





### BY THE WAY

This writer has been coming in for considerable attention from the San Angelo authority the past few days. One comment is headed: "Is House Ever Right?" No one would think to ask such a question about Blondy. They KNOW he's NEVER right!

Then he writes another which is headed: "Station H-O-U-S-E" which is a discussion of three predictions I made. Readers of this column will recall that Blondy said that Sweetwater will win the championship of the new football district; then that Sweetwater will thump the champion of the Oil Belt, and that "the Oil Belt is slipping." My predictions were exactly the reverse: that Sweetwater will NOT win the championship of that district; that Sweetwater or any other team in that loop will NOT thump the Oil Belt champions, and that the Oil Belt is NOT slipping.

I'll let the reader in on a little secret. Before Mr. Cross came out to West Texas, I used to spend weary hours figuring out who was going to beat whom on the grid-iron but now that's unnecessary.



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### At the Arcadia Today

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**BASEBALL'S BIGGEST BONERS**  
TWO UMPIRES, two managers and 58 players all were fast asleep on a very simple play in Chicago on the day before the close of the 1916 season. As a result the game was thrown out of the records and the two teams had to play a double-header on the final day. With a runner on first and one out, Steve O'Neill of the Cleveland club struck out. The final strike was a wild pitch. The runner on first galloped to third and O'Neill, who really was out because first base was occupied when he missed the third one, ran to second. A base hit then scored both and Cleveland apparently won, 5 to 4. The two illegal runs were discovered that night by a Chicago newspaperman, going over the box score. The Sox protested and President Ban Johnson ordered the game replayed.

I just wait till Blondy says something then I take the opposite view. It works out every time. In this way I have acquired a wide-spread reputation for being able to foretell football events but I feel it is unfair for me to be given the credit for this power—the credit all goes to Blondy.

Anyway, Blondy's three predictions were so foolish that even he was able to see their absurdity after I painstakingly pointed it out in words of one syllable and he had two or three days in which to absorb the idea. In Blondy's latest comment, he concedes that my predictions will probably come true; then he realizes the hole he has left himself in and he adds a flock of "ifs" and winds up by again declaring his forecasts will be realized. He flounders so desperately that it will bring tears to the eyes of the onlookers. Read it and weep:

### PIGGLY WIGGLY

"All Over the World"

#### "Such Recklessness!"

"Truly, Mr. House is a game guy, particularly in regard to that Sweetwater guess. It's only a 5-to-1 shot, you know, that Sweetwater WON'T win the championship of the new district. There are only five other teams in the circuit all with designs on the title. Admittedly Sweetwater today has the best team on paper. Several things can happen by next fall. Hicks may not get his Roscoe scholastics on an even keel and Allison may return to Fort Worth Central High. Some of the other candidates are liable to meet with accident this summer and still some more may be lured into the Abilene Elephant corral along with Glenn Wyatt, Abilene's latest football recruit from the Nolan county capital. Mr. House shows considerable bravery, doesn't he, in guessing the district 4 winner won't beat the Oil Belt winner? With exception of back there in 1929 when the bounding Bobcats blew into Abilene and plastered the Pachyderms it is not on record that a team of this section EVER beat an Oil Belt top flight team. It's a fair hazard, however, that if Sweetwater can hold what it has, Al Hennig's boys not only will win the district 4 title, but will chase the Oil Belt victor up into the grandstand. In event Sweetwater DOES keep what it

has and fails to win the district 4 title, you can tell the slant-eyed populace the district 4 team that beats Sweetwater out for the championship will be an even wager to "take" the best the Oil Belt has to offer.

Incidentally, when he first presented his predictions, Blondy didn't put any "ifs" into them. He just stated them flatly. Now he has his alibi all neatly arranged. Should his predictions fail, one of the "ifs" hung fire—and that will be the reason. Should his predictions come true, which is only faintly possible he can gurgle "I told you so." There were no "ifs" to my forecasts to begin with and there are none now. This columnist is willing to stand or fall on them—not that anybody really cares, of course.

