# The McLean News

THIRTEENTH YEAR

McLEAN, GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1916

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### In Our Garage

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#### From Over The Panhandle

Citizens of Canyon have ads through the county er considering the case for ty-two hours the jury in

Lott murder case was arged. It is understood tood nine for acquittal and for conviction.

ecity council of Memphis the "progressives" of Vega. assed an ordinance requirnection to be made with dences reached by the

erts and Hemphill coun-

Rev. C N N Fuerguson, much the cor missoners court to beloved by the people of the enselection for the purpose tire Panhandle country, has been appointed presiding elder of the Amarillo district of the M. E. church.

> The Glazier Review has been enlarged and is published by Messrs. Jones & Jones. Miss Farrel retaining the ownership.

Fifteen hundred feet of side walks are being aggitated by

An unusual amount of tree planting is reported by the various papers from over the dis-

All kinds of fresh candies, hold a joint Institute at cakes and cookies just arrived. G R Bellenger.

#### Proposition Is Not Dead

The Texan is sorry that the road bond issue failed to carry n Grav County last Saturday. The issue lost by only a very few votes, and we are of the opinion that the enterprising citizens in McLean, and those living along the proposed route for the highway, will not let the proposition die. McLean has a bunch of as fine boosters as can be found any where and the Texan believes they will find a way out.

-Shamrock Texan.

No, the McLean people are not going to let the proposition die. It is a live issue and one defeat will not serve to dampen the ardor of those who have their hearts set upon the ultimate securing of better highways and better economic con-

After the smoke of the battle deared away the prominent fact ieveloped that many of our itizens who opposed the bono issue did so because it was then understanding that all the money raised by the issue would be spent on one road. This conclusion may have been justified by the reading of the election order or may have arisen from some misunderstanding of the intents of the bond promoters.

At any rate, it has been conservatively estimated that not than twenty thousand dollars will be required to make a first class sand-clay through Gray county along the route of the proposed Ozark I'rail, and the new election order which is being prepared will stipulate that not more than this sum can be expended from the proceeds of any bonds issued thereunder. The remainder will be used on lateral roads and county roads generally.

With this understanding definitely set out and incorporated in the proposition many that formerly opposed the issue have announced their intention of supporting it at the second elec tion and we believe Gray county will measure up to the standard of her progressive sister get everything started new for counties all over the state of the new year.

## First Quarterly

The first Quarterly Conference for the new conference year will counts if possible by Dec. 20th. beheld in Mclean next Satur. Will you help us? We will apday, December 16th at 3:30 p m. It is very important that you. every official of the church te

urday at 11 a. m. and Sunday at we are, Yours very truly, the same hour by Rev. A. W. Hall, Presiding Elder of this

J. T. Howell, Pastor.

Piano A most Clear.

At a business meeting of the Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian indebtedness down to a little hour. more than thirty dollars. The Rev. Haynes is a speaker of ladies of this organization have marked ability and also has worked unceasingly in this many friends here who will en direction and will have the plane joy hearing him again. clear of debt in less than a year The public is invited to attend from the time of purchase.

#### Why Pay For Bad Roads?

It is stoutly maintained by those who have given the matte mature study that we pay fo good roads whether we get the or not. The amount paid for good roads when we do not hav the roads actually exceeds the amount paid where we have the

Tuese facts are fairly demo strated by a careful examination of conditions prior to and aft the building of roads The far mer who hauls his feed to tow over bad roads pays three o four times as much each year 1 road tax as hard surfaced road would cost him under the bonsystem. Figure the proposition from any standpoint and yet arrive at the same result. I this connection, the Sterling Ci-

ty News Record pointedly says: "If a man pays \$20 for a auto tire which is guaranteed to ran 5,000 miles on good roads, and finds by running it over bac roads that it is worn out before it has run 3,000 miles it should oe noticed by him that he has contributed two fifths of its value, or \$8, to the bad roadfund. There are four tires on every auto and at this rate the set of tires he buys for the privilege of bad roads. But some men will pay out good money this way and then have a duck if if their taxes are slighty raised to make good roads. We still hold that you've got to pay for good roads whether you get them or not.'

#### To The Public.

when we wish to clear up our

This time has come to us and ve urge all who know themselves indebted to us to come in at once and help us out. We appreciate the business you have given us during the past year and do not want you to feel for one moment that we are in the least uneasy about your secount. But we simply want to clear up our books as the season is drawing to a close and

We must say again, as we have said before, that we defy the world, the State or any county in the state to show us better people than we have here Conference about taking care of their ac

> We want to close up all acpreciate it and are counting on

Thanking you for all past patronage and hoping we may There will be preaching Sat- still share in your good business,

CICERO SMITH LUMBER CO.

### Rev. Haynes Will Preach

Rev. A. B. Haynes, former church at the home of the presi pastor of the local Presbyterian dent, Mrs. Watkins, all available church, will preach here next funds were placed to the credit Sunday morning at eleven of the plane, which brought the o'clock and also at the evening

## Christmas GIFTS

One visit to our store will convince you that this is the store with the

### Christmas Spirit

You'll find many articles here and a big variety to pick from. Something suitable for your sweetheart, your mother, father, brother and the baby

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People find it a growing, active, progressive up-to-date bank in every particular.

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A semi-burgular and fire proof vault and a model burgular proof safe are at your disposal for your funds, valuables and papers.

Your account will be appreciated by this bank and your interests carefully considered

Every depositor is always a welcome visitor at this bank.

This bank can take care of you through thick and thin, as it has never refused a loan where the security was good and the terms satisfactory.

Its dealings with all customers are absolutely confidential: and it is always ready to assist you.

Because the directors and stock holders [the men behind the bank] are successful men, and you know they are money lenders, not borrowers.

The proof of good service is constant growth.

Because we do not believe you can ask for better service than this bank can give you and we ask that you give this bank an opportunity to serve you.

American State Bank of McLean Safety and Service

Read The News

## Garage Notice

e are still trying to run a garage that will be profitable ad pleasant to the motoring public and ourselves as well. We have invested our money and energies to the and that we might have a place that you would be glad to stronize, and if you do not we shall feel that we have failed in some way to meet your expectations.

We have a nice warm building for the winter. We have the best of oil and and gasoline. We have the best of tires and tubes. We have the best of workmen for your car troubles.

ad then, as you well kno w, we have for sale the Buick stemoblile which is in a class to its a elf, and no matter hat the other fellow may say you know and he knows at there is no car that can touch it any where close to its Don't be persuaded by some experiment, buy a sick and then go on fee ling that you have done the wise ing, then you will be our friend, sure.

Buy your wife one for a Christmas present.

Bentley & Grigsby

### "I DON'T SUFFER ANY MORE'

"Feel Like a New Person," says Mrs. Hamilton.

New Castle, Ind .- "From the time I was eleven years old until I was seventeen I suffered each



month so I had to be in bed. I had headache, backache and such pains I would cramp double every month. I did not know what it was to be easy a minute. My health was all run down and the doctors did not do me any good. A

sighbor told my mother about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and took it, and now I feel like a new person. I don't suffer any more and I am regular every month."—Mrs. HAZEL HAMILTON, 822 South 15th St.

When a remedy has lived for forty years, steadily growing in popularity and influence, and thousands upon housands of women declare they owe their health to it, is it not reasonable to believe that it is an article of great merit?

If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Mediciae Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.



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used in all parts of the civilized world for the rapid relief of colds, coughs, bron-chitis, throat and lung irritation. No other remedy has such a remarkable record of widespread distribution. 25c. and 75c. sizes at druggists everywhere.

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Die outdoors, lie and Be

A small boy was leading an unusual

dressed man stopped to admire it. "Has that dog of yours got a pedigree?" he asked.

"I don't know," replied the boy, "but he's got over a bushel of bones buried in our back yard."

Weak, Fainty Heart, and Hysterice can be rectified by taking "Renovine" a seart and nerve tonic. Price soc and \$1. Aft

Losing Venture.

"Do you know anything about the milieu of this play?" asked the man with horn-rimmed spectacles.

"If you mean the chap who's backing this show," answered the amiable lowbrow, "I guess he's off somewhere wishing he could kick himself,"-Birmingham Age-Herald.

RED CROSS SERVICE.

Red Cross Ball Blue gives to every usewife unequaled service. A large 6 cent package gives more real, gen uine merit than any other blue. Red Cross Ball Blue makes clothes whiter than snow. You will be delighted. At all good grocers.-Adv.

An electrical process to prevent boil ers corroding and scaling has been in vented by an Englishman.

One of the worst stings of defeat is the sympathy that goes with it.

Meat Eaters' Backache

Meat lovers are apt to have back bes and rheumatic attacks. Unless you do heavy work and get lote of fresh air, don't eat too much meat. It's rich in nitrogen and helps to form urie acid -a solid poison that irritates the erves, damages the kidneys and often ses dropsy, grave! and urinary dis-Doan's Kidney Pills help cak kidneys to throw off uric seid. sands recommend them.

An Oklahoma Case



GRAHAM

ELFLAND DANCE.

"We haven't heard about the Elves for ever so long," said Nancy, one eve-

"Ah, that Reminds me," said Daddy. "of the Story I want to tell you this Evening about them. They gave a Ball last Night in the Moonlight, and the Fairies, Gnomes, Brownies and old Mr. Giant were all among the invited Guests,

'Mr. Giant wore his shiny Top Boots that he only wears to Balls and he came Walking very Slowly to the Party for fear of Walking on some of the Guests. His long Legs would Step over whole Groups of Fairies or Elves.

