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A man never falls in love with a woman he studies, but with the woman who studies him.

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THE WEATHER WEST TEXAS—Tonight and Wednesday fair, rising temperature in North and East portion.

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BANDIT GANG IS SOUGHT IN NEARBY HILLS

CHILD BURNS TO DEATH IN RANGER HOME

Year-Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Griffin Dies While Asleep in Crib.

In a fire that destroyed their dwelling house in the Riddle addition, on Barnes street, at 2:45 o'clock this afternoon, the year-old infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Griffin was burned to death.

The little boy, Jack, was asleep in his crib and a brother, Clarence, aged 3 years, was in the house with him, their mother having stepped over to a neighbor's house just a few minutes previously. What started the flames could not be learned. Neighbors saw smoke coming from the house, but before anyone could get there the building was in flames.

The house belonged to Wash Weldon and is not known to have been insured.

SANTA CLAUS COMING IN BUS TO SEE RANGER

Bowen Bros. of West Texas Coach Co. To Bring Him Thursday Afternoon.

C. F. English, executive secretary of the Southern Bus Owners' association, was in Ranger Monday night arranging for the Christmas eve run of the West Texas Coach company, operated by Bowen Bros. of Fort Worth, when Santa Claus will distribute gifts to those children who will have no Christmas in their homes.

Mrs. R. A. Hodges and Mrs. John Thurman of the Child Welfare association in Ranger, are co-operating in the arrangements and obtaining a list of the names of children eligible to receive a call from the genial visitor who will come in a bus. Officers of the Salvation Army have been asked also to give in names of destitute children they know.

The bus is to be fitted with fire-place and Santa Claus will be there to take stockings from their place before the fire and distribute them to the children. He is due to arrive in Ranger about 5:30 o'clock next Thursday afternoon and will take his station on Main street directly in front of the Gholson hotel, where the children have been asked to gather. Bowen Bros. are Texas men and have a personal interest in serving the communities along the route they travel between Fort Worth and San Angelo.

Indictment Against Clarke Dismissed Willis On Trial

Louie Willis of Ranger, is on trial in the 91st district court today on a charge of robbery with fire arms in connection with the robbery of W. H. Lasater of the Texas & Pacific depot at Ranger on June 30 last.

W. E. Clarke, charged with the same offense, was dismissed because of insufficient evidence to convict.

Production of "soft" coal is at its height. The total output at the mines the week ending Nov. 14 was 12,167,000 tons. Anthracite production was 32,000 tons.



Texas House May Yet Be Called To Meet Says House Member

AUSTIN, Dec. 22.—The idea of a special session of the Texas House for investigation and impeachment purposes has not been abandoned, Representative King of Throckmorton county, said today. King said he believed Speaker Satterwhite would call the house when conditions warranted.

King initiated the movement for call of the house and was one of the first to circulate a petition asking the speaker to issue his proclamation.

THREE-COUNTY ASSOCIATIONAL B. Y. P. U. MEET

T. C. Gardner of Dallas, Makes Address, Organization Elects Officers.

In spite of the very cold wind Sunday afternoon the First Baptist Church of Eastland was filled with young people from the counties of Eastland, Shackelford and Stephens. From the first it was evident that a real B. Y. P. U. spirit was prevalent and the program was full of interesting surprises. Each B. Y. P. U. representative gave a yell or song of their own composition in honor of the distinguished guest, T. C. Gardner, of Dallas. These songs and yells were very clever and helped everybody to get into the spirit of the meeting. Little Miss Leake of Ranger won a very hearty applause by her pleasing rendition of a vocal number and Mrs. Leake did her part toward putting pep into the meeting by the way she "kicked the ivory" as expressed by Mr. Gardner. The Ranger song leader, Mr. Underwood was all around there when it came to "tooting" the cornet and getting folks to sing. Little Madge Hearn and Raymond Lovett, both of Eastland, made a decided hit with their little dialogue in song, which song was composed by Miss Vera Hearn.

The climax of the pleasing and varied program was reached when Mr. Gardner took the floor. In main he outlined the elements necessary for a successful B. Y. P. U., mentioning as two of the most important: First, Associational B. Y. P. U. must be composed of real folks; and second, associational B. Y. P. U. must have consecrated leaders. He warned young people against all the "isms" and false doctrines and teachings of the present day and cautioned them to be careful of the company they keep. Mr. Gardner has an inexhaustible supply of "funny" stories and he kept the audience in a roar of laughter by his descriptions of "Im Tee Hee" and "U. K. Green," "barners" and "drenollyhoppers." Then he would sweep his hearers to heights of sublimity and drive home some valuable thoughts.

The associational B. Y. P. U. was organized with Judge L. H. Welch of Breckenridge, president; Miss Iva Moore, of Mr. Turner Stevenson, vice-president; Miss Iva Moore to have supervision over the B. Y. P. U.'s of Eastland county and Mr. Turner Stevenson over those of Stephens and Shackelford counties.

Coal Miners And Operators Invited To New Conference

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 22.—Negotiations towards ending the anthracite strike were brought a step nearer today when a committee of Pennsylvania mayors trying to bring about a conference of the factions involved in the strike mailed new invitations to a conference which it was hoped might be satisfactory from both sides. It is understood to make possible the discussion not only of the Pinchot plan for ending the strike, but any other plans that may be advanced.

Five Convicts Who Escape From Prison Farm Are Recaptured

HOUSTON, Dec. 22.—Five of the convicts who escaped from the Ramsey state farm No. 3, Sunday night, have been captured in the river bottom about 15 miles from the farm, word being received today. Captain Smith said the posses and bloodhounds had surrounded another group of the fugitives in the river bottom.

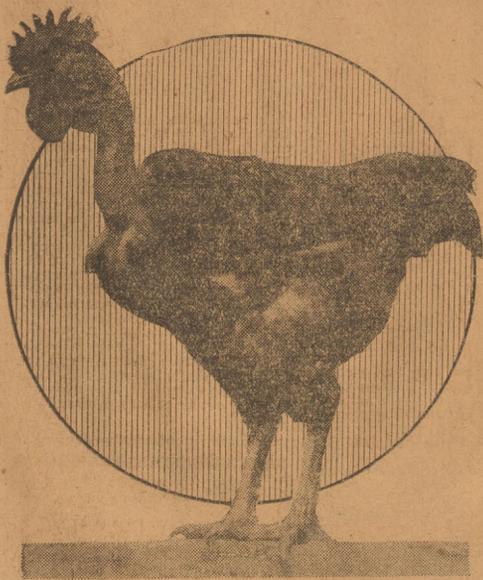
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THIS IS A CALIFORNIA, NOT AN EASTLAND COUNTY PRODUCT



This is "Morning Glory," prize bird owned by J. C. Harper of Berkeley, Calif. Every morning at 5 he starts to crow and the neighbors call the police. But when the cops arrive he's saying "gobble-gobble" in a quiet, friendly tone, and thus escapes arrest. He is the product of the mating of a respectable Rhode Island Red hen and a turkey gobbler.

FRANK MUNSEY, WIDELY KNOWN PUBLISHER, DIES

Beginning Career With Magazine, He Becomes Owner Later of Many Papers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Frank A. Munsey, newspaper man and magazine publisher, died today in a Lenox Hill hospital here after a short illness following an operation. Munsey had rallied for a short time from the yesterday a second operation was found necessary and during the night he suffered a relapse and died at 6:30 o'clock this morning.

Frank Munsey was in his 72nd year. During his life time he had owned at different periods 17 newspapers, but the New York Sun and the New York Telegraph were his only newspapers at the time of his death. Munsey was born in Mercer, Maine, in 1848. He was a telegraph operator and early in life became interested in the publishing field. With \$40 as his sole capital, he came to New York at the age of 23 and founded "The Argosy." The contributions of Horatio Alger Jr. aided in making this effort a success. Munsey's most recent journalistic exploit took place here with the sale of the New York Herald to the Tribune and the absorption of the Globe with the Sun and the merger of the Mail with the Telegraph.

Druse Tribesmen Massacre Company Of French In Syria

BAGDAD, Dec. 22.—A convoy arriving here today reported that two French officers and about 100 men were ambushed and massacred near Hama, to the north of Damascus. The district was reported restless with murder and pillaging increasing. Agency reports to London over night claimed new successes for the Druse tribesmen, who are reported to have taken Khyam and to have attacked other towns.

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JEWELRY STORE IN DALLAS HAS BIG FIRE LOSS

Arthur A. Everts Jewelry Co. Sustains Damage Estimated at \$130,000.

DALLAS, Dec. 22.—Freezing temperatures, together with wind, handicapped firemen early today in extinguishing a fire that raged through the Arthur A. Everts' Jewelry Company, causing damage estimated at \$130,000.

The store carried a stock of jewelry valued at more than \$500,000 and part of it was totally destroyed. Guests from an adjoining hotel, alarmed by the nearness of the blaze rushed into the streets in the chilly morning. Police and reserve firemen formed a chain guard about the building. Goods purchased by customers for Christmas delivery are said to have been saved, having been placed in a vault that was not reached by the flames.