### LAWSUIT

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release of the restraints of the official position in the matter of enjoying one's friendships and the easy camaraderie of one's intimate friends.  
Not meaning to say Mr. Sterling is homesick. Nor that he is tired of the job. But for him, as for others there is an aloof loneliness about it, regardless of the huge number of official callers.

So quietly have the days come and gone, so steadily and harmoniously have affairs moved forward, so much a matter of course has been Governor Sterling's first month in office, that it is evidently reassuring. Texas has both strength and dignity in its chief office, regardless of what other states may be going through. And Texas remains happy in having outstanding men of high ideals at its helm.

Senator Walter C. Woodward believes that the past year's economic depression has somehow cowed people's spirits, as reflected in a sort of lassitude about the legislature. . . . Not that there isn't work being done. What he talked of was the leisurely approach to the major measures and matters of the session, an apparent indifference to the old fighting issues, an absence of the sharp lines and the bitter-end battles of past years.

It is conspicuous, come to think of it, on election matters, on public utility control, on prison reform and relocation, the legislature two years ago fought bitterly to the last ditch. This year, all the squalls and flurries have been of minor nature, over minor, transitory matters.

America is still the "land of opportunity" for Otto Strid, young Swedish musician who is playing this week at the Arcadia theatre.

The young artist is a native of Stockholm Sweden. He showed marked musical talent from his earliest boyhood. His parents made a special effort to give him the training he required and buy him an accordion, his favorite instrument. He shortly attracted the attention of various musical societies. He played before the King and queen of Sweden and then toured Europe giving recitals. Two years ago he came to America where he has appeared in the outstanding theatres in this country. In America he has been able to take time enough between engagements to master the English language, and has won numerous medals for his musical ability.

During his visit in the southwest Strid and his young partner, Maxine, who is a native Texan, have played in the larger Publix theatres and their engagement at the Arcadia is one of the many they are scheduled to play during the next season.



Jeanette MacDonald and Edmund Lowe in "Don't Bet On Women."

O. W. (Olie) Ballard, well-known Ranger man, is manager of the Panhandle Refining company station which opens here tomorrow.

The station, formerly known as the Motor Inn, is on Marston between Main and Pine. Mr. Ballard has had extensive experience in the filling station business and will be glad to welcome friends, old and new, to the Panhandle station.

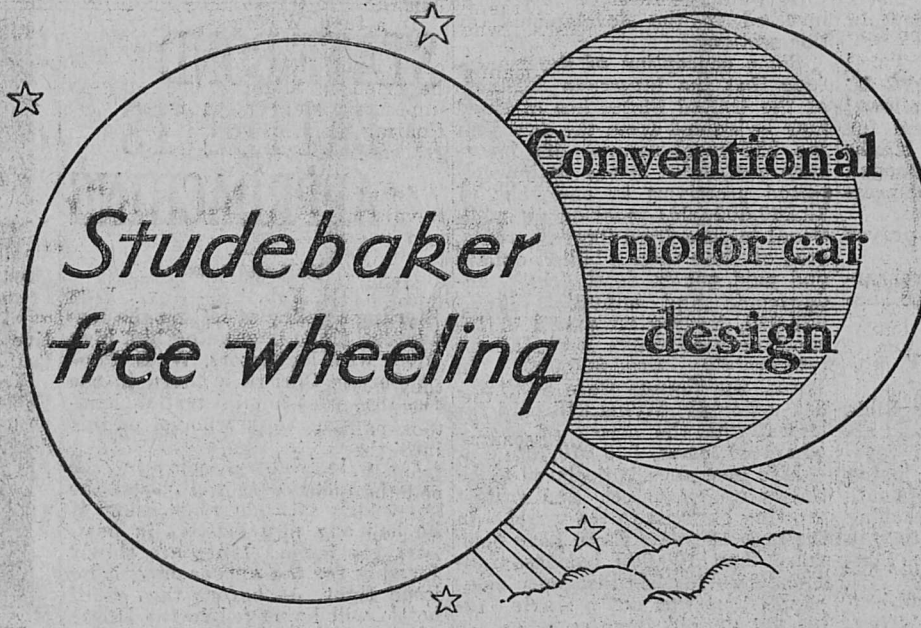
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STATE INCOME

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Moody are alluded to.

