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Condensed Statement of the Condition of the West Texas National Bank Big Springs, Texas

Made to the Comptroller of Currency at close of business Jan. 21, 1910

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts.....\$278,448 85	Capital Stock.....\$ 50,000 00
U. S. Bonds.....50,000 00	Circulation.....50,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds.....1,000 00	Surplus and Profits.....90,256 36
Furniture & Fixtures.....2,595 65	Deposits.....202,935 39
Real Estate.....14,336 52	
Cash on Hand.....86,940 93	
	\$303,191 75
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WE SOLICIT YOUR BUSINESS

Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—After having their hopes repeatedly dashed to the ground during the past few years, the people of the territories of New Mexico and Arizona are about to become citizens of sovereign states of the union.

It is expected that a lively fight will develop in the Senate Committee on Territories before the bill, which has already been formally adopted by the House by an almost unanimous majority, will be reported favorably to the senate. Senator Beveridge, the chairman of this committee, was for a long time opposed to allowing the two territories to come into the union separately. It was he who directed the opposition to the great winning fight made by Senator Foraker, of Ohio. It is likely that the conditions of entering the Union will be made more difficult than in the House bill.

No matter how much opposition develops in the hearings, however, there is no doubt of the final passage of the bill through the Senate before the end of the session, for the reason that both parties in their last national platform made emphatic declarations in favor of it. Those corporations which have benefitted more under a territorial form of government than would be the case under a state, because of the much lower rate of taxation under the former, are not putting up the same fight through a numerous paid lobby, and the possibility of a fight on the floor of the senate is remote.

Nor are the territories themselves sending big delegations to Washington to further their cause. Formerly the wealthy men of each territory who, for

patriotic or selfish reasons, were interested in having a state form of government were called upon to contribute to a general fund, out of which the heavy expenses of the representatives were paid.

Much progress was made during the week in the relationship between President Taft and the Insurgents. As was expected, the latter declared their intention to stand by the president in his desire to put through the principal measures recommended by him in his special messages. They made it known to him through Representatives Gardner, of Massachusetts, and Hayes, of California, that they had always been in favor of his progressive policies and would support him in advancing them. But they also made it known that they had not for a moment abandoned their fight on Speaker Cannon and the present house rules. They agreed to so conduct their campaign against the Speaker as to prevent it from interfering with the President's legislative program. As the Democrats have expressed a willingness to support some of the measures the President recommends, such as the postal savings bank bill, his way to success in getting most of them adopted by the House seems practically assured.

It is calculated by Republican leaders in Congress that attention will be drawn from the Ballinger inquiry, and the strategic position of the party aided generally by the probe into the causes of the high cost of food stuffs, which is about to be thoroughly made by the Ways and Means Committee of the House.

The increasing cost of living has been felt in every section of the country and various attempts

have been made to explain it on political and economic grounds. The fact that it was ascribed to the Dingley tariff had much to do with the revision of the schedules last summer. By many the tariff is still held responsible and during the hearings to be held the Democrats will do everything possible to prove this. On the other hand, the republicans contend that if prices have increased because of the tariff, wages are still higher. However, they do not admit that the tariff has produced such an effect in price and will use a host of witnesses to prove otherwise.

The Democrats are jubilant over the news from the sixth Missouri district that the majority given to the successor to the late Representative De Armond was elected by a majority about fifteen votes in excess of that given De Armond at the time he made the race in the campaign when Roosevelt was elected President in 1904. The Republicans are convinced that much work is necessary in Missouri and the Middle West if the party is to be successful in the coming congressional election.

A Sad Ending.

A young man about 19 years of age by the name of J. W. Leysath, was found dead Monday about noon by his father. It seems the young man had been disappointed in his attempts to get an education and to join the navy. When found he was sitting under a mesquite tree with a bullet from a 32-caliber pistol in his heart, and is supposed to have died instantly. He was the son of J. P. Leysath, living six miles northwest of town. The remains were laid to rest Tuesday afternoon in Mount Olive Cemetery.

It was a sad ending to the life of a young man who seemed to be healthy and strong, and the sympathy of their friends are extended to the sorrowing relatives.

District K. of P. Meeting.

The local order of K. of P.'s are looking forward with much pleasure to the district meeting of the order, which convenes here the 23rd inst.

The district includes Abilene, Merkel, Roscoe, Colorado, Big Springs, Snyder and other towns. Arrangements are being made for a large number of visitors; also the Supreme Grand Chancellor. — Sweetwater Reporter.

Commercial Club Elects Officers

A special meeting of the Commercial Club held yesterday afternoon for the purpose of electing officers for this year, B. Reagan was re-elected president, and S. H. Morrison and Wm. Fisher vice-presidents. After the election of officers the club tendered B. Reagan a vote of thanks for the faithful service he had rendered the past year.

Several matters of importance were discussed, among them being the artesian well. Mr. Suttlemeyer was present and made a proposition to the club that he would go 3,000 feet with the well if he is furnished a new steel rope and coal for his engine, provided nothing happened to prevent his going to that depth. He further stated that if his proposition was not accepted he would move the machinery to the Toyah oil fields.

Geo. H. Sparenberg reported for the committee that about \$4,000 has been subscribed towards the stock of the hospital. The board of directors will select a secretary as soon as a suitable man can be found for the place.

The next meeting of the club will be on the 24th.

Howard County Singing Convention

The following is the program of the Howard County Singing Convention, which meets at the Baptist Church in Coahoma, Sunday, Feb. 20, at 10 a. m.

Opening Exercises by Pres. J. M. Aslin.

Prayer by Chaplain.
Address of Welcome—Prof. J. L. Webb.

Response—Prof. A. A. Scott.
Two Songs—Dave Reid.
Two Songs—D. C. Riley.
Duett—J. M. Aslin and Miss Creighton.
Two Songs—B. F. Logan.
Quartette—J. W. Smith.
Two Songs—A. A. Scott.
Two Songs—J. A. Kinard.
Dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Two Songs—W. R. Purser.
Two Songs—J. A. McDaniel.
Solo—Mrs. Lena Hull.
Two Songs—J. W. Smith.
Two Songs—K. K. Boyce.
Solo—Rev. O. G. Jones.
Two Songs—Turner Clayton.
Two Songs—L. A. Wheeler.
Special Song by Patton Quartette.
Two Songs by Wm. Gregor.
Special Song by Dave Reid.
Special Song by J. A. Kinard.
Duett—W. R. Purser.
Two Songs by D. C. Riley.
Two Songs by J. W. Smith.
Two Songs by J. M. Aslin.
Two Songs by R. P. Adams.
Quartette—B. F. Logan.
Quartette—J. A. McDaniel.
Two Songs by J. S. McCright.
Closing Song by B. F. Logan.
There will be song service on Saturday night.

B. F. Logan,
D. C. Riley,
Georgia (Coffman) Eaker,
Committee.

Pike-Newcomb.

J. W. Pike and Miss Dorothy Newcomb were united in marriage on the 5th, Rev. Chas. W. Hearon officiating. They are two of our popular young people, and number their friends by their acquaintances. This paper joins their friends in wishing them long life and prosperity.

Strayed

From my place in Big Springs, one yellow muley Jersey cow. Will be fresh in milk soon. Information leading to recovery will be rewarded.

