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We Wish You a Prosperous New Year

An Humble Servant Of the Confederacy

Read before a recent meeting of Veterans at Amarillo by Mrs. MITTIE MORTON MORGAN.

I will tell you a story of a most useful and humble servant of the Confederacy—the scissors I have in my hands.

They were bright and new in the early spring of 1861. My father bought two pair just alike, these he gave to my mother and the other pair went with him two years in the war and then were lost. I also have a picture of the first cloth cut by them—my father's first uniform.

Jefferson, Texas, was a little hamlet hardly known on the map, yet it was a scene of great activity during those early months of the year 1861. Every bodied male citizen, that is nearly all of them, heard the call and most heeded it. A company was formed, named and numbered Company A, 19th Texas Infantry. It was quickly followed by other companies and every man of serviceable age was enlisted. The men who have since become the purveyors of clothes, the great houses of Kuppenheimer and Hart, and others; their founders either un-derstand or else playing about the quarter in their native land. Hence, the women were called on to make father's, mother's, son's and husband's clothes. The supply of tailors was entirely insufficient to get a garment ready for marching. It was indeed a busy time for a low superannuated servant. My snip, all day and far into

the night. My beloved mother was a notable cutter and seamstress and many a hurrying, tearful woman came to our house in those days with a neatly rolled package of gray cloth to go home with the suit fully cut out ready to sew. These dear mothers, theirs indeed was the harder task, for not only were they busy night and day with the labor of love, making clothes, knitting, sewing and planning for the comfort of those beloved, but they must show a brave face; must constantly hide their forebodings and shed their tears as they breathed their petitions to the great Giver of life.

I wish I could paint for you a word picture of those days as I, a small child, saw them. Materials were dear and scarce, so every treasured scrap of linen and other things that could be used in the making of clothes was ruthlessly sacrificed. Finally all were fitted out. Brave were they in their new uniforms; gay, merry, full of the pride of life and perfect confidence in their ability to show the hated "Yankees" that they would never conquer the south, would never be able to choke their interference with liberty and life down the throats of a free and liberty loving people.

A great day at last dawned on Jefferson. The ladies were to make and present a flag to the regiment. They gathered, a chattering, happy group, mostly young care free girls. Again

our friend, the scissors, came into play and they cut the beautiful silken fabric that made that sacred emblem. It was finished in a day and just before the call came to report for duty the flag was presented. How well I remember that scene! A beautiful girl robed in purest white, with long black ringlets and a garland of flowers—pure white roses—riding a magnificent black horse, led the parade to the square. There with graceful words she presented the little flag, afterwards bathed in the blood of more than one of those who were its bearers that day, for it is the history of that regiment that at least ten of the command met death while carrying it aloft. I also remember the fact that, inspired with an ardent desire for curls like the lady who presented the flag, I securely wrapped my thin and straight locks in a strong decoction of molasses and water to make the wished for ringlets, but, oh my, the time when Susie, my nigger mammy, discovered what I had done. In vain she washed—soaked. In vain I wept and promised never to do it again. She went to my mother and said:

"Look here, Miss Fannie, what dat owdacious chile done to herself. I jus' whipped Nerty Ann for puttin in her time wroppin her hair to make dat har straight and dis here chile done spile hern tryin to make it curly."

Alas, again came the scissors. Off came the sticky mess and a chastened little girl meekly wept.

After a time the brave boys in gray marched away, then came a trying period for the wives and sweethearts and mothers and often the falling tears dulled the brightness of the scis-

sors. I will never forget the first news that came, it was that my mother's favorite brother had passed on to rest before he ever saw the enemy.

After a while the soldiers began coming home on furlough, again came a furnishing up of clothes and after a time Jefferson was once more a field of activity for the women were called on to make shirts and underwear. My mother cut day and night, always cheerful, usually singing an accompaniment to the ceaseless snip, snip of the scissors. At one time she cut eleven bolts of heavy domestic into shirts, which the willing workers carried away to be sewed. This daily work continued until cloth became so scarce that the spinning wheel and loom were brought into play and many a night have I been lulled to sleep by the whir of the wheel, the soft battering of the loom, nearly always accompanied by a song. As fast as a piece of cloth could be taken from the loom it was cut, sewed and rushed to the soldier.

After the close of the heart breaking struggle the men came drifting home. Battle scarred, weary, broken in health they came, my father among them. He left home a magnificent specimen of humanity six feet tall, weighing two hundred and twenty five pounds, in a fine new uniform; he came back on a rude stretcher, his right arm gone below the elbow, his health gone forever, a homespun shirt, jean trousers, old, worn and soiled, no shoes, hat or under wear, weighing less than one hundred pounds; in fact, a poor skeleton of a man but full of hopes and plans for the future when he should recuperate from hardships cheerfully borne. Alas the wished for strength never came. Then it was that my mother's last thin dress was sacrificed to make bandages and cloths for the wound that never healed. A few short months he lived, surrounded with such poor comfort as our desolate home could furnish and after a time came the end. The scissors cut for him the last garment worn.

My mother faced the world with this faithful servitor, and her worn thimble as her only help in the struggle for bread for herself and child. Would to God I could blot out of my memory those years of heart breaking who outted in during the search for the diamonds."

Britz paused a little, and then resumed:

"These Hindoos worked about as fast as I did. They must have made up their minds pretty early in the game that Miss Holcomb knew nothing about the necklace, and, of course, nobody would be foolish enough to suspect little Miss March. Our dark friends from the East concentrated their attention on Griswold and Sands. For a long time, All had been in Mrs. Missioner's employ. He wasn't, however, Mrs. Missioner's employ in the true sense of the word. He was there as one of the subordinates of this Swami chap, along with the other Oriental fellows, one of whom calls himself Prince Kananda. In fact, All was on the job from the day he became a member of Mrs. Missioner's household. He was sent there for the precise purpose of piping off the place, and either getting the big diamond himself, or tipping the Swami and all the rest of them when it would be safe for them to make a try. It stands to reason Mrs. Missioner watched her jewels pretty closely, and that her safe was a jim-dandy, since that necklace in all those long months could not be lifted by the Hindoo servant. He would have been perfectly willing to throat-cut in order to get it had he felt

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XV. REVENGE

IN ORDER that vengeance might not slumber, King Darius had his secretary to say to him each morning, "Sire, remember Athens," and the Persian army was cut to pieces in the battle of Marathon. Hannibal laid his hand on the altar and swore vengeance against Rome, and the Carthagian army was annihilated on the plains of Italy. Many a nation has gone to destruction or wasted its energy in blindly following its leaders in an effort to avenge grievances.



SIRE, REMEMBER ATHENS

Let him who would stamp his name upon the age in which he lives first convince his fellow men that his blood is not burning with the fever of hatred, that his mind is not chilled with the thaw winds of spite and that his frailties will not ride the State like a pestilence. No greater curse can blight a country than leadership steeped in scorn. Texas needs great men.

I create a new heaven and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered nor come into mind, And I will rejoice in Jerusalem and joy in my people; and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying." And in the 25th chapter of the same book this promise: "He will swallow up death in victory and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces. And in the Revelation the Lord John, saw a new heaven and a new earth and there was no more death." How blessed and comforting is the sure knowledge that with those beloved ones who gave their all during that memorable struggle, and all those who were left to take the burden of life under new environments the glorious promise of immortality and the reward from the Giver of every good and perfect gift is theirs. They did life's work well and we know even as they are



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No. 44—10:25 p. m.