Night Prowler In San Antonio Garage Killed With Birdshot

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 22.—Manuel Ortiz, 20, was killed this morning while fleeing from the garage of Emil Jungman, a grocer, Jungman fired three shots from a shotgun, the first two, he said, in the air and the third in the direction of the fleeing man. Ortiz was found later with a load of birdshot in his side and died on the way to a hospital. Jungman said he was awakened before daylight by a noise in his garage, looked out of his window and saw the garage door open and a man tampering with one of the automobiles. He ordered the man to throw up his hands, but the man fled and he fired.

Army laundries cleaned 65,110,000 pieces for officers and enlisted men last year, the net earning being \$534,684.

Your Favorite Newspaper Will Be Delivered To You Christmas Morning

It has been the custom of the Times Publishing company in other years not to issue a paper on Christmas day in the afternoon, but this year, as last, the paper of the day before will be merged, with a special Christmas morning edition, which will be delivered to its readers early Christmas morning.

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LAFOLLETTE MAY BE SEEKING TO ASSIST MINERS

Asks For Information on Coal Operators' Incomes. Families of Workers Starving.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Senator Robert M. LaFollette Jr., republican of Wisconsin, today introduced a resolution to require Secretary of the Treasury Mellon to send to the senate a copy of the income tax returns made by anthracite mine operators for 1924.

Upon objection by Senator Reed, democrat, of Pennsylvania, the objection went over to tomorrow.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 22.—A whole region of half a million people was turned into a huge organization today to prevent starvation of anthracite miners and their families.

The miners' families are in bread lines, children are cold and houses are without fuel. The conditions are said to be very distressing. Scranton is raising a fund of about \$600,000 for Christmas relief work. The mayor of Wilkes-Barre and officials in smaller towns are distributing food and clothes. President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers wired today it would be useless to call a conference between the miners and operators as the latter would agree to nothing.

Three hundred families have applied for food and clothing at Pittston, a mining community, and the Elks club, in a canvass of the houses, found families using flour sacks for blankets to ward off the cold. In most of the homes of the miners, it was said, there was little food or fuel.

Clyde L. Garrett Jr., Five Years Old, Hit By Auto And Hurt

Clyde Jr., 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde L. Garrett, of South Daugherty avenue, Eastland, was injured this morning when he was struck by an automobile. He was taken to the Eastland sanitarium where it is stated his injuries are not considered of a very serious nature. He had started to school and was crossing the street when the driver of the car that hit him, saw him and stopped his car. The injuries sustained by the child are said to have been caused more by his fall against the concrete curb than by the car.

ALLEGED WESTERN CROOK ARRESTED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—E. A. "Big Hutch" Hutchings, one of the most picturesque crooks operating in the west, was held in jail here today at the request of California authorities. The arrest was made by Detective Hauptman of the New York police and Hutchings was taken to the city prison where he will remain pending arraignment.

WAXAHACHIE MAN CHARGED WITH KILLING HIS WIFE

WAXAHACHIE, Dec. 22.—Murder charges were filed today against E. L. Seray, grocer and confectioner, in connection with the fatal shooting Monday of his wife, Mrs. Amanda Seray. Sheriff Joe Lowe said Seray surrendered a revolver after the shooting and said "I have shot my wife."

Ranger On Quest For Evidence To Use In Murder Trials

E. C. Sebastain, Texas Ranger, has been in Eastland and this section of the country for the past several days working on the Jim Daniels murder case, having been sent here by the Adjutant General's department at the request of County Attorney W. J. Barnes.

The recent 91st district court grand jury returned indictments against two men, Harve Wells and Powell Stamford, charging them with the murder of Daniels, who was killed in Ranger on Sunday morning, February 8 of this year.

RUSSO-TURKISH NEUTRALITY TREATY IS NEGOTIATED

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—The Soviet embassy here today confirmed to the United Press the conclusion of the Russo-Turkish neutrality treaty, which, presumably, is calculated to counteract British influence in the Near East.

RAILROAD MAKING FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUILDING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Texas Panhandle & Gulf railroad today applied to the interstate commerce commission for authority to issue \$9,000,000 of 35-year material bonds, \$3,000,000 preferred capital stock and \$470,000 common stock, to be used in building a 300-mile railway line between Fort Worth and Tucuman, N. M.

Moody Continues To Urge Road Contracts Must Be Cancelled

AUSTIN, Dec. 22.—Attorney General Dan Moody returned unexpectedly from Abilene today and will hold a conference with the State highway commission to discuss his request to cancel road maintenance contracts in thirty-one counties.

During the day the attorney general will be given a Christmas gift from his office staff. A beautiful gold watch has been selected for the gift.

MAGEE GIVEN HIS FREEDOM BY SUPREME COURT

Governor of New Mexico, Says Opinion, May Pardon For Contempt of Court.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 22.—Efforts of District Judge D. J. Leahy to send Carl C. Magee, editor of the New Mexico State Tribune, to prison on contempt charges have failed. Ruling that the governor has the power to pardon in cases of direct contempt of court, the state supreme court late yesterday discharged Magee in connection with his sentence by Judge Leahy in Las Vegas, in Aug., 1924.

This action by the court brings to an end the case which drew nationwide attention, and in which the editor spent three days in jail after the sheriff of San Miguel county had refused to honor a pardon issued by Governor James Hinkle. Magee was sentenced for ninety days, two for indirect and one direct contempt. The case was taken on each of three charges of contempt to the supreme court on habeas corpus proceedings and Magee was released on bond.

National House Shows Its Sentiment Overwhelmingly Dry

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The house voted overwhelmingly "dry" on its first prohibition vote today. Amendments to the treasury-postoffice bill to eliminate a \$250,000 appropriation for purchase of evidence by federal prohibition agents was defeated 139 to 17.

W. J. McFarland And P. R. Earnshaw to Open Business In Eastland

Announcement of the opening of an Exide Battery Service station for owners of Exide batteries and others was made by W. J. McFarland of Ranger and P. R. Earnshaw of Eastland today following consummation of a transaction whereby the new station will be located at 300 West Main street, Eastland.

P. R. Earnshaw of Eastland, an experienced battery and electrical repair man, will be in active charge of the work for the present, while Mr. McFarland, for the last five years salesman for the Leveille-Maher Motor Company of Ranger, will move his family to Eastland immediately after Jan. 1, 1926, and join his partner in actively pushing the business.

The new shop will be equipped with standard equipment and automobile owners are assured of expert work on their batteries by an experienced battery man and with first class equipment. Both men are well known in Eastland as Mr. McFarland's business connections made him a host of friends while Mr. Earnshaw has lived for some time in Eastland.

It's Happened



The old newspaper axiom has it that when a dog bites a man it isn't news, but if a man bites a dog, it is. James M. Johnson, of Los Angeles, has finally done it. His dog bit both his hands, and Johnson got the animal's throat between his teeth and held on until it died.

STRAWN BANK IS RAIDED BY ROBBER GANG

Officers of First National Locked in Vault, But Escape. Loss Under \$30,000.

Posses were searching through hills and valleys of Palo Pinto, Erath, Eastland, Stephens and adjoining counties today for a gang of four bandits who, about 3:30 Monday afternoon, about one-half hour before closing time, entered the First National Bank of Strawn with drawn guns, herded the bank officials and staff and several visitors into the vault, which they closed and locked, and then drove away in an automobile, said to be a Chrysler sedan, in the direction of Mingus carrying cash and liberty bonds estimated at something less than \$30,000.

Chase Is Begun Within 10 or 15 minutes after being locked in the vault, the prisoners obtained their release by removing the combination from the door, which enabled them to throw back the bolts, and gave the alarm. Previous to this, however, M. G. Vernon, insurance and real estate agent occupying an office in the rear of the bank, seeing the men drive away with suspicious speed and thinking something amiss, seized a rifle he kept in his office and followed them but they drove too fast and he was never able to sight them or to determine if they turned off on any side road before reaching Mingus, which is about four miles from Strawn.

President W. B. Stuart notified Strawn officers as soon as released from the vault and also had officers in all adjoining counties notified through the telephone exchange, so that within a half hour after the robbery and before the bandits could have traveled many miles, posses were starting from a dozen cities and towns and farmers along every highway and lateral road were being notified to keep on the watch for the bandits.

Three men entered the bank, while the fourth stayed at the wheel of the car, which is said to have driven into the town from the direction of Palo Pinto and to have parked at the side of the bank facing towards Mingus. Two of the men who entered the bank are said to have been, apparently, under 30 years of age, while the third was middle aged. None was masked.

Officials of the bank locked in the vault included President Stuart, Vice President W. L. Stephens and Cashier Joe Stuart; Douglas Smythe, secretary to President Stuart; Lee Bradford, Louis Link, Jr., Thurber, an employee of the Texas-Pacific coal & oil company, Miss Ann Seymour of Strawn.

Captain Ab Pinhook of the Ranger police force, received a telephone call telling of the robbery about 3:50 o'clock and immediately repeated it to Eastland. The sheriff's office sent out several posses to search out every possible place in case the bandits had doubled back and were seeking refuge in Eastland county.

Assistant Police Chief Leonard Davenport of Ranger, and Deputy Whitehall started at once for Strawn along the Bankhead highway. Si Bradford, of the Ranger police, for years a peace officer in Strawn, headed for Strawn along the canyon, and Constable Ted Hamilton headed in the same direction along a course that took him over a wide territory. None of them got any trace of the bandits.

