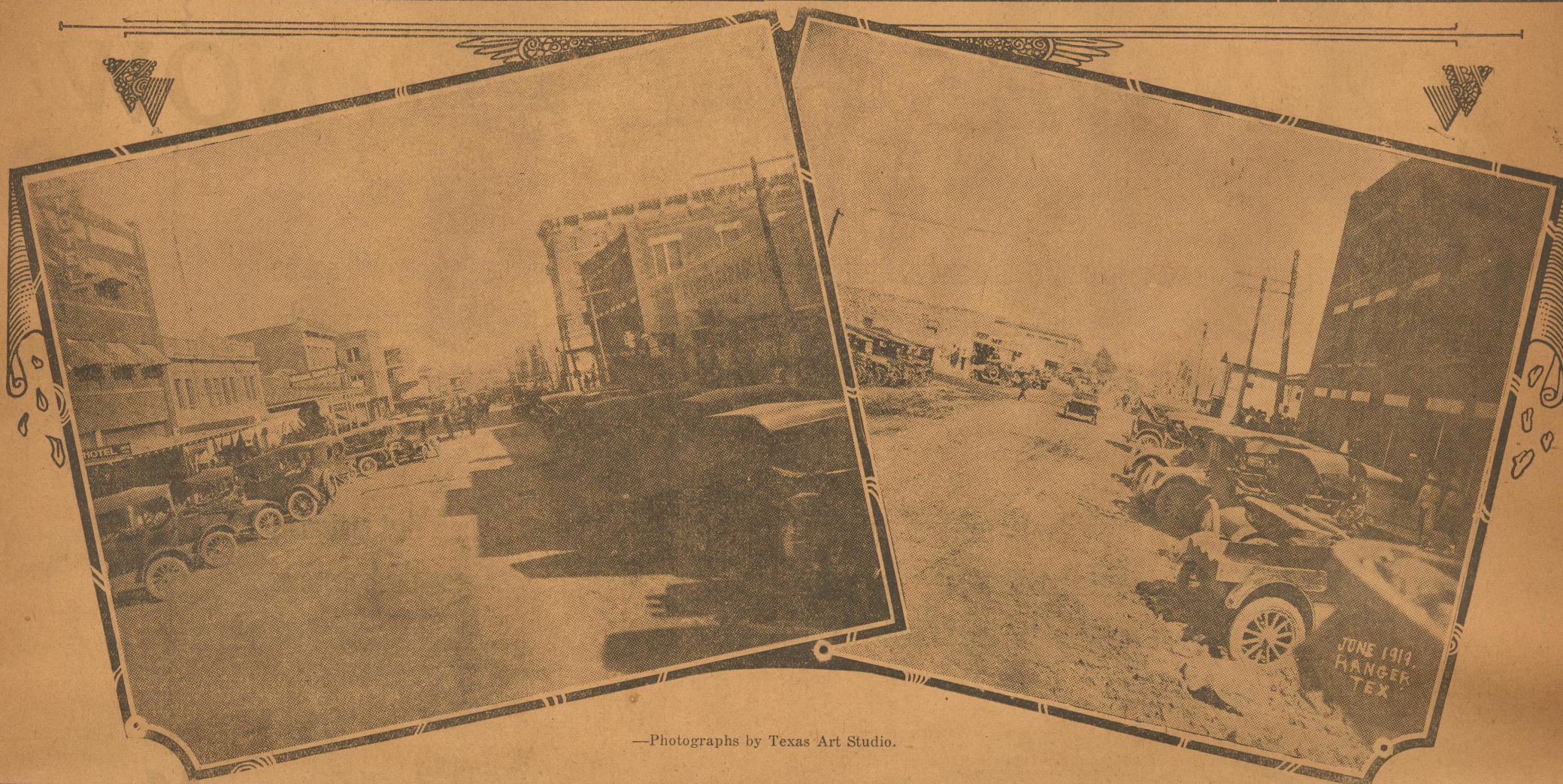


City Passes Through Many Stages in Growth In Last Two Years



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BY PAUL C. YATES.

A corporal who had been in France was narrating to a group of friends at home how he and seven "bucks" took a German outpost and captured twenty-one Germans. He described the relative positions of his own force and that of the enemy, sketchily mentioned the G. I. cans and the machine gun fire, and wound up by saying, "And then we went over and took 'em."

"Tell us how you did it," requested an eager listener.

"Well, the only thing was, we didn't have as much imagination as them Germans," explained the corporal. "We thought they was fifty of them, but one of them told me later they thought they was five hundred of us, and that's the reason they give up."

The reason Ranger has outstripped all other towns of the Central West Texas field is because she has had less imagination than other towns, when it came to seeing evils ahead. In spite of calamity howlers who are growing old waiting for their predictions that "Ranger is going dead" to be fulfilled, the city has builded with a rapidity little short of marvelous.

