

Lockney Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY LEADS ALL WEST TEXAS IN VALUE OF CROPS PRODUCED. LOCKNEY IS IN THE HEART OF THE BEST FARMING SECTION OF THE PLAINS, AND IN THE GREAT SHALLOW WATER BELT

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WICHITA BOOSTERS HERE TOMORROW

SPECIAL TRAIN WILL ARRIVE AT 2:05 IN LOCKNEY FOR 50 MINUTE STOP

The Wichita, Kansas, trade excursion will be in Lockney tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, arriving at 2:05 and leaving at 2:55, and will meet with the business men and citizens of the community.

They will have souvenirs to distribute to the people and desire to make the acquaintance of the citizenship of this section. Let everybody turn out and give these excursionists a royal welcome to our town.

Mrs. J. A. Weathers Dead

Mrs. J. A. Weathers, who lived 7 miles northwest of Lockney, died Wednesday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock, following an accident that occurred at Plainview last Thursday.

While attending the barbecue at Plainview Mrs. Weathers either fainted or suffered a stroke of paralysis, falling on the pavement, striking the side of her head. She was brought to the home of her son, J. H. Weathers, near Aiken, where she became unconscious about 9 o'clock Thursday night, never reviving to consciousness.

Mrs. Weathers, whose maiden name was Miss John Etta Ewing, was married to J. A. Weathers in Hunt County, Texas, 44 years ago. To this union there was born three boys and three girls: J. H. Weathers, J. C. Weathers, Mrs. Lee Floyd of Lockney; Mrs. Earnie Barrow, of Mora, N. M.; Mrs. Eva Whitfill and Oran Weathers of Lockney, all of whom survive her, also J. A. Weathers, husband, survives his wife.

The family moved to their home place, west of Lockney, twenty years ago from Hunt County, Texas. Mrs. Weathers was a member of the Baptist church and was a diligent Christian lady, and loved by all her acquaintances.

Funeral services were conducted at the Aiken Baptist church at 3 o'clock this afternoon by Rev. Virgil Lemmons, and interment followed in the Lockney cemetery.

The Weathers family is one of the most highly respected families in this section, and a host of friends and acquaintances deeply deplore the loss of this good lady.

STATE WILL MAINTAIN HIGHWAY THROUGH TOWN

A committee of Lockney business men went to Floydada Monday, where they met with a like committee representing Floydada, and conferred with a representative of the State Highway Department in regard to the state maintaining the highway through the corporate limits of Lockney and Floydada, and the representative agreed to take over the highway through the two towns and maintain same.

The state crew is now working on the F. F. F. and Lee Highways through the county.

MRS. H. S. GREGG OF QUITAQUE DIED SUNDAY

Mrs. H. S. Gregg, 66, wife of H. S. Gregg, prominent Quitaque merchant, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Ewing, in Quitaque, Sunday. The body was prepared for burial by Garner Bros., of Plainview. The funeral was held at Quitaque Tuesday afternoon.

She is survived by her husband and the following children: Mrs. J. W. Ewing, Quitaque; Miss Lizzie Gregg, Oscar, Arthur, Homer, and Lee Gregg of Quitaque; Fulton Gregg, Lockney; C. H. Gregg, Amherst; Mrs. Philip Frier, Lovington, N. M.

QUANAH MAN DIES OF KNIFE WOUNDS INFLICTED SATURDAY

Quanah, April 24.—Knife wounds received Saturday afternoon proved fatal to Wesley W. Taylor, local transfer man, who died this morning at the Ball sanitarium. Immediately after the affray, which occurred at a ranch house on Red River, George Hanna was arrested and charged with assault with intent to murder and is now out on bond.

Officers state Hanna will be arrested again and charged with murder since the death of Taylor. Hanna pleads self defense. Taylor leaves a wife and two children.

BAPTIST CHURCH CALLS NEW PASTOR FOR LOCKNEY

Rev. C. J. McCarty and Family Are Moving from Dangerfield to Lockney

The congregation of the local Baptist church have called Rev. C. J. McCarty of Dangerfield, Texas, as pastor of the Lockney charge, and Rev. McCarty has accepted the call.

Rev. McCarty and family are now en route to Lockney from Dangerfield in a car and are expected to arrive in time to begin his pastorate work next Sunday.

Rev. Walker and family have moved to the Fred Bell place, so that Rev. McCarty and family can occupy the parsonage on their arrival here.

PLAINVIEW MAN FOUND DEAD IN MOTOR CAR

Plainview, April 25.—John W. Gray, Sr., of Plainview, was found dead in his automobile on a street in Plainview at eleven o'clock Friday night. Death was caused from heart trouble, according to testimony developed at the inquest. Mr. Gray was apparently in the best of health. His car was seen by several parties passing down the street with the lights on and within two feet of a telephone post at the side of the street. Several people passed the car before the investigation was made.

Mr. Gray was in the coal business at Plainview and was 56 years of age. He had lived in Plainview for the past eight years, having formerly resided at Paris, Texas. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Lawrence Gray, who is a teacher in Southern Methodist University at Dallas, and John Gray, Jr., who lives in Plainview. The body was sent to Paris Saturday morning for interment.

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AMERICAN COTTON MOST WASTED OF ANY COMMODITY

Washington, April 24.—The American bale of cotton is the most wastefully handled package which enters the channels of commerce in any country, the Department of Agriculture has found after extensive investigations.

The annual losses incurred by the growers and spinners of American cotton by the present method of baling is estimated at \$150,000,000, weather damage to cotton through failure to warehouse the bales is placed at more than \$25,000,000 annually. The department says that if better covering were used in baling cotton and the cotton compressed to high density, the industry would save at least \$3,000,000 a year. Present methods of loose baling allow only 30 bales to be loaded in a box car, whereas high compression baling would permit the loading of 100 bales.

The department is now investigating the possibility of standardizing baling methods and selling cotton on a net weight instead of a gross weight basis. Standardization of baling methods, it is said, would save storage space, simplify trade practices and result generally in better business ethics.

CLARITY TELLS OF VISIT TO PLAINS

PLAINS TOWNS SHOW MUCH ENTHUSIASM FOR DENVER & SOUTH PLAINS LINES

Returning Saturday from the South Plains, where he completed arrangements for Fort Worth and Denver extensions, Frank E. Clarity, vice president and general manager of that railroad, reported that not only were all towns along the proposed lines enthusiastic and eager to cooperate, but that towns not on the routes sent delegations to confer with him at Plainview in efforts to have the Denver include them on the proposed branches.

Clarity spent most of this week in Lubbock and Plainview and at the latter place contracts were signed for right-of-way and terminal facilities, while at Lubbock citizens met with him, endorsed the construction plans and agreed to supply land for terminals and right-of-way. The survey at Lubbock was just being completed when he reached there and Clarity is to return soon to sign a contract.

The Burlington-Denver interests have applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission to build from Carey, on the Denver main line near Childress, 130 miles westward through Plainview to Dimmitt; while a second proposed line will run from Lubbock to Silverton, 65 miles.

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CITY MARKET INSTALLS HUSSMANN FREEZER

New Display Counter Was Installed Wednesday—To Keep Meats In Good Condition

The City Meat Market, owned by Mr. T. L. Griffith, with O. R. Medlin as manager, installed a large Hussmann Freezer Display counter in their market yesterday, and are now arranging the market in the center of the store at the middle of the building.

The new freezer affords sufficient room to care for all kinds of cut meats and other products that are ready for delivery over the counter, and keeps the products on ice in a first-class sanitary condition.

Mr. Medlin states that he expects to keep everything that the public will demand in this market now, since he has a display freezer that can properly take care of the products.

PRELIMINARY PREPARATIONS FOR DRILLING FOR OIL

Two Deep Test Oil and Gas Wells Complete; Drilling to Begin in May

Silverton is to get two deep test wells for oil and gas and the water well, tanks, slush pits and over flow tanks have already been completed. One of the wells is to be on the J. L. Francis tract southwest of town and the other is on L. M. Woodward's place this side of Tulla.

F. W. Strang has been here for a couple of months and is accompanied by O. A. Clapp of Corsicana. Associated with Mr. Strang is C. G. Beckham, C. L. Brooks, H. S. Meacham and F. H. McLaughlin and it is their purpose to if possible develop a gas field in this section.

When asked regarding their intentions, Mr. Strang remarked: "We have good reason to believe a gas field will be uncovered in this immediate section. Fuel will be of greatest benefit to this locality to bring about the development of natural resources in the Tule canyon where raw materials of many kinds and in enormous quantities are to be had with little effort. Fuel for proper utilization of these resources is your greatest problem."

"It is true there have been failures in the drilling of test wells and there will be other failures. However, the fair-minded man or woman must admit that the percentage of failures in test well drilling is no greater if as great as failures in cattle, cotton, wheat, etc. Many wells have been started and abandoned. Many cotton and wheat crops have been planted and either abandoned or replanted."

Actual Drilling by May
Rig timbers and machinery has been ordered and everything is expected to be in readiness for the actual drilling operations in the first week of May. The wells will be drilled to a depth of 3,000 feet and if the formation looks good at that depth and no gas or oil has been found, the drillers will go another 1,000 feet.

Reports from the location on the Woodward place are to the effect that very favorable formations were encountered in the first 80 feet that would not ordinarily be found until the drill had gone 1,500 feet. A franchise has been promised the promoters of Briscoe county for marketing natural gas, if it is found, and the Swisher county commissioners have taken the matter under advisement.—Silverton News.

ATTENDS POSTMASTER'S EXECUTIVE MEETING

Homer Howard returned the last of last week from a trip to Ft. Worth, where he attended a session of the executive committee of the State Postmaster's Association, where a program was made for the annual meeting to be held at Galveston during the month of May.

While away Mr. Howard took occasion to arrange for a though letter mail pouch from Estelline to Lockney, which is now in operation and gives Lockney a better mail service from this angle of her mail service.

Mr. Howard is vice-president of the State Postmaster's League.

