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**The First National Bank of El Paso, Texas**

**NOVEMBER 17, 1916**

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Our school work is well organized and the close of the year finds the regular order of things well established. The laboratories are completed and well equipped. The mechanical drawing room is splendidly furnished and well lighted. The collection of minerals is now quite large and new specimens are constantly coming in, thus letting the studies in this important field proceed to advantage.

We have all now become adjusted to the new conditions and are in a position to pursue the regular work to the best advantage.

Plans for the new school are being made as rapidly as possible. In a transaction of this magnitude, time is required to make the necessary financial arrangements, but the matter is being pushed and it is practically assured that the new buildings will be completed before the opening of the school next fall.

Among the numerous improvements which the new school will have, will be a location on which a practice mine can be put down. This will enable students to get the practical work in mining. The mine will be equipped with the various machines and devices which experience has proven to be best suited in the mining work.

The school also will offer, in addition to the regular mining course, a number of elective subjects, which will be taken for credit on advanced standing at the University.

We all look forward to the completion of the new buildings which will greatly increase the rate of growth of the school.

RANK OF STATES IN MINERAL PRODUCTION

We often hear the statement made that Texas is not a mining state or that her resources are not developed. To disprove the former we compiled the following results from the last Mineral Resources and as a matter of interest we included, New Mexico and Arizona. The Southwest is responsible for a lot of mineral and if Texas really developed some of its mineral deposits which now lie idle the Southwest would increase in mineral importance.

Total Production. Arizona 7th, Texas 18th, New Mexico 27th.
Copper. Arizona 1st with 1-3 of the United States production of the world, New Mexico 5th, with 5 1-2 per cent of the United States production.
Petroleum. Texas 4th in quantity or 7 1-2 per cent of United States production.

Natural Gas. Texas 8th.
Silver. Arizona 6th, New Mexico 8th, Texas 10th.
Coal. New Mexico 17th, Texas 21st. Coke. New Mexico 10th.
Lime. Texas 18th.
Stone. Texas 27th, New Mexico 33rd.

NOTE: Where rank is not given it indicates that either none of the mineral is produced or the rank not worth consideration.

The best results are secured through the co-operation of men who are contented and who have respect for and confidence in their leaders.—Geo. W. Goethals.
MECHANICAL HINTS

In small plants such as are usually found around isolated mines care must be taken in the selection of proper sizes of shafting for counter shafts.

We will suppose the power plant for a certain mine to consist of a simple, non-condensing 15x20 Corliss Engine, taking steam at 125 lbs gage, cut-off 1-4 speed 120 R. P. M., and exhausting into the atmosphere, the above engine should develop approximately 95 hp at sea level. Now suppose that we should desire to belt the above engine to a counter-shaft running say 250 R. P. M., according to the hand-book of one of the best known manufacturers it would require a turned steel shaft 3 3-16 in diameter.

For a plant of approximately the above power around an isolated mine one would be more apt to find a crude oil engine. If this oil engine is of a single cylinder 4 stroke cycle type, it means that the engine receives all of the power that is to be transmitted during 1-4 of the running time while the steam engine received power during every stroke. To be sure the fly-wheels on the oil engine are heavier and to a certain extent equalize the power transmitted to the counter shaft, but after all a shaft to be used with the general type of oil engine mentioned above should be better than 4 in diameter; the exact size to be determined by other factors, such as weight and diameter of fly-wheels, and whether or not the counter shaft itself is to have a fly-wheel.

YELLOW LEGS

They can talk about eruptions but they couldn’t shoot around,
They do some pretty mapping but they’re plumb lost underground;
They can run a bloomin’ transit but they couldn’t hit a drill,
And I never found one yet who knew the “insides” of a mill.

They’ve studied all Hydraulics but they couldn’t mend a pump
They read about rock breaking but they couldn’t dig a sump.
They’ve got formulas for forces they couldn’t push a car,
So durned if I know just what good the bloomin’ beggars are.

But they’re mostly young and ignorant for they’ve just got out of school,
And for every thing they do they’ve got to have a rule.
But if they “stick around” in time they’re apt to be,
Pretty durn good miners, same as you or me.
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HOBBIES

Though prone to dodge all labor
That tries to come his way,
Man always works the hardest
At things that never pay.

