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It is a pleasing coincidence that the Red Cross campaign for \$100,000,000, which immediately followed the conclusion of the Liberty Loan campaign, resulted in an over-subscription of practically the same per centage as the over-subscription to the loan. The American people are well over 100 per cent patriotic, and well over 100 per cent generous.

The best war sign on the front is that the Russian bear is back on the job. It is true they have not accomplished a great deal on the eastern front but the fact that the Russians are again on the offensive shows that they do not have much idea of making a separate peace pact with the German empire. It is to be hoped that she is proving to the world that democracy has taken from her people none of their power. The American mission to Petrograd seems to have touched the reason of the masses and they have responded to the warning with enthusiasm.

EAT TUMBLE WEED.

W. F. Fletcher, in charge of the government's dry farming experiment station at Woodward, Okla., has rendered humanity a distinct service. He has discovered a scheme whereby people, of the west at least, need not worry about something with which to appease the pangs of hunger. It is nothing more or less than the lowly and much despised tumble weed. Here is what he says:

"In view of the shortage for green vegetables at this time of year, wish to call attention to the Russian thistle, or tumble weed (Salsola pestifer), which at this time of the year is a tender, juicy plant.

"If taken while the stems are tender

and easily broken, it makes greens familiar to spinach and just as good in all respects. The preparation for the table is the same as that given spinach or kale.

"If this plant is utilized to its full value this spring it can add considerably to the farmers, and at the same time relieve the shortage of green vegetables in the towns and cities.

"I would urge that those who know the value of this weed, put forth their best efforts to popularize it, and those who do not know it get acquainted with it at the first opportunity."

If you have any idea of adopting tumble weed as a part of your daily diet, we would advise you not to depend upon it too much after it becomes dry, cuts loose from its moorings and goes speeding across the New Mexico plains, assisted by a 60 mile an hour wind. Rounding up a meal under such circumstances would prove to be a task which the average man would shrink from performing. One might as well try to win a race with a jack rabbit as to attempt to capture a luscious bit of tumble weed when it gets to going good under the right conditions.—Albuquerque Journal.

THE RE-ADJUSTMENT.

Speaking of the moving away of the subsons from Texico, the Texico-Farwell News says:

This week Neal & Herbert have been active shipping out their big stock. Several car loads have gone. They go to Wichita Falls, Texas.

Felix Herbert and family have already gone to their new home, and Harry Neal and family will go in the next few days.

The J. E. Deats Company are shipping their extensive stock to San Angelo, Texas, where they will resume business about July 15th.

J. F. Deats and family, Joe Deats, and perhaps some of their employees here will soon go to San Angelo. Mr. Deats is a pioneer here, having located here about 19 years ago.

E. Cranfill has already gone to Magdalena, N. M., but his family remains in Texico.

C. P. Hunter is still resting on his oars. Likes Texico too well to leave it.

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COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HOLDS MEETING

The Curry county school board held its third meeting at the court house June 29th. Those present were: A. J. Conley, W. W. Hungate, E. C. Huffman and Jas. M. Bickley. At this meeting the board passed the following orders:

1st. That school district No. 58 be allowed two teachers, one for the north part and one for the south part of the district.

2nd. That districts 6 and 27 and sections 16, 15 and 21 of district No. 10 be consolidated and that the school house be located on northwest of section 30, as requested.

3rd. That we propose to Roosevelt county school board that they allow children living in Curry county, where it is more convenient, to attend school in Roosevelt county, and that children living in Roosevelt county, where it is more convenient, to attend school in Curry county.

4th. That Mr. Marnell be allowed \$20.00 per month to furnish transportation for six pupils to districts 6 and 27 during the school year 1917-18.

5th. That the teachers salaries be allowed as follows:

District No.	1st Grade	2nd Grade
3	\$70.00	\$65.00
4	70.00	65.00
6	65.00	60.00
8	75.00	70.00
13	65.00	60.00
14	65.00	60.00
16	70.00	65.00
25	75.00	70.00
27	75.00	70.00
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21	85.00	80.00
21	70.00	65.00
41	85.00	80.00
41	70.00	65.00

6th. That all one room schools have seven months term of school and all others eight months term.

The meeting adjourned to meet July 12th, at which time they will visit the Curry County Institute.

Jas. M. Bickley,

President County School Board.

JOURNEYING

By GEORGE MATTHEWS ADAMS

One of the fascinating things of this life is traveling. We are all Travelers. The best thing, however, is that most of us are paying our own fare. Many are not, but if you are journeying on a PAID ticket—paid for by yourself, you are getting somewhere.

Many a man has traveled along, year in and year out, with others paying his fare and making his way comparatively easy and smooth, only to be suddenly shut off and left dizzily alone in the midst of his journeying—with no one caring to longer pay his fare.

The largest compensation possible to service is that it is paid for in earnest and willing effort—unassisted.

Another angle to Journeying is noticed where a man not only pays his own fare, but pays the fare of many others. In other words, he is "held up." When such is the case, there is nothing but injustice done all around—injustice to the man who holds him up, and injustice to the one who is held up.

