

# THE STAYER.

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A short ride over the city would convince the most sceptical of the wonderful improvements going on in Canyon City. New houses are going up on every side, neat fences, gardens being plowed, trees set and every sign of a prosperous and contented community can be seen.

About the softest job that is open now to the young man who parts his hair in the middle of his head, is mashing boiled potatoes in a chop house. All the other "soft snaps" have been taken. Positions requiring pluck and energy are open to all.—Exchange.

A preacher came at a newspaper man in this way: "You editors dare not tell the truth. If you did, you could not live; your newspaper would be a failure." The editor replied: "You are right; and the minister who will at all times and under all circumstances tell the truth about his members, alive or dead, will not occupy his pulpit more than one Sunday, and he will find it necessary to leave town in a hurry. The press and the pulpit go hand in hand with whitewash brushes and pleasant words; magnifying little virtues into big ones. The pulpit, the pen and the gravestone are the saintmaking triumvirate."—Roswell Record.

Every girl wants to marry. She is thoroughly satisfied that a man is necessary to the proper development of a woman's life. Her ideal usually is tall, with classic features, and the frame of an Achilles. He must be brave, yet gentle; a Chesterfield in manners, a Dewey in penetration, a Winston Churchill in ambition. In thought and speech he must be unsullied as Schiller or Goethe, withal he must be strong and brave; a lion among men; a knight among ladies. But for fear she might die an old maid she will take most any lath-framed youth with mouse colored hair and batwinged ears that comes along smoking a coffin-nail cigarette that smells worse than a burning rubber boot, and thus waste her precious life trying to love one she never admired.—Roswell Record.

## ROGERSON HOTEL

REFURNISHED THROUGHOUT.

Tables Supplied with the Best the Market Affords  
Neat, Clean, Polite Cooks and Waiters  
It is Best Furnished Hotel on the Plains—Superb Beds.

MRS. I. N. HIX IN CHARGE.

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CANYON CITY, TEXAS.

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ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE

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OUR STOCK IS COMPLETE AND OUR PRICES ARE THE  
LOWEST. AN INVESTIGATION WILL CONVINCING YOU.

## DRY GOODS

WE ARE FILLING IN ALL BROKEN LINES,  
HOWEVER, FOR THE PRESENT WE WILL

**CONTINUE TO SELL AT COST.**

REMEMBER ALL GOODS CHARGED WILL BE AT REGULAR PRICES.

## SMITH, WALKER & COMPANY.

### THE PUBLIC

Are always interested in any news that will save them a dollar. We have

## BARGAINS TO TALK ABOUT IN PURE FRESH GROCERIES

Give us a call and see if you do not find it was your

**GOOD LUCK,**

Yours for Trade,

## J. A. WANSLEY & CO.

This has been the most remarkable winter we have ever known on the Plains; no snow to amount to anything, no cold rains, and very little cold weather so far of any kind. One more month and the "old sisters" will begin to get a long breath and fight heel flies. The death rate will probably be very low unless a late cold spring sets in; even then, most cattle men have plenty of feed.

Suppose a newspaper man, every time he hears a man who criticizes him or his paper in public should retaliate by holding up to public gaze the faults and shortcomings of said fault-finder, what would be the result? The country editor may not know it all, but he does not live in a community long without knowing a deuced sight more than he publishes.—Roswell Record.

### Kansas City Stock Report.

Kansas City Stock Yards,  
February 17, 1902.

The cattle market has undergone few changes the past week. The slight decline of the early part of the week being fully recovered the past three days.

The best native cattle of the past seven days were offered Thursday, and sold at 6.65. The general range of dressed beef prices has been from 5.00 to 6.25. The better grade of cows and heifers have held steady to strong all the week at a range of prices from 3.00 to 5.50 for fair cows to prime heifers, while canners sold at 2.00 to 2.90.

The country demand is very strong for well bred stockers and heavy feeders, one bunch of good heavy feeders bringing 5.50. The supply of the right sort being short of the demand, while there has been accumulation of common stockers, and that class of cattle are some lower.

Texas and Territory cattle are receiving close attention of buyers, the strong competition insuring firm prices. D. S. Donald topped Monday's market with a load of 1072-lb steers from Krum, Texas that sold at 5.15. On Tuesday the top Texans were from Collinsville and sold at 5.30 and on Wednesday R. E. Gatewood of Riverton, La. topped the Southern market with 70 head of 1155 pound steers at 5.10. Other meal cattle sold at 4.90 to 5.10. The best grade of hogs has under-

gone few changes during the past week. The slight advance during the early part of the week was lost by the slight decline of Thursday. The supply of pigs of unfinished quality was too liberal to sustain prices, and values of this class of hogs are lower. Heavy hogs are selling from 6.30 to 6.50. Mixed and medium hogs at 6.00 to 6.35, lights at 5.90 to 6.15 and pigs at 4.50 to 5.20.