In the first halcyon days following the oil strike, a person who still lives here sold a lot on Main street for \$1,200, making the remark that he would be able to buy it back for \$600 within a year. Not long ago, in discussing the remark with a friend, he said:

"I may not be able to buy it back for \$600, but if I don't miss my guess the town is going to slump a little, and then I can take that much and buy one front foot."

There is a vast difference between country land values and city land values. Land in the country is valuable for its fertility, its grass producing qualities, its timber, or its minerals. In the business district of a city land is valuable on account of the number of people who daily pass by it. That is the determining factor in business property.

The stream of people which daily passes through the down town district of Ranger has run values here higher in some instances than they are in Fort Worth. Many factors have conspired to cause congestion in two or three blocks of the business section of the city. The fact that the enormous stream of east and west travel has had only one outlet through town—by way of Main street and the Texas & Pacific crossing in front of the depot—and that the main bulk of the north and south travel passes between the depot and Marston street, has caused Main street to be jammed with vehicles and people. This congestion has at times been as bad as can be witnessed anywhere in the world. Travelers from London and people from New York and Chicago have borne out this assertion.

Our Traffic.

Often a traffic jam will paralyze the main arteries of trade for thirty minutes at a time. A wagon turned crosswise in the road, or a train blocking the crossing at the Texas & Pacific station, will line up vehicles for four blocks in each direction, and then it will take from a quarter to a half hour to straighten things out.

When an eager world read the news of the discovery of oil near Ranger, in September of 1918, there wasn't much town here, but there was a Main street. Crowding in from the four points of the compass, people settled in Ranger, and land values began to rise, at first gradually, then by leaps and bounds. Transactions

involving several thousand dollars came to be rather frequent.

Buildings sprang up over night, brokers and leasers bid high for office space in good locations. This first building was of the most temporary fashion, and this period might be called the cardboard stage of Ranger. One enterprising landlord, surveying his newly finished edifice, remarked, "I've got a good office building, but I'm blowed up if it ever rains." Another observed that he had intended to build another room to his dwelling house but he couldn't afford it since print paper had gone so high.

By the winter of 1918-19, Main street property was selling well in the thousands of dollars for a twenty-five foot frontage. Some permanent buildings were constructed during the winter and spring, and a number of fairly good frame rooming houses and hotels. But taken on the whole the town looked like a crazy quilt.

Fire Helped Things.

Three events ushered in the period of permanent, substantial building. One was the fire of the spring of 1919, which destroyed a large number of buildings between Rusk and Marston streets, on the north side of Main. A second cause was the constant rise of land values. By the spring of 1919 prices of Main street property and property located on Rusk and Austin streets, near Main, had become too valuable to justify building anything but a fireproof, permanent structure. Then in the spring of 1919 the city was incorporated and an ordinance requiring fireproof buildings in certain fire limits passed.

The McCleskey hotel was one of the first large structures erected, and many persons shook their heads and predicted that it would never pay.

Main street property prices reached what still stands as a peak in the fall of 1919. Two lots on the corner of Main and Austin streets, and across the street from each other, sold for \$100,000 each. One of the deals was made by J. A. Craven, who at that time was associated with Arthur Marowitz in the real estate business. The man who sold the lot, Rev. Ray, of Weatherford, had held it for the last fifteen years, paying \$100 for the property when he bought it.

The present owners, who live in Dallas, are erecting a three-story brick and steel frame building on the property.

Values have gone through a pro-

cess of standardizing in the last few months, and business property is on the whole reasonably priced, in cases where it is on the market.

Realty Men Help.

A number of realty men of this city have materially aided the progress of the town, by interesting outside capital in Ranger and by carrying on a consistent warfare to keep prices of lots within the bounds of reason.

Among the firms which have swung large deals may be mentioned the Craven Realty company, the Sadler Realty company, the Texas Real Estate company, Moore & Freeman, and the Kelly Realty company.

When a town grows from 500 to 25,000 in a little over two years, the housing problem becomes troublesome. It has been the most serious condition with which the city has had to contend, and even now it is only partially solved.

With the carefree rovers of the first days of the boom, a residence was a simple matter.

"Where are you sleeping nowadays, Henry?" one man asked another.

"I've got a fine bed," answered Henry. "If it happened to rain just a light shower it would melt the clods down a little and be still better, though."

In those picturesque times a tent was often considered a luxury. A shack was pure self-munificence, and its owner was looked upon with suspicion, as having some kind of an underhanded pull with the carpenters' union and the lumber trust. Often a visitor would remark on the strange sight of a car of the costliest make standing in front of a shack about the size of an army sentry box.

Like Diogenes, But Different.

"Dear Tom," a man wrote to his friend in New York, "you remember the story of old Diogenes, the Greek, who lived in a barrel and went around with a lantern, looking for an honest man? Well, if he was in Ranger he would still have to live in his barrel, and he would make the rounds with an honest man looking for a lantern."

The homes of Ranger now are well distributed, and no addition has a monopoly; no addition can boast of a preponderance of fine homes. The fact that residences are so well distributed often leads the stranger to imagine, after seeing a small part of the city, that there are not many good homes here.

