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High School Minstrels

What will undoubtedly be one of the best shows ever seen in the local opera house will be presented on Monday evening when the High School students put on their Oriental Lady Minstrels and Black Faed Men. The whole evening will be devoted to fun and music with an abundance of local hits on celebrities well known. It happens that the four boys selected for the end men fit the parts well and the show will be a memorable one. Seats can be reserved at Rose's Drug Store up to Monday evening at six o'clock, but no seats will be reserved at the door. Patrons will guard their own interests by getting their seats early. There will be two shows, one at 7:15 p. m. and one at 9:00.

I want to go back, I want to go back,
I want to go back to the farm.
Far away from harm with a milk pail on my arm;
I miss the rooster, the one that us-
ter wake me up at four a. m.
I think your great big city's very
pretty;
Nevertheless, I want to be there,
I want to see there
A certain someone full of charm;
That's why I wish again
That I was in Michigan,
Down on the farm.

That American Legion

We have in the United States an influence that is constantly seeking war, editorially remarks the El Paso Morning Times. That influence has made itself felt during all the time of the prevailing Mexican troubles, and more than once would have precipitated armed interference into the affairs of our neighbors but for the square-jawed man in control at Washington. With the development of war in Europe this same influence has constantly been active, and our unpreparedness for war has been constantly paraded as an incentive to the enkindling of a greater military spirit.

Not satisfied with former methods, however, there has now been unmasked a brazen effort to cultivate the military spirit through the organization of what is called the "American Legion." The name of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and a letter of endorsement from him were used to give force to the movement, and Major General Wood, of the army, and Commander Crauk, of the navy, have been represented as prime movers in the schemes.

There is nothing doing at Washington for the "American Legion," except a request to remove its headquarters from government property, and it is thus another great scheme has died aborting.

War End In July

London, March 17 (3:10 a. m.)—Edgar Crammond, a prominent financial writer, in a paper before the Royal Statistical society yesterday, dealing with the cost of the war, said the war must end in July through the exhaustion of some of the belligerents.

Mr. Crammond estimates the total cost of the war to the end of July as £3,398,000,000 (\$16,990,000,000) and the total economic loss through damage to property and other direct and indirect losses at £15,498,000,000 (\$45,740,000,000). He estimates that Great Britain alone will spend up to the end of July £708,000,000.

The Times, commenting upon Mr. Crammond's figures, thinks he takes a somewhat exaggerated view, although he is in possession of facts which entitle his opinion to respect. The Times points out that Premier Asquith's estimate of Great Britain's expenditures during the same period was only £5000,000,000, but adds: "This certainly now appears to be low, even if Mr. Crammond's estimate is too high, and it is already believed in financial quarters that the government will be obliged to have recourse to a new war loan sooner than was anticipated, probably in the month of May."

Old Cattlemen

Another old trail man has shown up. R. B. Pumphrey received a letter from J. C. Griffith of Houston, who apologizes for writing him, as he has not preserved Secretary Luther A. Lawhon's address. The letter has been turned over to him, however, for his usual prompt attention. He says: "I went up the trail in 1880 for 'Dud' and Tom Snyder of Georgetown and the latter now lives in New Mexico. Dick Arnett was boss of the herd. Some of the other men who went along were Webb Arnett, George Arnett, John Arnett, Joe Arnett, Cyrus Marcus and John Kendrick, who now lives in Wyoming. We ranched our cattle on the Cheyenne River, and I worked for them five years. I wish to join the organization. Tell me what steps to take." Mr. Griffith's address is 1517 Scott Street, Houston.—San Antonio Express.

Colonel D. H. Snyder lives in Georgetown and Captain Tom Snyder lives in Clayton, N. M. The other brother, Captain J. W. Snyder, lives in Georgetown. The Snyder brothers were once among the largest cattle dealers in Texas, Wyoming and Colorado.—Georgetown Commercial.