The sheep and lamb market was very active all this week with constantly increasing values the top notch of the week being reached Friday when C. W. Sylvester of Mont Vista, Colo. sold 279 head of 75 pound Colorado lambs at 6.45 per hundred. The advance for the week on lambs is 35 to 50¢ with mutton 25¢ higher. Native lambs sell at 6.00 to 6.30 western lots bringing 5.85 to 6.45, western wethers 4.50 to 5.00, New Mexico Yearlings 5.35 to 6.00 and western ewes 3.50 to 4.50.

If you have headache, dizziness of vision, watering of the eyes and letters running together you probably need glasses. Drs. Odell & Stewart can give you satisfaction. They are experts in their line.

Commissioners court was in session all of last week and much business was disposed of. Further particulars will be found on another page.

There is nothing that adds more to a man's appearance than a nice shave and hair cut. Coulter is the man who can always do the work neatly and quickly.

### The March Delineator.

During the past year The Delineator's facilities for obtaining the first information of what is being done in the centers of fashion have been greatly extended and it now commands resources, that perhaps, are not possible to any other magazine. Some of these results are shown in the March number, where is presented the first intimation of the spring-modes in garments of all kinds and millinery—the work of some of the most noted designers of Paris, London, Vienna and New York. The literary features of the March number possess high quality and great interest. The first paper on Pictorial Photography, by J. C. Abel, shows the possibilities of the camera in a series of beautiful landscapes, the work of well-known leaders in the photographic world. Dr. W. L. Savage, the noted physical director, contributes an arti-

cle on Gymnasium work for women, with remarkable pictures taken from life. In the stories of Authors Loves, Miss Laughlin tells the story of George Eliot with the greatest charm and delicacy; while another essentially literary paper is Dr. Elliott's Recollections of Maria White (Mrs. James Russell Lowell). A novelette by Arabella Kenealy, with pictures by E. M. Ashe, and a delightful pastoral by Shan F. Bullock, comprise the fiction for grown ups, while the children will enjoy the further adventures of Dimple-Cheek and the Musical Brownies. The household department includes house furnishing, illustrated cookery, and new and economical recipes, domestic science, etc.

A good shave and hair cut adds 100 per cent to the ordinary man's appearance. F. M. Coulter is always ready with the keenest of razors and sharp scissors to make you feel good.

Mr. H. J. Galtber, formerly with The Stayer, but now of Amarillo, spent Sunday in the city.

# THE STAYER.

Entered at the post office at Canyon, Texas, as second class mail matter.

Official organ of Camp Stonewall Jackson, U. C. V.

Mrs. R. W. Morgan, Editor and Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTION.  
One Year, \$1.00  
Six months, 50

FOR GOVERNOR  
Sergeant Sam W. T. Lanham

We desire to call your attention to the advertisement of Messrs. Gober & Hume successors to U. S. Gober who have also bought the Canyon Grain and Coal Company's business. They will buy in large quantities for cash, and will therefore be enabled to sell at lowest price. In addition the new concern will put in sufficient cash to carry a large stock and be able to fill all orders promptly thus doing away with the trouble of waiting here for coal or going away without as so many have been compelled to do this winter. We think the change a most beneficial one for the general public as they will get better service than they have heretofore received in Canyon City.

Oscar Hunt & Co. are showing the handsomest line of pictures, moldings, frames, etc. ever exhibited in the Panhandle.

Get your old buggy fixed up like new. Harter can and will do it right for more or less, according to the amount of fixing it needs.

One strong argument why Congress should allow the appropriation for the deep water channel asked by Beaumont, Texas, with her phenomenal oil fields and vast products of lumber, rice and sugar, is that if Baku, Russia, with a much less significant oil field—in an inhospitable climate, hemmed in by mountains on one side, removed 560 miles from the principal seaport, and devoid of other valuable commodities—could witness the building of a city of 140,000 people in eight years, then what can be expected of the genius and enterprise of the American people in the development of a section where all conditions are favorable and with the products to build up a worldwide commerce? If 120 refineries could be built in the Russian oil field, then how many would dot the banks of the Neches River, together with numerous other manufacturing enterprises, cheap transportation being assured by construction of the proposed deep-water canal? Already a large refinery is projected just south of Beaumont. It should be, and undoubtedly will be, but the forerunner of many others if Congress does its part.—Mail and Express.