The bank is understood to be protected by robbery insurance, so will lose nothing. Representatives of the insurance company were in Strawn today and it was said to be probable the company would take up the chase at once, enlisting in the work a corps of highly trained sleuths covering a larger part of the country, so that if the bandits have slipped out of the West Texas oil belt it is likely they will be traced and apprehended in whatever city they may take refuge.

Several Chrysler cars are said to have been stopped on the Bankhead highway Monday night, but in each

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RADIO PROGRAM

Radio programs are announced for tonight as follows: Fort Worth, WBAP, 475.9 Meters. 6 to 6:30 p. m.—Dinner music by the Texas Hotel Royals. 7:30 to 8:30 p. m.—Concert of vocal and instrumental selections arranged by Mrs. W. Bryan Usery. (C. B. L.) 9:30 to 10:45 p. m.—Piano pupils of the Adams School of Music assisted by other artists. Programs given under the direction of Mrs. M. J. Adams. (C. B. L.) Dallas, WFAA, 475.9 Meters. 6:30 to 7:30 p. m.—Don Bestor's Bests the Baker Hotel Orchestra. 8:30 to 9:30 p. m.—Miss Evelyn Pinsky, soprano; Mrs. Fred E. Ingram, piano. 11 to 12 (midnight)—Tom D. Collins' string orchestra; the Majestic Theater entertainers.

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BIBLE THOUGHT.
There is no Discharge: There is no man that hath power even the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death; and there is no discharge in that war.—Ecclesiastes 8:8.

Prayer: O Lord, we live and yet not we; God liveth in us, and death hath no longer dominion over us.

THE COAL MONOPOLY.
Referring to the coal industry in his message to congress, President Coolidge stated that the attitude of the public "must be humble supplication." He also called upon congress for legislation to empower the executive to appoint boards for conciliation and arbitration, and if necessary, to control distribution.

There is no question about the hard coal industry being a monopoly, and as such it should be regulated in the public interest. The operators have been a law unto themselves no less than the miners. There has been no authority to deal with this vital necessity of the life of the country.

Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania, has called a special session of the legislature to deal with this and other questions, but it is almost impossible to keep politics out of the question. In fact Governor Pinchot is already accused of "playing politics" because he is doing the right thing. The coal interests are all powerful in Pennsylvania, and any action of the legislature will no doubt reflect that influence.

The safest and surest way is make up your minds to pay the coal bill or utilize some other cheaper fuel.

Based on expenditures during the past 10 months the net increase of property investment of class 1 railroads is fixed at \$750,000,000. Adding this sum to the tentative value fixed by the interstate commerce commission as of Dec. 31, 1919, gives a valuation of \$21,582,000 for class 1 roads on which rates must be fixed to give 5 1/2 per cent returns. Farmers are demanding a similar system of "price fixing" on their \$25,000,000,000 of investment—and it would seem that the producer should have the same protection for his capital that is given to the distributor. The consumer is not taken into consideration in these matters—but the chances are that he will do some regulating on his own account after the other fellows get settled.

It may be true that a few hundred thousand Russians rule tens of millions by crushing opposition within the borders of Russia, but if we read history aright the same conditions have existed in Ireland, India, Egypt, South Africa, Italy and other places these many years. The soviet government lives by example in this respect. In some other respects it is teaching the people of the world the value of controlling their own natural resources and products. Russia's income from oil, coal, gold and mineral concessions will soon pay all government operating expenses—and the surface has hardly been disturbed.

The American department of agriculture estimates the total world wheat production will be about 2,953,000,000 bushels—an increase of nearly 300,000,000 bushels over the 1924 crop.

In 1825, just 100 years ago, Hannah Montagu, wife of a Troy, N. Y., blacksmith, made separate collars for men's shirts because the shirts did not soil as often as the collars did and it saved much laundry work. Since then the detachable collar has been adopted in all parts of the world as a Yankee invention.

New Jersey has 18,000 licensed real estate brokers, of whom nearly 1,000 are women.

Society

AND THE ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN IN RANGER

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SOCIAL CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY.
Elks Christmas dance at their club-rooms. Orchestra plays in concert from 8:30 to 9:30, dance follows: Mrs. H. H. Durham entertains her Sunday school class at 8 p. m.

GHOLSON HOTEL FORCE PRESENT GIFT TO MR. JURY.
On the eve of the departure of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Jury for their new home in Florida, the Gholson Hotel force presented Mr. Jury with a lovely diamond stick pin, as a token of their love and appreciation of the retiring manager of the Gholson Hotel. A great number of the force have been with Mr. Jury since he took charge of the hotel in the late summer of 1921 and while others have been added to the force in the interim, still they all said goodbye with deep regret to Mr. and Mrs. Jury, and this gift was a mute expression of that regret.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS PARTY.
Mrs. E. H. Chaplin's Sunday school class, the Helpers will have a Christmas party, Thursday afternoon at the Methodist Church at 2:30. All children of the class are asked to be present.

A DINNER AND A THEATRE PARTY.
Its a lucky boy or girl who has a birthday round about Christmas time for he generally comes in for two celebrations and thus it was with Edward Kiliwer, who on Tuesday was eleven years old and celebrated the event with a theatre party and a 6 o'clock dinner. At 2:30 the young host and his guests visited the Liberty Theatre to see Valentino in "The Eagle." At 5 o'clock they returned to the family home on North Austin street and were entertained with suitable games until 6, when they were invited into the dining room to partake of a 6 o'clock dinner, with "turkey" and all the other delicious fixings that go with it, just like a real grown-up dinner. The cynosure of all eyes was a mammoth birthday cake, gay in its eleven blue tapers that formed the center of the dining table, and which was the keynote to the blue and white color scheme carried out by the hostess in her decoration motif. Of course there were a lot of nice gifts and those who enjoyed this happy occasion with Edward were, L. L. and Margaret Sue Harris Doyle Madrigal, Jerry Courtney, and Donald Kiliwer.

A FAMILY REUNION.
Among the many family reunions that will be held here during the holidays, will be one at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burden, at which time Mrs. C. H. Moffett, Miss Elizabeth Moffett and William Moffett, mother, sister and brother of Mrs. Burden will be Christmas guests. The Moffett family formerly lived in Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. Moffett leaving here about two years ago for Wichita Falls, and from there moving to the Rio Grande Valley. Miss Elizabeth and "Jerry" are both located in Wichita Falls. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cunningham, and uncle and aunt, from San Angelo, will also join the family party.

EPISCOPAL TREE AND PROCESSION.
The Christmas tree given by the members of St. Mary's Episcopal Sunday school, Sunday afternoon, in conjunction with a Christmas program was a very happy occasion, not only for the pupils but the teachers and officers of the Sunday school as well. Misses Geo. Armer and Mrs. C. C. Patterson had in charge of the program and while all the children were little tots their respective numbers were most creditable. Elizabeth Patterson and Marice Chastain said a clever little piece; Perlie Coates, had a pretty verse; Bill and Joanne Bailey both gave verses; Betty Jean Burden played a duet with Mrs. G. G. Norton; Mrs. Patterson, one of the group sang and Mr. Russell of Virginia, gave a splendid and helpful talk. The congregation sang some Christmas carols. Mr. R. J. Norman was Santa Claus and dismantled the pretty tree, giving each child present a gift. The children also brought gifts of groceries and fruits, which were in turn presented to the Salvation Army.

LADIES COLUMBIA CONCERT ORCHESTRA TO APPEAR HERE.
The management of the Elks Club is very glad to announce the coming of the Ladies' Columbia Concert Orchestra to club on Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, 1925, at which time they will play for our Christmas dance.

Without doubt this will be the greatest musical treat of the season for the orchestra has achieved a place all its own in the musical world. This unique organization is composed entirely of young women and is one of the most pleasing musical organizations before the public today. Mme. Frances Knight, the conductor, has been very careful in selecting her girls and has only the very best musicians in the organization, each one being a soloist on her own instrument. The press notices in the concert given recently by the orchestra are extravagant in their praise. A leading magazine of San Diego, Calif., said of the orchestra: "Playing to a capacity house Tuesday night, the Ladies Columbia Concert Orchestra gave the music lovers of this place one of the best musical treats ever offered here. There was not a number on the program but was met with great applause and many numbers were encored several times." Mme. Frances Knight, the conductor, showed a remarkable leadership and the success of this splendid organization is due in a great part to her masterly control and perfect knowledge of the principles of music. She impressed all who saw her as

ROAD BUILDING DISCUSSED BY ROTARY CLUB

R. E. Townsend, Visitor From Amarillo Introduces Subject To Eastland Rotarians.

An address by R. E. Townsend, a member of the Amarillo Rotary Club who is temporarily in Eastland, on the subject of highway construction, which was followed by a round-table discussion of the question by various other members of the club, featured the meeting of the Eastland Rotary club is at its meeting Monday at noon.

Mr. Townsend, in his talk on road construction, reviewed the history of road building, which he stated, dated back many thousands of years. "Roads were formerly constructed to transport armies over rather than commerce," Mr. Townsend said, "and the work of building them began in prehistoric times in the form of trails laid out for the purpose of guiding prehistoric man in his wanderings over the country."

In detailing the various methods and kinds of machinery used in road construction work, Mr. Townsend said that road building is rapidly becoming the work of machinery and that horses and mules, heretofore used in large numbers in the work, are becoming a thing of the past. A lengthy discussion of the various kinds of material from which roads are constructed, was given by the speaker.