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All parties are hereby warned not to hunt or otherwise trespass on my land east of the line. Violations will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
Geo. B. ...

ANOTHER GLAD NEW YEAR

At the beginning of this new year of 1912 we wish to extend to our friends and customers a hearty greeting and wish for them a happy and prosperous new year.

If you have been our customer during the past year you have appreciated our earnest efforts to serve you in every possible way and hope to continue to do so with us.

If you have not been a customer of ours, we desire to share a share of your business, promising reasonable prices with prompt and adequate service.

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THE PACE-MAKER

"And who, if you don't mind taking me into your confidence, is Mrs. Millicent Delaroché?" the Chief inquired.
"Mrs. Millicent Delaroché," said the detective crisply, "thinks she is the sture Mrs. Curtis Griswold. But as far as Mr. Griswold is concerned, she may remain Mrs. Delaroché for the rest of her natural life. In other words, Griswold promised to marry her, and then got very busy in an attempt to marry Mrs. Missioner. He hasn't know yet, of course, that it will be a very long time before he has a chance to marry anybody. Neither Mrs. Delaroché know how she has been fooled by the clubman when she does know—which I think will be some time today—I think you'll see some fur fly."
Fitch, to get the upper hand of his nervousness, tapped his eyeglasses with a medical-looking lead pencil, and listened very closely to the detective's story. Manning, too, was absorbed in what Britz had to tell. Both his hearers, therefore, were momentarily disappointed when Britz, instead of going ahead with his story, asked that Donnelly and Carson be led apart long enough for one of them to arrest Griswold, and the other brings Mrs. Delaroché to Headquarters.
"I don't want to make things too up-

College Education

Demand for Trained Men Greater Than Supply

By MADISON C. PETERS

IN 1791 Daniel Webster's father, who was a captain under Gen. John Stark in the Revolutionary war, was made a judge of the local court at a salary of about \$350. This success turned his attention to giving his children that which he had irretrievably lost—an education. Such was the genius of the new institutions to which our independence gave rise and so great was the controlling power of the people in political affairs, through the elective franchise, that it was apparent to all thoughtful men that general intelligence among the masses of the people was essential to the healthful working and the perpetuity of the new form of government. Not only therefore did state legislatures and the municipal officers of the various towns give special consideration to educational matters, but men of wealth, under the influence of patriotism, contributed freely of their own private funds for the endowment of schools and colleges.

When Daniel Webster was fourteen years of age his father took him to Exeter academy. Daniel's education was determined upon because of the fear that the heavy work of a farmer would be too severe a task for Daniel, who was weakly as a boy, and Daniel was sent to school that, according to the custom of the times, he could teach school in winter and work on the farm, if his health allowed, in the summer. After a year at Exeter he was sent to the school of Rev. Samuel Wood, who prepared boys for college at one dollar a week for tuition and board. It was while on their way to Mr. Wood's that Daniel's father first held out to him the hope of sending him to college, an advantage Daniel had never aspired to in his most ambitious moments. Daniel wept from excessive joy. How different were his feelings from those of many at the present day, who when the privilege of a college education is offered them, regard the proposition as an affliction so great that they cry from sorrow. The golden opportunity they throw away and when too late to repair the disaster deeply regret their folly.

You will not always be boys. In a few years you must take your place among men and in order to be qualified to exert much influence over them you must know something. Every boy now in school, every young man now in college is placed in an enviable position; by rightly improving his advantages he will qualify himself to occupy important positions. If you would have your opinions respected, your advice sought, and hope to be looked to to fill places of trust, you must be educated. Who would have supposed that the puny, awkward, backwoods lad, in homespun clothes and rustic manners, who was made the object of ridicule, would astonish mankind with his eloquence, settle through the skillfulness of his diplomacy some of the most difficult problems of international government and attain an eminence immeasurably higher than any official distinction within the gift of the people? It is no more unlikely now that you may acquire distinction than it was in his case when he was of your age.

Mere money makers can succeed without education. But money making is not the highest kind of success. The demand for thoroughly trained men today is greater than the supply. The best jobs go begging for the right men to fill them.



Speed Limit Law Is Really Only Remedy

By W. O. JENKINS

Day after day the modern juggernauts sweep through our crowded streets, claiming their human victims without a hand effectually raised in protest. The other day in Chicago a young and talented girl, just budding into womanhood, on her way to the high school where she was soon to finish her work to fit her for life's duties, was suddenly hurled to the pavement and her crushed and bleeding body hardly removed before life was extinct.

The coroner's jury exonerated the driver of the automobile. Perhaps the verdict was legally correct. It was an accident. But humanity cries out against the conditions that make such accidents possible.

Certain kinds of accidents have occurred in the past that today are impossible because the conditions under which such accidents could occur have been eliminated.

The locomotive engineer, when he has a warning signal of danger, is required to have his engine under perfect control. This means that he can proceed only at such speed that when the danger is realized his engine can be brought to almost an instant stop, and this on a private right of way.

Why are these life destroying engines allowed to use the crowded public highways at a speed absolutely beyond the control of the operator, and our newspapers publishing the death list of their victims day after day.

A speed limit law consistent with safety and the strict enforcement of that law is the only remedy.

Great Prize of Life Comes by Accident

By GEORGE B. BRUCE, Chicago

The great prize of life may come by accident. Shakespeare says: "Fortune brings in some boats that are not steered." We must all admit that happenings and unforeseen events over which a man has no control often change the whole course of his career.

Good positions do not always come by merit, as the result of one's own direct efforts. Many a poor laboring man is raised to wealth by the death of some rich relative or some poor washerwoman is raised to high position by marrying a man of fortune.

Some are moved forward to eminence by chance, sickness, accident, death or having kinship with the men they work for, while a more worthy worker is left behind.

You know what it means to be in the right place at the right time, although your being there was not of your own calculation. Too many people in this world take great credit upon themselves for they are, when it is not for the fact that they were lucky they are no better off than their less fortunate neighbors.

Instructions for Growing Cotton

FIRST. The soil should have been thoroughly pulverized for at least five inches deep last fall or in the early winter; the cotton stalks, grass and trash should have been turned under to decay. However, if you have not plowed the land deep, plow it at once about one inch deeper than it has ever been plowed before. It is best to flat break the land and then bed it.

Second. The rows ought to be wider on rich land than on poor land. It is better to have the rows a little too wide apart than too narrow. Air and sunlight are of the greatest importance in making the cotton fruit.

Third. Lay off the rows and distribute from 300 to 800 pounds of some standard grade fertilizer in the rows. On poor land it is not advisable to use more than 300 pounds per acre; on very fertile soil as much as 800 pounds per acre may be profitably used. Distribute the fertilizer several days before planting and thoroughly mix it with the soil by following the fertilizer distributor with a bull-tongue or scoter.

Fourth. Use the harrow thoroughly before and after planting the seed.

Fifth. Plant as early as is safe from frost.

Sixth. Begin cultivating the cotton as soon as it is up to a stand. Frequent and shallow cultivation should be the rule. Harrows, cultivators and winged sweeps are the implements best suited to the cultivation of cotton.

