

## This Week



By Arthur Brisbane  
**IMPONDERABLE ETHER.  
HEROES ARE GENTLE.  
A SICK WHALE.  
BE JUST TO ELIJAH.**

Sir Oliver Lodge says the ether is the most important reality of the physical universe. Like and unlike are associated with matter only indirectly through the ether, says he, and the ether is primarily man's habitation, not pseudo "solid matter," earth houses, automobiles and money that we call the real world.

Matter reduced to atoms is only electric particles revolving at frightful speed around an electric centre. The real thing is ether.

Science tells us the ether is like a great stream of water, flowing on forever, and matter like a fisherman's net spread across the stream through which the ether flows, that ether is essential to the cosmic scheme, that Newton's law of gravitation should not work without it, and that ether is the only solid reality in the realm of ideas. But for the average man it is hard to conceive of ether as a reality. It seems as unreal as the fourth dimension.

Our minds are adjusted to the work we have to do, which isn't big or very important.

Thomas A. Edison was three days in New York's Botanical Garden library, searching for some new rubber plant. He may find it, but it will probably be chemistry, not botany that will supply the new rubber. Elasticity, plus wearing quality, are needed. Human intelligence will produce something better than rubber, just as it produced something better than wood, in the bronze and iron ages.

Be careful if you meet *Larodectus Mactans*. It's ordinary name is the "black widow" and it's the deadliest spider on earth, possessing a bite causing death within twenty-four hours.

This tiny black spider has recently caused more than a dozen deaths on the Pacific Coast.

Real courage is always gentle. Homer's "Mildest Manners and Gentlest Heart" are part of a fearless nature. Of all photographs taken of our Atlantic flyers, the finest shows Commander Byrd standing beside a wounded French soldier, helpless in a wheel chair. The expression on Byrd's face, pitying and tender, is that of a real hero. Happy the mother and father of such a son.

Commander Byrd, always in search of interesting occupation, plans a fight to the South Pole, and before the new year he will be flying through the coldest region on earth. He is determined to be the first man to fly over both poles.

In centuries to come, what we call our North and South Poles will again be warm, and some other spots on the earth will be the poles. Oil wells that Standard Oil has located inside the Arctic region will supply nearby gas stations—oil men still use power as primitive as gasoline in that future day.

Gas by then will probably be completely out of date, as whale oil is now, for lighting. But do not be frightened into selling good oil stocks.

If told that the sickness of a sperm whale in the Atlantic Ocean could set up an ancient sailor man in a comfortable chicken business, you might say "impossible." But it happened.

When whales don't feel well, lumps of a substance called "Ambergris," valuable to perfume manufacturers, form inside of them.

Jerimah Pratt, seventy-four years old, lookout on a schooner, saw gulls hovering over a big lump of Ambergris, worth \$12,500. With that money, Sailor Pratt will retire to a chicken ranch, and thousands of women will go around perfumed by the Ambergris.

Uldine Utley, fifteen-year-old girl revivalist, who says Billy Sunday is greater than Mussolini because Sunday conquered the devil, is in New York City saving souls. She saved forty last Sunday, and doubtless they will show gratitude when they meet her in heaven.

Miss Utley, who brings everything close to her hearers, says: "Lindbergh is not the first to make a non-stop flight—the Lord did it, before him, by flying from heaven to earth and then from earth to heaven." It's an excellent thought, but not fair to Elijah, who, in a "chariot of fire and horses of fire" went up "by a whirlwind into heaven." See second Kings, chapter two, verse eleven. That happened 500 years before the birth of Christ.

## UTILITIES CO. COMPLETES ITS LINE TO OZONA

Crew Makes Rapid Progress Putting In New Poles And Lines

POWER ON SOON

Substation About Completed; High Line Is Ready To Hook Up

Power from the high line of the West Texas Utilities Company was expected to be turned into Ozona homes and business houses the last of this week following completion of the line into Ozona the first of the week.

A big construction crew arrived in town last week and set up camp in the north part of town near the spot where the sub-station is being constructed. The high line was brought into town to the foot of the north hill and there will be connected with the substation or transformer ready for the power. The substation will step down the current for local consumption.

While the high line construction crew was busy bringing the line into town another group of workmen were put to work setting up new poles and stringing new line all over town for local distribution. Poles have been placed practically all over town, more than a hundred men working steadily at this job. The line was rapidly being strung on the new poles, also, and it was expected that the company would be ready to switch over power from the old lines to the new within a few days.

The high line enters Ozona from the northwest, coming on its last lap through the W R Baggett property and crossing the Barnhart-Ozona road at the edge of town on the north. The line ends at the foot of the hill where the substation has been erected and it will be connected there with the transformer and thence into the local system.

The new poles being placed over town to carry the company's wiring are longer and more substantial than those formerly holding the lines.

Still another group of workmen were expected to arrive in Ozona sometime this week to start work on the company's handsome new office building and ice manufacturing plant to be erected across the street east of the Wilson Motor Company. It was recently announced from the general offices of the concern in Abilene that work was to begin on the building within the next few days and work is to be rushed for its completion by early this fall.

## To Demonstrate Electric Range

Murphy Says High Line Will Be Opened Here Next Monday

A Hotpoint Electric Range demonstration and free cooking school will be held in Ozona next week at the Joe Oberkamp store by the West Texas Utilities Company. The demonstration will begin at 3 o'clock each afternoon and continue to 5, from Monday to Friday. Miss Stella Fleyd, home economist of the Hotpoint factory, assisted by Mrs. C. V. McCamey will be in charge of the demonstration. Louie Hoffmaster, range specialist from the South West General Electric Co. at Abilene will have charge of sales.

George Murphy, assistant superintendent of Group K, West Texas Utilities Company, was in Ozona Thursday and will be here for the opening of the demonstration. Mr. Murphy declared that the high line would be opened into Ozona Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Baggett and family have returned from a trip to the Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico.

## Her Prince With Millions



From the kitchen of her humble home in the backwoods of Canada, Lena Wilson, this week became the bride of Millionaire "Bud" Stillman, who dowered her with one-half his wealth. Stillman's grandfather was the great American banker.

## SOUTH SWINGS TO PROTECTION -TARIFF ASSN.

Action of S. & G. R. A. Cited As Example of Present Trend

FIGHT IS WATCHED

Texas Fight to Affect National Policies Is Assn. View

That the South is swinging toward protective tariff as a national policy of Government, and that the southern producers have become thoroughly aroused to the necessity of having representatives in Congress who favor a protective tariff, was demonstrated at the annual convention of the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association of Texas held at Kerrville, Texas, July 20th, 1927, according to a statement issued from the headquarters of the Southern Tariff Association in Washington. Their statement in part follows:

"A forward movement to take protective tariff out of partisan politics and make it a national policy of Government was inaugurated by the wool growers of Texas making the principle of protection a paramount campaign issue and by so doing they have occupied high ground and have blazed the trail for all commodity organizations to follow. Too often the beneficiaries of protection exhaust their efforts in securing the best possible rates, schedules and classifications for their product and have no energy left to aid in maintaining a national policy of protection," reads the statement of the southern tariff advocates.

"The Texas wool growers have gone about it in a very practical way by levying an assessment of one-half of one percent upon the value of the wool clip, this fund to be used exclusively in organization and educational work in the Congressional Districts of Texas.

