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## SPANELL TESTIFIES IN HIS OWN BEHALF

Special To The Reporter:

By Associated Press:

San Angelo, Jan. 25.—Harry J. Spanell took the stand today to testify in case in which he is charged with killing his wife. The case against him for the alleged killing of Col. M. C. Butler is set for Feb. First.

San Angelo, Jan. 25.—Spanell testified that Butler forced his attentions on Mrs. Spanell and "seemed to be everywhere we were. I didn't like the way he was doing but thought I might be mistaken. Butler was loud in his conversation and bold in his actions."

Spanell said Butler asked to ride with them and that Butler, always wanted to ride in the back seat. "Often he got funny jostling around claiming the road was rough, frequently falling against Mrs. Spanell. Once Butler bumped against our little girl, making her cry." Spanell told of a dance at Marfa where, he said, Butler paid undue attentions to Mrs. Spanell, trying "to show her off."

On route home from this ball he said Butler, pretending to be looking for a pistol scabbard got hold of Mrs. Spanell's foot.

Butler knew the scabbard was under the seat. Spanell said he made it clear that he didn't approve of such conduct. This incident worried Spanell so he could not sleep. He wrote a letter to Butler, singing his wife's name, telling Butler Spanell was not satisfied with his action in grabbing his wife's foot, asking him to assure Spanell it was an accident. Butler replied it was unintentional, saying he had the highest regard for Mrs. Spanell. Spanell said he then assumed himself and apologized to Butler admitting he wrote the letter. He asked Butler not to ride in the back seat with his wife any more, owing to the unfavorable comment. Spanell told his wife about the letter and she was "mortified." A little quarrel followed, but ended "love making" and "I then was satisfied."

Spanell is still on the stand late this afternoon.

San Angelo, Jan. 24.—Only six witnesses testified for the defense in the Spanell case Wednesday morning and it is believed that the defendant will testify in his own behalf on Thursday.

### Question of Law up

Whether or not defense witnesses are to be permitted to testify upon incidents concerning the reputation of Col. M. C. Butler, things they heard after the shooting occurred, was a matter which was billed for an early settlement this afternoon. The prosecution objected to such testimony this morning when State Ranger A. H. Woelber of Marfa stated that he knew Butler's reputation to be "bad," but had not heard of it until after the killing. There was much argument on both sides, Judge C. E. Dubois withholding a ruling until the authorities could be cited.

### Witnesses Slow Giving Testimony

The morning session was marked by wrangling on the part of the attorneys and the apparent slowness with which witnesses responded directly to questions. Objections, first from one side and then the other, halted the proceedings every few minutes and several times the judge instructed the ju-

rors to disregard certain evidence.

### Standing Room All Taken

As on previous days, the court room was only comfortably filled when work was begun at 9 o'clock but by 11 a. m. all standing room was taken. Both Jos. Spanell of Hazelton, Pa., father of the defendant, and Col. John R. Holland of Alpine, parent of Mrs. Spanell, were present, as were many of the defense witnesses from Waco who had testified and had been dismissed. The searching of all men mounting the stairs has been continued, although the women to date have been exempt.

### Spanell Retains Composure

Spanell retains his wonderful composure and does not seem to be come more nervous as the time draws near when he shall take the stand to tell his story. Since the Waco witnesses have been discharged, practically all have talked with him in the court room and he has always evinced a lively interest in these visits.

### Hotel man gives Spanell Clean Bill

John Highsmith, 41-Alpine cattle commission man and real estate dealer, was the second witness. He testified that he had resided in Alpine over three years and for a period of twelve months had operated the Holland Hotel. The witness stated that Harry J. Spanell had a good reputation in Brewster county, was always jolly and good humored, affectionate to ward his wife and devoted to his child. He was not known as a drinking man, it was asserted.

### Had Heard Butler Was Too Attentive to Mrs. Spanell

Highsmith testified that prior to the killing, he had heard that Butler was paying too much attention to Mrs. Spanell and said he was acquainted with the officer's reputation, which he considered bad. At a dance at Marfa either in May or June, 1916, Highsmith stated on cross-examination that he had heard comments made on Butler's "freeness" with women. As he left the dance hall that night in company with his wife, the witness said Spanell had remarked to him: "No Place for Ladies."

"That's right, take her home. This isn't any place for ladies."

### Was at Marfa at Dance July 4

The witness said he saw Col. and Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Spanell at the dance at Marfa on July 4, but did not recall having seen the defendant there. Highsmith said that the morning after the dance, to which he had first referred, Mrs. Downum had mentioned to him the conduct of Col. Butler. She told him that she (Mrs. Downum) and her husband were going to give up the management of the hotel dining room on July 1 because Spanell had "fired" them.

### Mrs. Downum's Testimony Refuted

"I thought Harry thought a great deal of you," the witness testified he replied to Mrs. Downum. The latter said "Old Major Butler was the cause of it all." He had requested that his dinner be served either at 5 or 9 o'clock in the evening and the Downums having declined had been fired.

### Heard Others Discuss Butler

Highsmith said he had heard others discuss the attitude of Col. Butler toward Mrs. Spanell adding that after the shooting "half the county had said he, Butler ought to have been killed long ago."

Judge Dubois overruled the

## ASSASSINS REPORTED RIOTING

By Associated Press:

Tokio, Jan. 25.—Yukio Ozaki, former minister of justice and now leader of the Constitutional Party was attacked by two assassins with swords last night while he was addressing a mass meeting called to demand resignation of Terauchi Cabinet.

The assassins were overpowered and arrested. Today's session of the diet heavily guarded.

### State's objection to this testimony State Ranger on Stand

A. H. Woelber, state ranger stationed at Marfa, then took the witness stand. Being an officer of the law, Woelber had not been under rule.

### Has Good Opinion of Spanell

He testified that he had known Spanell since October or November, 1915, and that the defendant's reputation as a peaceful, law-abiding and in offensive citizen was good. He said he had only a slight acquaintance with Col. Butler and was then asked about Butler's reputation, as being a libertine and a woman chaser.

### Knew Butler's Reputation to be Bad

Judge Gillis interrupted at this juncture, stating that the prosecution wished to determine whether or not the witness was qualified to give such testimony before the direct examination continued. A tilt occurred between the opposing attorneys and Judge Dubois overruled the state's objection. Woelber then replied that he was acquainted with Butler's reputation and that it was bad. The witness said he had eaten supper with Mr. and Mrs. Spanell on Tuesday before the killing occurred on Thursday. He described the couple as being perfectly happy at that time.

### Was at the Marfa Dance

Woelber testified further that he had first become acquainted with Col. Butler at Marathon, following the Mexican raids upon Bonillas and Glen Springs, Tex. The next time he met the army officer was at the Marfa dance on July 4. Woelber said he was not married, never danced and did not dance on the night of the Fourth. He testified that the best people of the "dancing class" were at Marfa on that occasion.

### Learned of Butler's Reputation After Killing

Woelber then admitted that he had never heard of Butler's "bad" reputation until after the killing. Judge Gillis, in objecting, stated that this illustrated the point on which he had previously insisted when Highsmith's similar testimony was given, and following the arguments the court advised that a final ruling on the matter of whether or not such testimony was admissible would be made later.

### Grocery Clerk Weaver Takes Stand

Clyde Weaver, for 6 years clerk in Clarence Hord's grocery store in Alpine came on the witness stand at 10:55 o'clock, after a fifteen minute recess had been taken. He testified that the store was northeast across the street from the rear of the Holland Hotel. He said that Spanell had always appeared jolly and had a good repu-

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## BIG MEETING BEING HELD

As the Reporter goes to press the big meeting of the noted Agriculturalists is being held in the parlors of the Texas Bank & Trust Co.

President, G. W. Clark, of Chamber of Commerce, headed a large committee of representative citizens who met the speakers at the south bound Santa Fe and escorted them to the place of meeting.

### Speakers

"The Orchard and the garden," by M. E. Hays, of A. & M. College "How to reduce the High Cost of Living," by D. C. Dove, of the State Department of Agriculture. The wife and daughter's part, by Miss Kate Henley U. S. Department of Agriculture. The cost of the Cattle Tick, by Dr. F. R. Jones, Bureau of Animal Industry.

## FORMER CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

A message was received in the city today, announcing the death of W. C. Shields, Sr., Wednesday afternoon at his home in Patagonia, Arizona.

The deceased was formerly a resident of Nolan county and is the father of Mrs. Ed Bradford and W. C. Shields, Jr., who were with him at the time of his death.

## NOTED DIVINE LAST NIGHT

An unusually large Wednesday night congregation assembled at the First Baptist Church last night to hear Dr. Jno. H. Eager of Baltimore, who is traveling throughout the South in the interest of the Judson Memorial Baptist Church of New York. The congregation were all greatly interested in his description of the work of this unique church which is located on Washington Square in the midst of a densely populated foreign section of the city, the church having four pastors, each serving a different nationality and having every form of religious, social and educational activity seven days in the week.

No less interesting was Dr. Eager's special address, following his appeal for the special work of this church. He followed the life and movements of Paul in Jerusalem and it was the general feeling among those present that the message was one of the very strongest and most interesting that they had ever heard.

## Doings With Legislators

### Investigation

Austin, Jan. 25.—The Westbrook resolution in the senate today instructed Comptroller of Public Accounts to submit an itemized statement of all departmental expenditures during the past two years.

It is aimed especially to see how \$125,000 for repairs on the State House was spent.

