Lucas. Everybody is invited to attend services. Come praying that we have a great meeting. C. E. LESLIE, Pastor.

Signal learns that Snyder is to have a big new gas filling station. Mr. Goodwin was here today and laid a proposition before the Chamber of Commerce and approved by that body.

PAY YOUR POLL TAX AT ONCE

Men and Women who have not paid poll tax now have opportunity to do so until next Friday, October 22. If you want to vote in the general election this year you should see Tom Elza right now and get a poll tax receipt.

At the Presbyterian Church. 10 a. m., Sunday school. 11 a. m., preaching, subject "How to Be Happy." 3 p. m., I will preach at Pleasant Hill. No services at the evening hour because of the community service at the M. E. church. Everybody attend church somewhere next Sunday. C. G. WRIGHT, Pastor.

This year the state school fund appropriation is \$14.50 per scholar. This about double the appropriation of recent years. The large appropriation for this year is made possible because of the \$4,000,000 appropriation by the legislature. This appropriation was made to tide over the emergency in our schools until the amendment can pass. The state treasury had this surplus this year, but this will not likely be the case next year. Many members of the legislature assert that no more emergency appropriations like the \$4,000,000 of this year will be made if the school tax amendment is not adopted, as its defeat will be an expression of the will of the people that they are opposed to making better financial provision for the public schools of the state.

H. P. Wellborn, was in Abilene early this week to visit his father and while there met a business man of that town, a German-Jew, who has recently been in Germany and he says the German and Austrian cotton mills are clamoring for cotton and the gold is there to pay for it, but we have no banking arrangements with Germany and we are handicapped.

Dr. Frank Norris of Fort Worth has returned from a tour of Europe and says that Germany thinks well of the United States. He noted signs of jealousy toward us in France and England.

The school tax amendment must be adopted by the people on November 2, else the rural schools and the small town schools are doomed to have a low rank for years to come. Most assuredly the people of a rural district and of town school should have a chance to have as good schools as they wish to have.

J. L. Berry informs the Signal that Dr. D. W. Wilson of Fife, Alabama, who has been looking around in West Texas and likes Scurry county so much that he has bought the Mayo section east of town at \$46 an acre, total amount of the deal, \$25,800.

Commercial men and organizations are planning now to have all the low grade cotton pooled and shipped direct to the spinners in Europe.

A report of the church dedication and of the night service following will be printed next week.

T. M. Logan of the R. S. & P. office says keep the Signal coming.



"The Elixir of Youth," at Chautauqua

ACTIVITIES OF ODDFELLOWS

Odd Fellowship in Snyder is wide awake and the subordinate lodge and the Rebekah lodge are doing some work. Within the past few months the subordinate has increased its membership from about 80 to 120, and other candidates are awaiting the degrees.

The lodge has a fine degree team and they put the work in an impressive way.

The Rebekahs are no less active and their degree team do their work in a way to challenge the admiration of all who see it.

The Rebekahs had a fine meeting Monday night and initiated twenty new members. These were Holley Shuler, Mrs. B. S. Gann, Miss Cora Burroughs, Miss Esther Derden, B. T. Patterson, Mrs. B. T. Patterson, Earl Justice, Frank A. Wilson, James E. Laird, Mrs. Ruth Garner, Lewis Hendricks and W. A. Faulkner.

The lodge work was finished and the hall was thrown open for reception and entertainment of a large company of members and visitors.

Mr. John R. Baze presided as master of ceremonies for a short program. There were readings by Misses Lucille Brunley, Missie Farmer and L. M. Baze. Talks were made by J. S. Hardy and Rev. J. H. Hicks. Then came a season of social pastime and the serving of cakes, sandwiches and coffee. It was a great event.

The American Legion has put its foot down firmly against participation in politics and that this, together with a policy of the closed doors toward the Japanese were the two outstanding features of the national convention of the Legion, was the statement of C. C. Beavens, a representative in the house from Harris county, who has just returned from Cleveland. Mr. Beavens, who saw service in France during the Great War, attended the convention as delegate at large from Texas.

Mr. George T. Parkhouse, a prominent cotton dealer of Dallas, was here for a few days this week visiting his daughter, Mrs. E. B. Barnes.

