

FLORSHEIM SHOES--BEST MADE--MANN BROTHERS & HOLTON

MCCULLOCH COUNTY CO-OPERATIVE EXHIBIT DATES OCT. 24-25

EFFECT PERMANENT ORGANIZATION WOLF CLUB

Permanent organization of the McCulloch County Wolf club was perfected at a meeting here last Saturday afternoon at the court house. The plan of the temporary organization of a couple weeks ago, was to sign up both large and small ranchmen, stockmen and farmers on the basis of 1c per acre per annum, it being agreed that a minimum of 200,000 would need to be signed up before a permanent organization would be attempted. At the meeting Saturday afternoon the full 200,000 acres was guaranteed, and permanent organization was thereupon effected, as follows:

G. B. Awalt, President.
S. W. Espy, Vice-President.
H. P. Jordan volunteered his services free for one year as secretary-treasurer, which generous offer was gladly accepted.

In making up the Board of Directors, it was endeavored to have each commissioner precinct represented, and the following were accordingly named: Tom Sellman, P. C. Dutton, S. W. Espy, G. B. Awalt, James Finlay.

The Board of Directors will meet within the next week or so and decide upon the amount of bounty to be offered for wolf scalps. It is also likely that a bounty will be offered on cats.

The signing up of 200,000 acres by the club means that approximately two-thirds of the county will actively participate in the endeavor to exterminate the wolf and other varmints in this county. Included in the 200,000 acres are various tracts ranging from 40 acres up to 15,000 acres. All members of the club are now being called upon for their first year's assessment, and as soon as funds are available, the assistance of government and expert trappers will be enlisted in the war on the wolves.

Expert Advice.

The new golfer had acquired all the paraphernalia and started off. After a painful exhibition over the first few holes he decided on taking counsel with his caddy.

"What club do you take here?" he asked of the diminutive urchin.

"I should take me brassie," was the calm reply, "but then, o' course, all we caddies plays a swell game."

Informing a Visitor.
"So you're my auntie?"
"Yes, dear, I'm your Aunt Bessie, on your father's side."
"Well you're on the wrong side and you'll soon find that out."—Chicago Herald and Examiner.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

OLE MISS FUSSIN' BOUT DE WAY DE RATS BIN EATIN' HER CHICKENS, BUT AM SPICION TAIN' DE RATS-US BIN HAD A PREACHERS' CONFERENCE HEAH ALL DIS PAS' GONE WEEK!



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Smyrna Burning As Turks Massacre Christians.



First picture to reach America showing Smyrna in flames from torches of the triumphant Turks under Kemal Pasha. Thousands are believed to have perished in the flames and from swords of the Turks.

H. N. COOK NAMED ACTING POSTMASTER AT BRADY

H. N. Cook this morning received official notification of his appointment as Acting Postmaster of Brady, Texas, vice A. B. Reagan, resigned. The official word came from John H. Bartlett, First Assistant Postmaster General, at Washington, D. C. Mr. Cook has filed bond, as required, and expects to take charge of postoffice affairs next Monday, October 16th. In the meantime, A. B. Reagan, will continue in charge of the postoffice until Mr. Cook qualifies.

Mr. Cook is one of Brady's most popular and highly esteemed citizens, and his appointment will, without doubt, meet with general approval. For many years he was proprietor of the Queen hotel, and the fame of the hostelry under his management spread to the four corners of the U. S. His prominence in Republican councils, together with his universal popularity, has made him a strong candidate for the position of postmaster, and all his many friends rejoice with him in the successful outcome of his candidacy.

There is small doubt but what, under his business-like administration and with his unvarying courtesy, that his popularity in his new position will be no whit less than when he was the jovial host of Brady's leading hostelry.

EAST SWEDEN PRESBYTERIANS SECURE L. M. WOOD AS THEIR RESIDENT PASTOR

Members of the East Sweden Presbyterian church are to be congratulated upon having secured the Rev. L. M. Wood, recently of Blanket, as their permanent resident pastor, and in future two services will be held at the church each month. Rev. Wood will occupy the pulpit there on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays in each month, preaching both morning and evening. Mason and Zephyr stations will be filled by Rev. Wood on the remaining two Sundays.

Services have been conducted once a month at the East Sweden church by Rev. Wood for the past two years, and he is deservedly popular with the membership. With the recent completion and dedication of the new church house, the membership has felt the need of a resident pastor, and it was to be expected that their choice should fall upon Rev. Wood. The new church has a seating capacity of 300, which makes it ample for all occasions. A cordial invitation is extended by the membership to all visitors at their services.

TAX ASSESSOR HENRY HODGES COMPLIMENTED ON ROLLS BY COMPTROLLERS DEPARTMENT

Tax Assessor Henry R. Hodges this week has another reason for his customary happy smile, and that is the nice compliment passed upon his work by the state comptroller's department. In acknowledging receipt of the McCulloch county tax rolls, the comptroller said they were checked without a single error, were one of the first to be received, and were in A-1 shape. He congratulated Mr. Hodges upon his splendid work, saying it was a pleasure to review rolls gotten up in such splendid fashion.