J. C. BILLINGSLEY.

VALENTINES!

All kinds, sizes and shapes, from the Comic to the Beautiful, from

1c Each to \$2.00
Each

If you are looking for Valentines come to our store, for we are headquarters, and our line is not surpassed anywhere in the city.

It behooves the man, woman or child who expects to send out love messages this February 14th to do the shopping at once, for the Valentine trade is not only heavier this year than usual, but it began earlier.

Remember our stock is large and the variety great, but you had better come early in order to get the choice ones.

J. L. WARD

Jewelry and Drug
Company

The Price is the Thing

A Big Day for Democrats.

Possibly the key-note of the political campaign of 1910 will be pitched at the National Feeders and Breeders Show at Ft. Worth. The opening day, March 14th, is designated as Democratic Day. Invitations have been sent to every Democratic governor in the United States to be present on that day. Gov. Shallenberger, of Nebraska, has formally accepted the invitation to make the opening address of the National Feeders and Breeders Show, and Gov. Campbell, of Texas, will make the response for the show and for Texas. The horn of Democracy will be exalted, and great things are in the air. The Democratic candidates for governor, lieutenant-governor, attorney general and other high offices will be included in the invitation. In fact, every democrat in Texas who has political aspirations or is interested in the welfare of his party is expected to attend and participate. With so much political talent on the ground, it will be surprising if things are not said and done that will have

a telling effect in the elections to be held throughout the country this year. It may be set down as a certainty that the eyes of the political world will be centered on Fort Worth on the 14th of March. Our readers who want to be on the ground and see and hear, can get there by the cheapest railroad fares ever offered to a similar event. The show lasts from March 14th to 19th.

Notice of Removal

To my friends and Customers: I take this method of notifying you that I have moved my jewelry store into the building first door south of the First State Bank, where I have one of the nicest stores in town, and keep everything wanted in the jewelry line. JOHN JOHNSTON.

A. G. Kershner, of Big Springs, the well-known brick and stone mason, has been here in the city for several days, making an examination of the large stone quarries near here and pronounces the stone of a much better grade than the stone of Post City. Mr. Kershner expects to build several nice stone rent houses in the near future.—Dameron Times.

Who's Responsible

For all this agitation and what is the cause of the high price of living throughout the land.

We are doing our best to give you no cause to bring the trouble to our door.

While most every article in our line has advanced, still we are overcoming a great many things by buying in carload lots and are endeavoring to share these benefits with our customers.

Never before was our Grocery Stock more complete.

OUR FEED STORE is full up with Oats, Bran, Chops, Hay, Etc. A car of Fine Texas Red Rust Proof Oats. Oats. Come at once and get enough to plant a few acres.

We have what you want and we are only too glad to have you for a customer.

POOL BROTHERS

Groceries and Grain

Our 50-33¹/₃-25 per cent Reduction Sale

On Ready-to-Wear
Clothes

Is now in full swing. This is an enormous reduction on merchandise of unquestionable high class.

J. & W. FISHER

Established 1882

Does Your Watch Keep Time?

Maybe its hasn't been cleaned for two or three years and needs attention.

Bring it in and we will make it new—or as good as it was when it was new.

We have the equipment to do all kinds of repair work and take pride in doing it right.

Our prices are no higher than elsewhere, in fact, they are less, because we repair to stay repaired.

I. H. PARK Exclusive Jeweler

Miss Clemmie Dodson, of Alpine, spent Monday and Tuesday here and left for Loreine to visit relatives.

Every one buys more that once uses Alfalfeed for milk cows. Only at the New Feed Store, phone 305.

Mrs. J. S. Cordill has been on the sick list this week.

Try us for choice alfalfa, pure bran, the best corn chops in town. New Feed Store, phone 305.

L. D. Maxwell and wife left last night for Arkansas in response to a message stating that Mrs. Maxwell's mother was very sick.

Bring us your cow hides; we pay the price for them. See Dunman at the New Feed Store, phone 305.

Thomas Jones, an expert watch maker and jeweler of Weatherford, has taken charge of the jewelry repairing department of the Ward Drug and Jewelry Company.

We sell crutches, trusses and all rubber material. Biles & Gentry.

Local and Personal

Z. T. Joyner, of Martin county, was here Wednesday and said the farmers up there have all their land broke and there is a great deal of new land being put in cultivation.

We have shoulder braces that will hold you straight. Biles & Gentry.

A. J. Weaver, of Coahoma, was here Monday.

Just received a large shipment of the best Maple syrup. McGowen Bros.

All cases in county court have been continued by agreement to the April term of court.

We guarantee to fit every one who wears a truss. Biles & Gentry.

R. T. Piner has been on the sick list several days this week. You ought to try a pound of President coffee.

W. R. Cole returned Wednesday night from a trip to Fort Worth.

FOUND--K. of P. pin which owner can get by calling at this office and paying for this notice.

Rev. W. J. P. Mason returned Tuesday from Pilot Point, bringing his family with him, and they are at home at the Cumberland Presbyterian parsonage in the east part of town. We gladly welcome this excellent family to our midst and trust their sojourn here may be pleasant and profitable.

Red Rust Proof Seed Oats; at New Feed Store west of express office.

Commissioners' Court convenes Monday in its regular quarterly session.

Are you thinking about your Easter suit? Well, as Easter comes early this year you had better come in and have us measure you for one. Two large lines to select from, and we guarantee every suit we make to fit perfectly. A. P. McDonald & Company.

John Johnston has moved his jewelry store into the building first door south of the First State Bank, where he has much more commodious and comfortable quarters.

Try Reagan's remedy for killing prairie dogs.

After considering the matter for a week and acceding to the wishes of his brethren, Rev. Wilson C. Rogers withdrew his resignation as pastor of the Methodist church and will remain in Big Springs. This will be good news, not alone to the congregation, but to all the Christian people of the town.

Robinson Bros. have moved their livery stable to their new building opposite Cole & Wolcott.

FOR RENT—A large, well furnished room, southern exposure. Mrs. P. W. Agnell, phone 111.

We are better prepared to serve our customers with good shoes and oxfords this season than ever, our stock being much larger and of the best makes obtainable. See them. A. P. McDonald & Co., Shoe Men and Gents' Furnishers.

Editor Webb, of the Coahoma Courier, was in Big Springs Saturday.

"Mound City Paints may cost a trifle more, but—! B. Reagan."

Judge Saye, of Comanche, was here the first of the week. He is interested in West Texas lands and predicts a great future for this country.

Let us frame your pictures for Christmas. New line of mouldings and matboards just in. Gem City Furniture Co.

The High School basket ball team went to Colorado Saturday and played a game with the High School team of that place, and won it by a score of 31 to 11.

Boys, Reagan has the Valentines.

Henry Hutchinson was here this week from New Mexico.

Rid your place of prairie dogs by using Reagan's famous receipt.

Juanita flour is the perfection of the best mills in Missouri. McGowen Bros.

Go to The Gem City Furniture Co. for the Macey Sectional Book Case. Can get any style or finish.

Mrs. C. C. Saunders died at her home in Coahoma on the 2nd inst, after an illness of several months.