## WANTED TO SEE WIFE BUT WAS KILLED

## COUNTY CLERK DOING LITTLE

So far county clerk E. E. Roy, has issued only six marriage certificates for the new year, which is an average of less than one for each four days.

Should this rate be continued throughout the year less than 100 marriages will take place in Nolan county against 202 for 1916.

## CITY SCHOOLS NINE MONTHS

After canvassing the return letters sent to the patrons of the city schools in regard to continuing the school term for the full nine months, the Board of Education has decided that sufficient funds are in sight to warrant the announcement that the term of school will not be cut short but last the entire nine months.

It is said that more than fifty per cent of the patrons sent in a favorable response and that others are yet coming in.

## GOOD PEOPLE NEEDING HELP

Among the many people who have fallen victims of pneumonia in Sweetwater this season is a family consisting of a man and his wife with seven children, six of whom are now sick.

The father and husband of the family is recovering from a very severe attack of the disease, but is still unable to sit up in bed. The wife and mother is barely able to be up. Four of the six children are sick a bed. The two older boys, the elder 14, are trying to wait on the family.

Some of our people having heard of the condition of the unfortunate family have sent in groceries and money. Others are assisting in caring for the sick. To feed and care for a family of nine necessarily requires a considerable expense account, as it means groceries, drugs, fuel and house rent.

It is embarrassing for these people, who are among our very best citizens, to ask for aid. It is the spirit of true Christianity for our folks to voluntarily render all necessary assistance of every kind for the family at this time.

The Good Book says something about such acts being pure and undefiled religion.

Anyone wishing to assist in this worthy cause may learn all the information desired by phoning 306. P. S.—The older boy would be glad to do any work he is able to find during the day.

Mrs. Fannie Wright of Hillsboro, who has been with her brother Mr. S. W. Crutcher, for the past two months left over the Santa Fe for her home this afternoon.

By Associated Press:

Hillsboro, Texas, Jan. 25.—Will Glover was killed, his father-in-law, Dr. Hodge, was wounded, and his son, Austin Hodge, is under arrest following a shooting at Brynum last night.

Glover attempted to see his wife who had been living with her father for some time.

## ANTIS WIN IN FIRST BATTLE

By Associated Press:

Austin, Jan. 25.—The first test of the vote on submission in the House came this afternoon when the baby "bone dry" resolution was voted down ninety three to forty six. The resolution required ninety five votes to pass.

The fight opened with introduction of Representative Morris' resolution for submitting the state wide prohibition amendment to a vote of the people.

Representative Hunt defended his amendment which would eliminate the Interstate shipments of liquor.

### SUBMISSION DEFEATED

Austin, Jan. 25.—House today engrossed Nichol's resolution calling for the submission of question of statewide prohibition to people of Texas. The vote was 92 to 47, and unless changes are made issue is defeated as ninety five votes necessary to pass.

## CURTIS LOSES THREE FINGERS

W. P. Curtis lost three fingers while at work in the Plaining Mill Wednesday.

The wounds were dressed by a physician and he seems to be resting very well today.

## PAID FINES FOR SPEEDING

City Recorder, W. T. Hightower was a busy man Wednesday afternoon trying the parties accused of auto speeding. There were sixteen complaints filed and when the first one was called the defendant plead "not guilty." The Recorder, after hearing the evidence, though different and therefore fixed his fine at \$15.70.

Immediately following this trial eight defendants plead guilty and paid their fines.

The other cases were postponed till a later date as some of the parties were unable to be there Wednesday.

It is not known whether an appeal from the Recorder's Judgment will be made or not.

Simeon O'Keefe is in the city from his Westalla ranch today shaking hands with his old friends and looking after business matters.



# STATE RESTS IN THE SPANNELL CASE

Harry J. Spannell, on trial for his life in the Tom Green county district court, charged with the murder of his wife on July 20, 1916, closed his eyes as though to shut out the view of the stern court in which he is arraigned while tears coursed freely down his cheeks Monday morning as Dr. James R. Middlebrooke of Alpine testified as to the condition in which the body of Mrs. Spannell was found in the death car immediately following the shooting.

## Face "Gore of Blood"

The witness described Mrs. Spannell's face as a "gore of blood" and said that although the features seemed familiar, he having known the deceased for eight years, he was unable to recognize Mrs. Spannell until he had washed from her face the blood which ebbed from five wounds.

## Spannell Visibly affected

It was the first time Spannell has been very visibly affected by testimony introduced by the state on the stand. But today as Dr. Middlebrooke recounted the things he saw that night in the death car, even to pointing out on himself the identical position of the wounds, Spannell with hands folded in his lap or gripped the arms of his chair swayed slightly to and fro, and that he was deeply touched could not be hidden beneath the complacent features which must have impressed each witness who has faced him.

## Army Officer's Evidence

Dr. Albert J. Hoskins was the first army officer to testify during the trial. He said he had been a surgeon in the service for 12 years, eight years in charge of a smelter hospital in Mexico, where there were 20,000 miners and on an average of thirty-five accidents per day. For six months, dating from May 15, 1914 Hoskins said he was in charge of the municipal hospitals in Vera Cruz, treating 180 men who were wounded in the capture of the city by United States forces. He said he had been arrested by the Mexicans as a spy and later released through the efforts of Admiral Fletcher of the American fleet.

## Surgeon With Sixth Cavalry

At present, Hoskins said he was surgeon with the Sixth cavalry, assigned to the camp hospital at Marfa. The officer was 44 years old, had known Col. Butler and Mrs. Spannell and was acquainted with the defendant. All questions propounded were answered in curt army style, the witness never failing to use the title "sir" in replying.

## Motored to Scene of Tragedy

On the night of the shooting Hoskins said he was attending a motion picture show. Notified of the killing, he motored to the scene where he found Col. Butler lying on the ground, face up. Mrs. Spannell was in the car, lying across the rear seat, Butler's body was first examined at the morgue by Doctors Foote and Penrose, C. W. Livingston, the undertaker, and the witness.

## Tells of Location of Wounds

Testifying as to the location of the wounds, the army surgeon said there was a three-inch scalp wound behind the right ear, the bullet having entered the head at an almost perpendicular course, ranging downward into the right shoulder, where it fractured the collar bone. Counsel for the defense objected to testimony as to what vessels were penetrated and the question was withdrawn. Hoskins stated the wound was made by a .45 calibre bullet and if it was the first wound it would have been sufficient to have rendered the man unconscious and to cause instantaneous death. After being shot in the shoulder, the surgeon said

Butler would have had no control of his right arm.

## Blouse Has Bullet Hole in It

The witness said the officer's blouse had a bullet hole in the right shoulder and later in his testimony brought it into court, after the defense had withdrawn its objection. The army service hat that Butler wore was also displayed in court. It was powder blackened.

## Describes Another Wound

Another wound, according to the surgeon, was just below the bony prominence of the back of the head near the base of the skull and still another of a line to the left. It was an entrance wound, Hoskins testified. Butler also had a wound one inch above the right eye, even with the eye brow. It was an exit wound. There was a bullet lodged beneath the skin just above and on the other extremity of the right eye. The bullet was of .32 calibre.

## Did Not Probe for Bullets

On cross-examination, Dr. Hoskins said he did not probe for the bullet in Butler's right shoulder and said he did not know its course as it might have been deflected. It was his opinion, however, that the missile severed the sub-clavicle artery and probably entered the lungs. Butler suffered from a hemorrhage after he had been shot down and the surgeon contended that death would have been caused by bleeding to death even though only one shot had taken effect.

## Objections by state Overruled

The state objected to testimony tending to show the functions of the various vital organs of the body, including the brain and heart, but Judge Dubois overruled it. The witness was also asked whether or not the angle at which the bullet entered the right shoulder would not depend upon the position of the head. He replied in the affirmative.

## .45" at Close Range Will Knock Man Down

Hoskins said the shock of a bullet taking effect was oftentimes not visible for several seconds or minutes he having known cases where soldiers were shot in battle and did not collapse for fifteen minutes. A .45 fired at close range would knock a man down, stated Hoskins, provided it struck a vital organ. The way the bullet had ranged after entering Butler's shoulder would make a difference in its effect, it was stated.

## Butler's Apparel Not Disarranged

Questioned again by Judge Gillis, Hoskins maintained that in his judgment the bullet which entered Butler's shoulder either cut an artery or penetrated the lungs. In answer to queries propounded by Judge L. A. Dale, the witness said the dead officer's clothing was not disarranged when the body was found in the car.

## Mrs. J. C. Bird's Testimony

Mrs. J. C. Bird, of Alpine, was the last witness for the State. She testified that she heard shots and left her home to see what was the matter; that after gaining the porch she heard a woman cry out in agonized tones: "Oh, don't, oh, don't." Mrs. Bird then stated that she saw a man leaving the murder car and that after he had walked a few steps from the car he returned and began firing again.

## State Closes

At 2:35 o'clock this afternoon the State rested and the attorneys for the prosecution entered into a conference relative as to who would be the first witness they would place on the stand.

## Spannell Trial Costs at Least \$200 Each Day

The trial of Harry J. Spannell is costing the state and the county of Brewster between \$200 and \$250 a day, according to rough esti-

mates made by attorneys connected with the case.

This sum does not cover by any means the entire expense which is being incurred because of the trial. It does not include the handsome salaries of special counsel on either side; it does not include extra items, such as telegraph tolls, which have been necessary on both sides.