COUNTY COURT CONVENES OCTOBER 16, 1:00 P. M.

County court will be convened on Monday, October 16th, at 1:00 p. m. With the appointment by the commissioners court of A. R. Pool as county attorney, the work of the court is certain to be expedited, and a number of cases which have heretofore been continued from term to term will be called to trial.

The following is the list of petit jurors for both the first and second weeks of court:

- First Week, October 16th.
Frank W. Tetens, Lohn
Jack Gortman, Brady
J. A. Holton, Brady
R. R. Evans, Voca
W. T. Keng, Whiteland
L. L. Deen, Doole
J. M. Simpson, Voca
E. W. Wood, Lohn
W. H. Ford, Mercury
J. L. Cox, Stacy
J. O. Roper, Lohn
W. F. Dutton, Brady
G. O. Darley, Brady
W. G. Purdy, Lohn

- Second Week, October 23rd.
J. T. Townsend, Pear Valley
J. A. Liverman, Fife
N. S. Allen, Voca
E. L. Guyton, Fife
J. H. Long, Fife
Lewis Birk, Voca
W. D. Parker, Pear Valley
J. N. Shaver, Lohn
A. E. Coonrod, Fife
J. M. Anderson, Brady
R. L. Pierce, Fife
L. J. Bratton, Rochelle
J. M. Garner, Doole
R. L. Shipman, Doole

Our orders of coal are now being delivered. Let us know your needs at once. Phone 295. MACY & CO.

Profit-sharing coupons with each \$1.00 purchase at The Brady Standard.

A. R. POOL, NAMED COUNTY ATTORNEY BY COURT

A. R. Pool, for the past five months county attorney of San Saba county, was last Wednesday named county attorney of McCulloch county by the commissioners court, meeting in special session. Mr. Pool qualified for the office Monday, and simultaneously with his acceptance of the position here, his resignation was acted upon by the San Saba county commissioners.

Mr. Pool has been practicing law for many years and comes here highly recommended. For several years past he has been located in the oil fields and early in the year he located at San Saba. The advantages offered by Brady and the local position, however, induced him to make another move, and Mr. Pool says that now he is permanently located. Mrs. Pool and two small sons will join him here as soon as he finds suitable quarters. Brady citizens will be glad to join in extending them a hearty welcome.

The new county attorney is now busy familiarizing himself with several cases which come up at the next term of court, and expects to clear the dockets of a number of cases that have been hanging over from term to term because the county had no prosecutor.

Coal is cash. Macy & Co.
Read it in The Standard

JOHN ECKERT OF KATEMEY IMPROVING FROM ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF .22 TARGET

It is announced that Mr. John Eckert of the Katemey section, who accidentally shot himself in the neck with a .22 calibre target one day last week, is improving nicely and has been able to return to his home after being treated at the Brady sanitarium for several days. It is said Mr. Eckert was slipping through some brush in order to get a shot at a chicken hawk when he started to arise from a crawling position he leaned the gun against the fence and unthoughtfully picked up the gun barrel first and in so doing the gun was discharged, the bullet penetrating his neck and ranging upward. An examination proved that the bullet had lodged in the upper portion of his jaw, back of the ear, but physicians were of the opinion that an attempt to remove the bullet at this time would be unwise. It is said the bullet barely missed his jugular vein and lodged before penetrating the lower brain, either of which would have proven fatal—Mason News.

COMMUNITIES GOING STRONG ON EXHIBITS FOR BIG SHOW OCT. 24-25TH

VOCA COMMUNITY STAGES BIG GET-TOGETHER MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT—FAIRVIEW UP AND GOING STRONG—FIFE, CALF CREEK AND OTHERS COMING.

One of the biggest Get-Together meetings ever held at Voca was staged on last Friday night when Brady boosters turned out in force and accompanied the Brady Municipal band of 40 pieces on their Exhibit boosting trip to our neighbor on the South. Voca folks turned out en masse for the occasion, and they were joined by the Lost Creek folks, and citizens from various of the neighboring communities. The band led the way with an inspiring concert, and the folks all began to warm up. James T. Mann and Geo. E. Ehlinger took turn about boosting the fair, and the band interspersed their remarks with more music. A. S. Johnston, superintendent of the Montgomery school gave a welcome address that left no doubt as to its sincerity, and then the whole meeting got down to business, organized the Voca community, and started them on their Exhibit way. The ladies of the community played the best role of all, and captured all blue ribbons when they served steaming coffee and cake to the entire assembly.

The Voca meeting is an example of how folks around in the various communities are taking to the Exhibit idea—it is spreading like wildfire, and there are certain to be some of the classiest exhibitions ever shown here. Fairview is another example of undiluted enthusiasm. Fairview has been telling the Exhibit committee all the time that they were coming strong, and they proved up the correctness of their claim Saturday night when the Brady delegation visited with them. Fairview not only got organized in first-class fashion and has their exhibit well under way, but has even gone so far as to raise their quota of the Exhibit finances, viz: 50c per scholastic, which amount they have tendered the Central Finance committee as evidence of their sincerity.