"One of the greatest factors in stimulating roadbuilding in this country has been the automobile," Mr. Townsend said, and as an example as to how rapidly good roads are being constructed, said that if the crop and projects begun and finished last year were connected up end to end and started from New York City that they would reach around the world and out into the Atlantic Ocean again for 1,000 miles beyond Honolulu.

standing on equality with the best of her profession."

PERSONALS
Miss Norine Maxey, daughter of Mrs. Edna Maxey, who has been attending school in Denton, is home for the holidays.

Boys and girls are coming home from school on every day. Today Miss Eleanor Norton, who has been at State since early in the spring, will arrive home. Phil Norton came in Saturday from A. & M. College, where he is a senior, and Mark Norton, who is with the Ennis News, is expected home early Friday morning.

Mrs. Homer D. Hattley and little girl are here to spend the holidays with Mrs. Hattley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Stefford.

Miss Christine Carter and Marie Flaherty, two of our popular young teachers left Tuesday for Dallas and Houston, where they will spend their holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Leonard of Eastland were visitors in Ranger last night.

Mrs. George Bohning left yesterday for Fort Worth where she will be joined by Miss Gwendolyn Bohning, who has been attending school in the east. They will both spend Christmas in Fort Worth with relatives and return here shortly after Christmas day.

Marie, Merle and Bob McGee left today for Port Arthur where they will spend the holidays with their grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin of Eastland were shoppers in the city Tuesday.

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STRAWN BANK IS RAIDED BY ROBBER GANG

instance the driver and occupants proved they had no connection with the Strawn robbery.

Frank Phillips of Strawn, brother of Mrs. Earl Woody of Eastland, was in Eastland last evening and gave Mr. and Mrs. Woody a detailed account of the robbery of the First National Bank of Strawn, which occurred just before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr. Phillips works just across the street from the bank and saw the men drive up in their automobile and saw two of them enter the bank. He also saw the robbers leave after looting the bank. What took place inside the bank was told to Mr. Phillips and others by those who were inside. Mr. Phillips' account of the holdup is as follows:

"Many people in Strawn, including myself, saw a seven automobile with four well dressed men in it draw up at the side entrance of the First National Bank building just about closing time Monday afternoon. Three of the men got out of the car while the fourth drove the car up the street, turned it around and came back down the street. The three men that got out of the car went to the front entrance of the bank, one of them remained just outside the door while the other two walked leisurely into the bank just as a customer was coming in. One of them stepped to the window at the cashier's cage, and drawing an automatic pistol, ordered those inside the cage, which included W. B. Stuart, president; W. L. Stephens, vice-president; Joe H. Stuart, cashier; Louis Link, Jr., and Charles Uhart, customers, to hold up their hands and to line up near the vault in the rear of the cage, which orders were obeyed.

When the officers and employees of the bank had been lined up against the wall, one of the two bandits, who had entered the building went inside the cashier's cage and began gathering up the money and bonds, taking about \$30,000, \$15,000 in Liberty bonds and \$15,000 in cash, as well as some valuable jewels belonging to the Stephens family, which were kept in a safe in the bank and belonged to Mr. Stephens' deceased wife.

While the men inside the bank were being ordered to lineup in the rear of the bank, Miss Ann Seymour, who had just arrived home from Denton, where she is attending college, walked into the bank. The bandit at the cashier's window turned towards her as she entered the building and said, "Young lady get over there with the rest of them and hold up your hands, we are robbing this bank, but if you do as you are told you will not be harmed." Miss Seymour did as she was told. Mr. Stuart hesitated to go into the vault and was struck over the head with a gun by one of the bandits.

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bonds the bandits picked up a large leather wallet and was going to take it when one of the bank employees said to him, "There is nothing but notes in that and they will be of no use to you." The bandit, with an oath, threw the wallet at the feet of the employee who had addressed him concerning it.

Finishing up with the work of gathering up the money and bonds, the bandits searched and robbed the men in the bank, but did not take a five-dollar bill one of them held in his hand over his head and which he told them he had. Mr. Stephens was ordered to unlock the safe where his family jewels were kept. He told the bandit that the safe was difficult to unlock and that he was so nervous that he doubted if he could unlock it himself, but that he would give him the combination and he could unlock it, to which the bandit replied, "You unlock that safe. Make your time, we are in no hurry, and it had better unlock this time." Mr. Stephens unlocked the safe and the jewels, which included some valuable diamonds, were taken out and handed to the bandits. All of the employees, officers and customers of the bank, including Miss Seymour, were then ordered by the bandits to go inside the bank vault, where they were locked inside by the bandits, who left the building, entered their automobile, which had been kept moving up and down the street, and dashed off in the direction of Thurber at a high rate of speed.

As soon as those in the bank vault heard the automobile dash away, members of the banking crew worked the vault combination from inside and went out and telephoned the operators at the Telephone company's office, who immediately notified the officers and a posse was organized and started in pursuit of the fleeing bandits. The bandits were all well dressed and were unmasked."

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Barbara Hawley, 25, self-willed and talented, gives up her fiancé, Bruce Reynolds, an architect, and gets a job on the Telegraph, in order to see life.

Andrew McDermott, managing editor of the Telegraph, is a former friend of her father's.

She makes friends with Bob Jeffries, police reporter, and has many thrilling adventures, including a dinner party at the Lighthouse Inn, on a night when a prominent man commits suicide. Barbara covers the story and picks up a red scarf left in the room by the dead man's unknown companion. At the roadside she also makes the acquaintance of Jerome Ball, man about town.

Bruce has joined the real estate firm of Manners, Stone and Reynolds which is promoting the Vale Acres section of town, a mammoth real estate enterprise. Bruce becomes acquainted with Mrs. Lydia Stacy, rich widow, who refuses to invest in Vale Acres when Bruce fails to respond to her love-making.

Barbara receives and prints in the love-column many letters from a girl named Violetta, who wishes to know how to attract a "young gent socially superior."

On Christmas day, Barbara is handed a clipping to follow up for the paper. It tells of the marriage of a love of her best factory.

Bruce to Violetta Cranby, an em- Barbara rushes for the file of the Telegraph and begins to read the love-column for weeks back. NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

CHAPTER XXVI

The leaves of the papers rustled. Barbara's hands were shaking so she could scarcely read the words. She laid the file on the desk and crouched over it.

Beginning at a date about three months before, the letters of Violetta ran through the love-column. From beer stains and eyelash curls to red satin wedding dresses, they painted a graphic picture of the girl who wrote them. They told her love story, starkly, without shadings.

Barbara read the answers even more eagerly than the letters. Now and then her mouth twisted curiously.

The noise in the office increased, as the morning advanced, but she did not hear it. The rush of the first edition swirled about the corner where she sat, and then the second and the third. She read on, through the little notes from Violetta and her own flippant replies to them all. She got up and put the file back in its place. Wells was called her. "Where have you been, Miss Hawley? I've been shouting for you for half an hour."

Barbara sighed. "Sorry," she said. "I didn't hear you."

He handed her a list of telephone calls to make, then looked sharply at her. "What's the matter? Are you ill, or just tired? You look all in."

"It's nothing," said Barbara wearily. "I'll be all right."

She was never able to remember afterwards what she did the rest of that morning. There were telephone calls, but she did not know to whom. Bob Jeffries asked her questions, but she looked at him blankly and did not answer. Somebody gave her a story to re-write, and she was sent to some building to get an obituary.

At noon, she was sitting at her desk, her hands in her lap. Wells stopped and looked at her curiously as he went after his hat and coat. "Going home?" he asked. "Can I take you anywhere? You're looking very white. No fit subject for Christmas dinner."

Barbara shook her head. "No, thank you, Mr. Wells. I'll get home all right. I'm just tired." She rose. Wells frowned. "Don't get sick, Miss Hawley. You're one of our best men, you know. Better stay home tomorrow and rest."

"I don't want to rest. That's the last thing I want," cried Barbara, with desperation in her voice. The city editor shook his head in a puzzled way.

When he was gone, Barbara ran to the file again. Laying it on a table, she began to clip the Violetta correspondence. Jimmy, the office boy, came out of the morgue room. "Whew! Miss Hawley, you'll catch the mischief. Don't you know the old man will boil you in oil if he finds you've been earring his precious files?"

Barbara did not answer him. Her mouth was tight.

A little after noon, she gathered up the clippings and thrust them into her pocket.

"Stille nacht, heilige nacht." The treble voices of children floated up from the streets below, floated up from the streets below to the room where Barbara sat on the hearth rug, wrapped in a woolly robe, her mother's Christmas gift.

Without raising her head, she listened to the carolling. It came through the window glass faint and remote, as though from another world. Inside, the fire guttered softly.

From the carol, the singers passed to a fresh flood of song that swelled from the lawn below brought Barbara to the window. The children stood in a semi-circle, turning their heads upward, so that the light from her window fell upon their faces.

She threw open the shades, and drew a deep, cold breath. Vagrant breezes chilled her and she pulled the robe around her.

Against front windows in the houses Christmas trees were silhouetted across the street.

The children finished their singing and went away. The lights in the houses opposite winked out one by one and the Christmas tree windows became mere black patches.

Barbara went back to her hearth rug. Out of the pocket of her robe she drew a crumpled mass of clippings and spread them on the rug before her.

