

'Boys Week' in Spur Ended With Rabbit Drive Saturday

The week designated throughout the nation as "Boys Week" was observed loyally and in the proper spirit in Spur, the week's program ending Saturday with a big rabbit drive in which more than four hundred boys and men participated.

Saturday morning the boys met on the streets at eight o'clock in the morning, being formed into a line of twos, and with their dogs marched to the open section just east of town, where they were formed into squads headed by men experienced in rabbit driving, the squads surrounding the open section selected for the first drive, and closing in to the center. Sections to the south east and south of Spur were also included in the drives. In the drives 124 runs for rabbits were made with the result that about 24 rabbit scalps were counted, Henry Albin, with eight scalps, being awarded the championship prize of five dollars.

Many miles were covered in the drives, those participating being "all in" by the noon hour, the spirits revived as the drivers headed for the fair grounds where a feast of two large washpots of "slum", pickles, coffee, bread was awaiting them, with the addition of ice cream cones and bottled cold drinks. The long drives had whetted the appetites and generated a voracious thirst on the part of the boys, and unmistakable evidence was given that the feast and the cold drinks prepared for them was enjoyed and appreciated to the fullest extent.

But a single incident marred the pleasures of the day. A horse being ridden by young Baker and Twaddell was punched in the flank, causing him to pitch the boys off, and as he ran away the horse stumbled and dropped dead. However, the boys contributed twenty five cents each in making up a purse to replace the horse, thus following up the generous and loyal spirit of the day.

Throughout the week daily programs were followed, one day being given to town government, another to inspection of industries, and other programs, reports of which were given in detail in last week's issue of the Texas Spur.

The entire week's program on the part of the boys was carried out, and every situation fully met and handled with the aplomb, discernment and judgment of older judicial heads—demonstrating conclusively that the country will be in safe hands when the new generation takes charge of public and governmental affairs.

Eagle Boy Scouts of Lubbock Coming to Spur Friday Night

The Eagle Boy Scouts Troup of Lubbock is coming to Spur Friday of this week striking camp here and spending the night here, and will probably give an entertaining program of some character, together with addresses by the heads of this division of Boy Scouts for the purpose of creating more interest in the Boy Scout movement.

Boy Scouts are given special training along many lines and especially in meeting emergencies, accidents, etc. In fact, it is said, that in New York and other large cities, should an accident occur and an Eagle Boy Scout should appear on the scene, he would be deferred to and his orders obeyed by police or other authorities present.

The Boy Scouts is a big, worthy organization, and all should join in promoting its objects and interests in every community.

First Sheriff of Crosby County Died at Amarillo Home Recently

Felix Franklin, the first sheriff to serve Crosby county following its organization, died recently at his home in Amarillo. Mr. Franklin had friends and acquaintances throughout the country, who will learn of his death with regret and real sorrow.

DISTRICT COURT FOR DICKENS COUNTY WILL CONVENE IN DICKENS CITY MAY 30

The Honorable District Court of the 50 Judicial District will convene Monday, May 30th in Dickens.

The following gentlemen have been summoned to appear for service on the grand jury for the term: B. Y. Love, H. H. Goodwin, Fred Henry, Chas. McLaughlin, Walter L. Powell, William J. Elliot, D. G. Simmons, W. D. Blair, J. A. Legg, W. L. Thanisch, W. F. Godfrey, J. P. Goen, Cephus Hogan, Geo. S. Link, J. L. Bowman, C. C. Cobb.

The list of Petit Jurymen for the first week, May 31st, follows:

A. B. Winkler, W. T. Wilson, F. F. Vernon, Chas. Whitener, E. T. Varnell, S. H. Twaddell, E. C. Thanisch, F. L. Terry, L. L. Teague, K. W. Street, C. W. Stephens, Luther Stark, Frank Speer, G. H. Snider, O. B. Simms, J. P. Simmons, W. W. Sample, R. E. Rogers, H. M. Roberts, A. J. Richey, J. B. Richbourg, P. A. Ramsey, H. E. Ragsdale, L. L. Pullen, J. D. Powell, J. F. Phifer, W. E. Peters, L. H. Perry, Robert Nickels, Sam Newberry, R. E. Neeley, E. C. McClellan, J. V. McCormick, B. F. Middleton, O. E. Minnix, Joe GaGines.

Following is the list of Petit Jurors for the second week, beginning June 6th:

W. T. Andrews, Jr., C. C. Arthur, J. W. Baker, J. J. Barton, A. Biggs, J. A. Blair, H. A. Booth, Mack Brown, C. T. Burns, J. W. Carlisle, F. C. Coker, T. L. Conway, J. H. Dobbins, C. R. Edwards, J. H. Farmer, S. L. Porter, Watt Holly, John King, Chas. Appl-gate, S. M. Bailey, L. R. Barrett, G. W. Bennett, L. S. Bilberry, M. L. Blakiey, Paul Braaddock, J. A. Brown, W. S. Campbell, J. C. Christopher, W. J. Collier, S. L. Davis, E. C. Edmonds, T. C. Ensey, W. E. Fletcher, R. R. Wooten, Fred Jennings, F. C. Gips...

Spur High School Commencement Exercises to be Had May 20

Invitations are being received announcing the Commencement, or graduating exercises, of the Spur High School to be had at the school auditorium May 20th.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered Sunday, May 15th, at the Methodist church by Rev. E. E. White, former pastor of the Spur Methodist church but now of Lubbock.

The past term of Spur Schools has been one of the most successful in advancement of pupils as well as school and educational interests in general within the history of Spur.

The Rowel Affiliated With the State High School Press Ass'n.

Jack Hogan, editor in chief of the Rowel, this week was advised that this school paper had been included for affiliation with the State High School Press Association.

The Rowel, under the direction of Jack Hogan as editor in chief, with his corps of assistant editors, reporters and general newspaper staff, is one of the very best school papers published in the state, and is so recognized by its regular readers.

For next year, Sam T. Clemmons Jr., has been selected for editor in chief of the school publication, and having been assistant editor of the Rowel throughout this year, has demonstrated that the publication will continue in good hands, since he recognizes and appreciates the fundamental principles and foundation of editorial expression and management.

C. B. Jones to Head Tech Board Directors

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Texas Tech College at Lubbock last week, Clifford R. Jones was elected president to succeed Amon G. Carter who resigned some time ago. R. A. Underwood, Plainview banker, was elected vice-president, and T. Kimbro, Lubbock was elected treasurer.

The board members consist of C. B. Jones, Spur; R. A. Underwood, Plainview; Col. E. O. Thompson, of Amarillo. Mrs. P. N. Drane, Corsicana, and H. T. Kimbro, Lubbock. —Crosbyton Review.

Spur Preparing to Attend Big Conven- tion at Wichita on Monday-Tuesday

Preparations are being made for a large delegation from Spur to attend the annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to be held Monday and Tuesday in Wichita Falls, and Wichita Falls is preparing to entertain the largest delegations ever before attending the annual events which have become the largest of any gathering of people within the state.

Spur Municipal Band will head the Spur delegation and has entered the band contests to be participated in by seventy five or a hundred other bands of West Texas which will be on the convention grounds. Noted speakers are on the speaking program, but the masses of people attend the convention for a real, big "picnic" and little of the business and speaking programs will not be known until read in the papers.

We contributed two-fifty in helping to get the Spur band on the ground, and if we can raise a little more we, too, intend to enjoy the occasion one day with the crowds.

Here is to Wichita!

Foot Washing Service at Antelope Enjoyed Last Sunday

Last Sunday Apostolic services were conducted by Frank Smith at Antelope, a part of the program being "foot washing." The foot-washing service has become somewhat of a novelty to many people of this section, while it has been a church practice of certain organizations probably since the beginning of the religious era.

The services at Antelope were well attended and enjoyed by those present.

Spur Cream & Bottling Works Joins in Giving Away \$30,000 Prizes

M. E. Manning, head of the Spur Cream and Bottling Works, will join in with the Cocoa Cola project of giving away thirty thousand dollars in premiums over the country to those who properly solve the "key" puzzles or problems to be explained fully in later advertisements issued.

The Spur Cream & Bottling Works is one of the biggest manufacturing concerns of the town, as is the Coaco Cola Company of the entire United States. The distribution of this big sum of thirty thousand dollars, purely as an advertising proposition, will bring their businesses into notice as well as benefit hundreds and possibly thousands of people in every section of the country.

The Shipleys Cleared in Trial for Murder at Farwell

Mack and Frank Shipley, of Floydada, who were charged with the killing of Harve Snodgrass at Floydada last year, and tried last week at Farwell, to which point the case had been transferred, were found not guilty.

The Shipleys, as was Harve Snodgrass, are well known in the Plains and this section of the country.

Recitals in Music and Expression Thursday and Friday Nights

The recitals given Thursday and Friday nights at the Methodist church by pupils of Mrs. Campbell and Miss Scudder in music and expression, were largely attended and very much enjoyed on the part of the audiences. The programs were well rendered, a number of encores demonstrating both aptitude of pupils and ability of teachers.

Miss Treva Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Marshall of the Duck Creek community, is visiting with Miss Mamie Jordan at O'Donnel, on the Plains.

The Sol Davis Ware House Destroyed by Fire Monday

The Sol Davis warehouse, back of the City National Bank and across the alley from the Lyric Theatre building, was almost completely destroyed by fire of unknown origin Monday.

The fire originated on the inside of the building, supposedly from a cigarette or stepping on a match by some one who had entered the place.

Mrs. Davis carried a thousand dollars insurance which will only partially meet the loss, there being several thousand dollars loss including the building and stored articles.

The fire department responded promptly to the alarm, preventing the complete destruction of the building and spreading of flames to other buildings.

Ten Million Dollar Flood Refugee fund Met by Country

Spur and Dickens county promptly met both the first and second quotas allotted for Mississippi Delta flood refugees relief through the Red Cross organization. The entire country has met the quota of ten million dollars asked for by the Red Cross, again demonstrating the willingness and promptness with which the people come to the aid of those in distress.

The floods along the Mississippi and its tributaries continue to rise and overflow the levees and flood the bottom lands, the floods being augmented by high winds. While comparatively few lives have been lost, millions on top of millions of dollars of property damage has resulted. The situation in refugee camps is becoming serious, an epidemic of various diseases being threatened.

This is the most serious flood to occur in the history of the Mississippi Delta.

T. & P. to Buy the Abilene & Southern

Washington, April 27.—By order issued Wednesday the Interstate Commerce Commission authorized the Texas and Pacific Railroad to acquire the Abilene and Southern, purchase of all its stocks and bonds for a consideration of \$1,000,000. The present owner of the property is Percy Jones of Abilene, president of the company.

The road operates seventy-two miles and twenty additional miles leased from the Abilene and Northern, extending Hamlin to Ballinger. At the hearing held here early this month J. L. Lancaster, president of the Texas & Pacific, testified that purchase of the road would increase the Texas & Pacific business about \$140,000, through traffic interchange, and that if the road passed to some other major system it would impair the Texas & Pacific earnings. The road has connections with Orient, Katy, Wichita Valley and Santa Fe, as well as the Texas & Pacific.

It was the original intention of Morgan Jones, who built the property, to extend it north from Hamlin in King County. Business interests of Hamlin, Abilene and Ballinger favored the sale to the Texas & Pacific and are expecting it to be extended north and west into the South Plains section through San Antonio and give the Abilene section direct contact with Corpus Christi.

Miss Higgins' Recitals Postponed on Account Death of Relative

The recital scheduled to be had by Miss Nell Higgins with her pupils, was postponed the past week to a later date on account of the death of a relative in another part of the country by an accidental discharge of a gun as he climbed thru a fence.

The recital program will probably be held the latter part of this week or next week.

A shower of rain fell Thursday.

Three New Meat Mar- kets to be Establish- Soon in Spur

Soon Spur will be well, if not over-supplied with meat markets as well as some other businesses.

Messrs. Bell and Patten have purchased fine and elaborate furnishings and equipments for a first class meat market which will be established and put in operation upon the arrival and installment of the equipments.