Fife, Calf Creek and other communities have also been visited, and good reports are had from these communities, more detailed report of the meetings being given later. As before stated, the Brady Central committee expects to send a visiting delegation to all communities who request them. These visiting delegations will help the communities get their organizations under way, will explain the whole plan and will help in any manner possible.

Every school community which joins in the Exhibit has a chance at the various prizes ranging from \$100 down to \$10, and no community which stages an exhibit will receive less than \$10. In financing the big affair, each community is asked to contribute 70c per scholastic. Brady business men are being solicited to make liberal contributions. No one will be asked to subscribe more than \$25, although larger subscriptions will be gladly accepted.

The Parade
The parade, with which the Exhibit will be opened, is being planned as one of the biggest and most unique of its kind. C. H. Vincent has consented to act as director in charge of parade features, and will be glad to confer with any individual or community on parade features. Every community should remember that their appearance in the parade will be judged on the basis of points, which will add to or take from their total points in the Exhibit. Consequently it behooves every community to make an especially strong and attractive showing in the parade. Be there in point of attendance, cleverness of display, attractiveness of appearance—it will all help towards winning that \$100 prize. The Brady merchants will all be asked to place decorated floats and cars in the parade. Three bands will be secured, and there will be music galore throughout the time the paraders are traversing the route. Another thing, every community will be placed in the parade in the order in which they en-

ter with Mr. Vincent. The first community to announce itself as entering the parade, will head the procession; the second will be next in line, etc. All community paraders will be grouped, and each community must have at the head of its group a banner with its name plainly lettered thereon. This will enable every sight-seer to tell at a glance just who the paraders are.

And, in conclusion, don't forget that the rural communities are being counted upon to furnish the entertainment programs at night. Each community should pick out their best speaker, vocalist, duet, reader, or be ready to present some clever little play. Advise without delay what your community can offer in the way of amusement. Get in touch with H. F. Schwenker, chairman of the Program committee, so he can reserve a place on the program for you. DO IT TODAY!

REDUCED SPECIAL OFFER.
Until October 16th the Star-Telegram, Daily and Sunday, for two months, for only \$1.15. This will put your subscription in line for the Holiday bargain rates. Regular subscription price for two months is \$1.70. You save 55c. ACT TODAY!
The Brady Standard.

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It's Just Around the Corner



SEE NEXT PAGE

THE BRADY STANDARD

H. F. Schwenker, Editor

Absorbed the Brady Enterprise and the McCulloch County Star May 2nd, 1910

Entered as second class matter May 17, 1910, at postoffice at Brady, Tex., under Act of March 3, 1879.

OFFICE IN STANDARD BUILDING

ADVERTISING RATES Local Readers, 7 1/2c per line, per issue Classified Ads, 1 1/4c per word per issue Display Rates Given upon Application

Any erroneous reflection upon the character of any person or firm appearing in these columns will be gladly and promptly corrected upon calling the attention of the management to the article in question.

The management assumes no responsibility for any indebtedness incurred by any employe, unless upon the written order of the editor.

BRADY, TEXAS, Oct. 10, 1922.

HONEST INJUN.

SPILLING THE BEANS.

A number of news stories are appearing in the papers from day to day, telling of the clipping of girls' hair while they sleep. This is an epidemic of hair cutting, according to these news stories, but—whether it is justified or not—we have a hunch that a great deal of it results from the fad for bobbed hair.

If Jim White ever loses his job as editor of the esteemed Brownwood Bulletin, he will, undoubtedly, receive an appointment as city detective.

Do you save the barnacle? If not, look in the glass. A barnacle is a sorry specimen of sea snail that attaches itself to the bottom of any passing ship and bangs on in numbers until the progress of the same is sadly impeded.

The difference between Hard times and Good times is always found in persistent advertising.

Followers of Senator Bob LaFollette see in his sweeping victory a big boost for the third national party, "of which it is hoped he may become the kernel."

Macy & Co. handles the famous Polka Dot Dairy Feed. Guaranteed to give better results than any other feed on the market.

Negroes own and direct 113 newspapers and 14 magazines in the United States. Nearly 1,300 employes, of whom 61 are white workers, manage the publications.

FOR POULTRY INSECTS That sick Blood, such as Blue Bugs, Mites, Fleas, etc., simply feed "MARTIN'S BLUE BUG REMEDY" to your chickens.

ADVERTISING ADVERTISING

The law of all harvest is to sow, then reap. This is proved easiest in Advertising.

SPEAKING ABOUT TAXES.

With the heading, "A city that has low taxes usually hasn't much else," the Wichita Falls Times mentions the fact that the combined tax rate which Wichitans will be compelled to pay this year will be almost \$5 on the \$100.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A man asserted the other day that he was constantly being mistaken for a member of the Government. We always admire a man who can tell a story against himself.

WANTED

WANTED — Wolf and couple foxes. \$5.00 apiece will be paid for their use during the McCulloch County Exhibit dates, October 24-25th.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT — Furnished Bed Room; preferably couple without children, or young ladies.

LOST

LOST — Sunday, between Bodenhamer wagon yard and my place, 9 miles south of Brady on London road, 21-jewel, open-face Elgin watch.