See The Gem City Furniture Co. for new line of mattings; some good patterns and very best quality.

Prof. J. L. Webb, principal of the Coahoma school, was married at Dallas on the 30th of January to Miss Delie Williamson, of Athens. This paper extends congratulations and best wishes for their future.

Have you a weak throat? If so, you cannot be too careful. You cannot begin treatment too early. Each cold makes you more liable to another and the last is always the harder to cure. If you will take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at the outset you will be saved much trouble. Sold by all druggists.

Hints for Stock Owner.

Pigs are quick money, for in six or seven months they are ready for market at a big profit if well fed and cared for.

If sows are to farrow in February or March, put them in warm, well-ventilated quarters, where they can exercise.

If pigs show an unthrifty condition something is wrong in the feed or management. Find out the trouble and remedy it, or you will lose money.

Cold water never should be given the new milk cow. It may bring on a chill and cause milk fever. Warm it for a couple of days. That will help to avoid the danger.

Push the calf right along. The first year of a calf's life will be the making of it. Away with the sore-eyed, gaunt, frowzy-haired little runts I see here and there, all weaned too soon. Let them have milk until too big to drink it before you cut it off entirely.

No man is fitted to train horses who is not thoroughly sympa-

THE STORE THAT KEEPS THE GOODS

Windmills that have proven their worth by continued use all over the country. Water supply material and galvanized Cisterns and Tanks can be had here. Our line of Builders' Hardware is the most up-to-date on the market. We buy in large quantities and are in position to make the price right. It will be money to you to see us before you buy anything in the Hardware line. Remember we carry a large and select stock of Queensware, and if you want anything in that line you will have no difficulty in getting satisfaction here, both as to quality and price. Call and you will be convinced.

The Western Windmill Co.

A. J. Prichard

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW AND NOTARY PUBLIC
Will practice in all Courts.
Room 2, Ward building. Come and see us. Big Springs, Tex.

thetic and brimful of horse sense.

Every man who raises one colt or more should realize the great importance of early education. This should begin when the colt is only a few days old. If tied at first with a strong, well fitted halter that will withstand all trials to break, a string will hold him ever after.

Never omit the kicking strap when the colt is first hitched up. The best way to ruin a horse is to saw on the bits when he gets a little out of line. There may be other methods, but that's the best one we can think of just now.—Farm Journal.

My repair department is up-to-date, and we are better prepared to serve the public than ever before. With two men at the bench we can usually get out your work the same day as received. Call and see us. John Johnston; Jeweler.

Get on the band wagon and help keep Big Springs at the head of the procession.

J. J. Cole has sold his well boring machinery to Suttlemyer & White, of Toyah. These gentlemen, of Yoakum county, was here this week.

W. J. Ayers left Saturday night for St. Louis to buy goods for the Ayers & Hance Co.

tiemen propose to continue work on the artesian well if the people of Big Springs will assist them, and if they are not given aid they will move the machinery away. We do not see how the citizens of this town can afford to see this well abandoned. It is the opinion of a good many that either artesian water, oil or gas will be found if the well is put down to a depth of 3,000 feet.

There will be no services at the Episcopal Church next Sunday, owing to the fact that Rev. Birch will be out of town.

It May be Your Fate To Have Your House Burned Down Tonight

One can never tell what minute such a thing may happen. The question naturally arises, "ARE YOU INSURED?" If not, do you think it would be wise to have an issue a policy at once? It is most decidedly penny wise and pound foolish to be without insurance when the danger of fire is always present, when ruin may come at any time. Call and see us at our

Office in West Texas
National Bank

Hartzog & Coffee

H. C. Wallace Lumber Co. Big Springs, Texas.

Dealers in
Building Material of All Kinds.
For good Lumber at Moderate Prices give us a call before buying elsewhere

H. C. Wallace Lumber Co.

L. B. Westermann Contractor and Builder

When you get ready to build anything anywhere at any time let me make your estimates. My reputation for low cost, perfect construction and prompt completion of work has earned for me most of the contracts in this section of the country

I Build Anything of Any Sort of Material

and it is ready for you on the time specified, too. Let me make your figures. . . . Call, telephone or write me

L. B. WESTERMANN Big Springs, Texas

Have you heard of Juanita flour the best on earth?
McGowen Bros.

The meeting at the Methodist Church is still in progress and considerable interest is being manifested. The attendance has been fairly good this week, but not what it should be, owing to sickness and other things that tend to keep people away from church.

The Good Herefords Bulls in Service

Stretton 9404, son of Corrector 48076.
Marchon 21st, 116244, son of (imp)
Marchon 70035. My cows are of the best strains.

FRANK GOOD,
Sparsenberg, Tex.

The ladies of the Christian church will give their annual white sale next month, and will have lots of nice things for Easter wear.

THE LAST GREAT CALL

Saturday, February 12, to Saturday,
February 26

We will save you money at these tempting prices. Come on expecting great things; you won't be disappointed.

Get One of the Big Circulars Now Out, if possible, and see the awful war on prices.

Balance of our Remnants in short lengths of Wool, Silk and Cotton Goods at Half Price.

Some 300 pairs of Shoes for men, women and children in the newest styles, but broken and odd lots. All are clean and desirable. Now at Half Price. \$5.00 Shoes \$2.50, and \$2.50 Shoes \$1.25.

Balance of our Fine Tailored Suits at Half Price and less.

Children's and Ladies' Wraps and Rain Coats at much less than Half Price. \$27.50 Suits \$18.00 and \$9.50 Suits at \$4.99.

Half Price on one big line of Underwear for man, woman and child.

Sweater Coats for man, woman and child; the prices read like this: \$5.00 Sweater now \$3.00 and on down to \$1.00 and 50c Sweater for 50c and 25c.

Men's Fine Wool Shirts now at 40 per cent reduction. \$3.00 Shirts \$1.80, on down to the best \$1.00 Wool Shirt in Texas for 60c.

Hundreds of Blankets and Comforts in Wool and Cotton in wearing this big cut. \$7.50 Blankets, Fine California, now \$4.49, and on down to the \$1.00 Blanket for 60c.

Entire line Men's and Boys' Fine Overcoats, at exactly Half Price.

Men's Fine Clothing at 33-1-3 to 50 per cent off. 113 Young Men's New Shape Hats sold for \$2.00 and \$2.50, choice for \$1.00.

Entire line Corduroy Caps at Half Price.

The place where the child trades same as the shrewd buyer

BERRY & DEVENPORT

One Price Cash Store
Big Springs, Texas—214 Main Street

The Brass Bowl

BY **LOUIS JOSEPH VANCE**

PICTURES BY **A. WEIL**
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 THE BOBBS-MERRILL CO.

SYNOPSIS.

"Mad" Dan Maitland, on reaching his New York bachelor club, met an attractive young woman at the door. Janitor O'Hagan assured him no one had been within that day. Dan discovered a woman's finger prints in dust on his desk, along with a letter from his attorney.

CHAPTER I.—Continued.

Further and closer inspection developed the fact that the imprint had been only recently made. Within the hour—unless Maitland were indeed mad or dreaming—a woman had stood by that desk and rested a hand, palm down, upon it; not yet had the dust had time to settle and blur the sharp outlines.

