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By John Hibdon

Weekly Report by Pecos Abstract Co.

Instruments filed for record in office of County Clerk, Reeves county Texas, for week ending December 11, 1916.

DEEDS

J G Love Trustee, to Pecos Merc Co, E 1-2 section 22, block 5, H & G N, \$1,000

H Robbins to Mrs C M Honaker, lots in Saragosa, \$2,500.

C H Ross to W H Browning Jr 4 sections in blocks 56-57, Tsp 3, T & P, \$5,000.

D A Gattings to O L Huffman N 1-2 section 290, block 13, H & G N, \$3,250.

O L Huffman to A S Logson, N 1-2 section 290, block 13, H & G N, \$3,520.

So. Land Dev Co to A Zaballo lots in city add, \$160

M C Buchanan to P C Chenuault, land in block C0, public school \$13,870.

J M Frame to W K Wylie, lots College add, \$65.

O A Erdman to W A & E A Johnson, land in section 265, block 13, H & G N.

J S Turner to T Y Casey, 4 sections in block C5, public school, \$400

J B Woolfolk to I E M & J W B Williams, part section 123, block 13, H & G N, \$1,900.

W A Boynton to B T Biggs, section 42, block 6, H & G N, \$10

W T Sulphur Co to E J Lancaster, 2 lots, \$60.

BOND FOR TITLE

C G Breen to Mrs L Kimball, part section 36, block 6, H & G N \$2,500

RELEASES

Pecos Merc Co to Johnson & McKee, N E 1 4 section 74, block 4, H & G N

R C Ware to E B Kiser, lot 10, block 34, Pecos

E A Johnson to G B Finley, S E 1-4 section 195, block 13 H & G N

DEED OF TRUST

D T McKee to T Y Casey, trustee, N E 1-4 section 74, block 4, H & G N, \$1,959.30

LEASE

J Boyd to C M Hall, land in block 49, Tsp 8, T & P.

MINERAL FILINGS

W H Browning Jr, section 12, block 7, H & G N.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

PRESBYTERIAN

Preaching at Pecos on the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

Preaching at Van Horn on the 4th Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Sunday school at 10 A. M. at each of our churches.

All our people and friends are cordially invited to attend all our services. HENRY O. MOORE, Minister.

METHODIST

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. A large increase in attendance last Sunday encouraged us much. We look for more next Sunday

Junior Missionary Society meets at 4:00 p. m.

Young People's Missionary society at 6:30 p. m.

A most cordial invitation is extended to every one to worship with us. Strangers welcome. JAMES H. WALKER, Pastor.

Jim Cox took the editor of The Enterprise to task this week for not making mention of the fact that he is now a full fledged agent at the T & P. depot. He says he read The Enterprise over carefully and could find no mention of it anywhere in its columns and forthwith built a big bonfire and spread The Enterprise out carefully over this fire that it might all be consumed. On Saturday last Mr. Cox was placed in charge as agent in place of Jim Frame who left that afternoon for Corona, New Mexico, for a visit with his family who are holding down public domain in that part of the state. Mr. Cox is ably assisted by Mr. W. O. Russell who hails from Denver, Colorado. They are both genial, courteous and obliging gentlemen.

Rev. Neil of Shreveport, Louisiana, Baptist evangelist, was in Pecos Sunday and preached to the congregation of the Baptist church here Sunday morning and evening. His sermons were logical and to the point and were well received.

To My Friends and Patrons.

This is to notify you that I have sold my Millinery business at Pecos to Miss Lillie Poe. You will find Miss Poe a competent milliner and a lady in every respect. I bespeak for her the kind consideration always accorded me. Miss Poe will open her business for Spring at the usual time and at the same old stand. MRS. W. R. GLASSCOCK.

Baptists Holds Reception to New Members

The Baptist church last night gave a reception to the new members of that body who have been received into that body under the administration of Rev. G. O. Key. It was a regular old-time house warming in which all the members of the church participated—being somewhat of a get-together meeting as well as a good fellowship gathering. The gathering was large and such a good time as seldom seen was enjoyed by these good people.

After the joyful handshaking and formalities of the occasion a luncheon of sandwiches, cake and chocolate was served which was enjoyed to the fullest extent.

Mrs. H. L. (Sunshine) Johnson writes the editor from her home near Pyote under date of December 13, that she left on that date for Walla Walla, Washington, for a year's visit with relatives, and wishes The Enterprise family a "Very merry Christmas." The Enterprise wishes to return the compliment and wishes that she also may have a very merry Christmas and that her return home may be equally as joyful. Mrs. Johnson is the widow of the late "Sunshine" Johnson who had many friends all over this country and who was a prosperous stockman of his part of the country.

Judge R. E. Erwin, a prosperous alfalfa raiser and dairyman of Saragosa, was a business visitor in Pecos today.

TEA MUSICAL.

Misses Florence and Mildred McCarver's piano classes were pleasantly entertained in their home on last Friday afternoon at a tea musicale, the program being rendered by the pupils of the classes. The following program was given:

The Tambourine Girl—Brown with Mozelle Bryan at the piano and Frances Hubbard in the classic dance—"The Tambourine Dance."

Humoresque... Quigley

Warren Collings

The Mountain Pink... Spaulding

Mary Stine

Sketch of Beethoven's Life.... Ruby Mae Beauchamp

When Roses Bloom.... Sartoris

Julia Davis

Lily Polka... Streabborg

Dorothy Sisk

Allabazza... Smith

Mabel Smith

Voice—"Sweet Miss Mary"....

Neidlinger

Nannie Mae Collings

March Grotesque.... Sinding

Nell Kerr

Caprice... Quigley

Mildred McCarver

Following the program tea was served. Those present were: Nell Kerr, Aileen Love, Lucile Prewit, Dorothy Sisk, Mary Stine, Nannie Mae Collings, Alice Hankins, Frances Hubbard, Mozelle Bryan, Margaret Howard, Floy Vickers, Warren Collings, Mabel Smith, Julia and Mae Davis, Kathryn Means, Gladys and Modena Prunty, Ruby Mae Beauchamp, Della and Mary Hudgens, DeEtte Green, Annie Lou Cole, Mildred McCarver, Lucia Hanna, and Estelle Hicks. Those unable to be present were: James Hudgens, Dorothy Hyatt, Marie Grafius and Irene Prewit.

An Expression of Appreciation

To the people of Reeves county:

Since it became known some time since that I would resign as Judge of the Seventieth Judicial District on January 1st and engage in the practice of law at El Paso, so many friends in Reeves county have expressed regret that I was to retire from the bench and remove from the District that I cannot refrain from making public acknowledgement of my appreciation of these kind expressions. These expressions have been so numerous and to me seemed so genuine and heartfelt, so lacking in mere formality, that I have been affected thereby more than mere words can express.

During my eight years service as your District Judge the people of the District have been so universally kind and considerate, charitably overlooking my errors, faults and frailties and always ready with words of encouragement and commendation for me in my efforts to administer the law speedily and equitably. This is especially true of the hundreds of jurors who have sat in the trial of cases, the lawyers who have practiced in the District Court, practically without exception, and all of the county officials.

I now desire to make public acknowledgement of my sincere appreciation of these things.

To the people of Reeves county: I thank you sincerely, and I assure you that no motive other than my desire to again engage in my chosen profession and the fact that I believe I have served the public long enough in the capacity of District Judge would induce me to resign the office which you have, with but little solicitation on my part, so magnanimously bestowed upon me for eight years, and the present term of which does not expire for more than two years.

To the lawyers in and out of the District, who have so courteously and consistently assisted me in the administration of the law: I shall always have for you a feeling of the deepest gratitude and appreciation.

To the county officials, who, by their fidelity to public duty, their efficiency in office, their uniform courtesy to me and their loyal efforts to assist the Court, have made presiding over the District Court a pleasant duty: I am profoundly grateful. Sincerely, S. J. ISAACKS.

Hon. I. W. Ross of Fort Stockton, was a pleasant visitor at The Enterprise office Thursday. Mr. Ross was formerly Mayor of Toyah and spent considerable of his wealth in the Toyah oil fields. He is now with the Producers Oil Co., and is looking after their interests in this undeveloped field. He came over in his own car. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ross will be pleased to know that Mrs. Ross is greatly improved in health since going to Fort Stockton and is now in better health than for some years.

Make Your Holiday Gifts Practical

Make it something substantial and worth while—something which will be of value for more than a short space of time. We have just the things your loved ones will want and appreciate, among the many suitable gifts you will find packed neatly in Christmas packages—

Handkerchiefs, Neckties, Suspenders, Hosiery Haberdashery of Every Description

A Suit of Clothes, Hat, Pair of Shoes, Shirts and Collars, and many other things too numerous to mention you'll find here.

Just call and inspect our stock and you will find many articles which will appeal to you and your loved ones as the proper thing for a holiday gift—one which will be appreciated for many months to come.

DON'T forget that we go on a cash basis the first of January and will be ready and better able to serve you than ever before, but you must bring the cash along. In this connection we might say to those who owe us that we would appreciate a settlement before the first of January. We need the money and would like to close all accounts and start the new year with a clean record. You can assist us materially by coming forward at once.

Yours For Cash Business

W. T. Read Mercantile Co.

PECOS, TEXAS

HISTORIC CRIMES and MYSTERIES

By
WALT MASON



THE MARTYR OF MANNHEIM.

AUGUST FRIEDRICH FERDINAND VON KOTZEBUE, who was born at Welmer in 1761, and slain at Mannheim in 1819, was one of the great men of his time. He is among the most celebrated of German dramatists, and his originality is attested by the fact that his works have been a mine for later writers of all nations. He wrote 200 tragedies, dramas and farces, and most of them were successful during his lifetime. His best-known work is "The Stranger," which, 50 years ago, was as popular and famous in the United States as it was in Germany. He also wrote successful novels, and a remarkable satire, in which he took a fall out of Goethe and Schiller, who had declined to admit him to their society.

Kotzebue was a trifle too fond of satire. When displeased with any person or cause, he was wont to hold the same up to public ridicule. This weakness led to his tragic death. His life was adventurous. Much of it was spent in the service of Russia, and once he was banished to Siberia, but was recalled a year or two later by Emperor Paul, who squared things by giving him a fine estate. His later years were spent at Mannheim, where he was employed as correspondent by the Russian government, reporting upon matters literary, artistic and intellectual. In these days such a post would be considered honorable, but at that time many people believed he was a Russian spy. When in a satirical mood he found much amusement in making fun of the "Bursenschaft" movement, or "the universal German students' association." The students took their association seriously, if he didn't.