But there are a great many structures which are an asset to the city. If they were all placed on one addition large enough to hold them, it would be seen that Ranger has made rapid strides toward becoming a place of beautiful homes.

The homebuilder looking for a desirable residence location has a wide range of choice. He can buy a lot close in or a mile distant. If he is looking for elevation he can find gently rolling tracts which are more than two hundred feet above the down-town district. If he is seeking nestling hill-sides with homelike vistas of trees, he can find just such spots.

Past Tent Stage.

The evolution from a town of tents and shacks to a city of beautiful

(Continued on page 6.)

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This Description of Texas May Be Said Not to Slight the Lone Star State in Favor of Other Entries

A clipping, included with an entry in the Time Title Contest, gives this inclusive description of Texas, compiled by O. H. Acorn of Stowell, Texas:

The story is entitled, "Texas—The Land of Cactus and Wild Cats," and is as follows:

Texas occupies all the continent of North America, except the small part set aside for the United States and Canada. Texas begins the north of the Rio Grande, the only dusty river in the world; also the only one with the possible exception of the Trinity, which is navigable for mud-cats and pedestrians.

Texas is bounded on the north by twenty-five or thirty states, and on the east by all the oceans in the world except the Pacific, and on the south by the Gulf of Mexico and South America, and on the west by the Pacific ocean, and milky way and the side real universe.

If Texas were chopped off loose from the rest of the United States at the Panhandle it would float out into the ocean.

as it rests upon a vast subterranean sea of fresh water.

Texas is so big that the people in Brownsville call the Dallas people Yankees and citizens of El Paso sneer at the citizens of Texarkana, Texas, as being snobs from the effete east.

It is 150 miles further from El Paso to Texarkana, Texas, than it is from Chicago to New York City; Fort Worth is nearer to St. Paul, Minn., than it is to Brownsville.

The chief occupation of the people of Texas is trying to keep from making all the money in the world. The chief pursuit of the people of Texas was formerly Mexicans. But now it is lawn buyers, steers and Texas crop records.

The United States with Texas off would look like a three-legged Boston terrier.

Texas is so proud of Texas that they cannot sleep at night. If a Texan's head should be opened the map of Texas would be found printed photographed on his brain. This is also true of his heart.

Unless your front gate is eighteen miles from your front door, you do not belong to society as constituted in Texas. Mrs. King's gate is 150 miles from her front door and she is thinking of moving her house back so that she will not be annoyed by passing automobiles and peddlars.

Other Texas landlords have whole mountain ranges and rivers on their ranges. One Texan has forty miles of navigable on his farm. If the proportion of cultivated land in Texas were the same as Illinois, the value of Texas crops would equal that of the forty-seven other states.

Texas has enough land to supply every man, woman and child in the whole world with a tract of five by twenty feet and have enough left over for the armies of the world to march around the border five abreast.

Texas grows enough alfalfa, which if baled and built into a stairway, would reach to the pearly gates.

If all the hogs in Texas were one hog he would be able to dig the Panama canal in three roots.

If all the Texas steers were one steer, he could stand with his front feet in the Gulf of Mexico, on hind foot in the Hudson bay the other in the Arctic ocean, and with his horns punch holes in the moon, and with his tail brush off the mist from the Aurora Borealis.

If all the cotton raised in Texas annually were made into one mattress all the people in the whole world could take a nap at one time.

Texas is rightly named the Garden of The Lord.

LUMBER COSTS NOT DUE FOR MUCH CHANGE

Local contractors and persons planning building operations have been disturbed by rumors of a 25 per cent reduction in lumber prices. This report probably had its origin in the action of the Weyerhaeuser Sales company, one of the largest lumber concerns on the west coast, which has issued a new price list reducing all prices from 10 to 30 per cent, and guaranteeing these prices until June 15.

Local lumbermen do not expect any reduction in prices of lumber, but several dealers expressed the belief that the peak of high prices had been reached and that values will remain about as they are for some time ahead.

In an ably written article in the Gulf Coast Lumberman, entitled "Holding the Fort," J. C. Dionne, recognized as a very able critic on lumber conditions in the south, comments on the outlook of the lumber market.

"Not a dime has lumber advanced in the past two weeks," he says. "This is a notable announcement, because it has advanced steadily every week and almost day since the 15th of November."

"The statement as to the holding of prices applies to all the great divisions of the lumber industry. In the south, southern pine has held its own, but has asked for nothing new, and has been content to sell at the prices of fifteen days ago. The wild items, such as finish, flooring, etc., are on a level keel, and there is a general conviction from everywhere that these unreasonable levels will never be topped."

"From the Pacific northwest comes the telegraphic report that the feeling is general that lumber and shingle prices have both reached the peak, and that the scarce items may become a little less drastic in their price very soon, if the supply of cars will keep on improving."