Maitland shook his head with bewilderment, thinking of the gray girl. But no. He rejected his half-formed explanation—the obvious one. Besides, what had he there worth a thief's while? Beyond a few articles of "virtue and bigotry" and his pictures, there was nothing valuable in the entire flat. His papers? But he had nothing; a handful of letters, cheque book, a pass book, a Japanese tin dispatch box containing some business memoranda and papers destined eventually for Bannerman's hands; but nothing negotiable, nothing worth a burglar's while.

It was a flat-topped desk, of mahogany, with two pedestals of drawers, all locked. Maitland determined this latter fact by trying to open them without a key; failing, his key-ring solved the difficulty in a jiffy. But the drawers seemed undisturbed; nothing had been either handled, or removed, or displaced, so far as he could determine. And again he wagged his head from side to side in solemn stupefaction.

"This is beyond you, Dan, my boy." And: "But I've got to know what it means."

In the hall O'Hagan was shuffling impatiently. Pondering deeply, Maitland unlocked the desk and got upon his feet. A small bowl of beaten brass, which he used as an ash receiver, stood ready to his hand; he took it up, carefully blew it clean of dust, and inverted it over the print of the hand.

On top of the bowl he placed a weighty afterthought in the shape of a book.

"O'Hagan!"

"Waitin', sor."

"Come hither, O'Hagan. You see that desk?"

"Yissor."

"Are you sure?"

"Ah, faith—"

"I want you not to touch it, O'Hagan. Under penalty of my extreme displeasure, don't lay a finger on it till I give you permission. Don't dare to dust it. Do you understand?"

"Yissor. Very good, Mr. Maitland."

CHAPTER II. Post-Prandial.

Bannerman pushed back his chair a few inches, shifting position the better to benefit of a faint air that fanned in through the open window. Maitland, twisting the sticky stem of a liqueur glass between thumb and forefinger, sat in patient waiting for the lawyer to speak.

But Bannerman was in no hurry; his mood was rather one of contemplative and genial. He was a round and cherubic little man, with the face of a guileless child, the acumen of a successful counsel for soulless corporations (that is to say, of a high order), no particular sense of humor, and a great appreciation of good eating. And Maitland was famous in his day as one thoroughly conversant with the art of ordering a dinner.

That which they had just discussed had been uncommon in all respects; Maitland's scheme of courses and his specification as to details had roused the admiration of the Primordial's chef and put him on his mettle. He had outdone himself in his efforts to do justice to Mr. Maitland's genius; and the Primordial in its deadly conservatism remains to this day one of the very few places in New York where good, sound cooking is to be had by the initiate.

Therefore Bannerman thoughtfully sucked at his cigar and thought fondly of a salad that had been to ordinary salads as his 80-horse-power car was to an electric buckboard. While Maitland, with all time at his purchase, idly flicked the ash from his cigarette and followed his attorney's meditative gaze out through the window.

Because of the heat the curtains were looped back, and there was nothing to obstruct the view. Madison square lay just over the sill, a dark wilderness of foliage here and there made livid green by arc lights. Its walks teemed with humanity, its benches were crowded. Dimly from its heart came the cool plashing of the fountain, in lulls that fell unaccountably in the roaring rattle of restless feet. Over across, Broadway raised glittering walls of glass and stone; and thence came the poignant groan and rattle of surface cars crawling upon their weary and unvarying rounds.

And again Maitland thought of the City, and of Destiny, and of the gray girl the silhouette of whose hand was



"The Loss of a Cool Half-Million, While It's a Drop in the Bucket to You, Would Cripple Him."

imprisoned beneath the brass bowl on his study desk. For by now he was quite satisfied that she and none other had trespassed upon the privacy of his rooms, obtaining access to them in his absence by means as unguessable as her motive. Momentarily he considered taking Bannerman into his confidence; but he questioned the advisability of this. Bannerman was so severely practical in his outlook upon life, while this adventure had been so madly whimsical, so engagingly impossible. Bannerman would be sure to suggest a call at the precinct police station. . . . If she had made way with anything, it would be different; but so far as Maitland had been able to determine, she had abstracted nothing, disturbed nothing beyond a few square inches of dust.

Unwillingly Bannerman put the said out of mind and turned to the business whose immediate moment had brought them together. He hummed softly, calling his client to attention. Maitland came out of his reverie, vaguely smiling.

"I'm waiting, old man. What's up?"

"The Graeme business. His lawyers have been after me again. I even had a call from the old man himself."

"Yes? The Graeme business?"

Maitland's expression was blank for a moment; then comprehension informed his eyes. "Oh, yes; in connection with the Dougherty investment swindle."

"That's it. Graeme's pleading for mercy."

Maitland lifted his shoulders significantly. "That was to be expected, wasn't it? What did you tell him?"

"That I'd see you."

"Did you hold out to him any hopes that I'd be easy on the gang?"

"I told him that I doubted if you could be induced to let up."

"Then why—?"

"Why, because Graeme himself is as innocent of wrong doing and wrong intent as you are."

"You believe that?"

"I do," affirmed Bannerman. His fat pink fingers drummed uneasily on the cloth for a few moments. "There isn't any question that the Dougherty people induced you to sink your money in their enterprise with intent to defraud you."

"I should think not," Maitland interjected, amused.

"But old man Graeme was honest. In intention at least. He meant no harm; and in proof of that he offers to shoulder your loss himself, if by so doing he can induce you to drop further proceedings. That proves he's in earnest. Dan, for although Graeme is comfortably well to do, it's a known fact that the loss of a cool half million, while it's a drop in the bucket to you, would cripple him."

"Then why doesn't he stand to his associates, and make them each pay back their fair share of the loot? That'd bring his liability down to about fifty thousand."

"Because they won't give up without a contest in the courts. They deny your proofs—you have those papers, haven't you?"

"Safe, under lock and key," asserted

Maitland, sentimentally. "When the time comes I'll produce them."

"And they incriminate Graeme?"

"They make it look as black for him as for the others. Do you honestly believe him innocent, Bannerman?"

"I do, implicitly. The dread of exposure, the fear of notoriety when the case comes up in court, has aged the man ten years. He begged me with tears in his eyes to induce you to drop it and accept his offer of restitution. Don't you think you could do it, Dan?"

"No, I don't," Maitland shook his head with decision. "If I let up, the scoundrel gets off scot free. I have nothing against Graeme; I am willing to make it as light as I can for him; but this business has got to be aired in the courts; the guilty will have to suffer. It will be a lesson to the public, a lesson to the scamps, and a lesson to Graeme—not to lend his name too freely to questionable enterprises."

"And that's your final word, is it?"

"Final, Bannerman. . . . You go ahead; prepare your case and take it to court. When the time comes, as I say, I'll produce these papers. I can't go on this way, letting people that I'm an easy mark just because I was unfortunate enough to inherit more money than is good for my whole some."

Maitland twisted his eyebrows in deprecation of Bannerman's attitude; signified the irrevocability of his decision by bringing his fist down upon the table—but not heavily enough to disturb the other diners; and, laughing, changed the subject.

For some moments he gossiped cheerfully of his new power boat, Bannerman attending to the inconsequent details with an air of abstraction. Once or twice he appeared about to interrupt, but changed his mind; but because his features were so wholly infantile and open and candid, the time came when Maitland could no longer ignore his evident perturbation.