Shy On Both

"The golden eagle is very rare, isn't it?"
"But I don't find it any more so than just the ordinary ten dollar bill."

The Most Devoted

"Who is the one to stick to a fellow to the very last, and who always has a deep-down belief in him, no matter if every one else does think he is no good?"
"Himself."

Slow

"He's a nice fellow to take a girl fishing."
"Why, what did he do?"
"He fished."

English for Export

He—"These is ver bad vetter, is it not, yes?"
She—Jes, it is gettink vetter and vetter."

Capital Punishment

Black—"I saw a woman hung yesterday."
Walker—"Where?"
Black—"Around her lover's neck."

With the poor man as with the hen it is always "shell out."

"What's your nephew that's home from college, doin now?"
"Nothin; and he's got more original ways of accomplishing it than any fellow you ever seen."
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QUICKSILVER ORE AND MINERALS

Texas ranks second in the production of quicksilver in the United States. This is due to the production of one district, the Terlingua in the Big Bend country, about ninety miles south of Alpine. A few months ago the Chisos Mining Co. shipped a car of quicksilver from Alpine valued at $25,000.

The minerals of quicksilver and their occurrence:

- Native mercury, white globules in Cinnabar and gangue--Terlingua district.
- Amalgam with silver, silver white--Utah.
- Cinnabar, Sulphide of Mercury, Vermillion red--Terlingua district.
- Calomel, Mercury chloride, Gray--Terlingua district.
- Kalgoorite, Mercury-gold, silver teluride, Iron black--Australia.
- Goldmanite, Mercury telluride, Iron black, Tiemannite, Mercury selenite, Dark gray--Utah, Germany.
- Schwatzite, Mercurial tetrahedrite--South America, Europe, Oregon.
- Dyscrasite, Carrying mercury--Ottawa, Ontario.

The only one of these minerals which is of any importance as an ore cinnabar.

SOME MINERALS FACTS ABOUT TEXAS

Few Texans know that the value of the Mineral Products of Texas for 1913 was for the same year about 60 per cent. of that of Colorado; about 60 per cent. of that of Utah: nearly equal to that of Nevada; about 50 per cent. more than that of Idaho; about 50 per cent. more than that of Tennessee; about 50 per cent. more than that of Alaska; nearly double that of New Mexico; nearly double that of Washington; about two and one-half times larger than that of Wyoming; about two and one-half times larger than that of Wisconsin; about 4 times larger than that of South Dakota; about 10 times larger than that of Oregon; about 30 times larger than that of North Dakota.

And yet nearly every Texan thinks of the above states as great mineral producing states with the exception of Texas and probably Tennessee. Each of the above states (omitting Alaska) has a State School of Mines.

Few Texans know that the value (reported by an official of the U. S. G. S.) of the coal and lignite in sight, unmined but known to exist, is given at $34,000,000,000.00 for the state of Texas. This is about five times the value of all of the farm products of Texas together with all value of all horses, mules, cows, sheep, goats and hogs in the state. (“Mineral Resources of Texas”)—W. B. Phillips.”

Dr. Phillips naively adds that “about the year 5000 A. D. were Texans may feel a shortage of fuel.”
Football is over at last, and it ended a whole heap better than most of us ever hoped for. After the victory over High School came the game on November 25 with the New Mexico Aggies and the team once more showed the stuff that was in them. The game was played at Mesilla instead of El Paso as had been the first arrangement, and Mines won 6 to 3. About the same tactics were employed in this game as in that with Hi and as can be seen, they were once more successful. The Aggies played a hard game, but were unable to hold the Miners, and Madden at last went around right end and brought in the only touchdown of the game. Mesilla's only points were made on a field goal.

The Mines line-up in this game was Greenfield, left end; Roberts, left tackle; Johnson, left guard; Black, center; Tipton, right guard; McQuatters, right tackle; Bailey, right end; Madden, quarter; Pomeroy, left halfback; Orb Walker, fullback; Scott Walker, right halfback. Substitution, Pomeroy for Bailey and Madden for Pomeroy.