It includes merely the dollar a day for the more than a hundred witnesses who have been subpoenaed and are here; paying for the regular court officers during the trial. The total, already it is estimated, has well, passed the \$1,000 mark, while special expenses incurred by those interested on each side have amounted to thousands of dollars more. No stone is left unturned nor is money spared in the efforts of each side to present a strong wall of evidence in support of its contention.

From Monday's Daily.

## Mrs. Holland Testifies

Mrs. Holland testified that Mr. and Mrs. Spannell and daughter had rooms at her home, but took dinner and supper at the hotel. She said her husband, Col. John R. Holland, had purchased Mrs. Spannell a cottage and that it was then her understanding the couple was to move into this place at an early date.

## Don't Beat my Child in a Crowd

Two evenings before the killing the Spannell family came to the Holland residence and the little girl was crying. The reason was asked and Mrs. Spannell said to her husband:

"Young man, I never want to see you beat my child up in a crowd again like you did tonight; if you want to beat her up, bring her home."

## Will Beat her Whenever I get Ready

Judge Gillis, special prosecutor thought the jurors did not hear the testimony and requested its repetition, to which the counsel for the defendant objected. The objection was sustained. Mrs. Holland said that at the time her daughter made the above statement Harry Spannell was on his way toward the stairs. His reply, the witness testified, was, "Madam, I'll beat her up whenever I get ready and don't have to ask you."

This concluded the conversation and the Spannells left, according to Mrs. Holland.

## Saw Liquor in Spannell's Room

Two or three days before the shooting occurred Mrs. Holland testified she saw liquor in Harry Spannell's room.

## Never Saw Spannell Drunk?

The witness said that she didn't know that she had ever seen the defendant drunk but that she had thought he was intoxicated a few nights before the killing by the way he (Spannell) talked in the presence of company and by his red face.

## Never Saw Spannell Take a Drink

"That was the only night I ever thought he was drunk, was the night he struck the child and spoke so ugly to his wife," said Mrs. Holland.

The witness said she had never seen Spannell drinking and that she had not detected the odor of liquor the night she thought he was under its influence.

Mrs. M. C. Butler was the first witness introduced Saturday morning, being further questioned by state attorneys before the cross-examination was begun by Lud Williams of Waco. The witness related a dance at Marfa on the night of July 4, 1916, which she stated was attended by herself, Col. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Spannell. The party motored to Marfa in the evening, Col. Butler riding on the front seat with Spannell who drove. The two women occupied the rear seat.

## Danced with Mrs. Spannell at Marfa

Col. and Mrs. Butler danced the first set together, it was stated,

Mrs. Spannell also dancing the opening number. Spannell did not dance during the ball, but his wife did, and one or more times with Col. Butler. The party returned to Alpine that night between 12 and 1 o'clock, the defendant again driving, with Col. Butler beside him.

## Never Saw Husband and Mrs. Spannell Alone

Mrs. Butler testified that she had never seen Col. Butler and Mrs. Spannell alone and that her husband's conduct toward the dead woman had at all times been gentlemanly. That of Mrs. Spannell toward the officer had been ladylike, it was stated. On cross-examination the witness stated that she had never heard of alleged warnings Spannell had given Butler due to alleged unfavorable comment in Alpine about the relation existing between Col. Butler and Mrs. Spannell.

## Mrs. W. H. Harrison Heard Fatal Shots

Mrs. W. H. Harrison of Alpine was the second witness called to the stand. She stated that she had lived in Alpine continuously for 21 years, her home being located across the street from the residence of F. E. Gillett. She recalled that she was sitting on her front porch on the afternoon of July 20, when she heard several shots toward the south. She then heard a woman scream and cry out:

"Harry, Harry, don't."

The tone was agonizing and the voice was not recognized, stated Mrs. Harrison. The firing continuing, Mrs. Harrison entered her home. Then it ceased for a moment only to begin again, this time the noise indicating that the shooting was nearer. The witness testified that two shots were fired after the interval.

## Lee Hancock Saw Gun Flashes

Lee Hancock, 24, stated he lived on a ranch near Alpine. He said he had known Mrs. Spannell all her life, and the defendant since he had moved to Alpine. He recalled the killing of Col. Butler

and Mrs. Spannell, stating that he was in front of the F. E. Gillett home at the time, having stopped in his automobile. The shooting occurred to the south about a block away. Turning, he saw a car coming north, its headlights burning. It was moving at a speed of ten or twelve miles an hour, but gradually slowed down.

## Heard Voices, Too

He heard voices, stated the witness but could not distinguish what was said. Hancock testified that the oncoming auto stopped at the street intersection, heading into a wire fence in front of the Pittman home. When he heard firing Hancock said he saw gun flashes from the vicinity of the automobile. The shooting continued even after the machine had come to a stand still, he testified.

## Did Not Recognize Persons in Car

Persons in the car were not recognizable in the darkness, but a

man appeared at the side of the machine. He approached Hancock, who said he cut off his engine and alighted stepping out to meet the man. The latter staggered and reeled as he came, stated the witness. He was first to speak and said:

"Lee, Go to Them."

"Lee, go to them. I am either going to jail or am going to give myself up."

Hancock said he asked the man if he was "drunk" or had shot someone."

## Crystal and That Major Made Me Do It

"Crystal and that major made me do it," was sworn to have been the reply. The man, according to Hancock, disappeared, going west.

## Hancock Ran to Phone

The witness testified that he immediately ran back to the F. E.

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For the next thirty days we are going to reduce our stock of Men, Women and Children's high top shoes. Spring time will soon be here and we want to rid our stock of every pair of high top shoes and to do this we are going to make prices lower than has ever been made before

Don't Wait But Come Now

## Women's Shoes

Black with White Tops, Tan with White Tops, Tan, Greys, White and Blacks

4.00, 4.50 & \$5.00 values	\$3.59
\$3.50 values	2.95
3.00 values	2.63
2.50 values	2.15
2.25 values	1.83

## Misses' Shoes

\$3.00 values	\$2.63
2.50 values	2.15
2.25 values	1.83
2.00 values	1.63
1.75 values	1.49
1.50 values	1.29
1.35 values	1.15

## Boys' Shoes

\$2.75 values	\$2.35
2.50 and 2.25 values	1.95
2.00 values	1.63
1.75 values	1.49
1.50 values	1.19

## Men's Shoes

Tans and Blacks—For Wear They Can't Be Beat

\$5.00 dress shoes at	4.15
4.75 dress shoes at	3.85
4.50 dress shoes at	3.59
4.25 dress shoes at	3.45
4.00 dress shoes at	3.25
3.50 dress shoes at	3.10
3.00 dress shoes at	2.35

## Men's Work Shoes

\$3.50 men's work shoes at	\$3.10
2.75 men's work shoes	2.39
2.50 men's work shoes at	2.19
2.35 men's work shoes at	2.10
2.00 men's work shoes	1.53

The above is going to take place in spite of the fact that all leather goods are advancing in price. But we need the room for spring lines, so

Now is Your Opportunity to Save Money On Shoes

**McDavid's**  
"The House that Saves You Money"

## TWO BROTHERS MEET AGAIN

T. J. Graves is home from a visit to his brother, L. A. Graves, in Palestine.

It had been fourteen years since the brothers had met, and the remarkable thing is that each decided to visit the other without notifying the other. As a result of this coincidence the same day Mr. Graves left here for his brother's home in East Texas, his brother left here for a visit to the brother here. The one coming here immediately rushed back and a reunion was held at his home in East Texas.

## JUDGE BLANTON NEW RULE

Congressman elect Thos. L. Blanton of Abilene has issued the following statement in regard to Postmaster appointments:

Abilene, Tex., Jan., 18th 1917.

Both in my platform and in my campaign speeches I promised that if elected, until the spoils system was abolished and as long as it prevailed, I would not consider such patronage my own personal spoils, but would consider it the spoils of the successful democrats generally who elected me, and should the privilege of naming postmasters be still given to me, I would let such postmasters be named by the democrats in each community who were responsible for my election.

I intend to carry out this policy and to redeem every campaign pledge made to the people. If after assuming office on March 4th congressmen are still given the privilege of naming postmasters, I intend to be guided and controlled by instructions given me by the successful democrats who elected me, ascertained through a primary.

In other words, I will give the spoils to the victors, the men who elected me, and made it possible for me to be congressman.

I will illustrate the method of holding such primary, say, Brown, Hill, Smith and Jones are applicants. I will let each one select a friend, the four selected to hold the election. Anyone may be an applicant. But the ballot will have on it the following pledge:

"In voting in this special primary, I hereby pledge on my honor, (1) that I am a democrat and am a supporter of President Wilson, (2) that I am a bona fide citizen of the United States and of the state of Texas, and am a qualified voter in the election precinct wherein this primary is being held, (3) that I voted for Thomas L. Blanton in the last democratic primary, (4) that I get my mail at the post office which is to be served by the postmaster to be nominated in this special primary."

It will require a majority vote, and should no applicant receive a majority of all votes cast, all applicants except the two highest will be dropped, and a second primary will be held, in order that the one successful may receive a majority vote. The applicant receiving the majority vote will be recommended by me for appointment.

Very sincerely,  
Thomas L. Blanton

### SMALL VOTE CAST

#### IN SWEETWATER

According to the returns of the late primary in which Judge Blanton was nominated for congress he received 101 votes out of a total of 665 cast in Sweetwater.