On March 23, 1819, the indications were that Kotzebue would spend his declining years in peace and comfort under his vine and figtree at Mannheim. He was prosperous, and had congenial employment, and his genius was being generally recognized. On the afternoon of that day he went into the town on an errand, and when he returned to his home a maid told him that a young man had called to see him, and promised to call again. Half an hour later the young man returned, and the maid showed him up to the family sitting room. He waited there a few minutes, and then Kotzebue entered the room, with outstretched hand and smiling face.

"You are from Mitau?" inquired Kotzebue.

The stranger drew a dagger from his sleeve, and, crying: "Traitor to the fatherland!" stabbed him repeatedly. Instead of trying to escape, the murderer tried to pacify his victim's four-year-old son, who had entered the room and stood there shrieking.

Karl Ludwig Sand, who committed this cold-blooded and senseless mur-

der, was a student and enthusiastic member of the Bursenschaft. Patriotism was more than a passion with him. It was a disease. He hated Napoleon with a hatred that kept him awake at night and spoiled his appetite. He spent most of his time brooding over the woes, real or imaginary, of his country, when he should have been doing something useful. Also, his desire for notoriety amounted to a passion. He longed for the limelight with an unconquerable longing. There were no Ephesian domes to fire in his neighborhood, and the facilities for going over Niagara in a barrel were inadequate, but he always hoped to distinguish himself in one way or another.

He had made some reputation as a boy orator at the University of Erlangen, after which he went to Jena, where his talents attracted no attention, and this soured him. It was at Jena that he deliberately made up his mind to be a martyr, and he left for Mannheim armed with his dagger and a determination to kill Kotzebue. He had planned everything, down to the smallest details. His only excuse for making Kotzebue the victim was that the latter had ridiculed the students' association.

And his plans worked out wonderfully well. After long years of war and peril, the people were in a hysterical mood, and Sand was hailed as a hero and martyr. In the whole country there was scarcely a voice expressing sympathy for the murdered author. The heinous deed was approved in high quarters as well as low. The flower gardens of Mannheim were desolated, that the martyr might have bouquets. Fortunately the tribunals were not carried away by the prevailing sentimentalism. On May 5, 1820, the supreme court of the grand duchy of Baden passed sentence upon him, decreeing that he be executed by the sword.

May 20 was the day fixed for the execution, and the place was a meadow



"You Are From Mitau."

just outside one of the gates of the town. The news had spread far and wide, an immense crowd streamed to town to see the doings, and the sympathy for Sand was so strong, and so general, that a rescue was feared, and a strong force of infantry surrounded the scaffold.

In the courtyard of the prison Sand was lifted into a low open chaise. The prisoners appeared at the jail windows, weeping and wringing their hands, for they also considered him a hero, and he bowed to them and smiled. When the door of the yard was opened, and the chaise emerged, sobs and groans were heard everywhere. The whole town was in tears. Not one of all the millions of tears shed that day was for Kotzebue, who was barbarously slaughtered in his own home, before the eyes of his little son. The Germans usually are the sanest and most

right-thinking of people, but on this occasion the delirium was universal.

Sand's progress to the scaffold was a triumph. No ten-thousand-dollar beauty in an American circus ever made a greater hit. And the martyr enjoyed every minute of it. Although weak from sickness, he played the conquering hero. "Farewell, Sand!" cried the sobbing crowd as the chaise moved along.

The scaffold reached, the sacrifice was soon over. With one stroke of his glittering sword the executioner removed the young man's head. Then ensued a scene so remarkable that its parallel probably never occurred. The scaffold was ripped to pieces by souvenir hunters. Men and women dipped their handkerchiefs in the martyr's blood. The executioner sold single hairs from the dead man's head, and couldn't hand them out fast enough. If ever a man's ambition was rounded out, that man was Karl Ludwig Sand.

And for a long time after he was buried fair women carried garlands to his grave, and his heroic deed was sung by minstrels, and students wept when his name was mentioned. But time adjusts all things, and it came to pass in due season that the burghers of Mannheim began to appreciate the greatness of the murdered man, and then the flowers were carried where they properly belonged.

First Machine to Make Shoes.

The first step toward the production of machine-made shoes was taken by Thomas Saint, an Englishman, in 1790, when he patented a sewing machine that embraced all the principal ideas later developed to such high efficiency. It was soon found his invention would stitch leather as well as cloth, and the machine was adopted to some extent by shoemakers for simple operations hitherto done by hand. But it was a very different and difficult matter to find a device that would stitch soles and uppers together. Nothing of importance was accomplished until 1858, when Lyman R. Blake, an American, patented a machine for that purpose. From that time forward almost every improvement in the manufacture of machine-made shoes has been the result of American inventive genius, until even the smallest details of shoemaking are executed by mechanical means.

Africa's West Coast.

West Africa seems to exercise a kind of fascination over men who have lived there for any time.

There is a saying, "Once a coaster, always a coaster," and out of the most terrible of the stories told to newcomers upon West African boats this deep-seated love of life on the coast invariably emerges.

Fever-stricken men love for civilized countries swearing mighty oaths they never will return, but a few restless months at home and they are back again, ready enough, no doubt, to abuse West Africa, but secretly subject to its grim fascination.

Creation and a Meat Chopper.

"It takes a girl in our factory about two days to learn to put the 17 parts of a meat chopper together. It may be that these millions of worlds, each with its separate orbit, all balanced so wonderfully in space—it may be that they just happened; it may be that by a billion years of tumbling about they finally arranged themselves. I don't know. I am merely a plain manufacturer of cutlery. But this I do know, that you can shake the 17 parts of a meat chopper around in a washtub for the next seventeen billion years and you'll never make a meat chopper."—America.

Entertaining the Trade.

"Son," said the merchant prince, "now that I have taken you into the firm, I hope you will reflect credit on me."

"Rest easy on that score, governor," answered the gilded youth. "I'm going to show your out-of-town customers a time they'll never forget."

like stone. Often in the curing process, as the packers work into the great heaps of salt, perpendicular walls are formed. Formerly, many accidents were caused by these huge banks of salt falling and burying the workmen. To avoid this danger, there is now being employed a large, electrically-driven auger, which bores holes deep into the pile just above the floor. The pile caves in slowly, and the workmen, with no danger to themselves, may fill the barrels and sacks with loose, sparkling salt or load it into carts for the table salt refineries.

Perfectly Willing.

Lady—"I'm worried about my complexion, doctor. Look at my face!" Doctor—"You'll have to diet." Lady—"I never thought of that. What color would suit me best, do you think?"—Puckings.

Keep Sun From Cut Flowers.

It is understood that the direct rays of the sun should not reach cut flowers, as they wilt at once, not only on account of the light rays, but also on account of the heat.



FARM POULTRY

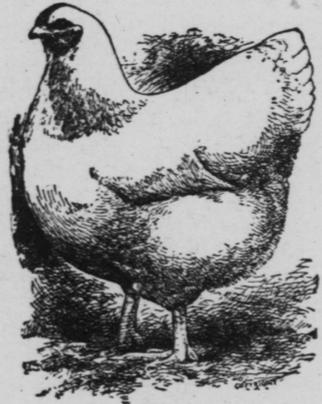
CULL OUT ALL NONPRODUCERS

Common and Serious Mistake in Overcrowding Quarters With Fowls—Apparent in Winter.

One of the most common and serious mistakes made by poultry men is that of overcrowding the quarters with birds. This is more apparent in the winter than in the summer, and is responsible for greater losses at this season than during warm weather.

In the summer months one rarely finds all the birds in their quarters at any one time, especially in the case of farm flocks. If the house is too crowded or for other reasons is not to the liking of the birds, they will find roosting quarters in the trees or on outbuildings. But during the winter the whole flock is forced to roost in the house, and from the condition of some farm poultry houses the marvel is that there is not more disease such as roup, colds and similar troubles. Most of these houses are tightly closed at night, and on opening in the morning one sees the birds packed on the inadequate roosts, often almost to suffocation. The air is close and bad, due to lack of ventilation. The all-night breathing of the birds has loaded the air with moisture, and when the cold air strikes them they fairly steam. To turn them out into the cold in that condition means to invite the whole category of diseases affecting the respiratory organs.

To obviate this difficulty in the case of the average farm flock the best plan would be not to build larger quarters, but to reduce the size of the flock, culling out the "boarders"



Good Laying Type.

and nonproducers. One of the best-known authorities on scientific poultry raising says that if he were assigned the task of making the farm poultry flocks of this country double their return in profits he would accomplish it by reducing the size of the average flock by one-half and putting purebred males with those left.

RUNNER IS NOTED FOR EGGS

Breed First Found in India Was Perfected in England—Too Small for Market Fowls.

The Runner duck was perfected in England, although first found in India. Importations have been made from India as lately as 1898, but they have become so well disseminated that it is not necessary to go back to their native country for new blood.

This breed is noted for its laying qualities, the ducks frequently laying as many as 200 eggs in a year and a record of 160 eggs is not considered at all remarkable. The eggs are larger than those of hens, but not so large as those of other ducks.

The drakes weigh up to four and one-half and the ducks to four pounds. The prevailing color is a pleasing shade of fawn. They have narrow heads, rather long necks, a very upright carriage and instead of waddling like other ducks they run very rapidly, a trait which gives them their name.

While too small to make good market fowls, they are profitable on account of their laying qualities and are rapidly gaining friends in this country. These ducks are almost entirely silent, not being given to the loud and raucous quacking which is a disagreeable feature in keeping other breeds of ducks. They are remarkably good foragers and range the fields in search of bugs and worms from morning until night.

A Mother's Burden

A mother who suffers kidney trouble, finds it hard to keep up her daily work. Lameness, backache, sharp pains when stooping and "blue", nervous or dizzy spells, make home life dreary. Active kidneys bring back vigor, health and a pleasure in family duties. If the kidneys are weak try a box of Doan's Kidney Pills.