While the movement began with the wool growers of Texas it is expected to spread rapidly throughout the South and the Nation, and be taken up by other organized lines of industry. In Texas there are 3,137,000 head of sheep and the wool clip is valued at \$8,465,000 per annum, according to the U. S. Census of Agriculture. The movement is of course non-

## TO CUT AWAY NOSE OF HILL ON BROADWAY

West Texas Utilities To Loosen Dirt; Co. Will Load It

BEGUN THIS WEEK

Expense Split 3 Ways, Users To Pay For Hauling Away

Work of cutting away the nose of the hill which projects into Broadway in front of the Methodist church, to make this point in the street level with the rest, was begun Monday morning with a crew of workmen from the West Texas Utilities Company putting in blasting powder and loosening the dirt.

The expense of making this much needed improvement in the appearance of that street will be split three ways. The West Texas Utilities Company has agreed to loosen the dirt and rock, the county will load it on trucks and the Crockett County Fair Association which plans to use the dirt in repairing its race track, will haul it away.

This three-way arrangement was reached last week upon proposal from the utilities company and the County Commissioners Court passed an order at its meeting last week providing an appropriation from the county to load the dirt after it is loosened by the utilities company.

The West Texas Utilities Company owns the lot just south of the point of the hill, formerly occupied by the Homer Smith home, and plans to erect its beautiful office building and ice plant on that site. The company has undertaken to aid in cutting down the hill in order to enhance the beauty and convenience of its building site.

It is understood that the hill is to be cut down to the edge of adjoining property lines, including the sidewalks. Pleas and Walter Childress have already cut down the sidewalks in front of their homes on Broadway and have put in concrete walks.

After the loose rock and dirt have been hauled away the county will put its road machinery on the spot and grade and level it to conform to the rest of the street.

An excavation of approximately 18 inches on the south side of the street and about 6 feet on the north side will be necessary to level off the sloping point of the hill, it was declared.

partisan and will devote its efforts to persuading protectionists to vote as they pray. Heretofore, southern producers as a rule have contented themselves with sending freetraders to represent them in Congress and then petitioning them to vote for protection, but the Texas wool growers are willing to go beyond the right of petition and exercise the right of suffrage by instructing their Congressmen at the polls to vote for protection," according to their resolution.

"We quote from their resolution: "We hereby agree that we will support in 1928 only those candidates for Congress and the United States Senate who will publicly declare in favor of a national policy of a just and equitable tariff protection."

"In Georgia, the Congressmen were more farsighted than in Texas and did not wait for instructions at the polls," further reads the statement of the Southerners. According to public announcement ten out of the twelve Georgia Congressmen have declared for protection.

"In Texas the battle of the ballots for protection will be watched with national interest and the results will have a permanent effect upon the national policies of Government as relates to protection," is the view expressed by the Southern Tariff Association.

## Suit Involves 133,150 Acres

J. M. Shannon Defendant In Big Land Suit In Sutton Co.

Approximately 133,000 acres of Crockett County land is involved in a suit filed recently in the district court of Sutton County where in A. E. Griffith is plaintiff and J. M. Shannon and A. F. Clarkson of San Angelo are defendants, according to notice filed in the lis pendens record of Crockett County.

The land in controversy comprises approximately 208 sections of land in Crockett County, about 133,150 acres. Records here set out that the suit is to establish a trust in favor of the plaintiffs and against the defendants, in the enumerated tracts of Crockett County land and the defendant's claim for an undivided one-third interest in the real estate.

Although no definite data on the basis of the suit was available here, it is understood that Griffith claims to have been a partner with Shannon in the early days and is now asserting claim to a part of the latter's immense fortune built up since he settled in this section.

Another suit involving Crockett County lands as revealed by the lis pendens record, has been filed in the district court. It is a suit styled Wm. Schneemann, Jr. et al, against the World Oil Co and is an outgrowth of activity toward oil development in this county. It is asserted that suit is for release of a lease contract on oil and gas rights and for damages in the sum of \$10,000.

The land involved is given as sections 46 and 48, T. C. Ry. Co. survey.

Asuit filed in the district court of Tom Green County at San Angelo involves the lease interest in Section 27, Block GG, M. T. Wilton grantee in Crockett County.

In this cause E. W. Johnson, Dr. McAdon, N. A. Collier, J. C. Davis and I. L. Dubos are plaintiffs suing J. S. Warren. It is alleged that the plaintiffs gave Warren \$1,000 to invest in oil and gas leases and that he bought a lease on 100 acres in Section 27 in his name and that he later repudiated the trust and is attempting to convert the leasehold to his own benefit.

## Commissioners Court Gives Further Aid In Fight On Prairie Dog

More aid to Crockett County ranchers in their fight to exterminate the prairie dog from their lands was extended by the Commissioners Court at its regular meeting here this week when it arranged with W. E. Smith to buy strychnine in quantity lots, thus saving ranchmen who use this poison approximately \$5 a pound for the material.

It was pointed out by the court that many of the ranchmen were making an effort to exterminate the pests but that they were complaining that the cost of strychnine was too high. Mr. Smith declared to the court that if the poison were purchased in 100-pound lots that it could be purchased at \$7.50 a pound, a saving of approximately \$5 a pound for users.

In order to give ranchmen who are making a fight on prairie dogs the benefit of this reduced price, the court agreed to buy 100 pounds of the poison and to sell it to the ranchers at that price.

Reports of the various county officers were heard by the commissioners at their session and the regular quota of bills were approved and ordered paid.

The Humble Pipe Line Company was granted permission to lay its pipe line, wires, etc along the public streets and roads of the county subject to certain regulations.

An expense account of \$32.55 incurred in connection with the importation of a Blue Cross nurse here during the outbreak of typhoid fever among local Mexicans, was ordered paid.

## RACE TRACK IS BEING GRADED & LENGTHENED

South End To Be Cut Down and North End To Be Built Up

TO WIDEN CURVES

Longer Home Stretch Will Be Provided In New Track

Improvements totalling several thousand dollars are being made this summer on the race track of the Crockett County Fair Association here, and several defects that have been discovered since the track was laid out two years ago are being corrected to make the local track one of the best in West Texas.

The improvements being undertaken consist of grading down the south side of the track, which crosses the foot of a slope and filling in the north side to make the whole track as nearly level as possible. The whole track also is to be widened and lengthened, and the curve on the north side turning into the home stretch will be straightened out considerably, making it a gradual curve that is expected to make the whole a much speedier track.

The slope on the south side of the track will be blasted away, graded and leveled down and then filled over with soft dirt. On the south side, the track is to be filled in three or four feet, the fences moved out to make the track longer and wider. The association has contracted to use the dirt and rock being blasted away from Broadway in front of the Methodist church and the site for the new West Texas Utilities Company building, where the street is being leveled, and this dirt and rock will be hauled by the association to its grounds and used to fill in the lower north side of the track.

The north side of the track will be extended out from 50 to 100 feet to the ditch or draw that runs through the grounds, thus making the home stretch longer and the curve more gradual. When this work is completed the local track will be a full half mile circular track and will conform to all specifications of an associated track.

Improvement of the race track is only one of many being contemplated by the local fair association before the next rodeo and race meet. Each year thousands of dollars are expended by the association in improving its grounds, grand stand, stables, show pens and other property and visitors here for the 1928 celebration in July will find a much enlarged show ground.