KOONSMAN SELLS HEREFORD CALF

Mr. J. J. Koonsman sold his show calf, Texas Fairfax X, to Mr. Tom Sturdivant of Borden county, for \$500, to head his herd of registered Hereford cattle. Mr. Sturdivant has one of the best herds of registered cattle in Borden county. Fairfax was shown last spring at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth and stood well up in his class. Texas Fairfax was sired by Texas Fairfax II, he by Victor Fairfax, owned by C. M. Sargent, Merkel, Texas, he by Perfection Fairfax, owned by W. T. McCray, Kentland, Ind. and is known to be the best bull in the United States today.

Rebekah Degree Team. Following is the personnel of the degree team of Snyder Rebekah lodge No. 26:

Mrs. J. Arch Farmer, Mrs. Joe Strayhorn, Mrs. J. S. Hardy, Mrs. Edna Tucker, Mrs. Eunice Johnston, Mrs. John R. Baze, Mrs. B. L. Baze, Mrs. Isadora Baker, Miss Eddie Lynn Howell, Miss Wynnie Garner, Miss Georgia Bolin, Miss Fannie May Cole.

Bell-Hop Helps Drive. Here, lady, maybe you all can use this dollar to help them sick soldiers get better.

He was only a colored bell-hop. But he had the spirit which is needed to put over this big drive now under way throughout the state to American Legion Memorial hospital at Kerrville for tubercular soldiers.

Sheriff Byrd took official custody of Frog Car, colored, who is charged with playing craps.

Nearly all the reunion visitors got back by Sunday or Monday but D. P. Lane laid out till Wednesday. Said he had been to Austin but his friends had no record of him after he went to a barber shop.

Sloan Smith of Ennis is in Snyder to take a turn in the cotton market. He represents a Fort Worth company.

SCHOOL AMENDMENT NOT A TAX

The school tax amendment is a purely local self-government measure. This amendment to the constitution, if adopted on November 2, will enable the people of a school district to have any sort of a school they wish. If they want a school without cost to them, they may have no local tax at all. If they want a school of a high standard, they may provide through taxation just the amount of money necessary to this end. In no sense is this amendment a tax.

Methodist Church Dedicated. The Methodist church in Snyder was formally dedicated Wednesday by Bishop McMurry, assisted by Rev. J. W. Hunt, G. S. Hardy and J. H. Hicks. A large congregation heard the dedication sermon by the bishop.

It is our purpose to print a full report of the service next week.

Altruists With Mrs. Bell. Mrs. Roland Bell entertained the Altruist club at her home on Tuesday. A momentous business session was held, after which a very interesting lecture on "Peace-Time Red Cross Activities" was given by Mrs. Burkhalter. The entire program for the afternoon was deferred to the next meeting, which will be held with Mrs. Barnes.

At the social hour the hostess served a delicious salad course to the members and Mesdames Rosser, Taylor and Burkhalter.

The Woman's Auxiliary. The Woman's Missionary auxiliary met Monday afternoon and had a very lengthy business session. Mrs. W. A. Doak conducted the devotional. Prayer by Mrs. H. G. Towler; song, "What a Friend"; Mrs. W. A. Doak presented the Bible lesson, "St. John's Gospel" in a most interesting manner. Great interest is manifested in these meetings.

Card of Thanks. We take this method of thanking our many dear kind friends for donating us with so many nice useful things since our home was burned especially the country ladies, Mrs. Cordill, Mrs. Joe Wolfe and Mrs. Staveley for their kindness in getting us up so many nice things for house-keeping. Again thanking Mr. Blackard for the \$20 bed, Mr. Underwood for the \$25 mattress, and Bro. Sims for the Bible, where our blessed Saviour tells us his children shall not want for bread. Father and Mother Meador.

Cotton has been coming in rapidly this week and selling for around 20 cents. Quite a good many people are storing with the belief that after the election the price may go to 25 or 30 cents.

The Signal will continue to find B. T. Patterson on Rt. 3.

Mrs. Frank Erwin and little daughter are in Dallas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnston have returned from a trip to Houston, San Antonio and Austin.

