

STATE NEWS PARAGRAPHS

By United Press.
TEXAS TELEPHONES
DALLAS.—Texas now has more than 600,000 telephones in use, 1200 exchanges, using more than 1,500,000 miles of wire.

Of this number of telephones Dallas has the majority, according to records, with 67,030 telephones in use. Houston comes next with 59,197 and San Antonio uses 41,411 phones.

The first telephone installed in the state was in Galveston in the home of Col. A. H. Belo, late publisher of the Galveston News and the Dallas News. It was established in March, 1878. The phone ran from Col. Belo's home to the office of the Galveston News.

Galveston was also the first city to have a long distance telephone in Texas. The first line ran to Houston and was opened in 1883. The line was attached on Cypress poles and trees. This was a familiar way in the early days, no telephone poles being used. Wires were usually stretched on houses or the most convenient places.

But with the development of the telephone to its present unlimited service the life of the telephone operator has become a difficult one and some of the services asked by patrons compare the operator to a world's almanac.

Recently Mrs. Mittie McBride, chief operator in Dallas, was told by one of her operators that a bride called saying, "Operator, I am a bride; please tell me how much sugar to use?"

That is just one of the thousands of questions of similar foolishness that the operators are asked daily, Mrs. McBride said.

MANUFACTURERS MEET
AUSTIN.—Sessions of the Texas State Manufacturers' association and the governor's textile committee will be held jointly in Austin Feb. 15.

George M. Kneble of San Antonio, secretary of both organizations announced the meeting. They will be held in the state senate chamber.

MOTHERS CONGRESS

AUSTIN.—District meetings of the Mothers' Congress and Parent-Teachers' associations have been announced as follows:

Abilene, April 3-5; Bonham, date open; Corsicana, March 14 to 16; Kerrville, April 9-11; Big Spring, April 5-7; Menard, April 18-20; Lubbock, April 10-12; Bryan and College Station, April 11-13 and Edinburg, date not selected.

PERSONALITY

HOUSTON.—The personality of a business firm should be given as much attention as its books and other departments, Delbert S. Wenzlick, St. Louis, Mo., told the brokers division of the National Association of Real Estate boards here today.

"The public wants competent service courteously rendered," Wenzlick said. "We must develop the idea that our employees are associates, not machines. In the building of an organization we must not lose sight of the fact that the persons we select to deal with the public must reflect our own policies."

"Not only must the sales people reflect the personality of the firm, but the trade mark, slogan, and the advertising matter be selected to carry the same note of service."

LITTLE THEATRE

DALLAS.—The third annual Little Theatre tournament will be held in the new \$100,000 Dallas Little Theatre, April 9 to 14 it has been announced by Oliver Hinsdell, director.

The 1927 tournament play was won by Denison, with its presentation, "The Cajun," and the initial tournament was won by Sherman with its play, "Moonlight."

Much interest has been created throughout the state in the annual competition and a large entry list is expected, Mr. Hinsdell said.

Many New Faces Next Session In Texas Senate

By United Press.

AUSTIN, Jan. 26.—Many new faces will be seen in the Texas senate at the next session of the legislature.

Sixteen of the 31 places become vacant this year. Occupants of three have already announced that they will run for congress and a fourth may do so.

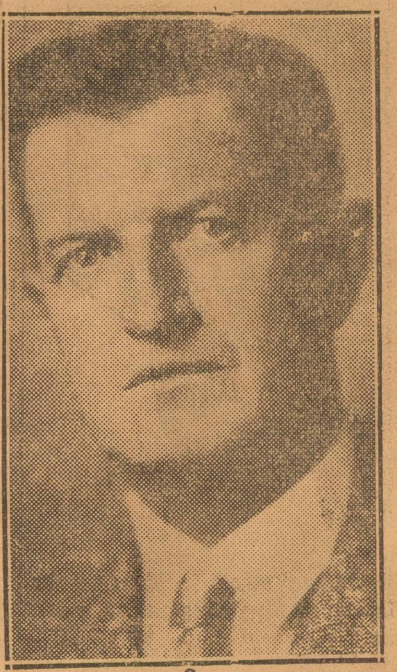
Senator T. J. Holbrook of Galveston, Senator John Bailey of Cuero and Senator Lloyd Price of Texas, are the ones filing for the congressional races. It is expected that if Congressman Tom Connally runs for the senate, Eugene Witt will run for congress.

The other senators whose present terms expire this year are I. D. Fairchild of Lufkin; H. L. Lewis of Navasota; Tom Pollard of Tyler; Charles Floyd of Paris; P. D. Ward of Cleburns; Carl Hardin of Stephenville; R. S. Bowers of Caldwell; A. E. Wood of Granger; W. H. Bledsoe of Lubbock; J. W. Reid of Canyon; B. F. Berkley of Alpine; Julius Real of Kerrville, and Jesse Smith of Breckenridge. Opponents are out against Fairchild, Lewis, Floyd and Ward, already.

Besides these, Tom Love of Dallas and Robert Stuart of Fort Worth are both considering running for higher offices, and M. Woodward of Coleman is considering the race for congress to succeed Tom Blanton.

For Governor

LOUIS J. WARDLAW Fort Worth attorney who has announced as a candidate for governor. Wardlaw is making the race on a campaign to lighten the burden of taxation, increase rural school facilities and more and better highways in Texas.



Wardlaw Wants Reduced Taxes Better Schools

Special Correspondence.

FORT WORTH, Jan. 26.—The question of taxation has been found as the greatest issue in the minds of Texas voters today, according to Louis J. Wardlaw, Fort Worth attorney who last week announced as a candidate for governor.

"Since my first announcement went out I have received literally hundreds of letters from persons, both friends and inquirers, and they all want to know my stand on tax matters," declared Wardlaw.

"It seems that at this very time of the year the property owner is more interested in tax matters than at any other time, because usually each voter already has paid his taxes during the month of January, or is bothering about where he will find the money with which to pay his taxes."

"Another noticeable thing is that all of these letters show that not only

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United States Marine Forces Hunt Sandino

By United Press.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 26.—United States marine forces today concentrated on locating Augustino Sandino, rebel leader and preventing his escape into Honduras.

The rebel general escaped a trap by which the Americans had hoped to capture him at El Chipote, which had been the stronghold of the Sandino army. El Chipote was surrounded by 1,000 marines including several artillery batteries and it had been hoped that Sandino would defend the position with his entire army.

The Oil Belt Automobile Association Meeting

The Oil Belt Automobile association will meet tonight in Breckenridge at the Y. M. C. A. building, 7:30 p. m. The association desires the presence of every automobile dealer at this meeting. Dinner will be served and the expenses will be paid by the automobile dealers' association. Several of the Ranger editors have said they were going to attend, but all are urged to go.

Better Pay Poll Tax—Now

(An Editorial)

Only four more days remain in which poll taxes can be paid. There are many reasons why every citizen of this county and this state should pay his or her poll tax, but one of the most important of these is the fact that we are going to be called on this year to select government representatives from precinct officers to the president of the United States.

The 1928 presidential campaign promises to be one of the most spirited political battles that has been seen in this country in many years. Will you be an active participant in that hot fight? Will you be fighting for your party or its principals in a manner that will really count for something or will your efforts be confined to talk because you have not paid your poll tax?

Texas has been particularly favored by the Democratic party this year through the decision of the party to hold its national convention within the borders of the state. If you are a democrat you should have a voice in what transpires at this convention. If you are a republican you should have a voice in who is nominated at the convention of that party in Kansas City. But if you have not and do not pay your poll tax what you have to say will not have the slightest weight.

Your obligation to pay a poll tax is an obligation to yourself, not to any particular candidate or other person.

You are not a full fledged citizen of your community or your state until you have paid your poll tax, for you can have no voice in their government.

States Attorneys Ask Death, Defense for Life of Defendant

CASE LIKELY WILL REACH JURY TODAY

Defendant's Mother Weeps as Attorney Draws Word Picture of Death Scene.

Sterling C. Holloway, first assistant district attorney, opened for the state in the argument before the jury in the Marshall Ratliff case. He was followed by J. Lee Cearley of Cisco for the defense. District Attorney J. Frank Sparks will follow Mr. Cearley and J. K. Aker of Coleman, will close for the defense, while District Attorney J. Frank Sparks will close for the state. Three and one-half hours to the side was given the attorneys for the argument before the jury.

Judge Davenport gave his charge to the jury at 9:45 this morning. In addition to the general charge, a special charge on alibi, requested by the defense, and one on the law relating to custody of property asked for by the state, were given to the jury by the court.

Attorneys for the state are making pleas for the death sentence, while defense attorneys are stressing the theory that the job of robbing the bank had already been completed when firing began; that the state had not shown that the accused was the man who played the Santa Claus role, etc.