Have you seen those lovely birds eye maple bedroom suits at Oscar Hunt's. They are exquisite, as also is their new line of chairs and bed lounges.

Mr. George Long has sold his home—half section—to Mr. Bates taking in part payment the Trimble residence where Mr. Long now resides.

Buie & Wallace are the people you want to see to sell your land and cattle quickly.

Leave your order for bus at Taylor's only 25 cents both ways. That is much cheaper than walking.

A regular Panhandle rain prevailed Tuesday evening for awhile and made life miserable for all whose business obliged them to be abroad.

Mr. J. M. Vansant is now in the real estate business and so solicits the patronage of the public. Give him a trial and be pleased at the results.

Mr. R. J. Feasell, general manager for the North American Lightning Rod Company, is stopping at the Victoria hotel and has rodded our court house and several of the best residences in the city. He is prepared to take orders for work of that kind. This company handles the best cable lightning rod made.

### LOST.

Five head of horses, 4 branded quarter circle heart on left shoulder; one sorrel yearling fully unbranded. Liberal reward for recovery or information leading to recovery of same. Address, Claud Money, Canyon City, Texas.

Only the very best woodwork material carried in stock, and it is unpainted so you can see exactly what you are getting at Harter's.

If you are anxious to sell your property list it with Buie & Wallace.

Dr. Edgar P. Lewis, the dentist, who has been practicing at Canyon will make his third regular trip on Thursday, 6th, Friday, 7th and Saturday, 8th. Those wishing work come early.

The Home Mission, Society of the M. E. Church will serve dinner and supper one day during the first week of the April term of district court. In connection with this will be a bazar. All ladies of the M. E. Church are requested to contribute and contributions from others will be appreciated.

### Committee.

Oscar Hunt is back from Kansas City where he bought a lot of elegant up-to-date furniture of the always dependable kind that he handles. Be sure to see this stock before you make up your mind about what you need.

Mr. Switzer of The Weatherford Herald was in town this week and made us a pleasant call.

Faults of digestion cause disorders of the liver, and the whole system becomes deranged. Herbine perfects the process of digestion and assimilation, and thus makes pure blood. Price 50¢ at Hadley Drug Co.

### Panhandle Teachers' Association.

The day session will be held in the school building. The night session in the Methodist church, Friday night. Remember the dates, Friday and Saturday, February 21-22. Those that can not attend all the time should arrange to be present at the school building Friday afternoon and hear Hon. Arthur Lefevre. Seldom such a distinguished educator visits Canyon City. We want the chapel room filled on this occasion. Can not the people of Canyon City take advantage of this visit of State Superintendent, Lefevre? The other exercise we want to place stress on, is the Friday night session at the Methodist church. We think it will pay you to attend this session.

We want the people of Canyon City to make arrangements to attend all sessions as much as possible. Numbers lend inspiration. Numbers show interest. A. Ernsberger.

Buie & Wallace have several tracts of land near Canyon for sale, also ranches and cattle. See them before buying.

# HEREF

I will sell at a bargain if

## FULL BLOOD STOCK

I have used with these cattle the very best bulls that money could buy. There isn't a cow over six years old. I will have 30 head of three-year-old heifers that will bring calves this year that will interest the most sceptical. My reason for disposing of my entire grade herd is to handle registered stock altogether. Come soon, they are going.

This is a chance for some one to get a good herd. Call on or write to

# CANYON CETA STOCK FARM,

CETA, TEXAS.  
C. T. DeGraffenreid, Prop.

An event of much interest to the ladies of Canyon City and surrounding country is Mrs. Street's sale of Early Spring and Winter Millinery. Every lady should have a nice, black hat in her wardrobe. Mrs. Street has a few handsome ones she will sell at a 50 per cent less than cost, also a few shapes in velvet and felt at the same price. Now is the time to get a nice hat at less than the price of a cheap hat earlier in the season.

Mr. H. J. Cavet is building a neat cottage on Sycamore street.

# TO OUR PATRONS AND FRIENDS:

We wish to say that after Jan. 1 we will sell STRICTLY FOR CASH

This is no dumping ground for hard stocks of other stores

## ALL OF OUR GOODS ARE NEW AND FRESH

# WE CAN SAVE YOU MONEY

If you will give us your trade, you will not have to pay for any one else's goods which you will have to do if you trade with credit houses.

GIVE US A TRIAL

# CANYON MERCANTILE COMPANY,

CANYON CITY, TEXAS.