"And on his Head he wore a fine Hat made of Moss, out of which were growing Ferns which looked like tall Feath-

"The Fairies were dressed in soft Silvery Costumes which looked like Clouds and Mr. Moon was Round and Jolly and very Bright. The Fairles carried wands of Silver and they were covered with little Silver Stars which Sparkled and Gleamed every few Min-

"The Stars up in the Sky had planned to take a Nap, but when they saw old Mr. Moon out in all his Glory, they



Dance Kept Up for Hours.

decided to Peep out to see what was up. Then when they saw the Stars on the Costumes of the Fairies, they came out so as not to be Outdone by the Fairles' Ball Dresses.

fell off.

waved her Wand and new Toadstools as all things good or bad-must come Popped up out of the Earth and the to an end, so too, after a while, ended ful sugar, one tablespoonful flour, buts got new Hats. They also carried Canes made out of Birch

ly fine-looking dog, when a sportily Dresses of Green, and the Gnomes things at close quarters.-Albert Kinwore Colors of all sorts and looked like Clowns. They made a great deal of Fun and Merriment and the Elves were Delighted.

"The Dance will begin now, sang out Effic Elf.

"'The Dance will begin,' said Mr. Giant, and his Voice echoed all through the Wooded Glade where the Dance was being given.

"The People who lived near the Woods said to themselves, 'Did we hear Thunder?' But we know it was only Mr. Giant talking!

"'Who will Dance with me?' he "'You'd walk all over us,' laughed

the Elves.

"'Well,' said Mr. Giant, 'Old Mr. Moon and I will look on and Clap.' "'How can I Clap?' asked Mr. Moon.

haven't any Hands to Clap with!" "Then we won't Clap,' said Mr. Blant pleasantly. 'We'll just Grin.' "That's Fine,' said Mr. Moon. 'I

like to Grin. And that's one thing I do very well indeed." "As they were talking the Crickets

arrived in Charlots drawn by the Lizard Family. "'Here comes the Music,' said Effic

"And then the Crickets began to Sing, and the Lizards Wiggled about

antil they found Wonderful Resting Places on the soft, wet Earth. "The Dance kept up for hours and hours and Mr. Moon and the Stars gave

them all the Light they wanted, but first prize for fruit cake." just before it was time to go Home what should be seen coming down from the Sky but shooting stars! "'What does that mean?' asked the

Elves. "'I can't imagine,' said Peter Guome.

"'Let's ask,' said the Fairy Queen. "'All right,' said the Elves, 'but who will ask them? They're going so fast and we're so small we could never make them Hear.'

"But just at that moment they all

noticed Mr. Giant. "'You ask the Shooting Stars why they're going through the Sky so

quickly tonight, Mr. Glant. "And again People thought there was Thunder, though they couldn't understand how there could be a Storm with the Sky so full of Stars. And of

course no Storm came! "'What do they say?' asked the

"They say,' said Mr. Glant, 'that they're having a Dance tonight, toothe Dance of the Shooting Stars." 'Oh, lovely!' shouted all the Elves and their Guesta."

# TO YOUR STOMACH

is the first essential to continued good health when help is needed for

> THE APPETITE THE STOMACH THE LIVER OR THE BOWELS

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HOUSTON, TEXAS

SAW NO USE IN GETTING UP

Correspondent in City Visited by Zeppelins Simply Stayed in Bed and Touched Wood.

I was billeted at the time of the first Zeppelin raid in a little, smelly house of three floors and six apartments. The house was packed with the original tenants, Jew and Greek, together with such lodgers as myself. In our flat of four rooms and a kitchen were the landlord and his lady, four sons and two daughters. The sons slept on the sitting-room floor, and if you came home in the dark you were likely to trend on them. Two French officers shared the best bedrooms, while I slept alone in the second best. "Bang-bang-bang" went the bombs from the Zeppelin; the French officers cried "En bas!" and the boys banged at my "The Brownies wore Suits of Brown door yelling "Embros!" which is hour. Then add this batter: One egg Velvet and their Hats were made out | Greek for "Forwards!" As it didn't and yolk of another, butter size of an of Brown Toadstools. They turned a seem to matter much where one went, egg. salt, half cupful of milk, two teagreat many Somersaults for they felt the whole thing, failing dugouts, be so Happy and Joyous, and whenever ing purely a question of luck, I stayed they did their Hats broke to pieces and in bed and touched wood. The crashes of the big bombs were terrifying. The "But as they fell the Fairy Queen house shook with each explosion; but colored blaze lit up the world outside, and so I got out of bed and watched "The Elves were in their Favorite it, deciding at last to dress and see oss, in the Atlantic.

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Hat Season Now On.

"My wife asked me to match a piece of ribbon for her this morning and I I have only a very round Face. I refused. Now I wish I had done as she asked."

"What did she do?" "She went down to match it herself and ordered about \$50 worth of stuff sent home 'collect.'

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION should be given to sprains, swellings bruises, rheumatism and neuralgia Keep Mansfield's Magic Arnica Liniment handy on the shelf. Three sixes -25c, 50c and \$1.00 .- Adv.

Modern Life.

"Well, how did things come out in your school contests?" Trifle mixed. A girl won the hammer-throwing contest and a boy took

Rub the windowpanes well with old newspapers-it will let in the sun-

Neglected Colds bring Pneumonia. Look out.



BOX FOR PURPOSE.

Inder Proper Conditions It Does the Work as Well as the Most Expensive One That Can Be Purchased.

Every one has now heard of fireless cookers and of the many delightful things they make possible, and there have been directions given as to the making of one's own cooker at home. However, it remained for Mrs. Giuseppina Bianchi ceisser of Turin, Italy, to discover the way to turn a cardboard hatbox into a fireless cooker. This is how it is done, according to a report in the New York Sun:

Take your strongest cardboard hatbox, and make sure it is neither broken nor cracked. See that the cover shuts tight. These two conditions are absolutely essential. Fill your box with either cotton wool, sawdust or hay, well packed in and perfectly dry. Make in the middle of this mass a hollow big enough to hold your casserole, covering it up with the cotton wool, sawdust or hay-cotton wool is really the best. Put whatever you want to cook into your casserole. Boil it on the fire for from ten to thirty minutes, according to the nature of your food, then put it in your hatbox, where it will cook as in the most expensive fireless cooker. Mrs. Geisser says that you can leave it four hours without hurting the meat or stew. All the flavor is retained, for being bermetically sealed the juices are preserved. Boil the vegetables ten to fifteen minutes over the gas cooker or fire before putting into the bat box and keep them there for two hours. Potatoes should be ten minutes on fire and one hour in hat box, she thinks, and dried chestnuts twenty minutes on fire and two and one-half hours in hat box. Mrs. Geisser calculated that even with the hardest foodstuffs her system saves you from 30 to 50 per cent of firing. Food keeps hat for ten hours in the bex. The idea has so taken with Turin honsewives that hundreds of families are now using it.

All fireless cookers on the market cost a lot of money. This one can be made by any practical woman for a few cents.

Apple Batter Pudding. Silce six or eight apples, not too thin, in deep earthern dish. Barely cover with water. Cover and bake half an spoonfuls, level baking powder, or scant half tenspoonful soda, one tenspoonful cream tartar, one cupful flour. Use your judgment about flour. Pour over apples and bake quickly. No sugar in the pudding. Sauce: One cupter size of walnut, a little salt, one and one-half cupfuls boiling water. Cook; then add sherry or vanilla and beaten white of one egg.

Creamed Ham on Toast.

Make six slices of nice brown toust and butter them on both sides. Melt four tablespoonfuls of butter, a id three tablespoonfuls of flour and stir until well blended, then pour on gradually and stir in constantly two cupfuls of scalded milk. Bring to a boiling point and season with sait and plenty of pepper. Dip the slices of toast separately in the sauce and put on a hot platter. Then add a cupful of finely chopped ham to the remainder of the sauce and pour over the toast. Garnish with parsley or cress and circles of hard-boiled eggs.

Cheese Ball Salad. Mash one cream cheese, add two teaspoonfuls melted butter, one teaspoonful cream, a little paprika and five English walnut meats chopped. Mold into balls. Place on lettuce leaves. Mix two tablespoonfuls cooked salad dressing with two tablespoonfuls whipped cream. Drop in tenspoonfuls over cheese balls and dot with bar-le due or with plain currant jelly.

Wire Basket.

A wire basket known as a salad shaker or drainer, should be used to dry greens after they have been thoroughly washed. Leaves of lettuce often hold water after they have been thoroughly shaken. If they are not fully dry they will not hold dressing

Steamed Barley. Wash a teacupful of pot barley in

plenty of cold water and boil it slowly for a few minutes; turn it now into a jar or a pudding basin, and let it steam for six or eight hours; when it is quite tender and creamy it is ready to serve.

Savory Ducks

One pound liver, one-half pound sausage, one large onion, one-half teaspoonful sage; grind all together, sait and pepper to taste; make into balls, cover with cold water, bake 20 minutes in hot oven; serve bot or cold.

Removing Stains From Marble.

Apply with a brush a paste component of equal parts of soft soap, quicktime and caustic potash and leave for several days. Then wash the paste off. and dry and polish the marble with port cloths.

Clove in the Tea. In serving ten, a clove placed in the en ball will give a piquant flavor that will not be recognized, but that will

## DADDY'S EVENING LOYALTY HOMEMADE COOKER CALOMEL SICKENS! IT SALIVATES! DON'T STAY BILIOUS, CONSTIPATED

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I am selling millions of bottles of Das our stomach will be sweet and your son's Liver Tone to people who have owels regular. You will feel like found that this pleasant, vegetable, its vorking. You'll be cheerful; full of er medicine takes the place of danger ous calomel. Buy one bottle on my Your druggist or dealer sells you a sound, reliable guarantee. Ask you Ocent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone druggist or storekeeper about me. Adv.

