

Frail Humanity

AS we are but sorry critters, we human beings, one and all; we do our best, we are not quitters, but our results seem beastly small.

WALT MASON.

How We Increase the Cost Of Living

DURING the last 15 years while the population has increased by 20,000,000, the number of cattle in the country has decreased by 10,000,000; in other words, 15 years ago there were about 63 head of cattle to every 100 persons.

Less than half the land in the United States susceptible to cultivation is actually cultivated. Very few farmers yet appreciate the value of livestock and poultry on the home farm.

The thrift of the average individual farmer is indicated in a measure by the extent to which he has carried these lines on his farm together with the production of dairy products.

The most important constructive work that can be done for the farmers already on the ground in this valley is to show them how they can increase their profits by multiplying the number of productive animals on farms.

Down go the windows, and tonsillitis, bronchitis, and, worst of all, pneumonia, spread in the heavy air.

The sun is lazier and lazier as the winter equinox is neared. He does not get up and on his job until 7 and quits before 5.

Mount Franklin is a grand old peak when the clouds gather around him. When he thus withdraws his majesty for a space, it adds to his majesty.

El Paso may well brag of her Christmas stores; they are bright, happy, and clean; the stock of goods is varied and in good taste; prices are reasonable; clerks are polite; service is prompt.

Mexico Shuts Uncle Sam's Schools

THE MEASURE of Mexico's greatness and power is given in the statement that the public schools have been closed for two months at Naco on account of troubles between rival chiefs across the border.

The Salvation Army girl is at the corner with her kettle, reminding the world of the very bright and cheerful fight the soldiers are making against sin and trouble.

We are so busy with our own fortunes in the United States that it is difficult to realize how immensely South America is developing. Buenos Aires is already a city that New Yorkers have to respect.

Chicago is outgrowing its awkward age and settling down into a city of well known dignity and charm. Travelers who know the world's cities have always a good word for Chicago.

14 Years Ago Today

From The Herald This Date 1900.

J. H. Nations has bought 400 head of cattle at \$10 a head. Ray Merrill is ill at his home, but is reported as recovering. Frank Thomas will build a \$700 brick residence on Virginia street.

Mrs. H. Rhodes and two sons and daughter arrived in El Paso this morning for the purpose of making this city their home. Joe Dwyer, one of the customs guards who was shot in the leg by a Mexican smuggler several days ago, is recovering rapidly.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

CLIMATIC conditions have been better in the Laguna district this year than for many seasons past, said F. L. Lester. "The cotton crop is a good one and will be of fair size despite the trouble conditions that resulted in lack of sufficient pickers."

"I am glad to see that soccer football has taken hold in the public schools," said A. L. Holm of the Y. M. C. A. "It is the kind of a game which permits so many to participate."

"We always have more fires during the winter months than during the rest of the year," said assistant chief John T. Sullivan. "We are called to many chimney fires. But the real bane of our existence are fires which are due to hot ashes. These fires, almost without exception, are due to the carelessness of householders. They throw ashes, which are still quite hot or have cooled off only on the surface, into wooden boxes, or barrels, or against wooden fences or out-buildings. The result is a blaze which does more or less damage before it is extinguished."

"Conditions in the Arizona and New Mexico cities are not as good as they are in El Paso," said John Fleming, jr., an employe of the Southwestern railroad who has been making an extended trip through those states. "However, they are not quite as bad as some believe. While a number of industries have shut down completely and many are running with only half crews or less, yet the business generally is pretty much as usual. Excepting the laboring element, very few men have been laid off during the past few months. From what I was able to learn the mining and smelter towns have suffered most. Many employes have been laid off in these towns, and the result has caused the merchants there to suffer great loss of trade. However, things appear to be picking up a little again and it is thought that after the first of the year many of the old employes will be back to work."