## BRENT C. TAYLOR,



### LIVERY FEED AND SALE STABLE.

Bus meets all trains.  
Best teams and rigs always on hand.  
Drummer's rigs a specialty.

## "THE LONG TRAIL"

### OF THE CATTLE RANGE

has given prominence in history to the now world famous Texas Panhandle. But few years ago the wonderful possibilities of this region as a wheat country became known, and great things were prophesied for "The Granary of the South," which subsequent harvests justified. Comparatively recent is the demand of good livers for "Vernon Cantaloupes," but it's come to stay. Those acquainted with this section and its wealth as a producer of feed-stuffs, corn and cotton have long believed in it, nor have they been moving away. When Northwestern Texas remained conspicuous for its excellence in the face of almost universally discouraging crop conditions, people began to see reasons for the faith of those inviting them to enter and possess the land; and now, with farms and ranches being bought daily by new settlers coming in by wagon and rail, three new railroads now building and four more projected, seeking a share of the general prosperity, good reason is evident for the favor with which the territory along "THE DENVER ROAD" is regarded by prospectors.

W. F. STERLY. A. A. GLISSON. CHAS. L. HULL  
A. G. P. A. G. A. P. D. T. P. A.  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

To get the cash out of your property quick see, Buie & Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Houser entertained last Friday night in honor of the Misses Cochell. The young people present report a delightful time and wish for Mr. and Mrs. Houser all the pleasure and happiness their worth merits. Among those present were:

Misses Bertha, Erma and Ethel Cochell, Annie Brown, Bessie Houser, Mary Burrow, Addie Reed, Ona Long, Mae Lair, Tenie Thompson and Fay Renshaw.

Messrs. Joe Brown, Chas. Burrow, W. W. Stephenson, John Houser, Bob Pipkin, Gene Barks, Howard Stephenson, Ed Money, Jim Redfearn, Jim Garner, Claud Money Marvin Garner, Emmet Houser, Arthur Richardson and others whose names we failed to get. A delicious repast was served at 12 o'clock after which the guests took their departure. All enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Mr. J. A. Boyd an experienced yard man is now with The M. T. Jones Lumber Company. Mr. Boyd comes highly recommended and will be glad to meet the firms many patrons and the public generally.

Mr. F. M. Coulter has bought out the barber shop of Mr. Street and will conduct a first-class shop where a man can get a shave or a hair cut that is a luxury instead of a nuisance as it usually is by the ordinary run of barbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Long gave a delightful party last night to the young people. Music, games and conversation, bright faces, sweet smiles and cherry laughter made the hours fly fast till late good night time. The following young ladies were present:

Miss Mae Lair, Miss Addie Reed, Miss Mary Burrow, Miss Myrtle Watts, Miss Emma Hoffman, Miss Willie Vigus, Miss Fay Renshaw, Miss Holden Miss Tenie Thompson, Miss Ona Long, Miss Jessie Long and all the young society gentlemen of the city.

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### Beverly Briefs.

Weather cold and windy. No rains, no snows yet. The most of the cattle in this part of the country are doing very well. There are some few poor ones but by close attention will make it all right.

Mr. A. Pietzsch returned from Channing last Tuesday.

Grandma James is on the sick list this week.

Some of our neighbors have been de-horning cattle this week.

Mr. Tom Bradford's place is for sale at \$900. He has a nice little place.

Miss Nellie Holland and Miss Fay Madison of Wayside spent last Thursday with Misses Yula and Ollie Jackson. The girls seem to have a big time.

Mr. Winn Carmickle fell off the cap rock last Tuesday and hurt himself very badly spraining his ankle so he can't walk.

Mr. Kenedy cut his foot very badly last Monday while cutting posts in the canyon.

The young people are fixing to have a grand mask party at Mr. Holland's tonight, the 14th.

We didn't have any church last Sunday on account of bad weather.

W. H. Lemmons has quite a lot of nice dry goods on hand at reasonable prices.

Mr. Jim Derr and wife have been spending a few days with father and mother Derr.

Mr. Marvin Derr is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Doguh y, this week. Jasper.

Remember Chamlee the jeweler can mend any broken piece of jewelry, no matter how bad the break.

## TRY F. M. COULTER. THE NEW BARBER.

While he has been but a little while here, he is a novice in his business.



For Sale.  
16 head of good 5 and 6 year old mules, well broken and in good shape. Also a lot of three year old.  
Address,  
Wm. Ward,  
Fanchon, Texas.

# GÜBER & HUME

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They will buy in large Quantities and will give the best service.  
They will make it to your interest to trade with them.