Long before the time to open court this morning the court room was filled to overflowing with spectators who remained in their seats until court adjourned at the noon hour. Even then many of them did not leave, but remained to eat lunches which they had brought with them or which they had brought to them by friends on the outside.

Mother Weeps.

Ratliff, seated at the same place where he sat throughout the long trial and facing the jury, showed no signs of emotion as attorneys reviewed the evidence and discussed the case. Mrs. Killa Carter, his mother, who sat with her arms around Ratliff's shoulder and occasionally looked into his face, shed tears as J. Lee Cearley, defense attorney, painted a word picture of the death scene in the death cell at the state prison and pleaded with the jury to consider well and weigh carefully the evidence before sending the accused to his death.

Warner Brothers Studio Damaged \$200,000 by Fire

By United Press.

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 26.—Fire which swept the Warner Brothers motion picture studio caused damage estimated at \$200,000.

The blaze threatened to spread over the entire plant.

Cameramen at the studio saved hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of unreleased films.

LONE CEDAR STUDENT HAS PERFECT AVERAGE

Buster Powell, age 9, grade four, and a pupil of the Lone Cedar school, six miles south of Ranger, has this honor. Buster is an "A" student, receiving this grade in all subjects, and he has a perfect record in attendance and spelling.

Charge of the Court In Ratliff Murder Case

Gentlemen of the Jury: You will not consider for any purpose the testimony offered in the trial of this case by the state of the witness H. McDonald, and said testimony is by the court hereby withdrawn from your consideration.

You are further instructed that you will not consider for any purpose the following testimony of the witness Carl Wylie which testimony was offered by the state in the trial of this case, the evidence withdrawn from you, being the question and answer hereinafter given, to-wit:

(Question) Did you go and take these boys of your own accord, willingly or otherwise?

(Answer) I was forced to go.

The testimony is by the court withdrawn from your consideration and will not be considered by you for any purpose.

The defendant stands charged by indictment with the offense of robbery by assault and by violence and by putting in fear of life and bodily injury, and by the use of firearms, of one A. Sparks, alleged to have been committed in the county of Eastland and the state of Texas, on or about the twenty-third of December, A. D., 1927.

To this charge the defendant has pleaded not guilty.

Our statute provides that if any person by assault or violence, or by putting in fear of life or bodily injury, shall fraudulently take from the possession of another any property with the intent to appropriate the same to his own use, he shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary for life, or for a term of not less than five years.

The use of any unlawful violence upon the person of another with intent to injure such other person, whatever be the means or degree of violence used, is an assault and battery. Any attempt to commit a battery, or any threatening gesture, in itself or by words accompanied by an immediate intention coupled with an ability to commit a battery, is an assault.

By the expression "coupled with ability to commit a battery" is meant that the person making the assault must, at the time, be in such position as to be able to commit a battery on such person by the means used.

You are further instructed that the

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AVIATION NEWS

By United Press.

LINDBERGH

PANAMA CITY, Jan. 26.—The good will flight of Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh into the Pan-American country was to resume today.

With the "Spirit of St. Louis" well adjusted and overhauled the flying Col. planned to take off about 9 a. m. for Cartagena, Columbia. This differed from previously announced plan as he was scheduled to leave Friday for Bogota, however the officials of Cartagena pleaded that Lindbergh visit their city and he complied by moving his schedule up two days. From Cartagena Lindbergh planned to fly to Bogota then to Caracas, Venezuela and to follow the route he had previously announced.

HARRY BROOKS

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Jan. 26.—The two-cylinder motor plane piloted by Harry Brooks left here this morning for Washington, D. C., a distance of 400 miles.

CHAMBERLIN

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 26.—Clarence D. Chamberlain and his co-pilot Rezer Williams will make another attempt next week to break the United States endurance flight record of 52 hours and 23 minutes. The flight will be made here according to A. A. Martine of New York.

FRENCH FLYERS

COLON, Canal Zone, Jan. 26.—Dieudonne Costes and Joseph Lebriz, French trans-Atlantic aviators left from France field at 6:54 a. m., for Guatemala, continuing their trans-Atlantic tour.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The All-American Cable company today received a dispatch from Cartagena, Columbia, that Colonel Charges A. Lindbergh's airplane was circling over the city at 1:45 p. m.

BURNS SAYS HOTEL ROOMS IN WASHINGTON RIFLED

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—William J. Burns, famous detective, said today his hotel room here and those of many of his operatives have been rifled in the last few days.

Burns said a document in connection with the Burns-Sinclair contempt trial was missing from his room.

TRANSFER COL. GULICK NICARAGUA TO HAITI

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Col. Lewis Mason Gulick, who has been commanding United States marines in Nicaragua was ordered today to command the First brigade in Haiti, succeeding Col. John T. Meyers. Meyers was ordered to Washington for further assignment.

GANGSTERS START WAR ON CHICAGO

Homes of Chicago City Officials Bombed During Night, No Injuries.

By United Press.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—Gangland, battling for its life today declared war on the city of Chicago. That was the interpretation placed by police on the bombing shortly after midnight at the home of Chas. Fitzmorris, city comptroller and second in rank to Mayor Thompson and former chief of police.

A second bomb exploded early this morning between the homes of Dr. Wm. H. Reid, a power in the Thompson political machine and Jno. P. Allen, Thompson supporter. The bomb might have been intended for either Reid or Allen but police were unable to believe it was directed at Reid. No one was injured by the bombs.

GRAND JURY TO CONTINUE ITS CRUELTY PROBE

Indictments May Result From Investigation Now Under Way in Taylor County.

By United Press.

AUSTIN, Jan. 26.—Alleged cruelties at the state epileptic colony at Abilene are under probe by the Taylor county grand jury and indictments may result if it was learned today following the return of Assistant Attorney General Calhoun from Abilene. Calhoun attended the trial of an attendant at the colony who was charged with beating to death Joe Marze, a patient.

Marze was not the only patient ill treated according to information given authorities.

Even more painful injury than that suffered by Marze before his death is reported to have been inflicted on a patient still living.

CHIEF JUSTICE PANNILL LEAVES APPEALS COURT

Chief Justice William Pannill of the Eleventh Court of Civil Appeals at Eastland, wired Governor Moody this morning his resignation to become effective February 4.

Judge Pannill stated that he was resigning to go to Fort Worth where he will engage in the practice of law, having formed a partnership with John J. Heiner of that city, the firm name to be Heiner and Pannill.

Mr. Pannill was appointed to the position on the Court of Civil Appeals by Governor Ferguson when the court was created in 1925 and was elected to the place in 1926. Before that time he served six years as district attorney of the 29th judicial district, living at Stephenville.

Judge Pannill asked the newspaper men to express through their papers his appreciation to the public in general and especially the citizens and attorneys of his district for the splendid co-operation they had given him while he was on the bench.

LETTERS FROM WASHINGTON

NEA Service Writer.

WASHINGTON.—Here are a few little true stories of the life in Washington.

"That man," said an elevator operator in the house office building as one of our 435 congressmen left the car, "had perfume on him."

"The congressman," said one of the girls in one of the offices, "is sick. He has been sick since the beginning of the session and couldn't show up. We decided that we would have to have him sworn in at his home so that he could be paired, which would make him feel a lot better."

"He thought he was paired at the beginning of the session and it made him feel good, because he takes his job very seriously, when he felt that his absence would help organize the house. But it didn't count because he hadn't been sworn in. But we didn't ever tell him his vote didn't count because it would have made him feel bad."

"My boss," said another of the girls, "doesn't pay any attention to

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Rev. W. H. Johnson

Members of the First Baptist church of Ranger will observe tonight the tenth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. W. H. Johnson. Dinner will be served to members and friends of the church at 6:30 and a program will be rendered in the auditorium at 7:30 p. m.



Ranger Baptists Expect Big Crowd At Celebration

Final preparations for the banquet and program to be given in honor of Rev. W. H. Johnson, celebrating his tenth year that he has been pastor of the First Baptist church, Ranger, have been made and one of the largest crowds that has ever assembled in the church auditorium is expected to hear Dr. Lee R. Scarborough, president of the Southwestern Theological seminary, make his address tonight.

The banquet, which is invitational, will start at 6:30 o'clock and the program, which will be given in the auditorium, will start at 7:45.

In addition to Dr. Scarborough's address, prominent Ranger citizens will make short talks.

Aviator Is Given Sentence in Jail For Flying Low

By United Press.

NAUGATUCK, Conn., Jan. 26.—Bert Acosta, famous aviator was sentenced to five days in jail today when he was convicted of violating the state aero traffic laws against low flying.

Acosta appeared before Judge Frank A. Sears, without counsel. He pleaded guilty and sentence was imposed immediately, Judge Sears also ordering the flyer to pay court costs.