On the night of the twenty-eighth of November, the team left for Roswell to play the New Mexico Military Institute, and here was some bad luck that was bad luck was met. Roswell won 79 to 0, but still in view of the hard trip, it was not so bad a defeat after all. Arriving at two o'clock in the morning, getting but little sleep and playing in an almost different climate altogether, it is little wonder that the Miners were defeated. Anyway, the good time shown them after the game, just about made up for it.

The Mines line-up was: Bailey, left end; Roberts, left tackle; Johnson, left guard; Black, center; Tipton, right guard; McQuatters, right tackle; Pomeroy, right end; Ronan, quarter; Madden for Ronan; Collinson for Madden; Pomeroy for Collinson; Harris for Pomeroy and Shaffer for Harris.

So the season has ended fairly well after all, when the way it started is considered. More games might have been won, but more games might also have been lost, the way it stands is about satisfactory. All the credit in the world is due to the team and
to the coach, Tommy Dwyer, both for the spirit they showed when in a hole and for the way they pulled themselves out of it.

A summary of the season is as follows:

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What about basket ball this year? There seems to be quite a bit of good material lying around the school but so far nothing has been started. With a little more practicing than was done last year a winning team ought to be formed. Think about it.

Selection of Coach Dwyer

In trying to select an all star football team, I find myself up against a very difficult proposition. The difficulty arises from the fact that most of the colleges in this section of the country are so unfavorably located geographically with reference to T. S. M., that it has been almost impossible for me to see any team play more than one game this season, and there is one team, the University of New Mexico that I did not see at all.

I only saw the University of Arizona and the New Mexico M. I. in action this year.

As the selection of an all star team is generally left to the coach of the championship team, and as I have said before I did not see the University of New Mexico in action, I deem it wise instead of picking an all star team to submit a list of players whom I think should be given serious consideration by the sporting editors and coaches when they select their teams.

FOR ENDS
Greenfield, T. S. M. Chess, E. P. H. S.
Downey, U. of A. Walker, T. S. M.
Hall Mark, U. of A.

FOR TACKLES
Higgins, N. M. I. Hendry, U. of A.
Turney, U. of A.

FOR GUARDS
Roberts, T. S. M. Carpenter, U. of A.
Jackson, N. M. M. I.

FOR CENTER
Burman, N. M. M. I. Black, T. S. M.

FOR FULL BACK
Foster, N. M. Aggies.
Jennings, N. M. I. O. Walker, T. S. M.

FOR HALFBACKS
Mann, N. M. M. I.
Madden; T. S. M.
McPheason, U. of A.

FOR QUARTER
Crawford, U. of A.

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Since the fire there has not been much doing in the social line at the School of Mines. Oh yes, Jack Ivy went to a dance at the Paso del Norte and would like other people to know it.

Mr. Lloyd Nelson, of Cananea, Sonora, Mexico, one of the graduates of 1916 honored the School with a visit during the first week of December. He's just the same "Speedy."

Fred Bailey entertains every once in a while with a free for All in his quarters in the Dormitory. Music furnished by anyone and is usually played on a ukelele.

The Mining Scientific Club has not done anything yet this year but "Society" hopes to hear from them soon.

The Thanksgiving dinner was not given till December third this year because the Football boys were in Roswell, but it was very well appreciated, nevertheless.

R. B.
High school, we appreciate very much the invitations we get to your dances. Yes this makes us all feel very sad.

After the grand disposal of the seventeen year old turkey and the three pots of beans which were grown in 1330 which they termed as venison and quail on toast at the New Mexico M. I. we sojourned to (a very quiet and secluded spot) the Central Buffet.

Among the entertainments of the evening were Scott Walker and his bunch of pop corn-eating chickens and Red Butler (known in Roswell as Lord Butler) and the most enjoyable ride in his new Packard eight. He is as good a scout as you will ever meet.

On our way to the hotel after this quietly spent evening we picked up Red Pomeroy sitting on a post giving fifteen Rabs for Texas.

We sincerely hope that in our next game with High School that after a H. S. man has made three successive 30 yard gains he is benched.

Fight for your rights Paul.

Menu for the Mines Dormitory:

**Breakfast:**
- Beans

**Lunch**
- More Beans

**Dinner**
- Still More Beans.

When the miners run out of beans the soldiers of the world will start to eating beans.