"I have the greatest faith in the world in El Paso," said R. E. Thomson. "Otherwise I would not have located here. There is bound to be a large city sometime in this section of the southwest and El Paso, as the gateway to Mexico and the trading center of a large territory lying in all directions, is bound to be that city. El Paso interests are varied. The mining industry of the southwest centers here and is bound to grow as advanced methods of mining are brought out. The livestock industry is already large and is destined to become more important."

"I think I shall locate in El Paso permanently," said R. L. Haynes, who recently arrived here from Louisiana. "It is the most prosperous place I have encountered in the last few months and it appears to have a start that will make it one of the large cities of the southwest. I like the way El Paso is built and the hustle that is everywhere shown."

"El Pasoans will have an opportunity to hear an exceptionally high class of music at the El Paso Symphony orchestra concert Friday afternoon," said Mrs. Lewis, who has been taking a brief vacation, has returned to town. A. M. DeBor and Rosie E. Abbott have been granted a license to marry. George W. Lyons, formerly of this city, is in El Paso to spend the holidays. J. Goodman is preparing to close up his business in Juarez and go to Laredo. W. S. Snyder, of Kansas, has written here regarding establishing a broom factory. T. E. Hunt went west yesterday, but will return in time to spend the holidays here. Jose Varela, city secretary of Juarez, is recovering from wounds received a few days ago. Switchman Lynch, of the G. H., who has been taking a short layoff, has returned to work. Lieut. W. J. Glasgow is on his way here from Cuba to spend the holidays with his family. There are still many hobos in town and the police have been ordered to round all of them up. Mrs. Cartwright, of California, is spending the winter season with her sister, Mrs. W. E. Pulliam.

A Live Mouse In Tabbyland



BY FLORENCE E. YODER.

ONE of the strangest things about Tabbyland and yet one of the things which is very easily explained when one thinks about it was the fact that there were no mice there.

None of the Tabby children, in all of their lives, had seen a real live mouse! That sounds very strange at first, to think of kitties growing up without ever having seen mice, but how could they ever see them? What mouse was likely to be so silly as to visit a place which was simply running over with cats?

Whenever Mrs. Tabby thought that her children needed a taste of mouse she went far away, all alone, and caught what she needed. Her kitty children were so small that she had never taken them with her on these trips, and as she always brought back the mice dead, they had never seen a live one. Indeed they had never thought anything about it, for although catching mice is a very important lesson for kitties who live in the world of human beings, it was a matter of no importance at all to kitties who lived in a world of their own and had their meals brought at the store just like human children.

Now you can understand just how matters stood one night when Mrs. Tabby left the children alone for the evening and went out to make a call. They were all in the sitting room, and Tootie was out in the kitchen making candy. She went busily back and forth from the pantry to the stove, and when the candy was mixed, stood and stirred it. The sounds of play from the other room made her anxious to hurry and get in the garage, too.

Now her very last thought was that she would see a live mouse. In all her life she had not seen one and here was nothing to make her think that on this particular night a mouse would foolishly come sneaking into Tabbyland.

She heard a little noise at the door, but thought that it was just a twig tapping in the wind. Then she heard a little noise at the window, but thought that too was the wind. The room was very warm and she went over and opened the window just a little crack. She turned her back and went to stirring the candy again, and in that moment the tiny little mouse, frightened half to death and not knowing what else to do, slipped in through the open window and jumped down on the floor.

Tootie was sure that she had heard a noise inside of the kitchen this time, and turned around just in time to see the poor little mouse run from the wall out into the middle of the room. The kitty girl had no idea that mice ran so fast, or that they were really afraid of kitties. She made one jump for a little stool and like any other girl would have done, she hopped on it, picked up her skirts and began to scream for her life.

Teddy rushed into the room, grabbed the broom, and although he had never seen a live mouse either and did not know how to attack one, made for the poor little creature. It might have spoken up and defended itself, but it did not know that it was in Tabbyland, and could speak, and only covered flat on the ground in front of Ted.

Teddy raised the broom to strike, but it did look so wrong to hit a creature that did not even run for its life, and he waited a moment. But in that second the door had opened, and in rushed Mrs. Tabby. She stared to see the kitty on the floor, and the boy with the broom in his hand, but when she looked on the floor and saw the poor little mouse she did not know whether to scold or to laugh!