"Now what's the trouble?" he demanded with a trace of asperity.

"Can't you forget that Graeme business and—"

"Oh, it's not that," Bannerman dismissed the troubles of Mr. Graeme with an airy wave of a pudgy hand.

"That's not my funeral, nor yours."

Only I've been worried, of late, by your utterly careless habits."

Maitland looked his consternation. "In heaven's name, what now?" And grinned as he joined hands before him in simulated petition. "Please don't read me a lecture just now, dear boy. If you've got something dreadful on your chest wait till another day, when I'm more in the humor to be found fault with."

"No lecture," Bannerman laughed nervously. "I've merely been wondering what you have done with the Maitland heirlooms."

"What? Oh, those things? They're safe enough—in the safe out at Greenfield."

"To be sure! Quite so!" agreed the lawyer, with ironic heartiness. "Oh, quite. And proceeded to take all Madison square into his confidence, addressing it from the window. "Here's

a young man, sole proprietor of a priceless collection of family heirlooms—diamonds, rubies, sapphires galore; and he thinks they're safe enough in a safe at his country residence, 50 miles from anywhere! What a simple, trustful soul it is!"

"Why should I bother?" argued Maitland, sulkily. "It's a good, strong safe, and—there are plenty of servants around," he concluded, largely.

"Precisely. Likewise plenty of burglars. You don't suppose a determined criminal like Anisty, for instance, would bother himself about a handful of thick-headed servants, do you?"

"Anisty?"—with a rising inflection of inquiry.

Bannerman squared himself to face his host, elbows on table. "You don't mean to say you've not heard of Anisty, the great Anisty?" he demanded.

"I dare say I have," Maitland conceded, unperturbed. "Name rings familiar, somehow."

"Anisty"—deliberately—"is said to be the greatest jewel thief the world has ever known. He has the police of America and Europe by the ears to catch him. They have been hot on his trail for the past three years, and would have nabbed him a dozen times if only he'd had the grace to stay in one place long enough. The man who made off with the Bracegirle diamonds, smashing a burglar-proof vault into scrap iron to get 'em—don't you remember?"

"Yes; I seem to recall the affair, now that you mention it," Maitland admitted, bored. "Well, and what of Mr. Anisty?"

"Only what I have told you, taken in connection with the circumstance that he is known to be in New York, and that the Maitland heirlooms are tolerably famous—as much so as your careless habits, Dan. Now, a safe deposit vault—"

"Um-m-m," considered Maitland. "You really believe that Mr. Anisty has his bold burglarious eye on my property?"

"It's a big enough haul to attract him," argued the lawyer, earnestly. "Anisty always aims high."

Now, will you do what I have been begging you to do for the past eight years?"

"Seven," corrected Maitland, punctiliously. "It's just seven years since I entered into mine inheritance and you became my counselor."

"Well, seven, then. But will you put those jewels in safe deposit?"

"Oh, I suppose so."

"But when?"

"Would it suit you if I ran out tonight?" Maitland demanded so abruptly that Bannerman was disconcerted.

"I—er—ask nothing better."

"I'll bring them in town to-morrow. You arrange about the vault and advise me, will you, like a good fellow?"

"Bless my soul! I never dreamed that you would be so—so—"

"Amenable to discipline!" Maitland grinned, boy-like, and leaning back, appreciated Bannerman's startled expression with keen enjoyment. "Well, consider that for once you've scared me. I'm off—just time to catch the 10:30 for Greenfield. Waiter!"

He scrawled his initials at the bottom of the bill presented him, and rose. "Sorry, Bannerman," he said, chuckling. "To cut short a pleasant evening. But you shouldn't startle me so, you know. Pardon me if I run; I might miss that train."

"But there was something else—"

"It can wait."

"Take a later train, then."

"What! With this grave peril hanging over me? Impossible! Night."

Bannerman, discomfited, saw Maitland's shoulders disappear through the dining room doorway, meditated pursuit, thought better of it, and reseated himself, frowning.

"Mad Maitland, indeed!" he commented.

As for the gentleman so characterized, he emerged, a moment later, from the portals of the club, still chuckling mildly to himself as he struggled into a light evening overcoat. His temper, having run the gamut of boredom, interest, perturbation, mystification, and plain amusement, was now altogether inconsequent—a dangerous mood for Maitland. Standing on the corner of Twenty-sixth street he thought it over, tapping the sidewalk gently with his cane. Should he or should he not carry out his intention as declared to Bannerman, and go to Greenfield that same night? Or should he keep his belated engagement with Cressy's party?

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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While it may be true that the white man loses in intellectual and bodily power in the tropics, Dr. Luigi Sambon maintains, as a result of recent researches, that the average Arab lives 25 years longer than the average Eskimo; that the coast people of South America are longer lived than the mountain people; that old age is much commoner in the southern countries of Europe than in the northern countries, and that Spain (with a population smaller by 2,000,000) has 621 centenarians to England's 144.

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TO BE AN ADMIRAL

Capt. Fremont, Son of the Pathfinder, Will Be Promoted.

New Commander of Boston Navy Yard, One of Uncle Sam's Efficient Officers—Friend of Taft and Roosevelt.

Boston.—Capt. John C. Fremont, who has just taken charge of the Boston navy yard, belongs to a historic family; a successful naval officer, popular socially and as good a family man as a sailor can be. Born in California, the son of Gen. John C. Fremont, first presidential candidate of the Republican party and known as "The Pathfinder" on account of his exploration in the west, and Jessie Benton, daughter of "Old Bullion" Benton, senator from Missouri and intimate friend of President Jackson, Capt. Fremont at an early age developed a fondness for the sea and entered the navy at the first opportunity.

Capt. Fremont is a good sportsman. In his younger days he was an expert tennis player and doubtless would have crossed rackets with ex-President Roosevelt if he had been stationed in Washington. He is a judge of horses and formerly delighted to drive a four-in-hand, and did it in a manner that won the admiration of everybody who saw him.

Now, however, he prefers the automobile to the horse and is probably one of the most enthusiastic and practical motorists in the country.

Capt. Fremont's love for animals is shared by the members of his family. They have a black "chow" dog from China, a very rare specimen; a fine bull terrier, and a white Persian cat.

He is opposed to animals on ship-board, anyhow, for disciplinary reasons, and the men on any ship under his command are not permitted to enjoy the privilege many other sailors have of keeping pet monkeys, goats, lizards and other animals as



Capt. John C. Fremont.

"mascots." It has never been shown, however, that a Fremont command is any more unlucky than any other command on that account.

Probably no other man in the navy has more prominent and influential people among his close personal friends. He made the acquaintance of President Taft in the Philippine islands some years ago, while Mr. Taft was governor general of the archipelago and Capt. Fremont commanded the navy yard at Cavite. The future president learned that the young naval officer was able to make good when he promised anything.

Admiral Remy, who at that time commanded the Asiatic squadron, formed a strong admiration for his subordinate. He said that Capt. Fremont, then Lieut. Fremont, had found the Cavite yard a pest-ridden hole and left it in sanitary condition; he raised the Spanish gunboats sunk by Dewey and accomplished wonders in repairing ships with Filipino labor paid in Mexican silver.