STRANGLES



standing, however.

Or Distemper in stallions, brood mares, coits and all others is most destructive. The germ causing the disease must be re-moved from the body of the animal. To prevent the troubs the same must be done.

SPOHN'S COMPOUND Will do both—cure the sick and prevent those "exposed" from having the disease, 50 cents and 51 a bottle; 15 and 118 the losen. All druggists, harness houses, or manufacturer.

SPOHN MEDICAL CO., Chemists, Goshes, Ind., U. S.

He is a candy salesman, and lives n the East Tenth street car line. asked Uncle Ed. "No," said Belle, "She sin't nice." He was heading for town, and every eat on the car was taken. None was

He heard the cry of a newsboy and rushed to the car door to get a paper. running her words together. "She le A woman got on the car, sighted the George Brown dust her desk and 'two vacant seat, and, of course, occupied it. my turn."

The traveling man, glancing over the headlines as he returned down the aisle, fortunately looked over his States belongs to a labor union. glasses at the opportune time, andbut the crowd laughed anyway.-In-

The aPrtial Teacher.

"Have you got a nice teacher?"

"Why, Belle!" said her mother, "Ir ashamed of you; your teacher is nice "She's mean t' me," declared Belle

One worker in ten in the United

The Chinese government is about to open its first aviation school

## YOU GET UP WITH A LAME

Have You Rheumatism, Kidney, Liver of Bladder Trouble?

Pain or dull ache in the back is often | night, irritation, sediment, etc. svidence of kidney trouble. It is Nature's timely warning to show you that the track of health is not clear.

Danger Signals.

Lack of control, smarting urie sed dizziness, indigestion, sleeplessness, ner ousness, sometimes the heart acts badly re-umatism, bloating, lack of ambition

If these danger signals are unheeded may be loss of flesh, sallow complexion. more serious results may be expected;

kidney trouble in its worst form may steal Thousands of people have testified that the mild and immediate effect of Swamp- of kidney disease. While kidner disease, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, is soon realized—that it stands diseases that prevail, they are sometime the highest for its remarkable curative the last recognized by patients, us

Lame Back. Lame back is only one of many symp toms of kidney trouble. Other symptome showing that you may need Swamp- the name, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, if

Prevalency of Kidney Disease. Most people do not realize the alars effect in the most distressing cases. If very often content themselves with declar you need a medicine, you should have the ing the effects, while the original district

> nay constantly undermine the system. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar at bottles at all drug stores. Don't make any mistake, but rememb

Root are, being subject to embarrassing the address, Binghamton, N. Y., which and frequent bladder troubles day and you will find on every bottle. SPECIAL NOTE-You may obtain a sample size bottle of Swamp-Root by enclose ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. This gives you the opportunit to prove the remarkable merit of this medicine. They will also send you a book s reluable information, containing many of the thousands of grateful letters received from men and women who say they found Swamp-Root to be just the remedy need in kidney, liver and bladder troubles. The value and success of Swamp-Root are swell known that our readers are advised to send for a sample size bottle. Address R.

Tough Luck.

"Van Cush is an extremely unlucky

chap." "He isn't usually considered so."

"I know, but you ought to hear him enough to resist her." talk about his misfortunes. Six months ago he decided that he had made all the money he could possibly Florida Times-Union. use, so he bought a farm and retired. He started to sink an artesian well in order to insure a supply of pure water. And what did he do but strike oil? Now he's got to get back in harness again and make a whole lot of money that he doesn't need at all out of that Signature of Cart little off well. Don't you pity him from the In Use for Over 30 Years. bottom of your heart?"

OF INTEREST TO MOTHERS

The cost of food today is a serious matter to all of you. To cut down your food bills and at the same time improve the health of your family, serve them Skinner's Macaroni and Spaghetti two or three times per week. Children love it and thrive on it. It is the best possible food for adults. Write the Skinner Mfg. Co., Omaha, Nebr., for beautiful cook book telling to serve it in a hundred ways. It's free to every mother.-Adv.

Appropriate Condition. "How are the actors in that mail scene in the play?"

COVETED BY ALL but possessed by few-a beautiful head of hair. If yours is streaked with gray, or is harsh and stiff, you can restore it to its former beauty and luster by using "La Creole" Hair Dress ing. Price \$1.00 .-- Adv.

"All dead letter perfect."

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Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes reak women strong, sick women well, ne sloobol. Sold in tablets or liquid.—Adv.

In the up-to-date school, the blackpoards are cleaned by a vacuum de-

Electric railways of the United tates represent a valuation of \$730,

well known that our readers are advised to send for a sample size bottle. Address Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing be sure and mention this paper. Irresistible.

"So Maude, is a charming girl, eh? "Charming? I should say so. never saw but one man hard-hearts "Who was that?"

Important to Mothers CASTORIA, that famous old ret

for infants and children, and see that Children Cry for Fletcher's Castors

His Magnificent Memory. "Children," squeaked the and nan, "I can remember just as well! if it was yesterday, when I was a be and beefsteak and potatoes were cheap that we had 'em at our ho most every day, and were always per mitted to eat all we wanted of Oh, I tell ye, I've got a wonderfale-hee! hee!-memory!"

things that could not possibly he happened."-Kansas City Star. Whenever You Need a General Tell

Later the children said among the

selves: "Truly, Uncle Gulliver bas !

amazing memory-he can rece

Take Grove's The Old Standard Grove's Tueis chill Tonic is equally valuable as a Ger eral Tonic because it contains the known tonic properties of QUININE at IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drive of Palis Malaria Enriches the Blood and Bunp the Whole System. 50 cents.

Youth the Loser. J. P. Morgan, the famous females was talking at a dinner in New about a young banker who had falled "It was his youth that made his fail," he said. "Youth is always for "Remy de Gourmont tells 18.00". that in the game of life youth left the trumps all of them-but par recklessly, and invariably loses.

Quite Wet "That was a fine dry parade ?"

day, wasn't it?" "Well, not when it finished"

\$3.00 shoes. The I

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## DOUGLAS

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f Skagerrak, said at a Washington

"A naval officer, to succeed, must be ber quick-witted and resourceful. In cape. It might have killed us both," het, he must be like Hamilton Foot-

"Ham Footlites leaned on the rail of is sea-going yacht soliloquizing about female voice shrieked: we while the blue waves rolled and ared splendidly, each blue wave bing a super under a roll of canvas. But the waves were here and there treadbare, and suddenly a wave apped and a head bobbed up in the midst of the heaving sea and stared

around in bewildered fashion. am Footlites silenced the audi ace's titters with one stern glance.

'Man overboard!' he yelled in enterian tones.

back his head through the hole in the ing blood in his veins. eaved a stormy sigh.

otless sea, alas,' he said."

Electric Chair.

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ibly bet

ame, but his initials are F. G. Z. Be- him. ter visitor and had wired the chair players, the lot of ye." that the pressure of a button behad the counter would shock the peron in the chair. F. G. Z. is careful where he loafs now, especially where a style-er-all his own." he sits.

His Ailment.

I found your son was suffering from own." ostalgia, my dear madam." Mercy me, doctor! I never dreamed

was so serious as all that. I thought the boy was only a little homesick."

Those Wedding Bells.

Abe-Did you get the opera score? Pandors-Yeah; they were tied in the last minute of the play.

The New Reading. When there is a will there is a "Yes; a way to break it."

Kidney Disorder (BY DR. V. M. PIERCE.)

most simple methods are usuily the most effective ones when ng any disorder of the human The mere drinking a cup water each morning plenty water all day, and a little the water all day, and a little before every meal has been the most effective means of ming kidney trouble. Death occur if the kidneys did not day and night in separating a and uric acid from the blood. danger signals are backache, saions, pains, heaviness, drowstirritability, headaches, chillirrheumatic twinges, swollen or gout.

Gale of Trouble. During one of our gales an elderly gentleman was striving to reach his home with the assistance of his son. Just as they passed along a row of

small houses there was a loud crash, Dewey, discussing the naval battle and a heavy tin chimney-pot struck the pavement at their very feet. "Good heavens!" gasped the feeble old man. "That was a narrow es-

They paused for a moment to examine the fallen chimney, and at once a window was banged up and a shrill "Ere, you, two, you needn't think

as you're a-goin' to steal that there thing, 'cause it belongs to my 'ouse!"-London Answers.

Dr. B. F. Jackson, Celebrated Physician, handed down to posterity his famous prescription for female troubles. Now sold under the name of "Femenina." Price 50c and \$1.00 .- Adv

#### The Old Adam.

He was a staunch supporter of the Then the super, managing to draw kirk, but he also had a dash of sport-

we, disappeared. Ham Footlies One Sabbath morn, as he was proceeding to the kirk with his Bible un-'Another victim seized by the red der his arm, he came upon a group of laddles playing football on a piece of waste ground. He watched the game He might object to the use of his came a lull, he called the boys over to

cause he is a salesman he contends he "Eh, laddies, ye knaw it's verra as the right to loaf in various down- wrang tae play fitba' on the Sawbath own business houses. That is he Ye mauna do it. Whaur dae ye think Bought so until a visit in an electrical ye'll gang when ye dee if ye play fitba several days ago. He sat in the on the Lair.'s day? And you, ma constomed chair for a good rest when mannie-indicating the captain-"why a stinging sensation caused him to don't ye shoot oftener for goal? Ye The clerks had become tired of dribble far ower much! Ye're puir

#### Happy Effort.

"Truly a felicitous speech! He has

"Hum! Just where does the felicity "The felicity is like his style-all his

"The tall, handsome policeman you der does not seem to be doing much." "Indeed, he is. He is arresting at tention.