FOUND

FOUND — Ladies watch. Owner describe and recover same at Brady Standard office by paying for this notice.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Oscar Sellers, wife and his mother, were up from Melvin Monday on business and visiting Mrs. Sellers' aunt, Mrs. J. S. Wilson at Live Oak.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — 5-room house on North Side; desirable location. Will sell cheap. See Lou Townsend at O. D. Mann & Sons store.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — Cheap, good car; can be seen at J. F. SCHAEG'S Saddle Shop.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — Practically new Chevrolet 1922 Touring car. Completely furnished, extra casing; a bargain. Inquire at Queen Hotel. S. E. PARKER.

CLASSIFIED ADS

The Standard's Tasty-FI-Ad rate is 1 1/2c per word for each insertion, with a minimum charge of 25c. Count the words in your ad and remit accordingly. Terms cash, unless you have a ledger account with us.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — Ford Truck; pneumatic tires. MANN-RICKS AUTO CO.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — Two splendid young riding ponies; especially desirable for school children. See J. F. SCHAEG, Brady.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — Ford Touring car in good condition; priced right. MANN-RICKS AUTO CO., Brady.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — Ford truck, brand new pneumatic tires; two spare tires; good freight route goes with truck. See OSCAR GALLOWAY, Brady.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — One 3-h. p. Fuller & Johnson engine; good as new. Cheap. E. R. CANTWELL.

FOR SALE

Kubanka Seed Wheat — \$2.00 per bu. J. T. H. MILLER, Brady.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — Ford truck with pneumatic tires; also a few second-hand cars, all in good condition. BRADY AUTO CO.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — 200 young Rambouillet Bucks, registered and pure-bred. W. O. SHULTZ, Paint Rock, Texas.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — Five-room house two blocks south of Central school. F. R. WULFF.

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REGULAR WEEK-END RAID MADE — POLK IS VICTIM

Sneak thieves with a penchant for clothing are continuing their successful operations in Brady and last Saturday night made another week-end raid which netted them apparel, the value of which ran up into several hundreds of dollars.

Mrs. Polk, apparently, lost nothing. Her silverware was taken out and scattered promiscuously about, but as in other recent robberies, the thieves evidently took nothing but clothing.

The thieves were evidently well acquainted with the family's movements, as they timed their raid for between 8:00 and 10:00 o'clock, while Mr. Polk was busy at his barber shop, and while Mrs. Polk and son were attending the show.

An east room was also entered, but was little disturbed, the intruders evidently having been frightened away by the return of the family.

PERSONAL MENTION

Tom Elliot left Saturday night for Dallas, where he is taking in the State Fair as a guest of the Federal Land bank, for which he is local representative.

PERSONAL MENTION

F. Haberer, old-time Brady citizen, but who has been located at San Antonio for a number of years past, is back in Brady and plans to again make his home among us.

MESSAGE TO MOTHERS

FROM DADDY PURE TEST Daddy Pure Test says: When changing the baby's diaper, always use Puretest Zinc Sterate!

IF YOU WANT MORE MILK

from your cows, feed Polka Dot Dairy feed. MACY & CO. Phone 295.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

THE BRADY STANDARD Published Semi-Weekly Tuesday - Friday Brady, Texas To any postoffice within 50 miles of Brady \$2.00 per year

AJAX BLACK TREAD TIRES With New Features CORD ROAD KING PARAGON Supreme in Appearance, Mileage, and Non-Skid Security W. M. MURPHY FILLING STATION Brady

PERSONAL MENTION

Judge W. P. Doty was here Saturday from Brownwood on business. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stone were here from Brownwood Saturday for a brief visit with friends, while Mr. Stone looked after business matters for the Walker-Smith Co.

New Shipment of Latest Designs in Wall Paper and Border

We have a large stock of all new patterns, with a wide range of prices and designs to suit every individual taste. Call and see them.

E. B. RAMSAY'S PAINT AND PAPER STORE

THE BRADY STANDARD'S LITTLE BUSINESS GETTERS

ADVERTISING RATE FOR CARDS: One Inch Card, one time a week, per month \$1.00

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DR. WM. C. JONES DENTIST

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MONTHLY MEETINGS HELD LAST THURSDAY IN EACH MONTH

AWALT & BENSON

Draying and Heavy Hauling of All Kinds Will appreciate your draying and hauling business. Your freight and packages handled by careful and painstaking employees.

McCulloch County Co-Operative Exhibit

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Santa Claus' Headquarters



C. H. Vincent
DRY GOODS

South Side

—announces the formal opening of

Toyland

on Friday afternoon from 4:00 to 8:30 p. m.
and Saturday all day--

A cordial invitation is extended all to bring the little folks to see the display of many beautiful gifts, toys and mechanical marvels Santa has left here, for your inspection. Brady folks are especially invited to come Friday afternoon, so as to leave Saturday for out of town visitors.

Souvenirs Will be Given the Children



**McCULLOCH COUNTY GINS
TURN OUT 8,313 BALES
PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 25**

Arthur Wood, who compiles the government statistics on ginnings in McCulloch county, is just in receipt of advice from the Department of Agriculture announcing 8,313 bales of the 1922 cotton crop ginned prior to September 25th, as compared with 9,271 bales ginned on September 25th last year.