Any one wishing to exchange cigarettes for beans apply at Miners Dormitory or phone 5854 J.

Shaffer---"Aw, what's the matter with you?"

Scott W. --- "Nothing's the matter with me, you blooming nut."

"You gave me a nasty look."

"You certainly have a nasty look, but I didn't give it to you."

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- Application
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- Trepidation
- Infatuation
- Contemplation
- Revelation
-Consternation
- Indignation
- Exasperation
- Separation

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WHY THE KAISER LEFT MEXICO

We called him the Kaiser. He was not, as Cap would say, "a real sure enough Kaiser," but had received the name on account of his nationality. He was the owner of a rich pay streak, known as the Fusilade Mine, and also owner of the principal store in the pueblo of Navarro.

The bandit, Captain Torres, was indeed a real sure enough bandit, a Mexican bandit of 45 caliber, and a leader under Victoriano, who on latest reports was still the greatest leader of the greatest revolution in all Mexico. By this do not infer that all captains are bandits, or all bandits are captains for that matter. Some are colonels and generals, while others are only privates.

Colonel Castro, who by the way, was a leader in the opposition to Victoriano, was badly in need of supplies and especially shoes for his men. The little town of Navarro was but a few kilometers out for his line of march and there in the store of the rich gringo, he could outfit his men and comissariat complete, with but the expense of half a day's march and a worthless receipt. Accordingly the next morning Senor Castro headed his army for Navarro and supplies.

Our bandit Torres, not strange to say, was also short on supplies and other necessities of revolution. Navarro being the nearest and richest pueblo, he too, turned his men in that direction and on the very same morning chosen by Senor Castro for his little expedition.

As the whistle on the shaft house was screeching out the noon hour to the little town below, Torres halted his men in front of the Kaiser's store. Entering with three or four of his followers he went back to the bar in the rear of the store and ordered enough "vino" to wash down the alkali dust that lined his throat, a result of the morning's march. On satisfying his thirst the bandit walked up to the front of the store where the Kaiser was and explained to him what he wanted and that he wanted it quite pronto. The Kaiser hastily put out on the floor all that was demanded, then turning to Torres, he said: "Will you sign this receipt for the goods." "Sign nothing" replied Torres, "you———gringo, I'll give you an ounce of lead for a receipt if you want one." Upon saying which, our rude bandit ordered his men to gather up the provisions and marched out, leaving the Kaiser poorer but no wiser.

Half an hour later Colonel Castro and army stopped outside of the Kaiser's store and taking a few men with him inside, he too first washed out the alkali dust before proceeding to business. Here he first learned of his enemy's presence in the camp and of his having been in the store but half an hour before. He straightway laid plans for the capture of Torres before that unworthy could leave the camp. Turning to the Kaiser he said: "My men need shoes, will you let them go into the patio in the rear to put them on?" "Certainly," replied the Kaiser, "and take all you want." "And now" said Castro, "I am going to get that dirty bandit Torres and I want this
yard to execute him in, if you don’t let me use it I’ll take you out there in his place.” “Do I get it?” “Si Senor,” replied the Kaiser, “use it for anything you want to, go shoot your grandmother there if you like.” “Bueno” said Castro, and gathering up his army he marched it into the "patio" in the rear.

Fifteen minutes later our bandit returned to the store, leaving three of his men on guard outside. Banging his fist on the counter he shouted: “Give me a coat like my colonel wears.” Castro, who was in a rear room drinking beer with some of his men, walked out on hearing Torres in the store and advanced to meet him. “Hello Torres” said Castro, “come back and have a bottle of beer with me.” Torres, seeing no one else about, could but accept the invitation. On stepping into the room Torres saw the half-dozen men that Castro had concealed there, and realized that he was trapped.

If was too late to back out however and he reached for his revolver. At the same time Castro grabbed him and there ensued a scuffle for the gun. Castro ordered his men to stay off and leave the fight to him. Both men were evenly matched and the fight went around and around the room, breaking up the chairs and table and finally through the partition into the next room. Here Castro managed to get the gun and to knock Torres down. He was soon tied and the men then went to the front and brought back the three that Torres had left on guard. Taking the four of them into the "patio," Castro stood them up against the wall to face the firing squad. When the round was fired, all fell, and Castro, revolver in hand, walked up to each giving them a kick to see if any still lived. Satisfied that all were dead, he gathered up his men and left the camp.