We are also informed that Joplin & Gibson and the Spot Cash Grocery also contemplate adding a market and supplying their customers and the trade with fresh killed meats as well as cured meat products.

With the addition of these three markets in addition to the Central Market and Scott Brothers Meat Market, both of which are of the very highest class, the people of Spur will be amply supplied with all kinds of meats and market supplies.

City of Spur Tried and Cleared of Penalty in Operating Car With Out License No.

An interesting legal procedure was the trial last week of the Highway Department of the State against the City of Spur, the City being charged with illegally operating a car without the proper state license numbers.

The case was tried before Judge Tree in Justice Court, the jury being composed of W. G. Causey, Ben Rutledge, L. A. Welborn, W. F. Flanigan, J. C. Hoover and H. E. Ragsdale. Attorney W. D. Wilson defended the City, while County Attorney Worswick prosecuted the case. The charge was brought and made by Highway Inspector Kelley of this district. The jury returned a verdict of "not guilty" on the part of the city.

It was contended by the defense that the city as well as counties and the state, was not required to pay car licenses.

Atticus Webb Spoke Here Sunday Night on Prohibition

Atticus Webb, one of the heads of the Anti-Saloon League of Texas, editor of a prohibition newspaper formerly published in the state but now issued in Ohio, and a noted speaker and character of more than state-wide prominence, addressed an audience at the Methodist church in Spur last Sunday night.

His subject was on prohibition and its problems and the liquor question in its varied forms.

Among other things said with reference to whiskey, its ill and harmful effects upon mankind and the country in general, the speaker stated that since the Volstead Act there had been an annual decrease in drunkenness of 500,000, and a 90 per cent decrease in drinking in the United States on account of prohibition. There are 300,000 fewer funerals each year. Outside of banditry, crime has also decreased. A 43 per cent increase in labor efficiency and 28 per cent in living standards has resulted. An increase of 220 billion dollars in wealth, 50 billion of which is directly due to prohibition. Bank savings accounts have increased from ten to forty six million individuals in seven years. The Anti-Saloon League has led the fight in the work and has spent 33 cents for each man, woman and child in the country during the past thirty years.

Mr. Webb is now making a speaking tour of the country.

Special Session of the Legislature Convened Monday in Austin

The special session of the State Legislature, called by Governor Dan Moody, convened Monday at Austin, to consider propositions submitted by the governor, including tax and revenue problems, rural school appropriations, highway and other legislative matters.

It is said by those in a position to know, that it is very probable that two or three other special sessions may be called by the governor before his requirements are met in legislative enactments.

Tornadoes Take Big Toll of Life and of Property in Eight Different States

During the week storms and tornadoes have swept eight different states, including Arkansas, Louisiana, Kansas, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Iowa, Illinois and Texas, taking toll of hundreds of lives and millions of dollars in property damage.

These storms in combination with the Mississippi Delta floods, marks 1927 as a year of general disasters—but the people affected are not whining, but making the best of the situation while those more fortunate are offering and giving aid in a liberal way.

A Number of Sales of Cattle Have Been Made Recently

Among the number of cattle deals and sales consummated the past week, the following have been reported to the Texas Spur:

The Pitchfork Cattle Company sold to Roy Williams of Amarillo, all of their yearlings.

O. C. and Tud Arthur sold to Paducah parties one hundred twenty five head of yearlings.

Johnnie Koonsman sold fifty head of yearlings to the same Paducah parties; also fifty cows and calves to Robert McAtter; also forty two-year old heifers to Judge Brummett.

M. L. Jones and Ned Bowers sold 150 two year old steers to Lubbock parties.

Chas. Windham sold to Chas. Perrin and Ned Bowers fifty head of stock cattle and leased them his pasture.

Perrin and Bowers sold Robert McAtter twenty cows and calves; also sold Luther Jones nineteen one year old steers.

Olda Harrington sold Bob Westerman fifty cows and calves.

Judge Brummett sold Lewis Rickles forty two-year old heifers.

Lewis Rickles sold R. C. Forbis ninety yearlings.

Jake Jones sold Harrison Albin thirty five yearlings.

In each of the sales made the price was private and not stated.

Will Lewis Leased the Paddle Ranch and is Now Stocking Up

W. J. Lewis and Red Evans, of Clarendon, have leased the Paddle Ranch in Kent county, and have shipped five hundred head of cows and calves here from Clarendon and placed on the grass. They will ship twelve hundred head more here in June.

A number of years ago, in the early days of Spur, Will Lewis had the Spur Ranch leased and then, as now, was considered one of the biggest and most successful cow men of the entire country.

Work Now in Progress on Three Brick Build- ing Extensions

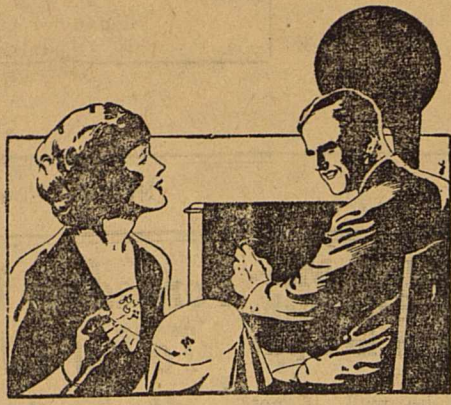
The work of tearing down the old warehouse of Spur Hardware Company and laying the foundations for the two building extensions for B. Schwarz & Son and Campbell & Campbell, is now in progress, and the bricks to be constructed will cover the back end of the four adjoining lots.

These buildings and extensions were made necessary in preparing more room in enlarging stocks of goods in meeting the demands of the trade. When completed the buildings will be a most substantial addition to the commercial and business interests of the town.

Sydney F. Martin Ac- cepts Baptist Pasto- rate in City of Spur

Sydney F. Martin, of Santa Anna, has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church of Spur, taking the place recently vacated by L. L. F. Parker who removed to Canyon.

Rev. Martin will move his family to Spur at an early date and become a resident citizen of the city.



They Are Prepared For a Rainy Day

SOMEBODY hundreds of years ago asked the generation of that date to save for a rainy day. That advice has been imparted through the centuries, but strange as it may seem, it has gone unheeded by the thousands.

On the other hand there are countless thousands who have profited by the sound warning: 'Save for a rainy day!' If you will start an account at this bank and then make regular deposits, it will be possible to have an amount sufficient to care for the "rainy days" This bank solicits your patronage and stands ready to assist in the promotion of any legitimate project.

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK

A trip out over the country the first of the week showed us that while the country is dry, farmers are not idle. Some are dry planting, others killing weeds with go-devils, and still others using cultivators in cultivating the ground while waiting for an opportune season on which to plant. We here would appreciate a more equitable distribution of the surplus waters of the flooded districts of this and other states.

E. T. Varnell, a good and successful farmer of the Afton country, was among the business visitors in Spur the past week. He informed us that conditions were generally good throughout the north part of the county, especially in the sandy lard belts. However, in other sections at this time a good rain is being needed, and farmers are beginning to get 'anxious.'

Bill Cherry, of south of Spur five or six miles, was in the city Saturday with the crowds. The Cherry home includes a section of land and is a real "stock farm" on which not only the staple crops of cotton and maize are produced, but on which cattle and hogs are raised and grazed, at all times providing and producing plenty and comfort and contentment if not a surplus of riches. It is such homes which makes the West, and the Spur country in particular, great.

Mrs. A. C. Hull returned the past week from San Angelo where she had been on an extended visit with relatives and friends.

G. R. Elkins made a trip Tuesday to Lubbock where he met his sister, Mrs. Miller of California, who will spend some time in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. Elkins.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

S. J. R. No. 33.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas removing from the Constitution all limitations as to the amount of compensation of officers, the compensation and expenses of said officers to be provided by law, and fixing the compensation of the Governor, and providing that said amendment shall be effective on and after January 1, 1929, and not sooner.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by inserting therein a new section to be numbered Section 30a which shall read as follows:

Section 30a. All provisions of the present Constitution of Texas fixing or limiting the amount of salary or compensation of officers and members of the Legislature are hereby repealed and hereafter said officers and members of the Legislature shall receive such salary or compensation and expenses as now provided until otherwise provided by law. The salary of the Governor shall be Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per year, and no more, payable monthly, and he shall have the occupancy and use of the Governor's mansion, fixtures and furniture.

The salary or compensation of any member of the Legislature shall not exceed fifteen hundred dollars per year, and actual traveling expenses from the place of residence to the capital and returning for each session of the Legislature, as shall hereafter be provided by law; and provided that no change of salary or compensation from that now provided by the Constitution shall become effective until the first day of January following the first general election held after adoption of this amendment.

Sec. 2: Said proposed amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of this State qualified to vote on constitutional amendments at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Monday in August, A. D. 1927, at which each voter opposing said amendment shall scratch off of the ballot with a pen or pencil the following words printed thereon:

"For the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas removing from the Constitution all limitations as to the amount of compensation of officers, the compensation and expenses of said officers to be provided by law, and fixing the compensation of the Governor, and providing that said amendment shall be effective on and after January 1, 1929, and not sooner;" and each voter favoring said amendment shall scratch off of the ballot in the same manner, the following words printed thereon:

"Against the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas removing from the Constitution all limitations as to the amount of compensation of officers, the compensation and expenses of said officers to be as provided by law, and fixing the compensation of the Governor, and providing that said amendment shall be effective on and after January 1, 1929, and not sooner."

If it shall appear from a return of said election that a majority of the votes cast have been cast in favor of said amendment, it shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Sec. 3: The Governor shall issue his proclamation calling said election and have the same published and said election held in accordance with this resolution and the Constitution and laws of this State; and return shall be made and the votes canvassed and counted as provided by law; and if said amendment is adopted by the required vote of the qualified electors of this State, the Governor shall issue his proclamation as required by law.

Sec. 4: The sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the State Treasury to pay for publication of the proclamation

calling said election and any expense of the State in submitting said amendment and holding said election.

Approved March 29, 1927.
(A Correct Copy)

JANE Y. McCALLUM,
Secretary of State.

H. J. R. No. 25.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas amending Article VIII by the insertion of Section 1-a therein, authorizing the Legislature to provide for the separation of the objects of taxation for State purposes and for the support of the counties, districts and political subdivisions of the State and Counties, and authorizing the Legislature to provide for the levy of an ad valorem tax or other form of tax for State purposes only, and for local purposes, only; authorizing the Legislature to provide for the classification of objects of taxation and providing that rates shall be equal on the same class of property, and fixing limitations upon taxation.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by inserting therein Section 1-a, as follows:

Section 1-a. The Legislature may separate the objects of taxation for State purposes from the objects of taxation for the support of the counties, districts and political subdivisions of the State and counties; and may provide for the levy of an ad valorem tax, or other form of tax, on certain classes of taxable property, or other objects, for State purposes only (including school purposes); or upon certain classes of property, or other objects, for county or local purposes only (including school purposes). In no event shall the rate of such taxes exceed the sum of the limits of such taxes fixed by this Constitution for State, county and other local purposes. The Legislature may provide for the classification of objects of taxation. Taxation shall be equal and uniform.

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State, at an election to be held the first Monday in August A. D. 1927, at which all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"For the amendment to Article 8, inserting Section 1-A, providing for changing the taxation system so that the State may derive its income, in whole or in part, from other sources than the ad valorem tax."

"Against the amendment to Article 8, inserting Section 1-A, providing for changing the taxation system so that the State may derive its income, in whole or in part, from other sources than ad valorem tax."

Sec. 3. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation ordering an election to determine whether or not the proposed constitutional amendment set forth herein shall be adopted, and to have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State. And the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or so much therein as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from any funds in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of printing said proclamation and of holding said election.

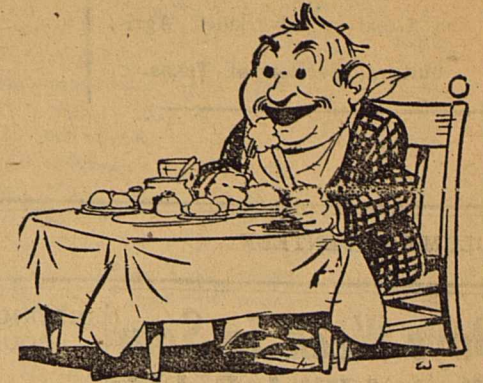
Approved March 11, 1927.
(A Correct Copy)

JANE Y. McCALLUM,
Secretary of State.