Envy.

Bugs-Shucks, here we have to freeze while Mr. Caterpillar has a nice fur overcoat.

One-fifth of Pennsylvania factor; workers are women and girls.

#### OKLAHOMA WOMEN SHOULD TAKE THIS ADVICE

Milburn, Okla .- "I can truthfully

say that I do not think there is any medicine on the market to-day better than Dr. Pierce's Favo. ite Prescription and Golden Med-



run down in health, the principal trou-ble was irregularity, and my lungs seemed affected. After taking six botties each of 'Favorite Prescription' and Jour favorite drug store and muric, anyone who earnestly TER Protest MRS. EVA PHEMIS

For sale by druggists. Liquid

# HAPPENINGS in the CITIES

#### New York Discovers It Has the Nerviest Thief

NEW YORK .- John R. Hegeman, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, has met the nerviest horny-handed son of toll that ever escaped violence at the hands of a mob or jail at the hands of the law. This

interesting person went into Mr. Hegeman's office and under the president's very nose stole from the life FUR ONE

insurance company. One morning a stockily built oung man went to the janitor of the Metropolitan building, at 1 Madison avenue, and demanded an assistant. "I want to take down some awnings and awning rods," he said. The janitor looked at him quite casually and told him that he didn't have a man to spare for that work. The stocky man

who was clad in overalls and a jumper, appeared to be very much disgusted, but announced that he would do the job alone,

As nearly as could be learned he began operations on the fifth floor. He went into an office there and removed the awning rods from several windows and then he went to the floor above and went into the office of Robert E. Livingston. Mr. Livingston asked what he wanted and he said that he had come to remove the awnings.

"But they were removed two days ago," Mr. Livingston said. "I know they were, but I want the rods," the industrious one responded,

Mr. Livingston thought it was so unusual that he called up the superintendent of the building and the latter said he supposed it was all right. By the time Mr. Livingston finished his conversation the man had removed the rods from two windows, working rapidly,

Then he went to the general offices of the insurance company. On the plea that he wanted to take down the awnings he was permitted to enter the private office of Mr. Hegeman. There he also worked swiftly, but removed the rods, leaving the awnings flapping about over the windows. From Mr. Hegeman's office he went to the offices of several of the vice presidents of the company and did the same thing.

Two days later Mr. Livingston met the building superintendent. "Why did you go to the trouble to remove the awning rods the other day?" Mr. Livingston asked him.

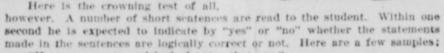
'We didn't go to the trouble, someone else did," was the reply. "Why on earth would anyone want to remove awning rods?" Mr. Livingston persisted.

"Because the awning rods in this building are made of bronze and not of iron," the superintendent said. "They are quite valuable and that stranger, garbed as a laborer, knew it. He took about \$50 worth of rods out during the course of an hour and some of them from Mr. Hegeman's private office. That man had more nerve than any soldier in the trenches,"

#### Testing the Brightness of Chicago Freshmen

CHICAGO.—Freshmen in the University of Chicago must undergo mental tests to determine just how bright they are. After that has been ascertained they are expected to maintain the same standard throughout their

entire college course. Stopwatch in hand, Dr. Henry B. Kitson stands over each student and reads a passage /YES-Y-Ffrom a book. The student must repeat it. Then the student must read a passage from a book and repeat it without looking at the book again. A number of letters with different addresses are given him and he must arrange them alphabetically. The time required for these and other tests fix his mental powers.



"He was seventy and looked twice that age." "He lit his cigar with these words."

"On his helmet waved the missing plume,"

"Two adversaries were placed at equal distance from each other." "Freshmen are not allowed to wear soft collars or cuffs on their trousers."

"I have never had any children and my mother was afflicted in the same

"The woman finished dressing in her evening clothes and came down to

Doctor Kitson said he had found one-half of the students judge such matters correctly. It is intended by this plan to ascertain the mental horse power of each student so that the quick ones may not get off with too little for some minutes; then, when there work and the slow ones may not be overburdened.

#### Philadelphia Lobster Puts on His Own Cabaret

PHILADELPHIA.—The pet cat was in the kitchen of Imfeld's restaurant shortly after four o'clock the other afternoon, when the cook's helper placed on the floor a basket of lobsters he had just taken from the storeroom. A lobster crawled out of the basket and the cat jumped for it.



The lobster became indignant when a paw struck his shell. The big claw was landed on the cat's tail. Emitting ear-splitting walls, the cat raced upstairs and into the dining room.

Miss Eva Seidler had brought ber Boston terrier, Gus, into the restaurant with her. He was tied to het chair. When the terrier saw the cat and the lobster he got busy. So did the lobster. The dog made for the cat. The lobster grabbed him by a hind leg. Howling, the dog made a jump and

pulled the chair from under Miss Seidler.

Miss Seidler fainted. William Mullen, the head waiter, ran upstairs when he heard the screams. Cat, dog and lobster got tangled with Mullen's feet and threw him. Then the dog got to snapping and the cat to scratching, while the lobster just hung on.

The restaurant was in an uproar. Every person had something to suggest. No two suggestions were alike. One man thought the reserves should be called out. Manager Louis Bernard got a club and when he got a chance to use it persuaded the lobster to let go. A physician revived Miss Seidler and the cat went downstairs.

#### Gotham Office Boy Falls Victim to Efficiency

NEW YORK.—The New York office boy, being, after all, only a human institution, is about to increase his efficiency. He has yielded at last to the efficiency man, who, starting with the boss, has succeeded in reforming everything in the shop down to the office

With 5,000 office-boy jobs going begging, you might think that the boys that are now holding down jobs would feel pretty secure-but that's just where you are mistaken. They have read the signs of the times, and know that whenever there is a shortage in anything nowadays people promptly devise ways and means to go without that thing or get a substitute.

Therefore, the boys' division of the West Side Y. M. C. A. has arranged a training class for New York city sfice boys, to meet every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from eight to nine, o the end that the race of office boys shall not perish from the earth. The ourse, given free, consists of 25 lectures by a faculty that presumably knows hat an office boy needs to become efficient, and all the boy has to do is to t back and absorb knowledge.



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WITH THESE

Habit of Procrastination Has Never Yet Failed to Bring Train of Evils in Its Wake.

"Sometime" is a useful word that is often overworked, remarks the Milwankee Journal. One says, "Sometime I will do it." but the time news comes Sometime is no time when a kind deed is to be done. Sometime is no time when a definite task is to be done. A thing put off beyond its rightful time encroaches on time allotted by right to other duties. One may think he is gaining time by postponing the duty of the hour. In fact, he is wasting time. "Tomorrow" and ever "tomorrow" has been the ruin of many. Do now the thing that should be done now. Have you had a quarrel, and are them?" you ready for reconciliation? Do not and leave to you a lasting regret that | Star. you had not made friends. Would you help someone? Do not wait till help is past being help. Put off till "to-

No Bungalow for Him.

house plans.

the thing for you."

"Bungalow?"

please,"

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weren't half dressed." THAT GRIM WHITE SPECTRE, Pneumonia, follows on the heels of a neglected cough or cold. Delay no longer. Take Mansfield's Cough Bal-

"Formal? Why, even the sainds

"Was her dinner formal?"

sam. Price 50c and \$1.00 .- Adv.

Economy.

"Have you given up dancing?" "Yes. High cost of leather. Can't afford to wear my shoes out.

Indorsement Guaranteed.

"Of course you have an echo some where around the place," said Miss Cayenne "A number of them," replied the

hotel man. "Shall I direct you to

"I don't want one for myself. There postpone it. The other person may get is a man in the party who insists on hardened in his views and become un- being absolutely agreed with every willing to be reconciled. He may dle time he says a word,"-Washington

Why the Baby Cries.

Now we know why the baby cries. morrow" mending the fence, and your For a long time the cause was veited neighbor's cattle will have found the in obscurity. It might be an inaccessiweak place and made havor with your ble pin, or it might be the helptess disgrain. Put off paying your insurance, crepancy betwixt the heavenly kingand perhaps a fire will destroy all dom and this world, or it might be a you have. Debts do not grow less by plain case of colic, called by what newpostponing payment. "Do it now" is a fangled term you please. It has regood watchword. Say the kind word, mained for George B. Hotehkiss of the do the kind deed, perform the duty of University School of Commerce, addressing editors and publishers of trade journals in New York, to discover that the baby cries in order to Retiring from active business after advertise. It is the baby's effective apyears of shoving schooners over the nouncement, in the imperative mood, bar, the wealthy Mr. Biers considered that he wants to be taken up and petted, or he wants the moon, or he "Here," said the architect, "is a wants something else, and "he won't handsome bungalow that would be just be happy till he gets it," There is no denying that for an infant industry the buby's advertising is a great success. Nearly every time he gets results, and Nothing by that name, if you the most astute and alert professional said Mr. Biers,-Newark solicitor cannot show a higher percentage of success.

#### The Flavor Lasts—

In the making of Grape-Nuts there is added to the sweet, rich nutriment of whole wheat, the rare flavor of malted barley, a combination creating a most unusually delicious taste. The palate never tires of it.

People everywhere have found that

## Grape-Nuts

is the most nutritious and delicious cereal food known. Every table should have its daily ration of Grape-Nuts.