FOR SALE.—A nice two seated carriage in good condition at a bargain if sold at once. Phone No. 351. 29-w-4-tf

## News Items From Ada

On account of the snow and the number of cases of La Grippe present in the community, the Ada school was suspended the first three days of the week.

J. F. Jones of Sweetwater has been spending the cold weather days on his ranch near Lake Trammell feeding his stock.

Mighty Nimrods have been sporting with the feathery tribe during the cold weather.

Farmers have taken a back seat turning their farm and plows over to the snow. Most of them, however, had their land broken, and were anxious to make the transfer.

### M'LEOD—LYKES

Miss Linnie Belle Lykes and Mr. Olen W. McLeod stole a march on their Ada friends Wednesday evening by driving to the home of Rev. J. H. McLeod, the groom's father, and taking the ceremony which make them husband and wife.

Miss Lykes is teaching her second term of school at Ada and is displaying good judgment by not letting her marrying interfere with her school work. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lykes of Roscoe, who have resided there for a period of ten years. During her stay at Ada she has had the pleasure of making many friends who wish her and her co-partner many happy days together.

The groom needs no introduction, since he has been a resident of Nolan county for more than nine years. His acquaintance here is broad and his friends are numbered by his acquaintance.

They will make their home on their farm nine miles south of Sweetwater.

### DO YOU NEED MONEY?

We are making farm loans for five, seven or ten years, giving an option to pay 1-5th, or 1-10th of the principal annually, which, if used, will reduce the debt gradually. Interest 7 1/2 per cent on amounts for \$1,000 and up wards. 8 per cent on loans for less than \$1,000. Why pay a higher rate? If you want this cheap money come and see us.—Beall & Cowen, Sweetwater, Texas. Phone 339. 24-w-tf

FOR SALE.—Second hand single buggy and harness for sale or trade; will take \$30.00 cash; or will trade at that figure at market price for wood and poultry or both. Local phone 183 or P. O. box 147. 29-tf-w

## NOTICE

To the Farmers and Stock raisers of Nolan County:

I am now located at Sweetwater to practice Veterinary Medicine. Will do you good honest work at reasonable prices. Will answer calls day or night.

I can also give you Inter State Certificates for Inter State Shipments. Phones Res. 474 Office phone Roy Campbell Transfer Co 660.

Respectfully,  
W. T. Ballard, V. S.

To Whom it May Concern:

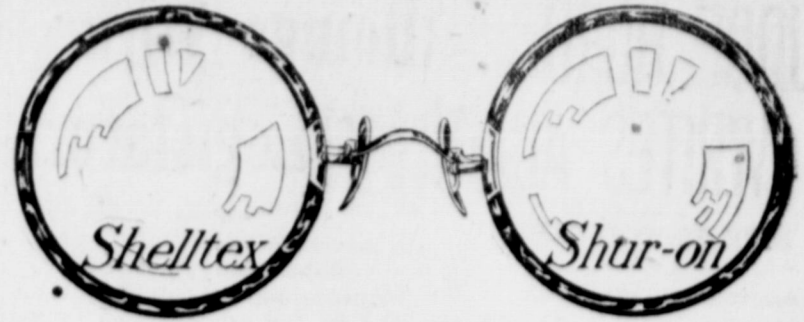
This is to certify that we have known Dr. W. T. Ballard for several years, and know him to be an efficient and painstaking Veterinarian. He has been Deputy State Veterinarian for some time and has given us good service, never causing us any trouble or inconvenience. We highly recommend him to any one needing the services of an efficient Veterinarian.

Yours truly,

D. H. Cunningham, Chairman, Live Stock Sanitary Board.  
Dr. E. F. Stewart, Assistant State Veterinarian.

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And you will get just the kind that they need to give them good comfortable vision.

When I examine your eyes and fit you with glasses you are assured of satisfaction every time. I make a careful examination of each eye separately both for far vision and for near vision I use the trial lenses The Optalmoscope, The Retinascop, and the Phorometers for the muscle tests therefore I leave nothing undone in testing your eyes as they should be tested. It takes an expert to adjust lenses to your eyes if they are defective to relieve them of the unnecessary strain and bad sight. I claim to have those qualifications and am ready to demonstrate to you that you need not go away from home to have your glasses fitted properly to your eyes no matter how bad the defect is if lenses can do you any good I can fit them.

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Coughs



## LOOK OUT FOR WORMS

A cough is often only a symptom of worms or indigestion. But worms do vastly more damage. These ravenous, blood sucking pests devour the feed you give to nourish your animals—keep stock thin, scrawny, rough and out of condition, in spite of good feed and care. Worms suck the blood and so weaken animals that they are unable to produce profitably. In fact, worms and indigestion cause ninety percent of the deaths among farm animals. To get rid of worms, feed



This wonderful medicine destroys these blood-thirsty, destructive parasites. It drives them out of the stomach and intestines, so that your animals digest what you feed, and make better gains. SALVET is a tonic; it adds snap, energy and vitality. Horses do better and feel better. Cows are enabled to produce the greatest milk yield possible from what you feed.



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# JUDGE HORD WRITES AGAIN

## HIGH SCHOOL EXHIBIT

An interesting display of the work turned out by the manual training department of Sweetwater High School can be seen at Bowen's Drug Store.

The work is highly creditable considering the age of the students. This department of the High School is one of the most up-to-date and complete of any school in West Texas.

## ORIENT PAYS FINE

Austin, Texas, Jan. 23.—Attorney General Looney has received from the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway company \$3,220, in settlement of judgement given the state for \$2,500, and interest as penalty against that road for failure to build its line through Sherwood, Irion county, when its line ran within three miles of Sherwood, which is the county seat of Irion county. Under the constitution of Texas, a railway must run through a county seat when built within three miles of such.

This suit against the Orient was instituted by the Attorney General's Department on behalf of the State and went to the supreme court of the United States. This is the first time this question has ever been tested through the highest courts of the country. Despite the fact that the judgement of the trial court against the railroad was affirmed by all of the higher of the courts, and that the case was advanced and had the right of the way, four years were consumed in getting a final decision.

## BAPTIST AID AND MISSION ENTERTAIN

Monday afternoon Mrs. Silas George was hostess for one of the most pleasant gatherings of the ladies in the city for their regular monthly Mission program. A warm welcome was extended each guest at the threshold by the hostess who is one of the most famous hostesses of the city and a large number of the Aid members were present to enjoy her hospitality.

The following program was the order of the day:

- Planning for 1917.
- Hymn.
- Prayer.
- Bible study, Missionary Motives.—Mrs. R. C. Crane.
- Duet, selected—Mesdames Pool and Chitwood.
- The Ten Virgins.—Mrs. J. D. Grisham.
- Some Needs.—Mrs. H. R. Bondies.
- Church Building and Loan Fund.—Mrs. T. W. Farris.
- Personal Service.—Mrs. J. H. Jenkins.
- Thinking Cap?
- Free will offering for Missions.
- Prayer.
- Mrs. W. W. Gibson gave a good report from Calendar months, for December and January.
- Quarterly reports from Chairman.
- Solo, selected.—Mrs. Leon Maner.

At the conclusion of the program Mrs. George and her daughter served a most delightful course of hot chocolate, whipped cream and cake.

The ladies lingered over their cups as though loth to leave so pleasant an atmosphere of social good cheer.

## Leak Inquiry

Washington, Jan. 20.—House Rules Committee today retained Sherman L. Whipple of Boston, as "leak" inquiry course and announced that the resumption of the hearings would begin in New York Customs House Tuesday.

All kinds of laundry soaps until Feb. 1st. 7 bars for 25 cents.—Prim's Nickel Store.

## Chas. W. Lewis

Attorney-at-Law

Sweetwater, Texas.

Office in Leulla Building.

# Doings With Legislators

## By Associated Press:

**Submission Tomorrow**  
Austin, Jan. 24.—With submission set for consideration in the House at ten o'clock tomorrow morning, submission leaders today were using the telegraph to muster their forces. There is some talk of an attempt at postponement but some say anti-submissionist will fight this.

**Governor Appoints**  
Austin, Jan. 24.—Governor Ferguson today appointed Mrs. G. R. Scott, of Corpus Christi to State Library Commission Board.

**No Lobbying**  
Austin, Jan. 24.—Senate adopted resolution to enforce rule against lobbying in senate floor.

**New A. & M.**  
Austin, Jan. 23.—West Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college loomed as a certainty when opposition vanished as melting snow in the committee on education. Members of the committee went into the committee room and this afternoon determined to fight the West Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college bill.

They heard Bruce W. Bryant of Haskell tell the magic story of the golden west, its needs and its demands. They heard Representative Fritz R. Smith of Scurry relate West Texas' devotion to the Lone Star and state and how its people's hearts were set on a West Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college.

When the committee voted on the bill it voted unanimously to report the bill back to the house favorably with the recommendation that it do pass.

Representative Ballock of Harrison is a product of University of Texas. He is a member of the committee on education. He intended to fight the West Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college. His opposition to the institution was transformed into enthusiastic support. He declares West Texas needs it and shall have it.

## BOB TAYLOR'S DREAM OF HEAVEN

What Heaven is I know not, but I long have dreamed of its purple hills and its fields of light blossoming with immortal beauty; of its brooks of laughter and its rivers of song and its palaces of eternal love. I long have dreamed that every bird which sings its life out here on earth may sing forever there in the tree of life, and every consecrated soul which suffers the pains of this world may rest among the flowers of Heaven and live and love forever. I long have dreamed of opal towers and burnished domes, but what care I for gates of pearl, or streets of gold, if I can but meet the loved ones who have loved and blessed me here on earth; see the glorified faces of father and mother and the little baby brother who died among the bursting buds of hope, and taking in my arms again my own darling baby who fell asleep ere her little tongue had learned to list "Our Father who are in Heaven?" What care I for crown of stars and harp of gold, if I can love and laugh and sing with my loved ones forever, in the smile of my Savior and my God?

