# Mexia Typical

Texas Town Grows From Sleepy Place of 3,000 to 30,000 In-

Hundreds Are Forced to Sleep Out-Doors and There is but One Bathhouse in the Place-Prices Are High,

Mexia, Texas.-Mexia, which has come into so much notoriety through the sending of state troops here to put an end to outlawry, the sale of illicit booze and restore order, is a typical mushroom city.

Overnight a tented city arose, From an apparently sleepy little town of 3,000 population in October, 1921, where old settlers farmed for a living and eked out a bare existence from their lands to a bustling city of 30,-600 people, and all in a few months, this is the recent record of Mexia, an old-time Texas town, which is feeling the effects of one of the numerous oil developments in the South-

The population now consists of an assortment of oil field followers and thousands of men and women seeking early homestead days, lasted from De- to ride his wheel the whole way. employment. Consequently because of the exhorbitant prices charged for a room, if one were lucky enough to secure one, hundreds of men, favored by the long continued mild winter, are sleeping on the grass along railroad tracks, public parking places and, in wict, anywhere they can.

Beds in Tents Costly. Overnight a bed in a tent marked "A place to flop" soared from 50 cents a night to \$3. A night in a crude blank structure where one didn't know his bed-fellow or the hundreds of others in the single room cost \$5.

Rall traffic jumped hundreds of per tent. There are two trunk lines, the Houston & Texas Central and the Trinity & Brazos Valley, lending through here, and passenger traffic is very heavy, while freight trains are frequently seen running three abreast. so heavy is the demand for oil machinery. One road is said to have spent \$600,000 in enlarging its facilities.

The water situation is not altogether what could be desired. Getting indeed not a task. The old saying, came to light at Harvard university a for college, wash an elephant," certainly has found | Wedge, forty-one years old, of Arizona parallel in Mexia,

But One Bathhouse. This luxury may be found, outside study for his Ph. D. degree. the woodland creeks, only in a down-

outdoor speed-skating championship,

Forest Fire Fighters Find Them

Efficient Assistants.

As Means of Quick Communication

Between Ranger on Fire Line and

Headquarters Carrier Pigeon

Has No Equal.

(Prepared by the United States Department

Department of Agriculture state.

The carrier pigeon has found a place

total between \$3,500,000 and \$5,000,-

Gambling and drinking halls filled with dancing girls are open every night, and one may buy openly "red" and "corn" whisky at 50 cents a drink. Fortunes are lost overnight at the dice and roulette tables.

#### FLOOD BENEFIT TO FARMERS

Water Left Fine Silt of Good Earth on Impoverished Lands in Washington.

of very fertile earth layer from two hap was the experience of William o five inches deep was left on the Burell, aged sixteen, of Sunbury. inundated farm lands when the flooded whose parents received word recently Skagit river subsided to its regular that he had arrived safely. Young

value to the valley lands, according garages along the route. He will to owners. The flood, which was the leave soon on the second leg of his most extensive known here since the journey to California. He intends

### AMERICAN FOXES WILL

cember 10 until the middle of Janu

The rise of the river was attributed to torrential downpours in the foothills and mountains through which the Skagit flows. The heavy rain washed immense amounts of rich top soil from the bills into the flood and all this material was carried into the vattey

Sunbury, Pa .- To travel 900 miles

## Love Mellows Prize Fighter

to Former Terror of the Boxing Ring.

### IS SEEKING ANOTHER DEGREE

'Kid" Wedge, at 41, Enters Harvard Almost Penniless, to Obtain Ph.D. Degree-Left Lumber Camps to Be Pugilist.

career of hard battles in the ring, and "If you want to do something big- few days ago when Frederick "Kid" registered in the Harvard graduate school of education, where he is to

Fifteen years ago the name of "Kid" town barber shop. The bathhouse is Wedge was one to be feared in the tuberculosis, with but six months to a stall in a wooden-floored, planked-in timber lands of the Middle West. For live. He went to El Paso, Tex., to beinclosure. The plain, pine planks are years he had fought in the rings of slippery, but the proprietors of the that region. At twenty he left the house have found that it is not neces- woods, where he worked with lumbersary to maintain first-aid kits because ing crews, and took up the fighting

Skating Tourney at Plattsburg

General view of the rink at Plattsburg, N. Y., during the national amateur

for itself in the fire-fighting forces of day's journey for a man on horseback.

the forest service. It demonstrated In the face of fire, this performance

its worth this year in the Idaho na- was equaled. The ranger took two

tional forest, and will be installed next birds to the spot where smoke had

year at all protective camps in that been located. The first bird carried

certain communication between the thereafter the fire-fighters at the front

ranger out on the fire line and head- had brought the blaze under control.

pack horse, kept overnight at its desti-

nation, and released the next day.