Besides the president, Capt. Fremont counts among his close personal friends ex-President Roosevelt.

The command of the Boston yard is an admiral's billet, and in the ordinary course of events Capt. Fremont will be promoted to the grade of rear admiral next July. Then the wish of his southern friends will be fulfilled. Capt. Fremont endeared himself to the south a year ago when he piloted the battleship Mississippi up the river of that name to Vicksburg, where a silver service was presented to the vessel by the state. Every piece of plate bore the likeness of Jefferson Davis, former president of the confederate states and Mississippi's most distinguished son. The propriety of the decoration was questioned by someone, which started a lengthy discussion. Finally Capt. Fremont was appealed to for an opinion. His reply was characteristic, in effect as follows:

"The navy has no sectional prejudices. Its patriotism is only bounded by the ends of the country it protects."

Coming as it did from the son of a commander of the union army in the war between the states, Capt. Fremont's declaration attracted national attention and the south rang with his praises.

Use Foul for Dust.

The use of dust from vacuum cleaners is in demand for use in dusting patterns in foundries.

POOR NAME, BUT GOOD JOKE

Editor-to-Be Could Not Appreciate the One, Although He Accepted the Other.

The hero of this sketch was about starting a paper in a long-felt-want neighborhood. He was a real hero, too, for only those of heroic mold ever undertake a thing like that. He had everything in pretty fair shape, except the name, and that he took home with him to his wife. They had had experience in naming several laptulps of babies, and he thought she might render valuable assistance on this occasion. After supper was over and the things cleared away, they got at it, and in a very few minutes she came up with what she thought was just the thing in newspaper nomenclature. "I've got it," she exclaimed, enthusiastically.

"What is it?" he inquired.

"The Item," she told him, with conscious pride in her effort. "That's the very thing."

"Pshaw," said he, "that isn't any kind of a name."

"What's the matter with it?" she pouted.

"Well, to begin with it is not general enough. It is too narrow, in other words."

She resented the criticism. "Oh, she sniffed at him, "you are so stuck on editorial traditions that 'The Item' strikes you as narrow, does it? What you want to call it is 'The We-tem,' I suppose?"

But he didn't, and not only complimented her upon her brilliance in repartee, but offered to give her a quarter for it as a joke for his funny column.

A Girl and Her Money.

The fact that a young woman, five feet and one inch in height, was able to frustrate and almost knock out a six-foot robber, by hitting him over the head with a purse containing her week's salary, is an interesting illustration of the large improvement that has taken place in recent years, both in the force of woman's muscle and in the size of woman's salary.

It may also, to the wary, seem a warning that some good things may be carried too far. A woman with money has been one of the legitimate pursuits of aspiring but impecunious youth since the beginning of time, and it will be sad evidence of the passing of some of the customs of good old days, should the combination, once so attractive, become in the new civilization a thing to be avoided like the hind leg of a mule.

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"You told me," she sadly said, "when you persuaded me to elope with you that you would never permit anything to come between us—that you would cherish my love all your days and that I should never have cause to regret for a moment that I had placed my happiness in your keeping."

"Oh, well, confound it," he replied, "what's the use of harping on that now? If you hadn't kept a lot of your faults hidden from me I'd never have fallen in love with you or wanted you to elope, so you have only yourself to blame."

No Assistance Needed.

Lucinda stood in the presence of two famous surgeons who had just assured her that her present condition demanded an operation and that unless it was performed within a short time she would die in all probability.

Lucinda listened respectfully.

"I'm less as much obliged to you gentlemen as I can be," she assured them, "but if de dear Lord has done made up his mind to call me home, I think he kin translate me widout no assistance."—Life.

Must Have Accessories.

"I hear you picked up an abandoned farm."

"Yep."

"Genuine farmer now, are you?"

"My smart friends won't believe it until I have picked up some abandoned dialect."

Modern Office Requirements.

The five largest office buildings in New York contain 8,300 miles of telephone wire and almost 10,000 telephone.

LITHOGRAPHERS PREPARING THE DESIGNS OF COMIC VALENTINES

THE rather misty historical chronicles on the subject would seem to indicate that comic valentines did not make their appearance quite as early as the beautiful and sentimental varieties, but it is evident that these sarcastic souvenirs were not far behind the poetic confessions of flowers and lace paper in finding popular favor. From the outset the whole principle of the exchange or distribution of comic valentines has been different in one important essential from the dispatch of the "pretty kind." In the case of the artistic and sentimental tokens of St. Valentine the sender is usually willing, nay anxious that the recipient shall suspect his identity. In the case of the comics, on the other hand, every precaution is usually taken to keep the origin of the barbed shaft a profound secret.

In the case of both classes of valentines, the sentimental and the comic, the earliest manufactured valentines—those of more than a century ago—were preceded by home-made valentines which had vogue during a considerable era. So general was the exchange of these home-made valentines that aids in the form of "Valentine Writers" or books of appropriate verses were regularly published for the inspiration of young people who desired to prepare such epistles, just as volumes of ready-prepared letters yet find some sale among lovers of youths of little imagination who desire to appear to the best advantage as sentimental correspondents. Most of the "valentine writers" were designed for the sentimental section of the public, but there were some prepared especially for the scribbler with a sense of humor.

For instance, there was published about the last of the eighteenth century "The Quizzical or Satirical Valentine Writer," the character of which may well be surmised from the title. This, alike to most others of its kind, became an annual publication and was looked forward to each year just as the appearance of the almanac for the new year was anticipated with keen interest. Another of these forerunners of our present-day comic valentines was published in London during the same period and bore the highly significant title: "Hymen's Revenge Against Old Maids, Old Bachelors, and Impertinent Coxcombs; or a New Valentine Writer, Being a Collection of Valentinian Humorous and Satirical, chiefly original, written expressly for this work."

Some idea of the caustic ammunition provided by these helpers of the composers of valentines may be formed from the following specimen verse addressed "To a Lady Who Squints:"

Thy charming peepers must delight,
They yield a most convenient sight;
Convenient, I do not deride,
For you can see us either side.

One of the most novel features of the beginnings of the comic valentine craze was the appearance of tradespeople's valentine writers containing all sorts of verses especially designed to apply to devotees of the various vocations and lines of mercantile trade. Such a reference work is a good-sized volume, for, in order to be complete, it had to embody verses for every imaginable trade and occupation. There were numerous sentimental tributes included in each volume of this character, but for the most part the contents consisted of more or less humorous references.

The system was certainly a convenient one, for not only were gibes and appeals provided, but there was also appended favorable and unfavorable replies for each such advance, so that the recipient of one of the valentines thus devised had only to consult the book in order to ascertain the proper reply. For instance, a grocer could address his lady love as follows:

Your breath is all spice I declare,
And you're so sweet and handy,
That you're as sugar, I think, my fair,
As plums or sugar sandy.
No favorable, I implore,
These verses kindly weigh;
And if you will my heart restore,
I'll treat you to some tea.

However, the lovers' grocer was liable to reply to this effect:

Your letter I've weighed,
As truly as lead,
Many pounds you've doled out in weight;
As so Mr. Grocer,
I'd have you know, Sir,
I care not a fig for your treat.