About dark some of the Torres men came to the store and demanded that Torres be released. not knowing that he had been shot earlier in the day, but thinking that the Kaiser was holding him a prisoner inside. The Kaiser told them that Torres had left and they went away doubtful but satisfied for the time being. Shortly afterwards the Kaiser went out to the patio to take a look at the executed men. On going up close to Torres he noticed that the bandit was lying in a different position from what he was earlier in the day. He stooped down to turn him over and see if he really was dead. As it happened Torres had been only slightly wounded when the shots were fired, but he had very cunningly fallen down with the rest and was waiting for night time to make his escape. As the Kaiser touched Torres he jumped up and grabbed the Kaiser around the body, which so took Kaiser by surprise that Torres very easily threw him to the ground. Reaching for a broken gun stock that was near, Torres hit him over the head, which instead of killing that hard headed individual, merely put him to sleep for a few minutes.

Thinking that Castro was still in the camp, Torres did not wait to finish the Kaiser but hurriedly made his getaway. In a few minutes the Kaiser came to life, with his head ringing like a dozen church bells out of tune, and crawled back into the store. Half an hour later, a little crippled muchacho that the Kaiser had often befriended, limped into the store and
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said: "Go Senor they are coming to get you, Senor Torres has learned that Senor Castro has left the town and they are coming to rob the store and will kill you."

Grabbing up a blanket, a sombrero, and his shot gun, the only weapon that Castro had left in the store, the Kaiser headed for the hills. When he arrived at the top of the pass above the mine, he stopped behind a large rock to rest and here he determined to make his stand. Looking back down the trail he saw Torres with ten of his followers coming. The sky was clouding up and a fine drizzle had set in. By the time the party was within shot gun distance of the rock it had become too dark to distinguish which was which. At this point Kaiser decided a little discretion and less valor would be of more help. He slipped out from behind the rock that sheltered him and squatted down a few feet off the trail.

When the party reached the top of the trail they scattered out to look for the Kaiser. Putting a couple of small stones in his mouth to disguise his voice, the Kaiser, who was dressed like the Mexicans, joined in with them in a search for himself. It was fifty miles to the nearest federal garrison there the Kaiser knew that he would be safe. Torres knew that the Kaiser would head in that direction so he followed that trail and the party searched along on either side for the Kaiser, and the Kaiser searched the hardest of all. For eight hours they kept up the search, getting all the time nearer to the garrison, but there remained but a short time longer of darkness and the Kaiser knew that his chance of escape depended upon how close they would get to the garrison before daylight came. At last there remained but one hill between them and the town. Would he be able to escape? Making a wide detour from the path as if in search for the hunted Kaiser, he got as far away from the party as possible. Torres dared go no nearer the garrison, so halted his men near the top of the hill. He called all the searchers together, and the Kaiser, seeing that he could carry his bluff no longer, took the stones out of his mouth and shouted back to Torres and his men "good-bye amigos, thanks for your escort" and disappeared over the top of the hill in a shower of bullets.

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Weary—"When you didn't have your fare did the Con. make you get off and walk?"

Lead—"Only get off. He didn't care whether I walked or sat down."

Bailey—"Cuales son las cualidades de vidrio? (what are the qualities of glass)."

Dad Madden—"El Paso y Houston, Gwan, hit; I can't stop you."

Add nothing but H2O, the teacher taught, a chemistry class in room seven.

I'll add some acid, the student thought. The student is now in Heaven.

Good looking girl to Scott Walker—"When I marry I am going to marry a real good looking man..."

Scott—"Alright kid, speak to me before it's too late."

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Black—"What is the difference between an expert miner and a mining expert?"

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Sir—"Well, what of that; wouldn't you like to round out his gift?"

The milk of human kindness would have a hard time coming to the surface of a negro.

Red P.—"My purse is always well filled," he stated, Grinning with all the pessimism of a caged hyena "Touched of a woman's hand."

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