The aviator did not appeal immediately and court officers said he did not intend to do so.

Police Asked To Search For Girl In San Antonio

By United Press.

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 26.—Police were asked today to search for Vera Macy, 12, daughter of G. A. Macy of Davenport, Iowa, who disappeared yesterday from a San Antonio tourist camp with a middle-aged man. He said the man employed his daughter to watch his small children.

No trace has been found of the man or the girl since they left the camp.

BIBLICAL SHIELD IN CHARM

Mahzel, a device taken from the shield of David, and which has been carried by devout Jews for 5,500 years, is being commercialized in Europe as a lucky charm. Thefad started when it was told that Levine had the sign on his airplane when he flew the Atlanti. Mahzel also appears on Ark in all synagogues.

HARLINGEN.—Postmasters of Texas will hold their annual convention here April 23-25 according to word received here from Postmaster E. N. Mulkey of Sherman, president of the association.

More than 800 postmasters are expected to attend the convention.

1928 Promises Many Surprises In Development of Aviation

Are you interested in the development of aviation in this and other countries?

If so, begin today and read the series of articles on what European countries hope to attain along the lines of aviation during 1928.

Plans of Louis Bleriot, first man to fly the English channel, for establishment of a regular Franco-American mail line.

French readiness to follow the lead of the United States in making the air triumphs of 1927 only the beginning of a regular trans-Atlantic air passenger service—a small army of aviators are ready to man the planes which will be sent out under the auspices of the government.

The thrills of an ocean air voyage in the future—accommodations, experiences, life in one of these giant greyhounds of the air.

Plans of England, Germany, Italy and Spain to contribute to the advancement of the aerial age.

Our foreign correspondents have produced a series of stories, the results of weeks of research which will show the efforts of European nations to meet the challenge of the United States in aerial development.

HICKMAN TRIAL CALLED AGAIN IN LOS ANGELES

Judge Carlos Hardy Vacates Bench, Defense Attorneys Charge He is Prejudiced.

By United Press.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26.—With a new presiding judge on the bench the case of the state of California versus William Edward Hickman was called again in superior court here today.

Judge J. J. Trabucco, presided at the trial replacing Judge Carlos Hardy, who withdrew from the case when defense attorneys objected to him on the grounds that he was prejudiced.

Excitement again sped through the hall of justice as Hickman was led from the jail to the courtroom. He appeared more self possessed than he did yesterday.

There was a terrific jam in the corridors outside the room where Hickman's fate will be decided and policemen battled with the crowds.

One aged man fell in a faint after standing in line for hours in the hope of getting one of the few seats available for the public.

A legal jockeying by defense and prosecuting attorneys over technicalities incident to the change of judges was expected to be replaced today by the start of the battle over the selection of a jury for the trial.

Judge Hardy opened the session by reading the court order that deposed him as trial judge. He then introduced the new judge and retired from the bench.

Jerome Walsh, youthful leader of the defense legal forces, at once launched a new move to delay the trial by objecting to Judge Trabucco.

Judge Trabucco overruled defense objection to him presiding at the trial and the fight over selection of a jury began.

The jury box was filled with 12 prospective jurors and opposing attorneys began questioning them. Four of the 12 called to the box were women. It was indicated early in the proceedings that the selection of a jury probably will be a long drawn out task.

The defense fought at each step of the way to gain advantages for Hickman in the questioning of the talemens.

Most of those examined at the start had formed a definite opinion on the case. The jury's sole duty will be to determine whether Hickman is sane and can be sent to the gal-lows for the crime.

Texas Ranger, Investigator, Deputy Jailed

By United Press.

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 26.—Texas ranger, a county investigator and a deputy constable were jailed here early today for drunkenness, police disclosed.

All were later released. It was said that charges would be filed against the ranger in county court for being drunk and using abusive language.

The ranger was arrested when he went to the city jail and protested that county motor police had not obeyed his command to "clear out" of a restaurant when he ordered four of them to leave.

He was reported to have told police that the governor sent him here to "get rid of" motorcycle cops." He was disarmed by police and locked up.

The county investigator was jailed after an automobile collision. The deputy constable was locked up when he tried to lock a man in the city jail to settle a personal grudge.

Executive of Boy Scouts Will Talk On Radio Tonight

James E. West, chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America, will convey a special message to the boys of the southwest, and to all listeners, promptly at 6:30 p. m., today over WFAA.

Again promptly at 8 o'clock from the same station, Mr. West will have the air for his entire address to the ninth regional committee dinner.

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PETROLEUM OUTLOOK.
Indications point to an early arrival of activity in the oil fields in Eastland and adjacent counties. This statement must not be interpreted to mean that this section of the state is going to see another oil boom nor does it mean that there is going to be an advance in the price of crude oil. The mid-Texas oil belt is in no danger of another boom era—the word danger being used advisedly. However there is a possibility and according to some quite a probability that there will be some little advance in the price of high gravity crude oil during the early months of 1928. But we are not in position to predict price movements.

But if there is no advance in the price of crude oil, if the present price level should prevail for the next six months, it is quite evident that there will be some increase in field development in this section of the state. The reasons for this are obvious. While there has been a heavy over-production of crude oil and may still be for that matter, there is no big surplus of "sweet" oil in storage nor is there any likelihood that the market will be flooded any time soon with this high gravity oil.

This section of Texas, somewhat generally known as the Ranger district has long been noted for the high quality of its crude oil. In quality, it ranks second to none produced anywhere in the United States, unless it be the famous Pennsylvania crude. And many refiners of the country contend that there is such a slight difference in the qualities of these two products that it is difficult indeed to distinguish between Ranger crude and Pennsylvania crude.

And this is the product that refiners and pipe line companies are after. Operators report that there is now a great demand for pipe line connections in these high gravity oil fields than there has been for many months. The reason seems to be an apparent decline in the big production of the Seminole field of Oklahoma.

Far western Texas is producing large quantities of oil but there are two factors that preclude that section of the state becoming a menace to the high gravity fields. They are: The lack of adequate transportation facilities and the comparative low gravity of the oil produced there.

Oil men who are in close touch with the situation and who are in position to know, contend that unless there is some change from the present, the demand for "sweet" oil will be such that a resumption of drilling activities on a somewhat larger scale may be expected in this section of the state.

All the major oil companies have extensive holdings in this section of Texas, many of them purchased long ago at comparatively high prices and on which many annual rentals have been paid. The fact that these leases are being renewed from year to year at considerable expense is regarded as reason enough to look for renewed activity whenever the demand for oil is sufficient to justify it.

It would not take much of an increase in activity to be of very material benefit to the towns of Eastland and Stephens counties. It is that one thing more than any other that brings immediate prosperity to the merchants of Eastland, Cisco, Ranger and Breckenridge as well as merchants in smaller towns of the two counties.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL.
Eastland county candidates expect to draw their support from Eastland county voters and all of them will want the union label on their cards and campaign literature. We are advised that there is only one town in Eastland county, as well as in some of the adjoining counties where the union label may be obtained, and that town is Ranger.

In some of the campaigns of the past candidates have been known to send to Fort Worth and other large cities to have their printing done in order to secure the union label.

The Times Publishing company at Ranger is in position to supply this label on all campaign literature.

Your support will come from Eastland county. Why not have your literature printed at home?

CHARGE OF THE COURT IN RATLIFF ROBBERY TRIAL

statute defining the offense of robbery provides that when "a firearm is used or exhibited in the commission of the offense, the punishment shall be death or by confinement in the penitentiary for any term not less than five years."

Under the foregoing definition, you are instructed that if you believe from the evidence, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the defendant, on or about the twenty-third day of December, 1927, in the county of Eastland and state of Texas, as alleged in the indictment, did, unlawfully and wilfully, make an assault upon the person of A. Spears, and then and there by said assault or by violence or by putting in fear of life or bodily injury, and by using or exhibiting a firearm, to-wit, a pistol, did fraudulently take from the possession of the said A. Spears, without the consent and against the will of the said A. Spears, the personal property described in the indictment, to-wit, twelve thousand four hundred dollars in money or any part of the said money, so described in said indictment, with the intent to appropriate the same to the use and benefit of him, the said defendant, and you further find from the evidence, beyond a reasonable doubt, that he used or exhibited a firearm in the commission of the offense, then you will find him guilty as charged, and assess his punishment at death, or by confinement in the penitentiary for any term not less than five years, but if you do not believe beyond a reasonable doubt thereof you will give the defendant the benefit of such doubt and acquit the defendant and say by your verdict "not guilty."

You are instructed that by the term "wilfully" as used in this charge is meant with an evil intent, with legal malice, without reasonable ground for believing the act to be lawful, and without legal justification.