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## Big Stock

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All prices are subject to change without notice Be sure aud buy from us.

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#### The Citizens State Bank

being an institution in which you can deposit your money with utmost confidence and safety, every dollar of its stock being owned by local stockholders, appeals to depositors with great

It is well equipped, by reason of the experience and acquaintance of its officers CONSERVATIVE and MERITORIOUS business.

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#### The Citizens State Bank

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## Christmas Goodies

Our store is headquarters for Christmas Goodies. Don't wait until the last minute to buy your fruit cake ingredients You can get everything you need for it from us---even the eggs, though we may have to steal them. Let us sell you

#### Apples and Oranges By The Box

Also have a full line of candies. nuts, fruits, in fact everything to make a "full" Christmas. Do your shopping early.

Bundy & Biggers Phone 32

Now, listen, I have got what ve have all been wanting for nedicine together put up in a extent of the law ed form, not a medicine pack ge. Any amount you want Beilenger.

Pumpkin yam potatoes, lots f 'em at Bellenger's.

Never before has there been o many pretty and sensible third Saturday in January; things suitable for Christmas resents shown in the local

#### Take Not ce.

J. S Morse W. W. Marrs Emmett LeFors A. E. Gething

Those parties who have slips Bellenger. pelonging to the county are urgently requested to bring them o town and leave them at either of the blacksmith shops. This R N Ashby.

Mr and Mrs A O Piersall ex sect to leave the latter part of will be here. All christians are he week for Los Angeles, Cal., invited to help us and the public to make their future home. We is invited to come. Rev. Jarrell regret to lose them.

omewhere between here and take part in the singing. LeFors. Please return to A G Richardson.

ils issue of the News Buy ey. GR Bellenger. com your home merchants.

nake specially low prices on Special business. 500.bs, every sack guaranteed. Bundy Hodges Mer Co.

eap year will soon be over.

No bunting or tresspassing cometime-something to make allowed on my place Violators our hens lay. A feed and a will be prosecuted to the fullest

#### Tax Payers Notice.

I will be in Alabreed on the Second Saturday in January for the purpose of collecting taxes. Also will be in McLean on the

W. S. Copeland, Sheriff and Tax Collector.

Invi ations have been received by friends to attend the marriage No hunting or tresspassing on of Miss M trie Havnes to Me Frank Bailey on Sunday, D. cember 24, 1916, at the Metho dist church at Heald, Texas

> Just received half car of an ples, oranges and candy. G R

#### Revival Meeting.

A revival meeting will begin argent, as we need them Sunday morang at eleven o'clock, services all the week and over Sunday of the 24th.

P R Jerrell of Weilington is a great singer, all who like good singing be sure to come Lost-Automoble top cover, and we want all who will, to

S. R Jones.

Be sure and see me before We call your attention to the buying your Xmas candy, apples many splendid ads appearing and oranges, can save you mon-

#### Notice.

All members of the Woodmen In order to reduce our im- Circle are requested to be pres

Almost at your own price Four weddings are predicted Christmas oranges, apples and or Christmas - hurry up girls candy, all on display at Bellen

#### Yon will find a suitable

### Christmas Gift

Caseroles Crum Trays Manieure Sets Savory Roasters Silverware Coffee Perculators Pocket and Table Cutlery Duofolds and Rugs

And all kinds of toys for the girls and boys.

Call and get your calendar, there is one here for you.

## C. S. Rice

Hardware And Furniture Phone 42

All parties knowing themsel nense stock of flour we will ent Saturday, December 16th. ves indebted to us will please call and settle as we are very auxious to get all collections inbefore Xmas. Bundy Hodges

> Ponder, Texas, are visitors at teaching school in various places the Kibler home this week.

Charles Avery died on Thursday of last week and was buried criday in the local cometery. Mr. Avery had no relatives here and had been living with the Willis family.

Many McLean boys and girls M L Simmons and family of who are attending school and will be home for the holidyas,

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Silk

## A Sale To Balance Stocks

Please bear in mind there will be no annual knockout sale, but the bargains here are as great, and in some instances are even greater, than was ever quoted in a knockout sale catalog. It is now nearly time for the annual inventory and to balance stocks, bring the high places to normal, we offer the following bargains in good lines of good merchandise which should be of interest to every member of every family throughout the entire Pa handle. Read the following prices over carefully, then come.

#### A Sale of Mens' Suits a d Overcoats.

Men's \$15 suits or overcoats at	\$11	85
Men's \$16 50 spi's or overcoats at	13	35
Men's \$18 50 suits or overcoats at	14	85
Men's \$20 suits or overcoats	15	85
Men's \$25 suits or overgoats at		
Men's \$30 suits or overcoats at	22	85

#### A Sale of Men's and Boys' Mackinaws.

Men and Boy's \$5 mackinaws choice \$3	7:
Men and Boys' \$6 50 mackinaws choice 5	
Men and boys' \$7 50 mackinaws choice 5	
Men and Boys' \$8 mackinaws choice 5	
Men's \$10 mackinaws choice 7	
Men's \$12 mackinaws choice 8	

#### A Sale of Boys' Suits and Overcoats.

Boys' \$5, 2 pant suits or overcoats at	\$3	75
Boy's \$7 50, 2 pant suits or overcoats at		
Boy's \$8 2 pant suits or overcoats at		
Boys' \$10 2 pant suits or overcoats at		
Boys' \$12 2 pant suits or overcoate at		

#### Fifty Things For Gentlemen.

Here is a great showing beautiful ties, mufflers, handkerchiefs, suspenders, pins, buttons and Christmas boxes at very attractive prices.

#### Corsets, Warners and Redfern's

All new models -you can save twenty per cent.

#### A Sale of Ladi's' Suits.

Reductions so radical that you must see the bargains before you can fully realize the values of fered. These garments are all this season's new and authentic fashions and don't miss this sale. \$9.25 for your choice of about thirty Ladies'

suits that were up to \$20 regularly. \$11.50 for your choice of about thirty five Ladies' suits that were up to \$25 regularly. All other suits in stock are now on sale at a great reduction.

#### A Sale of Separate Skirts.

In the seasons	new .	and r	nost	popular	styles.
\$4 50 skirts at					. \$2 95
7 50 skirts at					. 4 95
10.00 skirts at.					. 6 65
15 00 skirts at					9 85
Chil	dren's	Coats	Half !	ri e.	

Coats from \$4 00 to \$20 00 at exactly half price.

Ladies' Hats Ready-to-Wear.

There will be a lot of choice for 95 cents-this lot includes from four to seven dollar hats. All other hats are on sale at half price.

#### Shoe Bargains.

There is no top to the market, hence these should hold double interest for you. Table lot \$1 45, for your choice of broken sizes. Yalues \$3 50 to \$4.00.

Table los \$2.45 for your choice of broken sizes, values \$5.00.



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CRATER COMPOUND. be saved, by lubricating them with TEXAGO and rapid destruction follow. But these gears can against this dust-dry gears result-cutting of dust. Unless the gear teeth are protected RACTORS do most of their work in a cloud



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g stoves, stove boards

people at the Ozark reining. I can fix them up, all ther says that Mrs. Hicks' Den't forget the number kinds of tin work done. C S health is much improved.

Coff-e percolaters, yes I have them, get one and drink good day at the Ozark Cafe. coffee. CS Rice.

For any kind of insurance or indemnity bonds see M D Bent-

If it's good biscuit you want, don't forget the Seal or Belle of Vernon flour-it beats all and can be had at Bellenger's.

Numerous dances and other entertainments are booked for the holiday season.

For Sale-Good span of mules. D N Massay.

Mr. and Mrs. R S Thompson are expecting their daughter. Mrs Jack Hindman, and family from Clayton, N. M., to spend the holiday.

Thouroughbred Hereford bullfor sale. See them in pen a McLean Geo Bourland, phon-

J J McLean of Lela was in the city Wednesday.

J J McLean and Z T Crawfor are new readers of the News

Z T Crawford, who recently raded for the D R Holland property here, has gone to Ellijay. Ga., for the winter.

Insurance or indemnity bonds -see Bentley.

Special prices made on candies, nuts and fruits for Sunday stock ever brought to McLean -chools and schools. Bundy & Blugers.

A recent card from J T Hicks states that he has bought member we are still Bring me your flues that need ranch at Alto, N. M., and fur

> Mr. and Mrs. J S Morse and Fresh oysters at the Ozark children were visitors to Okla cafe today. - Haynes & Earp. ooma City the last of the week

Fish and oysters every Satur

Just received a car of guaran teed flour, meal and bran. GR

All kinds of fresh syrup, both ribbon cane and sorghum at Bellenger's.

See Jefi Earp for cheap mon-

I am what is called a "candy and cookie crank." Come in and see for yourself. I have any kind of candy or cookies you want. G R Bellenger.

See Jeff Earp, the money

Just received a barrel of freel bee honey-come in at once and ring your bucket. GR Bell

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When you get ready for your Christmas candy be sure and see me. I have the biggest and can save you money and give you better quality and more different kinds than you have ! ver bought before. G R

Plenty of money to loan on farms and ranches. Get it while you can. Jeff Earp.

Oversters and fish the last of every week at the Ozark cafe

For Sale Cheap-Good surrey W Skidmore. 2p

Hey, there! Come a runnin' with your bucket. I have that barrell of absolutely pure bone; and its simply fine. Bellenger.

Bring us your poultry-we ill load a car on the 16th Nunn & Langley.

he Philathea Girls will serve unch all day Saturday, Decem per 16th, in town,. Proceeds or piano fund. Please patron

All those who have promised o help us on the piano will please send in their donations to he American State Bank or and it to Etnel Cash at Thempon's store.