Mothers Club Meeting

The Mothers Club will meet in the directors room of the First National Bank Friday (tomorrow) afternoon at 3 o'clock in a business session. All mothers are urged to be present.

A. B. BROWN'S IDEAS ON RAISING COTTON

WORK COTTON WITH HOE AND KEEP CROP CLEAN WILL GET BETTER RESULTS

For the past several weeks I have had a large number of farmers discussing the cotton raising situation with me. It is true that this country has to be farmed a little bit different in some respects in the production of cotton than other portions of the state, and as this is a free country and every man is entitled to his own opinion, I am taking this opportunity of broadcasting my opinion, and I claim to be an authority on the raising of cotton. For the past nine years I have been actively engaged in the business interest of Lockney and Floyd county, and my position in a business way has given me a good opportunity to study and observe the different methods and ideas employed by our farmers in their various crops, and having observed very closely these methods and the results of several hundred of our farmers have found some very interesting things. I have observed that some farmers are successful and others are failures, some make crops almost every year while others fail every year and both have equal chances so far as the elements are concerned. I have also observed that we have several different classes of farmers; there are those that work and succeed and there are those that work just as hard as the successful farmer but invariably fail; and there are those that do very little work but trusts more to "The Divine Hand of Providence," than to their own efforts, and of course they fail. But of the successes and failures we make in our crops, I believe the greatest variations are made in the cotton crop. Last year for instance, "(and the same rule will apply for the past nine years to my certain knowledge), some made from a fourth to a half of a bale per acre, and in a few cases even more, while others made far less, and in a few cases it could have not been otherwise, but in a majority of cases these failures could have been successful, had the proper method been employed. We have two distinct systems for raising cotton in this immediate section of the country; one I term as the real cotton farmers system and the other is the lazy man's system or the celery method.

Now, the lazy man's system is to plant cotton in a deep furrow or bed and as the weeds and grass grows, he takes his implements—"go-devil," or which he prefers to use—"goes into the field and proceeds to "Wrap It Up" as he terms it, to be saving trouble and work of having to hoe the cotton and "Wrap It Up" is just what he does, for nine operations out of ten of this kind, "He Wraps Up" from 20 per cent to 35 per cent of the yield of his crop. This is the method used in raising celery, they keep throwing dirt to the stalk to keep it bleached and tender, and we have a good many men in this country that would make successful celery growers, and I am sure would make greater success in raising celery than they would in raising cotton, so long as they use the "Wrap Up" system, for he invariably covers up the first two and in most instances the first three joints of the stalk and prevents the growth of the first limbs of the stalk. These first limbs are the earliest and the heaviest fruited of any portion of the plant. As a rule cotton is higher at the first of the season than it is later. Some argue about the short or late season here for the cotton; I believe that a lot of this is uncalled for—if all the farmers of this section of the country would discontinue the lazy man's methods and get down to a cotton farming basis, that we would get to market much earlier in the fall and would produce a much larger yield per acre. I find that the most successful cotton raisers of this section of the country plant their cotton more on a level and use the hoe free-ly, keep their fields clean and well worked. When you plant your cotton in a deep furrow you retire growth of this plant for it is shaded from the sun a large portion of the time, and does not get the air as it should. Sunshine and air are very essential to plant life, and when you destroy one-third of the yield and the earliest of the plant then you naturally have

POULTRY ASSOCIATION WILL RE-ORGANIZE

Called to Meet at Floydada Thursday Night, May 7th, In Court House

The Floyd County Poultry Association has called a meeting to be held at the court house in Floydada on Thursday night, May 7th, at which time new officers will be elected and the association re-organized. All persons who are interested in any way in the work of the poultry association are urged to be present.

Frank Dodson is suffering with three badly lacerated fingers caused by breaking a glass in an automobile while trying to push the car out of a mud hole last Saturday.

J. B. Henry and wife of Emzy, N. M., are here visiting his brother, Dr. S. M. Henry and family.

Mrs. Earl Crawford and Mrs. J. B. McBride of Dallas are here visiting relatives and friends.

a very late and short crop also. I do not advocate planting cotton on the ridge in this country, but it should be planted low enough so as to catch the water that falls and low enough to throw some dirt to the plant. This can be done if planted at the proper level without covering the first joints of the stalks and at the same time put sufficient dirt for the protection of the plant. The main idea is to save the first branches on the plant, as these are the earliest and the heaviest fruited of any. This system of course means more work, but this is the working mans country and the returns on our labor are governed accordingly to what we do. The man in this country that does not want to work had better move to California or to Florida, and join the idle class, for men that gets anywhere in this country is certainly going to make hay while the sunshines. I believe there are few people in this country that have less fear of the canon than they do of an ordinary garden hoe. I have lived in several parts of Texas but have found more "weak backs" and more pains in the side in this country than any other section of the state, especially among the younger ones. The fact is, the mere sight of a cotton sack or a garden hoe, immediately causes pleurisy with some. It use to be that we were all afflicted in that manner, but I think that the number is growing smaller each year. Perhaps the general health of the community is growing better, while others are seeking milder climates, or sections of the country where their health is better.

I believe that one of the great ailments of the present day is the riding mania. It is getting so that even school children within a half-mile or less of school have to have a shedland pony or a fiver or some other conveyance. Scientist are already claiming that in a few thousand years that if the human race does not exercise their lower extremities more, the human race will be flopping around on the face of mother earth as seals do. One reason why the hoe is so unpopular, it is not a motor driven implement and one that you can not ride, but must be propelled by the "arm-strong method" in the same manner as "Pap" did in his day. I believe it would be a great thing if we would turn back a few pages and adopt a few of our ancestors old methods.

My idea is to have the ground well worked, plant one bushel of seed per acre so as to insure a stand. You can always thin out much easier than you can replant and not run as much risk in losing a crop through the loss of moisture in replanting. Plant a little below the level so as to catch the water if you have thrown some dirt to the plant, and if planted on proper level it can in a good many instances be well worked while young with a drag harrow and at the same time without covering the first limbs on the stalk. Keep the top of the soil loose and thin the cotton to a good regular stand. The drag harrow and the garden hoe are two very valuable tools and pay large returns on the investment. It is a muscle builder, a fine health restorer, and if freely used will result in larger dividends, and longer life to the individuals. Here goes for a half bale average per acre for Floyd county in 1925, cover less acreage, and be sure to farm well what you do cover, as intensive farming is the key note to greater production.



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WILL BE BIG YEAR FOR LOCKNEY

This year is bidding fair to be the biggest year in the history of the Lockney country, and Lockney will come into her own.

ceive possibly the greatest growth in population for any previous year. The great shallow water belt is just now demanding attention from the whole world...

This section of the country has all the ingredients in the soil that is necessary for the raising of all kinds of small grain, feed crops and cotton...

Where alfalfa and feed crops are a success, like they are here, the hog business amounts to a lot, when hog markets are high enough to induce the farmers to look to this end of their business.

Floyd county was one of the largest hog raising counties in the whole United States, and thousands of hogs went out each year to the markets.

The town of Lockney, and the Lockney country has received a steady, substantial growth for many years.

No booms have occurred, but as people came, looked the town and country over, they realized what was here, and what the possibilities of the country and town were.

Lockney country there has never been a year, since the arrival of this writer on the Plains, that sufficient feed for domestic use and many tons for shipment have not been raised...

Shortage of rainfall never lasts long enough to knock out all the crops in this section during a year. If we have a season here in the fall months, we are assured of a good wheat crop...

This town and this country are still in their infancy and the men who get on the ground floor this year are the men who are going to grasp the real opportunity while it is in its infancy...

CAN NOW PLANT GARDENS

While many people in the Lockney country have already planted gardens there is still plenty of time to raise a spring garden. Better results can be obtained from planting gardens about the first of May than at any other time during the spring in the Plains country...

Visits of the Stork

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Belt, North of Lockney, April 26th, boy.

THE PASSING DAY

WILL H. MAYES Department of Journalism University of Texas

Must Believe in Your Work

Unless you believe in what you are doing and show faith in your ability to get results, you are not likely to have any large amount of success.

Failure is Largely Your Fault

When a reasonable amount of success is not secured from an effort, it is well to try to find where the fault lies. In most cases at least part of the trouble will be found to be with yourself.

Contests Stimulate Effort

The Interscholastic League meets are doing wonders for the school boys and girls of the country and towns. Almost every paper now tells of county and district meets participated in by students who are contesting for honors in debating, declamations, music, reading, spelling, athletic events, and other things that test the mind and the body.

Why Fair Exhibits Pay

We do not like to admit that any one can beat us at what we are trying to do. There are thousands of Southern farmers now trying to grow more cotton on five acres than the Anderson County, Texas, farmer produced last year.

The Great Southwestern Oil Field

Oil developments in the Southwest in the last few years have been such that time may prove the entire section to be underlain with oil at varying depths.

Texas Building Good Roads

Texas is just now doing much of active highway development. The state will get \$4,416,716 of the \$75,000,000 voted by congress just before adjournment, making a total of \$18,186,000 received since the beginning of the federal aid policy.

U.B. Phifty



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PHONE 10

LOCKNEY COUNTRY HAS GOOD SEASON

The Lockney country has received a good season during the past several days. The rains coming at this time has put the ground in fine shape for the planting of cotton, feed and all farm and garden crops. The wheat will no doubt be spotted, as the continued dry weather cut the yield considerable, however, some contend they will have a fair crop of wheat, especially on wheat that had been grazed off during the dry weather.