In order to warrant a conviction of a crime on circumstantial evidence, each fact, necessary to the conclusion sought to be established, must be proved by competent evidence, beyond a reasonable doubt; all the facts (that is, the facts necessary to the conclusion) must be consistent with each other and with the main fact sought to be proved; and the circumstances, taken together, must be of a conclusive nature, leading, on the whole, to a satisfactory conclusion, and proving, in effect, a reasonable and moral certainty that the accused, either alone, or acting together with others, committed the offense charged.

But in such cases it is not sufficient that the circumstances coincide with, account for and therefore render probable the guilt of the defendant. They must exclude, to a moral certainty, every other reasonable hypothesis, except the defendant's guilt, and unless they do so, beyond a reasonable doubt, you will find the defendant not guilty.

You are further instructed that all persons are principals who are guilty of acting together in the commission of an offense. When an offense is actually committed by one or more persons, but others are present, and, knowing the unlawful intent, aid by acts, or encourage by words and gestures, those actually engaged in the commission of the unlawful act, such persons so aiding or encouraging are principal offenders, and may be prosecuted as such.

I charge you in this case that Marshall Ratliff alone is on trial, and in this connection you are further charged that the said Marshall Ratliff cannot be held responsible for the unlawful acts, if any, of any other person or persons, unless you believe from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that he, the said Marshall Ratliff, was present with such other person or persons, and knowing of his or their unlawful intent, if any, aided by acts or encouraged by words or gestures such other person or persons in the commission of the offense charged in this indictment, and unless you so believe beyond a reasonable doubt you will acquit the defendant.

In a criminal case the law permits a defendant to testify in his own behalf, but the same law provides that his failure to so testify shall not be

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his business any more. He pays too much attention to me. He ought to pay more attention to his wife and have her in Washington more, instead of paying so much attention to me. I can't get any work done because he stays off the floor and keeps looking at me and talking to me. He is too old, anyway. You don't know of a good job anywhere, do you?"

"I once had a boss," reminisced another, "who was a congressman from New York. His district was half Jewish and half Gentile. He was a Presbyterian and a Jew opposed him for re-election. When the votes were counted he found that he had carried all the Jewish precincts and the Jew candidate had carried all the other precincts. The only way he could explain it was that each race knew its own man best."

"I," said another, this one secretive to a senator, "am unquestionably one of the biggest, if not one of the very best liars in Washington. If I were not a big liar and a good liar, I could not keep my job. My boss is always after me, demanding that I tell bigger and better lies."

"My boss delights to remain in the solitude of his inner office without ever seeing anyone, with rare exceptions. He has his machine sewed up at home and so isn't worrying about re-election. Sometimes I simply can't lie big enough and good enough to keep a man from getting in to him and after such occasions, almost invariably my boss curses me out."

considered as a circumstance against him.

You will therefore not consider the failure of the defendant to testify as a circumstance against him, neither will you comment on it, nor mention it, nor discuss it in any particular when you retire to consider of your verdict.

You are charged that if any juror has any knowledge of any fact or circumstance not in evidence in this case you will not communicate same to any other juror, and same must not be considered by you for any purpose; but you will make up your verdict alone from the evidence adduced from the witness stand in the trial and from no other source.

In all criminal cases the burden of proof is on the state. The defendant is presumed to be innocent until his guilt is established by legal evidence, beyond a reasonable doubt; and in case you have a reasonable doubt as to the defendant's guilt you will acquit him, and say by your verdict "not guilty."

You are the exclusive judges of the facts proved, of the credibility of the witnesses and of the weight to be given to the testimony, but you are bound to receive the law from the court, which is herein given you, and be governed thereby.

Hearn Will Seek Re-election As Tax Collector

A. M. (Ott) Hearn authorizes announcement of his candidacy for re-election second term to the office of tax collector of Eastland county. He states that a later date he will give a formal announcement.

Mr. Hearn is an Eastland county boy and by reason of his long experience in the office he is seeking is well qualified to fill the position.

Society and Club News
MISS JANET E. LAMB
Phone 224

TONIGHT.
Rainbow Girls meet at the Masonic hall, 6:30 promptly.
First Baptist church tenth anniversary with Rev. W. H. Johnson as pastor. Dinner at 6:30 p. m. by invitation and program for the public at 7:45 p. m.
Elk's Dance Leonard's Coloradoans will furnish music.
FRIDAY.
Eastern Star Study club meeting at 7:30 p. m., Masonic hall.
Hodges Oak Park P. T. A. entertainment for the fathers.

CHILD STUDY ASSOCIATION.
Circle number two of the Child study association met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. A. Smith on Elm street.
An interesting program was given, with Mrs. J. S. Reynolds as the leader. A splendid reading was given by Mrs. H. D. Bishop. After the business meeting an enjoyable musical program was given by Mrs. Davis and Mrs. W. R. Avent.
Refreshments were served to the 12 members present.

BLUE BONNET SEWING CLUB.
The Blue Bonnet sewing club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. E. Anderson. A delightful meeting was enjoyed. Refreshments were served to Mmes. Frank Shoffstall, Perry Fox, W. H. Bolling and Revis Hunt Long.
The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. Perry Fox.

NEW ERA CLUB MEETING.
The New Era club met Wednesday afternoon in the green room of the Gholson hotel. Mrs. O. S. Driskill was leader for the afternoon and the subject was "Texas Writers." Mrs. Walter Harwell gave the interesting biography of Edgar A. Guest and read several of his poems. Mrs. Wallace Wagner very efficiently and thoroughly covered "My Favorite Texas Writers." Mrs. W. W. Housewright read very impressively "The Scoffer."
The club voted to endorse and give their entire assistance to the new club house project.

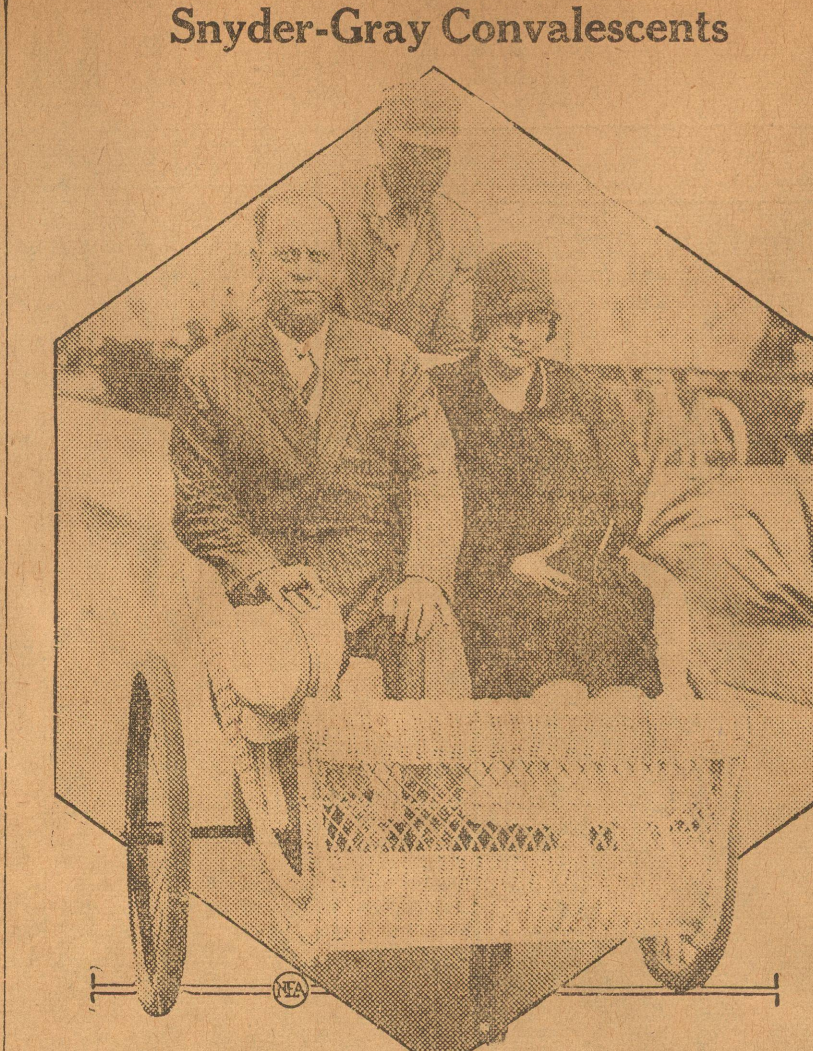
Mrs. L. C. G. Buchanan expressed the sympathy of the club in losing their member Mrs. J. M. White who is going to Midland to make her home.

There was a splendid attendance at this meeting.