The kitties looked up at her, and in that moment the mouse took to its four heels, and scuttled over the floor and out of the door like magic! Then Mrs. Tabby sat down and laughed until she cried, gathered the kitties all about her and told them just how to catch mice and what to do when one came around.

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Students of the El Paso Schools

A SPLENDID big auditorium with a seating capacity of several hundred, a good sized platform and a piano, are part of the Lamar school equipment. The auditorium has meant a very great deal to the school, for the opera programs which are given twice a year, are held here. These opera programs are one of the most important features of the year in the music work of the grade schools.

El Paso is the only city in which this feature is included in the school work. The idea originated with the school principal, Miss Alice Fitzpatrick, several years ago, as being a way in which the children could be made familiar with the best music. No successful were these programs with the Lamar school children that, last year, children of all the eighth grades of the other schools were included.

The children study the principal choruses of the opera to be given and then the most prominent musicians of the city sing the solos and duets, while Mrs. W. R. Brown, of the music department of the Women's club, narrates the story of the opera. The operas that have been given in this way are Wagner's "Lohengrin," "Lanbaur," Verdi's "Il Trovatore," Balfe's "Bohemian Girl" and Florenz's "Martha."

The pupils of the high fourth grade of the Lamar school, taught by Miss Mae Pulliam, are: Alfonso Anselmo, Arnold Arterburn, Viola Allen, Hubbard Brickley, Margaret Vanden Broeck, Florence Brady, Isabelle Castinado, Rendle Congdon, William Daily, Engracia Fais, Lloyd Gillespie, George Huff, Lucille Hickey, William Kendall, Lawrence Lochhausen, Helen Mathews, William Meers, Pearl Powell, Eva Rascon, David Rascon, Elizabeth Beaucy, Katherine Reaney, Mary Robinson, Sara Richardson, Augustus Robert, Joe Rathoff, Father Signioris, Reginald Sanders, Myrtle Schonberg, Elsie Walker, Fred Whitlock, Irma Wulff, Charles Word. The names of the low fourth grade will appear tomorrow.

The Prussian

BY GEORGE FITCH. Author of "At Good Old Swab."

THE Prussian who has been causing the world more nervousness and expense in the last few months than Napoleon did a hundred years ago is an improvement upon man. He consists of the most useful qualities of the human organism and the modern machine, blended into a harmonious and annihilating whole.

The Prussian was only human until the war of 1870. Since then he has been much more. He is inhuman, superhuman, and when necessary, inflexible. He is a creature of iron and steel, a creature of the machine, a creature of the dynamo, a creature of the electric light, a creature of the automobile, a creature of the airplane, a creature of the airplane, a creature of the airplane.

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DEUTSCHLAND LIEB ALLES!

"He looks upon the rest as his by right, and soon to be by might."

40,000,000 of him, big and little, man and woman, is only one gender in the nation. He only occupies 125,000 square miles of the earth's surface, but looks upon the rest as his by right, and soon to be by might. He has a God in whom he implicitly believes and an assistant God whom he implicitly obeys and he will either rule the world as the Romans once did within a few years or he will batter his brain out against it in the effort.

Organization has made the Prussian what he is, and specialization. He makes war by beginning with the study of soils, climate, stress angles, toxins, breaking strings, steel molecules, mosquito breeds, and condensed proteins. Two years afterward when he touches the button and the big noise begins he is only finishing up the job which the other fellow has not begun. Copyrighted by George Matheun.

any army post, and it must be admitted that there are very few sections of the world which are not being overrun by the Prussian. The Prussian is a creature of the machine, a creature of the dynamo, a creature of the electric light, a creature of the automobile, a creature of the airplane, a creature of the airplane, a creature of the airplane.