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Mrs. Tom Williams of El Paso sister of Mrs. I. N. Howell, was guest of Mrs. George Howell Wednesday as she was on her way to accept a position as teacher in Howard Payne college at Brownwood.

# CYCLONE MAKES ANOTHER SPEECH

Washington, Jan. 13.—Representative J. H. Davis of Texas was one of the defenders of the Public Buildings Bill, reached by the House of Representatives for detailed consideration late today during the general debate upon the measure. The bill was severely attacked as a "pork barrel"—one which the President would veto if it reached him.

Mr. Davis said that he had a fair knowledge of all of the Texas towns in the bill, and if the same situation applied to the proposed appropriations for other States there was no "pork."

"Some contend that we do not need the postoffice and Government buildings now," said the Texas Representative. "That might be true if strictly applied, but there are many things we might get along without, and I mention the fact that we could get along without magnificent school buildings, or we could use the three-legged stool like I used when in the district schoolhouse. But we have outgrown all those things. I did not think that we needed the great battleships, but we had to have them if we keep up with the times."

Texas items in the bill aggregate nearly three million dollars, and those for Oklahoma \$447,000.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—426 acres of land adjoining the corporate limits of Sweetwater on the West. Roscoe pike runs through the land. The place has some improvements and plenty of water.—M. A. Musgrove. 19-2nd-1w

## CHALLENGES DUEL; MUST GO TO PEN

A young man of Houston grew very angry at another man, and sent the object of his wrath a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons. A few hours later the man was arrested. In his wrath he forgot that dueling, or sending a challenge to fight a duel is a penitentiary offense in Texas, and since his own letter is positive evidence against him, he must go to the pen for a term of two years. Had he cracked down on the man he dislikes with a pistol or shotgun, the probabilities are that he would have gone free, as Texas, isn't much when it comes to punishing killers, but because he gave his antagonist a fair show for his life, he must go to the pen. Furthermore this young democrat has lost all chances he may have had for holding office. The Texan who takes the oath of office from school trustee to governor, must swear that he never fought a duel or sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel.—Honey Grove Signal.

# BAXTER AND CHILDRESS QUIT

Baxter and Childress, well known hardware and furniture merchants of this city, are going to quiet business, and are now preparing for a great quit business sale, which opens Saturday January 27th.

Judging from their page ad in this issue and the extraordinary low prices quoted, their \$12,500 stock will not last long. Mr. Deuster, hardware and furniture expert who is in charge of sale, claims that he will dispose of this stock in 15 days. Every thing will be marked in plain figures and every article in the store will be sold at prices that will be difficult to duplicate.

All kinds of laundry soaps until Feb. 1st. 7 bars for 25 cents.—Prim's Nickel Store.

# ANARCHIST THREATEN WILSON

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—That President Wilson's life was threatened by an anarchistic organization known as the "Blasters," of which Thomas J. Mooney, on trial here for murder, was a leader, will be shown by evidence to be presented in Mooney's trial, Assistant District Attorney Edward A. Cunha declared today in superior court in his opening address to the jury. "I will prove," said Cunha, "that these men plotted revolution against the government. I will prove that they said in an edition of the Blast that the weathercock in the White House had better watch out. Suppression of the voice of discontent leads to assassination."

## FINE ADVERTISING

W. Y. Rockwell, one of the city's live, wide-awake real estate men, has had printed, in circular form, a unique advertisement of Sweetwater and Nolan county. It has a bird's eye view of the city and also contains the pictures of many of the farm homes in the county.

The advertisement is well gotten up and was printed by the Reporter Publishing Company.

While its primary use is to assist Mr. Rockwell in his business, it will never-the-less prove a splendid advertisement for Sweetwater and Nolan county.

## MEAT FAMINE

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 23.—The American people face a meat famine if the present inroads on the Nation's supply of cattle and hogs continues, according to a review of the live stock markets of the country issued by Clay, Robinson & Co., in which a strong note of alarm was sounded. Constantly increasing prices were predicted.

"The is no doubt that we are killing our beef faster than we are producing it," the report reads, higher prices. Receipts are not running as high as a year ago, meaning that the available supplies are decreasing. The tendency is to send stock of indifferent flesh to market on account of the high prices, and therefore the average beef animal does not carry as much actual flesh as the average animal a year ago.

"Packers are taking anything that has any 'kill' to it. All demands upon our supplies from abroad continue heavily. With no diminution in home consumption serious inroads have been made up on our beef supplies and our potential beef-makers are daily being cut down in the steady sacrifice of cattle regardless of their condition."

## JUDGE SETS CASE

Judge W. W. Beall is home from Eastland where he went Monday to try a number of cases in the District court in which Judge Burkett is disqualified.

Judge Beall set all cases which he is to try there for February the

## From Mexico

El Paso, Jan. 20.—It is reliably reported today that a message went through here to General Pershing in Mexico asking when he would be ready to start withdrawal of troops from Mexico.

## Four Prisoners Escape

Albion, Ind., Jan. 19.—Four prisoners crawled through a cold air shaft, dug their way through a two-foot wall and escaped from Noble county jail last night in Sheriff Al Favyer's motor car.

# THE FUTCH 5 AND 10 CENT STORE

Successors to

H. D. White 5 and 10 Cent Store

We have a complete New Stock of Goods Ordered and a Big Surprise is awaiting you on our Opening Day. Watch for it

# POPULAR PEOPLE MARRIED

In West Sweetwater occurred the marriage of Miss Musetta Dies, the eldest daughter of Elder and Mrs. A. D. Dies, to Mr. W. W. Fulghum of Waco, Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the presence of about fifty close friends of the family. Rev. J. R. Jones came from far away Roswell, New Mexico in fulfillment of a promise made in little girlhood to perform the ceremony for Miss Dies, when she was married no matter where she lived.

The bridal party entered the library from the living room and halted just beneath the archway separating the two rooms where they were met by the officiating minister who read the solemn words which made them man and wife.

They were attended to the altar, by Miss Ruth King and Mr. Frank Fulghum.

Miss Dies has won a large circle of close friends by her amiability and true womanly traits.

Mr. Fulghum is a young business man of sterling qualities who has transferred his business interests from Snyder to Waco, where they will make their home.

After the ceremony congratulations and good wishes were extended the happy couple and the beautiful wedding presents were admired.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulghum left on the Sunshine special for Waco to make their home and the good wishes of many friends follow them.

## Refuses to Work

San Quentin, Cal., Jan. 20.—James B. McNamara, dynamiter of the Los Angeles Times building in nineteen ten, has spent seventeen days in dungeon of the state prison because of his refusal to work in a Jute Mill. He declares he will continue to hold out.

## Bandits

Kanaopolis, Kan., Jan. 20.—Robbers today stole three thousand dollars from the Exchange State Bank. Mrs. James Cowie, mother of the assistant cashier, helped chase them and was wounded in hand.

## SUNDAY LID ON

Court Stenographer Walter Carter is home from a business visit to Abilene and reports the Sunday lid on there in good shape.

He says a person cannot buy a clear there on Sunday for any price.

# COUNTY COURT IN SESSION

Judge Cochran opened county court this morning with a fair sized crowd in attendance.

The case of Kiker vs. Russell was called and trial entered into.

The plaintiff is represented by Grisham and Grisham and the defendant by Judge Ford.

The suit is for compensation of labor, in which several cross claims are brought in.

It is thought that the trial will be completed late this afternoon.

## GIRL MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARS FROM HOME

Iva Maxwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Maxwell, who live three miles north of Abilene, disappeared last Saturday about 7:30 and has not been seen by any one knowing her since. She was visiting at the home of Rev. Scott in North Park and left at that hour supposedly for home. After leaving the Scott home she disappeared as completely as if the earth had opened up and swallowed her.

The girl is only sixteen years of age, and appears younger, being only five feet and two inches high and weighing only about 105 lbs. She has light hair and blue eyes, and was wearing a blue coat suit when she disappeared.

Her parents can assign no reason for her leaving voluntarily, as she was of a very quiet disposition and had expressed no desire to leave home. They fear she has been foully dealt with, and are suffering intense agony pending news of her whereabouts.

Notices have been sent to surrounding counties, and Sheriff Dodson is making every effort to find some trace of the young lady.—Abilene Reporter.

## 6 1-2 per cent Money on Land

By dealing direct with borrowers, I am in position to make the exceedingly low rate of 6 1-2 per cent on farm mortgages, the borrower to pay my brokerage and the other expenses incidental to loans. My inspector lives here in Abilene and I am prepared to give quick service. I have been in the mortgage business fifteen years in Abilene, and if you do not know me, you can easily find me out.

I also handle cattle loans at a reasonable rate of interest and would be glad to figure with you if you want to borrow on your cat

E. B. Bynum,  
Abilene, Texas

Walter Davis is reported better today.