WOMAN'S MISSION SOCIETY OF OLDEN MEETS.
The woman's missionary society of the M. E. church of Olden met in a social meeting at the home of Mrs. J. E. King Monday afternoon.
The meeting opened with a song and a brief scripture lesson was read by Mrs. King. The society then decided to put on a play in the future, the time to be decided later. Mrs. Connell of Cisco extended an invitation to the society to meet with the Cisco society the third Monday in February and the invitation was accepted.

After the business meeting a social hour was enjoyed in which everyone took part in a flower game. Mrs. C. R. Cobert was given a lovely hand painted handkerchief for having the most flowers.

Lovely refreshments were served to Mmes. G. W. Collins, C. R. Cobert, E. L. Mitchell, A. L. Hillard, R. T. Robinson, L. S. Hamilton, S. E. Miller, W. R. McGowan, Mmes. R. T.



To rest from the prolonged nervous and physical strain incident to the Snyder-Gray executions, Warden Lewis E. Lawes of Sing Sing prison, went to Palm Beach immediately thereafter. Here you see him with Mrs. Lawes taking it easy in approved Florida fashion.

Middleton and Meryle Anderson of the Connellee lease, Rev. and Mrs. Connell and daughter and Mrs. O. D. McDonald of Cisco.
The hostess was assisted by her daughter Miss Marietta King and Mrs. Horner.

PERSONALS.
Wayne C. Hickey, secretary of the chamber of commerce, spent Wednesday in reckenridge.
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Conway have returned from San Antonio and a trip through the Rio Grande Valley, and are at home 323 Pine street.

DALLAS.—Federal income tax blanks have been mailed to more than 75,000 persons and corporations in North Texas, according to T. F. Johnson, assistant to the collector of Dallas. The blanks were sent to all who paid the tax last year. The forms must be filed by March 1 and be accompanied by at least one-fourth of the annual tax.

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FRENCH GOVERNMENT WILL BACK FLIGHT TO NEW YORK

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(Editor's Note.—This is the first of a series of stories on the probable accomplishments of aviation during this year. The now famous Lindbergh dash from New York to Paris has spurred every country in Europe to new attainments in aviation. You will find tomorrow's story of this series particularly interesting. It is by H. J. Loftus-Price and describes in detail the experiences which may be had by the trans-Atlantic air voyager of the future.)

By United Press.
By JOHN O'BRIEN,
United Press Staff Correspondent.
PARIS.—Believing that ocean flying has passed the pioneer stage and that the era of practical endeavor has begun, the French government and civilian airplane manufacturers are planning flights on a huge scale for this year. Foremost among these plans are a projected official trans-Atlantic flight from Paris to New York, via the Azores, and an attempt by Louis Bleriot, the first man to fly the channel to establish an aerial mail line between France and the United States.

On account of the enormous prestige which will be the guerdon of victory in the battle against the westerly winds, which have already taken a heavy toll in lives, civilian constructors are keeping their ideas to themselves, fearing that rivals might steal them. It is known, however, that the Bleriot factory is working on the construction of an especially strong airplane, heavily powered, with a speed of 100 miles an hour, capable of carrying a thousand pounds of mail over the ocean.

The government project is in the hands of the experts of the aeronautic department of the ministry of commerce. This flight will be in no sense one like Lindbergh's or Byrd's, but will put into execution a carefully thought out plan to ascertain whether or not ocean flights are a business proposition.

It has been decided that the government flight will be made by a hydroplane with a crew of three or four experienced pilots and navigators early in June. A second hydroplane will be held in readiness to take off in the event the first does not succeed. It is also possible that a stop may be made in Bermuda if inclement weather is experienced.

Although nothing has been said about the pilots of this first official trans-Atlantic flight the name of Capt. Georges Pelletier Doisy, the French "ace of aces," comes naturally to mind. He accomplished the flight from Paris to Tokio, half way around the world, in 119 actual flying hours, also in 1926, flying from Paris to Peking, 6,285 miles, in 63 hours actual flying time.

Bleriot's plans are more ambitious. This famous pilot and manufacturer hopes to be able, within five years, to establish a regular passenger service between the old world and the new. He proposes to send a trial machine via the Azores. It will be driven by two 250-horsepower engines and will weigh about eight tons, with extra heavy wings. After experiments lasting three or four years, studying wind currents and climatic conditions, Bleriot intends to employ passenger airplanes of 24 tons, capable of carrying 40 persons, driven by 650-horsepower motors. They will be equipped with a pneumatic raft.

For these great tests French pilots are not lacking. Here are the records and further plans of the outstanding French aviators:
Henry Maurice Paillard, 32, with Mechanic Laversin, will try for a record non-stop flight in the "Oiseau Tango" built for the dash across the Atlantic. The machine will probably have a new name "Ingenieur Hubert," in memory of the constructor, who was killed in an automobile accident. The airplane weighs four and three-quarter tons, carries 3,400 litres of gasoline, giving a flying radius of 4,650 miles. It has a 420-horsepower motor and has flown at a speed of 138 miles an hour.

Lieut. Col. Georges Antoinet, 44, second in command of the military aviation field at Le Bourget, intends to start in a giant bi-motor with engines of 420-horsepower, Jupiter type, for the flight from Paris to Saigon, in several jumps with five passengers, via Bucharest, Constantinople, Bagdad, Karachi, Calcutta, Akyab, Bangkok.

The French fliers Dieudonne Costes, 35, and Joseph Le Brix, 28, who were the first to fly the South Atlantic from Africa to Brazil, may attempt a flight from New York to Paris early in 1928. Their machine is a Breguet with 660-horsepower Hispano-Suiza motor. Costes made the Paris-Assuan flight, 2,800 miles, and return and held the record for distance with his flight Paris-Djask, 3,372 miles. Lieut. Le Brix took part in the Moroccan campaign of 1925 and won two citations.

Lieut. Paulin Paris, of the navy, 29, also was in the Moroccan campaign. He recently made the Marseilles-Beirut and return flight in very bad weather conditions. In September, 1926, he made a flight from Bizarta, Tunisia, via Malta, Athens and Abookir, to Bizarta. He is mentioned prominently for a great trans-Atlantic flight via the Azores.
Capt. Pelletier Doisy, who is 35, has made many long flights in the last five years. He has recently been attached to the staff of the governor-general of Indo-China and intends to make several flights in Asia and toward Japan, possibly attempting the crossing of the Pacific ocean.

Pierre Corbu, 25, and Leon Givon, 32, were chosen by Henry Farman to pilot the "Oiseau Bleu" (The Blue Bird), over the Atlantic, but were forced to postpone the flight until 1928. This machine is a bi-motor, each engine having 500-horsepower, and it has a flying radius of 4,250 miles. Corbu has a total of 600 hours' flying in 1926 to his credit and has made many night flights. Givon has a total of 5,000 flying hours. He is a regular pilot on the Paris-Rotterdam and Paris-Berlin lines.

Maurice Drouhin, who was Charles Levine's choice for piloting his airplane from Paris to New York, intends either to try for the westward Atlantic flight or a distance flight in another direction in 1928. In 1921 he won the Grand Prix of the French Aero club and in 1922 held the world endurance record, 34 hours, 15 minutes, and established several height and distance record in the ensuing years.

Poe to Make Race For County Judge Eastland County

Responding to requests from his many friends, R. Lee Poe, this morning announced that he had definitely decided to make the race for county judge of the commissioners' court of Eastland county, stating his political announcement would be made through the columns of all the newspapers in Eastland county in the near future.

Perhaps no man was ever more strongly solicited to make the race for this office than Mr. Poe, for he is one of the most widely known citizens of the county, where he has spent the past 33 years. Born in Columbia county, Arkansas, in 1869, he came to Eastland county the week following his marriage, with his bride and his two brothers, locating on a farm in the Pleasant Hill community, which he had purchased on a previous trip to Texas. Mr. Poe says the party was three weeks on the road, as they came through in a covered wagon. He lived in the Pleasant Hill community until his removal to Cisco nine years ago, and still owns the farm which he purchased when he first came to Eastland county.

He became a leader of his community almost from the start, and introduced many improved farming methods. Mr. Poe was never strong for the one-crop idea, but began diversifying soon after he came to the county. He went in for better livestock, specializing in pure bred hogs, showing at the Dallas fair for seven years, as well as other livestock exhibitions. Poe was never out of the money at these fairs, even though his competitors were some of the leading breeders of the nation. So well known did he become that he became familiar to fair exhibitors and attendants as "Red Hog" Poe.

Realizing that a market was the essential to successful livestock breeding, he conceived the idea of a co-operative marketing plan, and made a special trip to Fort Worth where he conferred with livestock people, and

as a result of this conference the Pleasant Hill Co-operative Marketing association was formed, with the assistance of his progressive neighbors. Through this organization the members pooled their livestock shipments and sold on a wholesale market rather than depending on local butchers.