### HIGHEST CASH PRICES PAID FOR HIDES, FURS AND BONES.

#### Two Valentines in One.

She gazes into sparkling eyes, that laughingly look back!  
She notes the sheen upon the hair, so silky, soft and black;  
Those tender curves about the mouth, the dimple in the chin,  
A nose retrouse just a mite, and olive-tinted skin!  
Well might she gaze upon that face, so fair, to her so dear;  
She knows it in each changing mood, its every smile and tear!  
She loves her charming vis-a-vis, that winsome little lass,  
For 'tis her own reflection as she stands before the glass!  
—Judge.

Mr. William Ward of Swisher county was in Friday and bought a big bill of goods from the Canyon Mercantile Co.  
With our X-Ray machine we are able to see exactly the condition of an injured or diseased bone or joint, therefore are able to apply proper treatment at once. Drs. Odell & Stewart, Canyon, Texas.

We desire to call your attention to the beautiful display of furniture at Oscar Hunt & Co's. store, some lovely pieces and suites for sale at reasonable prices.

Mrs. Taylor, mother of Messrs. George and James Taylor, of this place, passed to life eternal at Denton, Eriday night the 14th. She had been seriously ill for about two weeks and her death was not unexpected.

If you have any disease, injury or deformity of the eye, consult Drs. Odell & Stewart, Canyon, Texas.

Mr. S. L. Carter was in town Monday and Tuesday.

Buie & Wallace have several more nice residences for sale, also unimproved lots in Canyon City.

Mr. W. F. Heller brought in some as fine, fat beef as we ever saw last week, that had not been fed on a bite of grain, but fattened entirely on alfalfa. It was tender, juicy and fat.

Home Comfort coffee is the best. J. A. Wansley & Co. tf

Mrs. Francis Christian, of Providence, Rhode Island, came to Canyon City last Saturday and is visiting her sisters, Mesdames M. Newman and F. M. Coulter.

For artistic wall paper see Oscar Hunt & Co., they have some of the prettiest designs and colorings ever shown here. Prices always right.

Mr. C. W. Word was in town Monday.

Why go around looking wooly and wild with long hair and bristly face when F. M. Coulter, the barber, is always ready to fix you up in good style.

Mrs. A. B. McAfee made us a pleasant call Saturday and renewed her subscription to The Stayer another year.

For strictly first class blacksmithing go to Harter.

New houses are going up in all parts of town.

Are you restless at night, and harassed by a bad cough? Use Ballard's Horehound Syrup, it will secure you sound sleep, and effect a prompt and radical cure. Price 25 and 50¢ at Hadley Drug Co.

Work on the C. P. Church has been suspended waiting for the window frames.

Mr. A. E. Brown will immediately begin the construction of another store building next door to the one he has had built for Mr. Anderson.

If you want to sleep on a splendid bed, new, nice and perfectly clean; with an abundance of good blankets go to the Rogerson Hotel.

Mr. West is having a residence built near the railroad.

Don't irritate your lungs with a stubborn cough when a pleasant and effective remedy may be found in Ballard's Horehound Syrup. Price 25¢ and 50¢ at Hadley Drug Co.

#### Help the Town.

Next time you get a letter from Sears, Roebuck & Co. or Montgomery Ward & Co., write and ask them if they are willing to help pay off the indebtedness of our local churches or to contribute to the fund for fighting the boll weevil or to help out a poor woman and children. If they refuse, spend your money with those who are always willing to help out in these things. And the next time a solicitor calls on you from the Dorsey Printing Co., or Clark & Courts, ask him if his firm will advertise your home industries, help your churches, give you and your business complimentary notices, and, last of all, if his firm will spend their earnings in your town.—Weimar Mercury.

Mr. Anderson and family of Plano have moved into the Stewart house.—Mr. Anderson will shortly occupy the Brown building with a stock of dry goods.

#### A GOOD THING

German syrup is the special prescription of Dr. A. Boschee, a celebrated German physician, and is acknowledged to be one of the most fortunate discoveries in medicine. It quickly cures coughs, colds and all lung troubles of the severest nature, removing as it does, the cause of the affection and leaving the parts in a strong and healthy condition. It is not an experimental medicine, but has stood the test of years, giving satisfaction in every case, which its increasing sale every season confirms. Two million bottles sold annually. Boschee's German syrup was introduced in the United States in 1868 and is now sold in every town and village in the civilized world. Three doses will relieve any ordinary cough. For sale by Hadley, the leading druggist.

Frequently accidents occur in the household, which cause burns, cuts sprains and bruises. For use in such cases Ballard's Snow Liniment has for many years been the constant favorite family remedy. Price 25¢ and 50¢ at Hadley Drug Co.