While the report shows a larger ginning total last year than this, at the present time, unofficial report shows that this year's ginnings have a considerable lead over the same period last year. The September 25th report last year, found the crop about two-thirds out while September 25th this year, found just a little better than half the crop ginned, according to reliable estimates.

**MASON COUNTY NEWS GIVES
REPORT ON BRADY'S MUNIC-
IPAL BAND CONCERT THERE**

Last Sunday afternoon quite a pleasant affair was held on the court house lawn in Mason. The feature of the afternoon was a splendid band concert which was rendered by the Brady Municipal Band, which organization is under the leadership and is directed by Mr. T. L. Calloway. This band is composed of thirty-five pieces and its ability was well demonstrated to quite a gathering of Mason people. Our court house lawn made a pretty scene Sunday afternoon with a great throng of people gathered around the musicians who had been comfortably seated in a shady portion of the yard on the east side of the court house. Among the gathering were a large number of Brady-ites who had accompanied their band to this city to fulfill the concert engagement that was made a few days previous.

Attorney Carl Runge interrupted the concert long enough to speak a few suitable words in the way of a welcome to the visitors and to express appreciation to the band for their splendid music. This was responded to by Mr. A. B. Reagan, of Brady, who expressed appreciation for the warm welcome accorded them. Mr. Reagan explained the object of their visit, stating they had adopted Sunday afternoons to visit neighboring towns and give concerts for the purpose of creating and encouraging a more friendly spirit of association among the citizens of the towns. He said visits had already been made to Menard, San Saba and Richland Springs.

The concert lasted almost two hours and at the conclusion the many Brady-ites left for home, carrying with them the knowledge that their visit to Mason was warmly appreciated and assurance was given them that a return engagement would meet with equal welcome.—Mason County News.

We are still rendering the best of service in our repair department; also carry a line of the best in jewelry. A. F. GRANT, Jeweler, West Side Square.

A volume of the first edition of Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" recently sold at auction in London for \$10,000.

WEDDING BELLS.

Kelley-Plummer.

A wedding of great interest to all Brady and McCulloch county friends of the bride-groom, was celebrated Monday evening at San Saba, when Miss Margaret K. Kelley became the bride of Mr. John L. Plummer. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Urquhart, at 3:00 o'clock Monday afternoon, the Rev. I. T. Morris of Brady reading the wedding ceremony in the presence of only a few relatives and invited friends. Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Mann, Sr., accompanied Rev. Morris to San Saba and attended the wedding, Mrs. Mann being a sister of the bride-groom.

Mr. Plummer is well-known to practically all Brady citizens, having for a number of years been engaged in business here. Later he became associated with the Walker-Smith Co., traveling for their Galveston house. The success he attained with the firm was reflected in his appointment a couple years ago as manager of the Stamford branch, in which position he continued until about the first of this year, when he became associated with the J. M. Radford Co., wholesale grocers, and was transferred to Amarillo. His bride is one of San Saba's charming young ladies, a daughter of the late Mr. Kelley, who for many years served as postmaster at San Saba. She had achieved distinct success in the business world, and stood high in the confidences of the Walker-Smith Co., by whom she was employed in the Stamford branch, and it was there she first met Mr. Plummer, and the romance began which culminated in the happy wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Plummer have returned to Amarillo, where they will make their home. In their journey over matrimonial seas, they have the good wishes of all their many friends.

Phone 295 for Polka Dot Dairy Feed, the properly balanced ration that increases the milk production and makes your cows healthy. MACY & CO.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, smarting, bleeding or protruding Piles. Instantly relieves itching Piles, and you can get relief sleep after the first application. Price 60c.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS

I will be at the following places at the time given for the purpose of collecting taxes for 1922:

Voting Prec. and Place	Date	Time
CAMPS—Tom Ball's Store	Monday, Oct. 16, 1922	8:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.
VOCA—Drug Store	Monday, Oct. 16, 1922	1:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.
FIFE—Finlay's Store	Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1922	8:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.
WALDRIP—Drug Store	Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1922	1:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.
LOHN—Bank	Wednesday, Oct. 18,	8:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.
PEAR VAL.—Ludwick's Store	Wednesday, Oct. 18,	1:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.
STACY—Stacy's Store	Thursday, Oct. 19,	8:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.
DOOLE—Deen's Store	Thursday, Oct. 19,	1:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.
WHITELAND—Allen's Store	Friday, Oct. 20, 1922	8:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.
MELVIN—Bank	Friday, Oct. 20, 1922	1:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.
CALF CREEK—Store	Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922	8:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.
MILBURN—Store	Monday, Oct. 23, 1922	8:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.
MERCURY—Bank	Monday, Oct. 23, 1922	1:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.
PLACID—Post Office	Tuesday, Oct. 24, 1922	8:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.
ROCHELLE—Carr's Drug Store	Tuesday, Oct. 24, 1922	1:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.