In commenting on the action of the Weyerhaeuser company in reducing prices and of the Long Bell company, a southern concern, in guaranteeing present rates for a given length of time, Mr. Dionne says:

"They are trying to do in lumber what the federal reserve banks of the country are now attempting to do in finances; trying to prevent a catastrophe. The federal reserve banks have curtailed the elasticity of our currency by turning down the thumbs against all loans for the purpose of gambling in stocks, and what it has done to the stock market is plenty."

According to this authority, the supply of cars available in the lumber industry is improving and so are milling conditions. He ends the article by the prediction that this year will be the biggest building year the nation has ever known, and that "the establishment of some

known quantities in the line of lumber prices is going to be decidedly helpful in boosting lumber."

According to local lumber dealers, the action of the Pacific coast concern will have no appreciable effect on prices here, unless southern dealers should follow the example. Retail prices here are based on a very narrow margin of profit, they say, and will probably be advanced as soon as the stock of materials bought under a former scale of prices is exhausted.

MADRID RUNS BAKERIES.

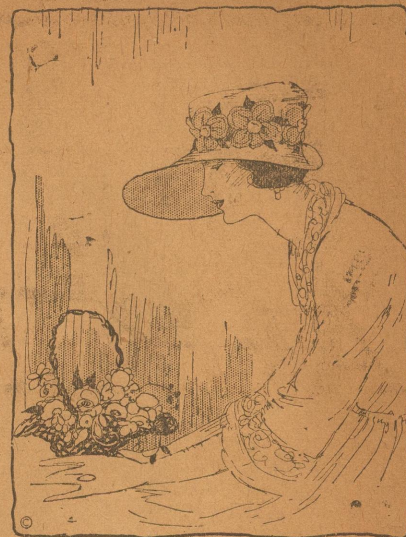
By Associated Press
MADRID, March 12.—The civil governor of Madrid has been operating the bakeries of the Spanish capital since the strike of bakers in December. The proprietors said that they could not make any profit if they granted the wages demanded by the strikers.

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Loans and Discounts.....	\$ 1,600,149.88
Stocks and Bonds.....	70,742.22
Real Estate (Banking House).....	40,825.59
Furniture and Fixtures.....	16,913.09
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund.....	3,356.58
Cash and Sight Exchange.....	1,385,242.08
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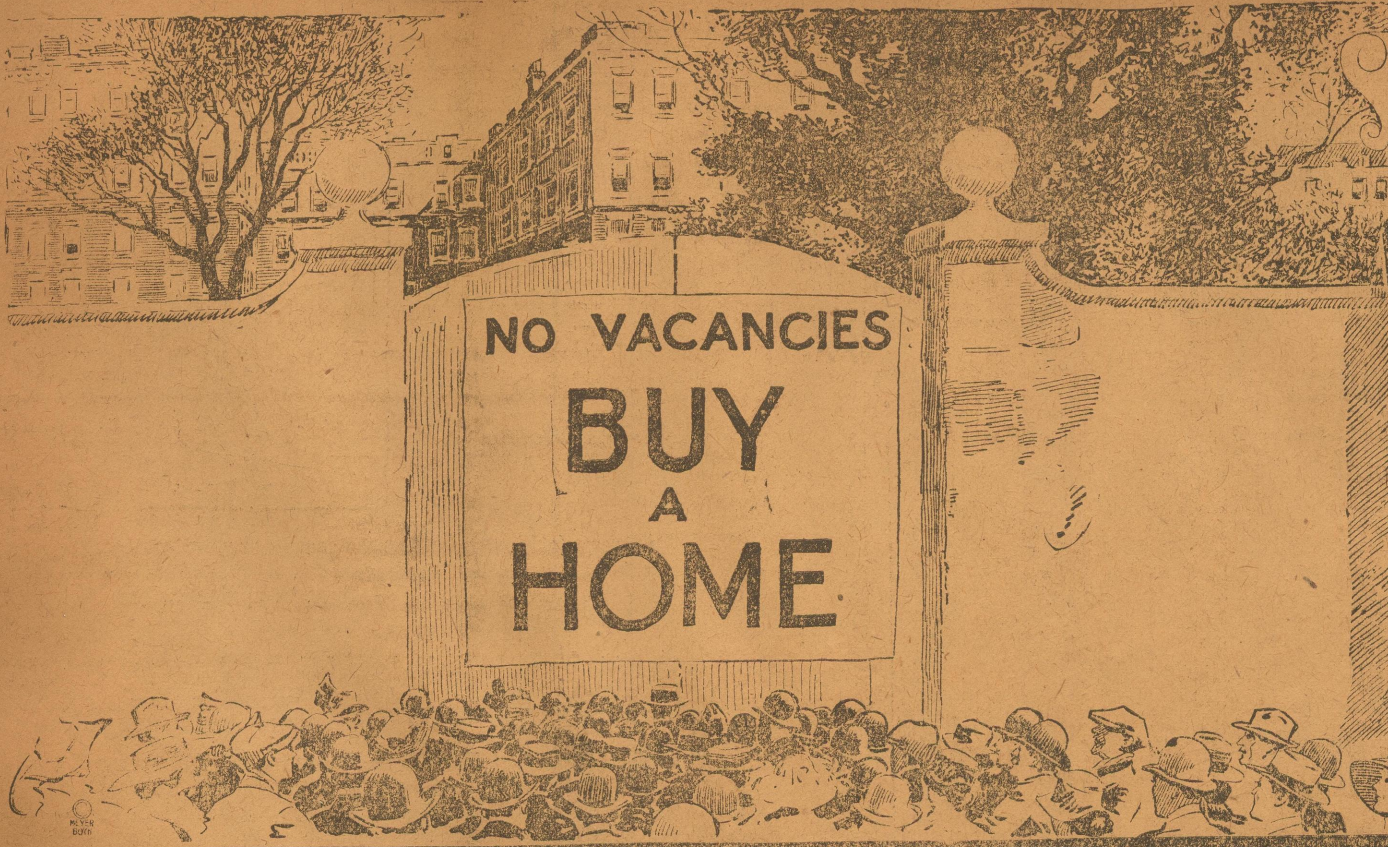
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Capitol Stock.....	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits (net).....	61,135.40
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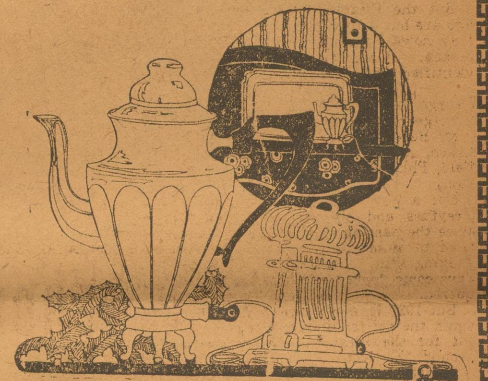
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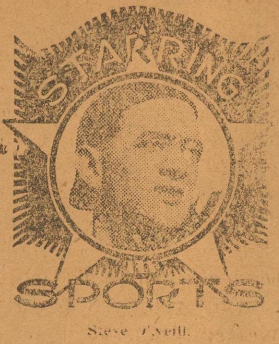
By NORMAN E. BROWN.