The cotton and feed crops bid fair

to be very large, as a big acreage will be planted to these crops. The cotton crop down in the state will no doubt be cut considerably on account of the extended dry weather, and in sections that receive rain down in the state, from now on, will bring the cotton up at the right time for the boll weevils to do the most damage. Here on the Plains, where the boll weevil cannot live, cotton planted as late as the first of June will make a good crop, if there is sufficient season to give it growth, and the present rains have put the ground in the best of condition to bring all crops up and

give them a fine start. We are advised by men who know farming, that it would be best for the farmers to let the ground alone for a week or so, before planting at this time, as in these few days it would give the weed crop a chance to spring up, then when the weeds have bursted the top of the ground open, get busy preparing for cotton and feed crops, by breaking lands and running weeders over them to kill out the weed crop, thereby putting their land in fine shape and at the same time enabling the cotton and feed crops to get a good start on clean ground, and the work of keeping the crops clean would be an easy task, over the crops that are planted without first destroying the weed crop.

The Lockney country has got more rain during this wet spell than most any section of this part of the country, as the rains have been lighter to both west and east of this section.

Last year Floyd county raised more than 22,000 bales of cotton and about \$1,500,000 worth of feed crops, and a wheat crop of about 2,000,000 bushels. The wheat crop this year being cut short, will cause thousands of acres of wheat lands to be planted in cotton and feed stuffs, therefore, a cotton crop of possibly twice the size of last year will be raised.

It is hoped that farmers will not overlook the feed crops, by planting too much to cotton, and will plant a large acreage of feed stuffs, as the feed crops, in our estimation, are the biggest of all and are the best money crops. A feed crop can be raised with less expense and is always in demand, and there is no place in the whole universe where the country is better adapted to raising feed crops than in the Lockney country. Here farmers can raise from one to two tons of heads to an acre, and they always bring from around \$20 to \$30 per ton, and there is more clear money to the acre at these prices than can be made out of any other crop.

We believe it to the farmers advantage to plant a good cotton crop, and think it will be worth lots of money this year, but we don't want to see a cotton crop cut our feed crop short. Plant lots of cotton and plant lots of feed, and everybody will be in good shape this fall.

HOW THE PENNIES COUNT UP!

School teachers and college experts may tell you differently, but in this country the real business men of the future are being trained every day in the corner grocery stores.

There, in the corner grocery, you see Willie Jones, grasping two pennies given to him by his mother, trying to buy the very most candy for his money. He spies a box of candy chunks labeled "4 for 1c" and says, "I'll take a cent's worth of those red ones."

That much of the purchase is easy; but the last precious penny must be most carefully invested. Willie hesitates.

"Why don't you buy some of these chocolate squares?" the grocer suggests. Willie objects that they cost a penny apiece. He's after quantity.

Here Willie's sister comes to the rescue. "There's a new kind over in the corner, Willie," she suggests; "it looks like candy animals that stand up. And look, Willie, 'they're two for a cent.'" The two-for-a-penny argument is irresistible, so Willie buys.

A dozen times a day every grocer sees the same thing repeated. A penny, two pennies, it's true, represent small sales; but to the youngsters these transactions are tremendously important. Show them a grocery store where you get the most for your money, and to that store they'll swing the family purchases. A grocer simply can't afford to neglect the trade of his children buyers.

Probably, at least until you learned the real value to you of these penny sales, you'd look on all this penny business as a sort of necessary bother—something like a druggist selling postage stamps; but it's very likely that, in the aggregate, these youngsters each month buy candy that amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

A certain statistician reports that "a big proportion of the candy sold in this country goes over the counter in penny and five-cent sales."

TREES FOR THE PLAINS

Plainsmen may have trees without irrigation, if they want them, says E. R. Parsons in a booklet issued by the Rock Island Railway System. It is necessary to cultivate them and keep the ground tilled sufficiently to keep what moisture is naturally stored up, he explains, with especially chosen varieties the amount of moisture in the ground available for trees should actually increase from year to year. With four or five ordinary years the soil is moist to a depth of almost ten feet, and the tree is then able to make it through even a drouth without succumbing.

Fruit bearing trees are as easily

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Notice to Depositors and Creditors

Notice is hereby given that the Lockney State Bank, Lockney, Texas is in my hands for the purpose of liquidation.

All persons having claims against the Lockney State Bank, Lockney, Texas, must present such claims and make legal proof thereof on or before July 9th, 1925.

ALL CLAIMS OF GUARANTEED DEPOSITORS MUST BE PRESENTED AND LEGAL PROOF THEREOF MADE NO LATER THAN JULY 9th, 1925.

ALL CLAIMS OF GUARANTEED DEPOSITORS PRESENTED AFTER JULY 9th, 1925, SHALL NOT BE ENTITLED TO PAYMENT OF ANY PORTION THEREOF OUT OF THE DEPOSITORS GUARANTY FUND.

All claims and proof of claims must be presented to the special agent in charge at the banking house of the Lockney State Bank, Lockney, Texas.

CHAS. O. AUSTIN,
Banking Commissioner of Texas.

possible, he reminds us, naming the Eon Davis, Jonathan, Delicious, Smith's Cider Wealthy and other varieties of apples suitable to semi-arid districts. Plums and cherries are also suggested. Windbreaks about the farmstead, and particularly about the orchard and house, are recommended and black locust trees are declared to be the best for this use, with the advantage that it is also a suitable source for fence posts and fire wood. Honey locust, red cedar Chinese elm, New Mexican locust and other trees are said to stand the drouth well and to make fine showing under conditions prevailing generally in the Panhandle and plains country.

This is interesting in view of the tradition that the Staked Plains were originally so called because of the stumps of a forest which once covered that region until destroyed by fires. Of course those who have traveled the northwest section of Texas know that many have succeeded with their trees individually, but it is true though that much can be done if the country generally takes up the matter of trees as a distinct addition to any community.

TEXAS TOWN OFFERS \$8000 TO RAINMAKER FOR DOWNPOUR

San Antonio, --Charles M. Hatfield, the California rainmaker, is coming to Texas. The Chamber of Commerce of Kerrville telegraphed acceptance of his terms Wednesday night and requested that he come immediately to begin operations.

Kerrville has gone the limit. The people of that section want rain, not merely a light drizzling.

In consequence they have accepted the Hatfield proposition to produce two or more inches of downpour and are prepared to pay him the \$8,000 asked for a guaranteed two-inch precipitation.

FLOYDADA LEGION POST TO CELEBRATE ON JULY 3 AND 4

FLOYDADA, April 22.--American Legion, McDermott Post of Floydada in regular meeting last night voted to hold their annual celebration July 3 and 4, with free entertainments, and a big basket lunch the second day, this being a regular event with McDermott Post for the past two years and largely attended from all adjoining counties on the Plains.

NOTICE

TO THOSE WHO ARE INDEBTED TO THE LESLIE FLOYD GRAIN COMPANY OR THE L. D. TOWNSEND GRAIN COMPANY OF LOCKNEY, TEXAS, EITHER BY NOTE, ACCOUNT OR OTHERWISE: This is to notify you that these notes and accounts are now in the hands of the Banking Commissioner for collection, and you are requested to call at the office of the Lockney State Bank, Lockney Texas, and make settlement with the undersigned, otherwise an authorized collector will call upon you in person.

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Compare our Bacon prices with others and save difference in prices.

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CITY MEAT MARKET

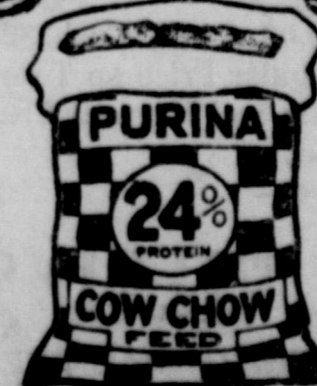
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Conditioning the Farm Horse

Thousands of farm horses have been idle or roughing it during the winter months and are not ready for hard, steady work. It is now the season when the program of many a farm horse is suddenly changed without the preparation that is necessary for efficient service.

On many farms the horses have obtained their winter feed from stalk fields and the straw stack. They come through in a thin condition and need to be put in better flesh before ready for hard work. This is best done by gradually giving the horses in advance a portion of the same ration that is to be fed during the work season.

Whether the horse has been out in the open or standing idly in the barn, a moderate amount of light work preceding the rush season is advisable. The hardening process may be accomplished by changing horses each half day in doing the necessary hauling about the farm preparatory to working in the fields. This will exercise and strengthen the muscles without tiring them.

The horse will not perform efficiently in an ill-fitting harness. The raw sores that develop are due, in most instances, to plunging an idle horse suddenly into

heavy work or to the fact that the harness is not properly adjusted. It is especially important that the horse collar be of the right kind, shape and size. A well-fitted collar does not choke and distributes the draft over the entire shoulder.

During the winter months most farm horses are groomed very little and the long hair of the winter coats is a handicap when spring comes. It is best to remove the old hair at once, by clipping. This is important as it increases the efficiency of the horse. It prevents the extreme sweating and lathering that would otherwise take place as the heavy work goes on and the weather becomes warm.

Due to the fact that the direct farm income is mainly from cattle, hogs, or sheep, the care of the farm horse and mule is generally neglected. It should be remembered that the income from the other classes of live stock depends upon the crops that the farm produces; and the horse furnishes the power that makes farm operations possible. More care for the work horse will in the end effect a saving and increase the efficiency on many farms. Be fair to the horse, by doing the things that will give him a good chance to give his best during the present season.