A Texas Case



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DOAN'S KIDNEY PILL
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You can rid yourself of that of the head by taking Laxative Quinine Tablets. Price 25c. Also used in cases of La Grippe and for headaches. Remember that—A

After doing an honest day's work man likes to look a square in the face.

The occasional use of Roman Eye at night upon retiring will prevent those tired eyes, watery eyes, and eye Adv.

GIVING HER HER OWN

Man Who Had "Married Money" terminated to Do the Right Thing by His Wife.

"Glad to see you looking so well, man," said the friend of a newly benedict. "This is the first opportunity I have had of offering my congratulations on your recent marriage—the looks of things I guess you've ried money. Well, it was the thing to do. That shop-walking of yours must have been awfully tiring. Is she in? I should like to introduce."

"Oh, she's at work," said the band, with a placid smile.

"At work? What do you mean?" asked the friend.

"Well, you see, it was this I plied the benedict. "She had a better position than mine—her department, £8 a week, you give it up. So there was nothing but for me to retire from business keep house, and here I am. You have to let women have their say in some things."—London Tit-bit.

Solace.

"Did you pay that 'freak bet'?"

"Yes. I ate a gallon of with a toothpick."

"Weren't you annoyed?"

"Not much. The other man the molasses, and even though the bet, I beat the high cost a little."



Childish Cravings

—for something sweet pleasant realization pure, wholesome, whole barley food

Grape-Nuts

No danger of upsetting stomach—and remember Grape-Nuts is a true good for any meal or meals.

"There's a Reason"

WOULD HAVE MUSIC IN HOME

Josef Stransky's Idea of a Nation of Lovers of Harmony Indorsed by Eastern Publication.

So much is done for the children nowadays. So many different sorts of knowledge are crammed into them at school. They devote themselves to so many things unconnected either with childhood or home life. Meanwhile one opportunity—rich in possibilities for happiness—is too often neglected. Mr. Josef Stransky gives wise counsel in this matter.

"The way to love music, to increase its production, is to know it when you are young—young individually and young as a nation. It is much more difficult to prepare people to enjoy music after they are grown up and their minds have become crowded with various interests in life. The American nation should not let its youth slip by without filling the souls of the children with music.

"As yet the young people here do not have their minds directed definitely enough in musical channels. I do

not see groups of children standing about a piano in the twilight and singing to a mother's accompaniment. I do not see the boys of a neighborhood forming a small orchestra and playing really fine music, as they do in France and Germany."

Mr. Stransky overstates his case somewhat. We know of a New England farmer's family of six children, each playing a different instrument, who, with father and mother, make a real little orchestra. And there are a good many such groups of the sort Mr. Stransky says he has not seen—youngsters about their mother at the piano. But there should be still more—many more. There cannot be too many. For, as the wise conductor says, music is something more than mere entertainment. It is "a serious and permanent joy in life . . . to keep the emotions stirred, the imagination young."—Collier's Weekly.

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John Walker dug out of a potato hill in Chittenden, Vt., a United States silver coin dated 1803.

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Keep Him Too Busy.
He who attends to his own business has no time to waste on visionary schemes to save the country.

IMITATION IS SINCEREST FLATTERY but like counterfeit money the imitation has not the worth of the original. Insist on "La Creole" Hair Dressing—it's the original. Darkens your hair in the natural way, but contains no dye. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

Her Recommendation.
Lady—Did you get a recommendation from your last mistress?
Applicant—Yes, ma'am.
Lady—Where is it?
Applicant—Sure, it wasn't worth keeping, ma'am.—London Ideas.

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Use Tetterine. It is also an absolute cure for Eczema, Ringworm, Erysipelas, Infant's Sore Head and all other itching cutaneous diseases. It gives instant relief and effects permanent cures.

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Tetterine, 50 cents at druggists or by mail from J. T. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga. Adv.

Mr. Gloom's Triumph.
On the day following election that well-known hater of his species, J. Fuller Gloom, went about sternly demanding to be informed with whom Selander K. Billfinger served as vice president, and spreading humiliation among the patriots who squidmily confessed, after vainly trying to change the subject, that they did not know.—Kansas City Star.

We don't blame some men for refusing to take their own advice.



Honest! Jim, you don't need a cocktail. What your stomach wants is a couple of doses of GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER—lots of the boys use it to sweeten their stomachs and carry off the miserable stuff in their bowels—it stops nervousness and headache, makes you feel like a new man. Slip 'round to the drug store and try it. It will put new life into you. I know from experience.—Remember the name

Green's August Flower
Most men think they need a cocktail or a drink when their stomach is out of order and they "feel bad" with nervous indigestion, or constipation. What they really do need is two or three doses of "AUGUST FLOWER" which quickly restores the stomach, cleansing the whole system generally.

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FEED COW IN WINTER

Important That Milk Flow be Kept Up in Cold Weather.

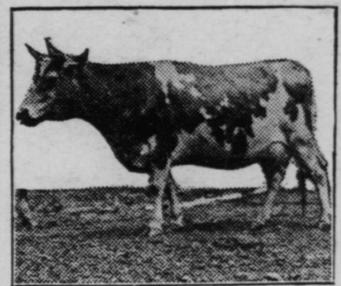
Dairyman Who Gets Best Results Feeds Clover, Alfalfa or Cowpea Hay for Roughness—Include Corn in Ration.

(By C. H. ECKLES, Missouri College of Agriculture.)

The best results with milch cows demands that the milk flow be kept up during the winter as well as during the remainder of the year. A herd that is allowed to drop in this particular when winter comes on not only lowers its profit at that time, but is hard to bring back when winter is over. Reports received by the dairy department of the Missouri agricultural experiment station show that average cows in the best-managed herds of the state often produce two or three times as much butter during the year as does the average dairy cow of the state. This difference results largely from the fact that these herds continue high in their milk production during the winter.

A good milk flow results largely from careful feeding, although shelter and other phases of management are also important. The man who is getting poor results is usually feeding timothy hay, corn fodder, and corn, and perhaps not enough even of these. The man who is getting good results has learned that such a ration will not enable a cow to produce milk enough to make it profitable. It is not necessary to buy large quantities of expensive feed to make a good ration, as it can all be grown on the farm. If the proper ration is not at hand, however, it will usually pay to buy something suitable, or possibly trade some of the feeds on hand for others which will give better results.

Man Who Gets Results.
The man who gets good results with cows feeds clover, alfalfa, or cowpea hay for the roughness, takes care that the cows have plenty of it, and, if he has some corn fodder, feeds some



Fine Guernsey Cow.

of this in addition during the day. If hay of this class is fed, it is all right to feed a considerable quantity of corn for grain.

The feeds which are generally fed in this section may be divided into two classes. The first includes those lacking in protein. They are used mainly to produce fat and do not have protein enough for milk production. In this class we have corn, corn fodder, timothy hay, straw, millet and sorghum. The second class of feeds includes those which contain more protein to supply the food necessary to produce milk. In this class we have clover, cowpea and alfalfa hay, bran, oats, cottonseed and linseed meal. A good daily ration will include feeds from both of these classes and it is impossible to make a suitable ration by feeding those in the first class only. A good ration for a cow producing from 24 to 28 pounds of milk per day, would be all she would eat of clover or cowpea hay and for grain from five to six pounds corn, and from three to five pounds bran or oats.

CLOVER AND ALFALFA FEEDS

Farmer With Supply of Those Two Crops Has Sure Thing in Dairy Part of His Industry.

The farmer with dairy cows who has a supply of clover or alfalfa has a sure thing in the dairy part of his industry, if he will use the feed right and take good care of his cows this winter. A daily ration of ten pounds of alfalfa and the same amount of clover hay and about 30 pounds of silage, along with such grain feed as cob and corn meal he can make with his own farm mill; about ten pounds daily in three feeds per day will be sufficient.

In Case of Fire.
Every farm should have a ladder in a convenient place, not too heavy to handle. It will come in handy in case of fire.

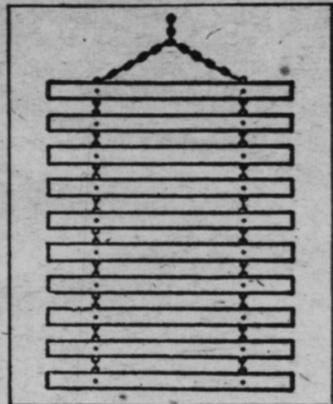
Learn Rotation.
Learn to rotate your crops and keep everlastingly at it and success is assured.

LITTER CARRIER IS USEFUL

Invaluable for Cleaning Stable That Has Wide Door and Level Floor—Dumps Itself.

The cut shown below illustrates a very simple device of more merit than one could imagine. The slats are 1 by 4 inches, bolted to the chain with 3/4-by-2-inch bolts. The first slat behind the eveners is 2 by 4 to maintain spread and bored for the chain. A light log chain about 16 1/2 feet long is needed for a carrier of this size, 5 feet wide by 6 feet long.

This carrier is easy to load, will hold a big load, and dumps automatically by reversing horse, the carrier



Self-Dumping Litter Carrier.

rolling until it is bottom-side up. When not in use it can be rolled up and made to occupy but little space. It is invaluable for cleaning a stable that has a wide door and level floor.

PLANS FOR FARM BUILDINGS

Landscape Architect of Iowa State College Has Unique Scheme for Locating Structures.

Just as in a game of checkers, if, in your farmstead planning, you take a little time to look before you move, it's going to save a lot of regrets and money later on, advises R. J. Pearce, landscape architect with the agricultural extension department at Iowa state college. Mr. Pearce has a unique scheme of laying out plans for locating new farm buildings.

In planning fall or winter building, he says, make a plan of your farmstead; measure up the existing buildings, fences, drives, tanks and silos and locate them on a plan drawn to scale, 20 feet on the ground represented by one inch on paper.

Next, cut out of pasteboard the plan of the buildings you want to build, drawn to scale. Place these on the plan of the present buildings and move them about until their location satisfies your conditions as well as possible. Try different locations for the buildings; ask yourself questions and always locate with a definite reason in mind.

It is remarkable how many mistakes can be remedied in this manner before they are made. Locating on a plan also gives a bird's-eye view of the whole place.

MONEY IN SELLING LOAFERS

Keep Daily Record of Each Cow to Find Profitable Animals—Difference Soon Seen.

Cows look alike but their work at the pail is unlike. Keep a record by weight of the daily yield of each cow and you will soon see the difference. You will find, as every other dairy cow owner has found, that about half your herd are paying a profit, while the other half are loafers.