She read them through, chin on hand. Then she began to laugh. Peals of laughter rang through the room again and again. Footsteps sounded in the hall outside. When Mrs. Hawley pushed the door of Barbara's room open, Barbara was crying, her body limp on the rug, the clippings clutched in one hand.

Mrs. Hawley crossed the room hurriedly and bent over her daughter. "What on earth, Barbara?" she gasped.

Barbara thrust the clippings toward her mother.

For a few moments there was silence, while Mrs. Hawley adjusted her glasses and puckered her brows over the letters.

"What's it all about, Barbara?" she asked at last. "You're not crying over these?"

Barbara sat up and wiped her eyes. "Yes," she replied, "I am, the more fool I. They're from the girl that Bruce married yesterday. He is the 'superior young gent' she speaks of. And I've helped her land him." She began to laugh hysterically again.

Mrs. Hawley gasped. "Why, Babs, how do you know?"

"Because I was asked to write a note of the wedding this morning. And I recognized her name—Violetta Cranby. I oughtn't to care. But I do. Yet I think it's funny, too. For me to give her directions how to catch him, all the time thinking he was some cheap two-for-a-penny sheik. And it was Bruce—Bruce!"

She seized the clippings and began to sort them out. "Just listen here. I tell her to be sympathetic and self-effacing. She writes back that it worked and he wants to take her out."

"Then I advise her how to charm him on their first date. She comes back with a request for more instructions in arousing serious intentions. I tell her flippantly to be 'all woman', to drop her own interests and listen to him talk about his—"

to give him flattery and admiration and unselfish love—to be a true helpmate and friend. Isn't that gorgeous irony? I tell her to do all the things I'd never do, and she follows directions and wins the only man I ever wanted. And look at me!"

"But you didn't want him for yourself, Babs," reminded her mother.

"Oh, well, I'm not crying about that. It's everything. I'm so tired these days that it doesn't take much to start the tears. I like my job, but I'm so sick of it sometimes that I have to bite my lips to keep from screaming."

"It's all work and no fun. And I'm losing all my friends, because I've no time to give them. Yet I'm afraid to stop for a moment. It's a habit."

Mrs. Hawley looked thoughtful. "There are penalties for pay for everything in life, Barbara. My guess is that if you'd married Bruce, you'd be even more tired of housework than you are of newspaper work now."

"I suppose so," Barbara rose with an impatient shrug and began to prepare for bed. As she turned to kiss her mother good night, she exclaimed. "Why, mother, you look awful. Have you been overworking on that old Christmas dinner?"

Mrs. Hawley turned away and walked quickly to the door. "Don't worry about me, Babs, I'm just not feeling spry."

"Don't get up in the morning," begged Barbara. "I'll get my own breakfast."

(To Be Continued)

The Telegraph staff came to work next day with a typical Christmas

hang-over. Everybody had had too much to eat and some had had no sleep.

The result was a doleful stupor reigning over the entire office.

McDermott called Barbara into his office in the afternoon and handed her a card. It stated that "Miss Barbara Hawley will review plays at the Majestic Theatre for the Telegraph hereafter."

"Present that to the ticket office," he said, "and you will be given the press seats from now on."

Barbara's face brightened. "Thank you," she cried. "I've been wanting to do play reviews ever since I came on the staff. But what's become of Byers?"

"More than he can do. I promised to give this theatre to you. It'll be good experience for you. You can start tonight."

Barbara went back into the outer office with a brighter face than she had worn for some time. Bob Jeffries was waiting for her. "Hear you're going to do dramatic reviewing from now on, Babs," he cried. "You're certainly coming up in the world."

"Yes," she said, happily. "Isn't it gorgeous?"

"Mac seldom gives that kind of work to women," answered Bob. "Says they have no sense of humor and too many prejudices. They also complain about not having anybody to go to theaters with sometimes."

One of the penalties for being an unattached woman, Babs. Even the women who like men least sometimes need an escort."

"Not I," retorted Barbara. "If I wished to go anywhere, don't think I'd wait for a man to take me. I'd go alone if necessary. But anyhow, I don't have to. I have my mother. She's the best company in the world, and I can always depend on her."

It was late when Barbara arrived at the interurban station that afternoon. The pocket of her coat held two theater tickets, and she carried a corsage bouquet in a box. At the telephone booth she ordered a taxicab for seven-thirty. Her first evening of play-reviewing was to be a gala night.

It seemed to her that the street was very dark when she alighted from the car and started toward her home.

Most of the blinds were drawn in the houses along the way, and most of the street lamps were dark. Barbara put her hand in her pocket and clutched the tickets. As she walked briskly along, she hummed a purposeless little tune.

When she neared her home, she saw that house was dark, except for a light in her mother's room upstairs. She unlocked the door hurriedly and stepped into the hall. At sound of the door, someone had switched the light on from upstairs.

A woman came running down the steps. Barbara recognized her as Mrs. Bryan, the new next-door neighbor.

"Don't be frightened," said the woman. "We hope it's nothing too serious, but your mother has had some kind of stroke."

(To Be Continued)

The gourd probably is an Eastern plant.

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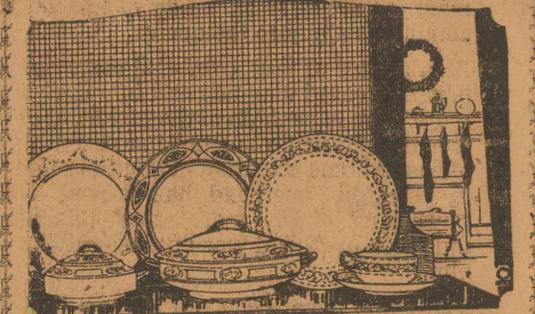
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CHRISTMAS PARDONS GRANTED BY GOVERNOR

AUSTIN, Dec. 22. — Christmas clemency proclamation filed today by the governor included eleven full pardons, fourteen conditional pardons and seven restoration of citizenship orders.

1—LOST AND FOUND

LOST—In front of West Side Barber Shop, pocketbook containing \$60 in bills, finder please take out all he wants and return balance to me.—L. E. Woods, West Side Barber Shop, Eastland.

LOST—One string of pearls, Saturday eve. If found return to Elizabeth Cooper, phone 497, Ranger.

FOUND—One rubber engine belt See Daniel S. Evans, Howard farm, Ranger.

\$100.00 REWARD for the return to lady's diamond ring and the wedding ring that I lost Nov. 24; wedding ring had "A. H." and "18" engraved in band. Finder return to Mrs. F. L. Carroll, 425 Elm st., Ranger for above reward. No questions asked.

3—FEMALE HELP

WANTED—A girl at Tremont hotel, Ranger.

4—SITUATIONS WANTED. HOUSEKEEPING for widower, or nursing invalid; middle-aged woman. 108 S. Oak st., Ranger.

7—SPECIAL NOTICES. FURNITURE refinished, repaired, upholstering, stoves fixed. Bob Lee 116 N. Austin, Ranger, formerly with Tharpe Furniture Co.

DRESSMAKING — Sewing of all kinds done and satisfaction guaranteed by Mrs. J. C. Mangham at the Ray Apartments, phone 351, Ranger.

8—ROOMS FOR RENT. HOTEL SAVOY—Board and room, \$10 per week, and apartments to suit. 307 1/2 Walnut st., Ranger.

9—HOUSES FOR RENT. FOR RENT—2 modern close-in 4-room houses, one furnished, one unfurnished. Dr. Buchanan, Ranger.

FOR RENT—4-room furnished house with garage. Caddo Highway, Mrs. Mannie Walker, Ranger.

11—APARTMENTS FOR RENT FURNISHED 4-room apartment. Fritz Delicatessen, North Austin st., Ranger.

APARTMENTS for rent. 317 South Marston st., Ray Apartments, Ranger.

12—WANTED TO BUY. SECOND-HAND furniture bought and sold at the right prices. Main street Second-Hand Store, 530 Main street, Ranger, Phone 95.

IF YOU WANT more for your second-hand furniture, call Ranger Furniture Exchange, phone 242, Ranger.

WANTED—Second-hand furniture Tharpe Furniture Co., 218 Main st. phone 154, Ranger.

WANTED—Second-hand furniture New & Second-Hand Store, 121 N. Austin st., phone 276, Ranger.

13—FOR SALE—Miscellaneous. FOR SALE—Incubator, brooder and oat sprouter. Telephone 399, Ranger.

\$150 Victrola slightly used for sale at a good price; also slightly used piano at a special price. E. E. Ray Music Co., Eastland.

14—REAL ESTATE. FOR SALE — 5 room house with garage, \$1,000; half cash, balance monthly. 1207 Oddie street, Ranger.

STORE building for sale, either to move or tear down. Phone 450, Ranger.

FOR SALE—Improved section of fine South Plains land at a bargain price; will take half price in good Ranger property, balance in five years. Dr. Buchanan, Ranger.

15—HOUSES FOR SALE. FOR SALE—Five-room house cheap for cash. Inquire at Busy Bee Confectionery, Ranger.

16—AUTOMOBILES. FOR SALE—Late 1924 model tudor Ford sedan; good rubber and runs like new; cash or terms. A. E. Echols, Pickering Lumber Co., Ranger.