KEEP THE FOLLOWING RECORD:

1. Date of preparation and how the land was prepared.
2. Amount of fertilizer used and how applied.
3. Date of planting; depth; variety; distance of rows apart.
4. Date of cotton coming up.
5. Date of each cultivation and kind of cultivation given.
6. Date of first blossom.
7. Date of first open boll.
8. Number of pounds of seed cotton per acre; number of pounds of lint cotton per acre.
9. Price received for cotton.
10. Keep a record of the entire cost of preparation, planting, cultivation, gathering, marketing the crop. Be able to tell just exactly what the cotton cost per pound to make it.

USE OF DIPPING VAT

Efficient and Practical Agency in Eradicating Ticks.

Number of Counties in Mississippi Express Approval of Method of Appropriating Money for Building of Tanks.

(By DR. J. A. KIERNAN, Nashville, Tenn.)

The dipping vat as an efficient and practical agency in eradicating cattle ticks is gaining rapidly in popularity among all classes of stock owners. This growing approval is being adequately expressed through the Boards of Supervisors in a number of counties in Mississippi by appropriating sufficient amount of money to buy material for the construction of community dipping vats at convenient points in these counties, available for all the cattle in the respective communities and for the purchase of material with which to fill these vats. With such convenient assistance provided there are extremely few cattle owners who are so indifferent as not to become actively interested in eradicating fever ticks from their premises, which result is easily accomplished by regularly dipping all cattle every two weeks for the space of a few months. This action on the part of the Board of Supervisors is beyond doubt truly economical and far-sighted and in all instances noted has been so considered by citizens of counties in which this action has been taken, for it makes certain the complete eradication of the fever tick in a much shorter time than would otherwise be consumed and by so doing makes possible the elimination of quarantine restrictions at a correspondingly early date and not only are the ultimate results thereby hastened but unnecessary dissension during the progress of the work by this method is largely eliminated, as well as the useless discussion as to the probable results, for no well informed man of average intelligence can have any doubt as to final results after having witnessed one dipping of cattle in properly prepared arsenical solution and noted the results of that dipping four days later.

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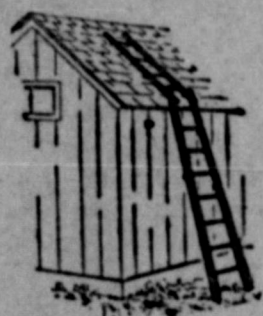
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EXTENSION LADDER FOR ROOF

Many Difficulties Overcome by Use of Implement Shown in Illustration—How it is Made.

It is extremely difficult to climb up the roof of a building and retain one's footing after reaching the eaves without a long ladder equipped with ridge hooks. This requires two ladders of considerable length, the hooks are more or less dangerous, and they are injurious to a roof.

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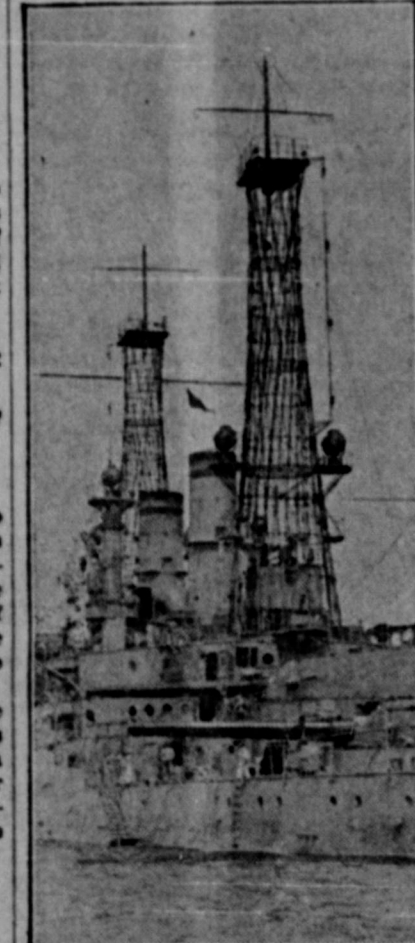
Navy Men Say They Must Be Abandoned.

Practically indestructible, but Vibration Proves Handicap to Range Finders and Diminishes Accuracy in Gunnery.

Washington—The skeleton masts on the United States battleships, distinctly a feature of American war craft, are said to be doomed for the scrap heap. There is a great deal of discussion in naval circles over the apparently well-founded report that the navy department intends to abandon the skeleton masts with which all battleships are now equipped because they have not come up to expectations, and from the viewpoint of naval experts are a hindrance and a handicap to efficient marksmanship. The vibration of the mast, due to its slender mechanism, is said to be the chief defect. For this reason the range finder, whose duty it is to pick up the object and communicate the distance to the gun pointers, is unable to do so with the celerity and accuracy that would be demanded in a naval engagement.

When the skeleton mast was introduced on American battleships it was agreed generally a great step had been taken in advance of other nations. It was the belief then, and still is, that the mast is indestructible, which gave the ship in time of action a big advantage, for if the mast could not be shot away the fire control system of the vessel at no time would be threatened.

The position of the range finder is at the top of the mast. He is the pulse of the ship, and mistakes made



Masts of the South Carolina.

by him may mean the destruction of the vessel. Naval experts figured a 12-inch shell would pass through the skeleton mast without destroying it, whereas one shot in the old style hollow steel mast would bring it down and with it the whole fire control system. It was calculated several shots could go through the skeleton masts and it still would stand. But from all indications those who advanced the skeleton mast theory evidently were carried away by their enthusiasm and overlooked the drawback in another direction that would be caused by the vibration of a battleship steaming at full speed.

How much depends upon the range finder can be understood only by men who make a study of fighting at long range, as was pointed out by an expert who says the skeleton masts are a failure. It was expected that when the lattice work masts first made their appearance other nations would be quick to adopt them. It was a surprise to advocates of the new type of mast that this was not done. The skeleton mast is typically an American naval idea, but from all indications the defects now seen by experts here were foreseen by experts in other navies, and the American mast let

those in favor of the skeleton masts point to the excellent gunnery records made in target practice since their adoption as proof of their success, but the counter argument is advanced that if the range finders were placed on more substantial posts the marksmanship of the navy, increasing in excellence as it has done year by year, would be still better and all records for speed and accuracy would be smashed. The unpopularity of the skeleton masts has been growing steadily. It is said the change is not far off, and any day may see orders issued going away with what a year or two ago was thought to be the greatest stride forward in naval construction.

Death Follows Alcohol Rub. Birmingham, Ala.—M. E. Torphy, a well known young man of this city, was burned to death under unusual circumstances. He was rubbing his body with alcohol after taking a bath and the alcohol caught fire from an open grate, enveloping his body with

THE TRUTH ABOUT BLUING.

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BRITZ AT HEADQUARTERS. MADRID BARBER ILLUSTRATIONS BY RAY WATERS

SYNOPSIS. Yorkers don't believe in throwing temptation in one another's way—anyhow, not at any risk to themselves.