When Steve O'Neill, brilliant backstop of the Cleveland Indians, recently signed his 1920 contract after a short term in the holdout league, Tris Speaker remarked:

"That just about gives us the flag." Knowing Spoke to be a pretty level headed and taciturn bird who knows that the old John pennant must be won on the field, this is a pretty broad statement, but it at least gives a squint at Steve O'Neill's worth.

When Steve and Roy Schalk take their places behind the plate when the gong rings, the title of "greatest catcher, still unsettled, will be on their relative merits aren't discussed in this article. But, suffice it to say, both are in a class by themselves as backstops. And their records for consistent work are nearly parallel.

Steve was born in Minoaka, Pa., on July 6, 1892 and made his bow to organized ball in 1910 with the Elmira club in the New York state league. His work behind the plate attracted Connie Mack's attention and Mack signed him, sending him to Worcester in the New England league in May with a string attached. Cleveland bought him on August 20, 1911, from the Mackmen and he has been with the Cleveland team ever since. Since 1915 he has caught day in and day out for the various leaders, catching 121 games in 1915, the next year 130 contests, 129 in 1917, 114 in 1918 and 125 last year.



Steve O'Neill.

While he never has ranked among the leaders in batting, he has a knack of slamming out timely wallops—especially doubles. Last year he hit his best gait since his mark of .255 in 1917. In 1919 he collected a .259 average and ranked fourth as a cluster of doubles, thirty-five of his 115 hits—or almost one in every three—being two-base wallops.

Personally, O'Neill is one of the most likeable men in the game. He's a home fellow with a wife and family, spends his winters at home, down in Minoaka, hunting and working—usually at manual labor to keep in trim.

mighty promising one. The Pirate outfield, with the great Max Carey, the agile hard-hitting Billy Southworth and George Whitted and Casey Stengel, two players of sterling quality, is one of the best in the National league—a better outfield, for instance, than Chicago can boast of.

The pitching staff, headed by Cooper, one of the best southpaws in the business, is a staff of untaught class, and there is apparently a lot of latent ability here, too. The veteran Babe Adams, a remarkable come-back; Earl Hamilton, who may be or may not be affected by the ban on pitcher's franks, but who is nevertheless a good pitcher; Frank Miller, Harold Carlson, Charley Pander and C. P. Hill will bear up the burden of heaving the ball for the Smoketown gang. J. H. Wisner, a youngster signed by the Pirates last summer, and Frank Herbst, another youngster, recently purchased from Waterbury, are good pitching prospects. To say the least, Pittsburgh is plentifully supplied with pitching talent.

Walter Schmidt, one of the best catchers in the National league today, will do the bulk of the work behind the bat. He is a catcher of the Rariden-Schalk-Snyder-Schang variety—a fellow who can catch 125 games a season if called upon to do so without letting his playing lay. Schmidt is the one-man catching staff of the Pirates. His assistant is the veteran "Nig" Clarke, who has been knocking around in baseball for many long years. Then, too, Gibson himself can go in there and work if necessary.