## Smallpox Quarantine Lifted From Mexican Suburb Mon. Morn.

Quarantine regulations placed on the Mexican suburb of Ozona were entirely lifted Monday morning of this week and a fumigating squad under the direction of Dr. G. L. Coates, county health officer, and led by Aaron Cummings, deputy sheriff, fumigated all residences in the area which were contaminated with the smallpox outbreak.

The quarantine was partly lifted the previous week when those residents of the area who had work on the outside were allowed to leave after being "dipped" in a germicidal bath and provided with new clothing. All cases of the disease are reported out of danger period and the epidemic has passed, Dr. Coates says.

## GOOD PRICE FOR MOHAIR PREDICTED BY A. C. GAGE

Mohair will bring unusually good prices this year. This is the cheery message brought to West Texas by A. C. Gage of Portland, Ore., editor of the Angora Journal. He predicted 70 cents for kid hair and said he believed a corresponding high price would be paid for the grown hair.



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One of the biggest improvements that has been undertaken in Ozona in some time is the work that is now in progress toward cutting down the point of the hill extending into Broadway in front of the Methodist church.

This sudden and unsightly rise in the street has always been an eye-sore on Broadway, one of the prettiest streets in town. It cuts off the view from town along this tree-bordered street and from the east end of the street cuts off the view of town. Also at the point of the rise, it detracts considerably from the beauty of the new Methodist church and residences on either side. Further than the ugliness of the hill, it has always presented a problem in road maintenance and with frequent rains becomes bumpy in spite of all efforts of road workers.

The corner at which this improvement is being made will be one of the most beautiful in the town when the new West Texas Utilities Company building is completed. It will have three new buildings on its corners, the Wilson Motor Company, the Methodist Church and the Utilities building. With the street leveled and smoothed off, it will be a show place in the town, a beauty spot on the O. S. T. where every tourist passing through may ysee it.

The county commissioners court is to be complimented upon seizing this opportunity to get the work of cutting the hill down done at the least possible cost to the county. Under the plan agreed upon, the cost of loosening the dirt and hauling it away is to be split three ways, the West Texas Utilities to break the ground, the county to load it and the Crockett County Fair Association and any other individuals who want the dirt and rocks to haul it away. The fair association will use the dirt to build up its race track on the north side and thus it will be put to use.

It's interesting to watch a big, well-oiled and smoothly operating organization at work. Ozona people were given an opportunity last week to witness the lightning-like work of such an organization when the construction crews of the West Texas Utilities reached town. In less than an hour after the crew reached here, they had houses and tents stretched at the foot of the hill east of Powell Avenue, had lights burning in them and were cooking supper. Furthermore, they had a street light burning in the camp. The work of putting in new poles and stringing new lines all over town is being done with a-bout as much speed. The high line was brought into town Sunday and as soon as the local wiring is com-

pleted, the company will be ready to turn on the power for local consumers.

Had you noticed the larger number of new faces in Ozona? Many are here on business, many are tourists just passing through and still others are new residents who have come here to make their homes. Of course, just now the West Texas Utilities has several hundred men here at work, but aside from these the town is full of visitors and new people. If you believe that Ozona is not growing just stroll around town a while and see how many new faces. And then try to rent a house, buy a house or get a house any way. New homes are being built, of course, but if the present rate of progress is maintained, somebody is going to have to build a lot more houses.

It seems a shame that the country should be afflicted with another twelve days of the blah and hullabaloo aroused by the proposed execution of Sacco and Vanzetti. These fellows are radicals and anti-order and anti-government, according to accounts, but that has nothing to do with the case. They were not tried for being radicals, but for murder and robbery. And they were adjudged cold blooded murderers and robbers by a jury of their peers, and the verdict was upheld by the courts on up to the highest in the state. And then the governor made an exhaustive investigation into the case and announced that the pair must die. That seemed conclusive that they were guilty. To assume a "conspiracy" or "frame-up" on two obscure workmen, who occupied no place of prominence in the world of politics or intrigue seems on the face of it absurd.

Threats of general strikes, riots and disturbances in protest against the execution should inspire fearless public officials and law enforcement departments to a more

speedy dispatch of their duty. Such measures as strikes, riots, etc., to defeat the purpose of the law of the land is open anarchy and should be dealt with as such. Disturbances of this nature in France or in any other foreign country is a matter for the respective governments of these countries to deal with, but when such things occur in America that is a matter for us to consider. If the government hearkens to this howl of anarchists, who very likely know little about the facts in the case, except that two of their own stripe are threatened with justice, it will be a serious blow to constituted authority. Every channel of investigation should be exhausted before the death penalty is inflicted in any case, but if then an offender is found guilty of a crime for which the law says he must die, the howls of protests from all the anarchists and radicals in the world should not deter the government from carrying out the sentence.

Funeral services for the late Ozona Chamber of Commerce have not yet been arranged. It is likely, however, that a quiet funeral will be held and that the body will be unceremoniously consigned to the world of forgotten ones, for survivors seem as indifferent in its death as in its life and irreverent indifference toward the dead is always more or less painful for the onlookers. Therefore, the remains will likely be spirited away without even an opportunity for an indifferent public glance.

The cause of death was probably serious complications following an attack of general internal paralysis. They say the good die young, and it must be so. This youngster

was ushered into the world under most auspicious circumstances. The future was rosy and there was a world of work waiting until the infant had learned to walk and had gathered strength enough to tackle the tasks. Despite its apparent bloom of perfect health, however, it soon weakened, but under restorative measures, strengthened somewhat and began to gain. But then that almost always fatal malady, indifference, began to gnaw at its vitals and before effective curative measures could be applied the malady had secured so firm a hold that hope was abandoned, and the promising youngster died in its infancy before it had an opportunity to accomplish any of its lofty aims in life. (If any of you fellows have a better diagnosis of the case and don't mind speaking plainly, we'd like to hear it.) Maybe there'll be a day of resurrection. We sincerely hope so, for there's certainly a pressing need for a live civic body. If there is an Elisha in the crowd let him step forward and do his stuff.

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Every home in and around Ozona to get familiar with the Maytag Aluminum Washing Machine. Electrically equipped for the city homes and gasoline and electric machines for the ranch homes. Cash or monthly payments. For demonstration the next few

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### NOTICE BY GUARDIAN OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASE OF REAL ESTATE OF WARD

NO. 50. IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF THE ESTATE OF MABEL TWEEDY, A MINOR, IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CROCKETT COUNTY, TEXAS.

Notice is hereby given that I, W. R. Baggett, guardian of the estate of Mabel Tweedy, a minor, have this day filed my application in the above entitled and numbered cause for an order of the County Judge of Crockett County, authorizing me as Guardian of this estate of said ward to make oil, gas and mineral lease upon such terms as the court may order and direct of the following described real estate:

All of the Northwest quarter of Abstract No. 4742, Certificate No. 2220, Survey No. 9, Block PP, Original Grantee T. C. Ry Co., Crockett County, Texas, and containing 160 acres, more or less.

Said application will be heard by the County Judge of Crockett County, Texas, at the court house in the city of Ozona, Texas, on the 26th day of August A. D. 1927.