They opens with a scream from March in the opera box. Mrs. Missioner's necklace... Curtis Griswold and Braxton... what is supposed to be the Maharane and crushes it. A Hindoo... later pronounces all the stones... One of the diamonds is found in the room... Detective Fitch takes... Mrs. Missioner is arrested... Mrs. Missioner's belief... He asks the co-operation of... Elinor's fiancé... running... the real criminal... Fitch... Mrs. Missioner's diamonds... made in Paris on the order of... of Holcomb... While walking... and gagged by Hindoo... in a deserted house... his escape... Fitch... diamond expert... whom he believes... employed by either Sands or Griswold... make counterfeit of the Missioner's... Two Hindoo burglars... of them he finds a note signed... and addresses to "Curtis... a woman named Millicent... to whom Griswold has been... marked attention... The woman at... ball at Mrs. Missioner's home... nothing further about the dia... Britz... the woman... of the Hindoo... in the recovery of the jewels... his quarters and has an ex... experience with a Hindoo... returns all the real diamonds... to Missioner, except the Maharane... he trusts must be returned... in India, whence it was stolen.

CHAPTER XXIV.—(Continued.)

men Gordon has run down... the lieutenant, "were the hardest... I call them the second... of thieves because they are... who stole Mrs. Missioner's... long after the stones were... from her."

"Who may they be?" Manning... they are the dark men—the Hin... whose connection with the case... cated it much more than was... table, and who gave further... of their inconsiderate disposi... making the doctor here and... uncomfortable just before we... back to Headquarters."

mean they are the men who... Mrs. Missioner of her jewels?"... the men who stole Mrs. Mis... jewels after she was robbed... by."

robbed the thieves, then?"... thieves—thief," said Britz... was only one artist in the... "What's his name?" the Chief... again.

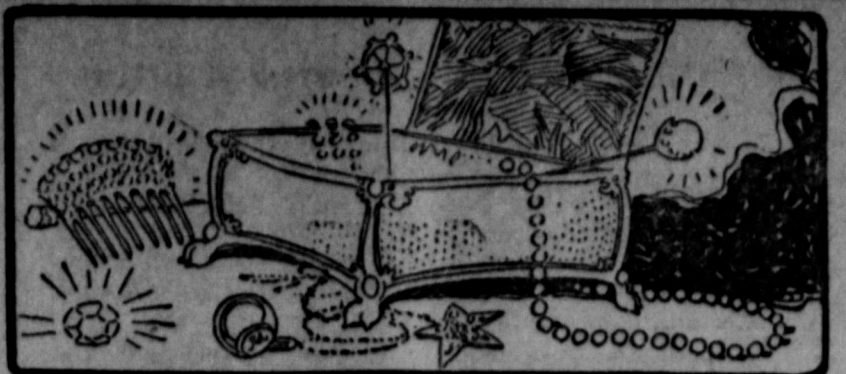
"name?" returned the detec... enchantedly. "Oh, I haven't... was a 'be.'"

Fitch, though he had worked... with the sleuth in the lat... of the hunt for the jewels... nished. Manning concealed... He said:

"I suppose you've got the... him—or her?"... and I haven't," the detec... "While only one per... of the diamonds, there's been... group of potential thieves... stones. They've been work... purposes. With the natural... they played unconsciously... hands of the one all of them... and Manning eyed each other... Britz had worked hard... and had succeeded when it... seemed impossible. If he... indulge in a slightly en... gleable, surely it was not... much to humor him.

awed a black cigar, unlight... whirled about two or three... ere he took up the thread of... again.

ing story," he resumed. "It... of piecing to put it to... that it's as plain now as a pic... e when all the cut-outs fit... first place, Griswold planned... a Jewels a long time ago—a... years, I fancy. He didn't... himself with mere planning... lot of work while he was... for his opportunity. He... value of the Missioner neck... ouse, especially the value... of Maharane diamond that... ntral stone. As nearly as I... out his scheme, he hoped to... collarette and dispose of it... fore it should be missed by... ioneer. The only way to do... course, was to substitute an... for the genuine article... too, the imitation had to be... out Mrs. Missioner's knowl... the man he meant to have... ad to have either accurate... copy or a very... was beyond all possibil... Griswold could get the neck... sioner's possession long enough... ogus collarette made. Mrs... in spite of her many mil... like all other women of... arded her jewels closely... ntrust her government... other negotiable securities... or banks, but she keeps... nder her own eyes. None... we just how much she... Griswold; but the chances... ven if she had been en... she wouldn't have let... sioner of the Maharane... any length of time. My... that these rich New



"He Made Drawings at First Hand."

work for Mr. Griswold, and from all I've heard a fine job he made of it, too." "Crazy, is he?" asked Manning. "Mad as they make 'em," Britz replied, "but, as the doctor says, harmless. He couldn't have made so good an imitation had he not believed he was manufacturing a genuine stone. That's his delusion, you understand—thinks he's making diamonds."

"Well," said the Chief after another pause. "How did Griswold turn the trick when it came to a showdown?" A faint smile flickered an instant about Britz's lips, then disappeared.

"He never got a chance to turn the trick," the detective replied. "For more than a year now, he's been casting covetous eyes on the same paste stones he had manufactured."

By a tremendous effort Fitch succeeded in subduing his excitement, and locking his hands behind his head, he waited with what patience he could for the rest of the detective's story. Manning seemed to turn to ice.

"Griswold has been in bad financial for over two years," Britz continued. "He's been doing stunts with the books of the Iroquois Trust company. At my request, the directors have had experts on the books for a couple of weeks, and they've got as pretty a case against Mr. Griswold as ever you saw. He wanted that necklace in order to get enough money to square his accounts."

"Now comes the strangest part of the case," the detective smiled as he made ready to fire the verbal bomb. "The most surprised man in the world, on the night that Mrs. Missioner discovered her jewels were mere paste, was Curtis Griswold."

Britz watched the effect of his words on his hearers. They shifted nervously in their seats as if impatient of the detective's pause.

"When did the Hindoos steal the jewels and where did they find them?" asked Manning. "About one hour, or a little more, before I made a try for them myself," said Britz. "They nabbed them in the apartment of Mrs. Millicent Delaroché, in the Hotel Renaissance."

"And who, if you don't mind taking me into your confidence, is Mrs. Millicent Delaroché?" the Chief inquired. "Mrs. Millicent Delaroché," said the detective crisply, "thinks she is the future Mrs. Curtis Griswold. But as far as Mr. Griswold is concerned, she may remain Mrs. Delaroché for the rest of her natural life. In other words, Griswold promised to marry her, and then got very busy in an attempt to marry Mrs. Missioner. He doesn't know yet, of course, that it will be a very long time before he has a chance to marry anybody. Neither does Mrs. Delaroché know how she has been fooled by the chubman. When she does know—which I think will be some time today—I think you'll see some fun fly."

Fitch, to get the upper hand of his nervousness, tapped his eyeglasses with a medical-looking lead pencil, and listened very closely to the detective's story. Manning, too, was absorbed in what Britz had to tell. Both of his hearers, therefore, were momentarily disappointed when Britz, instead of going ahead with his story, asked that Donnelly and Carson be pried apart long enough for one of them to arrest Griswold, and the other to bring Mrs. Delaroché to Headquarters.

"I don't want to make things too... in order to get it had he felt



pleasant for these bright young men," Britz said sarcastically; "but I do want to give myself the satisfaction of having them nab the two persons they should have arrested in less than a week after the theft of Mrs. Missioner's jewels was discovered."