H. J. R. No. 32

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto Section 60, Article 16 so as to provide that the Legislature may fix the compensation of certain county officers by salaries in lieu of fees, commissions and other prerequisites; providing for an election and making appropriation to pay expenses.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto another section to be known as Section 60, Article 16, to read as follows, to-wit:

Section 60. The Legislature may provide compensation for certain district and county officers, to-wit: The District Attorney, County Judge, County Attorney, Sheriff, County Clerk, District Clerk, County Tax Assessor and County Tax Collector, by prescribing their duties, and fixing salaries in lieu of fees, commissions and other prerequisites as now provided by the Constitution.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Monday in August, A. D. 1927, at which all ballots shall have printed thereon "For amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas giving the Legislature power to provide compensation for the District Attorney and county officers through salaries in lieu of fees, and

commissions and prerequisites as now prescribed by the Constitution," and "Against amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas giving the Legislature power to provide compensation for the District Attorney and county officers through salaries in lieu of fees, commissions and other prerequisites as now prescribed by the Constitution," leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed amendment.

Sec. 3. There is hereby appropriated out of any money on hand in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars or as much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the holding of this election, including the expense of printing notices and advertisements.

Sec. 4. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Approved March 25, 1927.
(A Correct Copy)

JANE Y. McCALLUM,
Secretary of State.

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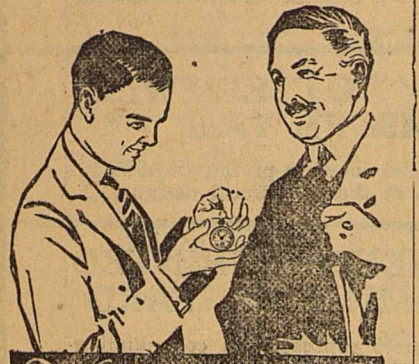
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Rev. L. S. Bibbery, of Dickens, was in the city Monday of this week and while here dropped in and had his Texas Spur subscription marked up another year. L. S. Bibbery is one among the "old timers" here, settling in Dickens county about 1899, ten years before the opening of Spur. During his day plenty wild game, including deer, antelope and turkeys, roamed over the ranges, and settlements were few and far between. At that time the creeks here were running streams, and Duck Creek was lined with heavy timber and big trees. While unquestionably these early day settlers endured hardships and privations in beginning the development of the country, yet we are confident that each of them now recall those days in fond memory and count them the "good old days of yore."

Mrs. B. F. Hale and daughter, Miss Helen, came down from Lubbock and spent the week end in the city with Dr. Hale.



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IMPORTANT LEGISLATION

It has come to be a habit with the Texas legislature to refuse to consider various necessary appropriations at the regular session, making it necessary that an extra session be called. While it cannot be denied that our law-makers are certainly kept busy considering hundreds of bills and resolutions, their habit of forcing an extra session for the sake of the per diem received, can scarcely be called a patriotic procedure. In fact, it would seem that their first consideration should be to care for the absolutely essential things among which the appropriations for the various departments of the State governments should surely hold first place.

Governor Moody has issued the call for the extra session for early in May and after disposing of the matter of appropriations, it is hoped that some of the legislation in regard to judicial reform will be enacted. These most important bills along with many others which should have been considered, were left in the pigeonholes on account of the filibuster on the gasoline tax which closed the last session of the legislature. Congress also concluded its labors with a filibuster in which an eminent member read reams of senseless drivel in order to defeat a measure to which he was opposed. It is doubtful if a filibuster is ever justified and certainly the spectacle of our lawmakers resorting to that practice in order to accomplish their own political ends is one which does not appeal to anybody as statesmanlike, to say nothing of the waste of time for which the people pay.

When it is considered that a positive premium is placed on ignorance by the lengths to which some judges go in the selection of juries, it seems that there should be some modification or limitation in this regard. Almost every man who reads a newspaper is exempt from jury duty for the reason that nowadays, there is nearly always more or less newspaper publicity concerning all matters that are brought into court—certainly all criminal matters—and under the present rules, any man who has ever read anything about the cases on which the jury will serve, is disqualified from serving. Obviously this limits the possible selection to men who are not sufficiently intelligent or interested to comprehend what the cases are about.—S. W. Plainsman.

Tom Simmons, of Dry Lake, was in the city Monday, meeting with his friends.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon D. R. Flynn by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Dickens County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Dickens, on the Fifth Monday in May A. D. 1927, the same being the thirtieth day of May A. D. 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 8th day of April A. D. 1927 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 969, wherein Allyne Flynn is Plaintiff and D. R. Flynn is Defendant, and said petition alleging acts of cruelty on the part of defendant towards plaintiff of such a nature as to render their further living together insupportable; that one child was born of said marriage, a girl, now six years of age. Plaintiff prays the court, that the marriage relations existing between plaintiff and defendant be dissolved, and that the plaintiff have the care, custody and education of said child; Dorothy Don Flynn, and for general relief.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Dickens this the Ninth day of April A. D. 1927.

ROBERT REYNOLDS
Clerk District Court, Dickens County. 24-4t

Bill Putman and W. W. Sample are spending this week at Pyote, where, with Clem Cornelius, they are building and establishing a new filling station an auto accessory business. Pyote has just recently begun to develop into a city, being located near a developing oil field at this time, and where, as is usual in "booming" oil territory, money flows freely.

PROFESSIONAL NOTICE

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SPUR CHAPTER, No. 340
Meets Monday night on or after each full moon.
Visitors Welcome
L. E. Lee, R. P.—Jack Rector, Sec

SPUR LODGE No. 1023
Meets every Thursday on or after full moon.
Visitors Welcome
H. P. GIBSON, W.M.
JACK RECTOR, Sec.

Wade McDaniel returned this week from Tahoka where he had gone to begin his duties in accepting the appointment as highway superintendent of Lynn and Garza counties. Wade McDaniel is an experienced road builder, but apparently did not like the rulings and requirements in filling the tender in those counties, therefore tendering his resignation and returning home.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Grace are now in Dallas where Dr. Grace is undergoing special treatment, and a possible operation, for the relief of his ear and head troubles. It is hoped that Dr. Grace may be permitted to return home completely relieved.

Dr. B. F. Hale, Dr. M. H. Brannen, Ira Sullivan, E. L. Caraway, and Hamp Collett returned the past week from Lake Kemp where they had spent several days fishing and enjoying an outing. They had access to a large house boat on the lake and owned by a friend. They could drop in their hooks from the edge of the porch and land five pound game fish—and keep on the shady side throughout the day. It was with reluctance that members of this party returned home after only a few days thus enjoyed.

A. J. Dozier, of Afton, was in Spur the past week transacting business, reporting everything in good shape in and around Afton.

J. L. Hutto, of Dry Lake, called at the Texas Spur office Monday of this week and reported the arrival of a fine calf sired by the thorough bred circle bull, Agnes Lad, is being his first sired by one of the purebreds. The mother of the calf is also a purebred and a fine dairy cow giving five gallons or more of rich milk per day. Mr. Hutto stated, however that the calf would never be a good milk cow, it being of the opposite sex, nevertheless he is very proud of him and is depending on his herd of 18 good dairy cows carrying him comfortably through any agricultural depressions which may occur.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Hardin returned last week to their home at Stephenville, after spending several days in Spur, having been called here on account of the accidental shooting of Doga Putman, Mrs. Hardin's brother.

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Dickens:

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dickens County, on the 17th day of December, 1926, by Robert Reynolds, Clerk of said court, for the sum of one thousand, two hundred and sixty-seven and no one hundredths dollars with interest, and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of J. D. Harkey in a certain cause in said Court, No. 939 and styled J. D. Harkey vs. E. L. Adams, R. S. Holly and L. A. Grizzle jointly and severally, placed in my hands for service, I, M. L. Jones as Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas, did, on the 22nd day of April 1927, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Dickens County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: 206 acres of land, situated in the County of Dickens and State of Texas, being all of section No. 6, Block XX survey File 5294, R. S. Holly Original Grantee, as against the defendants: E. L. Adams, R. S. Holly, L. A. Grizzle, Mrs. T. E. Howz, surviving wife of J. M. Howz deceased, Russie Denson, F. E. Denson, Ruby Denson, Elmer Denson, Sybil Denson, Vernon Denson, and the minor defendants: Gerald Howz, Kenneth Howz, Murl Howz and Mrs. Laura C. Hasting and Wesley J. Lewis, and levied upon as the property of E. L. Adams, R. S. Holly and L. A. Grizzle, and that on the first Tuesday in June, 1927, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the Court House door of Dickens County, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said E. L. Adams, R. S. Holly and L. A. Grizzle. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Texas Spur, a newspaper published in Dickens County.

Witness my hand, this 3rd day of May, 1927.

M. L. JONES, Sheriff
27-3t Dickens County, Texas.

Ol Taylor was here the past week from his Duck Creek farm home, spending a short time here making purchases and meeting with his many friends. In explaining his purchases, Ol stated that he had an allowance of fifty cents for the day, thirty five cents of which was expended for "invigorating luxuries" while the fifteen cent balance went for onions with which to season his table provisions produced at home. Ol is one who can appreciate as well as afford a few luxuries on occasions.

Doga Putman, who has been in the Nichols Sanitarium the past ten days or two weeks, recuperating from an accidental gun-shot wound, was the first of this week removed from the hospital to his home. Doga, notwithstanding the fact that the pistol bullet entered his breast, passing through the upper lobe of the lung, grazing the heart and lodging just under the skin on his back, withstood the shock and suffered comparatively little from the effects, and is expected soon to be completely recovered.

While in the city Saturday Mrs. W. P. Marshall had us send the Texas Spur to her daughter, Mrs. Eva Brown at Lipan, and for which she has our thanks.

D. G. Simmons was here Saturday from his Duck Creek farm home, participating with the boys in the ebullient drive.

The teachers and pupils of the Grammar School requested the Texas Spur to extend their sincere thanks to the Tri County Lumber Company in generously furnishing lumber and other materials in assisting in the success of the May Day Fete.

FIGURE THIS OUT FOR YOURSELF

Here is another one in high mathematics. They say figures don't lie, but do they? A man wanted a ticket to a place in Mississippi and only had a two-dollar bill. It required 3 dollars to get the ticket. He took the two-dollar bill to a pawn shop and pawned it for \$1.50. On his way back to the depot he met a friend to whom he sold the pawn ticket for \$1.50. That gave him three dollars for his ticket. Now, who is out the dollar?—Exchange.

GAS SPOILED SLEEP, MADE HER DIZZY

"For years I suffered from gas and constipation. Used to get head aches and dizzy spells. The first dose of Adierifa gave me relief. Now I rest well."—Mrs. B. Brinkley. Just ONE spoonful Adierifa relieves gas and that bloated feeling so that you can eat and sleep well. Acts on BOTH upper and lower bowel and removes old waste matter you never thought was there. No matter what you tried for your stomach, Adierifa will surprise you. SPUR DRUG CO.

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In the past we have given hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash and valuable prizes to advertise our business. Now we have determined to make a bigger free offer than ever to gain friends and advertise our business. In all parts of the country. We are going to give a choice of either a Studebaker Sedan, a Reo Speed Wagon Truck, or a Farmall Tractor absolutely free of cost, because we believe that this system of advertising will not only make friends for us but will also be a great boon to the party receiving such a prize. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CHOICE OF THESE FINE MACHINES, READ EVERY WORD OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT AND THEN ACT.

Can You Solve the PICTURE PUZZLE?

FIND SIXTEEN OBJECTS THE NAMES OF WHICH BEGIN WITH THE LETTER "C." In the picture there are many objects such as cultivator, crib, corn, etc., etc., the names of which begin with the letter "C." CAN YOU FIND AS MANY AS SIXTEEN SUCH OBJECTS? If you can, do not delay, but write the names of these objects in the coupon below and send them in with your name and address.