MONTHS LATER

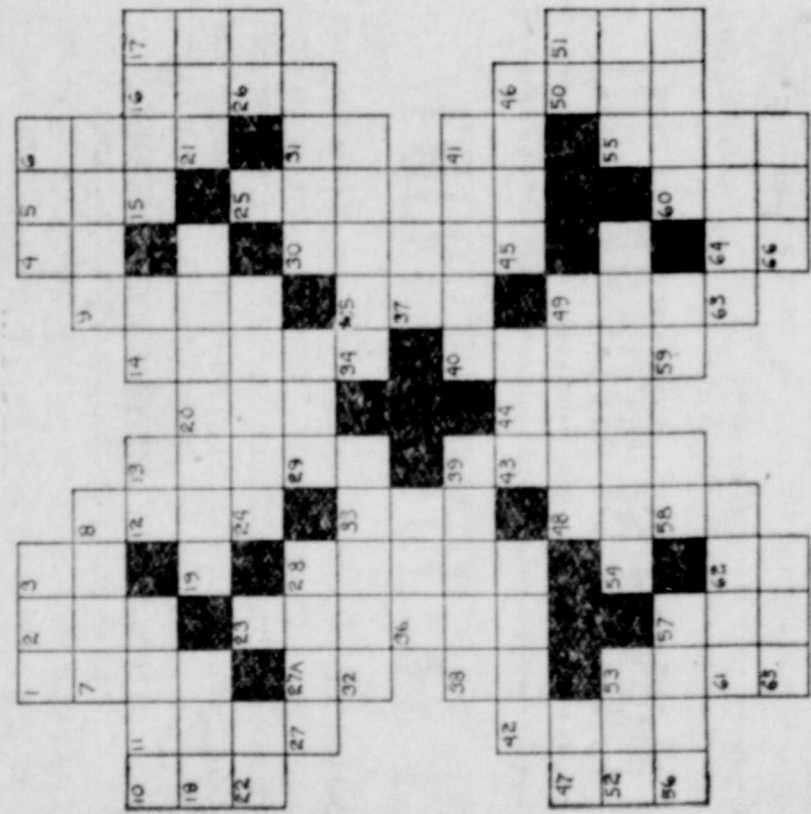
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 - 11—Piece of iron crossing the hole
 - 12—Rebuild upper
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 - 14—Mode of behavior
 - 15—English school for boys
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 - 17—Tut with teeth
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 - 5—A great many
 - 6—In a short time
 - 7—Drink one's health
 - 8—Picture of temptations
 - 9—Part of the mouth
 - 10—Grass cutter
 - 11—Like
 - 12—Those not of a certain profession
 - 13—Combining game
 - 14—Point of compass
 - 15—Ribbed material
 - 16—Last measure
 - 17—Malice
 - 18—Grime
 - 19—Crippled
 - 20—Tip
 - 21—Additional amount
 - 22—Correlative of neither
 - 23—Conjunction
 - 24—Jumbled type
- Solution will appear in next issue.

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Society

W. M. U. Held Business and Social Meeting April 27th

The W. M. U. met in a business and social meeting April 27th at the home of Mrs. Hudson with Mrs. Collier and Mrs. Gunn as joint hostesses. The home was beautifully decorated in the W. M. U. colors.

After the business we were favored with readings by Rowena Eving and Othel Gunn, after which we were served with sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate.

There were eighteen ladies present and a very pleasant time was spent. —Reporter.

Mothers Day at Baptist Church

A Mother's Day program will be rendered at the Baptist church Sunday night, May 10th. Everybody is invited to come.

Alken Home Demonstration Club

The Alken Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. O. L. Allen Wednesday, April 22.

The subject, "Making the Most of the Meal Hour," was interesting and was enjoyed by several ladies despite the threatening weather.

Our meeting dates are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday, so it will be three weeks between the meetings this time. Everyone is urged to attend the next meeting. The following is the program:

Time, May 13th, 2:30 p. m.

Hostess—Mrs. Jno. Morrison, Roll call—Suggest a good health habit to be cultivated in the home.

Order of business.

Leader—Mrs. Courtney.

Subject—Health Habits for the Home.

Topics for discussion:

Why Worry?—Mrs. Guy Ramsey.

The Worth of a Tooth Brush.—Mrs. G. M. Tate.

A daily vocation.—Mrs. J. E. McAvoy.

Habits to Cultivate.—Mrs. Reuben Parish.

Exercise and Health.—Mrs. Jarboe.

Habits which spread disease.—Mrs. Dr. Jones.

Posture and its relation to health.

What can this club do to better the health of this community.—Mrs. B. D. Wings.

Adjournment.

Lone Star Home Demonstration Club

The Lone Star Home Demonstration Club will meet April 28 at the school House at 2 p. m.

Program: general business meeting. The regular program for this date will have to be attended to later as this business comes first.—Reporter.

Lockney Home Demonstration Club

The Lockney Home Demonstration Club held a very interesting meeting last Thursday. The attendance was fairly good.

We regret the fact that all members and every housewife in the community could not be with us. Our program on "Correct Serving of Meals" was rendered. The last number on this program was a demonstration on setting the table and serving by Miss Faulkner. Much interest was shown in this as in all of Miss Faulkner's work. During this demonstration the district agent, Miss Hayden, would ask questions to draw Miss Faulkner out and see that nothing was omitted in correct table usage, importance of a well set table, table decorations, etc.

Miss Hayden then introduced our state agent, Miss Mildred Horton, who gave a very interesting and instructive talk on Home Demonstration Work.

Complimenting Miss Faulkner's work very highly, we feel that we are fortunate indeed that we have Miss Faulkner as our agent. She is thoroughly capable and one of the most untiring workers I have ever met.

Miss Horton informed us that we now have 967 clubs, 90 agents and 15,000 women engaged in this work in Texas.

Our next meeting will be May 7th. Roll call. Suggest a good health habit to be cultivated in the home. Leader, Mrs. Will McGehee. Subject: Health Habits for the Home. Topics for discussion: Why Worry?—Mrs. T. H. Stewart. The Worth of a Tooth

Brush.—Mrs. Carl McAdams. A Daily Vocation.—Mrs. Savage. Habits to Cultivate.—Mrs. Kate Collier. Exercise and Health.—Mrs. Greer. Habit Which Spread Disease.—Mrs. Hubbard. What Can This Club Do to Better the Health of this Community?—Miss Faulkner. Time, 2:30 promptly. Day, Thursday, May 7th. Place, Methodist basement.—Reporter.

COOKING SCHOOL MAY 4

IN FLOYDADA
Mrs. Frances Y. Kline, Educational Demonstrator of the Jell-O Company will be in Floyd county May 4 and will conduct an all day cooking school in the county court room at Floydada. The school will begin promptly at 10 a. m. and will close about 4 p. m. A demonstration on foods such as salads and desserts will be given. Every woman in the county whether a member of a Home Demonstration Club or not is welcome and should certainly take advantage of such a rare opportunity as this will be.

Mrs. Kline has been a County Home Demonstration Agent, a District Agent and a marketing specialist and she is certainly in a position to give us a wonderful line of instruction and help.

I trust this will be a big cooking school and that there will be a large attendance of both rural and town women. Don't forget the date and time of meetings and be there to get the instructions given.

—Mabel Faulkner
Co. Home Dem. agent.

Junior-Senior Banquet

On Friday evening, April 24, at 8:30 o'clock in the basement of the Baptist church, the Junior class of the Lockney High School entertained the Senior class, the High School faculty, and the school board, with a banquet.

The hall was beautifully decorated in the class colors of the Juniors and Seniors. Pink Carnations, the Junior class flower, were given as favors, while the mint cups were cream roses. The Senior class flower, thus carrying out the color scheme nicely.

We believe that this meeting successfully fulfilled its aim, which was to create between the departing Senior class, the faculty, the school board, and the Junior class such a congenial spirit of love and loyalty to Lockney High School that in the future, even though we are separated by inevitable changes of time, we shall even then be bound together in spirit and in memory.

Program

Toastmaster—Synthol Cook.

Seniors—Nora Sams.

Response—Virgil Threet.

Faculty—Louise McKee.

Response—W. D. Biggers.

Reading—Pauline Stephenson.

School Board—Edith Seal.

Response—F. M. Kester.

Alma Mater—Lloyd Wofford.

Menu

Creamed Peas

Creamed Baked Chicken

Tomatoes

Cheese Straws

Pineapple Salad

Olives

Cafe Noir

Mints

Senior Reporter.

SAND CAVE YIELDS BODY OF COLLINS

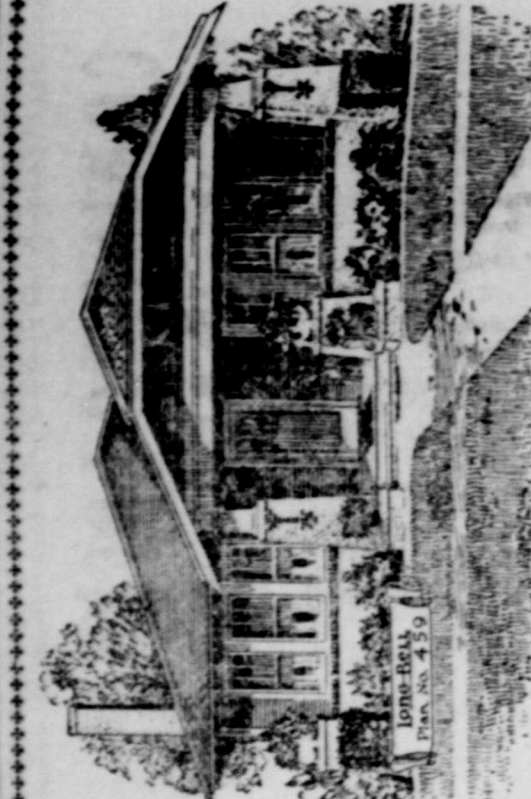
CAVE CITY, Ky., April 23.—Sand Cave has yielded its prisoner and Thursday the body of Floyd Collins, taken from the bottom of the shaft after resting their over night, left a Cave City undertaking parlor. Burial will be on a hill overlooking Crystal cave, a cavern which the explorer discovered several years ago.

A limestone and sandstone rock weighing between seventy-five and 100 pounds, which pinned Collins' left leg as he was crawling from the depths of a newly discovered pit, was removed by miners employed by the victims brother. The body was freed for the first time since last Jan. 30, when the falling rock caught Collins and held him fast while hundreds of volunteer workers struggled seven-days to free him.

The "dream cave" which Collins told rescue workers was just back of where he was caught in Sand Cave, is "just a big hole in the ground" as far as any of the miners who found Collins' body have been able to determine.

The explorer's body was found trapped on the edge of a deep, black pit when miners dug into the side of the natural cave from the seventy-foot level of the shaft. His body was in a semi-sitting posture. Rocks and earth had slipped down into the pit from the trap, immediately after the body was removed.