Manning felt he had no choice save to comply. He wasn't exactly pleased by the insistence of his lieutenant's request; but when Britz, at a nod from him, pressed a push button and an attendant appeared in the doorway, Chief Manning ordered the bluecoat to ask Donnelly and Carson to report to him in the lieutenant's room at once.

"Right here," Britz proceeded, "is where an interesting side feature of the mystery comes in. Griswold would have probably been more alert if he had known that men ten times as adroit as he, and a hundred times more unscrupulous, had journeyed half around the world to get one of those very gems he was preparing to steal from the woman he hoped to marry. I don't know exactly what's at the bottom of the interest those Hindoos have in the great Maharane diamond; but I do know they're willing to go pretty close to the electric chair to get it. I understand it was not really bought from the wife of an Indian prince, as Missioner told his wife it was. My best information is that it came from a Hindoo temple. You know those savages set great store by their idols. At any rate, from a half-dozen to a dozen Indians of various degrees came here from Calcutta some time ago and camped on the trail of the Maharane diamond. They played a waiting game and, apparently, they were on the point of making a grand effort to get the stone when the head of this organiza-

tion happened to be in the box next to Mrs. Missioner at the Metropolitan Opera House on the night when the necklace turned out to be a fake. He then learned that the original diamonds were not in the widow's keeping any longer.

"Griswold also was in the Missioner box that night, as you know, and he must have noticed the Oriental who butted in during the search for the diamonds."

Britz paused a little, and then resumed: "These Hindoos worked about as fast as I did. They must have made up their minds pretty early in the game that Miss Holcomb knew nothing about the necklace, and, of course, nobody would be foolish enough to suspect little Miss March. Our dark friends from the East concentrated their attention on Griswold and Sands. For a long time, all had been in Mrs. Missioner's employ. He wasn't, however, Mrs. Missioner's employee in the true sense of the word. He was there as one of the subordinates of this Swami chap, along with the other Oriental fellows, one of whom calls himself Prince Kananda. In fact, all was on the job from the day he became a member of Mrs. Missioner's household. He was sent there for the precise purpose of piping off the place, and either getting the big diamond himself, or tipping the Swami and all the rest of them when it would be safe for them to make a try. It stands to reason Mrs. Missioner watched her jewels pretty closely, and that her safe was a jim-dandy, since that necklace in all those long months could not be lifted by the Hindoo servant. He would have been perfectly willing to thro-

ughly sure of a getaway as easily after a murder as after a robbery."

"You must have been reading about All Baba and the Forty Thieves, Britz," said Manning with another harsh laugh. "This sounds altogether too much like the Arabian Nights to be the goods."

"Well, there weren't as many as forty of the thieves, and the All in this case wasn't an honest man. I'm giving it to you straight, Chief. I haven't worked day and night on this proposition for nothing. You'll find it just as I'm telling it to you, and if you'll suspend judgment until I get through, I'll deliver the goods all right."

"I think," remarked Fitch to Manning, "we shall find that Lieutenant Britz comes pretty near knowing what he is talking about. I've seen him work on this case, and I know something of the facts he has discovered. If you have ever studied the ways of Orientals you'll be surprised at nothing they do. They look at life from altogether a different angle. Life is about the cheapest thing in life to them."

"Very good," said Manning. "I'm willing to be convinced, but it seems hard to believe that a woman worth a hundred millions could live for months with death hanging over her head in her own household, and yet know nothing about it. What's the use of being a multi-millionaire if you're no safer than in an eighteen-dollar flat? For my part, I don't take much stock in your Hindoos."

"You'll take a lot of stock in them before the morning is over, Chief, if you stay with us," Britz retorted. "I'm going to show you not only the Hindoos in the act of attempting to get away, but I'll turn up the goods in their possession. They have the diamond now, but I'll have both them and the diamond in a very few hours!"

"I believe you," Fitch chimed in. "You see, Chief," he explained to Manning, "this lieutenant of yours has made the capture of the Hindoos more or less of a personal matter."

A choppy laugh from the detective interrupted the physician. "Yes," he agreed, "I don't mind telling you that I'm almost as eager to get those fellows as I am to recover the widow's jewels. They got just a little bit too gay with me for their own good." He flushed slightly as he recalled how utterly he had been at the mercy of the Hindoos when he lay like a holiday turkey on the floor of that bare room in the unoccupied uptown apartment.

"The Hindoos," said Britz, "went through the apartments of Sands and Griswold with what Sam Weller would call a double-million-magnifying microscope. They didn't leave a postage stamp unsearched. They looked into every hole and corner, ransacked every drawer, and turned every place inside out. I caught 'em at it—two of them, anyway—in Sands' room, and they're now in the West Thirtieth Street Station. They must have gone through Griswold's apartment first, for it was there, I guess, they found this note from Millicent to 'Curtis dear,' and it was this note that gave me a line on how brother Griswold stood with the lady of the Hotel Renaissance. I knew Griswold was in the habit of visiting that hotel, but I didn't know whom he went there to see. I felt pretty certain when I got the note that it came from somebody in the Renaissance, and I got Rawson to send the bunch out on the hunt so that I could make certain I'd made no mistake."

"One of the men reported there was a Mme. Delaroché at the Renaissance. That looked good enough to me. I went there that same night, with the doctor on the sidewalk, as the lookout. I did a little burglary stunt that would have landed the Jew if the Hindoos had not got there ahead of me. In some way or other, those fellows learned about the acquaintance between Griswold and the Delaroché lady about the same time I did, or perhaps a little earlier. One of them got into her apartment by the fire escape route and snaked the jewels from under her pillow. What's more, he contented himself with the diamonds themselves, and didn't even take the casket they were in. The Jewel case was still under her pillow when I got there, and it wasn't until after the lady, under the impression the gems were in the case, gave herself away more or less, that I found the little box was empty. When I looked out on the fire escape, I saw the handkerchief the dark-skinned crackman had dropped in his hurry. That sent us hot-footed to the Swami's house."

When Britz had sketched the history of the Missioner case, Manning and Fitch looked at him admiringly. Both his hearers were thoughtful for a minute or two. Then the Chief, though he realized Britz had solved the mystery, could not refrain from picking flaws.

"You have not explained fully," he said, "how Griswold contrived to smuggle the small diamond into Miss Holcomb's room."

"Nor how the old curioist... had the visiting card of Braxton Sands," suggested the doctor hesitantly. He disliked to seem over-critical of a man who had done so much for Elinor.

"Neither have you worked out an explanation of the fact that it was a woman who gave the order to the three French firms for the manufacture of the false diamonds, and that she gave the name of Elinor Holcomb," Manning pursued. "You'll have to make that clear to Mott, I'm thinking."

"I don't quite understand why the Hindoos kidnaped you, Lieutenant," added Fitch tentatively.

Britz smiled. "Mere details," Britz replied. "First, Griswold did not smuggle the diamond into Miss Holcomb's room. That little trick was pulled off by All. He was the only one who could have done it, and his reason for wanting to throw suspicion on the young woman is plain. He was in the house to get the necklace and he also wanted to make a sure getaway. Therefore, he figured, if the jewels should be missed before he was able to get them out of the house, it would help his chances of escape to have suspicion thrown on the secretary. The diamond that was found among her things did not belong to the collarette. But its size and luster matched any one of a dozen of the stones in that magnificent setting, so that all of us took it for granted it was Mrs. Missioner's property."