H. K. ADKINS
Tax Collector of McCulloch County



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Wednesday
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The MARDI GRAS MYSTERY

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CHAPTER I.—During the height of the New Orleans carnival season Jachin Fell, wealthy though somewhat mysterious citizen, and Dr. Ansley, are discussing a series of robberies by an individual known as the Midnight Masquer, who, invariably attired as an aviator, has long defied the police. Joseph Mallard, wealthy banker, is giving a ball that night, at which the Masquer has threatened to appear and rob the guests. Fell and Ansley, on their way to the affair, meet a girl dressed as Columbine, seemingly known to Fell, but masked, who accompanies them to the ball.

CHAPTER II.—Lucie Ledanois, recently the ward of her uncle, Joseph Mallard, is the Columbine.

CHAPTER V.—Gramont's chauffeur, Hammond, sergeant in the American army in France, and there known to Gramont, lives with him. He was the original Midnight Masquer, and Gramont, for a particular purpose, after discovering Hammond's activities, assumed the role. Where Hammond had been a robber for financial gain, Gramont, of course, is not. He arranges to return the "loot" to those whom he has robbed. The jewels and money, in individual packages, are got ready for delivery next day to their original owners. That night they are stolen from Gramont's auto.

CHAPTER VIII.—That evening Fell, Gramont, and Dr. Ansley, at the Krewe of Comus ball, are accosted by an intoxicated masked individual whom they recognize as Bob Mallard. He invites them to a convivial party in a private room. They refuse, and Gramont leaves the building. Joseph Mallard seeks his son, fearing public scandal as a result of Bob's condition. With Fell and Ansley they find the room where the revels are going on. Entering they discover an individual, attired as an aviator, in the act of robbing the intoxicated youths. In a struggle that ensues Mallard is shot and killed. The "Masquer" escapes.

CHAPTER IX.—Gramont, with Hammond, visits Terrebonne, a wild section of the country, to inspect Lucie Ledanois' land, which he believes contains oil. He finds indications of apparently almost unbelievable quantities of the stuff. While stooping over a pool of water which clearly shows traces of oil on its surface, Gramont hears his name spoken.

CHAPTER X.—He cannot see the speaker, but the conversation ends singularly abruptly. Gramont does not investigate. Hammond finds a dead man in some woods and is charged by Ben Chacherre and two other men with murder. Gramont can do nothing. The men take Hammond to the town of Houma. Later Gramont finds a bloodstained knife where he had heard the voices. He then realizes that Chacherre was one of the men talking, and is the murderer.

CHAPTER XI.—Believing himself alone, Gramont investigates buildings on the adjoining farm, which he knows belongs to Memphis Izzy Gumberts. He no longer has evidence of automobile stealing on a stupendous scale and learns from a man who discloses him and whom he outwits, that the place is also the headquarters of the underground lottery game and that Jachin Fell is the mysterious "boss."

CHAPTER XII.—Back in the city, Gramont learns of the killing of Joseph Mallard. He seeks further evidence against Fell, Gramont, Fell, and Lucie Ledanois from a company to bore for oil on the Ledanois place. Fell tells Gramont he "planted" the evidence of oil there and unfolds a scheme to make a fortune for the girl. Gramont refuses to be a party to the project. Fell threatens to prove him the murderer of Mallard, which he seems able to do, and Gramont reluctantly agrees to join him.

"Then prove it, my dear fellow; prove it—if you can. Now, we shall keep Lucie out of all this. What remains? I know that you were the Midnight Masquer. My man, Ben Chacherre, can prove by another man who accompanied him that the Masquer's loot was taken from your car. A die photograph in the private office, yours, has a record of the talk between us of the other morning, in which you made patent confession to being the Masquer."

"Once let me find this array of evidence over to the district attorney, and you will most certainly stand trial. And, if you do stand trial, I can promise you faithfully that you will meet conviction. I have friends, you see, and many of them are influential in such small matters."

It was not a nice smile that curved the lips of Fell.

Gramont choked back any response, holding himself to silence with a firm will. He dared say nothing, lest he say too much. He saw that Fell could indeed make trouble for him—and that he must strike his own blow at Fell without great delay. It was a battle, now; a fight to the end.

Fell regarded Gramont cheerfully, seeming to take this crushed silence as evidence of his own triumph.

"Further," he added, "your man Hammond is now in jail at Houma, as you know, for the murder of the sheriff. Now, my influence is not confined to this city, Gramont; I may be able to clear Hammond of this charge—if you decide to vote with me. I may keep what I know about the Midnight Masquer from the press and from the district attorney—if you decide to vote with me. You comprehend?"

Gramont nodded. He saw why Fell wanted to "get something" on Hammond. Fell had rightly reasoned that Gramont would do more to save Hammond than to save himself.

"You think I murdered Mallard, then?" he asked.

"Gramont, I don't know what to think, and that's the honest truth," answered Fell, with a steady regard. "I am absolutely determined to do this oil deal across, to make Lucie

Ledanois at least independent, if not wealthy. I can do it, I've made all my plans to do it, and—I will do it!"

"We'll hold another meeting day after tomorrow—Saturday morning," Fell rose. "That will give me time to conclude all arrangements. I trust, Mr. Gramont, that you will vote with me for the adjournment?"