"PARDON ABUSE" IS PROTESTED BY WOMEN AT MEMPHIS
MEMPHIS, April 28.—The fifteenth annual session of the Women's Home Missionary Society, Northwest Texas Methodist Conference, closed here Tuesday. Lubbock was selected for the 1925 conference and the following



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officers elected: Mrs. Nat. G. Rab, patched by the conference to Governor, president, Abilene; Mrs. S. W. nor Ferguson;

Haynie, vice-president, Abilene; Mrs. "Whereas, our Governor is pardoning the criminals of the state at the rate of four a day, and, whereas, we women of the social service committee feel that these law-breakers constitute a menace to our citizenship, we, therefore, hereby making the effects of our law null and void, we, the women of the Northwest Texas Conference, protest against this abuse of the pardon power, and as law-abiding citizens request that guilty persons suffer the penalty meted out to them by a Judge and Jury."

SINGER SEWING MACHINES

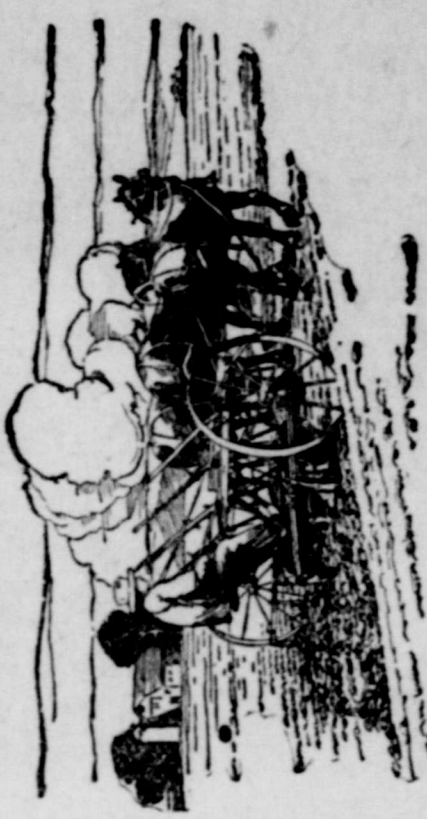
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In fact, the points in favor of two-row cultivation are so numerous that you should take time right now to talk to us about the light-running, easy-to-handle McCormick-Deering two-row cultivator. Planting and cultivating must be done unusually well this year. Let the tools in the McCormick-Deering line help you.

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TUESDAY IS YOUR LAST CHANCE

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LOCKNEY, TEXAS

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

February 1st—June 1st, 1925

The accompanying article is presented to the school children of Floyd county by the McDermitt Post, American Legion, of which Elmer C. Caudle, is adjutant. This is a splendid opportunity for some worthy boys and girls to gain a free scholarship in a college of their choice. There is opportunity for a greater number to win medals. Every contestant who may enter from Floyd county will be given honorable mention through the home papers, and the winning essay from Floyd county will be given publication through the home papers. You have a month, boys and girls, to prepare your essays, and bring, or mail them to me. Let's make this contest worth while, and show our appreciation to the American Legion with a hearty response.

PRICE SCOTT, County Supt.

"In conducting an Essay Contest for American school children, The American Legion is fulfilling one of its many duties, namely, the promotion of interest in patriotism, a knowledge of our public institutions and fostering higher education for the younger generation."

Subject: "Why Has the American Legion, an Organization of Veterans of the World War, Dedicated Itself, First of All, To Uphold and Defend

the Constitution of the United States of America?"

The preamble to The American Legion Constitution is as follows: "For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the great war; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

The American Legion National Essay Contest Prizes:

First prize, \$750.

Second prize, \$500.

Third prize, \$250.

FIRST PRIZE in each state will be a Silver Medal; SECOND PRIZE, a Bronze Medal; THIRD PRIZE, a Certificate of Merit issued by National Headquarters of the Legion.

The cash prizes shall be used only for scholarships in colleges to be designated by the winners.

RULES

All girls and boys between the ages of 12 and 18, inclusive, are

eligible to enter this contest.

Only one essay to a person.

Essays shall not be over 500 words in length.

Only one side of paper to be used.

A margin of one inch must be allowed on either side of the paper.

After essay is completed, paper should be neatly folded—not rolled.

Spelling, penmanship and neatness will be considered in judging the winner.

Age will also be considered.

DATE

All essays must be received at a place designated by the County Superintendent of Schools not later than midnight of June 1, 1925.

COUNTY JUDGES

The County Superintendent of Schools is asked to select three judges for his county, whose duty it will be to judge the one best essay of their respective county. The Americanism officer of the county shall cooperate in every way with the Superintendent of Schools and the judges of the contest.

The winning essay of that county should be forwarded to the Department Americanism Chairman of The American Legion not later than midnight of July 10, 1925.

DEPARTMENT JUDGES

The State Superintendent or School Commissioner will be asked to select three judges for each state. The duties of the state judges will be to select the three best essays from the winners in the counties of the state.

These essays shall be forwarded to the National Americanism Director of The American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana, not later than midnight of August 10, 1925.

These essays shall be classified first, second and third.

The national winners will be announced a few weeks after August 10, 1925, by the national judges, whose names will be announced later.

At the end of the essay, the following pledge must be signed:

"I hereby pledge my word of honor that I have written this essay myself.

I am _____ years old."

(Signed) Name of Contestant

Street Address

Town

Date

The American Legion National Americanism Commission, Garland W. Powell, National Director, Indianapolis, Indiana.

GATHERING HISTORY OF PANHANDLE OF TEXAS

Canyon, April 23.—The writing of a complete and accurate history of the Panhandle of Texas is the next big undertaking planned by the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society. It is the purpose of the society to make this territory as comprehensive and as interesting as it is possible to make it. It will portray the development of the Panhandle and the Plains from the early days up until the present time.

For the last four years this society has been engaged in gathering data relative to the development of this country. In carrying out this work many of the old-timers have been interviewed, and much valuable material has been secured in this way. Everyone who is acquainted with the early history of this section of the state can help in writing this history by contributing an account of their experiences or of important historical events.

The man engaged to write this history is a native Plainsman. He spent his youth as a freighter in this part of the state, and he is in close sympathy with everything contributing to the growth of the Panhandle. He is L. F. Sheffy, head of the department of History in the West Texas State Teachers College. He has had graduate work in Texas University and the University of Chicago, and is admirably fitted for the work.

It is planned to place a man in the field this summer. Evetts Haley, of midland, has been chosen for this work, and he will interview many of the pioneers of the Panhandle and West Texas, gathering from them their knowledge of the pioneer days. Practically every town in the Panhandle and many in other parts of the state will be visited in the furtherance of this work. He will also solicit members for the society. The money raised in this way will be used in research work, and in gathering material and adding to the already large collection of Indian and pioneer relics.

A wonderful collection of mounted animals and birds has already been made, and the collection of relics is unsurpassed in this section of Texas. Every effort is being made to secure relics of historical interest and to widen the influence and membership of the society.

Judge Thomas F. Turner of Amarillo is president of the organization, and Mrs. T. V. Reeves of Canyon is secretary. The headquarters of the society is located with the West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon. The board of directors is composed of Judge O. H. Nelson of Romero, Mrs. Olive K. Dixon of Miami, Miss Hattie M. Anderson and Mr. J. A. Hill of Canyon.

CLARITY SAYS DENVER INTENDS TO BUILD ROAD

Detailed Proposition As to Requirements Is Expected Soon

Lubbock is assured a line of the Fort Worth & Denver, the route as before announced out of Childress via Lockney and Petersburg being in all probability the line along which the road will run into this city.

F. E. Clarity, vice-president and general manager of the Fort Worth & Denver, R. C. Gowdy, chief engineer; S. A. Covington, general superintendent and M. A. Stainer, engineer of maintenance of way, spent Thursday here, and met with the railroad committee of the local chamber of commerce in the afternoon when a thorough discussion of possibilities of building a line of that road into Lubbock were discussed.

The following statement was issued by Mr. Clarity following the meeting: "We came to Lubbock for the purpose of meeting the representatives of Lubbock as constituted by the railroad committee of the local chamber of commerce.

It is the intention of the Ft. Worth & Denver, which line is owned by the Burlington system, to extend its line into Lubbock.

"We had a most agreeable meeting with the railroad committee, but owing to the fact that our final plans are not completed, we were unable at this time to reach a definite conclusion as to right of way and terminal facilities.

"It is expected that all details will be worked out within the next few days, after which another meeting

will be arranged for and at that time it is hoped that we may be able to get together on a definite agreement. "The committee indicated their willingness to co-operate with us to the fullest possible extent in making it possible for us to serve Lubbock.

"Our party very much appreciated the spirit with which we were met, and I can see nothing at this time that will keep us from extending our road into Lubbock.

"I have just completed a rather extensive inspection of the territory surrounding Lubbock and am most favorably impressed with the rapid development which I think emphasizes the importance of further railroad development."

The chamber of commerce committee is alert to advance Lubbock's interests in every way possible, and had a great deal of data and information at hand for the railroad men, which was presented at the meeting here.

O. L. Slaton, chairman of the railroad committee, issued the following statement late yesterday:

"A number of Fort Worth and Denver railroad officials, headed by Mr. F. E. Clarity, vice president and general manager, met the railroad committee of the local chamber of commerce Thursday afternoon to discuss plans for this road entering Lubbock.

"All of the rail officials expressed a desire to bring their line into Lubbock and the local committee promised to render them every possible assistance.

"After a thorough discussion of the entire situation and some of the problems connected with this all important move, it was decided that the Denver officials would wait until about the middle of next week before making a definite proposition to Lubbock as to details. As to coming to Lubbock, that is settled if Lubbock can meet the necessary requirements.

"However, there are a number of details to be worked out and both the Denver officials and local committeemen thought best to take another week to work on those matters before attempting to get together on a definite agreement.