"Very good," parried the chief. "How about the other points?" "It needs no vivid imagination," said Britz, "to picture Curtis Griswold employing a young woman to take the drawings to the French manufacturers and telling her to introduce herself as Elinor Holcomb, or by any other name he desired."

Manning nodded reluctantly, Fitch approvingly. "As for old Martin's possession of Sands' card," continued the lieutenant, "I see no explanation about that except that Griswold handed it to him. There seems to be a streak of malicious mischief in our club friend. As a side exploit in pulling off a big crime, he would enjoy making trouble for another—especially for a man he had reason to fear as a rival, who was the case with Sands. It may have even hoped to cast suspicion permanently on the millionaire, though that seems hardly possible. Even when Sands acted so mysteriously in regard to that letter he recovered from the Hindoo burglar, he did not make me suspect he had stolen the diamonds, the strongest suspicion I had was that he might be shielding the thief, and that didn't last long."

"And your own little adventure?" asked the chief of detectives with a trace of malice. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

COURT PRACTICE DOWN SOUTH

Virginia Juries Not Charged—Georgia Divorce Cases Tried Twice If Plaintiff Wins.

"It's queer the way the laws in some of the southern states differ from our laws up here," said Col. Allan T. Brimmade, just back from a long trip through the south.

"In Norfolk, Va., I sat one day recently beside a federal judge when a criminal case was being tried. The charge was, I think, robbing the United States mails. At 5 p. m. the judge turned aside and speaking very quietly said: 'The jury will now retire.' 'A recess, I suppose,' I observed. 'No,' he said, 'the jury is about to retire to consider the evidence and give its verdict.' 'But you did not charge the jury,' I remarked in a puzzled way. 'We do not charge the juries in this jurisdiction,' he replied. 'In Savannah a day or two later I was in a court room where a divorce case was being tried before a jury. The wife, who was the plaintiff, was given the verdict. 'So she gets her decree,' I remarked to a lawyer friend. 'No, not now,' he replied. 'In this state when in a divorce case the verdict goes to the plaintiff the case must be tried again at the next term of court. If the plaintiff wins again the decree is granted. 'If, however, at the first trial the defendant wins, the case is all over. Quere law that, but the judge said it was working well—that after the first verdict in favor of the plaintiff a reconciliation was often brought about.' —Cleveland Leader

Theophile Gautier as a Journalist. M. Paul Bourget has been lecturing on Theophile Gautier and expressing pity for him as a struggling journalist. How hard he struggled may be judged from his account books, which have been published by Baron Speelberch de Lovelieu. He was both an critic and dramatic critic of La Presse; he was overworked, and his average earnings at "scale rates" amounted to about \$280 a year.

His attitude toward literature consequently became cynical. "M. Bourget" he once exclaimed, "I recognize masterpieces. I nothing except copy at a rate."

By A. G. RICHARDSON

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THE OUTLOOK.

It is the consensus of opinion of those who should know that the present outlook for a good crop year in 1912 is the mostattering for a considerable period of time. The unusual amount of snow that has fallen and is soaking into the ground will give it a thorough soaking and the freeze will not only kill all the destructive germs but will pulverize the land and put it in a splendid condition for cultivation.

The wheat crop is practically assured and it is believed that an enormous acreage will be planted to oats which is almost certain to make a splendid yield and which can be gathered in time to make a crop of kaffir, maize, millet or sorghum on the same land.

With the addition of the many farming families that have moved here during the past fall it is considered certain that the acreage to all crops will be materially increased this year and one of the greatest harvests in the history of the Panhandle is predicted for the fall of 1912.

Other lines of activity are also undergoing a change for the better and many improvements are being planned, among the rest is a grain elevator, a cotton gin and several new brick business buildings and residences.

People in less fortunate sections of the country are invited to join us in our onward march to prosperity.

HOW ABOUT A GIN.

If the merchants and citizens of McLean intend to build a gin at this point for use this fall it should be remembered that this is the time to start the ball to rolling.

A gin was promised the farmers last year and while the people did their level best to fulfill the promise the gin was not forthcoming and it is hardly likely that promises will avail at this time. If a gin is placed or even started before planting time we believe that there will be a considerable acreage put to cotton but if it is not those who would otherwise have a long and expensive haul will not plant this crop.

It is high time for the citizens to decide whether or not they wish to encourage this enterprise and get busy on it if

they do.

Say something to your neighbor about it and see what is to be done.

THE News acknowledges with thanks an invitation, including a complimentary ticket, to the fifth semi-annual banquet of the Young Men's Business Club of Canadian, Texas. This bunch of boosters are always on the job and we would be glad to mingle with them on the happy occasion mentioned but we have been doing a little boosting on our own hook and it costs money.

If the business man, citizen and farmer who is fortunate enough to reside in the McLean country cannot see wherein they have a smile coming now it is high time they took their face out and buried it—it is of no earthly use.

Married.

At Clarendon, Texas, on Sunday, December 30th, occurred the marriage of J. L. Kennedy and Miss Semie Craig, both of Alanreed. The young people did not inform their friends of their intentions, but hied away to Clarendon and were man and wife before anyone was aware of their whereabouts.

They are at home to their friends in Alanreed where they are receiving the congratulations of their friends.

Married.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Rowden, who live west of McLean, on Sunday, December 30, occurred the marriage of Mr. W. H. Sherrod of Alanreed and Miss Edna Rowden. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few friends and relatives by the Rev. Findly of Alanreed.

Both these young people are well and favorable known to a wide circle of friends in this vicinity and the News joins with these in wishing for them a long and happily wedded life. They will be at home to their friends at the Sherrod ranch near Alanreed.

Ye Bachelors.

Here is a chance for some honorable young man—and they are all of that class in this section—to get in correspondence with a female woman who has the nec-

Preach Here Saturday Night and Sunday



Dr. Fred Mesch of Oklahoma City.

essary matrimonial intentions. We could suggest several names but of course the gentlemen we have in mind will have the forethought to take the matter up with the lady. The following advertisement is self-explanatory:

A young eastern lady would like to get acquainted with a gentleman of the west. This is a bold method of getting acquainted but is the only resort that I have to become a westerner.

I am sincere and will marry if suited. I understand from my friends that there are a good many in the west tired of single bliss and lonesomeness. Hence I am thankful to the editor if he publishes this article. I would appreciate the acquaintance of an honest and honorable gentleman. For further particulars please write to the undersigned.

A. E. L., Box 33,
Toledo, Ohio.

For Mr. Mathews.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rice entertained a party of their friends Friday evening of last week at their home in honor of the latter's brother, Mr. Hallie Mathews. Various games were indulged and refreshments were

served which were enjoyed by all. The guests departed for their homes at a late hour expressing themselves as having enjoyed a delightful evening and pronouncing Mr. and Mrs. Rice excellent entertainers; also hoping they would invite them back in the near future.

Those who enjoyed the occasion were:

Misses Rice, Dyer, Rowden, Biggers, Sherrod and Messrs. McClellan, Robinson, Mathews, Sherrod, Moreland, Rowden, Speed and Mr. and Mrs. Willmoth Sherrod.

A GUEST.

Notice.