The Christian Scientists will hold their services at 2:30 p. m. each Sunday in the court room. Other denominations will kindly make a note of this when arranging their afternoon services. The Scientists usually take up about one and one-half hours altogether.

#### THE FACTS IN THE CASE

Then you read a thing you like to feel that it's the truth. THE DALLAS SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS, gives the facts in the case.

#### SPECIALY EDITED.

If you'll read the News awhile you'll like it. It holds the attention. It is specially edited, that's why. Brains and not hap-hazzard go into the make-up of The News.

#### TWO PAPERS YOU NEED

You need THE STAYER, because it's your local paper. It gives a class of news you can't get elsewhere. You need The News because it gives you all the State news. THE STAYER and The Semi-Weekly News one year for \$1.50, cash in advance. The News is promptly stopped at expiration of time paid for.

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THE LEADING DRUGGISTS

#### THE STATE OF TEXAS, IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT, Randall County. February Term, 1902.

Before me, J. H. Garrison, Clerk of the County Court in and for said County, personally appeared the members of the Commissioners' Court, whose names are below subscribed, who, upon their oath, do say: That the requirements of Art. 867, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, as amended by the regular session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, have in all things been fully complied with, and that the cash and other assets mentioned in the quarterly report made to and filed in this court by R. B. Readfern, County Treasurer of said County, for the quarter ending the 31st day of January, 1902, and held by him for said County, have been fully inspected and counted by them at this Term of said Court; and that the amount of money and other assets in the hands of said Treasurer are as follows, to-wit:

Total amount of cash in the various Funds belonging to the county, three thousand five hundred and sixty eight dollars and ninety five cents. \$3568.95.

Total amount of assets other than actual cash to the credit of the county, sixteen thousand dollars belonging to the school fund. \$16,000.00.

- L. C. Lair, County Judge, Randall county.
- A. N. Henson, County Commissioner, Randall county.
- C. M. Houser, County Commissioner, Randall county.
- T. F. Gilleland, County Commissioner, Randall county.
- F. J. Trigg, County Commissioner, Randall county.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 10th day of February, 1902. J. H. Garrison, County Clerk, Randall county.

Dr. J. Ed Crawford is building a home on the North side.

Dr. Edgar P. Lewis, dentist, will make his third regular trip to Canyon March 6, 7 and 8, stopping at Hotel Victoria.

Children who are troubled with worms are pale in the face, fretful by spells, restless in sleep, have blue rings around their eyes, bad dreams, variable appetite, and pick the nose. White's Cream Vermifuge will kill and expel these parasites. Price 25¢ at Hadley Drug Co.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church will serve tea from five o'clock in the afternoon until ten at night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lester tomorrow night (Friday) 22nd. All are invited to be present.

M. C. Chamlee, the Jeweler has on hand a large stock of watches. Call and get his prices when you want a watch or clock.

Mr. W. A. Donaldson and Mrs. McClure left Monday for St. Louis and eastern cities to buy the biggest stock of dry goods and millinery ever brought to Western Texas.

J. A. Wansley & Co. handle the old reliable Meyers flour, Albatross and Supreme. Every sack guaranteed.

#### NOTICE.

A meeting of the Shareholders of the Stockmens' National Bank, of Canyon, will be held at the office of said bank, on Tuesday, March 4, 1902 for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year.  
L. T. Lester, President,  
47 W. A. Donaldson, Cashier.  
Canyon City, Tex., Jan. 28 1902.

# The Sturgis Wager

## A DETECTIVE STORY

BY EDGAR MORETTE

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PRIVATE OFFICE.  
NO ADMITTANCE.

One of the detectives tried this door and found it locked. Whereupon he placed his shoulder to it and prepared to force it in.

"Wait a minute," said Sturgis; "let me see if I cannot open it."

The detective stepped aside with a quizzical expression upon his face.

"I guess you will find it pretty solid for your weight," said he.

The reporter took from his pocket a piece of bent wire, and, with a few dexterous turns of the wrist, he shot the bolt of the lock.

"You would make an expert cracksmen," said the detective. "I didn't know you possessed that accomplishment in addition to all your other ones."

The four men entered the private office. The room was quite dark, the shutters being closed and the blinds drawn. As their eyes became accustomed to the obscurity they were able to distinguish the outlines of a desk, a table, and a few chairs.

Sturgis went at once to a door in the corner. With the aid of his skeleton key he had soon thrown this open. After peering for an instant into the darkness, he took from his pocket a candle, which he lighted. Then, beckoning to his companions, he started cautiously to descend. The other men followed him and soon found themselves in the cellar, which they proceeded to search.