W. R. Baggett, Guardian.

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Office At Court House  
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 THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable of Crockett County—Greeting:  
 You Are Hereby Commanded to summon the heirs and the unknown heirs of the heirs of M. Halff and Rachael Halff, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some news-

paper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Crockett County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ozona, Texas, on the fourth Monday in October A. D. 1927, the same being the 24th day of October A. D. 1927, then and there to

answer a petition filed in said Court on the 10th day of August A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 424, wherein George L. Thompson is Plaintiff, and the heirs of M. Halff, deceased, and the unknown heirs of the heirs of M. Halff, deceased, and Rachael Halff, deceased, and the heirs of Rachael Halff, deceased, and the unknown heirs of the heirs of Rachael Halff, deceased, A. H. Halff, Armand Halff, G. A. Halff, Harry A. Halff and Henry M. Halff Defendants, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows:

1. That on or about the 1st day of August, A. D. 1927, he was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described land and premises, situated in Crockett County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple to-wit:

"Certificate No. 1806, issued to John Oney, situated in Crockett County, Texas, on the waters of a tributary of the Pecos River, about 40 miles Northwest from the County seat of Crockett County, Texas: Beginning at the S.E. corner of survey 71, I & G.N. Ry. Co. Block 1, pine stake in md. of stone in N. line survey 70 mkd. S.E. 71; thence N. 993 vs. to the N.E. corner of said survey No. 71, a rock monument on N.W. Slope of hill mkd. N.E. 71 from which a windmill brs. N. 69 degs. W. Do. brs. S. 48 degs. 50 min. W. thence E. 302 vs. to S.E. corner survey 72, thence N. 584 vs. to stake in E. line of survey 72, and 8 1/2 vs. N. of mesquite stake in md. of stone mkd. EL. 72, from which windmill at Thompson's ranch house brs. N. 41 degs. 14 min. E. another windmill brs. N. 81 degs. 24 min. W. and round peak brs. N. 79 degs. 29 min. W; thence E. 947 vs. for the N.E. corner this survey, same being 8 1/2 vs. N. of a black walnut stake in md. of stone mkd. W.L. 58, thence E. 337 vs. a re-entrant corner of survey 58, thence S. 950 vs. a re-entrant corner of survey 58, thence W. 493 vs. the most southerly N. W. corner of survey 58, thence S. 557 vs. to a point in the N. line of survey 70 and W. line of survey 57, and 116 vs. W. from the N.E. corner of survey 70, a pine stake in md. of stone mkd. N. E. 70; thence W. 1093 vs. to a place of beginning and being the

South 1/2 of survey No. 71 1/2 containing 353 acres of land, more or less;"

2. That on the day and year last aforesaid defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and unlawfully withheld from him, the possession thereof, to his damage in the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars.

3. That the reasonable annual rental value of said land and premises is Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars.

4. That plaintiff has had and held open, adverse and peaceful possession of said above described land and premises for a period of ten years next preceding the filing of this petition claiming same in fee simple against the world using and enjoying the same under fence and occupied by plaintiff for grazing purposes.

5. And in the alternative and for cause of action against the defendant Henry M. Halff, plaintiff says that on December 1, 1922 plaintiff purchased said above described tract of land from Henry M. Halff together with other lands, paying said Henry M. Halff therefor the sum of \$13,000.00; and that it was agreed and understood that said price was for all of said lands Henry M. Halff claimed or owned or had title to, adjoining Section 70, 71, 72 and 73, of I & G N Ry. Co. survey Block No. 1, and that this plaintiff thought that said above described tract of land was included in the deed from Henry M. Halff to the plaintiff, George L. Thompson, dated December 1, 1922, recorded in Bk. 16, page 285, Deed Records of Crockett County, Texas; and only recently to-wit, in the month of June 1927, discovered that said deed did not contain a description of the said above described tract of land, and therefore this plaintiff says that the defendant, Henry M. Halff, is entitled to and in duty bound to convey said above described tract of land unto him.

6. Plaintiff further avers that the description of the above tract of land was inadvertently and through mutual mistake left out of said deed from Henry M. Halff to the plaintiff herein, George L. Thompson, it being the intention of both parties that said above described tract of land should be con-

tained in said above mentioned deed together with other land.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, plaintiff prays the Court that defendants and each of them, be cited to appear and answer this petition, and upon a hearing hereof, plaintiff have his judgment for the title and possession of said above described tract of land and premises, and in the alternative that the deed from Henry M. Halff to George L. Thompson dated December 1, 1922 recorded in Bk. 16, page 285, Deed Records of Crockett County, Texas, be corrected so as to include the above described tract of land and that all title to said above described tract of land be divested out of the defendants and each of them, and be vested in fee simple in this plaintiff, and that writ of restitution issue and for his rents, damages and costs of suit, and for such other and further relief, special and general

in law and in equity, as he may be justly entitled to receive.

This cause is brought as well to try title as for damages.

Herein Fail Not but have before said Court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ozona, Texas, On this the 15th day of August A. D. 1927.

(SEAL) E. B. Baggett, Jr., Clerk, District Court Crockett County, Texas —19-4c.

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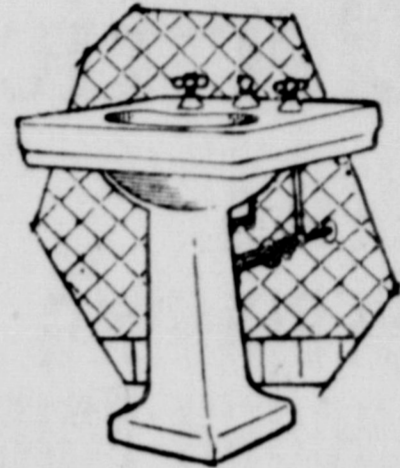
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**LUNCHEON**  
Mrs. Monroe Baggett entertained five tables of forty-two and a luncheon in honor of Mrs. Amy Weford of Sabine. Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of Eastern Star of Texas. Most of those present were officers of the local chapter. At the close of the games a delightful luncheon of creamed chicken, congealed salad, ice tea, icecream and patties was served. Those present were: Mesdames Hugh Childress, Warren Clayton,

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house from destruction. The blaze was gaining headway between the ceiling and roof when the truck arrived, but by tearing off the shingles, the fire boys were able to extinguish the flames. No damage was suffered by Mr. Galyon on his furniture, and the house was only slightly damaged.

**Home Across Draw Is Slightly Damaged By Fire Wed. Afternoon**

Fire slightly damaged a home across the draw, occupied by Bruce Galyon, mechanic at the Dudley Garage, Wednesday afternoon. The house, owned by F. A. Gray, was the old O. S. T. camp house formerly owned by the Ozona Garage and maintained for the convenience of tourists. It was bought by Mr. Gray and moved across the draw and reconditioned for a residence.

Prompt work on the part of the fire engine crew at the Ozona Garage and volunteers saved the

**Ozona Men Will Put In Bakery At Marfa**

Hartley Johnigan and Neville Davis, two Ozona young men who have served their apprenticeship as bakers here, have purchased an oven from Mike Couch, and are trucking it to Marfa, where they will open a baker shop. The new business is to be opened on or about the first of September. These two young men are long-time residents of Ozona, where they have built and maintained a reputation as hard workers and successful bread makers, and it is hoped that their first venture into business will prove a great success.

**Blas Vargas, Wealthy Ozona Mexican, Buried Here Monday**

The body of Blas Vargas, Wealthy Mexican Merchant and land owner residing in the Mexican suburb of Ozona, was buried in the Mexican cemetery Monday morning following funeral services held at 11 o'clock. Vargas died at his home Saturday, August 6, as a result of a brief illness. He was 73 years old and had resided in Ozona many years.