VETERAN TELLS OF HOUSTON TRIP

On Oct. 3 quite a crowd of Snyder people started for the old Confederate reunion at Houston. Among them were J. C. Maxwell and wife, Pat Johnston and wife, J. D. Doak and wife, Walton and wife, Bro. L. S. Knight, Bro. Lamb, B. E. Kincannon, A. N. Woodard, Joe Lockwood, John Irwin and Uncle Frank Davis Wade and Soliman, W. T. Thompson. We journeyed along nicely until we got to Temple. There we changed cars and there was three or four hundred Mexicans loaded on the cars and A. N. Woodard, Fesmire, John Irwin and Uncle Frank Davis was loaded on with the Mexicans and must have been sent to old Mexico as they were not seen any more on the trip. The rest of us caught the next train which carried us to Alvin, within 25 miles of Galveston. There they put on a special train to carry us to Houston. We arrived in Houston at 12 o'clock Monday. There we were assigned to homes and furnished a boy scout to show us to our homes. After dinner we started out to see the scenes of Houston, first, to the Rice Hotel, which is the finest in the South. Other interesting places are the City Hall, the Kress and Foster and Munson Buildings, which is the finest block in the South, the viaduct over Buffalo Bayou, and many other fine scenes. Houston claims 170,000 population, with 8,000 old Confederates, and some 10,000 or 12,000 visitors, so you see we had some crowd. On Tuesday we went over to Galveston and took a plunge in the Gulf, which was sure fine. Then we took a walk around the sea wall and then to see the sights of Galveston. The sea wall is five miles long, seventeen feet high, sixteen feet wide and cost over \$1,500,000. At 4 o'clock we went to the wharf to take a boat ride. The Santa Fe furnished a free ride, with free lunches, cold drinks and cigars, free string band which played and sang such songs as "Smiles," "Let the Rest of the World Go By," "Suwanee River," "Old Black Joe," which was joined by the crowd and was fine. There was a man on this boat to tell of the things as we sailed by, first passing boats loading wheat and cotton, cattle to be sent the other side of the waters. We passed two fires which occurred some days ago. To our left was Fort Crockett, the Texas city. There were some 20 or 40 boats among them, one 100,000 ton boat which was on dry dock.

On Wednesday we were in Houston going to the Auditorium. There was seated some 8,000 Confederates, none of them under 71 years of age. To see them enjoying themselves was some sight, some of them dancing as if they were only 20. Then to Harrisburg to see the boat landing there. Wednesday night to the Auditorium where the women danced in the style of dress from 1861 to 1920. The dresses were from the hoop skirts down to the present, which was scarcely no dress at all.

On Thursday we started for home and was joined by Uncle Ben Davis, but he refused to give us the history of his trip up until then. Pat Johnston and wife stopped at Milano Junction to go to Austin and San Antonio, the rest of us returning to Snyder some wiser but badly broke. W. T. THOMPSON.

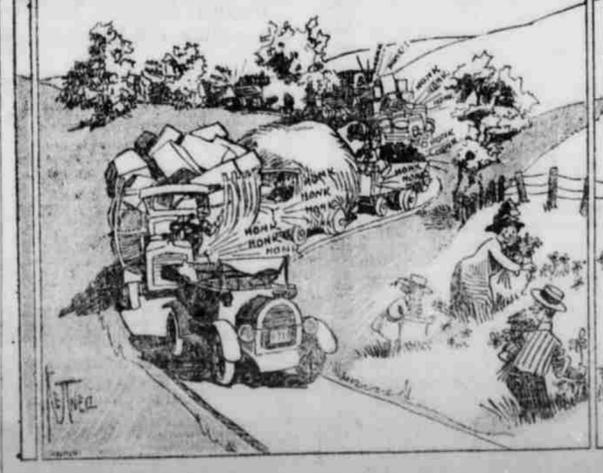
Marriage License Record. Arthur Eades and Miss Nancy Bilberry. Arthur Cook and Miss Marguerite White.

LET'S HAVE BETTER SCHOOLS

Every voter in the coming November election remember that these proposed constitutional amendments which should receive his serious consideration. That amendment in substance, provides that the amount of school tax of one dollar on the one dollar valuation shall not be independent districts created

by general or special law. Certainly no voter who understands this proposed amendment will vote against it, for it is a rare person who is opposed to better schools in this state. If this amendment be defeated, the defeat will be due entirely to ignorant voting rather than to a disposition to keep the public schools financially hampered.

The Obstructionist



THE HABIT OF LEARNING

There is something I have found out since leaving school that may surprise you; you will not have so much use for the things you are learning now as you think you will have," writes the Cave Scout in Boys' Life for September. "As a matter of fact, you will forget nine-tenths of the things you learn in school after you graduate. The most important thing in school is not the information you acquire, but the habit of learning that you establish. Here is a man

with no education. He has never learned how to solve problems. Some trouble comes up in his life—it may be a comparatively simple matter—but he is helpless, can't see any way out of his difficulties. The same situation confronts a man with an education—a trained mind—and he begins to put things together and figure and scheme and soon has a solution to the problem because he has learned how to solve problems by going to school."