With the introduction of manufactured valentines the comics kept pace with the sentimental variety. Among the earliest and most interesting of the numerous products of the early valentine manufacturers were transformation pictures, which conveyed hidden or double meanings. A notable example was the design which presented at first glance the figure of an antique

With the decreasing cost of the comic valentines—the small boy can now buy as many as ten for a cent—there use has grown and our public men and celebrities, from the president, all down the ladder, are now likely to be deluged each February with more or less pertinent reminders of the Jokers' day. Germany and Japan have manufactured many valentines, but American lithographic houses are gradually capturing most of the business and there are now several men in the United States who devote practically their entire time to preparing designs for comic valentines.

DANGERS IN DANCING.

Dancing has been extolled as a healthful recreation; as a means of physical culture it favors the development of the muscular system and promotes health and cheerfulness.



Robin Redbreast's Valentine

A girl and a boy wandered forth into a fair, pleasant garden that looked like fairyland, although it was wintry weather.

Suddenly the girl spoke:

"I wish St. Valentine had had the snowdrop instead of the crocus dedicated to him."

And as she spoke she knelt down and, raising one of the white, drooping flowers, she gazed lovingly at its pure white petals and at the delicate green tracery of the leaves of its inner cup.

"Ah!" said she, "what have you been waiting for so long?

"Under the snow, under the snow,
With your ivory heads all bending low,
How many secrets you must know!"

The boy looked at her wonderingly.

"How can the flowers know anything?" he asked.

"Everything knows something," returned Lella, dreamily; "but the flowers are dumb and cannot tell one their thoughts—only their beauty speaks, and their fragrance breathes sweet thoughts into one's heart that one tries to put into words. But that is almost impossible."

"Of course it is," answered her companion.

"Now, it is quite different with the birds; they can make themselves understood. They sing songs of thanksgiving and their note of joy or mourning is easy to tell. They scold and chatter as the jackdaw and rook, or screech like the owl, or sing a sirenade as the nightingale. And one of them speaks even more clearly, for when he cries 'cuckoo, cuckoo,' we know that the summer is coming. No wonder St. Valentine cared for the birds, and you see that they are all uttering out and singing a joyful song in honor of his birthday."

"Yes," said Lella, softly—

The birds in spring
Sweet chorus sing
To good St. Valentine.

"See, there are two sitting on a bough whispering to each other of the spring and summer days and all that is going to happen; where they shall live and how they shall build their nests. And there are two more flying toward them and two more—always in pairs. Ah! that is because

Young girls appear to experience no fatigue after it. They will not miss a single waltz, polka or square dance, but if the pulse of one of these indefatigable devotees is felt after the dance is finished it will be found in the majority of cases that the number of pulsations is far in excess of the normal, and from this it may be inferred that the condition of the heart must react prejudicially upon the entire organism, and it justifies an apprehension of danger to delicate girls.

on Valentine's day each bird chooses its mate."

"Of course," answered the boy.

"And the snowdrops are nodding their heads, as if they were keeping time to the birds' song," continued Lella. "Doubtless they have been waiting to do honor to St. Valentine. They have been lying patiently under the snow and now that the warmer day has come they are saying, 'We belong to the wreath that the flowers weave for Valentine's day.'"

WHY WE GIVE VALENTINES.

Long ago there lived a priest named Valentine. This good man was noted in all the country round for his kindness. He nursed the sick, comforted the sorrowing and was always ready to give help to anyone who was in need. Valentine dearly loved the children and those who went to him for food or clothes were never turned away. After this kind priest became too old to go among his people he was very sad because he thought he could no longer be of any help to them. Then he remembered that he could write loving messages to the sick and sorrowing. Soon his friends began to watch for the kind words that were sure to come whenever sorrow or joy entered their homes. Even little children would say, when they were sick, "I think Father Valentine will send me a letter to-day."

But after a time no more letters were received and soon the news went abroad that good old Valentine was dead. Then every one said that such a man was good enough to be called a saint and since then he has been known as St. Valentine. It was not long until people celebrated his birthday by sending loving messages to their friends. The notes and letters containing these messages were called valentines. This all happened years ago, but good St. Valentine is still remembered on the fourteenth of each February.

SAYS DAD:

"I notice you ordered lots of ice cream during the holidays."

"Yes, I like to order ice cream sent home."

"Why?"

"Because it is about the only thing mother will eat her share of, and not try to save until next day for one of the children."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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A town is what the people make it. If your town is not to your liking take a look backward and see what you have done to improve it. Then get busy.

The Department of State at Washington is sending out letters over the country warning the people in regard to the so-called "Spanish Swindle." The scheme of the swindlers has been worked for twenty years or more, and has fleeced a good many Americans.

Every case of tuberculosis in Texas must be registered with the health authorities, according to the provisions of the new sanitary code, which went into effect Feb. 1. The reports on tuberculosis are to be privately kept, and are to be considered in the light of a confidential communication, not for the purpose of isolation, but with the object of education in sanitary precautions and to supply literature to the State Board of Health.

Halley's Comet.

The return of Halley's comet, after an absence of about 75 years, has stimulated quite an interest in astronomy, and the average citizen reads with interest anything pertaining to this periodic visitor.

Halley's comet has been observed for about 2,000 years, the first certain record of it being in 11 B. C., but for many centuries no one suspected that it was a periodic comet, returning at fixed intervals. It was the similarity between the great comets of 1305, 1380, 1456, 1532, 1607 and 1682 which enabled Halley

to discover the periodicity. Mathematicians have calculated the times of perihelion passage to 240 B. C., and they have found the periods of the comet to vary in some cases by as much as five years, owing to the disturbing action of the planets. The average period for twenty-nine revolutions is 28,031 days, or 76.8 years. The last perihelion passage or the time of passing nearest the sun, was Nov. 16, 1835, and the next return to Perihelion will be April 19, 1910; which gives an interval of about 74.5.

A few persons who are now very old may remember seeing this comet in 1835, and if they live until spring they will have the rare privilege of having seen it twice. But no person of mature age can expect to see it again after the coming visit, unless he should live a century or more.

It is worth while pointing out that this comet was very famous in the middle ages. Thus it terrified the whole world at the time of the Norman conquest; and in England it was supposed to be a sign of the coming of William the Conqueror. We still have a drawing of the comet woven in the Bayeux tapestry, showing how it appeared in 1066; also an older drawing made in an old chronicle at Nuremberg in the year 694 A. D. Both drawings represent the comet as a large star with a bushy and rather long tail.

In 1066 the head was said to have appeared as large as the full moon, while the tail became very large and wonderfully long. It is expected that the present return will give appearances similar to those of 1066, when the comet astonished and frightened all Europe. Even in 1835 the tail of Halley's comet was 30 degrees long, or extended over a space equal to the distance from the horizon to one-third of the way to the zenith. It is probable that the tail will be even longer this year, and it may be 45 degrees long, or extend over a space equivalent to the distance from the horizon half way to the zenith.

One of the most important points to be noticed is that the comet will pass very near the sun, and probably over the sun's disc, on May 19. Only one other comet in history, that of Sept. 17, 1892, has been seen to pass over the disc of the sun; and it was noticed by the observers at the Cape of Good Hope to disappear as soon as it touched the sun's surface, showing that the light of the sun shone through the body of the comet as through a fleecy cloud.