Nice five room dwelling, well and under ground cistern, two lots fenced with low picket fence, cement walks in front, residence part of city. Also a \$3,000.00 stock fresh groceries (cash sales average \$2,000.00 per month). Will trade for good land in the McLean country. If you want a bargain see W. A. Fowler at once.

If you intend putting down a well on your place, remember that we always have a good supply of well casing, pipe, succored and windmills and will be glad to fit you up at the lowest market price. Cicero Smith Lumber Co.



And our heartfelt thanks to all our customers for the splendid business that you have given us in 1911.

We are entering upon a new year and we propose, with your assistance, to make it the best all 'round year in the history of our business.

We fully realize just how much the measure of our success depends upon our ability to satisfactorily serve you and to the end of bettering our service we shall labor unceasingly.

* Service improved in every way where improvement is possible, better goods where possible and prices as low as possible.

Into 1912 we enter with every effort put forth to make you realize (and realizing patronizing) that this is THE store that from every standpoint merits your patronage.

Again for a splendid business in 1911 we thank you and trusting to be favored with your patronage in 1912 we are

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McLean Hardware Co.
A. A. Callahan, Mgr.

Texas Needs Great Men

XVI. ADVERTISING

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UNCLE SAM TALKING TEXAS

When Uncle Sam wants to boast to other nations of his and resources, he tells them about Texas. To give them an eye view of our valleys—we can feed and clothe the world; them through our barnyard—16,000,000 head of live stock look at our mineral vaults—nature's crucible—makes all tremble with astonishment. Texas needs great men.

NOTICE

This is to advise that on and after February 1, 1912, the undersigned banks of McLean will not pay the check of anyone that will result in overdrawing the account of the party giving the check. This action is necessary in order to meet the demands of the Commissioner of Banking, and is in keeping with modern banking rules.

We shall appreciate it very much if our customers will kindly anticipate their requirements to the end that it will not be necessary for them to issue checks on their accounts unless there be funds on hand to protect it, as the banks have no alternative but to decline payment of checks involving overdrafts.

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- Advertise Weekly in This Paper.
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- Advertising Insures Success
- Advertising Shows Energy
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- Advertising Is "Biz"
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THE NEWS \$1.



Local Happenings

Items of Interest About Town and County

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Look Out for the Cars

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at a railroad crossing?
everyone has seen it at some
times or other, then why doesn't
the railroad let the sign rot
away? Why does the railroad
company continue to keep
those signs at every crossing?
Maybe you think, Mr. Merchant,
"Most everybody knows my
store, I don't have to advertise."
Your store and your goods need
more advertising than the rail-
roads need to do to warn people
to "Look Out for the Cars."
Nothing is ever completed in the
advertising world.
The Department Stores are a
very good example—they are
continually advertising—and
they are continually doing a
good business.
If it pays to run a few ads' round
about Christmas time, it cer-
tainly will pay you to run ad-
vertisements about all the time.
It's just business, that's all, to
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THIS PAPER**

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Charlie Cook left this week to re-
sume his work at the Colorado Uni-
versity at Boulder, Colorado.
M. D. Bentley has the thanks of the
News for a subscription renewed this
week.
There was no school here Monday
on account of frozen pipes preventing
the heating of the building.
Have you seen Langley? If not call
and settle that account for he needs
the money.
W. M. Greenwood of Alareed was
among the business visitors in the city
the first of the week.
Ray Loftin was over from Alareed
Wednesday looking after business
matters.
Lost—Extra large stag hound, will
answer to the name of Rex. Reward,
Notify W. A. Hedrick or News office.
Miss Ruth Pascall has returned
from an extended visit with her sister
at Granate, Oklahoma.
Billie Biggers suffered a bad freeze
one day last week while going from
town to his school at Peterson creek.
While it is very cold right now the
McLean country must look mighty
good to the innocent bystander.
Charlie Carpenter returned Wednes-
day from a holiday visit with his par-
ents at Buda, Texas.
Ollie Mars, employed at the Crab-
tree Livery Barn, happened to the se-
rious accident of getting a finger badly
cut in the feed mill Monday of this
week.
Much inconvenience was caused dur-
ing the blizzard of the first of the week
on account of frozen pipes, water con-
nections, etc.
For Sale—A limited number of Bar-
red Rock cockerels of the Thompson
strain, at reasonable prices. Mrs. F.
M. Faulkner.
M. M. Newman has the thanks of
the News for subscription favors,
having had his name placed on the
honor roll.
Lost—Large size ladies gold watch
with photo inside, had woven gold
fob. Finder please notify Mrs. H.
W. Crisp, and receive \$5.00 reward.
Fred O'Dell was a pleasant caller
at the News office the first of the week
and had his subscription credit extend-
ed.
320 acres well improved; four room
house, well and windmill; 135 acres in
cultivation to sell for \$4200, easy
terms. J. L. Crabtree.
The town windmill went to pieces
during the storm last Saturday and is
tied up waiting for repairs from the
factory.
Just received a nice line of Topsy
Hosiery for boys and girls. Also the
two buckle overshoes for children.
Bundy—Hodges Co.

If you are behind on your subscrip-
tion to the News, please pay it now.
We need the money.
J. R. G. Bird has purchased the R.
E. Dorsey farm northeast of town and
will occupy same this year, having
moved last week.
Rev. Richeson, of Boston minister,
has confessed to the murder of his
sweetheart and will be given the death
sentence.
Chinese revolutionist are still cut-
ting the throats of other chinese and
the merry war does not show much
signs of abating.
Our store is head quarters for the
things you will need this kind of
weather. If we haven't it we will get
it if possible. Bundy Hodges Co.
Cooper and Biggers and W. P.
Rogers each have a car of hogs in
the local pens for shipment but were
unable to get a train.
McLean is on the verge of a coal
famine but it is believed a car or two
will arrive before any serious incon-
venience is experienced.
Another feendish norther blew up
from the north yesterday morning.
It is a peculiar fact that nearly every
norther we have had this year came
from the north.
S. R. Kennedy of Alareed was in
the city Wednesday and while here
had his subscription to the News push-
ed forward another year, for which he
has our thanks.
Cards are out announcing the mar-
riage of Miss Isabel Francis to Mr.
B. G. Lewis of Clarksville, Texas,
which will occur at the Baptist church
on the 18th instant.
F. H. Yokley and Geo. Bourland
are at the present conducting a ship-
ping parlor on the installment plan.
Their work is high class and we wish
them success in the venture—which
will doubtless have if they continue
their present methods.
I have on hand a supply of pure
hog lard of my own rendering. If
you have to buy lard I would like to
show you what I have. City Meat
Market.
G. R. Thacker and family who moved
here recently from Eastland county
loaded their household effects into a
car the first of the week and returned
to their native home. This was an
excellent family and we regret that
they did not find conditions here to
please them.
Overstocked on candy. Will sell
the \$1.00 boxes at 65 cents as long as
they last. Now is the time to get
good candy cheap. Langley Drug
Store.
We are requested to announce that
the Rev. Fred Misch, President of the
Oklahoma City Holliness College, will
be in McLean and preach at the Pres-
byterian church next Saturday evening,
Sunday morning and Sunday evening.
The public is cordially invited to
hear him.
I have 100 acres, with 45 acres in
farm, all fenced, to sell at \$10.00 per
acre. J. L. Crabtree.