There is more money in selling the loafers as canners at almost any old price, than in putting costly feed into them with the expectation of reaping a profit on their output.

SAVING BEST GARDEN SEEDS

Select Strains of Grains and Vegetables Especially Adapted to Soil in Which Grown.

Save some of the best garden seeds each year. There is no reason why each farm and garden should not have select strains of grains and vegetables especially adapted to the particular soil in which they are grown, says the Farmer. There may be something in changing seed occasionally, and we should all be on the lookout for the best of the new things that are coming into notice year by year, but we are sure that it is fully as important to be on the lookout for the things that are proving best adapted to each particular soil and location and saving the seeds to continue the strain. As a people we have something to learn of the Europeans in this particular. We allow many things to go to waste that are looked after and made to add to the family store on other lands.

Help in Marketing.
A cool storage house is a great help in marketing.

CALOMEL IS MERCURY, IT SICKENS! STOP USING SALIVATING DRUG

Don't Lose a Day's Work! If Your Liver Is Sluggish or Bowels Constipated Take "Dodson's Liver Tone."—It's Fine!

You're bilious! Your liver is sluggish! You feel lazy, dizzy and all knocked out. Your head is dull, your tongue is coated; breath bad; stomach sour and bowels constipated. But don't take salivating calomel. It makes you sick, you may lose a day's work.

Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working, your headache and dizziness gone, your stomach will be sweet and your bowels regular. You will feel like working; you'll be cheerful; full of vigor and ambition.

Dodson's Liver Tone is entirely vegetable, therefore harmless and cannot salivate. Give it to your children! Millions of people are using Dodson's Liver Tone instead of dangerous calomel now. Your druggist will tell you that the sale of calomel is almost stopped entirely here.—Adv.



For PINK EYE

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Contraries.
"I've got it in for Smith."
"Yes, I heard you were out with him."

Lots of men would be unable to borrow trouble if they had to give security.

Birds migrating at night average longer flights than the day migrants.

TO PREVENT OLD AGE

COMING TOO SOON!

"Toxic poisons in the blood are thrown out by the kidneys. The kidneys act as filters for such poisons. If we wish to prevent old age coming too soon and increase our chances for a long life, we should drink plenty of pure water and take a little Anuric," says the famous Dr. Pierce of Buffalo, N. Y.

When suffering from backache, frequent or scanty urine, rheumatic pains here or there, or that constant tired, worn-out feeling, the simple way to overcome these disorders is merely to obtain a little Anuric from your nearest druggist and you will quickly notice the grand results. You will find it many times more potent than lithia, and that it dissolves uric acid as hot water does sugar.

WHAT NEIGHBORS SAY

Binger, Okla.—"I was in a buggy turn-over and had one knee hurt in which rheumatism set in. After I was able to walk I hurt my back very badly loading wood. I sent for four boxes of Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets and had taken hardly two boxes when I was completely cured. I have not had a twinge of rheumatism in the old hurt or in my knee since. I know Anuric did me more good than all the other medicine I ever took."

"I let a neighbor sixty years old have one of the four boxes. He was down with his back, and it did him a world of good. My mother and father have taken the remainder, as they have known and used Dr. Pierce's medicines for years."—MR. W. B. PHILLIPS, Route 1, Box 72.
Send Dr. V. M. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., 10 cents for trial package of the tablets.—Adv.

WINTERSMITH'S CHILL TONIC

Sold for 47 years. For Malaria, Chills and Fever. Also a Fine General Strengthening Tonic. 50c and \$1.00 at all Drug Stores.

Ever see a booster looking for a chance to make good?

You never can know how superior to other preparations in promptness and efficiency is Dr. Peery's "Dead Shot" until you have tried it once. A single dose cleans out Worms or Tapeworm. Adv.

A kiss returned is a kiss unearned.

Remember, girls, the season for snaring husbands is still open.

Anuric cures Backache, Lumbago, Rheumatism. Send 10c. Dr. V. M. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., for large trial package. Adv.

Titian, the great artist, was painting pictures at the age of ninety-nine.

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For the high flyers, or the low flyers, "Leader" and "Repeater" shells have the reach, spread and penetration. Their great sale is due to these qualities, which insure a full bag. Made in many gauges and loads. BE SURE TO ASK FOR THE W BRAND

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Delicious table sirup can be made from cull and waste apples by home methods developed by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Limestone soils in general are particularly well suited to alfalfa, but even such lands are frequently acid and require liming to grow this crop successfully.

About 216,037 canaries, 7,08 partridges, 15,841 pheasants, 5,345 miscellaneous game birds and 25,717 nongame birds were imported in 1914 under Federal permit.

During 1915 the total road and bridge expenditures in the United States amounted to about \$252,000,000, of which probably not over \$15,000,000 represented the value of the statute and convict labor.

The country paper is the nucleus of community life, and the country must measure its progress by the community. The country editor exerts more of an influence on the community than any other agency. He is the advance agent of its civic progress, the stimulus of its social life, the big brother of the church, the patron saint of the school.—Merk Thorpe.

Beginning on December 1, an increase of 30 per cent on all schedules and estimates on printing and binding was put into force by book, job and periodical printers of Chicago and northern Illinois. The advance was necessitated, according to W. T. Leyden, secretary of the Franklin Typothetae, by increases in the price of paper, rollers, type metal, engravings, electrotypes, binding material, leather, glue and wages.

The journalism of the next decade will be sane, sober and sincere; sane as opposed to silly; sober as opposed to sensational; sincere as opposed to selfish. There will be more newspapers for discriminating readers and

fewer catchpenny sheets. The newspaper of tomorrow will aim to be sound as well as to resound; it will be a newspaper of sense, but not of sensation, devoted to service, but not of cringing servility.—Col. Herbert O. Gunnison, in Leslie's.

If there is one thing on earth a quitter should leave alone it is advertising. To make a success of advertising one must be prepared to stick like a barnacle on a boat's bottom. He should know before he begins that he must spend money—lots of it. Somebody must tell him that he cannot hope to reap results commensurate with his expenditure early in the game. Advertising does not jerk; it pulls. It begins very gently at first, but the pull is steady. It increases day by day and year by year until it exerts an irresistible power.—John Wanamaker.

AN APPROPRIATE CHRISTMAS GIFT

Young folks, have you ever wanted a certain Christmas gift, and when Christmas came and you didn't get it and went and bought it yourself? Well, that is the way to do in this case, but first take the matter up with your parents. If you present the matter in the right light, they can hardly turn you down, for this is the best proposition you ever put up to them; it is a thing that will win your independence and enable you to earn a good salary. It is a scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, America's largest school of Bookkeeping, Business Training, Short-hand, Steno-typewriting, Cotton Classing, Telegraphy, Business Administration and Finance—the school that not only prepares its students in a very efficient manner for the best positions in the largest offices, but secure these positions for them.

The cost of a life scholarship in a course of Bookkeeping is \$60, shorthand \$50, or the two \$95, Telegraphy \$55, Cotton Classing \$50, Business Administration and Finance \$75. Board and room is from \$11.50 to \$12 per month, payable monthly. The average time for completing a short-hand or Steno-typewriting course is three and one-half months, our Telegraphy or Bookkeeping four months, Business Administration and Finance five months, our Bookkeeping and shorthand combined, five months. Figure up your cost of board and tuition and you will be surprised to find out how little it will cost you to obtain a cash producing education that you can use for a life time. It will be a Christmas present that you will always appreciate, because you will never cease using it, it is something of every day need; it makes of you a useful citizen.

If you or your parents, as the case may be, haven't the cash to pay for the entire course, we have a note plan, we also have a loan fund in connection with our Endowment Association that may be participated in. The old saying is quite true "Wherever there is a will, there is a way". If you can't get the money to pay board, do as thousands of others are doing; take a correspondence course until you can enter college for personal work. Hundreds finish the entire course at home and accept good office positions, you can likewise get our credit or note plan on the home study course.

See about this Christmas gift. Take it up and discuss it seriously. Convince your parents

you are determined to make something of yourself. Write for our large catalogue, it is free and will convince you and your parents of the importance of our suggestion.

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JOE JAY, Jayton, Texas.

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The Enterprise has a Scholarship in Tyler Commercial College for sale. The Scholarship entitles the holder to a complete course of Bookkeeping, Short-hand or Stenotypewriting or will apply as a \$50 payment on a complete course of Telegraphy or Business Administration and Finance. Call at office for particulars.

Flowing Wells country sausage, hams and bacon are famous. Ask your grocer or phone 96-3 rings. (Advertisement.)

If you want to practice economy, the Aladdin Lamp is the thing. C. S. MCCARVER.

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If you are in the market for any character of engraved stationery, for business or social correspondence, visiting or business cards, wedding announcements, invitations, etc., just call and see our line of samples—worth of them. This is the best line of the very latest samples of this character ever exhibited in Pecos. They are the very last word in style and beauty in appearance. Whether you want to buy or not it is worth your time and while to call and see them. The Enterprise will take pleasure in showing you and giving you prices.

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WE ARE READY FOR YOU

We are ready to do our part toward that big Christmas Dinner you are whetting your appetite for. Come right along and get the groceries. We have stocked up for the occasion and have some special Christmas delicacies that will please.

Every Housewife Knows the Value of These Articles:

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B. G. SMITH

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FOR CHRISTMAS Make it FURNITURE Anyway

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We suggest below a few articles which we know will prove highly satisfactory, and upon which we can make you very low prices just at this time. It is useless for us to speak of the quality, for you all know that we handle only high grade furniture. But we do want to impress upon mind the extremely low prices we are making.

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- High Spire Rugs, Wool Fiber Rugs,
- Princess Dressers, Iron Beds
- Rockers, Chairs, Etc.

T. E. BROWN

Phone No. 142

Pecos, Texas

Mrs. H. T. Mitchell passed away at her home in Toyah this morning about 4 o'clock, after a short illness. Entombment will be made in the new cemetery.

S. D. Somes died suddenly about 4 o'clock this afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clifford Richburg. Mr. Somes had been in poor health for some time.