"The negotiations proceeded to the point where it is known that Lubbock will be asked to provide sufficient grounds for terminal facilities, including perhaps a round house and other requisites and right of way through both the city and county."—Lubbock Avalanche.

BURLINGTON OFFICIALS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER RAIL CONNECTIONS HERE

Lubbock, April 29.—Officials of the Burlington System are apparently so enthusiastic about building a line into Lubbock, that the proposition they will make the Chamber of Commerce of Lubbock will be one that this city can readily accept, in fact there is no doubt but that those handling the matter will make positive reply to the officials when their proposition is presented.

W. D. McKay, attorney for the Burlington, is spending a few days in Lubbock and has held several conferences with members of the railroad committee of the Chamber of Commerce concerning plans to have everything made ready for building a line of the Fort Worth & Denver to this city.

Tuesday afternoon Mr. McKay met with the railroad committee here that has under way the question of securing right of way and terminal grounds in Lubbock and Lubbock county.

"The Burlington people are very anxious to build a line direct into Lubbock, giving your city 12 hours service to Fort Worth and 13 hours service to Dallas. Denver trains will begin to run to Dallas June 1st.

"Burlington will, if their proposition is accepted by Lubbock and right of way and terminal grounds are secured for them, enter into a binding contract with your citizens to begin work on the line thirty days after granting of the certificate of public convenience and necessity by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and will start running trains over the line not later than eighteen months after work has been started.

"Much material has been concentrated at Childress in anticipation of the granting of the certificate by the commission, and being enthusiastic over the South Plains country, the Burlington has already made application with the Interstate Commerce Commission for the certificate of public convenience and necessity to build the proposed line.

"The Burlington people will make every effort to secure the permit and hope to have the co-operation of the citizenship of the South Plains, the developments that have already been made in this matter making it imperative that immediate steps in negotiating the contracts with your people be taken," Mr. McKay said.

Mrs. M. E. Lewis and granddaughter, Virginia Lewis, will leave tomorrow for Martinez, Calif., where Mrs. Lewis will make her future home.

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Personal Mention

Johns Cox of Dimmitt has been here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cox.

Miss Caribel Biffle of Silverton was here Saturday visiting the G. S. and Frank Morris families.

Miss Willie Wanda Walling of Canyon spent the week end here visiting the Z. T. Riley family.

J. C. Whiteley of Silverton was in Lockney Tuesday on business.

Mann Melton, A. G. Stevenson and Mr. Arnold of the Silverton country were here on business Saturday.

Mrs. M. B. Hill is in Lamesa, visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ira Smith, and taking treatment from a doctor for rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Adams, Douglas and Milton, and Miss Clem Blankenship, spent Sunday in Plainview visiting Frank E. Pearson and family.

Miss Lou Emma Henry was down from Canyon to spend the week end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. M. Henry.

Miss Carrie Rankin of Canyon, assistant musical director in the Canyon Normal, spent the last of the week here visiting Miss Bigby.

Causes of Earthquakes

It has been thought by some that the center of earthquakes and volcanic disturbances is always near the sea or other large supplies of water, and that the disturbances are directly caused by the filtration of the water down to igneous matter, and the consequent generation of vast quantities of steam, which frees itself by explosion. Others have sought to explain earthquakes as part of the phenomena of a planet cooling at the surface or to the yielding of strata so as to slip downward upon each other.

Slippery Slope

Greenboy—Of course I know marriage is a grave step. (Oldun—Step? My dear lad, it's more like a flight of steps and every one of 'em greased.—Pearson's Magazine.

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Lesson for May 3

THE BENEFITS OF TOTAL ABSTINENCE

LESSON TEXT—Dan. 1:1-20.
GOLDEN TEXT—"Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank."—Dan. 1:8.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Four Sensible Boys.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Benefits of Total Abstinence.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—A Sound Mind and a Sound Body.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Some Benefits of Total Abstinence.

I. Daniel and His Companions in Captivity in Babylon (vv. 1-4).

They were carried away to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar in the first siege of Jerusalem. At the command of the king certain choice young men, including the seed of the king and of the princes, were carried away that they might be made skillful in wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, understanding science so that they might be trained to stand in the king's palace.

II. The Trial of Daniel and His Companions (vv. 5-13).

1. Their Conscience Tested (v. 5).
By the appointment of the king, a daily portion of the king's meat and of the wine which he drank was arranged for them. This was contrary to the custom among the godly Jews. Being contrary to the Jewish customs, they could not conscientiously partake of them. It should ever be borne in mind that conscience is the groundwork of human character.

2. Their Change of Name (vv. 6-7).

Among the Hebrews most significant names were given to children. Daniel means, "God is my judge." The significance of this name was that all the problems of life were submitted to God for His decision. God was made the arbiter of his life. This was the secret of Daniel's life. No doubt this expresses the purpose of his parents in giving him the name. His name was changed to Belshazzar meaning "Bel's prince," the one whom the chief god of the Babylonians favors. Hananiah means, "gift of" or "beloved of Jehovah," and his name was changed to Shadrach which signifies, "Illumined by the sun god, Rak." Misiach means, "who is as God," and his name was changed to Meshach meaning "who is like the goddess Shesach, the gentle one." Azariah means, "Jehovah is our help," and was changed to Abednego which means, "the servant of Nego." Back of the change of names was the attempt of Satan to wipe out the name of the true God, and have these young men lose their separation and thus become assimilated among the heathen.

3. Their Religious Life (v. 8).

This involved their refusal to eat meat and to drink wine which was contrary to their teaching. In the case of Daniel, at least, it also involved praying three times a day.
4. Their Courtesy (vv. 8-13).
Daniel seems to have been the spokesman for the company. Although Daniel's heart was fixed, he did not forget to be a gentleman. He requested to be excused from this meat and drink in order that he be not defiled. Christians should learn from this to be courteous even in times of great trials. God had brought Daniel into favor and tender love with those who were over him.

III. The Success of Daniel and His Companions (vv. 14-21).

1. Their Physical Health (vv. 14-16).
A test was made for ten days, and it was shown that they were fairer in countenance and fatter in flesh than those who indulged in the king's meat. Godly and temperate living pays. It is obligatory upon God's children today to conscientiously abstain from that which is contrary to His law. It means total abstinence from intoxicating liquors, and everything which would injure the health.
2. Mental Growth (vv. 17-20).
Daniel and his companions were found to be ten times superior to their comrades in matters of wisdom and understanding. It is always true that those who abstain from indulging in the use of strong drink have clearer minds and are mentally better equipped for their work than those who indulge.

3. The Social and Political Preference (v. 19).

They stood before the king.
4. Their Temporal Influence (v. 21).
They were all advanced to positions of influence and Daniel became president of the college of wise men, and the prime minister of the nation.
5. Spiritual Insight (v. 17).
Because of Daniel's loyalty to God, visions embracing the entire history of the world came to him and Nebuchadnezzar's dream was revealed.

Do Right

Do right, and God's recompense to you will be the power of doing more right. Give, and God's reward to you will be the spirit of giving more. Withhold from God and the accounting will follow.

Society

Society is a more level surface than we imagine. Wise men or absolute fools are hard to be met with; and there are few giants or dwarfs.—Hasselt.

Writer Consoles Every 'Old Maid' Who Mourns Loneliness

A woman writes me:
"I am an old maid of forty. I am a successful business woman. I make plenty of money. I have a pretty little apartment, but when I go "home" in the evening I go to empty rooms, knowing that no one cares whether I return or not.

"Other women, less worthy than I, have love, companionship and real homes. What is my life of loneliness worth?"

Every life is worth just what we make it. If we put into it courage, and cheerfulness, and humor, and helpfulness to others, it is worthwhile. If we put into it vain repining at our lots and fill it with morbid selfpity, it is not worth living.

Happiness is virtually a matter of self-determination. Like the pampered Princess, we can find the crumpled rose leaf under our forty mattresses of ease if we search diligently enough. Or, if we have the sporting spirit that laughs at hardships, we can lay us down on a bed of stones and dream gay dreams.

There are no ideal conditions of existence. Fate hands out wallops and bouquets to us all, and our happiness depends on the skill with which we dodge the blows and grab the good things that come our way. An it is safe to say that the woman who is a lonely and discontented old maid would be a peevish and discontented wife.

The woman who does not marry is always perfectly certain in her own mind that she would have made the one perfect match in the world and achieved a home that would have been an earthly paradise. In her vision of what she has missed, she always sees a vine-wreathed cottage filled with every luxury, with its serenity never disturbed by the bill collector pounding on the door. To this abode of peace and beauty comes a paragon of a man, who brings sunshine and joy, and strength and comfort to it.

To his wife he is the perpetual lover, whose tenderness never wanes. He is a companion of whose society she never tires. He is a chum who is equally ready to sit by the fire and hold her hand and tell her how wonderful and beautiful she is, or to put on his stepping-out clothes and take her to some place of amusement. And about the knees of this perfectly mated pair circle infant paragons, who are always clean, and good, and cuddly, and who behave just as children do in books and on the stage, and as they never do in real life.

It never occurs to the old maid, who feels that life has cheated her because it did not give her a husband, to contrast her lot with that of a woman who is married to a drunkard, and who spends her nights waiting for the return of a sodden creature that drink has turned into a repulsive animal. Or with the lot of the poor woman who must live in squalid quarters with over many children fighting and quarreling under her feet, who must wash and iron, and sew, and cook, working beyond her strength until she is already to drop with fatigue, and who hears the wolf continually at the door.

Nor does she contrast her lot with that of the woman whose husband is surly and ill-natured, who takes all of his wife's labor and sacrifices with never a word of appreciation, but just a growl because things were not better one. Nor does she contrast her lot with the woman who is married to a stingy man, who never gives her a penny of her own to spend as she pleases, the wife to whom the first of every month, when the bills come in, is a day of wrath when her husband raves like a madman over everything the family has eaten and worn, and abuses his wife because she could not run her household on air.