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For Sale-Good saddle horse weight about 1000 pounds, ninyears old, sorrel- Worth \$110 See B H Pace, Wellington, Texas, r2, box 72.

There will be a play at the school auditorium tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Francis of Ochiltree county announce the arival of a daughter. Leona Mae, on Nov. 29th Mrs. Fran cis will be remembered as Miss Edith Stockton.

Mr Waldron, who lives east of town, is recovering from an accute attack of pleurisy of the

Mrs Ada Thompson and sis ter, Miss Ida Tucker of Luda. Texas, are visiting at the home of their uncle, J W Mayfield

The Teachers' Institute will be in session at Alanreed al next week. The little city is preparing to make their stay : pleasant as welias profitable on

# CHRISTMAS

## Gifts and Goodies

The most appropriate Christmas Gifts in town can be found at our store because we a complete line of new and handsome

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Which will make a nice present for Gentleman, Lady, Girl, Boy or child. We are long on duofolds, buffets and art squares and can sell them at a great saving in price. And then we have lovely

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## Christmas Editorial

HRISTMAS time is Armful time. Homes of Armfuls, Cities of Armfuls—streets for miles just streams of humans, their arms cramped with bundles and packages bobbing against their beating Hearts. Packages wrapped in golden cords of

Love. And aching backs glad of the chance to carry them—eased and strengthened by Love.

Packages, big and little—to be GIVEN AWAY!

Christmas time is Universal Spirit time. When forthwith all the mean and petty and unkind thought-affairs of the World, ashamed and headbowed silently backstep while the

Armful idea has its way. And Oh, Heart of Mine, isn't

it fine, isn't it grand.

Love white and saming—to GIVEN

AWAYA

Christmas time is

Invoice time, too. When we think of the many hours when Failure and Unhappiness and Discouragement have shaken us. And how we didn't care, because we knew all along that Success and Happiness and Encouragement would come around, sooner or later, and walk home with us. And yet—these three last named great Friends of Joy haven't walked home with All. And so, we are going to make this Christmas, as far as we are concerned, an Armful time to them. This way. In—

Food, Clothing, Money, Smiles, Pats on the Back—to be GIVEN AWAY.

# By GEORGE MATTHEW ADAMS

#### Decorations by MAGNUS G. KETTNER

Christmas time is
Impersonal time. Neither
poor nor rich, fortunate
nor unfortunate can
escape its sweetening
power, if they but
let it in when it
comes around. For
the whole World
must eventually
come to know
the Armful Spirit
and spread it far aro wide till the
humblest and most obscure shall feel
it. So that they, too, may have—

Packages, Lobe, Food, Money, Clothing, Smiles, Success—to be GIVEN AWAY!

For, after all, what are Feelings and Things, and Lives, if they are not to be Expressed, Distributed, Divided, and with free and happy and lavish hand—GIVEN AWAY?

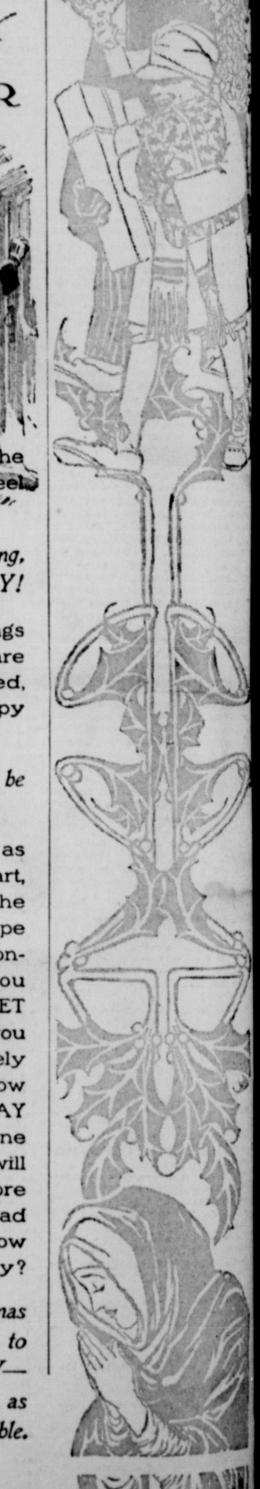
Everything in Life was made—to be GIVEN AWAY!

This Christmas time, my Brain, as we reason together, and my Heart, as we feel our impulses out into the wide world of life, can we ever hope to get and possess if we don't constantly GIVE AWAY? Don't you know that it is impossible to GET without GIVING—that, also if you don't Give, what you have will surely leave you? And Don't you know that after you have GIVEN AWAY all that you had and have gone back home to your Heart, you will

there than you had there than you had there than you have now GIVEN ALL away?

It is think of Christmas in ARMFULS to

each and all as he is able.





## The Lone Star Ranger By ZANE GREY A Fine Tale of the Open Country

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If not hate, then assuredly great a toward Poggin manifested itth Knell's scornful, flery address, the shaking hand he thrust before wase Knell's panting could be plainly The other men were pale, senful, cautiously edging either way the wall, leaving the principals and

e in the corner of the room. "Spring his name, then, you-" said n, violently with a curse.

Strangely Knell did not even look the man he was about to denounce. leaned toward Poggin, his hands, s body, his long head all somewhat estive of what his face disguised. Buck Duane!" he yelled, suddenly. The name did not make any differwin Poggin. But Knell's passionate. mit utterance carried the suggestion the name ought to bring Poggin suick action. It was possible, too, nat Knell's manner, the import of his enciation, the meaning back of all passion held Poggin bound more the surprise. For the outlaw cerly was surprised, perhaps staggerat the idea that he, Poggin, had we about to stand sponsor with Betcher for a famous outlaw bated ed feared by all outlaws.

Knell waited a long moment, and en his face broke its cold immobility an extraordinary expression of edlish glee. He had hounded the reat Poggin into something that gave vicious, monstrous joy. Buck Duane! Yes," he broke out.

"The Nueces gunman! That ace-of-spades lone-wolf! log an' I-we've heard a thousand es of him-talked about him often. h' here he is in front of you! Poggin, were backin' Fletcher's new pard, ack Duane. An' he'd fooled you beh but for me. But I know him. is I know why he drifted in here. to flash a gun on Cheseldine-on you on me! Bah! Don't tell me he vated to join the gang. You know a nman, for you're one yourself. bu't you always want to meet a real man, not a four-flush? It's the madess of the gunman, an' I know it. Well, Duane faced you-called you! An' when I sprung his name, what aght you have done? What would boss-anybody-have expected of begin? Did you throw your gun, wift, like you have so often? Naw; on froze. An' why? Because here's ove to have. Because he's greatnow he's a wonder with a gun an' ou love life. Because you an' I an' had to have out his fight. his front, each to himself. If we all tew we'd kill him. Sure! But who's poin' to lead? Who was goin' to be Who was goin' to make him hw? Not you, Poggin! You leave that for a lesser man-me-who've lived to see you a coward. It comes once to every gunman. You've met our match in Buck Duane. An', by God, I'm glad! Here's once I show

The hoarse, taunting voice failed. stell stepped back from the comrade be hated. He was wet, shaking, haggard, but magnificent.

"Buck Duane, do you remember Hardin?" he asked, in scarcely audible

"Yes," replied Duane, and a flash of asight made clear Knell's attitude. "You met him-forced him to draw -killed him?" E'Yes."

"Hardin was the best pard I ever

His teeth clicked together tight, and his lips set in a thin line.

The room grew still. Even breathing essed. The time for words had pass-M. In that long moment of suspense and stiffened, and at last the quivering ceased. crouched. His eyes had a soul-pierc-

Duane watched him. He waited. He caught the thought—the breaking of Knell's muscle-bound rigidity. Then

Through the smoke of his gun he two red spurts of flame. Knell's lets thudded into the celling. He ell with a scream like a wild thing a agony.

Duane did not see Knell die. He stched Poggin. And Poggin, like a tricken and astounded man, looked we upon his prostrate comrade.

Pletcher ran at Duane with hands "Hit the trail, you liar, or you'll

ter to kill me!" he yelled. With hands still up, he shouldered

and bodied Duane out of the room. Duane leaped on his horse, spurred, ad plunged away.

#### CHAPTER XXV.

Duane returned to Pairdale and ed in the mesquite till the twentysomed endless. All he could think of was that the hour in which he must figure Ray Long-treth was slowly deriorably coming. In that waitniso duty. When the day at last

the rush of the wind. Something drag-

Apparently one side of his mind was a hurrying conglomeration of flashes in's face. In the ensuing silent of thought, reception of sensations. He could not get calmness. By and by, almost involuntarily, he hurried faster Action seemed to make his state less oppressive; it eased the weight. But the farther he went on the harder it was to continue. Had he turned his back upon love, happiness, perhaps on life itself?

> There seemed no use to go on farther until he was absolutely sure of himself. Duane received a clear warning thought that such work as



Duane Saw Red Flashes.

seemed haunting and driving him could never be carried out in the mood under which he labored. He hung on to that thought. Several times he slowed up, then stopped, only to go on again. At length, as he mounted a low ridge. Pairdale lay bright and green before him, not far away, and the sight was a conclusive check. man with the kind of nerve you'd There were mesquites on the ridge. and Duane sought the shade beneath metin' us here alone. Because you them. It was the noon-hour, with hot. glary sun and no wind. Here Duane utterly unlike himself; he could not bring the old self back; he was not the same man he once had been. But he could understand why. It was because of Ray Longstreth. Temptation assailed him. To have her his wife! It was impossible. The thought was insidiously alluring. Duane pictured a home. He saw himself riding through the cotton and rice and cane, home to a stately old mansion, where longeared hounds bayed him welcome. and a woman looked for him and met him with happy and beautiful smiles. There might-there would be children. And something new, strange, confounding with its emotion, came to life deep in Duane's heart. There would be children! Ray their mother! The kind of life a lonely outcast always yearned for and never had! He saw it all, felt it all.