C. J. Charske, wife and child, have gone east to spend the holidays.

The Knights of Pythias will entertain their wives and visiting brethren at a big quail banquet tonight. Hon. U. S. Goen, grand chancellor K. of P.'s of the State of Texas, with several other El Pasoans are here to participate in the festivities.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Davis of Toyah, visited friends in Pecos Tuesday.

Mrs. Ad Owen returned the latter part of last week from a visit of several weeks to home folks at Carlsbad.

Mesdames Geo. K. Jackson and Howard Collier were visitors in town from the ranch the early part of the week.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stephen has been quite ill this week with pneumonia, but we are glad to note is improving.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed T. Read, which has been very ill with pneumonia, is reported as greatly improved this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Sully Vaughan have a very sick child which has a very severe case of pneumonia, and their many friends hope it may soon recover.

Miss Catherine Read of Coffeyville, Kansas, sister of Ed T. Read of the Read Mercantile Co., came is Sunday for a short visit with her brother and his family. Her visit just at this time is probably on account of the illness of one of Mr. Read's twin daughters.

Tom Duncan, a prominent stockraiser of the west end of the county with a beautiful and costly home in Toyah, was a business visitor in Pecos Monday.

J. J. Bush of the Toyah Creek country, was a court visitor in Pecos this week and made a very pleasant visit with The Enterprise, leaving the wherewith for a subscription which will not expire until March 1, 1918. In another place you will notice he has posted his lands against hunting, hauling wood or other trespassers.

Messrs. A. B. Burchard and John Quincy Adams were over from Toyah for a few days this week looking after business matters, and while here Mr. Burchard paid The Enterprise a very pleasant visit leaving the wherewith for a year's subscription to The Enterprise. These gentlemen are prosperous stockmen of the west end of the county and have comfortable homes in Toyah.

E. F. Fuqua, that incorrigible dealer in hay, grain and honey, besides many other things too numerous to mention, has been detained in Pecos during the week on the jury.

Frank Smith and Jim Duncan of Toyah, were visitors in town Monday. Mr. Smith is one of the proprietors of the Bugg & Smith market in Toyah, which is just now becoming one of the most popular places in Toyah, due to the fact that they are handling only the very best of meats, serving the best chili and keeping one of the cleanest markets in Texas. Mr. Smith was over laying in another supply of groceries and feed.

ALLEN STEVENS DEAD

Allen Stevens of Jal, New Mexico, brother of Mrs. Clay Slack, died Tuesday at his home from injuries sustained when a horse he was riding Friday pitched and threw him into a gate, dislocating his neck and fracturing his skull. Allen lived in Pecos for several years where he has many friends who deeply deplore his sad demise. He leaves a widowed mother, Mrs. L. M. Stevens, his father having died a short time ago, and other relatives. The Enterprise extends condolence to the bereaved.

The Enterprise, for the present \$1.00 per year—not better than the best.

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NOW ON DISPLAY

We are now displaying an elaborate and well selected stock of holiday goods, and while many items were late in arriving, we have succeeded in obtaining a most pleasing line and feel that you will be delighted when you have seen it.

Our Cut Glass

Is the most beautiful line that we have ever been able to display and we are very anxious for you to see it, for the patterns are new, the cuttings are extremely rich and the prices most reasonable.

Our Books

Contain titles that you have been looking for since they were published, for we went into the market early and placed our orders for the popular titles to be shipped on exact "Publication Day" so that we could offer you just as new books as the mail order houses could. We have the new Fiction from Howard Bell Wright, Malcotts, Tarkington and Phillips, with many others, too we have many beautiful Classics, and gift books, including the Christy and Chafflers Art Books, neither have we forgotten the boys and girls in their reading.

Our French Ivory

While it has been hard to get, yet with our purchases of April and May from the largest importers, we are able to show you a line that we are positive will please you and at prices not as high as you would expect, for we have the small pieces as low as 25 cents and the fancy dressing sets as high as \$25.00.

Our Perfumes and Extracts

While mostly American made goods, we have for years displayed such exquisite odors and packages in the Richard Hudnut line that the most fastidious customers are well satisfied with them and give their preference to the American line. These lines we have never had so complete and delightful before as we are showing this year, for we have the popular priced packages at 25 and 50 cents as well as the most expensive up to \$8 per ounce.

Our Smoking Friends

Have by no means been forgotten for we have the most complete and elaborate line of Pipes, Cigar Holders and Cases, in cases and plain, that we have ever displayed. Prices from 25 cents up to \$15.00.

Our Toys

Are fascinating every child in town and many of the grown-ups, for they are very attractive, and while they are American made goods, they are better than any we have ever had; not in years have we featured Toys so strong as this season. WITH A LARGE STOCK OF FIREWORKS.

While we bought early, while we went after the goods hard, and to the very largest factories in the country, yet many of these items have come in very late and we have just succeeded in completing our stocks and to make "dead sure" that we have no holiday goods to "carry over" we have marked every item down to the bottom, yes, so low that you won't find it necessary to send your money away this year to save a part of it, for we can save you money at home this time.

Be Sure to Visit Our Store Early, Before the Best Items Are Sold.
MAIL ORDERS FILLED PROMPTLY.

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Holiday Headquarters

PECOS, TEXAS
PHONE 35

This is the year you can save money and get satisfaction by coming early.

DRASTIC MEASURES FOR DEFENSE URGED

ATTENTION OF CONGRESS DIRECTED TO MATTERS RELATING TO ARMY AND NAVY.

MAY ASK UNIVERSAL SERVICE

Present Cabinet Crisis in Great Britain Referred to as Caused by Volunteer System.

Washington.—The attention of congress has been directed to matters relating to both the army and navy, which are expected to be productive of agitation for even more drastic measures of national defense than have yet been seriously considered.

Secretary Daniels, before the house naval committee, advocated legislation which would compel steel companies and other private concerns to give preference to government orders for military supplies. Battleship construction, he declared, was being delayed by commercial work.

Secretary Baker wrote Speaker Clark in response to a house resolution that 71,834 out of the grand total of 163,800 national guardsmen taken into the federal service up to Aug. 31 were without previous military training.

Cite Example of England.

In this connection also, army officers charged with the duty of studying events of the European war, both political and military, made preparations to contend before the congressional military committee that the fundamental reason for the cabinet crisis in England was the volunteer military policy there prior to the passage of the conscription act. The experience of Great Britain is viewed by these officers as the strongest of arguments for the establishment of universal training in the United States as urged in the report of Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff.

Another aspect of the national guard situation came from Quartermaster General Sharpe, who told of a \$25,000,000 deficiency incurred by the war department to equip and pay state troops now in the federal service. If an average of 75,000 men are retained on the border until June 30, he said the deficiency will be \$50,000,000.

\$6,000,000 a Year for Ship Yards.

Secretary Daniels will ask \$6,000,000 a year for the equipment of government yards to build ships. He gave his approval of the general board's recommendations for 12 guns, 23-knot, 42,000-ton battleships in the 1918 program at a probable cost for hull and machinery alone of \$15,000,000 each. The ships will carry 16-inch 50-caliber guns, the most powerful weapons ever designed for naval use, mounted three to a turret.

COTTON DROPS \$8.00 A BALE.

Government Crop Estimate of 11,511,000 Bales Results in Heavy Selling.

New Orleans, La.—In one of the most exciting sessions and wildest slumps ever noted on the exchange here the price of cotton Monday was sent 132 to 162 points, or \$8 a bale, on the weakest months under Saturday's close, due to effects of the government forecast of the size of the 1916 cotton crop. The estimate of 11,511,000 bales as the total production was considerably above general expectations and the January position sold down to 16.65c, which was 394 points below the highest price of the season, made two weeks ago, or a loss of about \$20 a bale.

Offerings came largely from disappointed holders of long contracts, who expected an estimate of not exceeding 11,300,000 bales, and few on the floor were prepared for the government's figures. Shorts also were heavy sellers.

Wildest Selling Ever Known.

New York.—One of the most wildly excited selling movements in the history of the cotton market followed the publication of the government crop estimate here. There had been heavy liquidation before the report was published and when the official figures of the yield were received the market was ruling around 18.90c for March, which represented a decline of nearly \$12 a bale from the high record established just before Thanksgiving. There was a rush of selling and prices broke about 1c a pound within five minutes.

Within less than 20 minutes from the time the report was published March contracts sold at 17.70c, or 162 points below the high level of the morning and nearly 4c a pound under the recent high record.

TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

W. H. Stratton of Dallas, secretary of the state fair of Texas, was elected vice president of the American association of fairs in session last week in Chicago.

It is said that 2,000 persons, approximately, have been adjudged insane in Texas in the last year, and for more than half of them no room could be found in the state asylums.

One firm in Plainview has shipped more than 3,000 jack rabbits to New York this season. The price paid in the plains city has been 10c each but is now reduced to 60c a dozen.

Last week 700,000 pounds of wool was sold on the San Angelo market and shipped to Galveston, where it will then go to Boston to the firm that purchased it at an average of 26c a pound.

That Dallas county pays a toll of more than \$50,000 a year to the cattle ticks which infest every community within its borders, was said to be a conservative estimate at a meeting of dairymen, farmers and business men held in Dallas last week. This loss is by no means borne by the dairymen alone, but is distributed among all who are users of dairy products.

A gift of \$100,000 by the Jarvis estate of Fort Worth to the men and millions movement of the Christian church, was announced at the final luncheon of the T. C. U. workers in Fort Worth last week. In return for this gift from Fort Worth, the men and millions movement will give the T. C. U. an endowment fund of \$350,000.

A large part of Atlanta, La., was destroyed by a tornado last week. According to figures given out by the town officials the loss is estimated at \$60,000. Thirty-five dwellings, five or six of the business houses of the town, three churches and the depot were demolished. It is also reported that a farmer and one child were killed near the town.

With installation of officers the grand lodge of Texas Masons concluded its eighty-first annual grand communication in Waco last week. The officers installed for the new year are as follows: Grand master, Frank C. Jones, Houston; deputy grand master, John R. Arnold, Houston; grand senior warden, A. A. Ross, Lockhart; grand junior warden, George F. Morgan, El Paso; grand treasurer, W. W. Peavy, Brownwood; grand secretary, W. B. Pearson, Waco.

Plans for the immediate construction of a new \$1,250,000 pipe line from the Healdton field in Oklahoma to the company's refinery in Fort Worth were announced by H. Clay Pierce of the Pierce-Fordyce Oil association, while in Dallas on a trip of inspection. That the capacity of the Fort Worth refinery will be more than doubled and extensions made at the Texas City plant was also announced. The present capacity of the Fort Worth refinery is 8,000 barrels a day.