From a handful of Pleasant Hill farmers this association, which is now the Cisco Livestock Co-operative Marketing association, has grown to a membership of over 300, whose annual shipments has been as high as \$60,000, with the 1927 shipments amounting to nearly \$40,000. So far the January shipments have been \$6,267.84, which if the average holds up, will be one of the banner years of the association. No man has done more to advance the interest of the farmers than Lee Poe, for he has been a pioneer in Eastland county for better farming and better livestock, and early visioned increased revenues through co-operative marketing of farm products.

After spending 24 years on his Pleasant Hill farm Mr. Poe moved to Cisco nine years ago, but never lost interest in the agricultural affairs of the county, and still continues his farming operations.

He was a charter member of the Rankhead Poultry association, was chairman of the board of directors for over two years, where he contributed much to the success of that organization — another co-operative body.

He served with credit as a member of the city commission of Cisco, always favoring constructive, but conservative measures. He was not a candidate for re-election.

He is submitting his candidacy to the voters of Eastland county, subject to the action of the democratic primaries. Mr. Poe stated he would make a more extensive announcement of his platform in the near future, in which he would state his position on issues of interest to Eastland county people. Having lived in the county for the past 33 years he believes no man is more familiar with the needs of the county than he, and having been in close touch with the agricultural interests, believes he can accomplish something of a constructive nature.

FORT WORTH MAN EXHIBITS PATENT DEVICES AT RANGER

George H. Judia, Fort Worth, has on exhibit in the Ranger chamber of commerce windows a number of his latest inventions that patents have been issued on.

Included among the inventions on display is a new type of car sliding door, two steering wheel locks, one a key lock and the other a combination lock, an adjustable pipe wrench, and an air cleaning and moistening attachment for carburetors. Mr. Judia also has pictures of a new spot light for automobiles among the collection. A disinfectant spray for home use is also being shown. It attaches to the regulation rubber hose and is for flower beds, trees and vines.

Mr. Judia's son is with the chemistry department of the Chestnut-Smith Corporation, Ranger.

Gripings
By GUS

If we lived in a big city maybe it wouldn't be so much work in connection with griping, but the way it is here you kinda have to sit back and wait on something to happen. That's just what we've been doing and nothing has happened.

Well, we say nothing... we mean nothing unusual. The Eastland Hill road has broken a few springs and people that have to use it still curse it.

Once we tried to explain why it couldn't be paved on account of the adjoining property not being taxable. A. J. Ratliff jumped all over us and said he wished he could make the tax assessor see it that way.

We referred to the hill proper and not the road on top of the hill. However the part of the road on top of the hill is plenty rough and could be smoothed up some with considerable effort.

Maybe some deal could be made to pave that whole stretch while Billie Burke has his paving machinery here. Anyway it's a good chance for somebody to get in good with a lot of people if he could put it over.

While waiting for something to happen we noticed the awnings on the west side of the Guaranty Bank building have become somewhat disheveled from age and are tattered and torn in many instances. They make excellent locations for birds to build their nests.

The last time we looked under the derrick the accumulation of dirt and trash was still there and the nails were still in the street. They should be cleaned up.

Speaking of streets. There are two wholesale groceries, one produce house and an ice cream factory all in a single block on Melvin street. There is no way for them to reach the pavement except over a mighty rough block or so of road. Just wondered if that was included in the paving program. Yes, we live out that way, too.

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Wardlaw Wants Taxes Cut and Better Schols

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have taxes been increased, in many places to the constitutional limit, but the assessed valuations also increased. This makes the burden on the payer a great deal heavier. "That is the reason I pledged in my first announcement that if I am elected governor of Texas that I will not sign for appropriations that will necessitate such an increase in taxation as to make the burden almost unbearable for the taxpayers, as is the case now.

"Being a land owner myself, I can readily appreciate just what other property owners are facing.

"I think the three most important matters facing Texas today are tax readjustments, better educational facilities and roads.

"I am an advocate of all three. I favor a tax readjustment in order to not only equalize taxation, but also to reduce taxation, by a careful expenditure of public funds.

"I think educational facilities of Texas should be enlarged to afford better opportunities for those in rural communities and small towns where heretofore the best of educational advantages could not be had.

"The matter of good roads is one that could not be overlooked by anyone. Good roads have so much to do with our growth and welfare that every man who is a candidate for governor should give road building his closest consideration.

"I would be in favor of the creation of several road districts in the state, with a commissioner in charge of each that would be responsible to the people only.

"In fact, I would want to give every co-operation to the people that would be possible. I am against a centralized government, which gives to one central body the right to say what any district or area should or should not do, regardless of the local conditions that might exist."

Wardlaw has been practicing law in Fort Worth eight years. For 17 years he was an attorney and ranchman in Sutton county, having served six years as county judge at Sonora. Before that he was a resident of Balingier, where his father farmed.

Wardlaw still has ranching interests, with ranches now in Erath, Edwards and Val Verde counties. He also has some oil interests in Texas.

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(This is the eighth and final of a series of articles prepared by the United Press on the prospects of the clubs in the Texas league for the 1928 season. The clubs are dealt with in the order in which they finished in the 1927 race.)

DALLAS, Jan. 26.—The Messrs. Jim Galloway and Claude Robertson, owners and managers of the Beaumont club, are assembling together a club of ball players, not so much to win a pennant this year or maybe next year, but they have their eyes on the future.

The two partners have dabbled in much trading during the winter. In fact it will take this campaign and another to get their club in working order. They have improved their lineup over last season, but so has every other club.

Beaumont has for its pitching staff to get spring training Elmer Hansen, Ad Holzhauser, Buzz Phillips, A. T. Woods, William Thomas, A. J. Tising (S. J. Toner, Bill Ford, Gus Ketchum, Pat Townsend, T. O. Ferrell and Lawrence Williams.

Hansen, along with Wilkins of Shreveport, turned in the high average of the league last year. He won eight games to lose two for an average of .800. Buzz Phillips, a veteran hurler, won 13 and lost 17 games.

Lefty Darrough, a young southpaw with a lot of prospects has been reclaimed by Dallas. Pat Townsend was secured from San Antonio. Holzhauser won five and lost nine games out of 18 he appeared in.

Galloway has announced that he will not play this year but will do the directing from the bench. In Robertson, the club has a smart and clever catcher, who is said to be able

SPORTSMATTER BY FRANK GETTY UNITED PRESS SPORTS EDITOR

Tex Rickard and Gene Tunney send word from Florida that they expect the pending heavyweight elimination tournament to provide a suitable opponent for the champion next September.

The only trouble with the proposed tournament is that each contender already has been eliminated at least once, some oftener.

The contestants are Jack Sharkey, Tom Heeney, Johnny Risko, Jack Delaney and Paolino Uzeudun.

Chatter and record of these young men, without going back more than a year or so.

Jack Sharkey, on his last two appearances, was knocked out by Jack Dempsey and held to a draw by Tom Heeney.

Tom Heeney was beaten by Paolino. Paolino was defeated by Risko; Risko lost to Heeney; Jack Delaney was beaten by Risko and was losing to Paolino when fouled.

The recent speedy knockout victories achieved by Delaney and Paolino have served in a considerable measure to restore public confidence in these gentlemen.

Delaney, for instance, is a tremendous drawing card once more. Fight fans in general have short memories.

Already they have forgotten the poor showing of Delaney against this same Paolino last summer. The Basque, forcing the fighting, was leading by a wide margin in the

French Discard Names Regarded Life Handicaps PARIS.—Although a poet has told us that names mean nothing, their are many Frenchmen who have had their names changed by the competent authorities.

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This question of names has another side, too, which proves inconvenient for some people. An announcement in the official publication registers the fact that Pierre Marcel was forbidden to publish books under that name, which was his own, because another man had taken it as a pen name and was entitled, according to the court's decision, to keep it for himself exclusively.

In the great majority of cases the demands for change of name are made when the petitioner is more than 25 years old. The reason is that persons bearing ridiculous names do not become aware of it until they desire to get married, or start a business or look for promotion in the public service administrations. Then they realize their handicap.