On the street-side there was a recess extending for a few feet under the arched front of the house. The opening above was covered by an iron grating, over which was a wooden cover securely fastened on the inside by a chain and padlock. A number of carboys were carefully piled along the east wall to within a few feet from the rear of the building. Here, in the northeast corner, rose narrow shelving, on which were arranged a collection of bottles containing a varied assortment of chemicals.

The detectives searched the cellar. "Our man is not here, at any rate," said the leader, when at last he had returned to the foot of the stairs; "perhaps he'll try to give us the slip by way of the roof. Come along, Jim; let's go upstairs now. Hello! what are you doing there? Mr. Sturgis? Think you'll find him in one of those bottles?"

The reporter appeared to be closely inspecting the chemicals on the narrow shelves.

"Who knows?" he replied, coolly, continuing his examination.

The detective bit his lip and looked the unpleasant things he thought it best not to say.

"Well, Jim and I will take a look upstairs while you are busy here."

And the two men went up the dark stairway, Sprague remaining behind with the reporter.

"None so blind as those that won't see," said the latter, sententiously.

At the same time he placed his hand upon one of the shelves and gave it a lateral push. It responded slightly, and the entire shelving, with the door which it concealed, opened outward.

"I thought so," continued the reporter; "this looks as if it might lead somewhere. Will you come, Sprague?"

"How did you find the combination so quickly?" asked the artist, preparing to follow his friend.

"It is not a combination—only a concealed bolt. Our friends of the detective force might have discovered it themselves if they had taken the trouble. The first thing I noticed was that a truck had recently been wheeled through the cellar in the direction of this door, from under the grating on the street side. And this truck was not here; neither was a large case which we know was delivered here today. The trail extended clear up to the wall below the shelving, and yet no truck, even unloaded, could pass below that lowest shelf. The conclusion was evident. I sounded the back of the shelving and found that it covered an opening of some kind. After that, all that remained was to notice that one of the shelves was slightly soiled in just one spot, as though by the repeated contact of a hand. From this, I argued that the bolt must be attached to this board. And it was. That is all."

As he spoke, the reporter entered a dark and narrow passage.

"Don't shut the door," said he to his companion, who followed him.

square chamber, on one side of which rose a stairway leading to a door above. The room was surmounted by a skylight, which was wide open, admitting a draught of cold air from the outside.

Sturgis set down his lighted candle and proceeded to examine his surroundings. In the middle of the room stood a truck, upon which lay a long pine box. A table and a chair constituted the only furniture of the place. At one side there was a long, low, lead-lined tank, filled to the depth of about two feet with a dark viscous liquid. Near it lay a few empty carboys. In the floor there was what seemed to be a hot-air register, of large size and of peculiar construction. The walls were bare, unbroken, save by the projection of the mouthpiece of a speaking tube, and by a set of shelves filled with flasks, crucibles, alembics and the other paraphernalia of a chemist's laboratory.

After the reporter had finished reconnoitering he sat down upon the long box in deep thought. Sprague observed him with silent curiosity for awhile, and then, with growing impatience:

"I say, old man," he ventured at last to ask, "did you bring me here, armed to the teeth, to see you go off into a trance?"

Sturgis started like a man suddenly awakened from a deep sleep.

"Eh? What? Oh, yes—those confidences. Well, you start in with yours. I am trying to find the denouement of my story. I feel that it is just within my grasp; and yet I cannot seem to see it yet. But I can listen to you while I am thinking. Go on."

"I have not any story to tell," said Sprague, somewhat offended at his friend's apparent indifference to what he had to say.

"Oh, yes, you have," retorted Sturgis, with a conciliatory smile; "you said you had news to tell me. Well, tell away. I am listening most respectfully, in spite of my apparent absorption."

"What a strange fellow you are, Sturgis," laughed Sprague, good-naturedly. "All I wanted to tell you—and you are the first to hear of it—is, to me, rather important fact that I am engaged to be married."

"You are?" exclaimed Sturgis, with genuine pleasure. "I congratulate you, old fellow, from the bottom of my heart."

He seized the artist's hand and shook it in his hearty grasp.

"To the original of the picture you wanted to show me yesterday?" he asked.

"Yes."

"Then she was not betrothed to the other fellow, after all?"

"No; that seems to have been a mistake."

"I am glad of that, very glad," said the reporter. "By the way, you have not yet told me the young lady's name."

"I thought I had mentioned it yesterday morning. Didn't I? No? My fiancée is Miss Murdock."