# The People's Store Incorporation Sale

## Biggest Money Saving Event Now in Full Progress. New Spring Merchandise sold at Less than Manufacturers Ask for same Goods. Come and See

Excellent quality Gingham worth 12 1-2c on sale ..... 9 1-2c  
36 inch Fine Percale 12 1-2c value on sale at only ..... 10c  
Yard wide soft finished Bleaching on sale at ..... 8 1-2c  
Beautiful line silk Waists Greatly Reduced  
Ladies Lisle Hose Med Winter weight 25c kind on sale ..... 19c

Ladies Skirts at Big Reduction.  
Good Quality 28 inch Percale dark and light colors. Mill price 9c Our sale price ..... 7 1-2c  
New Muslin Underwear at Big Reductions  
Best \$1.25 pure silk Hose on sale at only ..... 95c  
All Shoes are going at Greatly Reduced Prices.

Ladies Tailored Suits and coats at HALF PRICE  
Splendid Quality Curtain Scrim a bargain at 10c on sale 7 1-2c  
New Sateen Petticoats Best \$1.25 value on sale at only ..... 95c  
Splendid quality Huck Towels 15c Kind on sale at ..... 11c  
Ladies silk and serge Dresses at nearly Half Price

Hundreds of bargains in the store for your inspection. Come, see and be convinced.

# The People's Store

SWEETWATER H. Winkler, Mgr. Texas

## FOUR DAYS FOR TAXES

There are just four more days in which to pay your poll taxes in time to be a qualified voter in the elections for the year 1917. When the clock strikes twelve on next Wednesday night the books will be closed. If a person should postpone this very important matter until the last day, by chance should get sick and be unable to get to the office, he will have no excuse—such a person would be a "dummy" on the day of elections. It is dangerous to put off so important a matter and the best thing to do is to go to the collector's office and get your poll tax receipt at once. In order to assist in every way possible the people to pay their taxes, both the county and city officers are staying open over time to accommodate them. In fact, Secretary Bartlett is in his office each night and says he will be there next Sunday ready if anyone wishes to pay and can find no other time. County collector Howell issued 66 poll tax receipts Wednesday,

bringing that number up to 1059 in his office. There were more than 1700 issued last year by the County Collector. This means that nearly two hundred will have to pay each of the remaining days in order for the number to reach that of last year. At the close of business Wednesday night exactly 214 city poll taxes had been paid and E. L. Tucker was the last man in his office to pay. 575 city poll taxes were paid last year which is more than twice the number so far this year.

### MANY RENEWALS SENT IN

An average of about fifteen people per week have called at the Reporter office during the new year and renewed for the Weekly. Many new subscribers have also been added each week. Our policy of discontinuing the paper when the time of subscription expires seems to please the readers of the Reporter. Several names will be dropped with this issue of the paper unless a remittance is sent in. Are you coming, Saturday, Jan. 27th, to Baxter & Childress Quit Business Sale? Hundreds of real bargains and thousands of people are coming. Follow the crowd to Baxter & Childress.

### COTTON

The cotton market has remained almost unchanged for the past several days with milling basis worth about 16 1-2 cents on the streets here.

### MRS. BURTON DEAD

Mrs. Willard Burton, wife of the president of the Burton-Lingo Company of this place, died in Rochester, Minn., Monday night and the remains will be buried in Fort Worth tomorrow.

### EVERYTHING

—In feed and groceries. Best molasses feed on the market; Alfalfa, Timothy and Clover, Chops, Bran, Mo-eggs, Cold Pressed Cake, etc. Sweetwater Seed and Grain Co's. grocery department, Perry Bishop in charge, in Crane-Bradford building north Second street. Phone 51 12-14.

C. F. Rogge of Blackwell has bought the garage at Maryneal of O. A. Ussery and will take charge at once. He gave the Reporter office a nice order for stationery while in the city today.

Did you hear about it? Baxter and Childress are going out of business. The most mighty sale, in the history of this county, opens Saturday, Jan. 27.

Read our page ad in this issue. Note the few of the many bargains we are offering. Compare our prices and if you truly want to save a lot of money, you must visit our store on Opening Day of our Quit Business Sale, Saturday, January 27th.—Baxter & Childress.

Pure Mebane Planting Cotton Seed. Get them quick while they last.—Sweetwater Seed and Grain Co. 25-10td-4w

DON'T—Let your cattle suffer. Cracked cake at the Sweetwater Seed & Grain Co.'s warehouse. 19-14.

FOUR Room cottage in Brown wood for sale or trade for Sweetwater property. For information call on M. T. Bowden at New Second Hand Store. 24-5td-1w

Mrs. George Parker has returned from Abilene where she was called to the bedside of her sister Mrs. Kagans who was seriously ill.

All kinds of laundry soaps until Feb. 1st. 7 bars for 25 cents.—Prim's Nickel Store.

100 new 88 score hand played music rolls for player piano arrived today at Quast. 23-2d-1w

The little baby of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gunn is quite sick.

## MARYNEAL HAPPENINGS

Health of the community good and the La Grippe patients all up. Rev. Todd of Abilene filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday. The telephone men are still busy working on lines, W. A. Clark and J. R. Wheeler went to Sweetwater Tuesday. Mr. Roe McRorey of Blackwell was in Maryneal Tuesday looking after his farm north of town. Mr. Oscar Shaffer was in town Tuesday and stated that the Decker Post office would be discontinued soon. Mr. Shaffer has resigned and no one else will accept the office. Prof. Gus Farrar from Ada School spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks here. Mr. Will Jamison was in from Silver Tuesday, buying groceries, feed. Prof. Mody Boatright spent last week with home folks. Mody has discontinued his school on account of bad weather but is teaching this week. Kelley Bros. carried a wagon load of hogs to Sweetwater Monday afternoon. Earnest Kelly and family are moving to the Estes house. Farmers are preparing their land for another crop. They say the ground plows good since the snow.

## SPANELL IS A GOOD PRISONER

One feature of the court session on Saturday was the fact that probably fifty men and women had brought their lunches into the court room and these remained in their seats during the noon hour to eat, fearing that they would not be able to get places if they left them. By 12:45 o'clock the room was again jammed to capacity, although the hearing was not set to be resumed until 2 o'clock. Fully one-third of those in the crowd were women. **Spannell Continues Composed** Those who have watched Harry J. Spannell sitting in the court room hour after hour, elbows on chair arms, body inclined forward his whole attitude denoting close attention to every word spoken by witnesses testifying relative to the charge against him for murdering his wife at Alpine July 20, 1916, have wondered whether this quiet, self-possessed, apparently unmoved prisoner may not be secretly laboring under a tremendous strain which becomes apparent only in the privacy of his cell. **Proceedings Stimulate Spannell** Those who have seen the prisoner daily since his confinement in the San Angelo jail believe that rather than adding to his nervousness, the trial itself has in great measure lightened the burden of suspense under which Spannell labored during the earlier days of his confinement. It is said that he eats heartily his three meals a day—two of them of prison fare, the other, dinner, supplied by his father;—that he sleeps well and is cheerful. **Spannell a Model Prisoner** "And what does Spannell generally do when he returns to his cell for the evening, after having spent the day in court?" was the question put to Mrs. Patrick Conway, jailer. "The first thing he does on being returned to his cell," she answered with a smile, "is just what he does the first thing every morning—he prays beside his cot on bended knees, silently. He then seeks his best friend—his Bible—and when not pacing his cell quietly, deep in thought, he is reading the Good Book. He makes no show of these devotions. It has been accidental, almost, that we have learned his habits, and we respect them in so far as it is possible. **Conducts Sabbath School** "On every Sunday morning it is Harry J. Spannell who conducts the Sunday school and all of the prisoners, respecting his sincerity do their best to make the service an earnest one." As a prisoner, Mrs. Conway says that Spannell is a model. **"Plenty of Good Prisoners"** "There are plenty of good prisoners," she said, "prisoners who, themselves, give the jailer no trouble, but it isn't every day that a jailer finds a prisoner who not only gives no trouble himself but makes every effort to keep the others in line. That is the sort of man we have in Spannell." **Self-Possessed in Court** In court the prisoner has at all times absolutely retained his self possession except when mention has been made of his wife, when he has appeared somewhat agitated. On Saturday, as on every previous day, his attitude was one of close attention. One who did not know him personally might have thought this quiet, studious man merely one of the lawyers for the defense.

## LATE NEWS OVER WIRE

By Associated Press: **Smoking** Chicago, Jan. 25.—To stop the practice "of shooting snipes" members of the Loyal Temperance Legion of Evanston today pledged themselves to mangle with their heels all cigar and cigarette stubs they find on street. **Harry Thaw** Philadelphia, Jan. 25.—Two weeks more pass before Harry Thaw can leave hospital it is said today. The belief prevails that he will fight extradition to New York. **Good Roads** Washington, Jan. 25.—Secretary Houston today announced that Texas is to receive \$583,855 for rural post roads, which is more than any other southern state. **Earthquake** London, Jan. 25.—Natives were killed in an earthquake on Bali Island of the Malay Archipelago, and thousand homes and factories were destroyed today.

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# STATE RESTS IN SPANELL CASE

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Gillett home, entered the building and tried to ring central. He could receive no answer, so came out and drove down town. He hurried to the Walter Garnett pharmacy, where a number of people were standing on the sidewalk and told them to get a doctor. Lee Harrington hopped into Hancock's machine and the two went to Slight's drug store. There Allen Walton, sheriff, joined the party which motored to the Brewster county jail. "The Man" was Harry J. Spanell.

At this juncture, Judge Gillis asked Hancock the identity of the man who had met him following the shooting and had stated he was going to give himself up. The witness replied that it was Harry J. Spanell.