This carrier was back at its coop, at

headquarters, 30 minutes after it was

released, having covered 18 miles, sir

Its mate equaled the performance.

Another, released at dusk from the

bottom of a canyon, rose abruptly,

crossed two high ranges and was at

its coop before dark. A third, carried

in a back pack into high peaks of the

an hour, covering in that time a good

game for his profession. In the next six years he fought 68 battles and wor 65 of them.

Romance Entered Life.

Then, when he was twenty-six, came his romance. He met the daughter of a Wisconsin doctor. She was a graduate of a Nebraska college, and far removed from Wedge's station in life, but they were married. Then he realized the great difference in their intellectual standards, so he gave up the ring to secure an education with the money he had earned as a prize-Boston .- A story of great love, of a fighter. For six years he attended a preparatory school, where he did 12 a bath here is quite an experience, if of a winning fight against tuberculosis years of elementary work to prepare

He entered the University of Nebraska, but the war interrupted his work. He went to Camp Grant as a boxing instructor, and there another obstacle appeared. The doctors pronounced him an incurable victim of gin a different battle, and in a yea he was a well man.

Won Degree of A. B.

Then he entered the University of Arizona and finished the work he had begun at the University of Nebraska. He was given his degree of A. B. He was forty years old then, and became principal of the high schol at Benson, Ariz. That was the position he held until the end of last year, when he resigned to go East and continue his studies.

He made the trip of thousands of miles in freight cars and "on the rods." He started with \$10 traveling expenses, and reached Cambridge with 65 cents in his pockets. When the next semester opens at Harvard, after the mid-year examinations, "Kid" Wedge, former boxer, former lumberman, former hobo, and former flying consumptive, will open up the books that will make him a doctor of philosophy.

### BLINDNESS DECREASES IN U. S.

Cases Drop From 57,272 in 1910 to 52,617 in 1920, Say Census Figures.

Washington, D. C .- The number of blind persons in the United States decreased from 57,272 in 1910 to 52,617 in 1920, according to figures for the last census announced by the census bureau. The decrease was attributed in part to advanced methods for treatment in blindness and also to education of the public in preventing blind-

A NEW USE FOR PIGEONS only gave welcome assurance of victory over the red peril, but saved a number of men from making a long and tedious trip through the forest.

### URGES BRITISH EMPIRE RADIO

line, and flown over a high mountain. Wireless Commission Advocates Building of Stations in Colonies and in China.

London.-The wireless telegraph commission has recommended to the government the construction of sta-Buckhorn country, flew home within tions in England, Canada, Australia, South Africa, India, Egypt, East Africa, Singapore and Hongkong. A year was devoted to study of the question. The average cost of the stations is estimated at not more than £160,000, normal value \$800,000, but those in district. As a means of quick and instructions to send help. Not long England, Egypt, Singapore and Hongkong would aggregate about £853,000, or \$4,265,000. Recommendation is quarters, the carrier pigeon has no The second bird was released, coun- made that two wave lengths be fixed competition, reports from Idaho to the termanding the first order. It reached for each transmitting station, and that headquarters just as the summoned each center be equipped for receiving One bird, after a preliminary course assistance was about to start for the from several stations in the chain of training, was taken a rough trip by fire, and the message it carried not simultaneously.

were too exhausted for lack of air to get away, Spidell says.

When Leo Nicholas, hardware merchant at Palmer, opened his mail one evening recently he was surprised to about midnight, is unknown, find a \$10 bill in a letter with an explanation that the sender had at one time short changed Mr. Nicholas to create revenue for the soldiers bonus the amount of \$4. At another time or for any other purpose, II. D. Lute, he had taken merchandise from the Nicholas store to the amount of \$5. Farm Bureau federation, wired mem-The extra dollar was included for in- bers of the Nebraska delegation in con-

ashes of the late Matthew Gering, come from either a tax on excess prowell-known Omaha and Plattsmouth fits or from the income tax. attorney, will be taken to his childhood home, Kempton, Bayaria and Her, along which he played when a small boy. The disposition of his ashes will be in accord with a wish often expressed by Mr. Gering.