THIS OFFER IS FREE TO YOU, SO DO NOT DELAY! This is not like a lot of offers you may have read about where there is a great deal of work to be done without any reward. THIS IS A FREE OFFER MADE FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES. It is also a QUICK ACTION OFFER without long delays or waiting. Answer today—you will hear from us almost BY RETURN MAIL giving full particulars of this wonderful free offer. Act now, and you may be the owner of one of these fine machines almost before you realize it.

Send Your Answer to the Puzzle Now. You May be Next! If you can solve the puzzle and will act quickly a two-cent stamp used in mailing your puzzle answer is positively all that it needs to cost you, personally in all the good things. BE THE NEXT HAPPY WINNER YOURSELF. This is a fair and square free offer. Send in the puzzle answer now, because quick action is important.

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The Modern Farm Equipment Club, 339-341 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.

I have found in the picture the following objects, names of which begin with the letter "C." If this is correct, enter my name for consideration in awarding a choice of the Studebaker sedan, Reo truck or Farmall tractor, and other prizes and cash awards. It is my understanding that this places me under absolutely no obligation.

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9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16

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Man Has Been Living to His Limit Since the Beginning of Time

H. E. Brooks, of near Girard, was a recent business visitor in Spur, spending some time here not only trading with merchants but meeting with his numerous acquaintances of this territory. In the earlier days of Spur, Mr. Brooks owned and operated a wagon yard business here. In those days there were no automobiles, everybody using animal powered vehicles, and of course the "wagon yard man" came in contact with practically every individual of the entire country. Recently we were talking with a gentleman who disclaimed the assertion that we were "living faster today than in past," stating that in those very earliest days of progressive advancement and civilization when walking was the chief mode of travel, that we walked just as fast as we could and got to our destination as quickly as possible; then later when oxen were employed for transportation they were punched along to the limit of their gait; still later buggies and carriages drawn by horses came into use for more rapid travel; then came the automobile and airplane which are capable of transporting man over the land at the rate of a hundred miles an hour—and yet we live no faster, it is contended. Man from the beginning traveled and progressed to his limit, and in the progress only adopted and employed more rapid means and modes of travel and transportation—and in fact has from the beginning been living as "fast" as it was possible.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Greer returned Saturday after an absence of some eighteen months spent in California and Colorado, and are now again settled in their Lone Oak Farm home west of Spur. Notwithstanding that "old man Greer" is past seventy five years of age, he has become as active and spry as a school boy, and apparently in the finest of health.

Miss Lavina B. Conklin, Mesdames P. H. Miller and E. F. Hall, and Callie Ramsey returned last week from San Antonio where Miss Conklin attended a state convention of chiropractors. While on the trip the party toured the coast country, taking in the larger cities as well as the rich valley sections before returning.

W. T. Andrews, Jr., is this week attending and participating in a district golf tournament at Abilene. Mr. Andrews is one of the champion golfers of Spur, and it may be possible he can win in the district contests.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED—To pasture stock, good grass and plenty water. See G. B. Erath. 21tf

FOR SALE—Two residence lots in Spur, close in. See Weldon Grimes at Postoffice. 23-tf

For Rent—4 bed rooms; bath with hot or cold water. 3-room apartment with bath.—Stafford House. Phone 92. 2tc

If you want a real home at a reasonable price and reasonable terms, see this home. This is a real home and you will like location, place and price.—Joe Gaines, owner. 20tf

Good 5-room house and lot, clear, well located. Sell or trade for small farm in Spur Territory.—A. S. Smelser, Amherst, Texas. 2tc

I have for sale 100 bushels of Russell's Improved Pedigreed Cotton Seed direct from Russell Breeding Farms, Annona, Red River County, Texas. This cotton is noted for big boll, easily picked, long staple, good turn out. Call at THE FARMERS' GIN, J. E. Johnson, Owner. Phones 48 and 156, Spur, Texas. 21tf



Thomas Meighan in the Paramount Picture "Tin Gods"

THE LYRIC
(COOL AS A CAVE)

Monday and Tuesday

WANTED BUT NOT FOUND

An editor who is humble and likable and teachable. Saying what pleases everybody and saying it in a few brilliant words; never asking for new subscribers but sends the paper free to everybody, out of his own purse; publishing everything sent in without any blue-penciling; able to draw honey from the flowers of pastoral inertia; never scolding anyone except those we dislike; able to explain how the present pastor has just had "the greatest revival campaign in the history of the church" without seeming to reflect in the least on the former pastors; one able to take orders from everybody and still keep his independence; able to create space that does not exist, and to get in belated stuff that comes after the paper is already being delivered; one who can read all the new books without betraying the old; who can keep the new theological ideas safe in the old wineskins—we know where such a man can get a job.—Michigan Christian Advocate.

R. R. Wooten was here Thursday from the Plains, reporting that a considerable amount of wheat will be made regardless of rain.

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In the varied array of plans you will be certain to find a house that exactly fits your needs. And when you have decided upon the plan you like, we can tell you to a dollar just what the materials will cost. Stop in any time and look them over.

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Spur, Texas

Social and Club News.

SEVENTH ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE ALUMNI OF THE DICKENS HIGH SCHOOL

The Alumni of the Dickens High School met for their seventh annual banquet, Saturday evening, May the 7th, in the dining salon of the Spur Inn, honoring the Class of 1927. The tables were beautifully decorated with pink candles and roses.

The guests were delightfully entertained in the early part of the evening by a quaint negro dialogue given by Mr. Smith of Floydada and Joe Speer, followed by imitations of various dog sounds by Mr. Smith. Many interesting talks were given during the evening, notably an impromptu speech given by Mr. Byron Crego who was winner of first honors in the Class of '27, and also the only yoboy in the class. After the last course was served the President called a business meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the oncoming year, and caring for the various other interests of the alumni. The officers elected were: Rev. V. C. Cragtree reelected to serve his fourth year as president; Fred Arrington as secretary and treasurer, also his fourth election; and Jackie Spencer was elected as vice-president. With this capable group of men at the head of the association it can do no less than continue in the progressive way it has heretofore. The members who were present were: Mesdames Crego and Joe Speer, Messrs. Sam Koonsman, V. C. Crabtree, Guy Goen, Jackie Spencer, Joe Speer, Fred Arrington, Willow Street, Raleigh Middleton of Lubbock, Misses Ouida Middleton of Lubbock, Anna Lusk and Virginia Worswick. The guests of the individual members of the association were: Mesdames Sam Koonsman, V. C. Crabtree, Willow Street, Gladys Robinson of Afton, and Dorothy Wilbanks of Lubbock. Messrs. Smith of Floydada, W. G. Crego, Leon Robinson, and B. G. Worswick, and the Honor guests: Misses Odell Harris, Maude Slough, Faye Ferguson, Opal Harris, and Mr. Byron Crego.

MRS. DAN ZACHRY HOSTESS.

Mrs. Dan Zachry entertained a number of her friends very graciously on Tuesday morning with bridge. At the end of the games Mrs. James B. Reed was high and received a pretty bread board and knife. Mrs. W. D. Starcher was next high and received a bud vase. A lovely refreshment plate was passed. The guests included Mesdames Leslie Cooper, W. T. Andrews, Carl Wester, W. D. Starcher, Jack Rector, C. L. Love, James B. Reed, Oran McClure, E. C. Edmonds, Clifford B. Jones, William Manning, W. L. Gibbs, R. E. Dickson, Austin Putman, James Smith, F. W. Jennings, M. C. Golding and Bill Putman.

PARENT-TEACHERS MEET.

The Parent-Teachers Association had an interesting meeting at the auditorium of the Spur High School on Tuesday afternoon. The new officers for the ensuing year were installed as follows: Mrs. W. D. Wilson, president; Malcolm Brannen, 1st vice-president; Mrs. J. H. Busby, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. C. R. Edwards, 3rd vice-president; Mrs. J. M. Foster, secretary; Mrs. Maurice Manning, corresponding secretary; Mrs. John L. King, treasurer; Miss Maud Mogan, reporter.

It was decided to meet once a month, the executive committee being called as often as the president should see fit. Messrs. Thomas and Grandbury were appointed to see about getting hydrants placed on the lawn of grammar school building. Mrs. John L. King gave a report of the finances for the year. Refreshments were served. Members present were Mesdames J. M. Foster, Faust Collier, Williamson, C. R. Edwards, M. E. Manning, Tom Teague, I. B. Brown, M. H. Brannen, W. D. Wilson, John L. King, Baisden, Luther Powell, and Misses Virginia Forbis, Margaret Elliot, and Messrs Grandbury, Thomas and Teague.

MRS. HARVEY STACK HOSTESS

Mrs. Harvey Stack was a most charming hostess Thursday afternoon to members of her club, the P. M. W., and a number of invited guests. Progressive 42 was the entertaining feature. A delicious refreshment plate was passed. The guests included Mesdames J. Boyd, Bill Brown, F. B. Crockett, Lee Davis, Rob Davis, Cleve Ensey, R. S. Harkey, O. F. McCombs, Fontis Mc Gathery, Eric Ousley, Tom Teague, Lloyd Wolfe, H. C. Fallis, Jesse Fletcher, J. P. Wilkes, Lee Gilbert, Jimmie McClanahan, Mac Tidwell, Homer Hindman, S. B. Scott, and Alvin Hindman of Paducah.

R. E. Dickson Takes off First Prize at Bridge Party

On Thursday night members of the 1925 bridge club entertained their husbands at the home of Mrs. W. D. Wilson in the northwest part of the city.

Four tables were arranged for the game at the conclusion of which a refreshment consisting of a delicious ice, punch and cake was served to the guests who were Messrs. and Mesdames R. E. Dickson, E. C. Edmonds, F. W. Jennings, James B. Reed, F. L. Laverty, M. C. Golding, W. E. Putman, and Mesdames Nellie Davis, and G. L. Love.

In totaling up the scores R. E. Dickson captured the top prize for the men, a big box of chocolates; and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds won the prize for the ladies, which was also a box of candy.

MRS. NELL DAVIS HOSTESS

Mrs. Nell Davis was an unusually charming hostess when on Wednesday afternoon she entertained the members of her bridge club. Three tables were most attractively arranged for the games in which Mrs. C. B. Jones was high and Mrs. Ja. B. Reed low. Cream with angel food cake was served. The guests were Mesdames Jas. B. Reed, W. D. Wilson, M. C. Golding, C. L. Love, Fred Reynolds, Bill Putman, Frank Laverty, E. C. Edmonds, C. B. Jones, Rob Forbis, F. W. Jennings, R. E. Dickson and Oran McClure.

YOUNG LADIES CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Miss Virginia Forbis was hostess to the members of the Young Ladies Christian Association of the Baptist church Monday evening in her home on Hill Street. This being the social meeting of the month, many novel and interesting games and contests were enjoyed. A lovely refreshment plate was served. The guests were Mesdames Thurman Harris, W. L. Gibbs, Kuykendall, and Misses Katie Ellis, Virginia Elliot, Maud Morgan, Margaret Elliot, Allie Powell, and Kittie Powell.

MRS. FLOYD BARNETT HOSTESS

A pretty party with spring time appointments was that of Wednesday morning when Mrs. Floyd Barnett was hostess to members of the Jai de Voi Club and a number of invited guests. In the bridge contests Mrs. William Manning was high and received a bridge score pad and card receiver. The guest prize went to Mrs. S. B. Scott, a pretty laundry bag, and low prize to Mrs. Austin Putman, a pretty handkerchief. A refreshment plate was passed. The guests were Mesdames Jack Rector, Homer Schrimsher, Dan Zachry, W. E. Flint, W. L. Gibbs, Thurman Harris, Chas. Powell, Leslie Cooper, C. L. Love, Austin Putman, R. E. Dickson, C. B. Jones, James Smith, S. B. Scott Jr., Wm. Manning, Bill Putman, Frank Laverty, Misses Willie Richbourg, Flossie Hawley.

20TH CENTURY CLUB.

20th Century Club will meet with Mrs. W. S. Campbell on May 18th. There will be an election of officers for the following year, so every one is urged to be present.