Farmers And Ranchmen

A farmers convention will be held at the courthouse Saturday, April 3, 1915, for the purpose of organizing a county clearing house on the plans proposed by the Farmers Society of Equity.

Prominent speakers have been chosen for the occasion, and matters of importance to each and every one will be discussed.

Come out; the presence of every farmer and ranchman is desired. W. E. Camron, Co. Sec'y F. S. E., Clayton, N. M.

Quarantine Is Tight

Santa Fe, N. M., March 17.—Under the extension of authority given him by the amendment to the quarantine law, Governor McDonald is insisting upon the most rigid quarantine of New Mexico against infection by the dreaded foot and mouth disease. Appeals from all quarters are pouring in on the governor by letter and telegram for modifications of the sweeping order issued last week. The governor, however, is refusing all alike, considering that protection of the range against this infection is probably the most important thing at stake in the state at the present time.

"This quarantine is tight and it is going to stay tight," said the governor today. "If I could I would quarantine against the birds."

The Quest of Sol-ons

Now it came to pass that in the third year of the reign of the great king Bill See-Mac that a certain portion of the people of the sunshine-Land felt called upon to go forth and Serve the People. And behold, in accord with the law of the land, they went before the Electorate at the next election and a certain portion thereof were selected to go to the city of Big-Gab, the same being the capital and the residence of Bill-See-Mac, and for sixty and one days and sixty and one nights they did Throw the Bull mightily.

And in the course of the period they did enact many laws, some good, some not so good, but in the enactment they did all of them indulge in the pastime aforesaid, even Bro-Mo, who for five years had sat in the halls of Big-Gab without opening his mouth except to say Aye, aye, and Nay, nay, when awakened from his slumbers for a Roll-Call.

And they did vary the pleasant sport of Throwing the Bull by playing that other game, Ousting Bo-Hor-Kes, which same was very popular this year and like unto the Tango for holding the general interest. And with other sports and pastimes did they beguile the weary hours which the law demanded they should spend in the city of Big-Gab, but in legislation they followed a Constructive Program.

And lo, when the sixty days and nights were up, and when the Majority, by ruling of its might, had added one day and one night thereto, and that was up, they did adjourn. And all the people counted the cost and said, "Verily, why should we pay the Piper for the Sol-ons to Throw the Bull? What have they given us?" This constructive program never got past the first syllable. And there arose among them a mighty desire to Get Something for Their Kale. And a great resolve swept over the land of Sun Shine that when again the Sol-ons should offer to go to Big-Gab and there gab-bly, they the Sovereign People would say unto them, "Nay, ye have spent sixty-one nights in Throwing the Bull, and though that be a pleasant sport, we were not admitted to observe and therefore this time we will go to Big-Gab ourselves."

And this is the prophecy of democracy, which same is a great prophet in the land of Sunshine, and in two years will it come true.—Albuquerque Herald.

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Tramperos

Henry Mercer made a business trip to Nara Viva last week.

Mrs. Henry Mercer was on the sick list for several days, but is able to be around again.

Chas. J. Kappus of Toledo, Ohio and Fred Hoelderle, real estate man of Clayton, visited the Ohio ranch last week, of which Mr. Kappus is president, and Mr. Hoelderle, secretary.

Will and Oro Weckel and George Kile were Clayton visitors the first of the week.

Despite the bad weather and bad roads the attendance at our school has been good. Miss McClendon is teaching a very successful term of school.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ronsh and

son, Van, made an auto trip to Clayton last week. Mr. Ronsh is manager of the Ohio ranch.

With all the moisture we have, and all the people plowing and listing, it looks like a certainty that another bumper crop will be raised on the flats this year.

Steve Kendel and sister, Miss Rosa, spent several days in Clayton this week.

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For Lease—Long or Short Time My Cimarron Valley River Ranch. Write Mrs. Cora E. Bontz, Kenton Oklahoma.

The Pruitt Case

The Pruitt murder case has been on trial in district court all week. Two days, Monday and Tuesday, were consumed in securing a jury.