Funeral services were delayed on account of the smallpox quarantine in effect at the time of his death and the services were held Monday morning following the lifting of the quarantine regulations early that morning. Vargas was highly respected by Americans as well as Mexicans and for many years was one of the leaders in Ozona's Mexican suburb. He is reported to have left an estate of nearly \$100,000, approximately \$55,000 of which was in cash and negotiable bonds.

Mrs. G. E. Phoenix and son have returned to their home in Atlanta, Ga., after a visit with Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Fussell. Mrs. Phoenix is a sister of Mrs. Fussell.

Ed Burke has leased a blacksmith shop in Alpine and will move his family to that place within the next few days. Mr. Burke has been in charge of the shop for about two weeks and is doing well according to reports. He has the only shop in Alpine and is doing a good business. He formerly operated a machine shop and blacksmith shop here, turning over the business at the expiration of his lease to O. W. Smith.

Houston Smith has returned from a visit to relatives in Oklahoma. Mr. Smith was accompanied home by his mother, who has been visiting in Oklahoma for several weeks.

William Sutton and sister, Miss Evie Sutton, of Hernando, Miss., are visiting Rev. and Mrs. M. M. Fulmer. Rev. Fulmer was formerly pastor of the Hernando Baptist church.

**BRIDGE**

Mrs. Joe T. Davidson entertained with six tables of bridge in honor of Mrs. George Smith, a visitor from California. The score sheets and talley cards were lovely blue and pink hand made ones. During the games delicious punch was served. At the end of the games mint ice and cake were served.

Those present were: Mesdames Early Baggett, Joe Pierce, J. H. Criner, C. E. Davidson, Morris Dudley, Joe Oberkamp, Ralph Meinecke, Evert White, Nelson Hawkins, Maubry Morrison, Rice Lynn, Phoenix, Lee Childress, Roy Parker, Warren Clayton, W. J. Grimmer, Sherman Taylor, W. W. West, J. W. North, J. C. Montgomery, W. B. Robertson, Frank McMullen, Fred Deaton, George Smith and Ford Coates.

B. B. Ingham has had his home painted recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher Powell have returned from a two week's vacation spent in Cornwall, Texas.

Mrs. C. C. Coates and daughter Miss Louise were in San Antonio the first of the week. They were driven over by Mrs. Coates' brother, A. A. Perry, Jr.

Mrs. Lee Henderson and Miss Alice Henderson have returned from San Antonio. Miss Helea Henderson returned with them after a visit in Kerrville and Miss Jean from a term in summer school in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Childress took their small daughter, Catherine, to San Angelo Wednesday to have her tonsils and adenoids removed.

Leonard Hensley has returned from his vacation in London and Junction.

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
To Appropriate Public Waters  
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Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that THE TEXAS COMPANY, the postoffice address of which is Houston, Texas, did on the 5th day of August, A. D. 1927, file its application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, in which it applies for a permit to appropriate of the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, from the Pecos River, in Crockett County, Texas, sufficient water for mining purposes, not to exceed one hundred and fifty (150) acre feet per annum, to be diverted by means of a pumping plant, said pumping plant to be located at a point which poses, not to exceed one hundred feet from the Most northern or N. W. corner of H. & T. C. R. R. Co. Survey No. 18, on the East bank of the Pecos River, in Crockett County, Texas, and is distant in a Northwesterly direction from Ozona, Texas, about sixty-five (65) miles.

You are hereby further notified that the said Texas Company proposes to install a pumping plant, said pumping plant to consist of a 5'x10" Vertical Triplex pump, operated by a 35 H. P. gas or oil engine, having a height of lift of twenty-five feet, and to divert therewith not to exceed one hundred and fifty (150) acre-feet of water per annum for mining purposes.

A hearing on the application of the said THE TEXAS COMPANY will be held by the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, in the office of the Board at Austin, Texas, on Monday, September 26th, A. D. 1927, beginning at ten o'clock A. M. at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time, and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under and by virtue of an order of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, at the office of the said Board, at Austin, Texas, this 10th day of August, A. D. 1927.  
(SEAL) Jno. A. Norris

C. S. Clark  
A. H. Dunlap  
Board of Water Engineers.  
Attest:  
A. W. McDonald,  
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**Wallace Beery Leads  
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Heralded as "the greatest historical classic on the screen," with romance and adventure garbed in the colorful atmosphere of the 12th century, "Richard the Lion Hearted," will be a treat for Ozona theater patrons next week when it is to be the feature attraction at the Ozona Theater Wednesday night.

Based on "The Talisman," Sir Walter Scott's story so familiar to book lovers the world over, "Richard the Lion Hearted" has a two-point appeal. For those who seek entertainment alone, it unfolds a story of compelling interest, in lavish settings that are a source of constant delight. For students of history or literature, it is a faithful representation of the life of the period in which it was laid. In its many beautiful scenes there is a wealth of antiques for which the museums of two continents were drawn upon.

The great King Richard's Third Crusade, by which he sought to recover the Holy Land and the Holy Sepulchre from the Saracens, was one of constant adventure and its absorbing story has been transferred to the silver sheet with remarkable success. With its spirited clashes between the Crusaders and the Saracen hordes, thrilling hand to hand combat, brilliant swordsmanship, romance, intrigue—all in settings of the almost pagan splendor—"Richard the Lion Hearted" is a truly impressive picture, according to advance notices.

Wallace Beery, whose King Richard was an outstanding feature of Douglas Fairbanks' "Robin Hood" climbs to even greater heights in his portrayal of the same role in this new picture, for "Richard the Lion Hearted" bridges the gap in "Robin Hood" from the time Richard left England until his return. His characterization is one of convincing reality, for he has interpreted it intelligently and given it fine touches of comedy.

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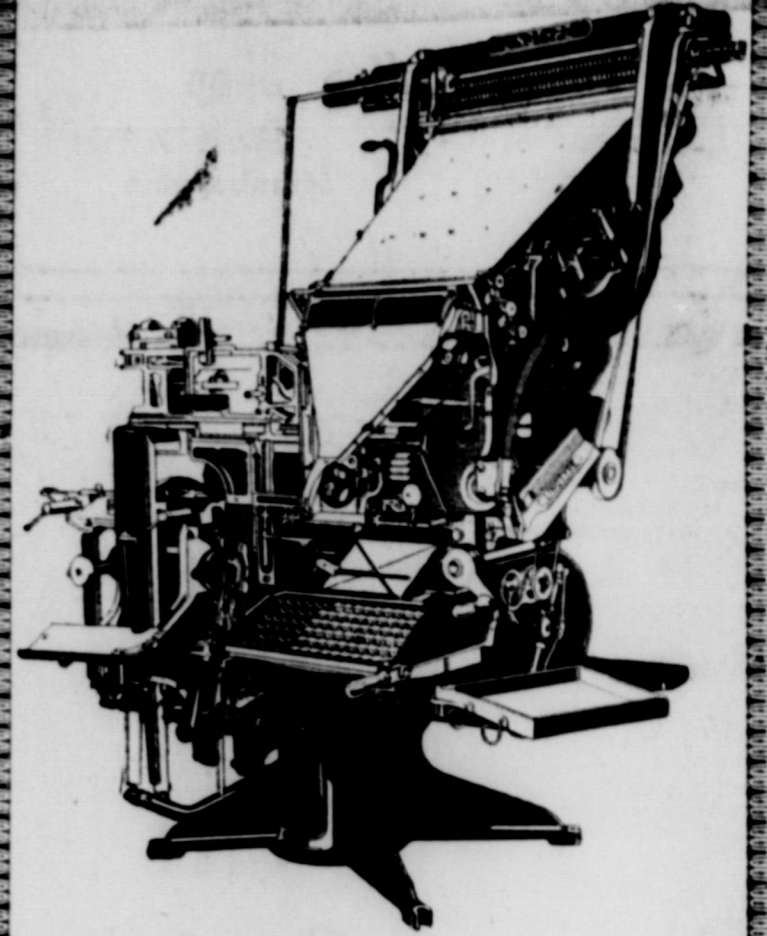
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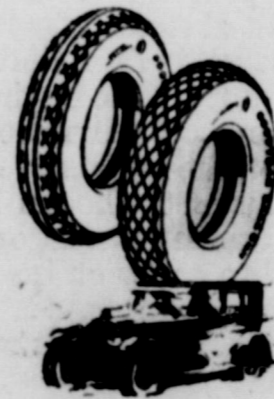
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# CEDAR SWAMP