### Defense Takes Witness

The examination by the defense was not begun until 11:50 a. m., Judge Dale directing it. Hancock reasserted that he had lived in Alpine all his life and had known Mrs. Spanell always, up until the time of her demise. He had been acquainted with the defendant six or eight years.

### Judge Dale Tests Witness on Time

Hancock in recounting his story of the shooting said he did not know how many shots were fired and the shooting was not what he would term rapid. There was a distinct cessation in the firing, he asserted, lasting "within a minute." Judge Dale asked the witness if he was a fair judge of time and the reply was in the affirmative. The attorney then took out his watch and Hancock was asked to let him know when he thought 60 seconds had expired. When the witness indicated that he thought one minute had elapsed, Judge Dale stated that only 22 seconds had gone by. The examination then proceeded.

### Lee Hancock Recalled to Stand

Lee Hancock, who was summoned to the stand for the first time on Saturday morning, was recalled for cross-examination during the afternoon when court convened at 2 o'clock.

### Witness Denies Making Statement

Counsel for the defense then pointedly asked Hancock if, while Judge Dale was in Alpine just after the shooting, he had not told the El Pasoan that no shots were fired by anyone out of the Spanell automobile; and if the man before walking across the street toward him had not leaned against

the machine and crying and moaning in a loud voice had not exclaimed, "Oh, God! Oh, God!" These things the witness denied. He also denied that Spanell with tears in his eyes had implored him to get a doctor quick and that he had telephoned from the Gillett home to some one down town to this effect.

### Never Heard Spanell Call to His Dead Wife

The witness, in answer to questions, said he did not tell people at the drug store that Mrs. Spanell and Col. Butler had been killed and denied that he had heard Spanell, as he stood beside his car, say "Crystal, Crystal, speak to me." Hancock asserted that he did not know for a fact that no one had gotten out of the death car, walked away and then returned and opened fire. Witness said he didn't remember whether or not shots had been fired after he first saw a man moving about the automobile which stood across the street.

### Former Editor Yates Takes Stand

W. J. Yates for the past three of four years publisher of the Alpine Avalanche and constable of precinct No. 1 in Alpine on July 20, 1916, testified that he knew both Spanell and his wife and had met Col. Butler and Mrs. Butler. He stated that on a number of occasions he had seen the two couples together at the hotel, the picture show and out driving in the Spanell car.

### Spanell Used Oath Speaking of Butler

Asked about the incidents, the witness testified that on one day prior to July 4, Spanell had asked him if he was going to a dance at Marfa on the Fourth and that he (Yates) had replied that he and his wife were thinking of doing so. The defendant then remarked, it was stated, that "he had to go." A few days later, witness said that the ball was again spoken of and the accused remarked "that he had to go up there with that" referring to Col. Butler with an oath. Yates said that instead of going to Marfa to the ball, he and his wife went to Marathon on the National holiday.

Yates testified that he was sitting on the sidewalk in front of Drug store. When he reached the car Mrs. Spanell was lying face downward on the rear seat with her left hand under her chin. Her head was pointed east and one foot was pointed east and one foot seemed to be pinned beneath the body of Col. Butler. John Highsmith began investigating and announced that both Col. Butler and Mrs. Spanell were dead.

### Colt's Revolver on Front Seat

The army officer lay huddled in

the bottom of the car, his head having sunk to his knees. He was dressed in a khaki uniform and wore a blouse which was tight-fitting at the throat. A soldier's cap was found on the front seat as was a .45 calibre single action Colts containing five empty shells and one loaded cartridge. An odor of burned powder indicated that the gun had only recently been fired, the witness testified.

### Man Heard Crying in Jail

After remaining on the scene of the killing about ten or fifteen minutes, Yates stated he went to the Holland Hotel with Milam Harrison. There the party was joined by James Wilson and all proceeded to the jail. Wilson went up the back stairs, while Yates and Harrison stood near the landing on the ground floor. A person thought to be Spanell, could be heard crying somewhere inside.

### Spanell Said Did Not Know Why He Did It

"Is that you, Harry?" the witness testified Wilson called out, to which came this answer: "Yes, is that you, Mr. Wilson" or "Mr. Jim?" Then Spanell asked if "they were both dead" and upon being told that such was the case, twice exclaimed "Oh, my God." Wilson then asked the defendant "why he had done it," to which Spanell replied that he did not know.

From Saturday's Daily.

### Spanell Had Suspicions

Suspicions which Harry J. Spanell is said to have entertained concerning the relations between his wife and Col. M. C. Butler and the threats alleged to have been made by him were related on the stand Thursday afternoon by Mrs. J. W. Downum of Alpine, wife of the proprietor of the Holland Hotel and the second witness summoned by the state.

### Mrs. Downum Knew Sisin

Mrs. Downum testified that she had lived in Alpine 2 years and 7 months her husband engaging in the hotel business. She remembered the killing of Col. Butler and Mrs. Spanell, had known them both, and was acquainted with the defendant in the case. She and her husband had charge of the dining room and Spanell controlled the hotel at the time of the shooting.

### Spanell Family Resided at Holland Home.

The Spanells resided at the home of Col. John R. Holland, about four blocks away, it was said, and had a table reserved near a window in the corner of the dining room nearest Spanell's studio. Mrs. Downum testified that she never saw the two families at the same table during meal

time. They appeared to be well acquainted, however, and oftentimes attended the picture show together.

### Recalls An Incident

Questioned, closely regarding the matter, Mrs. Downum stated that she remembered Spanell entering the dining room one day at noon just as his wife was finishing her meal. Mrs. Spanell arose and started upstairs, saying as she departed:

"Harry I am going upstairs to see Maria (a Mexican woman) about the baby's clothes."

When his wife had gone, Spanell followed her half way up the steps but returned and passing Mrs. Downum is alleged to have remarked:

"He's gone up there."

### Inferred He Meant Col. Butler

From what Spanell had said previously Mrs. Downum inferred that he meant Col. Butler. She then related that about ten days before Spanell, in talking to her one day in the dining room, asked:

"Getting a Little Too Familiar"

"Mrs. Downum, have you ever noticed anything wrong, between Maj. Butler and my wife?"

The witness testified that she replied to Spanell that she had not, whereupon the defendant had said "They seem to be getting a little too familiar."

### Had Asked Mrs. Downum to Keep Eyes Open.

Upon another occasion, somewhat later than that just mentioned Spanell requested her to "keep her eyes open."

### Families Continued to be Friendly

"I told him I did not want to have anything to do with it," said the witness. Mrs. Downum stated that following these incidents, the two families appeared as friendly as ever, Col. and Mrs. Butler frequently going out with the Spanells in the latter's car.

### "Would Never Stop Shooting"

Judge Gillis asked whether or not at any time Spanell in conversation with the witness with reference to his wife and Col. Butler had made a statement as to what he would do if there was "anything" between the couple. Counsel for the defense objected on the ground that the question was leading and suggestive, but it was answered as follows:

"He did," said Mrs. Downum.

"He said if he ever saw Maj. Butler do anything he would never stop shooting."

This occurred about two weeks prior to July 20, on the same day Spanell had spoken to the witness when his wife had gone upstairs to "see Maria, about the baby's clothes."

### Spanell Had Accused Officer

Mrs. Downum asserted that Spanell told her he had accused the officer with having met his wife upstairs but that the accusation had been denied.

### Witness Never Knew of Rumors

"Was it not a fact that there was in Alpine unfavorable comment by the public in regard to the undue attentions paid Mrs. Spanell by Col. Butler?" asked Judge Dale, to which the witness replied: "I don't know. It had never come to me."

Mrs. Downum replying to a question by Judge Gillis, stated that no such report had never reached her ears other than thru Spanell himself.

### Spanell Consulted Downum

In answer to a question as to whether or not Spanell had ever spoken to him about the supposed relations existing between Col. Butler and Mrs. Spanell before Mrs. Butler came to Alpine, Downum stated:

"Asked me if I had ever Seen Any thing."

"He asked me if I had ever seen anything between his wife and Maj. Butler and I said that I hadn't. He (Spanell) said he thought he had reasons to be jealous or something to that effect."

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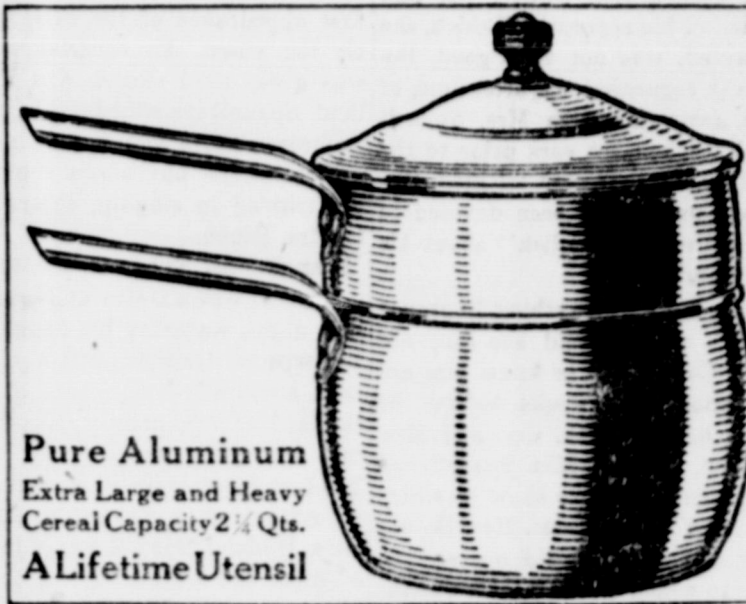
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Haskell, Jan. 22.—W. O. Sanders, living ten miles north of Haskell in the Gilliam Community holds a certificate from Gov. O. B. Colquitt as being the father of more children than any other man known to be living within the bounds of the state of Texas. Mr. Sanders is the father of twenty-eight children, fourteen are living. He has been married three times and is living with his third wife. He is a farmer and is sixty years of age and enjoys the best of health. He is a native born Texan and has been living in Haskell county about 10 years.