About fifty witnesses have been examined, and attorneys began their arguments this morning. It is the general opinion that the defendant will be acquitted, and a verdict is expected late this evening. The jury is composed of the following:

Maclario Casados, James Walker, T. B. Hight, J. M. Abeyta, J. W. Coulson, Manuel Chacon, J. A. Jacobs, Francisco Gallegos, J. L. Edgington, Gregorio Miera, Jerry Barton, M. C. Johnson. Three special venire, besides the regular venire, were required to secure the jury.

Now's the time to plant your seed wheat Herzstein Seed Co. home grown non-irrigated.

Cuates

Spring is breaking, and everybody is plowing and beginning their spring work.

The dance Friday evening the 12th, at the home of Ira Wood, was well attended. Fine music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Fisher. Refreshments were served at midnight.

Miss Stella Kendrick fell from a box Saturday and sprained her arm very badly. She is getting along nicely at present.

Clyde Huff is shucking corn for C. M. Sprague this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Huff were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Anderson.

One of C. E. Stone's children has the scarletina.

J. W. Stone made a business trip to Clayton the first of the week. He brought out several barrels of oil for Mr. Bearup.

J. J. Merilatt has a new socialist voter at his home. It will be about twenty-one years before the new arrival can exercise the right of suffrage.

We Bet on Woodrow

Nothing that the Kaiser has pinned a decoration on his little grandson, a correspondent of the Chicago Herald inquired: "Could you imagine President Wilson pinning anything on his little grandson?" "Yes," answers the Houston Post, "We can imagine such a thing, and the man who does not know how to do it well before he becomes a grandfather is not worthy of having a grandson."

All rubber goods, drugs and drug sundries at the City Drug Store.

W. C. Porter, Dead

W. C. (Jack) Porter, one of the best known and most highly respected pioneers of Union county, died last Saturday night, March 13th, paralysis of the heart being the immediate cause of death. He had been ailing for some time, but his death was unexpected. Mr. Porter was down town in the forenoon before his death. He had been a resident of Union for thirty-five years, and was seventy-four years of age. He was considered one of the best stockmen in the country, and had been foreman of the Eklund ranch for a number of years. The funeral services will be held tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon at 2 o'clock at the family residence, and interment will be made in the local cemetery. The family has the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

School Notes

On April 2nd, during the entire afternoon there will be an exhibit of school work at the school house. All parents and patrons are cordially invited to be present and to inspect the work done. There will be work exhibited from the sewing department, from the manual training department, and there will be also many maps and much outline work as well as drawings. During the afternoon visitors will also have a chance to inspect the working of the school.

J. W. Thompson, Superintendent.

Cake Sale

The Baptist Ladies aid will give a cake sale Saturday afternoon at the John Spring meat market. All kinds of cakes and cookies will be on sale at popular prices. Don't fail to attend.

John Bartlett of near Vance, was a business visitor and trader in the city the first of the week. Mr. Bartlett is a Union county booster, a Missouri democrat, and has a very derogatory opinion of the "Jimmy."

Thos. P. James, prominent ranchman of near Des Moines, attended to business in the county seat the first of the week. While here he squared his subscription to The News for another year. They all like it.

J. A. Arnhart of near Thomas, attended to business in the city Thursday and Friday. He recently returned from Missouri, and was real glad to get back to New Mexico, the prosperous land of sunshine and plenty.

When it is necessary to take medicine, you should take only the best. Physicians prescriptions correctly compounded of only pure drugs. City Drug Store, the store with a reputation.

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President H. J. Hammond of the First National Bank, returned the first of the week from an extended trip to Boulder, Colorado, where he went to take the baths and recuperate from a recent illness.

F. C. Field, the be-whiskered editor of the Citizen and prominent ranchman of Clapham country, attended to business in the city the first of the week. Mr. Field is enjoying great success with his farm and ranch.