Douglas county post, American legion, was awarded judgment of one cent by default in Judge Redick's court against F. H. Shoemaker, former labor leader on charges of slander. It was charged Shoemaker in a labor speech last December stated "the legion was subsidized by the big business and interfered with picketing among 10 miles south of Fairbury. Mr. Gray

For selling liquor to Indians on the Winnebago reservation near Walthill, Neb., Earl Rose was given a 60-day jail sentence and a \$100 fine by Federal Judge Woodrough. This is the minfmum sentence set by law. Rose pleaded guilty. Indian agents testified

that Rose sold pint of whiskey for \$12. A cow kicking over a lighted lantern was the cause of Hans Schrum, a farmer residing near Wolbach, losing his barn by fire. All of the livestock was gotten out, but the barn, a quantity of hay and grain, several sets of harness and a Dodge automobile were entirely consumed.

Eighty-six convicts at the state penitentiary at Lincoln are now learning to operate machines for making parts of shirts, overalls and other work clothing, and within another week prison officials expect the new factory of the D. M. Oberman company will be in full operation.

Corn touched 48% cents a bushel Dan Swanson, state land commishigh price, it is said, is failing to educational lands and funds, has aninterest many of the farmers who nounced that he had invested \$75,000 have filled cribs. Two months ago of the \$2,000,000 bonus passed by the Fremont market

\$63,000 in bonds.

W. E. Chapin, 73, banker and capdead, after a brief illness.

At a bond selection held in Stratton for the purpose of Issuing \$12,500 light extension bonds to replace a similar issue that were declared illegal the issue carried by the wide margin of

Influenza is breaking out in Norfolk according to physicians, City Physician Holland is one of the victims. About twenty cases have been found during the past week. A potato growers club has been or-

ganized at Gothenburg with a large membership. Several cars of certified seed have been purchased and a large acreage will be planted.

William E. McMahon, former commander of Omaha post, Disabled Ameican War veterans, has confessed voted bonds of \$45,000 for the erectto a shortage of \$1,500 in his ac-

A new tourist park is being planned at Cozad. It will have all the of grade teachers of the Steele City modern conveniences and will larger than the present park.

One hundred Nebraska editors attended the forty-ninth annual meeting just held at Lincoln.

Wolbach believes it has the youngest purebred hog dealer in the state in | 469. the person of Virgil, son of Mrs. W. H. Maddox, proprietor of the Glen View hotel. While but 12, Virgil sold three lines with 40,000 phones and 300 toll purebred hogs at the Larson & Son lines out of commission in the South sale for a handsome price, and im- Platte district, with a financial loss of mediately bid in one of the Larson gilts for \$52. Those he sold were his own raising and which he earned during last summer's vacation.

The uncompleted building of the North American Hotel company, recently estimated to be worth \$225,000, inclusive of real estate, was sold to Judge Norval, representing Seward, as a republican for governor. Omaha and other bondhol lcrs, at foreclosure sale for \$58,000.

The jury in the \$65,000 damage suit to the supreme court.

Approximately 180 inmates of Nebraska penitentiary will soon be steadlly employed in the new prison shirt and overall factory. Installation of 129 large power sewing machines is expected to be completed soon. Large quantities of buttons, thread and cloth are already on hand. The factory will probably turn out 125 dozen shirts a day, according to Warden Fenton. The entire product will go to a Jefferson

Forty-nine cows, 8 bulls and 14 calves were burned to death near Lexovertaken by a zero snap when they rows of stalls in the barn when the fire started. According to Stuart, he was grooming them for his large sale of fancy stock to be held next month, The origin of the fire, which started

Organized farmers of Nebraska are opposed to the proposed sales tax to of Lincoln, secretary of the Nebraska gress. Mr. Lute said the farmers sug-Following cremation of his body the gest that funds for the bonus should

Fairmont is in doubt as to whether scattered over the waters of the River electric service or continue its own to light the town by long distant classes in Samaria. The same sins are plant. At a mass meeting the Public and in the church. With the increase Service company and the Blue River of wealth in America has come luxury, Power company each made a proposition. The matter was dismissed when a motion prevailed to print all all to give a listening ear, for God will propositions on the ballot at the election April 4.