Program: Leader—Mrs. E. S. Lee. Paper by Dr. Berle—Mrs. Powell Facts about our wonderful world and the races of mankind—Mrs. W. B. Lee.

Records of plants and animals—Mrs. Leslie Roberts.

Mammoth Trees—Mrs. L. R. Barrett.

Wonders of animal development—Mrs. Ned Hogan.

Wonders of earth's vast ocean—Mrs. Busby.

Rivers in the sea—Mrs. W. W. Sample.

A plant that melts ice—Mrs. W. S. Campbell.

Niagra—Mrs. Crockett.

Vesuvius—Mrs. Ed Cowan.

Y. W. M. CIRCLE PROGRAM FOR MAY 16, 1927.

Invite and entertain W. M. S. "The Kingdoms of the World are become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign forever and war."

Subject—The Church in the Orient. Hymn—Prayer—Circle of Prayer. Business. Roll Call—Each one give interesting facts about China or our mission there.

Program Leader—Topaz McGlathery.

Devotional—"Christian Unity and world wide evangelism." by Jo Crockett.

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Prayer—"That we may be used in Christ's program. That relations may be righted between U. S. and China" by Estelle Davis.

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in Orient.

Talks—"National Leadership" by Dick Watson.

Hunting Heads or Hearts—Winnie Putman.

Place—Church. Hostess, Estelle Davis.

Will Watson, of east of Spur, was among the business visitors on the streets Monday of this week. He reports everything "getting dry" out his way.

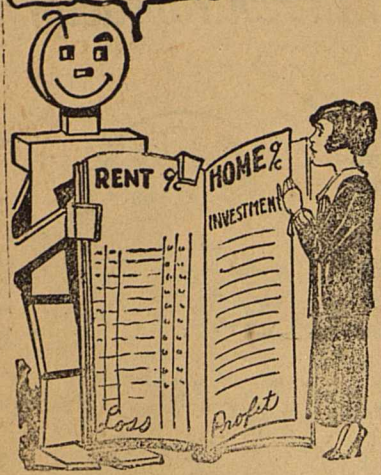
Mrs. Goss D. Cobb, nee Miss Carroll Senning, returned this week to her home in Brownwood after spending "Mothers Day" here with her mother, Mrs. Kate Senning.

Dr. J. E. Morris is spending this week in Dallas taking special treatment, and will probably remain in Dallas throughout the week.

Hunters Warned Not to Shoot Plover

There is no open season on the Bartramian sandpiper, commonly known as the upland plover, in spite of the fact that a bag limit on plover, is printed on the back of a hunting license. This statement is made by the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, which has direct charge of the enforcement of the migratory bird treaty act and its regulations. Information has reached the department to the effect that hunters in Texas have been killing these birds under the impression that there was an open season on them, gained from a provision on the back of their license. For the benefit of those who may be misinformed, the Biological Survey states that under the provision of the migratory-bird treaty act and the regulations there under there is a closed season throughout the United States on upland plover, persons killing these birds at any time during the year are liable to arrest and prosecution in Federal Court.

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Further information may be obtained from any Federal Reserve Bank or branch, or from the Commissioner of the Public Debt, Treasury Department, Washington.

A. W. MELLON, Secretary of the Treasury. Washington, May 9, 1927.

Run-Down gave out easily

"MY health wasn't any account at all," says Mrs. H. L. Cayton, of Washington, N. C. "I would start to do my housework and I would give out before I had done anything at all. I did not have any strength, and it did the least thing it seemed to tax me so I could not finish. I was run-down sure enough. "Several of my friends had taken Cardui and they said to me, 'Why don't you try it?' I knew I needed something to build up my general health and to increase my strength. "Finally one day when I was recovering from a spell of sickness, I decided to try Cardui. I got a bottle and began to take it. I could notice that I was improving as my appetite got better and I did not give out nearly so quick. I took several bottles and I felt lots better. "Two years ago I decided to take it again. It built me up and made me feel like a different person. It is the grandest medicine for women that I know anything about."

CARDUI For Female Troubles

Voters Should be Informed on Proposed Four Constitutional Amendments.

For the benefit and information of voters, the full text of the four proposed constitutional amendments to be voted upon the eighth day of August at a special election called for that purpose, is now being published in the Texas Spur.

Every reader and voter should read and study these proposed amendments in order that an intelligent vote may be polled on the propositions. Usually constitutional amendments are voted down because of a disposition on the part of the public to not "monkey with the constitution," and possibly also for lack of information on such proposals.

The first of the proposed amendments is for the revision of the state's judicial system. If adopted by the voters, it will authorize the creation of a supreme court of nine members, instead of the present 3 members; a criminal appeals court up to five members, courts of civil appeals not to exceed twelve, each with a chief justice and "not less than two associate justices as the legislature may provide; and for an unlimited number of judicial districts. The amendment provides that the supreme court may assign any district judge to another district to try cases.

The other amendments are to provide for changes in the system of taxation, to provide for salaries of certain county officers in lieu of fees and commissions, and to take the present constitutional limits off the salaries of the governor and other officers and members of the legislature, and fixing a \$10,000 limit for the governor and a \$1,000 limit for members of the legislature.

As worded, the absence of a comma in the submission of the last amendment, raises the question of whether the salary limit abolition affects any state officers or merely officers of the legislature. The section reads: "All provisions of the present constitution of Texas fixing, or limiting the amount of salary or compensation of officers and members of the legislature," etc.

The tax amendment proposes to authorize the legislature to provide for the separation of objects of taxation for state purposes and for the support of the counties, districts & political subdivisions of the state and counties, and authorizes the legislature to provide for the levy of and ad valorem tax or other form of tax for state purposes only, and for local purposes only; authorizes the legislature to provide for the classification of objects of taxation, and provides that rates shall be equal on the same class of property.

This amendment in its short form is described as providing authority for the legislature to enact laws that the state may derive its income in whole or in part, from other sources than the ad valorem tax. A limit is fixed upon the tax which may be levied for state purposes only, including school purposes, and for county or local purposes, the present constitutional tax limits.

County officers for whose salaries the legislature will be authorized to provide limits, under an amendment are: district attorney, district judge, county attorney, sheriff, county clerk, county tax assessor and county tax collector.

We invite every reader to turn now and read the full text of each of the proposed amendments, and in doing so there will be no occasion on election day for any voter to ask another, "how about these proposed amendments to the state constitution?"

Will Nickels, of Hill county, is here now looking after his farm interests and property on the Plains near McAdoo. Mr. Nickels is a brother of Robert Nickels of McAdoo and who is well known throughout the country, having been an extensive farmer here since the early days of the settlement of the country. Will Nickels owns two half section farms on the Plains and is now superintending improvements on the places. He also owns farm lands back in the black land belts of Hill county, where he says they have been having too much rain up to this time this year.

Dr. Dan H. Zachry left this week for Austin where he will attend a state convention of dentists. Dr. Zachry will remain over in Austin after the convention to take a special post graduate course in dentistry, to better equip himself in caring for his dental practice in the Spur country.

COTTON SEED—Mebane, early picked, for sale at \$1.25 per bushel.—T. A. Randleman. 27-2tp

Proposed Amendments to State Constitution.

S. J. R. No. 24

Proposing an amendment of Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article V of the Constitution of Texas for the purpose of providing a more efficient judicial system.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1: That Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2 (of Article V): The Supreme Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of five Judges shall be necessary to the decision of a case. No person shall be eligible to the office of Chief Justice or Associate Justice of the Supreme Court unless he be, at the time of his election or appointment, a citizen of the United States and of this State, and unless he shall have attained the age of thirty years and shall have been a licensed lawyer for seven years and, during that time shall have been a practicing lawyer or Judge of a court of record, or such practicing lawyer and judge together. Said Chief Justice and Associate Justices shall be elected by the qualified voters of the State, at a general election, and shall hold their offices six years, or until their successors are elected and qualify, and shall receive such compensation as may be provided by law. In case of a vacancy in the office of Chief Justice or Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, the Governor shall fill the vacancy until the next general election for State officers, and at such general election the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by election by the qualified voters of the State. The Judges of the Supreme Court who may be in office at the time of this amendment takes effect shall continue in office until the expiration of their terms of office under the present Constitution and until their successors are elected and qualify. When this amendment takes effect, the Governor shall immediately appoint six additional Associate Justices of the Supreme Court for terms of office so that the terms of two of such appointed Associate Justices shall expire with the term of office of each of the present members of the Supreme Court, and upon the qualification of such new Justices, the Commission of Appeals of the State of Texas shall terminate.

Section 3 (of Article V): The Supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction only, except as herein specified, which shall be co-extensive with the limits of the State. Its appellate jurisdiction shall extend to questions of law arising in the cases in the Courts of Civil Appeals in which the Judges of any Court of Civil Appeals may disagree or where the several courts of civil appeals may hold differently on the same question of law, or where a statute of the State is held void, and to questions of law arising in such other cases of which the Courts of Civil Appeals have appellate jurisdiction as may be prescribed by law; provided, that the Legislature may authorize direct appeals from the County and District Courts in any case where a statute of the State has been declared void. The Supreme Court and the Judges thereof shall have power to issue writs of habeas corpus as may be prescribed by law; and, under such regulations as may be prescribed by law, the said Court and the Judges thereof may issue the writs of mandamus, procedendo, certiorari, and such other writs as may be necessary to enforce its jurisdiction. The Legislature may confer original jurisdiction on the Supreme Court to issue writs of quo warranto and mandamus in such cases as may be specified except as against the Governor of the State. The Supreme Court shall also have power, upon affidavit or otherwise, to ascertain such matters of fact as

may be necessary to the proper exercise of its jurisdiction. The Supreme Court shall be open at all times and shall sit at the State Capital for the transaction of business at such times as may be designated by the Court. The present statutes defining the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court not in conflict herewith shall continue in effect until repealed or altered by the Legislature. The Supreme Court shall appoint a Clerk, who shall give bond in such manner as is now or may hereafter be required by law, and he may hold his office for four years, and shall be subject to removal by said Court for good cause entered of record on the minutes of said Court, and who shall receive such compensation as the Legislature may provide.

Section 4 (of Article V): The Court of Criminal Appeals shall consist of three Judges, provided that the Legislature may increase the number to five, and a majority of the Judges shall constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of a majority of the Judges shall be necessary to the decision of any case. Said Judges shall have the same qualifications and receive the same salaries as the Judges of the Supreme Court. They shall be elected by the qualified voters of the State, at a general election, and shall hold their offices for a term of six years. The Judges of the Court of Criminal Appeals who may be in the office at the time this amendment takes effect shall continue in office until the expiration of their terms of office under the present Constitution and laws.

Section 5 (of Article V): The Court of Criminal Appeals shall have appellate jurisdiction co-extensive with the limits of the State in all criminal cases of whatever grade, with such exceptions and under such regulations as may be prescribed by law, and the Legislature may confer original jurisdiction upon it to issue writs of mandamus, procedendo and certiorari in criminal cases. The Court of Criminal Appeals and the Judges thereof shall have the power to issue the writ of habeas corpus and, under such regulations as may be prescribed by law, issue such writs as may be necessary to enforce its own jurisdiction. The Court of Criminal Appeals shall have the power, upon affidavit or otherwise, to ascertain such matters of fact as may be necessary to the exercise of its jurisdiction. Said Court shall be open at all times and shall sit at the State Capital for the transaction of business at such times as may be designated by it. Said Court shall appoint a clerk, who shall give bond in such manner as is now or may hereafter be required by law, and he shall hold his office for four years, unless sooner removed by the Court for good cause entered of record on the minutes of said Court, and said Clerk shall receive such compensation as may be prescribed by law.