Like Clark Griffith, Gibson's problem seems to be centered on the infield.

The Pirates have secured a promising first baseman in the person of Charley Grimm, from Little Rock. Barney Dreyfuss is banking on Grimm to make good. If he does, the infield

problem will be half solved. Grimm comes to the big show with the reputation of a wonderful fielder and a consistently good hitter. He hammered the apple at a .285 clip last season. If he can hit .275 or better in the National league he will be one welcome baby at Pittsburgh.

George Cutshaw, of course, is good enough to play second base on most anybody's club. But while Zeb Terry at short and Barbare at third are capable fielders, they have never threatened to set the old league afire with the bludgeon. The Pirates also have Carson Bigbee, who may be played almost anywhere, and in case Grimm should fail, it is possible that Whitted might be called from the garden to play first base.

The Pirate infield, aside from Cutshaw, is a youthful combination. That much is consoling to Pirate fans, for there is always the chance that a young player will "come into his own" as a hitter; and Terry, Bigbee and Barbare are due.

With this collection of athletes in the melting pot, it appears that Gibson has a wonderful chance to celebrate his first year as a major league manager by giving Pittsburgh the

best team it has had since 1909. The Pirates were busy pestering the Reds and Giants, not to mention the Cubs, throughout the 1918 season. This year they may be throwing dust in the eyes of their rivals. Who knows? At least at this writing, they look like a club with a big opportunity.

The Gibsonites will tackle the Red Sox in a number of games at Hot Springs. They will also take on a number of Texas league teams and will bump into several American association clubs before winding up their exhibition schedule.



George Mudge.

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Earl Cooper.

Pirates' star pitcher who is getting ready to do his bit in the coming campaign.

INFIELD DEFENSE PROBLEM OF GIBSON WITH PIRATES

By JACK VEIOCK,

International News Sporting Editor. NEW YORK, March 11.—Look out for the Pirates!

Some years ago, when Fred Clark's grand old team was a factor to be considered in National league pennant races, this was a familiar cry around the old circuit.

But the Pirates of ten odd years ago are but a fond memory in Smoketown now—a memory refreshed by the presence of only two faces that were identified with the Pittsburgh champions of 1909, the "line" players of George "Mooney" Gibson, the new manager of the team, and the veteran Babe Adams. Clarke, Wagner, Leach, Bryant, Leever, Cannitz, Lefield, Phillippe and others have passed along.

For a good many years Barney Dreyfuss and his various managers since the passing of Fred Clarke have tried to build up another pennant-winning team to no avail. The Pirates have come, looked and have been conquered.

But 1920 is another year. And once again the old familiar warning—Look out for the Pirates—is being heard around the National league.

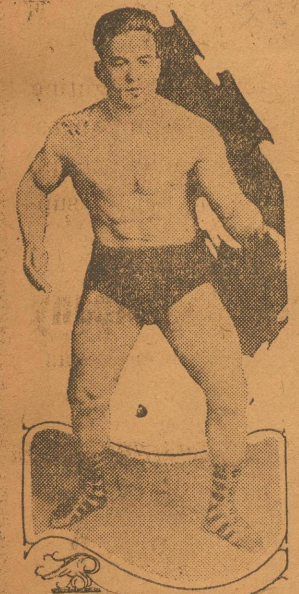
Stepping into the shoes left vacant

by Hugo Bezdek, who really did much to put new blood and life into the Pittsburgh club, and whose efforts were always untiring, George Gibson has inherited a ball club at this early time that looks to be a certain contender for the National league pennant.

The Pirates are not a sensational outfit. It isn't that. But they have a whole lot of class, particularly in pitching and in the outfield. And they look like a team of players with much latent ability. In other words, the Pirates appear to have the staff in them and their chances depend on whether or not "Mooney" Gibson can bring it out.

The squad Gibson has in training at Hot Springs, Arkansas, is not the biggest squad in the land of Dixie, but

GREEK WRESTLER POWERFUL GENT, CONFIDENT, TOO



Jim Londos.

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CONTENTMENT

—Is the Treasure of the Man Who Owns His Home

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Relentless Vital Force Superior To Beauty Proved by Comparing Lives of Bernhardt and Langtry

NEW YORK, March 11.—Which would you rather have—beauty or brains?

That query may remind you of childhood days, when you played wishing games, with the exception that then your breathless cross-examiner didn't propound any such inquiries.

That is, not any that would demand your consideration to the extent that you would hold up the game while trying to decide. Those days the choice was narrowed down to preference for a solid amethyst, pianola or a wild west suit with revolving trimmings.

If you were precocious, or old-for-your-age, or large-for-your-size, and read the Sunday supplements, you might have spent hours lying on your stomach, elbows in the feature section, trying to determine which of two reigning beauties and actresses you'd like to change places with.

Sarah Bernhardt, "the Divine Sarah," and Lily Langtry, the "Jersey Lily," how exciting it was to read of their successes, conquests, milk baths ideas of happiness and how to reach it, and so on!