But beyond and above all other claims came Captain MacNelly's. It was then there was something cold and deathlike in Duane's soul. For he knew whatever happened, of one thing he was sure-he would have to kill either Longstreth or Lawson, Longstreth might be trapped into arrest; but Lawson had no sense, no control, no fear. He would snarl like a panther and go for his gun, and he would have to be killed. This, of all consummations, was the one to be calculated upon. Duane came out of it all bitter and

callous and sore-in the most fitting of moods to undertake a difficult and deadly enterprise. He had fallen upon his old, strange, futile dreams, now rendered poignant by reason of love. He drove away those dreams. In their place came the images of the oliveskinned Longstreth with his sharp eyes, and the dark, evil-faced Lawson and then returned tenfold more thrilling and sinister the old strange passion to meet Poggin.

It was about one o'clock when Duane rode into Fairdale. The streets for the most part were deserted. He went directly to find Morton and Zimmer. He found them at length, restless, somber, anxious, but unaware of the part he had played at Ord. They said Longstreth was home too. was possible that Longstreth had arrived home in ignorance.

Donne told them to be on hand in town with their men in case he might need them, and then with his teeth locked he set off for Longstreth's

Duane strode through the bushes and trees, and when nearing the porch he heard loud, angry, familiar voices. Longstreth and Lawson were quarrelagain. How Duane's lucky star d him! He had no plan for action but his brain was equal to a

unalterably fixed, while the other was way to the edge of the shrubbery and to kill him. crouched low to watch for his oppor-

Longstreth looked haggard and thin. He was in his shirt-sleeves, and he had come out with a gun in his hand. This he laid on a table near the wall. He wore no belt.

Lawson was red, bloated, thicklipped, all flery and sweaty from drink, though sober on the moment, and he had the expression of a desperate man in his last stand. It was his last stand, though he was ignorant of that. "What's your news? You needn't be afraid of my feelings," said Lawson.

"Ray confessed to an interest in this ranger," replied Longstreth.

Duane thought Lawson would choke. He was thick-necked anyway, and the rush of blood made him tear at the soft collar of his shirt. Duane awaited his chance, patient, cold, all his feelings shut in a vise.

"But why should your daughter meet this ranger?" demanded Lawson,

"She's in love with him, and he's in love with her." Duane reveled in Lawson's condi-

tion. The statement might have had the force of a juggernaut. Was Longstreth sincere? What was his game? Lawson, finding his voice, cursed Ray, cursed the ranger, then Long-

streth. "You damned selfish fool!" cried Longstreth in bitter scorn. "All you think of is yourself-your loss of the girl. Think once of me-my home-

my life!" Then the connection subtly put out by Longstreth apparently dawned upon the other. Somehow through this girl her father and cousin were to be betrayed. Duane got that impression, though he could not tell how true it was. Certainly Lawson's jealousy was his paramount emotion.

"To hell with you!" burst out Lawson, incoherently. He was frenzied. "I'll have her, or nobody else will!"

"You never will," returned Longstreth, stridently, "So help me God I'd rather see her the ranger's wife than yours!"

While Lawson absorbed that shock Longstreth leaned toward him, all of hate and menace in his mien.

"Lawson, you made me what I am." continued Longstreth. "I backed you -shielded you. You're Cheseldine-if the truth is told! Now it's ended. I quit you. I'm done!" Their gray passion-corded faces

were still as stones. "Gentlemen!" Duane called in far-

reaching voice as he stepped out. "You're both done!" They wheeled to confront Duane.

finger!" he warned. Longstreth read what Lawson had not the mind to read. His face turned

"Don't move! Not a muscle! Not a

from gray to ashen. "What d'ye mean?" yelled Lawson, flercely, shrilly. It was not in him to obey a command, to see impending

All quivering and strung, yet with perfect control. Duane raised his left hand to turn back a lapel of his open

vest. The silver star flashed brightly. Lawson howled like a dog. With barbarous and insane fury, with sheer impotent folly, he swept a clawing hand for his gun. Duane's shot broke his action.

Before Lawson even tottered, before he loosed the gun, Longstreth leaped behind him, clasped him with left arm, quick as lightning jerked the gun from both clutching fingers and sheath. to Duane. Longstreth protected himself with the body of the dead man. Duane saw quick reports. Something stung his left arm. Then a blow like wind, light of sound yet shocking in impact, struck him, staggered him. The hot rend of lead followed the blow. Duane's heart seemed to explode, yet his mind kept extraordinarily clear

Duane heard Longstreth work the action of Lawson's gun. He heard the hammer click, fall upon empty shell. Longstreth had used up all the loads in Lawson's gun. He cursed as a man cursed at defeat. Duane waited, cool and sure now. Longstreth tried to lift the dead man, to edge him closer toward the table where his own gun lay. But, considering the peril of exposing himself, he found the task beyond him. He bent peering at Duane under Lawson's arm, which flopped out from his side. Longstreth's eyes were the eyes of a man who meant to kill. There was never any mistak ing the strange and terrible light of eyes like those. More than once Duane had a chance to aim at them, at the top of Longstreth's head, at a strip of his side.

Longstreth flung Lawson's body off. But even as it dropped, before Longstreth could leap, as he surely inended, for the gun, Duane covered him, called piercingly to him:

"Don't jump for the gun! Don't! I'll kill you! Sure as God I'll kill

kill Longstreth. Both of the men were Duane just saw him measure the disout on the porch. Duane wormed his tance to that gun. Duane would have

"Longstreth, listen," cried Duane, swiftly. "The game's up. You're done. But think of your daughter! I'll spare your life-I'll try to get you freedom on one condition. For her sake! I've got you nailed-all the proofs. There lies Lawson. You're alone. I've Morton and men to my aid. Give up. Surrender. Consent to demands, and I'll spare you. Maybe I can persuade MacNelly to let you go free back to your old country. It's for Ray's sake! Her life, perhaps her happiness, can be saved! Hurry, man! Your answer!"

"Suppose I refuse?" he queried, with a dark and terrible earnestness

"Then I'll kill you in your tracks! You can't move a hand! Your word or death! Hurry, Longstreth! Be a man! For her sake! Quick! Another second now-I'll kill you!"

"All right, Buck Duane, I give my word." he said, and deliberately walked to the chair and fell into it. Longstreth looked strangely at the

bloody blot on Duane's shoulder. "There come the girls!" he suddenly exclaimed. "Can you help me drag Lawson inside? They musn't see

Duane was facing down the porch toward the court and corrals. Miss Longstreth and Ruth had come in sight, were swiftly approaching, evi-

dently alarmed. The two men succeeded in drawing Lawson into the house before the girls saw him. "Duane, you're not hard hit?" said

Longstreth. "Reckon not," replied Duane,

"I'm sorry. If only you could have told me sooner! Lawson! Always I've split over him!" "But the last time, Longstreth."

"Yes, and I came near driving you to kill me, too. Duane, you talked me out of it. For Ray's sake! She'll be in here in a minute. This 'll be hard-

er than facing a gun." "Hard now. But I hope it 'll turn out all right."

"Duane, will you do me a favor?" he asked, and he seemed shamefaced. "Sure."

"Let Ray and Ruth think Lawson shot you. He's dead. It can't matter. Duane, the old side of my life is coming back. It's been coming. And, I'd change places with Lawson if I could!

"Glad you-said that, Longstreth," replied Duane. "And sure-Lawson plugged me. It's our secret."

Just then Ray and Ruth entere room. Duane heard two low cries, so different in tone, and he saw two white faces. Ray came to his side. She lifted a shaking hand to point at the blood upon his breast. White and mute, she gazed from that to her father.

"Papa!" cried Ray, wringing her hands,

"Don't give way," he replied, huskily. "Both you girls will need your nerve. Duane isn't badly hurt. But Floyd is-is dead. Listen. Let me tell it quick. There's been a fight. It -it was Lawson-it was Lawson's gun that shot Duane. Duane let me off. In fact, Ray, he saved me. I'm to divide my property-return so far as possible what I've stolen-leave Texas at once with Duane, under arrest. He says maybe he can get Mac-Nelly, the ranger captain, to let me go. For your sake!"

She stood there, realizing her deliverance, with the dark and tragic glory of her eyes passing from her father

"You must rise above this." said Duane to her. "I expected this to red flashes, puffs of smoke; he heard ruin you. But your father is alive. He will live it down. I'm sure I can promise you he'll be free. Perhaps back there in Louisiana the dishonor will never be known. This matter of land, water, a few stray head of stock had to be decided out of court. To protect himself he bound men to him. He could not control them. He became involved with them, and so he grew into the leader because he was the strongest. Whatever he is to be judged for, I think he could have been infinitely worse."