The Texas state conservation and reclamation association, with headquarters at Waco, has been organized to promote the conservation of storm water, for irrigation and flood prevention; also to encourage the development of wasting water power along the numerous streamways of the state. A meeting of representatives from each river valley watershed and of citizens of the state interested in the movement has been called to meet in Austin Jan. 15 and 16, next, at which time noted conservation and reclamation experts have been invited to make addresses.

There are 1,223,245 scholastics in Texas at this time according to figures given out at Austin.

Clarence A. Glass, aged 33, cashier of the First State bank of Point, Rains county, died from the effects of wounds received when he was shot down by a masked robber who took \$243 from the bank. Glass was alone in the bank about 9:30 o'clock, at the time of the robbery and shooting, having returned after supper to write some letters.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Doughty has announced an apportionment of \$1 per capita for public schools for December.

That the Gary, Ind., plan of using public school buildings for two shifts of pupils and teachers may be adopted in Dallas was indicated by the action of the board of education in appointing a commission to recommend a system of fuller use of present schoolroom space in the elementary grades.

AN EPITOME OF EVENTS

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN HAPPENINGS SERVED UP IN ATTRACTIVE STYLE.

EUROPEAN WAR HAPPENINGS

Everything Important That Could Be Confined to a Small Space Is Found Here.

The Spanish steamer Uribarte, of 1,756 tons gross, is reported to have been torpedoed. The crew was landed.

In order better to secure food supplies King George of England has signed an order in council empowering the board of agriculture to take over unoccupied or occupied land for the purpose of cultivation.

The French battleship Suffren, which left port on Nov. 24, has not been heard from since, and the minister of marine considers the vessel lost with all on board. The Suffren had 18 officers and 700 men.

Bucharest capital of Roumania, has been captured, it is officially announced in Berlin. Polechti, the important railway junction town, 36 miles northwest of Bucharest, also has been taken by the Teutons. In entering Bucharest the armies of the central powers have taken their fourth entente capital.

David Lloyd-George has overthrown the Asquith cabinet and will become prime minister himself. The new government will be coalition like the old one, but probably without the same measure of harmonious support which attended the formation of the first coalition cabinet because its birth has created additional factional difficulties.

A new note to Germany on the general submarine situation appears to be among the possibilities which may come out of the latest activities of the undersea boats. If decided upon, such a note would be for the purpose of clearing up what appear to be differences of interpretation in Washington and Berlin as to what Germany's pledges in the Sussex case covered especially as to armed ships.

A note to Germany protesting against the deportation of Belgians for forced labor as contrary to all precedents and humane principles has been made public by the state department. The note was cabled to Charge Grew at Berlin on Nov. 29, the day Ambassador Gerard discussed the subject with President Wilson, with instructions that he read it to the German chancellor personally.

Four American ship builders submitted proposals to the navy department for the construction of the four gigantic 35-knot battle cruisers authorized as a part of the 1917 building program. No estimates of the cost were included, all the bidders taking advantage of a new provision of the naval appropriation act and offering to build the ships for cost, plus from 10 to 15 per cent profit.

The federal investigation of the high cost-of living has begun to take definite form, with indications that it will be one of the most comprehensive ever undertaken and will extend to every section of the United States. Not only is a sweeping inquiry into the cause of the soaring cost of foodstuffs contemplated, but the recent pinch in the coal supply and its resultant price advances also will be made, in all probabilities, the subject of abroad investigation.

It is reported from Madrid, Spain, that 100 members of the crew of the steamer Pio IX, were drowned by the sinking of the vessel in a storm when 200 miles off the Canary islands.

Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, is confined to his palace by the German authorities, according to an Amsterdam correspondent who says he hears this on good authority. The reason given is the action taken by the cardinal against the deportation of Belgians.

The bureau of mines says the bureau was instrumental in saving at least \$20,000,000 worth of natural gas in Oklahoma by introduction of new drilling methods.

The auction sale of Shorthorn cattle held in connection with the International Live Stock exposition at Chicago broke all records for attendance. The cattle brought an average of \$958, one 3-year-old bull bringing \$6,650. He was sold to a Colorado firm.

Warning that the American side of Niagara Falls is likely to disappear if the present volume of water is permitted to continue over Horseshoe falls was given the house foreign affairs committee by Secretary Baker.

Rapid progress in congress toward framing national defense bills to appropriate \$800,000,000 was forecast when the house military committee took up its share of the work. Chairman Dent said he expected to report the army appropriation bill before Christmas.

Twelve men in New York are so manipulating the food market that they establish prices for the entire country, Joseph Hartigan, commissioner of weights and measures, said in a statement recommending the calling of a federal grand jury to investigate the situation.

California Favorite, the grand champion steer of the 1916 international live stock exposition in Chicago, was sold at auction and brought the University of California, its owner, \$1,960. The steer weighed 1,120 pounds so he cost a Detroit packing company \$1.75 a pound, a new record for the show.

Officials of the farm loan board have announced that more than 50,000 farmers have applied for mortgage loans aggregating approximately \$150,000,000, of more than 17 times the amount of money which will be immediately available for loans on the organization of the 12 farm loan banks. Most of the applications have come from the south and west.

Continued increases in the net operating revenues of railroads and express companies were reported to the interstate commerce commission. Figures from 158 of the principal railroads showed that in October net revenues were \$111,850,629, as compared with \$100,237,807 a year ago.

Information gathered from many sources by government officials conducting the nation-wide inquiry into high cost of living pointed with increasing directness to the conclusion by the officials that the soaring prices of certain necessities of life are due in part at least to the manipulations of speculators who have combined to force quotations upward.

Three more names have been added to the list of foreigners reported killed in Mexico by bandits. Guillermo Snyman, son of the late General W. D. Snyman of Boer war fame; Howard Weeks, or Howard Gray, as he was known in Mexico, and an American named Foster were the new victims.

Charles W. Harkness, who at the time of his death on May 1 last was said to be the third largest holder of Standard Oil stock, left an estate worth \$49,566,895, according to an appraisal filed with the surrogate in New York. His brother, Edward S. Harkness, will approximately \$36,182,000 is the chief beneficiary.

Germany, in a note made public by the state department, contends that the British steamer Arabic, sunk in the Mediterranean on Nov. 6, was in reality a "transport ship for troop in the service of the British government, which is to be considered as an auxiliary warship, according to international law."

Praise for the men who managed his campaign was voiced by President Wilson at a dinner given by him at the White House for Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the Democratic national committee, to which were invited Democratic and Progressive campaign workers and their wives. After dinner the president made a brief speech in appreciation of the activities of the campaign leaders.

The eight principal express companies report an increase in net revenues from \$666,680 in August, 1915, to \$1,076,789 in August, 1916, according to the interstate commerce commission.

Correspondents last week reported sales of cotton seed at the prices indicated per ton: Belton, \$63; Clarksville, \$60; Mexia, \$58; Tyler, \$58; Bonham, \$55; Corsicana, \$52; Waxahachie, \$55; Hinkley, \$54; Lampasas \$57.50.

The census bureau reports that cotton ginned from the 1916 crop prior to Dec. 1 amounted to 10,359,612 bales against 9,703,346 in 1915.

A robber stole \$20,000 from a guarded express wagon in the heart of Los Angeles while hundreds of persons were passing within a short distance. The robber threw pepper in the eyes of an armed guard while the gold and currency were being transferred to a bank a distance of three blocks.

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CHAPTER XIV—Continued.

A light played over MacNelly's face, warming out all the grim darkness. He held out his hand. Duane met it with his in a clasp that unconsciously gave in moments of stress.

When they unclasped and Duane stepped back to drop into a chair MacNelly fumbled for a cigar and, lighting it, turned to his visitor, now calm and cool. He had the look of a man who had justly won something at considerable cost. His next move was to take a long leather case from his pocket and extract from it several folded papers.

"Here's your pardon from the Governor," he said, quietly. "You'll see, when you look it over, that it's conditional. When you sign this paper I have here the condition will be met."

He smoothed out the paper, handed Duane a pen, ran his forefinger along a dotted line.

Duane's hand was shaky. Years had passed since he had held a pen. It was with difficulty that he achieved his signature. Buckley Duane—how strange the name looked!

"Right here ends the career of Buck Duane, outlaw and gun-fighter," said MacNelly; and, seating himself, he took the pen from Duane's fingers and wrote several lines in several places upon the paper. Then with a smile he handed it to Duane.

"That makes you a member of Company A, Texas Rangers."

"So that's it!" burst out Duane, a light breaking in upon his bewilderment. "You want me for ranger service?"

"Sure. That's it," replied the Captain dryly. "Now to hear what that service is to be. I've been a busy man since I took this job, and, as you may have heard, I've done a few things. I don't mind telling you that political influence put me in here and that up Austin way there's a good deal of friction in the Department of State in regard to whether or not the ranger service is any good—whether it should be discontinued or not. I'm on the party who's defending the ranger service. I contend that it's made Texas habitable. Well, it's been up to me to produce results. So far I have been successful. My great ambition is to break up the outlaw gangs along the river. I have never ventured in there yet because I've been waiting to get the Lieutenant I needed. You, of course, are the man I had in mind. It's my idea to start way up the Rio Grande and begin with Cheseidine. He's the strongest, the worst outlaw of the times. He's more than rustler. It's Cheseidine and his gang who are operating on the banks. No one seems to have seen him—to know what he looks like.

"I assume, of course, that you are a stranger to the country he dominates. It's five hundred miles west of your ground. There's a little town over there called Fairdale. It's the nest of a rustler gang. They rustle and murder at will. Nobody knows who the leader is. I want you to find out. Well, whatever way you decide is best you will proceed to act upon. You are your own boss. You must find some way to let me know when I and my rangers are needed. The plan is to break up Cheseidine's gang. It's the toughest job on the border. We want to kill or jail this choice selection of robbers and break up the rest of the gang. To find them, to get among them somehow, to learn their movements, to lay your trap for us rangers to spring—that, Duane, is your service to me, and God knows it's a great one!"

