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## HONEST BILL'S SHOW TO PERFORM IN HOUSTON

Animals And Actors Will Leave Sunday Going Overland to Houston For Three Days Engagement.

Mr. W. M. Newton, "Honest Bill," has been engaged by the "Red Roosters" of Houston to bring a considerable portion of his show to that city and take part in the "Society Circus," a stunt to be put on at the city auditorium by the "Red Roosters" on February 11th, 12th and 13th. Mr. Newton was in Houston the first of the week to close up the deal. He says the acts he will put on will be a double trapeze act, slack wire walking, juggling, trampoline, contortion, black face comedy, riding dog act, four pony act, the trained elephants and his feature act, "Cupid," the wonderfully trained Shetland pony. Besides these acts Mr. Newton will also have on exhibition there his two large camels and the two zebras. He will leave here with the animals overland next Sunday for Houston, it requiring about two days for the elephants and other animals to make the trip. After the show in Houston, "Honest Bill" will return to Eagle Lake, load his entire outfit on cars and ship to San Antonio, from which place he will start out overland on his 1915 season. He expects to leave for San Antonio about the 19th. He will show through a portion of Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri, but the greater part of this sea-

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## COUNTY POLL TAXES ARE 307 BEHIND LAST YEAR

Weimar Goes To Top, Showing Eagle Lake Back To Second Place; Eagle Lake Precinct 129 Short.

According to the list of poll tax payments issued in Colorado county, as furnished the Headlight by Tax Collector Herman Braden of Columbus, the total is 307 poll taxes short of last year. Weimar goes from second place to first place in voting strength. Last year Eagle Lake was the largest voting precinct in the county with 561 poll taxes paid. Weimar was next with 557. This year Weimar reaches 560 and Eagle Lake drops back in second place with 432, a falling off in the Eagle Lake precinct of 129, which is some fall. Below we give a list of poll tax payments at each voting precinct: Columbus 859; Altair 67; Garwood 203; Provident City 14; Rock Island 86; Sheridan 23; Oakland 158; Weimar 560; Oak Grove 23; Buescher 52; Shaw's Bend 55; Santa Anna 62; Brushy 60; Freisburg 202; Mentz 59; Bernardo 123; Alleyton 64; Eagle Lake 432. Total 2607. Last year the total was 2914.

We are sorry to note the continued illness of Mr. J. U. Frazar, one of the foremost citizens of our section. Mr. Frazar has been in poor health for some time past, and for the past ten days has been confined to his bed. We sincerely hope he may soon regain his health and be strong and well again.

## OSCAR PAYNE NARROWLY ESCAPES WITH HIS LIFE

Fell On Electric Wires At Brenham Saturday Evening; Was Unconscious For Fourteen Hours.

A hair breadth escape from death was the experience of Mr. Oscar Payne, twenty years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gray Payne of this city, when he slipped on a telephone pole in Brenham last Saturday and fell on the electric light wires below. Oscar is working as a lineman for the Southwestern Telephone Company at Brenham. Just how the accident occurred is not known, as it was witnessed by only a young boy who has been unable to give a definite account of it. Oscar was at the top of a telephone pole when the accident occurred. The young boy who witnessed the accident states that he thought Oscar was just fooling him at first until he saw his head fall back, and then he ran to a telephone to call for assistance. The telephone at the boy's home, where Oscar was working, was out of commission and the lad had to run to a neighbor's before he was enabled to get telephone communication. The current at the power house was cut off, and Oscar's limp form was taken down from the wires, where for about ten minutes he had hung on the light wires charged with 2200 volts of electricity. Three fingers of the right hand were horribly burned and had to be amputated. His left arm, in two places, is burned to the bone, but the doctors in charge are doing everything possible to save the arm. Oscar was unconscious when taken from the wires and did not regain consciousness for fourteen hours. Since that time he has slowly been recovering, and the doctors and nurses now with him are of the opinion that he will fully recover from the terrible shock and awful experience. Mr. Payne left here for Brenham immediately after receiving news of the accident. The doctors will permit no one to see Oscar at this time, a case of this kind requiring extreme quietness. Mrs. Payne, his mother, will leave tomorrow for Brenham, the physicians insuring her by that time she will be permitted to see him. Among those who assisted in removing Oscar from the wires was Mr. James Kenedy, a former citizen of Eagle Lake, and a young lineman of Brenham. They worked heroically with him in an effort to revive life in the then apparently lifeless body, and it is through their efforts, very likely, that his recovery is due. The people of this city sympathize with the family, and while it is bad enough, our people rejoice with the family that it is no worse. It will be three weeks before Oscar will be able to leave his bed, at which time, or as soon as he is able to stand the trip, he will be brought to his home here.

Mr. Payne has received later news from the doctors at Brenham stating that they are of the opinion that Oscar will lose only one finger of the right hand, the middle finger. The doctors are making every effort to save the other two fingers which were horribly burned, and stated to Mr. Payne that they are of the opinion now that only the one finger will have to be amputated.

## FIRE DESTROYS ANOTHER GARWOOD WAREHOUSE

Warehouse And 1600 Bags Of Rice Of Elo Embrock, Near Garwood, Destroyed By Fire Monday.

At an early hour Monday morning fire destroyed the rice warehouse of Elo Embrock at Garwood, together with about 1600 sacks of rice, a Cushman engine, a quantity of rice separator belts, and other articles estimated by Mr. Embrock in value at two to three hundred dollars. Most of the rice contained in the warehouse was seed rice, the market rice having recently been sold and delivered. The seed rice burned in Monday's fire was estimated in value at between five and six dollars per bag. Included in the 1600 bags were several hundred bags of seed rice which belonged to Mr. L. P. Bunge. He had been offered \$5.50 for this rice but was holding it for \$6.00. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

Mr. Embrock, who was in the city Monday, states that he has no idea how the fire originated, the fire having been discovered at about six o'clock in the morning, at that time the whole of the inside of the warehouse being in flames. This is the second rice warehouse to burn in the vicinity of Garwood within a week. Last week's Headlight reported the loss of the warehouse and \$2000 worth of rice of Mr. F. C. Koons near that place, on which there was practically no insurance.

## PAYMENT OF CITY POLL TAXES REACHED 240

Payment Of Poll Taxes Here In City Fell 40 Below Last Year; No Elections On Hand The Reason.

City Tax Collector E. L. Moon-ey reports 240 city taxes having been collected by him in the city of Eagle Lake this year. Last year the number was 280, just forty poll receipts short of last year. There is no lively city election on this year. Last year about this time there were a number of candidates in the field for mayor and the campaign that followed was one of the warmest and most exciting that has ever been staged here. Owing to this fact the city taxes reached a greater number than they would otherwise have reached, and a greater number than they ever reached before.

The music for the colonial play "Tommy's Wife" which will be given by the local talent in the opera house on the evening of February 23rd, will be under the direction of Miss Mabel Seaholm. Miss Seaholm is arranging for an orchestra of home talent for the occasion.

Mrs. Wm. Nickels, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Geo. Dorman at Glen Flora, was a passenger on the Santa Fe Monday afternoon en route to her home in Rockwall.

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