by Michael J. Phillips

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## THE LEADING CHARACTERS

**EDISON FORBES**, a young resident of Scottsdale, goes on a little joy ride with another young fellow. Some liquor is consumed. They are stopped suddenly by the sight of a booze truck driven by

**SCOOTS LIBBEY**, a worthless character, who has smashed his machine into another car, killing its lone occupant, a woman. Forbes and Libbey quit the scene hurriedly, leaving the former alone to face a constable who reasons that Eddie, with the scent of whiskey about him, must be connected in some way with the accident. Accordingly, Forbes is arrested.

**PATSY JANE**, Eddie's pretty wife, agrees that public sentiment runs too high against him. Accordingly they migrate up north to some land that has been in the family for years. Settled in their log cabin

**ISAIAH SEALMAN**, a neighbor pays the Forbes a visit and intimates that there are some back taxes for the young couple to pay. Sealman offers to give Eddie a job after he goes down to Long Portage, a nearby town, and learns about the taxes.

## CHAPTER VII

### Bad News

Eddie looked after him with wrinkled brows when Sealman struck off to the northwest. "Wonder what he means by taxes, Pat?" he mused. "They can't be so much, can they—Who'd have the nerve to tax this stuff?" He pointed out to the rolling acres that flowed up to their door from nearly every direction. It was innocent of vegetation except sparse, laggard sweetfern and bracken, just peeping through the thin, old stalks, stunted, scattered jack pines; and the occasional jagged shell of a

with stout trees and bushes. "That is a queer thing," commented Eddie when they had stopped to survey it. "Wonder what it is—Indian burying ground? There were lots of redskins around here in the old days."

"Would the Indian heap earth up so high?" queried Patsy Jane. "It might be a relic of the Mound Builders."

They followed the path which was fed by many branches, and which completely surrounded the mound. On the south side of the great heap of earth was a bare space, like a scar. The exposed earth was varicolored. There were streaks of yellowish-brown, of chalky white and dark purple. These were accompanied and bisected by thinner, semi-transparent quartz-like substance that sparkled dully in the sunlight. He stepped closer and sniffed. "Smell anything, Pat?"

Her little nose was wrinkled perplexedly. "Yes, that earth smells—smells sour."

"That's it," he nodded. "Sour makes you think of the way salt should smell."

There was a trail following the easiest grade which surmounted the knoll. "Bet it was made by deer," said Eddie. "Gee, you get a fine view up here!"

Bare spots were visible on the top of the knoll. The sod had been scraped away and the subsurface was crystalline and white as snow. He broke off some of the crystals with his heel and tasted cautiously. "It is salt," he said. "This is a deerlick. The deer love salt just like cattle. They'll travel miles to get it. Ought to be some hunting here in season, though of course it's pretty close to the house."

They looked for miles over undulating stretches of wilderness. It was as though they were stand-

Another road came down from the north close to the water's edge joining the main east and west highway at the crossing of the stream. "Looks as though there were some travel on that, too," he continued. "We seem to have a corner on the main trails. This one must go north till it hits the lake. Remember on the map how Huron cuts in sharply just above us?"

The drive to the village was swift and pleasant. There were few grades. The sands which later in the summer would be powdery and hard to negotiate, was firm and damply brown. It made an ideal roadbed. The flivver skimmed about the myriad curves at a smart pace.

Portage country had recently invested in a combined courthouse, jail and office building. It was an ambitious two-story building of red brick. The population was sparse, and one office housed three departments—clerk, treasurer and register of deeds. Peter Wimple held all titles and transacted all the business. He was a fat man who, in anticipation of summer, had already donned a black alpaca coat.

"The Forbes quarter-section?" he echoed to Eddie's question. "Oh yes; that's over east here, near Sealman's." He waddled to a large canvas covered book and made some figures, which he checked in a slimmer volume of red leather.

"Your property's had a couple tax-plasters put on it," he announced. "Certificates are held by Marcus Bower of Chicago. Year of grace pretty near up. Want to pay now?"

"No," answered Eddie, apologet-

ically. "How much time have I?" "Oh, about five months—until the first of September. Then if you don't pay up he takes title."

"How much do I owe, altogether?"

The fat man figured. "Eight hundred and ninety-seven dollars and ninety-three cents. That's everything that's overdue, and the penalties he can collect. They're heavy."

There was a moment of stunned silence. "This Mr. Bower," ventured Eddie. "Who is he and what's his idea of bidding it in?"

"Well, he's a rich man. I think he wants to get a big block of stuff back there as a reserve for fish and game. I'm his agent for this county. You can pay me the back-taxes when you get the money."

## CHAPTER VIII

### The Old Curse

A soberness which was almost gloom encompassed the little car as they drove homeward. They had gone several miles before Eddie broke the silence: "Eight hundred dollars, Pat. That's a lot of money!"

"I know it," agreed Patsy Jane gravely.

"We've got about sixty," he went on, with a rueful smile. This car is worth mighty little. All of our belongings wouldn't bring much."

"The land itself, Eddie. Couldn't we sell part of it and pay off the taxes?"

He shook his head. "It's a dozen miles from town and the railroad, if it were worth much for farming purposes, which it isn't. There are some jack pines which would produce railroad ties and fenceposts, only they'd bankrupt you, getting them to market. Some city sportsman might like it well enough to buy it as a summer home or for the deer season. But he wouldn't give you a great deal for the whole thing, the house included."

"Oh dear!" mourned Patsy Jane. "I don't want to sell the whole thing. I want it, I want it! I'm just crazy to live here!"

"So am I, Pat. Well, maybe we can make the rifle. I'll get a job and we'll pinch and squeeze. That won't be very pleasant."

"I don't care," returned Pat, sturdily. "This place is worth sacrificing for."

A fine insistent rain was falling next morning when they awoke and there was a chill in the air which seemed to penetrate the marrow. The jackpines wilderness looked particularly desolate and forbidding, as though it were sufficient unto itself in its inhospitality, and resented the human beings who attempted to live within it.

Eddie had dragged several blackened logs into the woodshed the previous day, and after breakfast he attacked them with axe and bucksaw, until the pile of billets of stove-length grew to respectable dimensions.