Although both were good to gaze upon and famous women of the stage, it was conceded that with Sarah genius predominated, and with Lily beauty.

Beauty, in itself, always has been as long as it lasted, a "season pass" to any game for its lucky possessor. Especially in the love and success games—and what others are there?

Lily Langtry, or Lady de Harcourt, sixty-six years old, only twenty years past her vogue, is casually mentioned in the day's news as one of the visitors at a winter resort.

For the present generation of readers are interested in the item, because few of them know who Langtry is or what her name once stood for.

On the other hand, the slightest event in which the name of the great Sarah is mentioned is sure to awaken lively interest. At the movies, enthusiasm is always displayed when a picture is flashed upon the screen showing some act or event in the veteran actress' life. It would be a task to discover an intelligent reader of this day who had never heard of Bernhardt.

And the difference consists in the fact that one woman had merely beauty and talent, while the other had relentless compelling force, driving her along to ceaseless effort and brilliant accomplishment.

Lily Langtry, a young English woman, did not start in life as "the Jersey Lily." That title was acquired later when John Millet painted her portrait, giving it the title which became the owner's permanent sobriquet.

She was the daughter of Denis Le Breton, a minister, born on the Isle of Jersey in 1854, she grew to young

womanhood without attracting any undue attention. It was not until several years later, after her marriage, when extravagance and reckless living led her and Edward Langtry, her husband, to consider ways and means of recuperating, that Mrs. Langtry decided to use upon the stage the beauty that already had brought social success to the young couple and had made many men pursue the fair Lily.

The great and clever men of her day were her friends. Oscar Wilde, when he heard she was thinking of going into horticulture, was indignant, saying that the Lily should not be trampled in the mud. The plan was abandoned. It was finally the wife of Henry Labouchere, who had herself been upon the stage, that talked the plan of a public career into the pretty blonde head of Lily Langtry.

Prince Louis of Battenburg, Sir George Chetwynd and no less a person than the Prince of Wales, who later, as King Edward, continued his friendship with the Lily, were her ardent admirers at this period.

Many amusing stories were told at this time about Mrs. Langtry and the Prince of Wales, tales invented, perhaps, by the envious. The most widely repeated of these, which the "Jersey Lily" in her own life story denies, attributing the happening to another, is that Mrs. Langtry once mischievously slipped a piece of ice down the back of the prince, upsetting his dignity and losing his friendship.

Other narrators tell of an occasion when Queen Victoria was quite ill and Lily Langtry said to Prince Edward: "How's mother today?"

"Her Majesty the Queen is improving, thank you," was said to be the extremely approving answer.

The Lily's visit to America was provocative of more love affairs, more admiration and more gossip. Freddie Gebhard, who, in those careless days, had no income tax to pay on the \$90,000 a year interest on his money had a lot left over from running expenses to express his philanthropic interest in the fair-haired Briton.

Rugged native Americans were astounded, bedazzled later by the private railroad car which one of their number designed for Mrs. Langtry. Solid teak-wood platforms, padded and broadened sleeping rooms made to prevent shock or jolts when cars were coupled; a piano, a bath with silver fittings and maids' quarters were widely discussed, as well as the heavy brass trimmings which had for their motif the lily.

The "Livine Sarah," born in Paris in 1844, is still the greatest actress of this age. Beginning to act at the age of thirteen, she was still able "fill the time of the operation which necessitated the loss of her leg to play ten performances a week.

Even that ordeal and its consequences did not impair her ambition and ability. With artificial aid she again appeared on the stage, and the latest reports of her career tell of her being able, at seventy-six years of age, to act parts either reclining or in bed.

Making her debut in 1857 at the Comedie Francaise in "Iphigenie," she found later success in "Phedre," "La Sphinx," "Ruy Blas," "Hernani," "L'

Aiglon," "La Dame aux Camellias" and "Jeanne d'Arc."

She has made and spent millions on friends, on relatives, worthy persons and parasites. As well as being an actress, she has found success as a sculptor, painter, musician and critic, some of her artistic endeavors having been hung in the Salon.

Several generations of theatregoers have been born, lived and died during the triumphs of Bernhardt's day. She has worked indefatigably and lived magnificently.

Her recipe for eternal youth is: "Work ten months of the year and spend the other two at the seaside. Exercise freely and be altruistic."

In these last years of her life, Sarah Bernhardt has been given the red ribbon of the Legion of Honor. Her power and personality have outshone mere youth, beauty or the rivalry that comes to one not so sure from every passing talent.

CITY PASSES THROUGH MANY STAGES GROWTH IN LAST TWO YEARS

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homes has been gradual and there are still many unsightly buildings in various parts of town. But with the passing of time these will be torn down and be replaced by handsome structures which will be a delight to the eye and a stimulation to the lover of beauty.

Young and Geoper additions were two of the first to be placed on the market after the boom arrived. They met the instant demand for any kind of ground, but they now contain many fine residences.