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Capital City Letter.

Austin, Texas, February 9.—With the retirement of the Hon. Thomas B. Love from the office which for the past three years he has occupied with distinction, Judge Wm. E. Hawkins, formerly first office assistant attorney, was inaugurated on Tuesday, Feb. 1, as commissioner of insurance and banking.

The experiment stations locating board has finally decided to locate two stations in the rice belt, one at Angleton and one at Beaumont. In each instance the citizens have donated the land and buildings, and the state undertakes to maintain the stations.

The contract has been let for the construction of the buildings for the West Texas Normal School at Canyon City, the successful bidders being Martin, Holderness & Coates, of Stamford, the price being \$39,000. The contract for the heating, wiring and plumbing is to be let later. The buildings are to be completed within one year.

Two new railroads have just been chartered. The first is the San Antonio, Rio Grande & Tampico Railway Company of San Antonio, with a capital stock of \$60,000. This road is to be constructed from San Antonio in a southerly direction, through the counties of Bexar, Atascosa, La Salle and McMullen to a point in the latter county midway between the Rio and Nueces rivers. The other road is the Denver & Gulf Railroad of Texas, with its final head office in Texhoma, Sherman county. The capital stock is \$100,000. The road will extend from Texhoma westward to the north boundary of Sherman

county, at the edge of Oklahoma.

The adjutant general's department is considering the advisability of ordering a camp of instruction at Camp Mabry from June 6 to 11. The instruction will be for infantry and cavalry, and include drill, care of rifle, camp police and sanitation, first aid, handling of the government ration, company paper work, map reading, patrols, advance and rear guards, outposts, attack and defense and preparation of field orders. The purpose of the camp is to give certain elementary instruction preliminary to the field service maneuvers of the summer, and the course of instruction will be under officers of the regular army.

As evidence of the progress in Texas during the past ten years, it is ascertained from the records in the comptroller's department that the total taxable value of property in Texas in 1900 was \$946,820,258, and in 1909 was \$2,309,903,626. This shows an increase of \$1,363,483,368.

State Superintendent Bralley has granted the application for a summer normal school to be held at Austin College in Grayson county, from June 8 to June 23. It will be for the teachers of

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Merryman-Neill.

A. V. Merryman, of Logansport, Ind., and Miss Elmer Neill, of Auto, were united in marriage Saturday by Rev. Wilson C. Rogers. The happy couple left that night for the home of the groom, where they will reside in future. They carried with them the best wishes of their many friends here.

Fresh candies and crystallized fruits. Bilis & Gentry.

Our old friend, Crockett Boone, is now with the Coahoma Courier as the chief of the mechanical department. He is well known to most newspaper people in Texas, is a fine writer and an all-round good printer and good fellow, and we are glad to welcome him to the journalistic field of West Texas.

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Street Tax Notice

The city will make a special rate of \$3.00 if paid by May 1st, 1910. If paid by May 1st you will be exempt from street or road duty for the year 1910.

M. D. WILLIS,
19-4t City Collector.

Christian Church.

Sunday morning at 9:45, Bible School; at 11, preaching; subject, "Faithfulness." In the evening at 7:30, subject, "Halley's Comet." You are cordially invited to attend these services.
E. S. BLEDSOE.

Notice

There is quite a lot of clothing that has been collected by the United Charities, and any one in need of same can get it by calling at Mrs. F. B. Gilbert's residence.

First Presbyterian Church

Main and E. Fifth Streets. Sabbath Day Services: Morning Service and Sermon, 11 o'clock. Evening Service and Sermon, 7:30.

Midweek Service: Wednesday evening, 7:30 o'clock.

The people are cordially invited to attend the services of this church. Visitors and strangers will be welcome.

JOHN P. THOMAS,
Minister.

Series of Services

In the First Presbyterian Church, beginning the 16th instant, a series of services will be conducted by the Rev. A. F. Cunningham, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Belton, Tex. Mr. Cunningham is a corresponding member of the Assembly's Committee of Evangelism and has been blessed in evangelistic work.

The session of the church invites the people to hear the Rev. Mr. Cunningham.

R. J. Compton, who has been in charge of the local exchange of the Western Telephone Co. at this place for several years, has been made manager of the Midland exchange and will move his family there soon. C. L. Alderman now has the management of the company's business here.

Valentines, Valentines, Valentines at Reagan's.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following candidates authorize THE ENTERPRISE to announce them subject to the action of the Democratic primary, July 22, 1910.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector

J A BAGGETT
J W McCUTCHAN
E M MOBLEY

For County Treasurer

W R PURSER (re-election)

For District and County Clerk

J I PRICHARD (re-election)

For Tax Assessor

ANDERSON BAILEY
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For County Judge

M H MORRISON

For Hide and Animal Inspector

M H WILLIAMSON

The following parties authorize THE ENTERPRISE to announce them as candidates for city offices.

For City Marshal

W A HILL
E A DAVIS
M W HARWELL
T B SULLIVAN

For City Secretary, Assessor and Collector

F E McCRORY

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THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Howard County, Greeting:

Whereas, oath has this day been made before me by J. A. Stephens, attorney for D. P. Strayhorn, that J. P. Southern is a non-resident of this state and is a transient person, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served on him, you are hereby commanded that you, by making publication of this writ in some newspaper printed in Howard county, if there be one; but if there be no newspaper printed in said county, then by publication in some newspaper printed in the Thirty-Second Judicial District of this state; but if there be no newspaper printed in said judicial district, then by publication in the nearest judicial district to the said Thirty-Second Judicial District for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, summons the said J. P. Southern to be and appear before me at a regular term of Justice Court for Precinct No. 1, in the said County of Howard, to be held at my office in the town of Big Spring, in the county aforesaid, on the 28th day of February, 1910, to answer to the suit of the said D. P. Strayhorn plaintiff, against said J. P. Southern, defendant, said suit filed on Dec. 30th, 1909, and being numbered 923. Said plaintiff's demand being for the sum of \$117.64, principal, interest and attorney's fees due upon a certain promissory note executed by the said J. P. Southern and payable to the said D. P. Strayhorn, for the principal sum of \$65.00, dated May 31st, 1907, and payable at Big Spring, Texas, on November 1st, 1907, with interest thereon from date thereof until paid at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, with 10 per cent additional on amount due as attorney's fees if said note was placed in the hands of an attorney for collection or if collected by suit.

Herein fail not, and of this writ make due return at the regular term of Justice Court for Precinct No. 1, in said County of Howard, to be held February 28th, 1910, as the law directs.

Given under my hand this the 24th day of January, 1910.

J. W. INGRAM,
Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1,
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Mrs. W. E. Myrick and baby, of Big Springs, who spent yesterday in Abilene, left on the 5:27 westbound train for their home. Mrs. Myrick's sister, Mrs. Jennie Winn, is in the Alexander hospital, where she will be operated on. Mrs. Myrick, while greatly uneasy over her sister's condition, deemed it safe to return home. If Mrs. Winn should take a turn for the worse, however, Mrs. Myrick will come with all haste to Abilene and remain by her sister's bedside.—Abilene Reporter, Feb. 8.

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