TEXAS WELFARE COMMISSION

Commercial Secretaries Ap- point Commission to In- vestigate Industrial Conditions.

The Welfare Commission which
the Commercial Secretaries and Busi-
ness Men's Association of Texas has
organized will hold sessions in Dal-
las, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Hous-
ton and other cities in Texas and
hear the views of men of affairs on
the needs of Texas. The following
are a few of the questions which
the Commission will undertake to
answer:
Sixty-eight per cent of the farmers
of Texas do not own their farms.
WHY?
We need 50,000 miles more of rail-
roads in Texas and there is not a
mile of road under construction in
the State today. WHY?
We have 140,000 miles of unim-
proved public highways and during the
past ten years we have permanently
improved only 2,900. WHY?
We have 1200 miles of navigable
rivers but no steamboat lines ply our
waters. WHY?
We buy from other States \$75,000,
000 worth of feed stuff annually. WHY?
According to estimates of the Farm-
ers' Union it costs 12½ cents per
pound to raise cotton and it sells for
a less price. WHY?
We owe \$1,100,000,000 to parties out-
side the State and will have to borrow
ten billion more to develop our re-
sources and yet large insurance com-
panies and other sources of cheap
money are not doing business in
Texas. WHY?
The Farmers' Union report that they
are paying 8 and 10 per cent for
money loaned on cotton in their ware-
houses, although cotton is the best
security in the world. WHY?
Texas cattle are rated by the Fed-
eral Agricultural Department at \$14.75
per head and Illinois cattle at \$28.02
per head. WHY?
There is shipped into Texas 100 car
loads of cured meats per week. WHY?
The Texas farmers haul \$1,200,000
of raw material per day to the foreign
factory. WHY?
We raise between three and four
million bales of cotton annually and
manufacture only 40,000 bales. WHY?
The Railroad Commission of Texas
values the railroad property at \$210,
000,000, the Tax Commission at \$420,
000,000 and the Tax Assessor at
\$340,122,572. WHY?

night was said.
To say the pastor and family
appreciate this kindly act does
not begin to express our appre-
ciation for none but pastors and
their families can truly know
what such visits mean to the
home and church. May many
blessings be added to all who in
any way had part in this visit.
May this year be indeed a pro-
fitable year to all.
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Get some green bone meat at
the City Meat Market and feed
your chickens. It is the best
egg producer on the market.
Successful Move.
After working a large crew of
section hands for days; after
spending many hours struggl-
ing with a snow buster and a
rotary snow plow, the Rock Is-
land finally yielded to the inevi-
table first of the week and
procured one of our large Can-
ton Listers and opened up their
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through the paper and we
have called through the mail for
you to come in and settle your
account. Few have responded
to our call; others have spoken
to us and promised to settle up
soon; but many have said or
done nothing. Now, we come
again and want to rivit it on
YOUR MIND that we need the
money you owe us. If you hav-
en't it arrange at the bank for it
because we have stood the other
fellow off to the limit. We have
GOT to do something. Please
help us out. Promises will not
pay bills.
Yours for right treatment,
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The Pounding.
On Thursday evening of the
week Mrs. Bryant came home
the members and friends of the
Presbyterian church made their
way to the home of their pastor
and made their presence known
by singing softly the old sweet
song, "Nearer My God To
Thee."
The door was opened and the
crowd invited in and soon the
room was filled with friends,
happy and gay. Not only sun-
shine and joy and a hearty wel-
come did they bring into the
home, but many bundles, pack-
ages, sacks and boxes of things
good to eat, some chickens and
a sack containing a dollar which,
though small in bulk, was not to
be overlooked. Everything
brought was substantial and is
appreciated by the pastor and
family.
After a little time was spent
in getting acquainted a scripture
lesson was read by Bro. Bundy
and a prayer offered by Pastor
Bryant. A few songs were sung
and after the benediction was
said by Bro. Bundy the good



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Cold Wave Hits Us

One of the coldest and most disagreeable blizzards that have visited this section in years blew up from the frigid north at an early hour Saturday morning and at daylight the temperature was registered at twelve degrees below zero. This sudden drop, accompanied by a terrific wind caused considerable suffering among the livestock and business was practically at a standstill all day long.

The Rock Island railroad was probably the greatest sufferer from blizzard, the snow that has been on the ground for several weeks was badly drifted and completely filled all of the cuts along the line between this point and Amarillo. The early Saturday morning train going west was caught in a drift about three miles west of town and stayed there all day. It was finally pulled out backwards but the track was not cleared until Wednesday, the train remaining at this point.

The track being clear east trains were run this far and turned back. Many of the passengers on the Saturday west bound turned back east but a few stayed here to continue their journey west.

While there were no fatalities reported quite a few people suffered frozen ears, feet, etc. Joe Hindman and John Williams, both employed at the Pursley ranch, started to the ranch early Saturday morning and when they arrived they found that they had suffered more than they knew. Each had a badly frozen ear, foot and hand. They were brought back to town Sunday morning where they received medical treatment and at the present time are improving nicely.

Egbert Freeman, who was unloading coal out of a box car into the coal chutes had both ears badly frozen.

It is believed that before the breaking up of the present spell there will be considerable loss among the livestock as the grass has been covered for nearly a month and the shortage of food coupled with the extreme cold is making against them.

The following communication was handed in by a committee from the passengers aboard the snowbound train:

The westbound passenger train, No. 43, was stranded two miles west of McLean in a snow-drift Saturday morning, January 6th. The general superintendent's car was attached with General Superintendent T. H. Beacom, Division Superintendent C. L. Ruppert and C. M. Taylor, superintendent of motive power aboard. The train was in charge of Conductors A. Standburg and W. H. Lawrence and M. M. Mason of the Pullman Car Co.

Had it not been for the presence of the general superintendent and his car the passengers would have suffered from lack of food before relief could have reached them.

After much effort on the part of the train crew and officials the train was backed into McLean late Sunday morning. Before this could be accomplished it was necessary to remove large banks of snow which had drifted in behind the train. Officials, trainmen and laborers worked side by side constantly for twenty-four hours.

In McLean accommodations were furnished the passengers by the Hindman Hotel at the expense of the railroad company. So ardently did these men labor, and so satisfactory was the treatment accorded them, not a

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murmur of complaint was heard from the passengers who, adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas; the officials of the Rock Island road having so heartily and hospitable provided for our comfort, and

Whereas; the trainmen having worked so faithfully discharging their duties, and

Whereas; the good citizens of McLean having welcomed us to their city so becomingly; therefore

Be it resolved; that we most sincerely thank both the railroad company and the citizens of McLean for any and all courtesies shown us during our enforced stay in their care, and further that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the McLean News for publication.

C. C. SHERSOD,
HENRY McCLELLAND,
Committee.

For Sale—Single harness as good as new. CPEAP. Apply this office.

Another Good Family.

C. H. Biegel and family of Aurora, Ill., arrived in the city the first of the week and will make this place their home. Mr. Biegel owns considerable property around McLean, among the rest being a farm east of town which was farmed this year by Henry Williams.

The gentleman also owns a quarter east of the C. E. Anderson place and it is his present intention to improve this and make his home there. He is a welcome addition to our citizenship.

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