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17—WANTED TO RENT. WANT to rent small farm near Ranger. P. O. Box 1048, Ranger.

19—FOR SALE OR TRADE. FOR SALE or trade for acreage, nice 6-room modern house; conveniently located to town and school. Phone 372, Ranger or see E. V. Bollinger.

22—POULTRY AND PET STOCK. SIX thoroughbred S. C. R. I. Red cockerels for sale. Call 60 or see Childs at Exide Battery Station, Ranger.

OUR FIRST HATCH goes on Jan. 7. A hatch each Thursday thereafter. Custom hatching, poultry supplies and quality baby chicks. Oak Ridge Hatchery, 105 S. Marston street.

WANTED — Young woman saleslady at once; local reference required. See Miss Wilkinson at Joseph Dry Goods Company, Ranger.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



FIGHTING HIGH COSTS WITH EFFICIENCY

How Makers of Tires are Meeting Increased Cost of New Material.

"The high price of rubber and its increasing scarcity do not constitute an entirely unmixed evil," says the General Tire & Rubber Company in a bulletin to the trade. "We find that the world has been very wasteful of something that has suddenly become very valuable and which will steadily become scarcer for a few years.

"Crude rubber increased in price nearly 400 per cent since last winter. There have been several advances in the price of tires this year, yet when all of them are put together they do not average much more than 50 per cent.

"This is partly accounted for by the fact that early in the year tire makers worked on the basis of comparatively cheap rubber, contracted for last fall and winter. That does not nearly account for all the disparity between the increase in the cost of crude material and the smaller increases in the price of the finished product, however.

Operate Carefully. "Nor does altruism, nor benevolence. Tire factories are business institutions, and the tire business is conducted for profit, with public service its excuse for existence. And right now tire factories are being run with more efficiency and less waste than ever before. They have to be. You'd be amazed to know how carefully floors are swept and small particles of crude rubber picked out of the sweepings, cleaned and separated by a special process and put into work. The trimmings of tires was never so carefully and neatly done. And the chemists and engineers have gone into action and are discovering processes and short cuts that permit high priced rubber to go as far as possible.

"All this should be good news to the motorists of the present as they look ahead a few years, for it means that when rubber finally becomes plentiful and tire prices come down, tires will be better and cheaper than ever. All because of greater efficiency and elimination of waste. Old factories are being modernized, and the new ones are built and equipped along lines that would have been incomprehensible to the tire man of a few years ago.

Scraps in Demand. "The shortage of crude rubber would have been much sharper this year than it has been had not the

Husband's Right to Title Doubted



This is Princess Victoria, daughter of Gordon Selfridge, American owner of London's greatest department store, with her daughter. The prince, whom she met while he was employed in her father's store, claims to come from a noble Russian family that traces its ancestors back 500 years. Now a London paper charges that he has no right to the title he claims.

rubber-for-tires supply been helped from an unexpected quarter. As stated in the beginning, we have been very wasteful of rubber. Special wasters have been the makers of mechanical rubber goods—belting, hose, soles, heels, packing, boots, shoes, tile, insulation and thousands of other articles into which rubber

enters. These men were using perfectly good crude rubber in their factories because it had become so cheap they felt that they could afford it, although reclaimed scrap rubber does entirely satisfactory work in most mechanical rubber articles.

"When the price of new crude rubber began to soar, mechanical rubber

goods makers quickly cut down their use of crude and returned to the use of scrap, thus releasing many thousands of tons of fresh plantation rubber to the use of the harrassed tire manufacturer. It should be noted that the price of reclaimed scrap rubber today, even in large quantities, is nearly 10 cents a pound more than the price of new crude rubber was last winter.

"So it will be some time before mechanicals again interfere with the fresh rubber supply of the tire and tube maker.

"There is no denying that this is a trying time for the industry. But out of it all much good is bound to come. Our tribulations are leading to better tires, because chemists and development men are most active; and to cheaper tires because of less waste, more efficiency and the ultimate es-

tablishment of an ample source of crude rubber—a supply that cannot be monopolized nor manipulated by any one nation."

REMEMBERS MARK TWAIN.

While in San Francisco making a picture, James Cruze pointed out the site of the old Occidental hotel, once a famous hostelry, to members of the company, with this remark: "It was at the old Occidental that I met Mark Twain."

Then he told how and way, and how's the yarn: "No, only did I meet him," confided Cruze, "but he spoke to me."

"No! What did he say?" came the chorus.

"Waiter, bring me another cup of coffee!"—Photoplay Magazine.

MIGHT CHANGE NAME.

Ralph Graves fell heir to a good joke the other evening. It was during a dinner at the Ambassador hotel and the woman on Ralph's left was an out-of-town visitor. Turning to him with her sweetest smile, she tapped him lightly on the sleeve:

"I should think you would be a very good screen type, Mr. Graves. Why don't you try to get in pictures?"

Ralph gulped—and replied: "Perhaps you didn't hear the name correctly—I am Ralph Graves!"

The woman smiled again and airily said: "Oh, that's all right! You could change your name. A lot of them have!"—Photoplay Magazine.

There are about 30 religious sects that deny women the right to officiate.



When Firemen Ran to Fires

In the days when firemen ran to fires, losses were proportionately greater than they are today. In those days everything moved slowly.

You became ill, however, just as suddenly then as now, but many times it took your physician hours to get to you, and when he did arrive, the service he could render was limited by restricted knowledge. Thousands of families right here in Eastland county have cause to be thankful for the physician's high powered motor car of today, for speed has saved many a life.

Because the physician is a professional man and not usually thought of in the same class with the merchant or manufacturer, the public, while fully recognizing "increase in overhead and production costs of the manufacturer," does not seem to think that the same conditions apply to the doctor.

As a matter of fact, overhead costs for the physician have increased as much and in many instances much more, than have those of the merchant or manufacturer. Yet the physician has not increased his fee for either office or home attention in anything like the proportion in which his overhead has grown. Neither has the physician laid any more stress on collections than he did when overhead was but a slight consideration with him.

Perhaps it never occurred to you that the man who enters medicine, is temperamentally entirely different from the man who enters business. He takes up medicine with the same idea that the young man takes up the ministry—to serve and help humanity. He enters a profession that requires years of study before he can realize a dollar, and when he begins to practice, he naturally has a very large percentage of charity work. His thoughts are about the patient. If they were not, he would not respond to any and all calls at all times of night and in all kinds of weather.

A few physicians have a business secretary or office assistant but most of them trust to the honesty of their patients. Sad to relate many, many times the physician's bills are the last ones thought of in many families. Treat your physician fair. No service you get in this world is more important than his. If it isn't convenient to pay cash at the time the service is rendered, at least be fair enough to pay within thirty days as you pay all other bills.

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Going Up



William Gibbs McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, is always willing to lend a helping hand. Photo shows him doing a bit of work for the Near East Relief in Los Angeles.

AID TO APETITE.

Here are pearls of wisdom for the young mothers. They fell from the lips of Mildred Davis Lloyd when she was discussing Mildred Gloria, Harold Lloyd's little daughter. Like most other mothers, Mildred had been having trouble to get Mildred Gloria to eat, and here is how she solved the problem. "I got a lot of dishes with pictures in the bottom. Mildred Gloria loves pictures—especially of animals—and now she empties her dish in a hurry just to find out what the picture is."—Photoplay Magazine.

In Finland women help to sweep the streets with brooms made of birch twigs. They also help unload bricks from freight cars.

The United States will produce 22,332,000 bushels of flax-seed this year. The world's production will be 113,000,000 bushels.

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OBSERVE TRAFFIC SIGNALS

In crossing streets the pedestrian should remember:

That it is safer to cross at crossings rather than in the middle of the block.

That jay-walking—the crossing of streets at places other than crossings—is one of the commonest causes of accidents.

That it is far better to wait for traffic signals.

Stop when the lights or signals are against you.

Go when motor cars are stopped; when the way is clear for you.

Don't take chances.

It is dangerous to dart in front of moving motor vehicles when those vehicles are compelled by signal to go.

Traffic signals and police officers regulate the movements of motor cars and trucks.

In most cities it is optional with the pedestrian as to what he does. If he is one of those who insists upon taking chances he will probably endanger his life by ignoring traffic signals and running in front of moving cars in an effort to save a few seconds.

It is much better to avoid possibility of accident and lose a few moments if need be.

The regulation of the pedestrian is for his own safety. The regulation of the pedestrian is to conserve human lives. And there is no more important task.

Never take a chance whether motorist or pedestrian.

"PRIVATE TOOTER"

Here's one Richard Dix tells. Seems he caught it while on a visit to the publicity department to look at some stunts.

She was a new girl—had just been signed—and was filling out a biographical blank for the department. She

was putting it on thick, too — fine old Southern family impoverished by the war and all that, when she came to the line marked education.

For a second she hesitated and then after education she wrote "Private Tooter." Ain't it great to be educated?—Photoplay Magazine.

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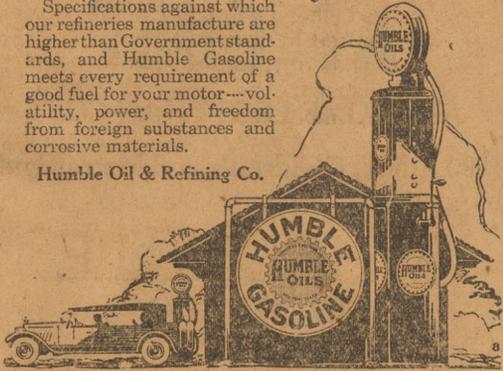
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Baby Becomes Dope Addict.