The old maid never realizes that she might have got Blue Beard instead of Prince Charming for a husband if she had married, yet the odds are that she would have done so, since Prince Charmings are few and Blue Beards are plentiful.

There are many married women who would tell an old maid with a good job and a good home and a good bank account that she doesn't know when she is well off. They would tell her that they would think themselves lucky if they had a boss who had to treat them with politeness and consideration, and speak to them civilly instead of husbands who felt that they had a right to insult them because they were nothing but mere wives.

They would tell her that the woman who has her own money, instead of having to wheedle and cajole every dollar she gets out of a husband, is blessed among her sex.

And as for loneliness, they would tell her that no woman in the world is lonelier than the wife whose husband sits up like a dummy and doesn't even speak when he is spoken to of an evening, or whose husband puts on his hat directly after dinner and fares forth alone. For the old maid can at least go out and hunt up amusement for herself, with nobody to raise any

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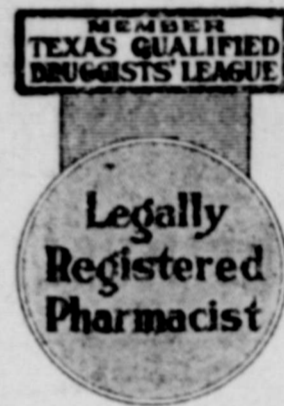
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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Lee Anderson, Royal Canadian Mounted Police sergeant, is sent to Stony range to arrest a man named Pelly for murder. He is also instructed to look after Jim Rathway, reputed head of the "Free Traders," illicit liquor runners. At Little Falls he finds Pelly is credited with having found a gold mine, and is missing.

CHAPTER II.—At the hotel where Anderson stops, a girl obviously out of place in the rough surroundings, appears. A half-breed whom Anderson hears called Pierre, and a companion, "Shorty," annoy the girl. Anderson interferes, earning the enmity of the two men.

CHAPTER III.—The girl sets out for Siston Lake, which is also Anderson's objective. He overtakes her and the two men with whom he had trouble the night before.

CHAPTER IV.—Pierre and "Shorty" ride on, Anderson and the girl following. In the hills the road is blown up, before and behind the two. Anderson, with his horse, is hurried down the mountain side, senseless.

CHAPTER V.—Recovering consciousness, Anderson finds the girl has disappeared, but the finding of her hair, evidently hurriedly cut from her head where it had been caught by her falling horse, assures him she is alive and probably in the power of Pierre and "Shorty." In fact he makes his way to Siston Lake. There he finds his companion of the day before, and Rathway, with the girl, Estelle, a former sweetheart of Anderson's, who had absconded his confidence and practically wrecked his life. Rathway strikes Estelle, and after a fight Anderson, with Estelle's help, escapes with the girl.

CHAPTER VI.—Anderson's companion's mind is clouded and she is suffering with a dislocated knee. Anderson sets the knee.

CHAPTER VII.—Memory of her past life practically gone, even to the extent of remembering her name, Anderson and his companion go on.

CHAPTER VIII.—The two plan to make their way to a Moravian mission, of which Father McGrath has charge. Their experience and their mutual danger have naturally drawn them together, and their acquaintance ripens into mutual love.

CHAPTER IX.—The girl remembers that her name is Joyce Pelly and that she is the daughter of the man Anderson has been sent to arrest. Torn between her love for her father and her regard for Anderson, the girl practically drives him from her.

CHAPTER X.—In the forest Anderson stumbles upon the entrance to a gorge. He investigates and is convinced he has located Pelly's mine. In a rude tunnel he is attacked by an unseen adversary, whom he takes to be Pelly. A knife thrust which would have been fatal is turned aside by the girl's hair in his blouse. Escaping, he returns to the cabin, to find Joyce gone. He follows her trail to the mission of Father McGrath.

CHAPTER XI.—McGrath repulses him, but Joyce feels her love return and welcomes him. Her memory has been in a measure restored. Lee visits the mine again, finding there the grave of a woman marked "Helene Pelly," and the skeleton of a man clutching a revolver in which are the letters "C. P.," without doubt Joyce's father.

CHAPTER XII.—Anderson is again attacked by his adversary of the day before. From wounds dropped by Joyce Lee recognizes his assailant as "Leboeuf," half-breed and Pelly's devoted friend. The finding of Joyce's hair in Anderson's blouse, convinces Leboeuf he is not an enemy.

CHAPTER XIII.—Anderson breaks the news of her father's death to Joyce, the girl's sorrow being greatly lessened by the fact that the uncertainty of his fate is ended and also that Lee's duty in the case is ended. Father McGrath agrees to marry the couple.

CHAPTER XIV.—The marriage takes place, and almost immediately Rathway appears and claims Joyce as his wife. The girl's mind clears enough for her to remember that, to save her father, whom Rathway had threatened to betray she had gone through a ceremony with him in Montreal. Rathway's claim is beyond dispute, and Lee, heartbroken, surrenders her.

by a detour round the range, with all his worldly goods packed inside it.

The journey was a slow one, the horse slipping on the frozen snow and plunging through the crusts that had formed over the surface. It was even colder than before, and there seemed no doubt that winter had set in at last. All were glad when the log house came into view.

Father McGrath got down, flapping his arms. Lee helped Joyce out. They set down the supplies.

"I'll help you in w' these goods," said the priest, "but I wilna come inside. And dinna ye be coming back to me, Mrs. Anderson,"—Joyce looked adorably confused at the address—"and tell me tales about your husband, because all the men are alike, as ye ha' yet to learn, and ye're in the trap of matrimony now, the pair of ye—tied fast, and there's naething this side o' death can unfasten the knot for ye.

"Guld-ye and guld luck to ye," he added, extending a hand to each. But in the middle of that hand-clasp he stood still, listening. His face grew grim. Lee listened too. And at first he heard only the night wind stirring among the trees; then something more ominous, yet very faint, coming out of the distance.

It died away. The two men watched each other's faces with a surmise that did not find vent in utterance. Perhaps it had been—the wind, the waves lapping the shore—but now it came again, louder and unmistakable. Lee dared not raise his eyes to meet Joyce's questioning gaze, lest she

should discern the sudden fear. For it was the put-putting of Rathway's motorboat.

The three might have been figures of stone as they stood there, listening to the sound of the engine, which grew rapidly louder. None of the three uttered a word.

Then the boat came into view, nearing the bank. It contained four men. One of them was Rathway. And even though Joyce was his inseparably, Lee waited for the sensation of an icy hand clutching his heart.

Father McGrath spoke. "Tis Rathway, and I doot not but he's some dell's wurk afoot. But hand steady, Anderson. He wilna dare—he wilna dare—"

His voice trailed off into silence. The engine of the motorboat had been shut off. Rathway and his men had stepped out. They were ashore, they were coming up from the river toward the house, Rathway a little in the lead of the others. With his hunched shoulders and his great muscular strength, his look of malignant, mocking ferocity, he seemed the nearest thing that Lee had known to incarnate evil.

His face, as he drew near the group, was twisted in a wry, triumphant smile. He looked mockingly at Lee. He looked ironically at Father McGrath. But there was possession anticipated in the look he cast at Joyce, and Lee drew the girl to his side, his arms about her, standing a little in front of her to protect her from the sight of Rathway.

Father McGrath stepped forward. "Ye ha' na business here w' my friends, James Rathway!" he cried. "Ye ken verry weil the agreement we've entered into. So ye can take yersef and your dell's crew awa'!"

"Aye!" sneered Rathway, regarding the priest with ironic banter. "But I have followed you and this party here because you were not at the mission. It's not my plan to stay."

"What do you want?" McGrath demanded.

"My wife," Rathway returned.



"What Do You Want?" McGrath Demanded.

stretching out his hand to place it on Joyce's shoulder.

With a loud cry Joyce leaped back, staring about her as if she did not know where she was. Lee let his clenched fist fall. The situation was too big for physical retort.

"Aye, my wife, Father McGrath," Rathway said again. "Married to me two years ago in Montreal. And there's the certificate."

He held out a document. Father McGrath's first words before looking at it were characteristic: "Tis the first time I've heard o' the mon and na the woman keepin' the marriage lines, James Rathway."

Lee was holding Joyce, who swayed in his arms. "What does he mean?" he kept repeating. "It's some trick. Tell them it's a trick, Joyce!"

But Joyce seemed neither to hear nor to understand anything. Meanwhile Father McGrath, who had been examining the paper, handed it back with an ironical bow.

"Mees Pelly that was, was united in the bonds of holy matrimony w' Meestair Anderson here three hours syne," he said. "I'd tak her wurd against your own and ea' that a forgerery."

But the priest's face shone deathly white in the moonlight. "Aye?" sneered Rathway, pointing a long finger at Joyce. "Let her deny it if she dare!"

Joyce said not a word. She lay in Lee's arms as if she had been mortally stricken. A deadly fear began to creep over Lee, over McGrath. Behind Rathway Shorty and Pierre and a third man grinned and shifted uneasily.

"And that's a lee, anyhow," said Father McGrath scornfully. Rathway bowed, sneeringly, in turn. "Permit me to go on, Father; believe or disbelieve, it makes no difference. He sent his girl away to school to Montreal. Soon after, it was discovered that Pelly was wanted for an old murder—"

"Lee Number Two," said the priest. "Twas you betrayed him—I ha' nae doots o' that."

"He fled the country," pursued Rathway untroubled. "As his only friend, fearing that his daughter might come to harm in Montreal, I went down there, saw her, and offered to make her my wife. She consented with alacrity—"

"Oo, aye, and we'll just cut out the alacrity!" said Father McGrath in abysmal disgust, "because she didna, and if she did, it ill becomes you to say so."

"She married me at the Church of the Virgin as this certificate proves. And it makes the ceremony ye've been through valueless. There's nae way out o' it—name at all, lad. So you twa must e'en just say guld-ye."