"Yes," said Gramont, dully. "I will."

"Thank you," and Jachin Fell bowed slightly, not without a trace of mockery in his air.

CHAPTER XIII.

The Coin Falls Heads.

Gramont sat in his own room that afternoon. It seemed to him that he had been away from the city for weeks and months. Yet only a day had intervened. He sat fidgeting the only piece of mail that had come to him—a notice from the post of the American Legion which he had joined, to the effect that there would be a meeting that Thursday evening. Only Thursday! And tomorrow was Friday.

If he was to effect anything against the headquarters of Fell's gang he must act on the morrow or not at all. Gumberts was to be out there tomorrow. Gumberts would talk with the ratty little man of the projecting teeth and adenoids, would find Gramont had imposed upon the fellow, and there would be flight, certainly, or at least make certain that Gramont's mouth was shut.

He sat fingering the postal from the Legion, and turning over events in his mind. Against Fell he had no particular animosity. All that the little gray man had done had been done with the thought of Lucie Ledanois as a spur.

"If I'm to strike a blow, I'll have to do it tomorrow—before noon tomorrow, also. I'll have to leave here tonight early, and get there before Gumberts does. What was it Hammond said that day about him—that nobody in the country had ever caught Memphis Izzy? I bet I could do it, and his whole gang with him—if I knew how. There's the rub! Fell won't hesitate a minute in having me arrested. And as he said, once he got me arrested, I'd be gone. He must be able to exert a powerful influence, that man!"

Should he strike or not? If he struck, he might expect the full weight of Jachin Fell's vengeance—unless his blow would include Fell among the victims.

Gramont was still pondering this dilemma when Ben Chacherre arrived.

Gramont heard the man's voice on the stairs. Ben's impudence, perhaps added to his name and the Creole French upon his lips, had carried him past the concierge unannounced, although not without a continued exchange of repartee that served to give Gramont warning of the visitor. Smiling craftily, Gramont drew a coin from his pocket, and flipped it.

The coin fell heads. He pocketed it again as Ben Chacherre knocked, and opened the door.

"Ah, Chacherre!" he exclaimed. "Come in."

Ben swaggered inside and closed the door.

"Brought a message for you, Mr. Gramont," he said, jauntily, and extended a note.

Gramont tore open the envelope and read a curt communication:

"Kindly let me know your answer as soon as possible. My tomorrow evening at latest. It will be necessary to arrange affairs for Saturday."

"JACHIN FELL."

To arrange affairs! Fell was talking for granted that Gramont would give an assent, under force of persuasion, to his scheme. He would probably have everything in readiness, and if assured by Friday night of Gramont's assent, would then pull life strings and perhaps complete the whole deal before the following Monday.

The meeting of the company had been adjourned to Saturday morning. Gramont thought a moment, then went to his built escrutoire and opened it. Chacherre had already taken a seat. Gramont wrote:

"My Dear Mr. Fell:

"If you will arrange the company meeting for tomorrow evening, say nine o'clock, at your office, I think that everything may then be arranged. As I may not see Miss Ledanois in the meantime, will you be kind enough to assure her presence at the meeting?"

He addressed an envelope to Fell's office, and then stamped and pocketed it.

"Well, Chacherre," he said, rising and returning to the Creole, "any further news from Houma? They haven't found the real murderer yet?"

The other came to his feet with an

exclamation of surprise. As he did so, Gramont's fist caught him squarely on the point of the jaw.

Chacherre crumpled back across his chair, senseless for the moment.

"I'm afraid to take any chances with you, my fine bird," said Gramont, rubbing his knuckles. "You're too clever by far, and too handy with your weapons."

He obtained cloths, and firmly bound the ankles and wrists of Chacherre. Not content with this, he placed the man in the chair and tied him to it with merciless knots. As he was finishing his task, Chacherre opened his eyes and gazed dazedly around.



As He Did So, Gramont's Fist Caught Him Squarely on the Point of the Jaw.

"Awake at last, are you?" said Gramont, genially. He got his pipe, filled and lighted it. The eyes of Chacherre were now fastened upon him venomously. "To bad for you, Chacherre, that the coin fell heads up! That spelled action."

"Are you crazy?" muttered the other in French. Gramont laughed, and responded in the same tongue.

"It does look that way, doesn't it? You're slippery, but now you're caught."

Chacherre must have realized that he stood in danger. He checked a curse, and regarded Gramont with a steady coolness.

"Be careful!" he said, his voice deadly. "What do you mean by this?"

Gramont looked at him and puffed his pipe.

"The game's up, Ben," he observed. "I know all about the place down there—about the cars, and about the lottery. Your gang has had a pleasant time, eh? But now you and the others are going to do a little work for the state on the road gangs."

"Bah! Ca va rive semaine quatre zheudis!" spat Chacherre, contemptuously. "That will happen in the week of four Thursdays, you fool! So you know about things, eh? My master will soon shut your mouth!"