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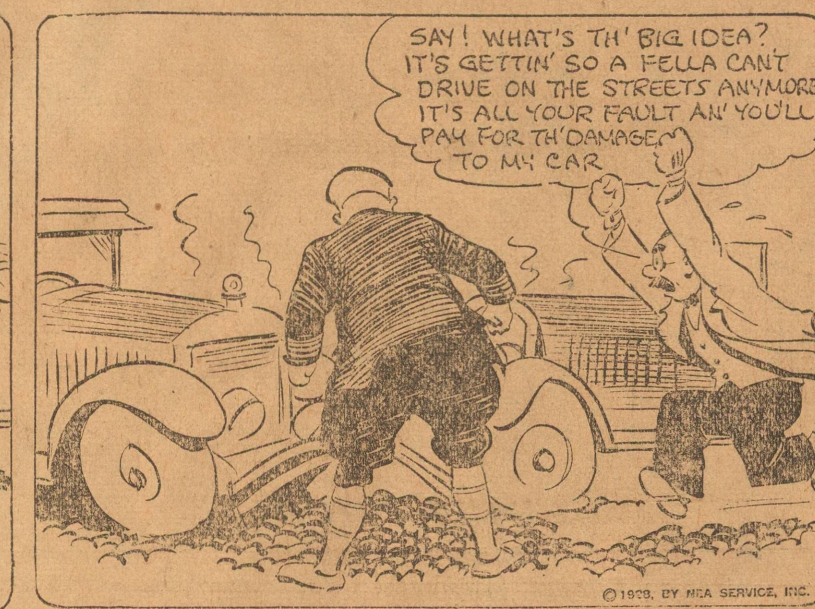
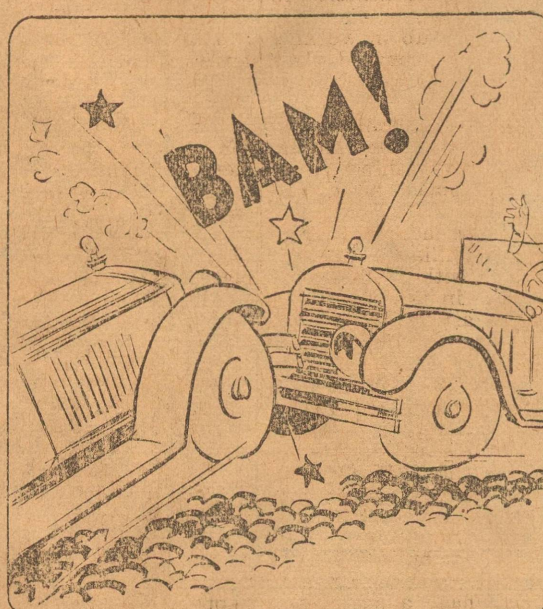
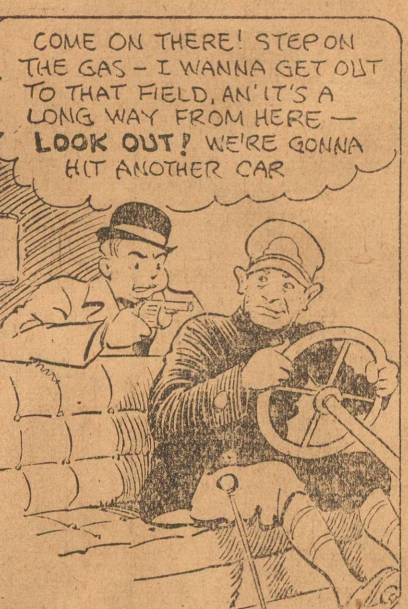
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The story is laid in the Indian territory and at the Kansas border in the '80's, when a fight was being waged for the opening of Oklahoma to settlement. Chief characters are: Tony Harrison, orphaned at 13 when his father was shot in a poker game; Pawnee Bill, adventurer, teacher, Indian interpreter, showman; Joe Craig who takes Tony to the Bar K ranch to live; Titus Moore, owner of the Bar K brand; Rita, his daughter, with whom Tony later falls in love. Moore is one of the chief opponents of the movement to open Oklahoma. David Payne, leader of the movement, dies suddenly and Tony in his loyalty to Payne is troubled because of his sympathy for Payne's cause. He tries to forget Rita Moore and accompanies Pawnee Bill and Buffalo Bill on a wild west show tour. After many adventures he returns; but Rita comes back for a visit and he is unable to keep from declaring his love for her. When she admits she is engaged to another, he disappears. When Pawnee Bill organizes his own wild west show, Tony goes with it, but it fails and Pawnee Bill is persuaded to go to Wichita to lead the "Boomers" into Oklahoma. The fight is on in earnest and Pawnee Bill and Tony encounter enemies.
CHAPTER XL
"I'm addressing my remarks to this man here," the patchey man said roughly and jerked his head toward Pawnee Bill.
"Oh, all right," Tony said easily. "I'll just sit and listen and see if I can drink in any wisdom."
The heavy-jawed man glared at him. "Fresh, ain't you?"
"Am I?" said Tony innocently and met the other's eyes with a cool stare.
"Come, come," said Pawnee Bill. "You two were going to tell us what would happen if we tried to cross the strip. Why don't you?"
"You won't get fifty feet," growled the man with the patch.
"No?"
"No. Are you going to be fool enough to try it?"
"Who sent you to find out? Never mind telling me—I know. I can answer your question in one word. It's yes."
"Then look out."
"Is that supposed to be a threat?" Pawnee Bill inquired in a mild voice. "Take it any way you want it. Those sheep back there—with a contemptuous sweep of the arm toward the line of Boomers—"won't get hurt if they listen to reason. But the ones responsible for leading them in—"He left the sentence unfinished and patted the gun holster at his hip. The long-haired man's eyes snapped. "I'll show you how much I care for your threats." He spurred his horse forward and with a crashing blow sent the other man from his saddle. The man bounded to his feet and his companion, with a loud oath, reached for his gun.
"Steady there," advised Tony Harrison. His own gun was leveled, and the man on the ground was gazing into the black orifice of Pawnee Bill's.
"Just for that I think I'll have to take those pop guns away from you little boys," said Pawnee Bill and calmly disarmed them. "Now move south."
"Who were they?" Tony asked when the men had departed in sullen anger.
"Probably call themselves killers. A coyote killer, Tony, when he's after a rabbit or a cat. But you've never heard of one standing up to a man. . . . Do I hear my name being called?"
A horseman was coming toward them from the north, riding as fast as his horse could carry him. "Bill!" they heard him call.
"The Springer bill's passed the house," he gasped as he threw himself from his horse and thrust a telegram toward Pawnee Bill. "You're advised not to make a move now."
Pawnee Bill read it hurriedly and raged it on to Tony. "Half the battle," he remarked tersely. "We'll lay low now. If we make a bad move it's chances in the senate will be jeopardized. Come on; let's spread the word."

From east and north and west the procession of wagons converged on the Kansas border and the colonies swelled in size. Arkansas City alone suddenly jumped from 10,000 to 20,000, and its old camp of original Boomers became temporary headquarters for a vast army. The chamber of commerce of Caldwell turned over the fairgrounds to them; hotels became crowded to overflowing and still they came—a mighty pouring of humanity lured on by the promise of free homes for all.
A few weeks later even Pawnee Bill looked on in amazement. "There won't be enough land to go around," he told Tony Harrison. "Not near enough. By nightfall of April 22 Oklahoma will be settled to the last quarter section and thousands will have to turn back. It'll be downright tragic for some of them. Personally, I'm not going to try to claim any land. I'll see this thing through, but next year I'll be right back in the show business again," and he smiled.
"You look kind of tired out," Harrison told him.
The other smiled. "Just a letdown. I've had considerable to worry me, but that's all over now and no blood

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Ready for the race. South line of Cherokee Strip near Hennessey, April 22, 1889.—Photo from Oklahoma Historical Society.



Scene at Buffalo Springs, near Hennessey, in the Cherokee Strip, the afternoon before the opening of Oklahoma.—From the John W. Nyce collection.

an Indian appropriation bill, the amendment providing that the lands ceded by the Creeks and Seminoles be opened for settlement under proclamation of the president.
On March 23 the proclamation was issued, and along the Kansas border there were cheers for President Benjamin Harrison.
Pawnee Bill, a copy of the proclamation in his hand, discussed his plans with a group of newspapermen. "April 22 at noon," he said. "That gives us a month to get ready. Mark my words now, boys. You'll see the doggedest, wildest race in all history. They'll pour into Oklahoma from all sides, but the biggest rush will be from the north. And now that she's going to be opened, just keep your eyes peeled for the rush to the border."
His remarks were prophetic. Free land was available—land, land, land! has been shed."
"So far?" said Tony sentimentally. "When there's more men than quarters there's bound to be some disputes. There'll be plenty of bloodshed."
"I'm afraid you're right. The Sooners will cause a lot of trouble, too, when they start popping up out of the ground. I'm told there's a lot of men who went down in the territory and got jobs as deputy marshals, planning to quit on the stroke of twelve on the opening day and drive their stakes in the choicest claims." He sighed. "Well. . . . You planning to find a claim, Tony?"
"I thought some of riding down to Guthrie."
Two days later, Friday, April 19, camp was broken early in the morning at Arkansas City and a strange procession entered the three trails leading across the Cherokee Strip. Escorted by United States cavalry, the settlers moved in three directions to the borders of the land called Oklahoma. They rode in the white-covered schooner wagons, in oxcarts, in carriages, on horseback. Some trudged on foot, hoping, when the shots would be fired at noon of the 22d, to find something that the better equipped travelers would pass up.
Some of the wagons were new, their canvas covers glistening in the sun; others were old and decrepit, having been on the border since 1884. Tony Harrison, riding leisurely on Cherokee beside the reporter for the New York World, saw many that were literally falling apart, their harness patched up with rope and wire.
Recent rainstorms had swelled the streams. The passage across the Cherokee Strip became a difficult and in many cases, a perilous journey. The crossing of the Chickasaw river especially added to their hardships. Wagons overturned, sending their precious cargoes of food and cooking utensils to the bottom. Some were never righted but were left, their owners unhooking the horses and riding the remainder of the jour-