Patsy Jane sang lightheartedly within the house as she arranged and rearranged the scant furniture, and swept and scrubbed. But a reaction had set in with her husband. He felt depressed and shivery. He was homesick for Scottsdale, Scottsdale the ungenerous, the narrow and unkind, which had convicted him even before the jury had. From a distance of some hundreds of miles the little town had taken on endearing and desirable qualities. He wanted to go back where he could see familiar faces even though they were turned from him, cold with disapproval. He worked doggedly away, hop-

ing that the mood would pass, while the rain drummed monotonously away on the leaky roof of the log woodshed. It was approaching noon when he heard the exhaust of a heavily laden vehicle on the north and south road; and later voices.

When the voices persisted he went out to investigate. A big truck from the north had attempted to make the turn out of the sunken road into the Long Prairie highway. But there was muck instead of sand for a footing near the creek and muck squashed treacherously under moisture. One of the rear wheels had sunk to the hub.

The two burly, hard faced men in short waterproofed coats; the tarpaulined truck, the bulge at the hip of each of the truck attendants—all these were easily read signs. This was a booze truck. Apparently the main line of entrance from Canada ran past his very door.

"Want some help?" he asked, with a smile. They looked up suspiciously, but his friendliness disarmed them, and they accepted briefly his proffer. He welcomed the break in the day's monotony.

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# POWER

## "The Spirit of America"

Made into what it is today by suffering, grit and determination. Empires are made by the coordination of the whole populace—not towns, counties or hamlets.

Self-preservation is one of nature's laws. Thus we have towns. Counties link the towns under a common ruling force, and the State acts as delegate to the other parts of the combine.

Cities manufacture, job, export and import. They depend on their city for manpower. Manpower depends on the producer for existence.

Large towns only wholesale. They depend on the local and surrounding small town Retailers. The retailers depend on the population.

The Population, though some hate to admit it, depends on the retailer. The "Merchant Guild" is the oldest organized business in the world. There must be some Economic reason for it.

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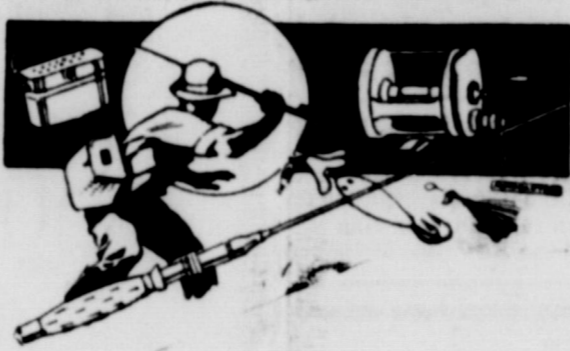
Use your head and pay for it where you get it. Give your dollar a chance to show its POWER.

What gives a town Power? Churches? Yes—90 per cent of it, for the unsaved we have with us always. But the other 10 per cent must be ceded to the business district. Why not go to a half dozen small towns surrounding here? They have blooming good people. But, my word—their Business District! That's the answer.

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## Let's Go Fishin'

Local anglers are pulling out some big ones from the Pecos, Live Oak, Devil's River Concho and other nearby streams. If you are planning to make that vacation a fishing trip let us fix up your tackle. Rods, reels, line, hooks, sinkers, lures, poles, floaters, tackle boxes — anything you need to catch 'em.

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"Much obliged, kid," he said gruffly. "Have a little drink on us. And say: Just forget you saw us. Hey?"

lone pine of some size, blackened by repeated fires.

"I don't know, Eddie. Let's drive downtown tomorrow and find out."

They slept soundly that night. The bedroom contained an iron bedstead, stout and serviceable. Equipped with their camping bed-roll, it served admirably. After breakfast they went out for a survey of the quarter section.

It was an oblong, the longer dimensions from north to south. It had once been fenced. But many of the posts were missing now, and the barbed wire, rusty and snarled lay on the ground or trailed forlornly. The land sloped from the north and west. It was bisected by a brisk stream, Portage Creek, which curled over stones, a novelty in the jack pine country, where there is very little rock formation. Willows grew thickly along the stream and there was an occasional, a strong young hardwood.

The banks of the stream were very steep and precipitous, capable of holding no more water than flowed between them, even in fresh of time. Not far from the southwest corner of the property was a curious mound. It rose abruptly from the plain to a height of perhaps eighty feet. It was as large as a city block at the top, a rough oval in shape.

The sides and top were clothed in a mat of thick, luxuriant old grass through which the spears were shooting. It was interspersed

ing in the bottom of a great cup, for on every horizon, soft hills rose, green when not too far away purple with added distance. The stream with its thicker vegetation was a slender green slash which ran into the picture from the far north and disappeared in the south.

Patsy Jane sighed with satisfaction. "It's wonderful up here, Eddie," she breathed. "So still, so peaceful, so unspoiled. Let's stay forever."

He put an arm about her. "All right," he agreed. "Only we can't live on green grass and scenery. I'll have to find something to do, you know, to help out the trout we catch."

"Oh, you will," returned his wife optimistically. "Why, Mr. Sealman has offered you a job already."

"Uh-huh," he grunted. "And I may take it. Though I'm not crazy about Sealman. He's sort of—well what you might call slick, Pat."

They resumed their inspection. They found that the road from Long Portage flanked the south line of Sealman's place, through their own property near the center, and crossed the creek not far from their front door. The high banks were notched at this point so the road might descend to water level. There was no bridge.

"Must be other settlers beyond," surmised Eddie. "Lake Huron isn't a great many miles away over to the east."



**CEDAR SWAMP**

They cut a stout sapling for a lever, rolled a fire-blackened stub beneath the sunken hub for a fulcrum, and paved the truck's pathway to firm with bits of wood. Within a few minutes the truck, barking with deep exhausts, rolled out of the bog.

Once on a safe footing the driver brought the vehicle to a halt. The guard, who had been working with Eddie, went forward. After a little low-toned conversation with his companion, he thrust his hand under the seat and brought forth a bottle of liquor.

"Much obliged, kid," he said gruffly. "Have a little drink on us. And say: Just forget you saw us. Hey?"

Eddie stood looking at the bottle in his hand. His first impulse was to smash it on a nearby rock. He raised his arm in fact to do so. Then he temporized. Of course, he wasn't going to drink any of it. Though a nip on a cold day like this would help. But he'd hide it. Maybe someone else would need a drink pretty badly sometime.

His thoughts were not very clear, except that he would keep the liquor for the present. He went upstream a short distance, looking for a niche in which to hide it. He found a narrow opening under a rock which jutted out from the bank of the stream. He thrust in his arm, the hole went back for a considerable distance. He pushed the bottle into it as far as he could reach, and went home to dinner.

The devil of restlessness and homesickness was not exorcised by the tempting meal which Patsy Jane had prepared. The warm kitchen fire and the crackling pine knots and splinters in the fireplace could not banish the clammy dew which the rain drumming on the windowpane seemed to distill in his heart.

"Guess I'll run over and see Seal man," he said, when the dishes had been washed and put away. "Want to go along, Pat?"

She looked out at the pelting rain and shook her head. "I'll put in a riotous afternoon with those magazines we bought yesterday," she told him.

Waterproofed and booted he stepped out the back door and cut through the fields toward Sealman's. It was not unpleasant. The sand was drinking up the rain as it fell. The brown surface was firm and springy. Exercise fought off the chill.