"It is unquestioned," Representative Victor B. Gilbert has said, "that the people of Texas are dissatisfied with the present system of taxation; it should be renovated, with a view to equalizing, rather than increasing taxation."

Mr. Gilbert believes that for the present the proper spread of tax levies based upon values and the ability to pay should be the starting-point toward readjustment.

Chairman Dewey Young has indicated that instead of a heterogeneous mass of unrelated bills, his committee expects to evolve a series of measures representing a composite system, a public policy of just taxation.

"The state is growing," Mr. Young said. "Its growth calls for additional expenditures, which means additional taxes from some source."

"The ad valorem tax has passed its day of usefulness—wealth is no longer measured by land ownership."

"Some other source must be looked to for the future supply of revenues for operation of the government."

"The question we face is of equitably distributing it, so as not to hurt any one industry, so as to provide for the best possible development of our state, and the greatest possible increase of wealth and productivity."

"After all, states must be paid out of earnings. The man who hasn't can't pay. Inevitably, we are coming to the income tax; but I regard it as the ultimate goal to be reached through a gradual process, in which the tax burden shall be shifted from property, regardless of its productivity, to productivity. In that transition, it seems to me first the taxes must be placed upon the production of natural resources, particularly those which exhaust the state's wealth and can not be replaced, and upon occupations and the development of new wealth. This will be the practical equivalent of an occupation tax, levied specially upon those sources most clearly able to pay. Then, as these various occupation, severance, production and excise taxes reach the saturation point, gradually they will be spread to the general level of a graduated income tax."

"Texas is not yet developed industrially. Other states round

about do not have the income tax. We want to encourage, not discourage, industry and capital. We do not want to drive business firms out to other states, giving up the very assets we seek to encourage for Texas development."

Senator W. A. Williamson commented: "Take the example of Wisconsin. That state suddenly adopted the income tax. Look what it did. It drove out such great industries as the Simmons Bed manufacturers. These industries simply went to other states where there was no income tax."

Governor Ross S. Sterling, both in his campaign and in his inaugural message to the legislature, advocated tax reform and adjustment of present unequal burdens which he and all others concede rest upon the depreciated farm and ranch lands, and upon discouraged home ownership.

Nowhere has he advocated the direct income tax.

He sponsors the road-rent plan of removing a major tax injustice, the ad valorem levy now required to build state highways, and of repayment to counties what they have been compelled to pay into the building of state highways.

Former Governor Dan Moody in the past recommended to the legislature an income tax as a state ideal. Recently he has said, "The principle is sound, but it is readily recognized that there are other ways than the income tax of basing the public revenues upon the ability to pay."

W. W. Cameron, Waco, one of the state's most widely-known business men, has pointed out among his objections to an income tax the fact that it can not be fully enforced by the state.

"Any foreign corporation doing business in Texas with branches where there is no income tax law could make all purchases out of the state, charge them to the Texas branch at retail price, and there would be no profit in Texas."

The profit would be made outside the state, and I do not believe would be taxable," he said.

Mr. Cameron pointed out that now the community property law of Texas has been upheld as to the federal income tax, "giving Texas an opportunity that few states have." He advocated such state tax laws as will take advantage of this and other factors to "invite wealth to come to Texas and remain with us."

He advocated strict economy in government, and equality in taxation to raise revenues that are re-

OUT OUR WAY



NAPOLEON AND THE PYRAMIDS.

ROUTED 200 BANDITS

Because he routed 200 Haitian bandits with only 12 men, Sergt. Clair S. Christian of the U. S. marines will be awarded a naval cross if a bill now pending in the Senate is successful.

Sergt. Christian's post in Haiti was attacked in October, 1919, by a bandit force, which was routed, while Sergt. Christian himself seized the gun and papers of the bandit leader, whom he killed. His home is in Independence, Kan.

One of the cruel fates of life is that after you muster up nerve to go to the dentist, he takes it from you.

S. & H. Store To Reopen As Soon As Is Possible

The S. & H. Store is planning to reopen in the same location with an entirely new stock and new fixtures. The store was the scene of a serious fire a week ago.