"Baby Jack" of Los Angeles is only seven weeks old—but he's a dope fiend. Policewoman Minnie Burton, shown above holding him, was trailing a drug peddler and found the child's mother was an addict. The drug had such a hold on the baby's system that when his mother was deprived of it he suffered intensely. Doctors are trying to find a remedy.

A small radio receiver is being designed in England for miners. Paint causes leakage, and should not be used in a radio receiver.

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Billy Evans Says

COLLEGE CHAMP

THE best football team in the country? I beg to pass on that one.

The best football team is largely a matter of where you happen to reside. It's a great question to start an argument.

For the first time in years the sectional supremacy in football is well defined. Only in the south is there a real dispute.

The east is overwhelmingly for Dartmouth, while the west favors Michigan. Washington holds the coast honors, while Alabama and Tulane are the choice of the south.

Alabama was voted the Pleistocene trophy by a committee of southern newspaper men. That award is equivalent to being named the champion.

The very fine record made by Tulane, however, has won for that eleven a host of admirers, who feel Tulane has an equal claim to the southern honors.

Tulane, you will remember, defeated Northwestern, 18-7, while Michigan was beaten, 3-2, by the Evanston team. But you mustn't take football figures too seriously.

TOUGH BREAK

HAD not Michigan been beaten by Northwestern, a majority of the experts, the west in particular, would have awarded the honor of being rated the best team in the country to the Wolverines. Coach Fielding Yost says it is

easily the best team he ever handled. Yost, by the way, has turned out some remarkable football machines, the 1901 model being a very classy affair.

Michigan's lone defeat was staged on a field unit for even football, that can be played with almost any kind of a setting. Northwestern, the victor, faced the same conditions. That one reverse, even though suffered under most unfavorable conditions, is going to cause a majority of the football critics to lean to Dartmouth.

The expert who tries to rank Dartmouth, Tulane, Michigan, Washington and Alabama is sure courtng trouble. A dead heat, all bets off, would be a wise decision.

DOBIE'S PICK

WALTER CAMP'S All-America selections were usually the last to appear, as a rule late in December.

Prior to the publication of Camp's teams, other football writers took a whirl at the game. This fall there has been a strong tendency to have noted coaches make such selections.

The other day I noted with interest the All-East team as picked by Gil Dobie, Cornell coach. Being a former Cornellian, I was much interested. I felt sure that Dobie's team would be check full of Dartmouth players.

You will recall that Cornell was defeated by Dartmouth, 62-13. That trimming must have made the four Mr. Dobie more pessimistic than ever. He named only two Dartmouth players, Oberlander and Diehl.

The Wife Who Wasn't Wanted

By DOROTHY A. F. MARCELL

Copyright, 1925, Warner Bros. Pictures Inc. "THE WIFE WHO WASN'T WANTED" with Irene Rich is a picture-ization of this novel.

SYNOPSIS

It is in the morning of Bob Mannerling's twenty-first birthday and he and Marjorie Patterson have greeted each other by climbing to the tops of ladders on either side of the wall separating the two estates. Marjorie gives Bob a slip of paper she has crumpled for him. He is just starting to kiss her when her ladder falls. Mr. Bledsoe, whose son is to be tried that morning, calls to see John Mannerling, District Attorney, who is Bob's father, and John, urged by Eileen, his wife, meets him.

CHAPTER II—Continued

"I'll see the gentleman in a moment, Mary," he told the maid and delayed to favor his wife with a look of comic-dismay.

"It's just as well for the laws of this land, Eileen, that it's not your business to see that they are enforced. That kind heart of yours would be the joy of the criminal classes."

E. J. Bledsoe was a self made man. Obsessed from early youth with a desire for power, he had devoted himself to the accumulation of money, which to his mind was the same thing. A man of untiring energy, resource and vision, success had crowned his efforts to a remarkable degree. Now, a millionaire, vast industrial establishments were not only a monument to his ability but a blessing to the community. Yet, the very trait of acquisitiveness which had led to this happy goal was not an un-mixed virtue. It had bred, as the years sped by, a growing indifference and callousness to the rights of others, a ruthlessness towards

too, Mannerling, we can't have automobiles without accidents. And don't forget it—the automobile has come to stay—we can't get along without it." With a gesture of hopelessness Bledsoe indicated the price his fellow citizens were doomed to pay for the blessing of the motor car.

John might have been the Sphinx for any expression of opinion he gave on this sage deduction.

"Take my son," Bledsoe continued with spirit. "As fine a boy as ever lived—they don't come better. Mannerling. Well, there he was, tending to his own business—driving along—a little fast, perhaps. He had a date with a girl and you know how those things go—he had to get there. Well, he turned a corner and there—right in his path, Mannerling, was that man—an inactive old man toddling along—can you beat it? What could Harry do? What could you or I have done under the same circumstances. Harry felt bad, of course—I never saw him any more broken up over anything. But that wouldn't help matters. I tell you, Mannerling, the real crime—the only crime in that matter—was in letting the old man out alone."

There came an ominous change in John's manner, but evidently the glance from beneath those shaggy brows failed to catch its meaning.

"Of course, the trial this morning will be no more than a matter of form—eh Mannerling?"

"No trial in which I appear is ever a matter of form," said John quietly.

"What?" cried Bledsoe as if he could not believe his own ears. "Do you mean to say that you are going to hold my son guilty of crime?"

"That is for the jury to decide, Mr. Bledsoe. I shall simply lay all the evidence in my possession before them."

"But Mannerling," Bledsoe's face twitched with feeling. "I can't bear to have Harry humiliated like that. He is proud; it will be a terrible ordeal for him to undergo. Great God," he burst forth. "You wouldn't put him in jail, would you?"

"That is for the Judge to say. I can only recommend."

"Heavens, man, where is your heart? You have a son of your own! Think how you would feel if he were in my son's place."

For an instant John hesitated, but only for an instant. Then his jaw set firmly.

"I am sorry for you, Bledsoe—very sorry. But had I the same evidence against my son, I should insist that he be sentenced."

"Mannerling!" Bledsoe burst forth incredulously.

"I was elected by the people to uphold their laws. I have taken my oath to do it without fear or favor. I will not falter in the duty imposed upon me."

Fear gripped Bledsoe's heart as his better judgment warned him that here was a man who meant exactly what he said. Before the peril which threatened his son, he resorted to his all powerful weapon, but with craft and circumspection.

"Of course, I understand your position, Mannerling—most commendable I'm sure, but in public office there are other considerations—political considerations—which must not be overlooked. In a very few days now you've got to go back to the people for their endorsement. You'll need the aid and influence of all your friends. I've always been your friend, but —"

"Stop," rapped John, his eyes like steel and his tones as cold as ice. "That sounds suspiciously like a form of bribery to me, Mr. Bledsoe. If I were you I wouldn't pursue that line of argument any further. As for me, I am very pressed for time. I must bid you good morning."

Bledsoe was not slow to take the hint, but at the door he turned. Heart sick and defeated, passion and vindictiveness had claimed him. In silence he glared back then went his way.

As for John, he joined his wife in the breakfast room under no misapprehensions. He was certain that he had made an enemy, a powerful and ruthless one, too.

"You heard?" he said as he sank into his chair.

"She nodded. The connecting door had been ajar and already she blamed herself for having insisted that he receive Bledsoe."

"I'm sorry, dear —"

(To be continued)



Parson-Athlete



An athletic parson—that's Rev. Charles H. Urban, pastor of a church in Philadelphia. He's a somewhat of an all-round athlete at the University of Pennsylvania though prefers football and wrestling to other sports. He played tackle on the freshman eleven last fall. This winter he hopes to make his letter in the mat pasture.

Leads Navy



Herman O. Parish of Savannah, Ga., is captain of this season's Navy basketball quintet. He's a veteran, plays forward and is regarded one of the fastest men in the east. With him as leader the midshipmen anticipate a successful campaign.

Dr. Davis Wesson, former president of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, has perfected a synthetic beefsteak from cottonseed oil. When cooked it looks like hamburger steak and is quite palatable. Cottonseed meal has a protein content of 40 to 50 per cent—or twice that of flour. The present cost of producing this synthetic beefsteak is about six cents per pound. Packers, however, may see to it that the product does not interfere with the old reliable steer beef unless at a "fair" competitive price.

One-sixth of all the employees in the Swedish civil service are women.

NEW JAPANESE LOAN SOUGHT FOR BUILDING

By MILES W. VAUGHN, United Press Staff Correspondent. TOKIO (My mail to the United Press.)—Japan's next foreign loan will be for approximately \$50,000,000 for reconstruction of Tokio and Yokohama and will be floated simultaneously in New York and London, the United Press is informed semi-officially.

Negotiations for the loan now are under way by Kengo Mori, financial commissioner for the empire. Vast public works still remain to be constructed before the capital and Yokohama can return to pre-earthquake conditions, an official spokesman said, and the proposed loan will be used to pay for a great amount of these improvements. Millions of dollars must be spent for reconditioning the Yokohama port and general harbor improvements.