#### CHAPTER XXVI.

On the morning of the twenty-sixth Duane rode into Bradford in time to catch the early train. His wound did not seriously incapacitate him. Longstreth was with him. And Miss Longstreth and Ruth Herbert would not be left behind. They were all leaving Fairdale forever. Longstreth had turned over the whole of his property to Morton, who was to divide it as he and his comrades believed just. Duane had left Fairdale with his party by night, passed through Sanderson in the early hours of dawn, and reached Bradford as he had planned.

in a tumult. He wanted to rush to Val Verde. Would Captain MacNelly be there with his rangers, as Duane had planned for them to be? Memory of that tawny Poggin returned with

sound in his ears that was not all | hundred lightning-swift evolutions. He | He was game. He had the courage | ing, had endured the long hours of meant to take any risk rather than that forced Duane to respect him. the outlaw, but now he had no patience. The whistle of the train made him leap.

It was a fast train, yet the ride seemed slow.

Duane did not speak to Longstreth and the passengers in the car, changed his seat to one behind his prisoner. The girls sat in a seat near by and Knell?" were pale but composed.

Duane did not speak to Longstreth

followed as naturally as ordinary travelers. The station was a good there was considerable action and lot?" queried Duane. bustle incident to the arrival of the train.

Duane's sweeping gaze searched faces, rested upon a man who seemed familiar. This fellow's look, too, was that of one who knew Duane, but was en. Without mustache he appeared lightning in action." different, younger.

tended to greet him, hurried forward are spoiling for a fight. Out with your to meet him. A keen light flashed plan, now." from his eyes. He was glad, eager, not look the part of an outlaw.

"MacNelly, shake hands with Cheseldine," said Duane, low-voiced.

The ranger stood dumb, motionless, But he saw Longstreth's instant ac- and it struck him peculiarly. He had tion, and awkwardly he reached for seemed to be planning and speaking the outstretched hand.

queried Duane, sharply, "No. They're up-town."

"Come. MacNelly, you walk with come behind with them." They set off up-town. Longstreth

the way to dinner. The girls were mute. MacNelly walked like a man Nelly. in a trance. There was not a word Duane was slient. spoken in four blocks.

Presently Duane espied a stone comprehending light seemed to flit building on a corner of the broad over his face. street. There was a big sign, "Ranch- "Duane, I can give you no orders

scattered around."

They crossed the street, went eral—the whole state will rise up and through office and lobby, and then honor you. I say, as a ranger, need Duane asked MacNelly to take them you take more risk than your capto a private room. Without a word tain?" relief, he faced them calmly.

able now," he said. "And don't be dis- voice. tressed." Then he turned to his capyou, and this one is his niece."

Then Duane briefly related Long-

"When I went after Longstreth," his daughter's sake. He has already voice. disposed of all his property. I believe | Like a great tree chopped at the



"Duane! Lord, I Am Glad to See You!"

That fatal morning found Duane he'll live up to the conditions. He's outwardly calm, but inwardly he was to leave Texas never to return. Ches eldine has been a mystery, and now it 'll fade."

A few moments later Duane follow ed MacNelly to a large room, like a

MacNelly beckoned to his men. They crowded close, eager, like hounds ready to run. They all talked at once, and the word most significant and frequent in their speech was outlaws.

MacNelly clapped his fist in his

"This 'll make the adjutant sick with joy. Maybe he won't have it on the Governor! We'll show them about the ranger service. Duane! how'd you ever do it?"

"Now, Captain, not the half nor the quarter of this job's done. The gang's coming down the road. They'll ride in to town on the dot-two-thirty.

"How many?" asked MacNelly. "Poggin, Blossom Kane, Panhandle Smith, Boldt, Jim Fletcher, and another man I don't know."

"Poggin-that's the hard nut to crack! I've heard their record since I've been in Val Verde. Where's

"Knell's dead."

"Ah!" exclaimed MacNelly, softly, again till the train stopped at Val Then he grew businesslike, cool, and of harder aspect. "Duane, it's your They got off the car, and the girls game to-day. We're all under your orders."

"You understand there's no sense in deal larger than that at Bradford, and trying to arrest Poggin, Kane and that

"No, I don't understand that," replied MacNelly, bluntly.

"It can't be done. The drop can't be got on such men. Poggin! That outlaw has no equal with a gun-unless- He's got to be killed quick. waiting for a sign, a cue. Then Duane, They'll all have to be killed. They're recognized him-MacNelly, clean-shav- all bad, desperate, know no fear, are

"Very well, Duane; then it's a fight. When MacNelly saw that Duane in- That 'll be easier, perhaps. The boys

"Put one man at each end of this yet suppressing himself, and the street, just at the edge of town. Put glances he sent back and forth from four men up in that room over the Duane to Longstreth were questioning, bank-two at each open window. Let doubtful. Certainly Longstreth did them hide till the game begins. The rest of your men put inside behind "Duane! Lord, I'm glad to see you," the counters, where they'll hide. Now was the Captain's greeting. Then at go over to the bank, spring the thing closer look into Duane's face his on the bank officials, send your men warmth fled-something he saw there over one by one. No hurry, no exchecked his enthusiasm, or at least its citement, no unusual thing to attract notice in the bank."

"All right. That's great. Tell me,

where do you intend to wait?" Duane heard MacNelly's question mechanically. As be was confronted "Any of your men down here?" by the fact it nonplused him some what, and he became thoughtful,

with lowered head. "Where 'll you wait, Duane?" inhim. We've ladies in the party. I'll sisted MacNelly, with keen eyes

speculating. "I'll wait in front-just inside the walked as if he were with friends on door," replied Duane, with an effort. "But will you hide?" asked Mac-

MacNelly stared, and then a strange,

to-day," he said, distinctly. "I'm only "There's the hotel," said MacNelly, offering advice. Need you take any "Some of my men are there. We've more risks? You've redeemed yourself. The governor, the adjutant-gen-

the Captain complied. When they Still Duane remained silent. He were all inside Duane closed the door, was locked between two forces. And and, drawing a deep breath as if of one, a tide that was bursting at its bounds, seemed about to overwhelm "Miss Longstreth, you and Miss him. Finally that side of him, the Ruth try to make yourselves comfort- retreating self, the weaker, found a

"Captain, just what I'll do or where tain, "MacNelly, this girl is the I'll be I can't say yet. In meetings daughter of the man I've brought to like this the moment decides. But I'll be there!"

MacNelly spread wide his hands streth's story, and, though he did not looked helplessly at his curious and spare the rustler chief, he was gener- sympathetic rangers, and shook his

"Now you've done your work-laid concluded Duane, "It was either to the trap-is this strange move of yours kill him or offer him his freedom on going to be fair to Miss Longstreth?" conditions. So I chose the latter for asked MacNelly, in significant low

roots Duane vibrated to that. He looked up as if he had seen a ghost.

Mercilessly the ranger captain went on: "You can win her, Duane! Oh, you can't fool me. I was wise in a minute. Fight with us from cover. You'll be free, honored, happy. That girl loves you! I saw it in her eyes.

But Duane cut him short with a flerce gesture. He lunged up to his feet, and the rangers fell back. Dark, silent, grim as he had been, still there was a transformation singularly more sinister, stranger.

"Enough. I'm done," he said, som berly. "I've planned. Do we agreeor shall I meet Poggin and his gang alone?"

MacNelly cursed and again threw up his hands, this time in baffled chagrin. There was deep regret in his dark eyes as they rested upon Duane.

Dunne was left alone.

Never had his mind been so quick, so clear, so wonderful in its understanding of what had heretofore been intricate and elusive impulses of his strange nature. His determination was to meet Poggin; meet him before anyone else had a chance-Poggin first-and then the others! He was as unalterable in that de ision as if on the instant of its acceptance he had become stone,

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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On Tuesday afternoon the M. E. Auxiliary met with Mrs Boyett. The pretty suite of living rooms was filled at the Master of the local lodge, at appointed time by members of tended the Grand Lodge, A. F. the bible class and a few invited & A. M., at Waco this week. guests. At the close of a short The News force enjoyed a devotional service Mrs. Boyett, short visit from H C Dakan, in an impressive manner, led imotype operator on the Wichite scripture never before fully untaking a vacation with the avox derstood by us, were made per print shop but when he passed tectly plain by the comments in the News office and heard the our splendid study book.

At the close of the study Mrs. the drink habit. Cousins read a letter relative to

which followed, the host is in very feeble health. would be given, surprised us by home the first of the week.

Enthusiasm ran high over the day election of officers which will take place at the parsonage fuesday afternoon. The guests cently. If you find some one in on departing feit that every need, help them if possible, brim with profit and enjoyment. has done.

Erick Wednesday.

D N Massay, Roy Richardson see her leave. and Charite Cooke were in J w Brewer and family have Childress this week.

A B Fortner and family left home resterday for Post City, Texas, where they will make their home aidst, but hope they will find trespassing will be allowed or heir new home and surround my land. Take warning.

(Left over from last week) Misses Vida Montgomery and Anna Lee Harris visited friends at Shamrock Wednesday.

Hobert Roach, Worshipful

Pails lines. Mr. Dakan was presses going - well its just like

Mrs Lizzie Easterwood is fin Amardio this week visiting her During the pleasant social mother, Grandma Simmons, who

Mrs. W D Biggers of Groom informed us that no refreshments spent a few days at the Floyd

> J Fred Smith of Shamrock transacted business here Tues-

been done in a quiet manner renoment spent in this delightful without letting the world know some had been filled to the about it, as this good woman

Supt. Publicity Mrs. Merile Guertin left Mon Mr. and Mrs. Homer Crabtree day for Amarillo and from there and Mrs. J L Crabtree visited at will return to her home at L berty, Texas Mrs Guertin was the recipient of many pleasant Andy Floyd is driving a new title social affairs while in the ity and made a number of friends here who regretted to

moved to Eubbock to make then

people from our that no hunting or otherwise Mrs. A. A. Beail.

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