"I have accepted it," replied Duane. "Your work will be secret. You are now a ranger in my service. But no one except the few I choose to tell will know of it until we pull off the job. You will simply be Buck Duane till it suits our purpose to acquaint Texas with the fact that you're a ranger. You'll see there's no date on that paper. No one will ever know just when you entered the service. Perhaps we can make it appear that all or most of your outlawry has really been good service to the state. At that, I'll believe it'll turn out so."

MacNelly paused a moment in his rapid talk, chewed his cigar, drew his brows together in a dark frown, and went on. "No man on the border knows so well as you the deadly nature of this service. It's a long, long chance against your ever coming back."

"That's not the point," said Duane. "But in case I get killed out there—what?"

"Leave that to me," interrupted Captain MacNelly. "If you lose your life out there I'll see your name cleared—the service you render known. You can rest assured of that."

"I am satisfied," replied Duane. "That's so much more than I've dared to hope."

"Well, it's settled, then. I'll give you money for expenses. You'll start as soon as you like—the sooner the better. I hope to think of other suggestions especially about communicating with me."

Long after the lights were out and the low hum of voices had ceased round the camp-fire Duane lay awake, eyes staring into the blackness, marveling over the strange events of the day. And as he lay there, with the approach of sleep finally dimming the vividness of his thought, so full of mystery, shadowy faces floated in the blackness around him, haunting him as he had always been haunted.

It was broad daylight when he awakened, MacNelly was calling him to breakfast.

The rangers were eating in a circle round a tarpaulin spread upon the ground.

"Fellows," said MacNelly, "shake hands with Buck Duane. He's on secret ranger service for me. Service that'll likely make you all hump soon! Mind you, keep mum about it."

The rangers surprised Duane with a roaring greeting, the warmth of which he soon divined was divided between pride of his acquisition to their ranks



"Any Business Here?"

and eagerness to meet that violent service of which their captain hinted. They were jolly, wild fellows, with just enough gravity in their welcome to show Duane their respect and appreciation, while not forgetting his lone-wolf record. When he had seated himself in that circle, now one of them, a feeling subtle and uplifting pervaded him.

After the meal Captain MacNelly drew Duane aside.

"Here's the money. Make it go as far as you can. Write me care of the adjutant at Austin. I don't have to warn you to be careful where you mail letters. Ride a hundred, two hundred miles, if necessary, or go clear to El Paso."

MacNelly stopped with an air of finality, and then Duane slowly rose. "I'll start at once," he said, extending his hand to the Captain. "I wish—I'd like to thank you!"

"Hell, man! Don't thank me!" replied MacNelly, crushing the proffered hand. "I've sent a lot of good men to their deaths, and maybe you're another. But, as I've said, you've one chance in a thousand. And, by Heaven! I'd hate to be Cheseidine or any other man you were trailing. No, not good-by—adios, Duane! May we meet again!"

CHAPTER XV.

West of the Pecos River Texas extended a vast wild region, barren to the north where the Llano Estacado spread its shifting sands, fertile in the south along the Rio Grande. A railroad marked an undeviating course across five hundred miles of this country, and the only villages and towns lay on or near this line of steel. Unsettled as was this western Texas, and despite the acknowledged dominance of the outlaw bands, the pioneers pushed steadily into it.

The Rio Grande flowed almost due south along the western boundary for a thousand miles, and then, weary of its course, turned abruptly north, to make what was called the Big Bend. The railroad, running west, cut across this bend, and all that country bounded on the north by the railroad and on the south by the river was as wild as the Staked Plains. Across the face

of this Big Bend, as if to isolate it, stretched the Ord mountain range. In the valleys of the foothills and out across the plains were ranches, and farther north, villages, and the towns of Alpine and Marfa.

Like other parts of the great Lone Star State, this section of Texas was a world in itself—a world where the riches of the rancher were ever enriching the outlaw. The village closest to the gateway of this outlaw-infested region was a little place called Ord, named after the dark peak that loomed some miles to the south.

Toward the close of a day in September a stranger rode into Ord, and in a community where all men were remarkable for one reason or another he excited interest. His horse, perhaps, received the first and most engaging attention—horses in that region being apparently more important than men. This particular horse at first glance seemed ugly. But he was a giant, black as coal, huge in every way. A bystander remarked that he had a grand head. His face was solid black, except in the middle of his forehead, where there was a round spot of white.

The rider, like his horse, was a giant in stature, but ranger, not so heavily built. Otherwise the only striking thing about him was his somber face with its piercing eyes, and hair white over the temples. He packed two guns, both low down—but that was too common a thing to attract notice in the Big Bend. A close observer, however, would have noted a singular fact—this rider's right hand was more bronzed, more weather-beaten than his left. He never wore a glove on that right hand!

He had dismounted before a ramshackle structure that bore upon its wide, high-boarded front the sign, "Hotel." The hotel had a wide platform in front, and this did duty as porch and sidewalk. Upon it, and leaning against a hitching-rail, were men of varying ages, most of them slovenly in old jeans and slouched sombreros. Some were booted, belted, and spurred. No man there wore a coat, but all wore vests. The guns in that group would have outnumbered the men.

It was a crowd seemingly too lazy to be curious. These men were idlers; what else, perhaps, was easy to conjecture. Certainly to this arriving stranger, who flashed a keen eye over them, they wore an atmosphere never associated with work.

Presently a tall man, with a drooping, sandy mustache, leisurely detached himself from the crowd.

"Howdy, stranger," he said. The stranger had bent over to loosen the cinches; he straightened up and nodded. Then: "I'm thirsty!"

That brought a broad smile to faces. It was characteristic greeting. One and all trooped after the stranger into the hotel. It was a dark, ill-smelling barn of a place, with a bar as high as a short man's head. A bartender with a scarred face was serving drinks.

"Line up, gents," said the stranger. They piled over one another to get to the bar, with coarse jests and oaths and laughter. None of them noted that the stranger did not appear so thirsty as he claimed to be. In fact, though, he went through the motions, he did not drink at all.

"My name's Jim Fletcher," said the tall man with the drooping, sandy mustache. He spoke laconically, nevertheless there was a tone that showed he expected to be known. Something went with that name. The stranger did not appear to be impressed.

"My name might be Blazes, but it ain't," he replied. "What do you call this burg?"

"Stranger, this heah me-tropoles bears the handle Ord. Is that new to you?"

He leaned back against the bar, and now his little yellow eyes, clear as crystal, flawless as a hawk's, fixed on the stranger. Other men crowded close, forming a circle, curious, ready to be friendly or otherwise, according to how the tall interrogator marked the newcomer.

"Sure, Ord's a little strange to me. Off the railroad some, ain't it? Funny trails hereabouts."

"How fur was you goin'?"

"I reckon I was goin' as far as I could," replied the stranger, with a hard laugh. His reply had subtle reaction on that listening circle. Some of the men exchanged glances. Fletcher stroked his drooping mustache, seemed thoughtful, but lost something of that piercing scrutiny.

"Wal, Ord's the jumpin'-off place," he said, presently. "Sure you've heard of the Big Bend country?"

"I sure have, an' was makin' tracks fer it," replied the stranger.

Fletcher turned toward a man in the outer edge of the group. "Knell, come in heah."

This individual elbowed his way in and was seen to be scarcely more than a boy, almost pale beside those bronzed men, with a long, expressionless face, thin and sharp.

"Knell, this heah's—" Fletcher wheeled to the stranger. "What'd you call yourself?"

"I'd hate to mention what I've been callin' myself lately."

This sally fetched another laugh. The stranger appeared cool, careless, indifferent.

Knell stepped up, and it was easy to see, from the way Fletcher relinquished his part in the situation, that a man greater than he had appeared upon the scene.

"Any business here?" he queried, curtly. When he spoke his expressionless face was in strange contrast with the ring, the quality, the cruelty of his voice. This voice betrayed an absence of humor, of friendliness, of heart.

"Nope," replied the stranger.

"Know anybody hereabouts?"

"Nary one."

"Jest ridin' through?"

"Yep."

"Slopin' fer back country, eh?"

There came a pause. The stranger appeared to grow a little resentful and drew himself up disdainfully.

"Wal, considerin' you-all seem so damn friendly an' oncurious down here in this Big Bend country, I don't mind sayin' yes—I am in on the dodge," he replied, with deliberate sarcasm.

"From west of Ord—out El Paso way, mebbe?"

"Sure."

"A-huh! That so?" Knell's words cut the air, stilled the room. "You're from way down the river. That's what they say down there—'on the dodge.'"

Stranger, you're a liar!"

With swift clink of spur and thump of boot the crowd split, leaving Knell and the stranger in the center. The stranger suddenly became bronze. The situation seemed familiar to him. His eyes held a singular piercing light that danced like a compass-needle.

"Sure I lied," he said, "so I ain't takin' offense at the way you called me. I'm lookin' to make friends, not enemies. You don't strike me as one of them four-flushes, achin' to kill somebody. But if you are—go ahead an' open the ball. . . . You see, I never throw a gun on them fellers till they go fer theirs."

Knell coolly eyed his antagonist, his strange face not changing in the least. Yet somehow it was evident in his look that here was metal which rang differently from what he had expected. Invited to start a fight or withdraw, as he chose, Knell proved himself big in the manner characteristic of only the genuine gunman.

"Stranger, I pass," he said, and, turning to the bar, he ordered liquor.

The tension relaxed, the silence broke, the men filled up the gap; the incident seemed closed. Jim Fletcher attached himself to the stranger, and now both respect and friendliness tempered his asperity.

"Wal, fer want of a better handle I'll call you Dodge," he said.

"Dodge's as good as any. . . . Gents, line up agaln—an' if you can't be friendly, be careful!"

Such was Buck Duane's debut in the little outlaw hamlet of Ord.

Duane had been three months out of the Nueces country. At El Paso he bought the finest horse he could find, and, armed and otherwise outfitted to suit him, he had taken to unknown trails. He passed on leisurely, because he wanted to learn the way of the country, the work, habit, gossip, pleasures, and fears of the people with whom he came in contact. When he heard Fletcher's name and faced Knell he knew he had reached the place he sought.

Duane made himself agreeable, yet not too much so, to Fletcher and several other men, disposed to talk and drink, and eat; and then, after having a care for his horse, he rode out of town a couple of miles to a grove he had marked, and there, well hidden he prepared to spend the night. This proceeding served a double purpose—he was safer, and the habit would look well in the eyes of outlaws, who would be more inclined to see in him the lone-wolf fugitive.