Later Gholson's tract, Hillcrest, Burger addition, Ranger Heights, Mountain View, Highland Park and many others were placed on the market. Hodges' Central tract, south of Young addition, was put on sale last fall.

All of these tracts have met with success from a standpoint of residence development. One of the most rapid growths of any subdivision in town has taken place in Hodges' Park, where apartment houses and fine residences have sprung up as if by magic.

The days of the "pay dirt" in the Ranger field are not over, by any means. But the old boom conditions which spread the fame of this city farther than that of any town in the Klondyke, the days when Ranger was a frenzied, seething mass of humanity bent on getting ahead, of wringing the maximum of wealth from the actual, gray hills which loom watch above the town, have passed to return no more.

Ranger is now a city, and fast taking on the appearance of an established city, with all the conveniences and even luxuries found in old established towns. The spirit of law and order has conquered the old spirit of lawlessness and the primeval concepts of the frontier find less and less encouragement among citizens. A new class of citizenship has established itself, and hand in hand with the real old-timers, the men who have spent the greater part of their lives here, this progressive and permanent element is working for the up-building of the city into a greater Ranger.

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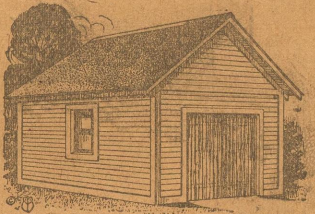
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EVEN BLASE GOTHAM IS STIRRED BY NEW KNEE LENGTH SKIRT



Traffic was halted on Fifth avenue recently when this Parisian knee-length skirt made its debut in New York. When one gets over the shock of the diminutive skirt it may be noticed that the costume comprises an eton coat suit of blue poret twill trimmed with three rows of white silk braid. The short sleeves match the shortness of the skirt.



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Ranger Dealers Tell Why It Is

—REAL ESTATE MAN'S—1920
A man's idea of household furniture often resembles that of the soldier who spent four years in the army and soon after receiving his discharge came to the oil fields and set up housekeeping in a tent on the edge of Ranger, in company with a pal.

"Bill," he said to his companion, "go to town and buy a can opener and a case of jerked beef and some hard-tack. We may be havin' company any day and we don't want this yere place lackin' in household equipment."

Every furniture house in town had rather sell a bill of goods to a woman than a man, according to salesmen who were interviewed by a reporter of the Times.

"Women have better judgment, as a rule, in picking furniture than men," said John E. Milford, of the Milford Furniture company. They are more interested in furniture and they are quick to appreciate exceptional values.

"They are quicker to make up their minds, because they know what they want," said Mr. Killingsworth, of Jones-Cox and company.

Salesmen of the Reid Furniture company, the Wright Furniture company and C. P. Bell agreed that the fair sex made the best customers. But a gruff-looking middle-aged man who was waiting to trade in one of the stores gave a different light to the matter.

"They don't have to meet these pay-days like the men do," he said. "If you turn 'em loose to follow their natural talents, they will buy everything in the house. As long as they don't have to pay for it, they don't care."

A salesman in one of the hardware establishments put the matter in this light:

"Women know more about furniture than men as a rule, and therefore they make the best customers. Men are not interested in such matters. If a man comes in here and buys a lot of furniture for his home, his wife will be dissatisfied with it and will want to bring it back. If she does return it, we are put to a great deal of trouble, and if she keeps it she will be dissatisfied with the selection and may blame us when it is not our fault."

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International News Service.

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"They tell me that I will have to wear different gowns on the American stage," says Spinelli, whose costumes in recent shows have set the spectators gasping. "But at least I'll try some of my things out on New York and maybe they'll not seem so naughty, after all."

Mistinguett's claim to the title as the girl with the prettiest underpinnings in the world, heralded in the American newspapers on her recent trip to New York and then cabled back to France, brought a storm of protest from Spinelli's friends. The two dancers met shortly after Mistinguett's return at a marked hall given by Harry Piler and chatted familiarly. But when Mistinguett, in a short skirt, whirled about the room in a wild exhibition dance, peals of laughter came from Spinelli's box.

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The direct route of the old Spanish trail has been designated to run from Fort Stockton to the north of the mountains. But the amazing scenic beauty of the mountains themselves so nearby was not to be overlooked as assets for luring tourists and travelers from the beaten path. Hence the scenic leg will penetrate these peaks and wind among the entrancing natural beauties of the highlands.

Travelers who have spent months among the far famed mountain sections of the east are generous in asserting that none of these begin to compare with the Davis mountains, where pleasure and health resorts can be established to draw a large summer influx of visitors and tourists. The Alps are merely a few degrees more inviting and awe-inspiring than the Davis mountains, they declare.

In the Fort Davis mountains annually is held a gathering of religious denominations where a general, old-time "camp meeting" is held. They go forth benefited in health. Their lungs are surcharged with a better air. Their hearts are more determined to live righteous lives. In time these annual religious gatherings may develop into nationally famous inspirational meetings.

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