Section 6 (of Article V): The Legislature shall, from time to time, divide the State into such number of Supreme Judicial Districts as to it may seem necessary, not exceeding twelve at any one time, and shall have the power to re-district the State at any time, and shall establish a Court of Civil Appeals in each of said Districts, which Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and not less than two Associate Justices as the Legislature may provide, who shall have the qualifications as herein prescribed for Justices of the Supreme Court, provided that the aggregate number of Judges of all of the Courts of Civil Appeals shall never at one time exceed thirty-six. Each of the existing Courts of Civil Appeals shall continue until otherwise provided by law. The Courts of Civil Appeals shall have appellate jurisdiction co-extensive with the limits of their respective districts, which shall extend to all civil cases of which the District Courts or County Courts have original or appellate jurisdiction, under such restrictions and regulations as may be prescribed by law, provided, that the decisions of said Courts shall be conclu-

sive on all questions of fact brought before them on appeal or error. Said Courts of Civil Appeals shall hold their sessions at such places as may be designated by the Legislature and at such times as may be prescribed by law. Said Justices shall be elected by the qualified voters of their respective Districts, at a general election, for a term of six years, and shall receive such compensation as may be provided by law. Said courts shall have such other jurisdiction, original and appellate, as may be prescribed by law. Each Court of Appeals shall appoint a Clerk in the same manner as the Clerk of the Supreme Court, which Clerk shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by law. The Judges of the Courts of Civil Appeals who may be in office when this amendment takes effect shall hold their offices until their respective terms shall expire under their present election or appointment.

Section 7 (of Article V): The State shall be divided into as many Judicial Districts as may now or hereafter be provided by law, which may be increased or diminished by law. For each district there shall be elected by the qualified voters thereof, at a general election

a Judge, who shall be a citizen of the United States and of this State, who shall have been a licensed lawyer for four years next preceding his election, and during that time shall have been a practicing lawyer or Judge of a Court of record or such practicing lawyer or Judge together, who shall have resided in the District in which he was elected for two years next preceding his election, who shall reside in his District during his term of office, who shall hold his office for the term of four years, and shall receive for his services such compensation as may be prescribed by law. He shall hold the regular terms of his Court at the County seat of each County in his district at least twice in each year, in such manner as may be prescribed by law. The Legislature shall have power, by general or special laws, to authorize the holding of special terms of the court or the holding of more than two terms in any County for the dispatch of business. The Legislature shall also provide for the holding of District Court when the Judge thereof is absent, or is, from any cause, disabled or disqualified from presiding. The Supreme Court or the Chief Justice thereof may assign any District Judge to any District in the State other than that for which he

was elected, with all the powers of a resident District Judge of the District to which he is assigned, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Legislature, or by the Supreme Court in the absence of such regulations enacted by the Legislature. The District Judges who may be in office when this amendment takes effect shall hold their offices until their respective terms shall expire under their present election or appointment.

Sec. 2: Said proposed amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of this State qualified to vote on constitutional amendments at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Monday in August, A. D. 1927, at which each voter opposing said amendment shall scratch off of the ballot with pen or pencil the following words printed thereon:

"For the amendment to the State Constitution amending Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article V of the Constitution of Texas for the purpose of providing a more efficient judicial system;" and each voter favoring said amendment shall scratch off of the ballot in the same manner, the following words printed thereon:

"Against the amendment to the State Constitution amending Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article V of the Constitution of Texas for the purpose of providing a more efficient judicial system."

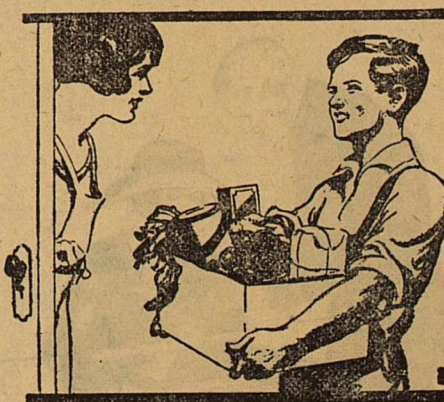
If it shall appear from a return of said election that a majority of the votes cast have been cast in favor of said amendment, it shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Sec. 3: The Governor shall issue his proclamation calling said election and have the same published and said election held in accordance with this resolution and the Constitution and laws of this State; and return shall be made and the votes canvassed and counted as provided by law; and if said amendment is adopted by the required vote of the qualified electors of this State, the Governor shall issue his proclamation as required by law.

Sec. 4: The sum of twelve thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the State Treasury to pay for publication calling said election and any expense of the State in submitting said amendment and holding said election.

Approved March 10, 1927. (A Correct Copy)

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THE STORY

CHAPTER I.—From the comfortable financial situation to which he had been born, Peter Milman, American gentleman of the old school, and last of his family, is practically reduced to penury through the misfortune of a friend, Hazen Brewer, whom he had unwisely trusted.

CHAPTER II.—Learning of Brewer's suicide, which means the destruction of his last hope, Milman engages a French butler, Achille Lutry, who speaks no English, and is to replace Sneed, servant of long standing. By Lutry, Milman sends letters to Prof. Fleming Bradney, Floyd Malet and Neeland Barnes, men whom the world has classed as failures, once of high position. In response, the three call on him at his home.

"The circumstances which led Mr. Bradney to give up his life-work and drop out of his world have never been told in their entirety," Peter Milman said, after a pause. "I am going to tell you now. I may say that up to the moment of his retirement we have never had a physicist who gave such promise as he. It is to the honor of a great university in this state that he was elected professor of etheric physics and asked to erect the most superb laboratory for his work that could be built. It was to exceed in equipment that of Cambridge university. He was allowed to design it. I think such a chance has rarely been given to one so young."

Bradney nodded his head. "It was the greatest opportunity ever offered a man."

"And he lost it," Milman's quiet, precise voice went on. "He lost it, and with it the chance of making a career of supreme service to mankind. I wonder if Mr. Bradney would mind telling us how?"

"It is all so confused and hard to understand," Bradney said slowly. "I am not a business man in any sense. I was convicted by the university authorities of stealing the money entrusted to me to build a laboratory which cost a quarter million dollars. Not all of it, naturally. I think I was supposed to have made away with something like seventy thousand dollars. The anonymous donor of a hundred thousand dollars whose gift had started the thing had expressed a wish that I should have absolute control. It was given me. A contractor showed me how, by using inferior materials, I could make a commission—that's his term for robbery, not mine—of twenty-five thousand. I should have exposed him then and there to the president, but he begged for a chance, and it was at a period of my life when I was drunk with the joy of my opportunities. His offer was soon forgotten." Fleming Bradney made a gesture almost of despair. "Somebody got at my papers and altered figures and estimates until even the faculty which wanted to believe in me, believed me guilty. I would not explain. I had the hot anger that innocence feels when it is accused of treachery to its ideals. It was kept out of the papers for the sake of the university, but I was done with. Naturally I fought, enlisted friends, and even lawyers, but I had no money saved, and it was useless."

"What did Mr. Milman mean by saying the story had never been told in its entirety?" Floyd Malet demanded. He turned to his host. "Is there anything else to it?"

"A great deal more," said Milman. "Recent exposes of conditions in the building trades make it easier to understand. The man who offered Mr. Bradney a bribe to pass poor construction was not acting for himself. He was a subcontractor who would have made possibly a few hundreds out of it. He was acting for the inevitable 'man higher up,' who in this case was Paul Raxon. Perhaps you have heard of him?"

"Not the man who downed International Motors?" Neeland Barnes cried.

"Yes. I know a great deal about Paul Raxon. I have followed his career with deep interest. It was Paul Raxon who decreed Professor Bradney's fall. He was used to breaking men who defied him. Of course, we shall never get evidence of this. The subcontractor, whose living depended upon Raxon's favor, would never tell. There was one man who believed in Professor Bradney when the inquiry was started. This was the anonymous donor of the hundred thousand dollars."

"I heard of that," Bradney said, "and I begged them to give his name so that I could thank him. I have often vowed if ever it were possible to do something for him I would, but that's unlikely. What could I do, who made a bare livelihood?" Bradney surveyed his garb with scorn. "No decent man-servant would admit me to his master's house. I look what I am—a failure, and yet, God knows,

not a cent of that money stuck to my fingers. What on earth should I want money for except for my work?"

"This Paul Raxon," Milman continued, "is one of the ablest men in New York. No decent man has a chance when pitted against him and his accomplices. He is not of the usual contractor class. He began life as an architect, but always desired wealth, and found his profession too slow a method to gain it. Yes," Milman said in a slow, meditative way, "I know a great deal about him. I even subscribe to a clipping bureau, so that I may miss nothing. You will be surprised to hear that I had him followed for a long time by a private detective."

"May I ask why?" Bradney returned. "I shall tell you presently. Let me speak first of the misfortunes, equally undeserved, which befell Mr. Floyd Malet."

The sculptor flushed. "I don't think anyone but myself knows what they were."

"There you are wrong," Milman corrected gently. "A dozen years ago America discovered that Mr. Malet was a genius. Some of you may have seen the heroic figure of Stonevall Jackson at Raleigh. That made him."

"I remember now," Neeland Barnes exclaimed. "There was some sort of wild studio party where a woman was killed. I don't see how that could hurt an artist." Neeland Barnes had formed his opinion of the morals of artists from the fiction writing of sentimental women. "Surely that wouldn't put him down and out?"

"It did," Malet answered bitterly. "A sculptor depends—in this country, at all events—on commissions from public bodies, many of whom have women among them. When my name was besmirched it was deemed unwise to employ me to decorate buildings consecrated to drama, literature, or the arts. Even politics had to be protected from my impure touch! I lost the award I had been definitely promised for a statehouse because my morals were—so the report ran—loose. My failure was just as complete as that of Professor Bradney. I had a little money, and that went in lawyers' fees. My friends were few and not influential."

"Like Alfred Gilbert, I destroyed what I thought was poor, and that is why there are not three of my works left in the world today. I have failed, but I could have done good work if the incredible had not happened."

"As I remember, the thing was rather—er—delicate," Barnes said.

"You shall judge. A poor girl accosted me on the street and said she was starving. To one who had lived so long in Paris, it was nothing out of the way to take a hungry gamine to my studio and give her a meal and a



I Remember It Was Late at Night.

little money. I remember it was late at night, and I first saw her on a bench in Bryant park just as the first snow of the year began to fall. I was selfish enough to think her thin, draped figure would do for one of the models of a group I had in mind which was to be called 'Winter.' She told me something of her history. It was commonplace. I had heard it before. I do not mean it was not true. I mean, rather, that it was the usual story of the ambitious girl trusting too well the man who defers to marry her."

"I know," said Neeland Barnes wisely. "I know. Waiting for the divorce." "She shrank from going up in the elevator because she was so shabby, so I helped her up the long flights to my studio. She fainted when she got there, and I gave her brandy. She was so ill that I wanted to send for a doctor. Instead she used the telephone. I did not bear the number, but I knew it must be to the man she spoke. Very reluctantly he agreed to come and see her. I think the fact that I insisted on speaking was the cause. Perhaps he imagined I knew his name and more about him."

"Then you didn't know who he was?"

Floyd Malet shook his head. "Nor do I now, but I remember him distinctly. He was a thin man with a black mustache and brown eyes with red flecks in them. I knew he was a man who had been successful with women. I met him at the entrance. He wore a fur coat whose collar concealed his face. Outside it was still snowing hard. I judged him to be one used to getting his own way. I did not like his manner. There was a

snarl in it. Perhaps my studio—you know what a dirty, unluxurious place a sculptor's workshop is—did not impress him. The girl had died while I was waiting for him. He cried out that it was a trick I had played him. Then he ran out for a doctor and the police." Malet shrugged his shoulders. "I never saw him again. Sometimes I wonder if he was run over and killed, or if, when he found I did not know his name and did not find any letters in the girl's pocket, he left me to bear the blame."

"I sent for a doctor, who in turn sent for the police. When I told them the story of the man with the fur coat whose face I could not see distinctly, whose name I did not know, and of whose address I was unaware, I could see they thought me lying. And when I told them the girl had not taken the elevator, I could see they thought it was a vulgar intrigue."

"But the man with the fur coat didn't walk up," Neeland Barnes reminded him. "But the elevator boy denied having seen him," Malet explained. "It was my word against his. The record of the telephone call could not be traced. I made a bad witness. Nobody identified the girl, and as I admitted giving her brandy, the thing was treated in the papers as a drunken debauch, and I was marked as a Parisian decadent. It was my finish."