"So?" queried Gramont, his brows lifted. "You seem much in Mr. Fell's confidence, Ben. But I think I'll leave you tied up a little while. Memphis Izzy is going down to his summer cottage tomorrow, isn't he? I'll be there—but you won't. By the way, I think I'd better look through your pockets."

Ben Chacherre writhed suddenly, hurling a storm of curses at Gramont.

The latter, unheeding the contortions of his captive, searched the man thoroughly. Except for a roll of money, the pockets gave up little of interest. The only paper Gramont secured was a fresh telegraph blank. He would have passed this unheeded had he not noted a snaky fitting of Chacherre's eyes to it.

"Ah!" he said, pleasantly. "You appear to be interested in this, Ben. Pray, what is the secret?"

Chacherre merely glared at him, and a sudden exclamation broke from him. He held the bit of yellow paper to the light at varying angles.

"It's the most natural thing in the world," he said after a moment, "for a man to walk into a telegraph office, write out a telegram, and then find that he's torn two blanks instead of one from the pad on the desk. Eh? I've done it, often—and I've always put the extra blank into my pocket. Ben, thinking it might come in handy; just as you did, eh? Now, let's see!"

"You were excited when you wrote this, weren't you? You'd just thought of something very important, and you took care of it hurriedly—that made you jab down your pencil pretty hard. Who's Dick Hearne at Houma? An agent of the bang there?"

Chacherre merely glared, sullenly defiant. Word by word, Gramont made out the message:

"Burn bundle under rear seat my car. Have done at once."

Gramont looked up and smiled thinly.

"Your car? Why, you left it in the garage at Gumberts' place, eh? That little roadster of Fell's, with the extra seat behind. If you'd been just a little bit cooler yesterday, Ben, you would have made fewer mistakes. It never occurred to you that other people might have been there in the bushes when the sheriff was murdered, eh?"

Chacherre went livid.

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MOVE FOR EQUITABLE TAXATION BEING LAUNCHED

Gus Reininger of New Braunfels, recently elected secretary of the Tax Assessors association of Texas, has been in Brady this week informing the citizenship as to the inequitable system of taxation in the State of Texas, by which the progressive counties of West Texas are virtually penalized for being progressive, whereas some of the older, more populous and more wealthy counties of East and South Texas are actually receiving more from the State than they are paying into the State treasury in the form of taxation. Mr. Reininger cited as an example in fact, that Hunt county had received from the State \$109,000 more than she paid in last year, and in Hopkins county, \$3,000 was returned to every man, woman and child. Sixteen counties received a sum of approximately one and one-half million dollars over and above what they paid into the state in taxes. This is because of their assessments being placed on a low basis. Out in West Texas, where the great need of funds forces the counties to place their assessments on a basis of around 30%, it makes these same counties pay taxes to the State three-fold their proportionate share. Every Senatorial district in West Texas is overpaying, and if the percentage on the \$100 valuation were set at an equitable figure for every portion of the state, the taxes in West Texas would be reduced one-third. As it is, McCulloch county alone pays \$11,000 above her rightful proportion, as compared with some of other counties of the state.

Mr. Reininger is touring West Texas in the hope of interesting the citizenship in the fight the Tax Assessors association is making to secure more equitable taxation throughout the State of Texas. He hopes both to secure financial support in his campaign throughout this section, and also hopes to arouse the citizenship to the point where they will request their representatives and senators to join in the fight if this is done the reform can be accomplished as there is a small majority of senators and representatives from the over-paying districts.

Mr. Reininger has prepared the following statement for The Standard, which our readers should give careful consideration:

"The most astounding revelation of inequitable taxation practiced by the underpaying counties is evidenced by the records of the State Comptrollers Department and the Department of Education, which discloses the fact that the hereinafter named counties, to wit: Bell, Collin, Denton, Delta, Falls, Fannin, Freestone, Milam, Navarro, Parker, Red River, Shelby, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, Washington, have received from the State thru the apportionment for the year 1921-22, the sum of one million, four hundred and thirty-nine thousand dollars, (1,439,000.00) over and above the amount by them paid to the State under the total State rate of 62 cents on the one hundred dollars valuation assessed. Within the boundaries of the said counties is situated an immense agricultural wealth, the acreage in cultivation being 7,232,000, and the value of farm buildings, \$119,354,000.00, but because of their assessments being on basis of less than 20 per cent of actual value, the aforesaid conditions do exist and will continue to exist as long as we operate under the present system. Under the present system, or lack of system, the less wealthier, yet progressive counties, are of necessity assessed upon a higher basis, than the non-progressive counties, and thus pay immense amounts in excess of their rightful share towards the administration of the State government and the conduct of the public schools.

The records disclose the fact, that McCulloch county's farm property is assessed on basis of 31 per cent of actual value, and no doubt this percentage is needed to meet the expense of the county and yet under existing conditions McCulloch county is paying \$11,000.00 annually, over and above its share of the State taxes. Under proper adjustment of the taxable values in the underpaying counties to the basis of the overpaying counties, fully four million dollars would be added to the available school fund from the 35 cent State school ad valorem tax alone, which would be sufficient to adequately support education in the public schools, and such would result in adding approximately \$10,000.00 annually to the school fund of

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