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medical examination and he must be recommended by his immediate commander as fitted for such a position mentally, morally and physically. Although the famous words that "The Army travels on its stomach" became a reality during the World War when advances were made principally by crawling along and worming one's way in a flattened position on the ground, officers and men in the United States army are still firm in their belief that the efficiency of the army depends largely upon the type of food that the men receive, as Napoleon contended.

It has been a source of wonderment to many people how any organization during the world war

could furnish three meals a day to a mighty host of 6,000,000 men at an average cost of less than 30 cents a day per man. Even with this small sum the army is now able to provide turkey and cranberry sauce for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner as a matter of routine and all of this at a cost per day of less than the average cost per person to the housewife per meal.

Statistics compiled by the department show that the average man who enters the service gains weight and shows physical improvement before the termination of his enlistment which proves that food provided by the quartermaster corps of the army is nourishing and sustaining.

Club women in New Orleans have exacted a promise from the local street railway company that car steps shall be made lower as a measure of safety.

It has been computed that there are more than 15,500,000 Jews in the world. Two-thirds live in Europe, nearly one-quarter in North and South America, while Asia, Africa and Australia have less than 8 per cent. About 32,000 live in Jerusalem.

Cigar manufacturers are planning to popularize the five cent cigar as a means of reviving the popularity of cigars, now on the wane.



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To Cook Food Like Mother Used To Make Aim Of New U. S. Army Cooking Schools

WASHINGTON.—Foreigners arriving in this country are astounded at the rapidity with which the average American eats his meals and as a result the United States is referred to as a nation of dyspeptics. Realizing this national characteristic and desirous to overcome it, the U. S. Army has established in each Corps Area an Army School for Bakers and Cooks where the future culinary experts of the army will be sent to learn the popular art of preparing the kinds of food "that mother used to make."

Under this system officers and enlisted men are trained in cooking and baking as applied to army messes and bakeries—two separate departments being maintained in each school. Students in the cooking course are trained in ordinary baking such as pies, cakes, biscuits and sweet dough baking. This course covers principally the baking of bread under varying service conditions.

SOCIETY GIRL JOINS DOPE RING TO GET EVIDENCE ON "MASTER MINDS" AND SAVE HER LOVER, THEN FINDS HE ISN'T WORTH IT

By NEA Service
NEW ORLEANS, La.—The lights on the wharves of old New Orleans gleam fitfully across the dark flood



Bargains with federal agents to save her sweetheart

of the restless Mississippi. They light the passage of countless ships—carriers of the freight of a nation's inland empire. And, at times, they



Gets evidence on big rum smugglers

touch the dark form of one of those ships of night that carry contraband cargo; the ships that slip in silently,



Mabel Langford is laden with tragedy and evil. But never have they seen a more tragic chain of events than those which make up the story of Mabel Langford.
For Mabel Langford is the girl who left a home of wealth and culture to lose herself in the dark byways that hedge in the waterfront. She did it because she loved a man; and then, at the last, she found that the man wasn't worth it.

Mabel Langford is the daughter of an old Louisiana family living in the northern part of the state. She is a college graduate and mingled in the most exclusive society circles.



Lover marries another girl

She was to have been married to a young man who lived in Meriden, Conn. Just before the day set for the marriage, Miss Langford went to



Arrested for shoplifting

visit her fiance's family. While she was there, a strange man came to call on her. He was a federal nar-

otic agent. He told her he wanted to save her from disgrace by informing her that her fiance was a "dope-runner," that the federal agents had sufficient evidence to send him to prison.

Miss Langford was a girl of spirit. She got the federal agent to take her to his superiors. And with them she made a bargain; that if they would agree not to prosecute her fiance, she would find out who the real heads of the narcotic-smuggling ring were and get evidence that would enable the government to send them into prison. The officials agreed.

And so Mabel Langford left her home, came down to New Orleans, waterfront byways and mingled with the dope peddlers. She fulfilled her promise. In a short time she turned in evidence that sent the leaders to the penitentiary. Her sweetheart was saved.

And then he ran away and married another girl!
Mabel Langford was heartbroken. To forget—that was her sole aim. So she came to New Orleans again, this time becoming a member of the

federal prohibition enforcement agency. Down to the dark water she went once more.

"I won myself a place of confidence in the heart of the underworld's run ring," she says. "I even lived in the old plantation mansion, far uptown, looking out over the Mississippi River, where cargoes of alcohol were taken off swift rum boats, and overnight, with labels and seals and corks, were transformed in the rooms of that old mansion into 'choice imported liquors.'"

"I learned that one man, known only to his associates as 'Mr. W.' is the run king of New Orleans and directs a traffic totalling millions from his home on Bayou St. Louis. I learned that one Louisiana business man, one of the New Orleans business men, one of the restaurant

"I learned the name of one of the heads of the run ring who had been in the Louisiana run ring since the prohibition was also from Cuba to New Orleans.

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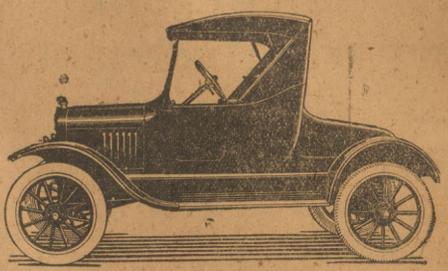
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Society Girl Joins Dope Ring To Save Her Lover

(Continued from Page Seven)
"In that house, the last day I was there, was \$13,700 worth of raw alcohol. In two adjoining houses were \$3500 worth of manufactured whiskey and 2000 cases of genuine whiskey for the richest trade in the south.

Under Suspicion
"I was the pal of the rum king's wife. We even slept together, night after night. Then, I don't know how I came under the suspicion of the underworld.

"The rum king's wife and I were doing some Christmas shopping. Suddenly, in the midst of the crowded store, she whispered in my ear: 'They've tipped me you aren't a real crook. If you are, prove it. Take some of these gloves.' I had told them, you see, that I used to be a shoplifter.

"I took a pair of gloves from a counter. And the store detective saw me. I was arrested.

Then Miss Langford appealed to the prohibition director for help. And he refused to help her, denying

Delaney Down in the Sixth



Paul Borlenback retained the light heavyweight championship of the world by defeating Jack Delaney at Madison Square Garden, on points. The photo shows Delaney rising after he slipped without being struck in the sixth round.

that she was a prohibition agent! She promptly turned to the newspapers with her story. New Orleans caught its breath as her tale of rum-running operations came out. The prohibition headquarters was besieged with questions.

Charge is Pending
At first the officials continued to deny she was an agent. Then they admitted she was a "paid informer." And finally, under pressure, they admitted she was a full-fledged, duly commissioned enforcement agent.

And there the affair stands now. The charge of shoplifting is still pending. Whether the government officials will use their influence to have it dropped or will let her go to jail is still uncertain.

"If those charges are dropped I'm never coming back to New Orleans," says Miss Langford. "It's a big country and I need excitement after

this kind of life. I'll find it somewhere. Only I'm sorry for my family."
"You know, when a girl loves a man she'll go down to hell for him. And fighting to save the man I love is what put me where I am today."

Manufacturing Census Reports Asked For Early in New Year

The Bureau of the Census is making plans for the next biennial census of manufactures, which will cover the year 1925, as provided in the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1919. In deciding upon the items to be covered by the census, the Bureau has consulted with the representatives of various manufacturers' associations with a view to securing, as far as practicable and without mak-

portance of this work to the manufacturers of our city, we have arranged to co-operate with the Bureau in collecting the data for the census," said C. C. Patterson, secretary of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce.

"The blank forms upon which reports should be made will be mailed by the bureau to all manufacturers about January 1, and a report will be required from each manufacturer whose gross products are valued at \$5,000 or more for the year 1925. It is to be hoped that every manufacturer concerned will have his records in such shape that he can fill out the schedule within a few days after its receipt, as the tabulation of our city will not be made by the Bureau of the Census until reports are received from all our manufacturers. We therefore urge our manufacturers to furnish this information soon after January 1 in order that we may have, as early as possible in 1926, the statistics for March 31, covering the year 1925.

Progress Displaces Noted "Rascal Yard" in Florida Capital

TALAHASSEE, Fla., Dec. 22.—Florida's capital has felt the march of progress and prosperity and one of this town's oldest institutions—the "rascal yard"—is about to be scrapped.

For 101 years, the "rascal yard" flourished in this quaint old town which now boasts 10,000 population. Tallahassee, located in the northwestern "jaw" of Florida, is far from the "prosperity centers" like Miami, Palm Beach, Daytona and Tampa, but nevertheless Florida's prosperity has dealt the knockout blow to the old "rascal yard" and the town pump.

The "rascal yard" is the town square and it has been taken over by the state for a new state office building to provide room for handling the state government's increased busi-

ness, brought about by the "rush" from the north. A \$300,000 office building will be erected.

The site gained its name many years ago from the horse deals which were consummated there. Recently the old hitching posts have fallen into disuse and decay but farmers still preserve the tradition, congregating there on Saturdays to ballyhoo their vegetables and to exchange crop reports.

"These drivers who navigate their automobiles with one arm wouldn't be so dangerous," Walter Hiers, ro- fund-comedian, paused to remark as he dramatically reaped sideways just in time to save his life, "if they would only keep one eye on the road."—Photoplay Magazine.

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