Lee turned to Joyce. He cried her name. She tottered toward him, hands outstretched, groping before her, as if she were blind.

She found him, their hands clasped each other thus during a period of silence that seemed all eternity compressed into a few moments.

The words came monotonously from Lee's lips: "Joyce, are you—going—to—that man who—calls—himself your—husband?"

She bowed her head. Their eyes met, his in a dumb prolongation of that question, hers in mute, helpless agony.

Then suddenly Lee released her. He straightened himself, stood up stiffly, and squared his shoulders, as if he were on parade. And quietly he turned away.

Then the silence was broken by a wild laugh from Rathway. There was something in that laugh more devilish even than in the situation. For it was amused, shameless, merciless, devoid of any human element; it was like the laugh that the hyena gives over the kiss of some nobler beast that it has supplanted.

"Put his pack out into the snow!" he shouted, chucking. "What, your pack, is it? Never mind, we'll let him keep it. Can't turn the poor devil out into the snow to freeze. He'll go to hell later on for stealing it!"

He strode up to Joyce and clasped his hand upon her shoulder. "Joyce, my dearie, have you said goodbye to your sweetheart?" he asked. "We'll make this place our headquarters for a little honeymoon before going back to Siston lake—what'd you say to that?"

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Rathway stepped forward, covering Lee with a pistol.

"By heaven," he swore, "I'll blow your brains out if you meddle with me or mine, and there's no court in this land will hold me guilty."

Lee scarcely seemed to be aware of him. He was holding out his arms to Joyce, and she was trembling, and looking at him, irresolute. Father McGrath was holding her hands and still whispering in her ear. And suddenly a dreadful change came over Lee's face. Confidence was replaced by a look of mortal anguish.

"Joyce!" he cried wildly. Joyce looked at the priest, who stepped between them; but it was Joyce whom he addressed, not Lee.

"My child, you married James Rathway of your ain free will," he said. "The motive has na bearing on the situation. He didna constrain you by fear of violence. 'Twas to save your father you did it, you say—aye, but 'twas to save him from the just processes of the law. There's nae way out, my dear. This man's your husband."

He looked at Lee. "Tis the saddest thing I've known," he said, "but ye see this makes the ceremony ye've been through valueless. There's nae way out o' it—name at all, lad. So you twa must e'en just say guld-ye."

Lee turned to Joyce. He cried her name. She tottered toward him, hands outstretched, groping before her, as if she were blind.

She found him, their hands clasped each other thus during a period of silence that seemed all eternity compressed into a few moments.

The words came monotonously from Lee's lips: "Joyce, are you—going—to—that man who—calls—himself your—husband?"

She bowed her head. Their eyes met, his in a dumb prolongation of that question, hers in mute, helpless agony.

Then suddenly Lee released her. He straightened himself, stood up stiffly, and squared his shoulders, as if he were on parade. And quietly he turned away.

Then the silence was broken by a wild laugh from Rathway. There was something in that laugh more devilish even than in the situation. For it was amused, shameless, merciless, devoid of any human element; it was like the laugh that the hyena gives over the kiss of some nobler beast that it has supplanted.

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CHAPTER XV

Joyce Fights a Good Fight

Joyce let Rathway lead her inside the log house without offering any resistance. She moved like an automaton under the pressure of his arm. Inside the large room he released her.

"Put down my pack!" he ordered Shorty, who was attending him. "Light some candles and pin something over the window, and then get out!"

In a minute Rathway and Joyce were alone. The girl shuddered as the candle light revealed the man's face to her. She had seen it so many times in fearful dreams, and all the way up through the range. When she had married Rathway she had hoped against hope that something would intervene to save her; but now the blow had fallen. And she stood quite still, her hands crossed on her breast, waiting for what was to come.

Then Rathway seized her in his arms. He kissed her ice-cold lips, cheeks, eyes, and throat. His hands went pawing over her. And as she still stood unresistant and unresponsive, his passion grew the fiercer, and mingled with fury at the realization that this girl, so submissive in his arms, was his in body alone.

He released her and, in his rage, began to growl out jeers and curses.

"A different honeymoon from what you were expecting, Joyce girl!" he cried. "No, no, the same honeymoon, but a different husband. A better one, eh, my girl? Well, can't you speak? Which of your two men do you prefer?"

But Joyce made no reply.

"You've answered me, you drab!" Rathway shouted. "So you've been living with him on the trail these two weeks past! By heaven, I was a fool to take you back from him without killing him! You thought I'd swallow that lie about your having forgotten you were a married woman, did you? Did you ever hear of a woman forgetting that she was married?"

Joyce only watched him with a fixed gaze that made him uneasy.

"You won't pretend to me that your relations with him were innocent, I suppose?"

Still Joyce said nothing, and Rathway grasped her by the wrists.

"Answer me! Were they?"

"Yes, they were innocent." The words issued mechanically from her lips. He gazed at her, incredulous, wanting to be convinced, unable to be. Of course the girl was lying. He would rather have known the worst than remain in that state of uncertainty. He didn't understand her. It was barely possible, no more. He was choking at the sight of her—his, yet in spirit a world away. And suddenly he fell upon his knees, seized her hands, and began impressing kisses upon them.

"Forgive me!" he stammered. "I'm mad with jealousy. I know you were unconscious and at his mercy when he took you away. You weren't to blame. I love you, Joyce. I've always been mad about you, you know that. Once, when I lost my head, your father shot me. Won't you forget this other man, this Anderson? He means no good to you. He's after that mine, no doubt, and that's why he forced his company upon you in the range."

"Forget him, Joyce. I love you. I'll make you a good husband, and you shall be a rich woman. We'll give up this life here and go south, where people know how to live. Can you love me, Joyce?"

"No," she answered, "I don't love you. I have always hated you."

"By heaven, I'll show you!"

He was hoarse with passion. But as he tried to seize her in his arms again, she drew away suddenly, stopped—

and then he saw that she had a hunting knife in her hand.

"Listen to me now, James Rathway," she said, still speaking in the same strained, monotonous tone. "I shall never be yours. I shall kill myself first. I would have fulfilled my compact in the spirit and the letter, had you fulfilled yours. But I didn't trust you. I suspected that you were tricking me—as you were."

"That's a lie. I didn't trick you. Put down that knife!"

"It's not a lie. You tricked me twice. The first time you forced me into a marriage with you by the threat that unless I consented you would betray my father to the police. I married you, and still you betrayed him."

"I did not. Someone else must have done so. Why should I have betrayed him? He was my friend."

"You were the only man who knew his secret. Then the second time, knowing that I would never live with you, you sent me a lying message to lure me up here, saying that you held my father in your power. You knew that nothing else on earth would bring me up to you. And it was a lie, because my father has been dead for months past."

Rathway's face blanched. "I don't believe that story. How do you know?"

"He died in his mine. His body lies at the bottom of it, where he was stricken. If you did not know that he was dead, at least you were lying when you said he was in your power."

"He lies—at the bottom—the bottom of the mine?" Rathway stammered. "I—I didn't know." He seemed to

shake off a sort of stupor. He tried to take her hand.

"Joyce, if I did lie to you, it was only because I love you. God, think of the years I've loved you, Joyce! I've given all my life to the hope of winning you. Isn't a woman touched by the thought of that? All that I've ever done, since that day when I first saw you in your father's house, has been for you. And now I've got you, and you tell me you will never—"

He was pressing toward her, but she held the dagger pointed at him, and he stopped, dazed, afraid of the look in her eyes.

"Joyce, don't be foolish. Put that



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"Kill you and then myself, if you lay a hand on me again. I've told you I shall never live with you."

"By heaven, I'll kill him if you go to him!"

"I shall not go to him. That is why I sent him away. I shall go away alone."

"Joyce, listen to sense. Do you realize that you are my wife? That I can hold you by force, and there is no law in the dominion to prohibit me, and no man who would not approve? Joyce, be sensible. If you're still in love with my man, Anderson, I'm willing to wait till you've forgotten him a little. Lord, I've waited long enough for you! But I'll wait longer if I have to."

"Don't you see how foolishly you're acting?" he pleaded. "Don't you realize how much better off you're going to be with a husband who is rich and devoted to you? Your father never took a penny out of that mine all these years. There must be a hundred thousand dollars' worth of gold dust there—perhaps a million. Can't you see the old boy working night after night like a beaver, to make you and me rich?"

And he threw back his head and uttered his hyena laugh again. But Joyce said nothing at all, and he added:

"I suppose you know it all belongs to me, as your husband, under the law, and that if you leave me you don't get a penny of it?"

"Well?"

"Well? I thought you mightn't understand. How far from here is the mine?"

"I don't know."

He burst into a spasm of fury. "By heaven, I'm going to make you know! Do you think you're going to keep the secret of my own mine from me? I tell you I meant to have it from the first moment that your father began dropping his hints, the old fool. It was to find out about it that I stayed on with him year after year."

"I've always known that."

Rathway stared at her. He was staggered by the quiet, indifferent manner of her speaking. He had not believed her before. He had been so confident when he sent for her, under the pretext of having her father at his mercy, that she could solve the secret which he had never been able to solve himself.

Yet now it began to occur to him as a probability that Joyce had never known the secret. He had taken too much for granted. If she had not known it when she went south, as had certainly been the case, how could she have learned it since?

And all his plans seemed suddenly defeated.

"You say you don't know where the mine is? Ah, but you told me your father's lying at the bottom of it!" he cried suddenly. "Who found him there?"

"Mr. Anderson."

"He knows, then? Your lover knows and your husband doesn't? D'you mean to say it wasn't you who told him?"

"I've told him nothing, because I know nothing. He found the mine and found my father's body there. He hasn't told the secret to me, and I don't want to know."

An extraordinary look came over Rathway's face, the look of the fox, the wolverine. He seemed to reflect—and suddenly he pounced.

In an instant he had gripped Joyce by the arms, imprisoning the hand that held the knife. With a laugh he tore the hand open, took out the knife, and thrust it into his belt. He strained the girl against him.

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