A large golden eagle, weighing 10 pounds, measuring seven feet from tip to tip of the wings and three feet from the tip of beak to end of tail was caught in a trap by R. L. Gray, had arranged several steel traps near a dead hen to catch chicken hawks.

Gering and Scottsbluff business men, at a meeting in which past grievences and jealousies of town against town were wiped off the slate, decided to co-operate in pushing to completition the raising of \$150,000 for the north-west Nebraska Methodist hospital.

The Richardson county board took another step in the building of a new \$200,000 court house when at their meeting, W. F. Grnandt of Omaha was history (v. 2.) The cities of Calneh selected as the architect. It is not and Hamath, though great and mighty, yet known when active work will be had fallen. To disregard the lessons commenced.

Fire destroyed the five-room home of W. D. Shaal near Springfield. Mr. the "seat of violence" (v. 3). Let Stod was alone in the house at the time of the fire and almost suffocated before rescued. The firemen were unable to save the house or contents. The loss is estimated at \$3,000.

on the Fremont market. Even that sioner, and secretary of the board of corn was 23 cents a bushel on the last legislature in school bonds of the city of Nelson.

The state board of educational Seven hundred suits are to be lands and funds has invested \$75,000 of brought in federal court, Omaha \$1,950,000, the interest of which the against parties who subscribed for legislature set aside for soldier relief, stock of the Skinner Packing company in Nelson, 5 per cent school bonds, and have failed to make payments, The board had previously invested The subscriptions approximate about \$1,000,000.

The Omaha Automobile show, the italist, member of the board of dir- big auto event of the year will be ectors of the Federal Trust Co., of held in the Municipal Auditorium, Lincoln, and connected with other March 13-19. The entries give promfinancial institutions of Lincoln, is ise of being fully as numerous as during former years.

> The rallway commission has authorized the Monroe Telephone company, which has 3,000 subscribers at Monroe, Albion and neighboring towns, to continue present rates until December 1.

> Merchants Week in Omaha this year, March 6-11, promised to bring a large number of Nebraska and Iowa business men to the city. A great entertainment program has been pre-

> At a special election to be held in Scribner soon, the proposition of a new \$85,000 school building will be placed before the voters,

> The Callaway school district has ing of a new high school building. The bonds carried, 229 to 73.

> A 10 per cent reduction in wages schools has been announced by the board of education.

J. D. Phillipe, Fremont contractor, submitted the lowest bid among 16 of the Nebraska Press Association firms, for the construction of the new junior high school to be built at Fremont this summer. The bid was \$157,-

The thirty-mile gale accompanied by sleet put 20,000 miles of telephone \$20,000, M. T. Caster, plant superintendent of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Co., announced. The beavlest loss was in Butler county.

A. H. Byrum of Fraklin county, member of the Nebraska house of representatives, has filed with the secretary of state notice of his candidacy

The Superior High school will have new gymnasium. The proposed building is to be 50x80 feet. The of Arlie Culver of Beatrice against basement room is to consist of class Union Pacific railroad brought in a rooms, which will relieve the congesverdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$50,- tion of the seventh- and eighth grades 000. The case has been the most bit- and the high school. The ground terly fought of any tried in ...e district floor will make a gym 30x70 feet, with court in years and will be appealed a maple wood basketball floor and a seating capacity of 500.

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#### **LESSON FOR MARCH 12**

AMOS WARNS ISRAEL (TEMPER. ANCE LESSON)

LESSON TEXT-Amos 6:1-8. GOLDEN TEXT-Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 20:1. REFERENCE MATERIAL—Isa. 5:11, 12, 22, 23; 28:1-13; Hosea 4:11; Gal. 6:19-21. PRIMARY TOPIC—God Sends Amos on

Friend to the Poor.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC -Social Evils Yet to Be Conquered.

JUNIOR TOPIC-A Prophet Who Was

The kingdom of Israel reached a wh state of prosperity in the time of Jeroboam II, and with it came a condition of luxury, corruption and wickedness.