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Special Correspondence.
AUSTIN, Jan. 26.—The year just ended, with the exception of the world war period, was one of the most profitable years that the live stock industry has ever experienced, in the opinion of George M. Lewis, live stock specialist in the bureau of business research of the University of Texas. Prices received from the sale of cattle, sheep, goats, wool and mohair were especially satisfactory to the producers, with cattle prices reaching the highest levels since 1920, Mr. Lewis points out. These increases, Mr. Lewis believes, were encouraged by the 17 percent decrease in the number of beef cattle in the United States since 1920 and by the prosperous conditions that have existed in all channels of trade and industry which helped to hold the consumption of beef up to normal.

"Although sheep and lamb prices were under the level of the two previous years, they sufficiently high to enable the producers to realize excellent returns," Mr. Lewis writes in the monthly Texas Business Review, published by the bureau of business research. "Wool and mohair production, likewise, was heavy and both of these products commanded satisfactory prices. The trend of hog prices was downward most of the year, which resulted in very disappointing returns to producers. The December hog quotations were the lowest since the middle of 1924. These low prices were brought about by the high price of corn, the heavy market receipts, the large cold storage holdings and the light foreign demand for American pork products."

In regard to prospects for 1928, in the live stock industry Mr. Lewis says:

"The cattle market is faced with two peculiar conditions: one is that beef prices are high and the other is that hog prices are very low. The tendency during 1928 will be for many consumers to substitute pork for beef. On the other hand, the cattle industry possesses some very strong factors that should keep prices up to a satisfactory level during the year. In the first place, the number of beef cattle available for market will be smaller than last year because there are fewer on feed. If a normal rate of consumption can be maintained during the year, cattle prices are likely to continue strong. Producers should place emphasis on better quality and not market their cattle before they are in good flesh. Poor quality meat will discourage consumption."

"Sheep men are increasing their flocks too rapidly both in Texas and in the United States. There were 450,000 head or 10 per cent more sheep and lambs on feed on January 1, 1928, than a year ago, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. Unless this annual increase is checked, the market soon will be unable to absorb the available supply. This year is the time to begin this movement before the good market is demoralized."

"The outlook for the hog industry is encouraging. Prices seem to be near the bottom of the price cycle; and lower prices should stimulate the demand for pork both at home and abroad, especially with beef prices at their high level. Texas consumes many more hogs than are produced in the state. It would seem advisable, therefore, to encourage farmers who have adequate facilities to avail them selves of the present low prices to restock their farms with more hogs."

DALLAS.—For the first time in five years the city patrol wagon was idle one day this week. Not a single call was made during the entire day. As a rule a score of trips are made by the Black Maria each day. Police could not account for the slump in business.

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OUT OUR WAY



Olden News

Special Correspondence.
OLDEN, Jan. 26.—Mrs. Mary Gonsols, who has been dangerously ill for the last week, passed away Monday evening at 7 o'clock. Mrs. Gonsols, or "Aunt Mary," as everyone knew her, was 85 years old, and had made her home with her niece, Mrs. G. L. Russell and family for the past 28 years. Aunt Mary was loved by all who knew her. The funeral was conducted at the home Tuesday afternoon by Rev. W. L. Connell of Cisco and pastor of the Methodist church. The remains were laid to rest in the Eastland cemetery. All Olden citizens extend their love and sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mrs. A. D. Baker of Gorman, is here visiting with her sister-in-law, Mrs. A. B. Baker.

Onus Dick, employe of the Magnolia Petroleum company, went to Pasche, Texas, last week and returned home Sunday with his bride, who

was formerly Miss Lorene Young of Pasche. The couple were married in Brady, Saturday, and were accompanied by Miss Thelma Young, a cousin of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Dick will make their home in Olden.

The ladies of the Methodist church surprised Mrs. J. B. King with an elaborate birthday dinner last Sunday. The dinner all being prepared and on the table when Mrs. King returned from Sunday school.

Mrs. Minnie Edwards of Fort Worth has been at the Russell home for the last several days to be at the bedside of Aunt Mary, who died Monday evening.

Miss Georgia Boyles of Seymour, arrived here Monday for a visit with her sisters, Mrs. V. M. Hamilton and Mrs. Gorman Morton.

The Olden High school pupils are preparing a play, "The Eyes of Love," which they will present here in the near future, the proceeds of which will be used to buy sweaters.

Rev. Mr. Hart of Ranger will

preach his farewell sermon here at the Church of God Sunday at 11 a. m.

W. M. Sosebee and children are home from Duncan, Okla., where they have been for the past week. Mr. Sosebee is preparing to move to the Rio Grande valley soon.

George B. Jackson left today for Fort Worth after spending a few days with his brother, W. A. Jackson.

Dottie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brown was seriously burned Saturday when her nightclothes caught fire from the heating stove.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Looney and children left Monday for Chickasha, Okla., to attend the funeral of Mrs. Looney's mother.

A golden saw has been unearthed at Ur. But the people who build your house nowadays have discarded that base metal. They use platinum—and if you don't believe it, just figure on getting a house built.

League Opposes Power Permit In Royal Gorge

Special Correspondence.
CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—The Izaak Walton League of America, powerful national conservation organization, has made vigorous protest against the diversion of water from the Royal Gorge, scenic wonder of Colorado.

The protest is led by William MacLeod Raine, western writer, in an article in the current number of Outdoor America, official organ of the league.

According to Mr. Raine, a Colorado public service corporation has made application to withdraw water from the Arkansas river, which runs through the Gorge, to such an extent that the great gash in the Rockies, visited by many thousands of sight-seers annually, would be entirely dry on an average of one hundred days a year.

The plan is to withdraw the water through a flume for power purposes. It is the contention of Mr. Raine and the Izaak Walton League that such a diversion is not necessary to serve the public, since the economic need represented can be filled by use of many other mountain torrents which have no spectacular scenic value.

The trans-continental line of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad goes through the gorge, as does the Pike's Peak ocean to ocean highway, and the spectacle is thus enjoyed by a major portion of the Colorado tourists, Mr. Raine points out.

"You can not rob the Royal Gorge of its water and leave it a thing of joy," he maintains. "The bed of the river would be an ugly rock quarry instead of a tumultuous riot of leaping, foaming water. It seems inconceivable that we could even for a moment consider such vandalism to profit a private corporation. In Europe such a desecration would meet with instant, sharp rebuff. But we are young and prodigal and thoughtless people. Recklessly we fling away our heritage. And often too late we are sorry."

The gorge is half a mile deep, and is said to be the narrowest cleft of that height in the entire mountain backbone of the continent. The water would be diverted in the upper reaches of the gorge, sent through a tunnel to re-enter its natural bed at a point near to the end of the gorge.

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Nimrod News

Special Correspondence.
NIMROD, Jan. 26.—Rev. N. Baldree filled his regular appointment here Saturday night and Sunday. A large crowd attended each service.

A. N. McBeth and family were called to Rising Star Sunday on account of the illness and operation of Miss Eva Richardson, sister of Mrs. McBeth.

W. S. McCorkle, S. D. Stanaford, G. Notgrass, and H. A. Wright were Eastland visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harrelson were Cisco visitors Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Westerman spent Saturday night at the George Brown home in Scranton.

A pie supper was held here Friday night and a large number of pies were sold. Representatives of the Cisco Chamber of Commerce brought merchandise to this sale, and a total of \$62.28 was realized.

ROMAN RELICS NEAR COLOGNE.
Still in excellent condition; a system of concrete pipes, which had been installed by the Romans, has been found near Cologne, Germany. The system was installed about 80 a. m., to supply water from the Eifel mountains to Colonia Agrippa—the present Cologne.

Manhattan Island, one of the five boroughs comprising the City of Greater New York, is 12 1-2 miles long, with its greatest width two and one-half miles, and has 1,877,000 inhabitants on its 22 square miles, according to a 1926 count, points out an article in this week's issue of Liberty.

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