IRIGUIES DRY LAND CANAL. Editor El Paso Herald: East El Paso has suffered to the extent of \$50,000 during the summer by congested water from rains. There is no outlet for this water to get to the river, so it spreads out and soaks in the ground. It has caused sickness in that community as well as having damaged property to the extent of many thousands of dollars.

It has been proposed that both the city and county together to carry this volume of water to the river. The company has had its men watching this water during the winter, and it is to the five mile bridge to find it backing up against the county road and the banks of the canal. It has no outlet to the river.

A dry land canal will sooner or later be built north of the track through East El Paso and on down to the five mile bridge to carry this overflow water.

Now is the time that the city and county should look forward to this move and join the G. H. & S. A. Railway company and the city and county and put this canal through East El Paso and prevent any further damage to property.

The dry land canal could be built in such a way that the dirt taken out could be made a splendid driveway (not necessarily paved). It could be graded on the south side and would be a great convenience through this sandy part of the city.

T. W. Ardoin. REGISTERS A PROTEST. Editor El Paso Herald: I wish to protest. Here is our great and wonderfully progressive city issuing bonds for a magnificent high school building and doing other "showy" stunts, which are all very well and admirable, but cutting the salaries promised the teachers by forcing them to discount their warrants, then a bankrupt pays 25 cents on the dollar of his debts, we pity him, but he has done his best. Not so the enterprising city that contracts with honorable teachers for a certain salary, and deliberately goes ahead and dishonors its contract. Teachers are desirable as policemen every one will admit. It would be a great pity to dishonor them? Why not be consistent and cut the salaries of the policemen, the firemen and the mayor? Citizen.

Letters To The Herald

[All communications must bear the signature of the writer, but the name will be withheld if requested.]

HADNESS NOT LEARNED IN ARMY. Editor El Paso Herald: Having read with great interest the letter written by an infantry soldier, entitled, "Two Kinds of Soldiers," I would say a word of appreciation and consolation to my brother, who has enlisted. What he says is true, that all men should not come under one heading, or be placed in one great class, because a few men of many thousand soldiers have deserved the criticism and condemnation of the public by their conduct and deportment while on the streets and in uniform.

Yet, it should be remembered, that those men who act disgracefully with their uniform on them, would no doubt act disgracefully in any other dress, whether a painter or plumber or uneducated civilian; and in the army as perhaps nowhere else, are there things conducive to the making of a good, upright and industrious life, which the infantryman seeks of. Regularly, cleanliness of person and surroundings, good food, comfortable bed, the good and instructive example of educated and brave superior officers, all go to make for the willing to be a good soldier, and there are thousands of good soldiers who take advantage of all the good opportunities offered in army life.

This is proved by a walk through good, to find everyone imbued with the holiday spirit. Christmas should be the happiest time in the world for everyone. People should take the giving of gifts in the right way and not go at it as an obligatory burden that taxes their pocketbooks. Nothing is worse than the over expensive Christmas presents which the giver cannot afford, but because of this, the giving of presents should not be discontinued. The gift without the giver is bare. Everyone ought to get back to the idea of the interchange of simple gifts, just to show good will and remembrance.

The Christmas trees decorating the are right "pops" in front of the stores, certainly give the holiday aspect, said Frank O. Jenkins. "It does a person good, to find everyone imbued with the holiday spirit. Christmas should be the happiest time in the world for everyone. People should take the giving of gifts in the right way and not go at it as an obligatory burden that taxes their pocketbooks. Nothing is worse than the over expensive Christmas presents which the giver cannot afford, but because of this, the giving of presents should not be discontinued. The gift without the giver is bare. Everyone ought to get back to the idea of the interchange of simple gifts, just to show good will and remembrance."

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INDOOR SPORTS



INDOOR SPORTS. LISTENING TO ONE OF THE BOYS STALL OFF AN AMBITIOUS DOLL WHO WANTS TO BUST INTO THE ART ROOM.

What a Whale of a Prophet! W. S. Gilbert was a remarkable man. He wrote "Pinafore" before secretary Daniels had ever been heard of.