Malet sank down in his chair. The sensitive face was marked by suffering. The stamp of realized failure seemed upon him. Bradney leaned forward and put an arm about the bowed shoulder of the smaller man. It was a protective, brotherly action born of sudden sympathy and understanding. But he had nothing to say.

Malet shivered a little as a light wind swept along the little garden. He rose from his chair and held out his hand to his host.

"You have made me forget and you have made me remember," he said. "I am grateful, Mr. Milman."

"But I cannot let you go yet," said the other. "There should be some cedar logs already blazing in the drawing room." He turned to the others. "We shall find it more agreeable in the house." He put his arm in that of the sculptor. "Never think you are a failure," he said earnestly. "Your Stonevall Jackson is one of the few great things we have."

"You are saying that to hearten me," Malet answered.

"Am I?" Peter Milman laughed. "You shall judge for yourself."

Although the drawing room was a finely proportioned apartment and contained many beautiful things, Malet had eyes only for his marble group which stood near the window. He had never learned where it was, but it was this work he had believed to be his best. He approached it almost nervously. Was he to find, after all, that he was only one of the second-raters? The group had been exhibited under the name of "The Settlers," and represented one of those heroic American families of Colonial days standing at bay, facing death in the form of "King" Philip's Indian warriors.

None spoke as he gazed at it. Even Barnes felt that the emotion which he could not fathom had in it some unusual quality. There were tears in Floyd Malet's eyes as he turned to Peter Milman, and his voice was husky. "Yes," he said in a low voice, "it is good. I should have been among the great ones."

"You are among them," Milman assured him.

CHAPTER IV

When midnight was passed and the four men very comfortably seated about the fire, Neeland Barnes began to think there was to be no unmasking of his past. In a sense he was glad. These two men whom he had begun by despising seemed, after all, to have cut considerable figures once. Barnes was a shrewd judge of men. He thought that they had spoken only the truth. The big man with the eager, gray eyes was most certainly no graffer. And as to the other, Barnes recalled his case well now it was brought to his notice. He had sneered at the sculptor's odd defense and believed it with most men about town a very poor excuse. But now he believed absolutely in Floyd Malet's integrity. In comparison, Neeland Barnes, professional man-of-the-world, felt rather a poor specimen.

"We now come," said Milman, breaking in on his reflections, "to the case of Mr. Neeland Barnes."

Mr. Neeland Barnes groaned inwardly. Externally he was urbane and gracious.

"Shearing the black sheep," he said. "A lesson to all young men. How not to live."

"Mr. Barnes," said Peter Milman, "is not so complex a type as his fellow-guests. He aimed at physical attributes rather than intellectual or artistic achievements. And he succeeded just as they did. I doubt if there is an American living who excelled in certain phases of sport as Mr. Barnes did."

"He was a man who might have passed a blameless life had his money lasted. There came a time when his relatives would not help and his horses could not win races. Finally, he was accused of some trickery at Saratoga and found his racing career at an end. Since then he has been living insecurely on what his few remaining relatives choose to give him."

"Mr. Milman," Barnes said, and there was a certain dignity in his bearing. "I have been almost every sort of a fool in my day. I have thrown away fortunes and gambled and drunk

like a madman, but I never pulled any dirty tricks on a race track. I was always out to win and never betted against my own horses. I'm not what you might call a reliable man, and I've done things I'm heartily ashamed of now, but I did not do what the Saratoga stewards believed of me."

"What did they believe?" Bradney demanded. He knew nothing of racing.

"My trainer gave evidence before them that I instructed him to dope my entry for the Saratoga cup so that I might bet on another horse. Mine was the favorite. It did go to the post full of bromide, and the horse I was reputed to have bet on won at long odds. I had the trainer against me and the bookmaker, and because I was known to be in monetary difficulties, I was disbelieved. Not that I blame the stewards. They did their duty as they saw it. Somebody fixed my trainer and the jockey. I was forced out of the racing game, and found I hadn't a friend in the world. My wife would have believed me, but she was dead. I used what money I could get hold of to fight the thing, but the man, or men, who framed me had more money. I shall never know who it was."

"I know," said Peter Milman quietly. "You were not framed, as you term it, by any crooked owner of thoroughbreds. None of them was big enough to pull down a man of your sort. You had traditions and a name behind you. Your downfall came because you threw a man from the pier at Narragansett into the Atlantic ocean. Do you remember?"

"Yes," Barnes said slowly. "I think I do. There was a woman mixed up in it, but I forget her name now. She was one of those little fluff blondes that were fashionable that season. Ah I have it. She was a roof-garden star. A man came up and tried to make a scene. My Aunt Sarah, who was most particular, was coming toward us. The thing would have been most disastrous because I had turned over a new leaf the previous evening and a codicil was to be added to her will. Fortunately, the man struck at me, and I thought the simplest way out of it was to drop him in the sea. Aunt Sarah, being short-sighted, did not even see him disappear." Mr. Barnes mused on the thing for a few moments. "Most extraordinary. I never saw him again. There was no summons, no publicity—nothing. I was a bit uneasy at first lest he should have been drowned, but somebody saw him crawl ashore. I never knew his name, and I never saw the blonde again."

"The man you threw into the water was the man who arranged matters so that you should be compelled to give up racing." There was a trace of triumph in Mr. Milman's manner. "You will never be able to prove it, so don't try."

"And I hoped he didn't drown," said Barnes, looking about for sympathy. "What's his name?" Barnes did not doubt his host's sincerity for a moment.

"All in good time," said Milman; "first let me show you his photograph." He unlocked a drawer and took the picture from an envelope. "Is that he?"

"As I remember it, yes," said Barnes; "but it's years ago, and there might be a possibility of error."

Milman passed the photograph to Floyd Malet.

"Do you recognize him?" There was excitement in the sculptor's voice. "It's the man with the fur coat who came to my studio that night. This is the man, I'll swear. What's his name?"

"That is the man to whom you all owe your misfortunes—Paul Raxon."

It was a thin, narrow face that stared back at them, but it was not the face of a fool. Few men without the early advantage of financial training had impressed themselves on Wall Street as he had done. The collapse of International Motors and the failure of the Hazen Brewer crowd to break him made Raxon for the moment the most spectacular figure in New York. And yet none of Milman's guests had ever before seen a photograph of him. He had a knack of outwitting the newspaper photographers. He had smashed many cameras. It had come to be understood that to attempt to photograph him was to incur the enmity of a man who never forgave or forgot.

"That he broke Professor Bradney was a precautionary measure and not born of any personal malice. No doubt his subordinates had found the professor was not rich and supposed him ripe for the fall. There is hardly a doubt that he has made enormous amounts by these methods, always covering himself with hopelessly compromised lesser men who dared say nothing. As to Mr. Malet, that was merely bad luck and not in the first design. I don't suppose Raxon had anything personal against him, but he recognized the opportunity to escape from a troublesome position. The only purely personal spite was in the case of Mr. Neeland Barnes. Raxon was intending to buy a big house at Narragansett and entertain largely."

"I don't remember the name there," said Barnes.

"He left the pier," Milman answered. "Raxon is curiously sensitive to ridicule. He could not remain to be pointed out as the man Neeland Barnes had contemptuously tossed into the ocean. It took him several years to get his revenge, but it was a complete one. He boasts that he never lets up, and ascribes Indian ancestry to this unamiable quality. His most spectacular hatred was that my poor friend Hazen Brewer incurred. Brewer committed suicide because

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he had plunged into penury a man who was near and dear to him. This was a man unused to finance, who trusted Brewer with his fortune and mortgaged his home in a vain effort to save his friend. Brewer felt disgraced. I think this emotion was far more potent than the fact of his financial collapse. He did not know that his friend harbored no hard thoughts of him and would have made no complaints. After all, the friend's loss was very little compared with his downfall."

Fleming Bradney, perhaps the closest observer of Milman's guests, was becoming possessed with a vast impatience to know for what reason he had been summoned. Bradney had the analytical mind of the scientist. There were several things in Milman's narrative which needed elucidation.

"Why," he asked suddenly, "did you subscribe to a press-clipping agency and put a detective on Raxon's track?"

"Because I had learned through a source entirely confidential that it was Raxon who had ruined Mr. Malet. I was interested in Mr. Malet. I think that marble group proves it. And I have said I was interested in your work too. If it had been possible to clear you, I should like to have done so. I am not sure there was not something of childish vanity in it. I liked to sit here in my lonely, unvisited house and feel I was learning day by day, hour by hour, more about a man who believed himself above the law and building up this knowledge into a weapon against him. But I found he was so secure as to be able to boast of things that no legal evidence could

charge him with. Neeland Barnes, for example. A few hundreds spent in bribery, or a few promises dropped as to future patronage, and the thing was accomplished.

"All you have done," said Bradney, who was suddenly assailed with doubts as to Milman's ultimate purpose, "is to get us here and show us what failures we are. That is not kind, unless you have a remedy. Don't you see it puts us in a very poor light? A man may fail and still have self-respect left. I decline to consider myself a black sheep. You tell me Raxon ruined my career. I shall make a point of seeing the editors of all the great New York papers and telling them what you have said. Too long a

certain type of man has ruled our cities in the name of democracy."

There was no doubt now about Peter Milman's uneasiness as he listened.

"I thought you understood," he said quietly, "that this conversation was privileged. If you go to your editors you will do two things: One will be to convince them that you have brooded so long on your troubles that you are mad. The other will be to disclose the confidences a dead man gave me."

"But you want me to give up the only chance I may ever have of clearing my name," Bradney complained.

"You can never clear it that way. I don't think you can ever hope to defeat Paul Raxon that way." His tone changed a little. "Tell me this Mr. Bradney. Which counts more with you: the clearing of your name of suspicion of dishonesty—not actual conviction of it, remember, for your case never came before a court of law—or the opportunity to devote your life to your chosen science?"

"The latter, of course," Bradney cried. "It is only if I establish my innocence that I can hope to get another appointment. Such work as mine is very costly. I must have large funds at my disposal and elaborate equipment."

"And you?" Milman said, turning to the sculptor.

"If enough mud is thrown at a man, no matter how innocent he is, some of it will stick. I have long since abandoned any hope of being whitewashed. In a sense, the equipment of the sculptor is expensive. If I were a painter, it would be a different thing. There is no institution to endow broken, middle-aged men."

"It is for that reason I asked you all to come here," Milman answered. "You don't understand? Gentlemen, I am a broken middle-aged man. In Hazen Brewer's failure my entire fortune went. I mortgaged this house to help him. Out of the wreck I may save enough to live in a couple of humble rooms for the rest of my life. We are all in the same boat, all four of us victims to Paul Raxon's whims."

"You," Neeland Barnes cried. "You had all sorts of money, I thought."

"I have none now. That is hardly true. I have enough to live on in this house for three months. Then the mortgage will fall due. There will be an auction sale and an end of the New York Milmans"—he paused—unless—"

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Kitchen Improvement Contest Report

Following is a report of the Improved Kitchen Contest, for Dickens County women.

The Contestants are, Mesdames Ed. Fuqua, T. A. Bingham, and Ida Perrin.

The Judges are: Mesdames H. P. Schrimsher and Jack Rector.

Following is the scoring made by the contestants:

CONTESTANT	1st score	2nd s.
Mrs. Ed Fuqua	130	312
Mrs. T. A. Bingham	147	365
Mrs. Perrin	147	365

Mrs. Perrin has been ill and did not complete her kitchen. The perfect score is 500.

Mrs. Bingham's kitchen will be scored by Miss Hill, May 18th, for competition in the district contest.

Following are points upon which the scoring in the contest is based: Sanitation—185 points, Interior finish—70 points, Equipment—95 points, Storage facilities—65 points, Arrangement—70 points, Attractiveness—15 points. Total 500.

IMPROVED KITCHEN CONTEST

The aims of the Improved Kitchen Contest was to influence Texas farm women in regard to four particular matters:

1. To give to the original kitchen the greatest amount of time and thought looking to its improvement.
2. To make the kitchen as sanitary as possible and to finish or re-finish the floors and walls so that they will be easily kept and yet attractive.
3. To produce at the smallest lay out of money possible the best furnishings and labor saving equipment for the kitchen.
4. To so group and arrange the kitchen furnishings that the work of the woman may be done with the greatest saving of time and energy; in other words, so that her head may save her body.