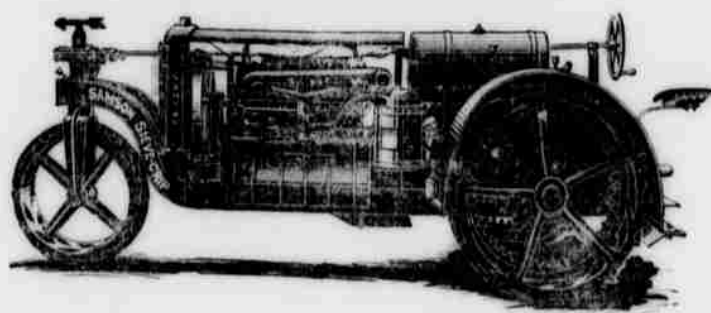
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The Bible tells us that Naomi was 50 years old when she got married. Surely that ought to be some consolation to the old maids.

Monopolies are like babies. Most men are opposed to them on general principles until they acquire a personal interest in one.

The man who boasts that he works with his head instead of his hands is respectfully reminded that the woodpecker does the same, and is the biggest kind of a bore at that.

Don't blame a man if he thinks more of his typewriter than he does of his wife; you know, he can dictate to his typewriter.

Don't wait for an engraved invitation when you are alone with a kissable girl.

Another wall-eyed liar is the fellow who tells you that he does not care anything about the money, but that it is the principle of the thing he is kicking about.

Some men are slow to anger, and do not appear dangerous, but the longer it takes them to hit back the harder they are liable to hit when they do start in.

The trouble with the average after dinner speaker is that his hearers get the impression that he is going to stay on the job until after breakfast.

Pride is hard to understand. It will make a young man think more of a low salaried position than of a good paying job.

CLOVIS WON AGAIN.

Portales and Clovis played ball again last Sunday on the local grounds. Clovis has beaten Portales every game the two teams have played this year, but the games are always close enough to be interesting. The Clovis boys scored five times in the first inning, and were winners of the game, but the Portales bunch brought in enough runs during the game to make the final score 7 to 6.

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22,441 ACRES PLANTED ON STATE LAND

Santa Fe, N. M., July 5.—A total of 22,441 acres have been planted to various food and forage crops on the state's leased grazing lands, according to a compilation of returns up to July 1st, issued today by the state land office. It is not expected that any material additions will be made to the acreage of this planting this season. Although State Land Commissioner Robert P. Evelyn was on the ground early in the increased crop production movement, with his permit to farm lands under grazing lease without additional rental during the period of the war, the permit did not actually reach the lease holders until the middle of April, and it was then too late for many of them to change their plans for the use of leased lands for the present season. Others were unable to plant because of lack of equipment and labor. In view of these conditions and the fact that the leasers of the state's grazing lands are stock men, of majority without experience in farming, the result in acreage planted is regarded as satisfactory, for a first season. Many of the leasers have written the land office that although they were unable to plant any of their leased land this season, they expect to break acreage this fall for planting either to winter wheat, or in preparation for next season's crops. From these assurances it is estimated that double the leased acreage now actually in crops will be broken this fall.

With his permit to farm on grazing leases the land commissioner issued an urgent recommendation that the new farmers follow the advice of the state agricultural college experts and plant only the crops known to be best adapted to local conditions and late season planting, the leaders being New Mexico pinto beans, corn, sorghum and other well tried forage crops, and Irish potatoes where conditions were known to be favorable. The grazing lease farmers have followed this advice closely. Of the 22,441 acres planted, more than half the area is in the crops named, the acreage being as follows:

New Mexico pinto beans, 4426; corn, 3433; sorghum, 3777; kaffir, 1146; milo maize, 2378; potatoes, 1361. The balance of the acreage is divided among wheat, hay, oats, barley, rye, broom corn, cow peas and truck.

Every county in the state is represented in the returns except Bernalillo,

where the acreage of state land is small. Union county leads in total acreage, with 2912; Quay is next with 2481 acres, and Curry third with 1997 acres. The rest of the counties range from 1807 acres in Guadalupe to 29 acres in Sandoval.

A very large number of holders of state grazing leases are farming on their own lands, or homestead claims. This fact led the state land commissioner to issue a blank asking for information as to acreage increase this season on lands adjacent to state lands. A total of 140 farmers in twenty counties answered these requests, showing a total acreage being farmed, contiguous to state land of 15,277, and an increase by these farmers over the acreage farmed by them in 1916, of 7679 acres. These farmers on land adjoining state land also make the big four their leading crops, the returns showing 2881 acres in New Mexico pinto beans, 2414 acres in corn, 2550 acres in sorghums, 2136 in milo and 1330 in kaffir. All of these latter returns are from lands owned by holders of state grazing leases and contiguous to or within one mile of their leased lands. The information gained by this questionnaire has proved of considerable value in estimating the character and value of the state lands.

The land commissioner has left it wholly to the judgment and convenience of the lease holder as to whether or not any of his leased land be farmed. It has not been desired to disturb grazing lands where such lands would bring better results in food production in carrying cattle or sheep. The response to the permit, however, has been such as to encourage the land office to a vigorous campaign to extend the acreage next season should the crops harvested prove satisfactory.

TO OPERATE MOVIES ON SUNDAY ILLEGAL

Santa Fe, July 4.—It is unlawful for any person to operate a motion picture machine in New Mexico on Sunday, according to a ruling by Attorney General Harry L. Patton, but the playing of baseball on Sunday is legal. The supreme court has interpreted baseball as recreation, even when one derives a livelihood therefrom, but the attorney general says that though the film houses are recreation places, the operator of the picture machines must labor and thus the state law prohibiting Sunday labor is violated. The opinion was handed down recently in a letter answering an inquiry from Tularosa.

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