The judgment woe of this lesson is directed against the sins of the upper practiced in America, in the nation corruption and gross wickedness which staggers the imagination. It behooves eventually enter into judgment. Our lesson is a temperance lesson. Temperance applies to other things than indulgence in intoxicating liquor. Our age is intoxicated with pleasure, pursuit of gain and selfish ambition,

I. Reckiess Security (vv. 1-3). They were blind to the perils that suirounded them. They were living in a fool's paradise, closing their eyes to the approaching storm of judgment as predicted by Amos. They trusted in the assuntains of Samaria for their protection. They regarded their city as impregnable. They no doubt regarded the utterance of Amos as impracticable—the dreams of a fauntic.

The tragic thing about this blindness on the part of the chief ones of the nation was they were so puffed up with pride that they failed to read the signs of the times in the light of of history, to dismiss the thought of impending judgment, is to bring near chaotic Europe and Russia be the red lights of warning to America, and let all injustice and class selfishness be laid aside.

II. Luxury (vv. 4-6).

The luxury of these upper classes in Samaria expressed itself in: 1, Extravagant furniture (v. 4). They had beds of ivory-perhaps wood inlaid with ivery. Costly as their furniture was in that day, it was commonplace as compared to some of the expensive furniture and fittings in our great cities.

2. Laziness (v. 4). They stretched themselves upon their couches-lived lives of indolence. Such is the way of many still.

3. Feasted on delicacies (v. 4). The implication here is that they had their dainties out of season. This is what many of the rich pride themselves in. 4. Adorn their feasts with music

(v. 5). They sang idle songs-even invented musical instruments for this purpose. They prostituted the noble art of music to their sensual feasts. 5. They drank wine (v. 6). They

were not content with ordinary drinking vessels. They drank from bowls, indicating excessive drinking. They were so mastered by the intoxicating cup that their feasts which were adorned with the refinements of music ended in drunkenness.

III. Failure to Grieve for Joseph (v. 6).

Joseph here stands for Ephraim and Manasseh, his two sons. Ephraim became the principal tribe of the northern kingdom, so Joseph is used as a synonym for the nation. The upper classes were indulging in these effeminate luxuries, entirely indifferent to the groanings of the masses. And whenever such a condition exist in a nation there is need of Amos to thunder God's judgment upon those who are guilty of it.

IV. The Inevitable Issue (vv. 7,8). 1. They shall go into captivity (v. 7). The northern nation was first in sin, therefore first to go into captivity. What a striking contrast this picture! Instead of lying on ivory couches feasting upon dainties, they are with the suffering exiles.

2. The certainty of the issue (v. 8). It is inevitable because of God's nature. He is a God of justice. He has sworn that judgment shall fall. He is the God of hosts-the controller of the whole universe, therefore none can escape. God hates the wickedness of the world, and He will bring into judgment the men and women who revel in luxury with no concern for the poor and needy. Though God waits long. He does not forget. "he only escape for America is repentance.

And now, little children, abide in Him; that when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed at His coming .-- I John 2:28,

Great Mischiefs. Great mischiefs happen more often from folly, meanwess, and vanity, than from the greater sins of avarice and ambition.—Burke.

Chance to Be Saved. Don't despair of a student if he has one clear idea.-Emmons.

#### **BE RAISED IN GERMANY** Mushroom City Timely News Culled From All Berlin.-American silver foxes and skunks will be cultivated on Parts of the State, Reduced a large scale by a German stock for the Busy. company on a farm in the Austrian Tyrol, under the direction the board floors are warped enough of Professor de Mill of the nat-Hundreds of carp are frozen solidly to allow the bather a foothold. City, Mo., wholesale concern, which ural history department of the into the ice in a large pond on the But as for oil. There are a solid Munich university. In Germany, Partingtor farm, near Havelock, achas contracted for the labor. habitants Over Night. six miles of new derricks, drillers, outwhere the prices of the higher cording to John L. Spidell of Lincoln, fits, tents, wooden buildings and people grade of furs have risen who claims to have discovered them. where once there was the open enormously in the last few The fish had apparently flocked to ington in a barn belonging to J. Stuprairie. A survey of all local lumber IS RESPONSIBLE months, a perfect specimen of the center of the pond, where there art. The animals were all choice men shows that buildings completed silver fox costs 100,000 marks. was an air hole, and there had been thoroughbreds and were tied in long or contracted for since October 1

and deposited.

Long Ride on Wheels.

Sedro Woolley, Wash .- A fine silt to Florida on a bicycle without mis-Burell is a mechanical genius and The layer of silt had added great found no trouble in finding work at

## Girl Brings Desire for Education\*