Plans call for reopening the store just as soon as repairing the building is completed.

The damaged stock has been moved to the store room in the P. & Q. building on North Austin street.

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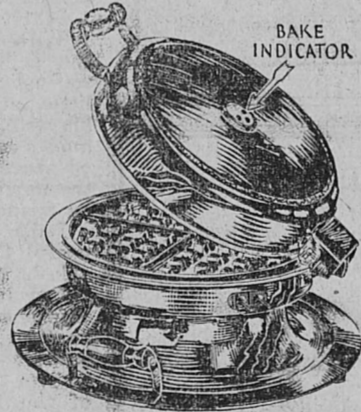
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BANK BANDITS ESCAPE WITH \$3,000 LOOT

By United Press.

FORESTBURG, Texas, Feb. 21. Officers of four counties today joined the search for the young bandits who yesterday afternoon held up the First State Bank here and escaped with \$2,966.44 in cash.

While a posse of citizens headed by Sheriff D. B. Browning of Montague county and his deputies combed the countryside southeast of here, officers in Sooke, Wise and Denton counties guarded highways leading to Dallas and Fort Worth.

The two bandits virtually assured temporary escape yesterday when telephone wires were severed nearly a mile from here before they entered town. Not until after linemen had discovered the break and repaired it was it possible to summon Sheriff Browning, and notify surrounding towns. Last trace reported of the pair came from John Dandis, a merchant, and an employe of the bank who pursued the robbers in their automobile as they fled out of town but were outdistanced and lost the trail 15 miles southeast of here.

The two—each about 25—entered the bank and walked casually up to the cage in which Cashier Waley and Pryor McGee, bookkeeper, were at work. They lined Wyley, McGee, J. M. Johns and a youth, customers, up and commanded them to raise their hands and face the wall.

While one rifled the cash drawer, the other remained on guard. An attempt to lock the four in the vault was halted by a time device which prevented the locking of the door at certain times during the day.

AT RANGER HOSPITALS

West Texas Clinic and Hospital Miss Aylene Reed underwent an operation Saturday morning and is reported resting nicely. Miss Reed is a niece of Mrs. J. C. Reed.

Mrs. George Hamilton, who is a patient, is seriously ill.

Mrs. J. D. Miller of Thurber, who has been a patient for the past week, is improving.

John Thurman is a patient this week, suffering from an infected foot.

Miss Earle Cheever of Olden, is a patient and doing nicely.

Mrs. T. R. Kilcrease, who has been a patient for the past few days, was removed to her home Friday.

Mrs. Hortense Matthews, who underwent an operation 10 days ago, is showing much improvement.

Health Officer Says Dirt O. K. for Babies

By United Press.

DETROIT, Feb. 21.—If the baby likes to crawl in the dirt and occasionally takes a bite of mud, let him alone, it's good for him, says Dr. Henry F. Vaughn, Detroit health commissioner.

"Let your children eat a little dirt now and then," Dr. Vaughn told an audience at the Child Health Institute. "Let them get their hands and faces dirty. The bacteria in all forms of dirt will help them build up immunity to disease."

"Of course there is dirt and dirt. I don't mean to let babies come in direct contact with sick persons. But the ultra-immaculate mother who sterilizes her baby's toys and boils everything her baby will touch or play with, is doing the child more harm than good."

State Quilting Bee Will be Held in May

By United Press.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 21.—The "Quilt of Oklahoma" will be pieced together at a quilting bee at the governor's mansion here next May.

Mrs. William H. Murray, wife of the governor, has announced plans to entertain, at the 1 1/2, one woman, past 75 years old, from each of Oklahoma's 77 counties.

It is planned that each woman shall make a quilt block. She will embroider her name and county on her block. In addition, she will write a brief history of her life on a sheet of paper. These sheets will be bound into a book to be known as the "Book of the Quilt." The book will be placed on a stand in front of the quilt which will be hung in the Oklahoma Historical building.

Mrs. Murray, daughter of a governor of the old Chickasaw Indian Nation, devotes much of her time to her life hobby, art.

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