At the sound of this name Sturgis started visibly, and a shadow crossed his features.

"Miss Murdock?" he echoed.

"Yes," said Sprague. "What is it? You do not seem pleased."

Then, as a sudden thought struck him:

"I hope I am not treading on your toes, old fellow," he said, putting his hand gently upon his friend's shoulder and trying to read his thought in his clear gray eyes. "But how absurd! Of course you cannot be a rival for Miss Murdock's affections, since you do not even know her."

"No," laughed Sturgis, regaining his composure. "I am not your rival. As to the other point, while I can hardly claim an acquaintance with the young lady, I think I saw her not more than a couple of hours ago."

"A couple of hours ago!" exclaimed Sprague; "why, I was with her myself then."

"I know that now, although I was not aware of it at the time."

replied Sturgis, "and perhaps 15 minutes more in the hall, while Murdock was engaged."

"I suppose Chatham was still with him?" mused Sprague.

Sturgis started at the name. "Chatham!" he ejaculated; "what do you know about Chatham?"

"What are you interested in Chatham?" asked the artist, curiously. "I



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know very little about him, only that he is one of my disappointed rivals."

And he thereupon related to the reporter what he knew of Chatham's suit.

Sturgis listened with deep attention to his friend's narrative, and luminated in silence long after the artist had ceased speaking.

At last he started up with a sudden exclamation, and, walking over to the side of the tank, he looked into the depths of its pily contents, as if fascinated by some horrible thing he saw there.

Sprague came and stood beside him and gazed curiously into the viscous liquid. There was nothing there that he could see.

"What is it?" he asked.

Without replying, Sturgis took from his pocket a bone-handled knife and carefully dipped one end of the handle into the fluid in the leaden tank. At once the liquid began to seethe and boil, giving out dark, pungent fumes.

"I thought so," muttered the reporter, under his breath; "that man is truly a genius—the genius of evil."

"Who?" asked Sprague.

Sturgis made no reply. His eyes were wandering about the room, as if in search of something.

"Hand me a couple of those long glass tubes from that shelf yonder," he said, earnestly.

The artist complied with the request. Dipping these tubes into the oily liquid, Sturgis, after considerable difficulty, managed to seize with them a small dark object which lay at the bottom of the tank. With infinite precaution he brought it to the surface. It had the appearance of a flattened leaden bullet.

"What is it?" inquired Sprague.

"Sit down," answered Sturgis, in a low, tense voice. "I have just found the last link which completes my chain of evidence; I am now prepared to tell you such a story as you will scarcely credit, even with the absolute proofs before your eyes."

CHAPTER XX.  
THE LEAD-LINED VAT.

Sprague seated himself upon the long pine box; and Sturgis, dropping into the only chair, began his narrative. As he talked, he carefully whittled the cover of the wooden box with the knife which he still held in his hand. He began with an account of his investigation at the Knickerbocker bank, and explained the result of his observations and inferences down to the time of his visit to Murdock's house, omitting, however, to mention any of the names of the actors in the reconstructed drama.

"So you see," he concluded, "we have established the identity of the body in the cab, and of the young man who disappeared, after the cab was upset. But one of the most salient features of the case, from the start, was the fact that neither of these two men had derived much, if any, pecuniary profit from his crime. The bookkeeper, as we have seen, was a mere cat's-paw in the control of the accountant, and his posthumous confession has given us the explanation of the power exerted over him by his accomplice. It was not so easy to establish the motive, which controlled the actions of the accountant, who was himself only a tool in the hands of a higher intelligence. The deus ex machina of this crime is a man of genius who has hardly appeared upon the scene at all, but whose traces I have found at every turn. He was the brains of the whole scheme; the other men in his hands were mere puppets. Through the accountant, this master spirit managed the bookkeeper; and the accountant himself was controlled by him more directly, but no less surely. If he said the former through his fear of exposure and consequent ruin, he influenced the latter through even more potent motives. He is the father of a beautiful girl, whom he did not scruple to use as a decoy. The price agreed upon for the accountant's assistance was the hand of this daughter, for whom the young man had doubtless conceived a passionate love. Whether or not the leader would have had the power to carry out his part of the contract matters little; for it is highly probable that he never had the slightest intention of so doing. He evidently realized very early in the game that the bookkeeper could not long escape the clutches of the law. But as he had taken every precaution to prevent him from knowing anything of his very existence, the fate of the unfortunate bookkeeper would have mattered little to this heartless villain, had not the probability remained that, when brought to bay, the bookkeeper would denounce the accountant's connection with the

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