CONTEST PLANS

1. The Improved Kitchen Contest is under the direction of the Extension service of the A. & M. College of Texas and the United States Department of Agriculture Co-operating, and The Semi-Weekly Farm News.
2. This contests is conducted by the Extension Service of the Texas A. & M. College, the Home Demonstration Agent having direct charge in her county, including the selection of the County Committee of judges. The Semi-Weekly Farm News not taking part in the appointment of such committee or the rendering of such decisions as are to be made in regard to the winners of the contest.
3. The contestants had the privilege of entering one of two classes, namely, Class 1. "The kitchen making the greatest improvement for the least amount of money (Cost not to exceed \$25.00). Class 2. "The

kitchen making the greatest improvement in proportion to the expenditure (cost exceeding \$25.00).

4. All contestants in Dickens Co. entered in Class 1.

5. The County Committee consisting of two members, Mrs. Jack Rector and Mrs. Homer Schrimsher, were appointed by the Home Demonstration Agent. The Committee graded the kitchen at the beginning of the contest according to a score card with which was sent out by the college.

6. These judges also made a scoring of the kitchen after the improvements were made.

7. The District judging will be done by Miss Sallie Hill from College Station this month.

8. After the best kitchen in each district have been decided upon, the state honor will be awarded by the State Committee, which shall be appointed by the Extension Service. This Committee will visit the prize winning kitchen in each district. The state judging will follow the district judging immediately beginning not later than June 1st, 1927.

DISTRICT PRIZES

Six prizes will be offered for each district by the Semi-Weekly Farm News as follows:

Class 1. For the kitchen making the greatest improvement in the allotted time in proportion to the expenditure (Cost not exceeding \$25). 1st prize, \$25.00 in cash, 2nd., \$15.00 in cash. 3rd., \$10.00 in cash. 4th., One year's subscription to the Semi-Weekly Farm News.

Class 2. For the kitchen making the greatest improvement in the allotted time in proportion to the expenditure (cost exceeding \$25.00) 1st prize, \$25.00 in cash, 2nd., \$15.00. 3rd., \$10.00 in cash. 4th., One year's subscription to the Semi-Weekly Farm News.

MIT REYNOLDS CAME UP FROM JAYTON TO HAVE CRUSHED FOOT AND LEG REDRESSED

Mit Reynolds, who is now making his home in Jayton, came up Saturday to have his foot and leg dressed. Some time ago, in unloading heavy telegraph and telephone poles, several of them rolled on Mr. Reynolds' foot and leg with the result that the foot was mashed into a jelly and several bones of the leg broken and crushed. For many weeks the foot and leg has been encased in plaster paris bandages, and he was here to have the foot redressed, or these impediments removed, since he was unable to determine conclusively whether or not the foot had healed sufficiently to be used. Mr. Reynolds incidentally stated that it was also getting dry around Jayton.

Mrs. C. A. Love returned this week from Fort Worth where she has been under treatment of specialists.

Battle Faces Public In Effort to Return to Former Standards

The paramount issues before the American people today are:

Law enforcement and taxation. These are startling facts; we are paying more for Government than the people of any other great Nation are paying; we are getting less in the way of protection for life than other Nations are getting.

Another fact, more startling still, is that the administration of our Government, including all branches, executive, legislative and judicial, is notoriously characterized by more of scandalous favoritism than invites disgrace upon any other great Nation. The rule of Aristocracy. We are drifting faster and faster toward the rule of wealth. The misgovernment which is so apparent in every department of Government is all traceable to this cause. Behind it all, lurk greed and lust.

It is as true today as it was when the great Apostle first declared the primal truth: the love of money is the root of all evil. We have given unbridled license to this passion in all of the administrative departments of Government.

In Texas, the issue has become acute, whether the courts shall be operated for the benefit of the public or whether they shall be operated for the benefit of lawyers, fee grabbers and criminals. The past Legislature, following the example of its predecessors, declared, in effect, that there shall be no relief for the public, and submitted a constitutional amendment to be voted on in August, which was devised to perpetuate all of the worst evils of the present system. The submission of that constitutional amendment forces the public to act now, without delay, or to submit for an indefinite time to misgovernment in the courts, which is already so unbearable as to be a subject of loud and universal complaint.

The first great battle between the lawyers and their allies, and the people will be fought at the polls next August in the vote upon this proposed constitutional amendment, and the battle will be continued in the State campaign next year.

I began this fight as editor of the Cleburne Telegram before I became a lieutenant for Jim Hogg in the battle for the people waged in Texas by that great commoner. This was before I became a lawyer. I have worked in the cotton patch, behind the counter, and in the managerial business capacity. I know well—and no well-informed person can deny—that the law as it is carried on in actual practice today represents organized hostility to the written statute and to the welfare of society, that its principal purpose, judged by its fruits, is to fill the purses of officials who toil not neither do they spin, and of lobbyists and agents of special interests who masquerade as lawyers, that it fawns upon the great and frowns upon the weak, that it operates upon a plan of extravagance that would bankrupt the United States Steel Corporation if followed by that giant concern for twelve months, that it employs five men for every service which could easily be performed by one, and that its system of procedure represents the high water mark of farcical nonsense which has been reached since ancient monarchs employed fools and clowns to while away their idle hours.

All this is the handiwork of lawyers who claim to speak for today. I will not deny their authority to so speak, but on behalf of those who still cling to the standards of the past, I raise the flag of revolt and call upon the public to decide between us.

An organization is now being formed, to be called The Volunteers which will carry on this fight. Its headquarters will be in Dallas, and I will serve, at least temporarily, as chairman. It proposes to labor for the defeat of the judiciary amendment to be voted on next August, and to take a hand in the campaign to be waged in every county in Texas next year. It will stand for pitiless publicity, for the abolishment of the fee system and of all useless offices, for heavy reduction of all taxes, Federal, State, county and municipal, for reform of court procedure to a point which will remove the scandalous maladministration which now brings serious odium upon Texas courthouses, for the vigorous enforcement of all laws, and for the uprooting and destruction of all forms of administrative graft.

This is a big program, and it involves more of real significance to the people of Texas than any political battle which has been waged in this State since Jim Hogg threw down the gage of war to the railroads and their allies.

I am now sending out invitations

to all Texans who are in sympathy with this movement to identify themselves with it. I will soon begin the publication of a monthly journal to be called "The Volunteer" which will be devoted to this cause.

When I began the study of law, that profession stood at the top as regards ethical standards. Its leading exponents in Texas at the time were Judge Roberts and Judge Gould, of the State University; Judge Ballinger, of Galveston; Judge Stayton and Judge West of the Supreme Court; Judge Henry and Judge Sawnie Robertson, of Dallas, and other men of their type. It is no secret, either in or out of the profession, that there has been a horizontal decline in its standards since that time. Tricks—and worse than tricks—which would have barred a lawyer from the profession then are now generally accepted as tokens of superior ability. The lawyer who refuses to adopt these modern devices is at a great disadvantage as compared with the lawyer who is notoriously skillful in such practices.

Clients who pay big fees demand big results. Thus it has happened that a marvelous change has been wrought within the profession during the last twenty-five years. The public hears mainly from those who profit financially thru this change Representatives of the days of Roberts and Stayton, and inheritors of

their views, are silent. I am persuaded, however, that all thought which is worthy of the profession is saddened by this change and regards it as an unspeakable calamity. As for myself, I do not hesitate to declare that the standards of the past—the standards which have been almost wholly discarded—are the only legal standards that ought to be required to cleanse itself and to move back to those standards or it ought to be abolished. To those within the profession who feel this way about it, I appeal to them to join in an effort to save the profession and to restore it to the glory of the past. The American people will not forever endure the pernicious activities of licensed Janiparices, carrying on under the pretense of bishops of the law, and filling their pockets with dividends arising from its discomfiture.

I will be glad to hear from all persons who may be interested in the organization which is being formed to carry on this fight. Address me at 407 Andrews Building, Dallas, Texas.—By E. G. Senter, in Farm & Ranch.

B. Schwarz returned this week to Hempstead after spending a week in Spur with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Golding.

Cecil Hicks and wife are visiting in Stamford this week.

News of Oil Development Progress in Motley Co. Territory

The large gas engines to be used in drilling the test wells being put down by the Exploration Oil Company on W. R. Tilson and Doc Burleson places north Matador come in Wednesday and are being installed today. The contract calls for wells on both of these places to be spudded by Monday, May 1st. However active work will start tomorrow or Saturday.

The gas engine and other machinery for the Matador Oil Corporation, who are starting a test well on the C. D. Bird ranch 14 miles south of Matador has been shipped from the factory, and should be on the ground within a week or so. This test will start as soon as engine is received and installed.

The Chechoka well on the J. F. Owens Lease 14 miles north are now digging in a blue shale at a depth of about 1700 feet.—Motley County News.

Jim Smith and wife returned this week from a month's visit with her mother in Austin.

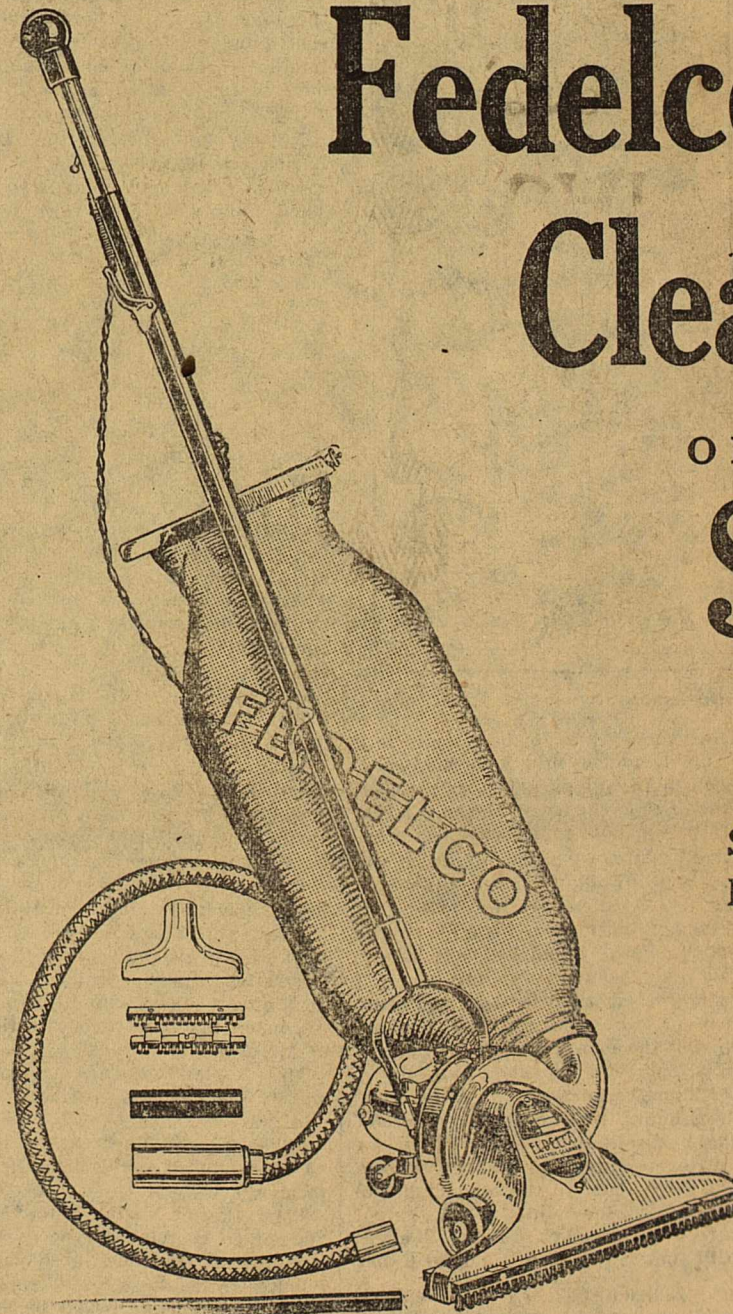
Mrs. George S. Link is visiting relatives and friends out of the city this week.



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