Long since Duane had fought out a battle with himself, won a hard-earned victory. He had assumed a task impossible for any man save one like him, he had felt the meaning of it grow strangely and wonderfully, and through that flourished up consciousness of how passionately he now clung to this thing which would blot out his former infamy. He never forgot that he was free. Strangely, too, along with this feeling of new manhood there gathered the force of imperious desire to run these chief outlaws to their dooms. He never called them outlaws—but rustlers, thieves, robbers, murderers, criminals. He sensed the growth of a relentless driving passion, and sometimes he feared that, more than the newly acquired zeal and pride in this ranger service, it was the old, terrible inherited killing instinct lifting its hydra-head in new guise.

This night a wonderful afterglow lingered long in the west, and against the golden-red of clear sky the bold, black head of Mount Ord reared itself aloft, beautiful but aloof, sinister yet calling. Small wonder that Duane

gazed in fascination upon the peak! Somewhere deep in its corrugated sides or lost in a rugged canyon was hidden the secret stronghold of the master outlaw Cheseidine. All down along the ride from El Paso Duane had heard of Cheseidine, of his band, his fearful deeds, his cunning, his widely separate raids of his fitting here and there like a Jack-o'-lantern; but never a word of his den, never a word of his appearance.

Next morning Duane did not return to Ord. He struck off to the north, sliding down a rough, slow-descending road that appeared to have been used occasionally for cattle-driving. As he had ridden in from the west, this northern direction led him into totally unfamiliar country. While he passed on, however, he exercised such keen observation that in the future he would know whatever might be of service to him if he chanced that way again.

After a couple of hours riding he entered a town which he soon discovered to be Bradford. It was the largest town he had visited since Marfa, and he calculated must have a thousand or fifteen hundred inhabitants, not including Mexicans. He decided this would be a good place for him to hold up for a while, being the nearest town to Ord, only forty miles away. So he hitched his horse in front of a store and leisurely set about studying Bradford.

It was after dark, however, that Duane verified his suspicions concerning Bradford. The town was awake after dark, and there was one long row of saloons, dance-halls, gambling-resorts in full blast. Duane visited them all, and was surprised to see wildness and license equal to that of the old river camp of Bland's in its palmiest days. Here it was forced upon him that the farther west one traveled along the river the sparser the respectable settlements, the more numerous the hard characters, and in consequence the greater the element of lawlessness. Duane returned to his lodging-house with the conviction that MacNelly's task of cleaning up the Big Bend country was a stupendous one. Yet, he reflected, a company of intrepid and quick-shooting rangers could have soon cleaned up this Bradford.

The innkeeper had no other guest that night, a long-coated and wide-sombreroed Texan who reminded Duane of his grandfather. This man had penetrating eyes, a courtly manner, and an unmistakable leaning toward companionship and mintjules. The gentleman introduced himself as Colonel Webb, of Marfa, and took it as a matter of course that Duane made no comment about himself.

Duane, as always, was a good listener. Colonel Webb told, among other things, that he had come out to the Big Bend to look over the affairs of a deceased brother who had been a rancher and a sheriff of one of the towns, Fairdale by name. "Found no affairs, no ranch, not even his grave," said Colonel Webb. "And I tell you, sir, if hell's any tougher than this Fairdale I don't want to expiate my sins there."

"Fairdale. . . . I imagine sheriffs have a hard row to hoe out here," replied Duane, trying not to appear curious.

The Colonel swore lustily. "What this frontier needs, sir, is about six companies of Texas Rangers. A fine body of men, sir, and the salvation of Texas."

"Governor Stone doesn't entertain that opinion," said Duane.

Here Colonel Webb exploded. Manfully the governor was not his choice for a chief executive of the great state. He talked politics for a while, and of the vast territory west of the Pecos that seemed never to get a benefit from Austin. Duane exerted himself to be agreeable and interesting; and he saw presently that here was an opportunity to make a valuable acquaintance, if not a friend.

"I'm a stranger in these parts," said Duane, finally. "What is this outlaw situation you speak of?"

"It's damnable, sir, and unbelievable. Not rustling any more, but just wholesale herd-stealing, in which some big cattlemen, supposed to be honest, are equally guilty with the outlaws. On this border, you know, the rustler has always been able to steal cattle in any numbers. But to get rid of big bunches—that's the hard job. The gang operating between here and Valentine evidently have not this trouble. Nobody knows where the stolen stock goes. But I'm not alone in my opinion that most of it goes to several big stockmen. They ship to San Antonio, Austin, New Orleans, also to El Paso."

"Wholesale business, eh?" remarked Duane. "Who are these—big stock-burgers?"

Colonel Webb seemed a little startled at the abrupt query. He bent his penetrating gaze upon Duane and thoughtfully stroked his pointed beard.

"Names, of course, I'll not mention. Opinions are one thing, direct accusation another. This is not a healthy country for the informer."

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TOYAH NEWS

Tom Hart is in Pecos this week attending court.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Davis went to Pecos Tuesday.

Mrs. W. C. Cargill is confined to her room with cold and fever.

Boys, buy your girl that box of candy at the Owl Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. McIlvain were in Pecos Tuesday shopping and visiting.

The fifth Sunday meeting will be held at the Baptist church December 29th.

Rev. R. L. Armor was out of town Sunday filling his appointment at Balmorhea.

Mrs. W. F. Youngblood of Midland, is in town this week looking after interests.

Mrs. H. T. Mitchell is seriously ill with complications and is threatened with pneumonia.

Mrs. Reeves, mother of Mrs. Claude Collins, is seriously ill and has been for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Coalson arrived from California today. Mrs. Coalson stood the trip nicely.

Diamond rings, Diamond L. Valliers, the best to be had. Owl Drug Store.

Mrs. Carl Cargill of El Paso, arrived this week to attend at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. H. T. Mitchell.

Austin Mitchell arrived today from Joplin, Missouri to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. H. T. Mitchell.

Lewis Jackson is in from the KC ranch and will leave Friday for Colorado to visit his mother, Mrs. J. J. Jackson.

Rev. B. G. Richburg filled his place in the pulpit of the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening, delivering splendid sermons.

Mrs. Cardwell and daughter have returned to their home at Big Springs after a pleasant visit to Mrs. Cardwell's sister, Mrs. Wm. Robinson.

The Owl Drug Store is the place to do your Christmas shopping.

A. B. Burchard and J. Q. Adams, substantial citizens of Toyah and prosperous stockmen of Reeves county, were business visitors in Pecos Thursday.

Mrs. Clyde Bush and children have returned to their home at Fort Hancock after a pleasant visit of a few weeks to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shanks.

Have just received a shipment of Victrolas from \$15 to \$250. Owl Drug Store.

Rev. Henry O. Moore, pastor of the Presbyterian church here, filled his regular appointment Sunday and Sunday night, preaching splendid sermons to appreciative audiences.

Mrs. C. R. Troxel entertained in a delightful way Saturday afternoon of last week in honor of Miss Enid Odum of Fort Stockton. Auction bridge was the diversion and after a number of interesting games refreshments were served.

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F. W. Bittle of Big Springs, in the water service of the T & P Railway is here this week looking after the waterworks of this road and will begin the work at an early date of piping the water of the Billingslea well into Toyah as well as the T. & P. Railway. This will mean much to Toyah. This is the finest water in Reeves county and will put Toyah on the map as having as good soft water as any town on the road, and the beauty of the whole thing is the supply is unlimited.

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J. J. BUSH.

SMITH-HAMILTON

J. F. Smith and Mrs. Mary Hamilton, both of Toyah, were married today in Pecos at The Enterprise office, Rev. B. G. Richburg, pastor of the Baptist church of Toyah, accompanying the couple over and officiating. Mrs. Hamilton has resided in Toyah for several years where she is much appreciated by her many friends. She is a splendid example of womanhood, industrious and lovable in disposition, and it is the opinion of The Enterprise that Mr. Smith has chosen well.

Mr. Smith is one of the popular proprietors of the Toyah City Market, being associated with A. H. Bugg. He has been living in Toyah for some months where he is well and favorably known.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith will reside in Toyah and The Enterprise extends congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy union.

Perry Wagon of Balmorhea, was a Pecos visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Clay Slack left Saturday for Jal, New Mexico, to attend the bedside of her brother, Allen Stevens, who was fatally hurt by being thrown from a horse.

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County of Reeves }

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the estate of M. L. Dismuke, Deceased

The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of M. L. Dismuke, Deceased, late of Reeves County, Texas, by Ben Randals, County Judge of Reeves County, Texas, on the 12th day of October, 1916, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to me at my office, in the First National Bank Building, in Pecos, Reeves County, Texas, my Post Office is Pecos, Texas, where I receive my mail. This the 9th day of December, A. D. 1916.

BEN PALMER,
Administrator of the Estate of M. L. Dismuke, Deceased.

Administrator's Notice.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Reeves }

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the estate of J. E. Brock, Deceased.

The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the separate estate of J. E. Brock, Deceased, late of Reeves County, Texas, by Ben Randals, County Judge of Reeves County, Texas, on the 24th day of October, 1916, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to me at my office, in the First National Bank Building, in Pecos, Reeves County, Texas, my Post Office is Pecos, Texas, where I receive my mail. This the 9th day of December, A. D. 1916.

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virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the honorable district court of Tarrant county, on the 22nd day of November 1916, by the clerk of said court against C. B. Scott for the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Seven and no 1-100 (\$1,307.00) Dollars and cost of suit, in cause No. 39852 in said court, styled Zadora Ims versus C. B. Scott and A. J. Scott and placed in my hands for service, I, Tom Harrison as Sheriff of Reeves county, Texas, did on the 26th day of November, 1916, levy on certain real estate, situated in Loving county, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Farm Lots 41, 42, 45, 46, 49 50, 55 and 56, Everett L. Stratton sub-division of section 79, Block 33, H & T. C. Ry. Co. and levied upon as the property of said C. B. Scott, and on Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1917, at the court house door of Reeves county, in the town of Pecos, Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. I will sell said real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said C. B. Scott by virtue of said levy and said order of Sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The Enterprise, a newspaper published in Reeves county.

Witness my hand this 26th day of November, 1916.

TOM HARRISON,
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