Sealman's double log house was pretentious. His barn, nearly as large, sheltered considerable stock. There were implements under a long shed, open along the front which adjoined the barn. Almost from his own line fence Eddie could see that the soil was heavier and closer knit, because of an admixture of clay with the sand. It compared favorably with the lands of the rich agricultural belt of southern Michigan.

**Hollywood Orchestra To Play For Dance At Hotel Fri. Night**

The Hollywood Entertainers fresh from a successful vaudeville tour of the Pacific Coast and from a long engagement in the Warner Bros. motion picture studio in California, will furnish music for one of the best dances of the season to be held next Friday night August 19, in the Hotel Ozona ball room, under the auspices of the Ozona Dance Club.

The Hollywood Orchestra is declared to be one of the best now touring Texas and local dancers and visitors are looking forward to a real treat at Friday night's dance. Among the featured entertainment numbers furnished by the famous orchestra is the presentation of California's favorite singing trio. Every member of the orchestra is declared to be a real entertainer, all have good voices and throw in many vocal refrains during the dance numbers.

The dance has been widely advertised and a good crowd is expected.

Rev. Stanley Haver was on the job Monday morning to prevent beaking of the church windows when the West Texas Utilities men began blasting away the hill on Broadway in front of the church. Mr. Haver scouted around and found several pieces of sheet iron and by suspending these on ropes from the top of the building covered all of the front windows of the church to protect them from flying rocks.

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San Antonio Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Montgomery returned Wednesday from a trip to San Antonio, where they visited their daughter, Mrs. Albert Boggs, and to Austin, where another daughter, Willie Sue, is in the University. Eugene Montgomery had been visiting Mrs. Boggs for the past month and came home with his parents.

**SAN ANGELO FAIR BEST EVER**

With three days of horse racing and two days of auto and motorcycle races, the All-West Texas Exposition at San Angelo September 19-24 bids fair to offer the best sport card ever arranged for West Texas racing fans. There will be \$3,000 in prizes for the horse races. There will be two races of \$500 stake each, plus entrance and starting fees. Walter Beall is secretary.

**Dandruff?** Use Guardo Soap—At your druggist. 16-12tp.

Mrs. Monroe Baggett and daughters, Misses Beulah, Lillian and Posey are in Floydada visiting Mrs. Baggett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boerner, and other relatives.

**Red Bugs?** Use Guardo Soap At your druggist. 16-12tp.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey and daughter, Miss Erenice, have returned from a trip to Colorado and other points that has lasted several weeks.

Mrs. Ury Smith has returned from Stephenville where she has been convalescing from an operation performed in Fort Worth two weeks ago.

Ray Dunlap is having his old home moved back on his lot preparatory to beginning construction of a modern stucco home.

R. R. Baker has begun construction on a new home on South Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Adams have returned from Christoval where they attended the Baptist encampment lasting twelve days.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Robison and children are spending a few days in Christoval this week.

Elman Powell, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher Powell, was ill with tonsillitis this week.

Mrs. Amy Woford, Mrs. Monroe Baggett and Mrs. W. R. Baggett were entertainers at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. John Findlater at San Angelo Monday evening.

**Prickly Heat?** Use Guardo Soap At your druggist. 16-12tp.

Mrs. Floyd Benderson is suffering from an attack of tonsillitis.

**Educated Fingers**



Madge L. Lockwood, 22, of Zeigler, Ill., detected counterfeit \$20 bills by the feel—as she worked in the local bank. She tipped-off Federal officers and a gang which had circulated \$400,000 of spurious notes was caught.

**Judge's Josh**



**RAILWAY CHARTER GRANTED**

West Texas has been assured of its first step toward getting a rail road to the gulf. The attorney general's department has approved the application for a charter to the Gulf and West Texas Railroad, which plans a 250-mile line through thirteen counties from San Angelo to San Antonio, with a lease connection to Corpus Christi. W. C. Blanks, R. A. Hall and John Y. Rust, all of San Angelo, are among the incorporators.

**Epworth Leaguers Praise Assembly At Kerrville Last Week**

The six young ladies of the Epworth League of the Ozona Methodist Church returned last Wednesday with enthusiastic praise for the delightful and inspiring Assembly at the Kerrville Methodist

Assembly Grounds, August 3-10. Over 250 Leaguers were in attendance quartered in the cottages and in the private summer homes on the grounds and dining together in the large cafeteria.

Of special interest were the Recreation events directed by Rev. Stanley Haver of Ozona, which included sports tournaments on the river banks under the Cypress trees, and water tournaments in the river. The Ozona Leaguers worked up a good stunt which was produced jointly by the San Angelo and Uvalde Districts, but did not take a prize, however. The Ozona girls each earned two credits in Christian Culture course, which is the limit that can be earned at the Assembly. A bonfire meeting was held each night on Mt. Wesley and on the grounds, led by Dorothy Cooper of the University of Texas. The Brownsville District brought 125 delegates to the Assembly, including a male quartet. On Sunday afternoon the entire Assembly drove to a point 6 miles above Hunt where they were addressed by Herbert Crate of Camp Rio Vista.

Mrs. J. M. Baggett sponsored the Leaguers and stated that the Assembly was a remarkable inspiration where every young person had opportunity for expression of Christian character in a most beautiful and helpful way, and she was most gratified in the way the Ozona delegation entered into the life of the

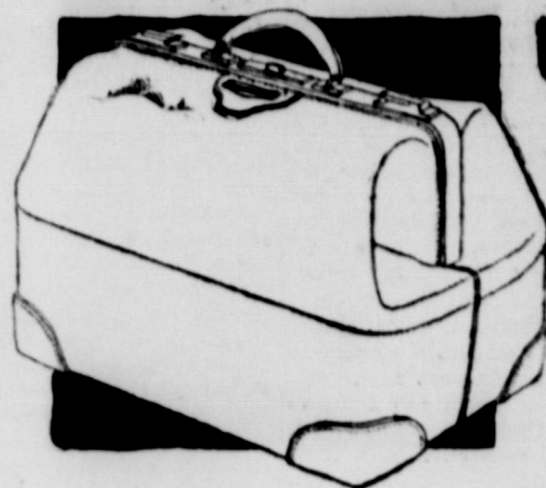
meeting.

Miss Beulah Baggett was elected secretary of the San Angelo District, and will be responsible for the leadership of several hundred Leaguers in the District. A rally for all Leaguers of the District will be held in San Angelo in the near future. Miss Mary Childress, president of the Ozona Epworth League, Misses Rachel Graham, Kathryn Baggett, Pauline Perner, Beulah Baggett and Eleanor Ingham made up the local delegation. Mrs. Baggett was a mem-

ber of the Governing Council and Miss Beulah Baggett served as a student member of the Honor Council.

Rev. Haver stated that the Assembly was a great success and predicts an attendance of 500 next year. This will necessitate the building of several dormitories and the doubling of the facilities on the grounds. Within several years it is predicted that over 1000 young people will gather for this meeting. There are 600 Leaguers in the Conference.

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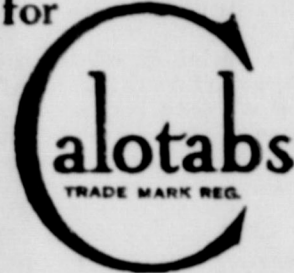
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