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Very truly,  
A. B. Yantis.

### CORRECTION

Two weeks ago the Blackwell Times carried a news item from Decker of the marriage of Mr. Tom Cochran and Miss Ella Jackson. The article was signed a guest. The Reporter copied the article and gave the Blackwell Times credit for it.

It seems now that it is an error as to the marriage and the Reporter takes this means of making the correction as to the statement published in regard to the same.

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## GOOD WOMAN PASSES AWAY

(From Friday's Daily.)

Thursday night at the home of her sons, J. S. and T. S. Whittenburg, three and one-half miles north of Sweetwater, Mrs. J. B. Whittenburg died after an illness of many months.

In the passing of this good woman, Nolan county loses one of her best known and most highly cherished pioneer women. She and her husband, Rev. J. B. Whittenburg who died many years ago, came to Sweetwater more than half a century ago, where they have reared a splendid family of children and where they have been connected with every general movement for the betterment of the town and county.

Besides her sons, Tom and John who live here, she is survived by several other children who reside in different parts of the state as follows:

Willie Whittenburg of Brownwood, Mrs. Doctor Bennett of Fal Furias, Mrs. Elwin Love of Corpus Christi, Mrs. C. C. Campbell of Coleman and Mrs. Willie Dobkins of Fort Worth.

Funeral services were held at the family residence this afternoon at 1 o'clock by Elder J. A. J. Bradford of the Christian Church, of which the deceased was a member. Interment followed in the city cemetery where a number of friends of the family gathered to pay respect to the memory of the deceased.

## CATTLE STARVE NEAR MIDLAND

(From Friday's Daily.)

L. H. Shelton is home from an auto trip to Midland where he was snow bound for several days this week.

Mr. Shelton says there was a coal famine in Midland when he left and the hotels were unable to get fuel to keep the rooms warm. He also reports many cattle dead in that country from starvation as stockmen were unable to get feed to the cattle in time to save them.

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**SPANELL TESTIFIES IN HIS OWN BEHALF**

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tation. He had never known of the defendant drinking, and mentioned Spanell's devotion to both his wife and child.

**"Had Heard Whisperings"**

Weaver said he had waited on Butler in the grocery store, knew his reputation to be bad and had heard whisperings about the officer's attentions to Mrs. Spanell. On cross examination the witness stated that he had not noticed that Mrs. Spanell had acted "offish", queer or contemptuous in her treatment of her husband just prior to the shooting. Weaver said his home was next door to the Holland residence and that on Sundays he had frequently seen Spanell come to see his wife, bringing her fruit, etc. Spanell had been very devoted to his wife, the witness maintained, taking her to places of amusement and out driving. Weaver had stated that Spanell appeared to be more affectionate than his wife and the state directed a line of questions tending to show why the witness had arrived at this conclusion.

**Butler Liked the Ladies**

Weaver said he had heard John Highsmith, a Mr. Granger and Bob Nee make remarks about Butler's conduct. Re-examined by the defense, he told about having seen Col. Butler and Mrs. Spanell in the Spanell car one day, motoring toward the Holland home. They were unaccompanied but were traveling alone one of the principal streets. The only exact remarks the witness said he had ever heard made about Col. Butler were that "He liked the ladies."

**Lon Anderson Knows Spanell**

Lon Anderson, meat market and grocery store proprietor at Clint, El Paso county, Tex., testified that up until six months ago he had lived in Alpine for 17 years. He had formerly worked in Alpine for Measday & Company's market, which Spanell patronized. The defendant had a good reputation, it was stated, and was never known to have touched liquor.

**Ten Witnesses Testified**

Ten witnesses were introduced Tuesday afternoon by the defense in the trial of Harry J. Spanell. The majority were character witnesses, however, and only three gave testimony which tended to shed light upon the actual shooting and the events which led up to it.

**Names of Witnesses Who Gave Evidence**

These persons were: Mrs. J. W. Rixon, who testified that prior to the killing she had heard rumors

concerning alleged undue attentions paid Mrs. Spanell by Co. Butler and that one afternoon she had seen Mrs. Spanell out riding with another woman and two army officers.

**Mrs. Dorsey Called First**

Mrs. J. W. Dorsey, for five years a resident of Alpine, was the first witness called after court convened at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Dorsey's husband is a clerk for the Alpine Mercantile Co. She stated that she knew Spanell and was acquainted with his reputation, which was good. The witness said she had not known Col. Butler, but had heard of his reputation, which, she asserted, was not very good. Remarks regarding the attentions of the army officer to Mrs. Spanell had reached her ears prior to the killing, Mrs. Dorsey testified. She said Spanell had been devoted to his wife and "foolish" about his only child.

**Never Noticed Anything Improper**

The witness said she had not seen Col. Butler to know him until about two weeks before the time of his death. Col. and Mrs. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Spanell had attended a picture show at which she had been present. Mrs. Dorsey testified that she did not remember to whom she had talked about the supposed friendliness existing between Col. Butler and Mrs. Spanell, when or where. She had never seen anything improper in the officer's conduct toward the dead woman.

**Families Sat Together at Picture Show**

At the picture show, the witness testified that Mrs. Spanell had sat near the aisle, Col. Butler next, then Spanell and Mrs. Butler. She said the officer's conduct appeared gentlemanly, but that he talked to Spanell's wife more than to any of the other members of the party.

**Butler's Attitude "Attentive"**

To Attorney Lud Williams of the defense, Mrs. Dorsey said that Butler's attitude toward Mrs. Spanell was "attentive." She was asked if this attitude seemed to be "too attentive," to which the prosecution objected. The objection was sustained.

**Grilling Cross Examined**

Mrs. J. W. Rixon of Alpine, whose husband is in the ranch business in Brewster county, was given perhaps the most grilling cross examination to which any witness with the possible exception of Lee Hancock, has been subjected to since the trial began. She testified that she had lived in Alpine for seven years, her children having taken music under Spanell. Mrs. Rixon said she had been acquainted with the defendant about 2 1/2 years; had been a guest at a sup-

per which the latter attended, and had often seen Mr. and Mrs. Spanell out driving. She stated that Spanell had a good reputation in Alpine and that he was not a drinking man.

**Had Heard of Army Officer**

Mrs. Rixon said she had not known Col. Butler but had heard of him and knew that his reputation was bad. She had also been informed that the officer was paying too much attention to Mrs. Spanell. The witness then related an incident tending to show the devotion of the accused man to his child Holland Spanell. It related to the first appearance of the little girl on the stage. An entertainment was given at a church and Holland Spanell participated in the program with a girl her elder by several years but whom she far outstripped in singing, according to Mrs. Rixon.

**Spanell "All Eyes and Mouth"**

Spanell was all eyes and mouth that night, watching his daughter the witness testified, and enthusiasm and pride was registered on the faces of both parents. Mrs. Spanell frequently nudged her husband and admonished him in his enjoyment not to disturb the audience. Holland Spanell was a lover of music and a talented, sweet and charming child. Mrs. Rixon stated that several times she had seen the father carry his little girl from the picture show, holding her high above his head, everyone seeming to appreciate and enjoy this open attention.

**Heard Her Son Speak of Butler**

She testified that she had never met the deceased army officer, did not know him by sight during his stay in Alpine, and had only become acquainted with his widow since coming to San Angelo to attend the trial. She remembered having heard her son, Howard, age 13 speak of Butler. Howard sold the Saturday Evening Post and one Thursday morning went down town before breakfast and later returned when his work was finished. Then, while meditating at the table, he remarked to his mother that "if that soldier don't leave Mrs. Spanell alone, Mr. Spanell is going to kill him." The witness said her son had seen the two men quarreling in front of the hotel and the soldier had appeared "white as death."

**Tells About Seeing Auto Party**

She related that one afternoon she and Mr. Rixon were driving on the Ft. Davis road, when they met an automobile in which were Mrs. Spanell, another woman and two soldiers in uniform. The machine was going toward Ft. Davis. Mrs. Rixon stated that she remarked upon the matter to her husband, who

stated that he thought Harry J. Spanell was that afternoon entertaining with an auto ride some of the teachers attending the normal. Remembering the rumors she had heard, the witness said she was "afraid it was Butler" in the machine with Mrs. Spanell.

**Paid Undue attention to Ladies**

Asked to state just what she had heard about Butler's reputation, Mrs. Rixon hesitated but finally stated that she had understood that he "paid undue attention to ladies." She added that she could not tell the jury all the rumors which she had been informed that Butler was ugly and "stuck on himself," and that he had ruined other homes.

**Could Not Recall Names**

Apparently resenting the manner of her questioner, Mrs. Rixon maintained that she was telling the truth, and stated that she could not remember a single person she had heard talking about the rumors other than the parties she had named.

**Denies Circulating Rumors**

Mrs. Rixon concluded her testimony by flatly denying that it was she who had circulated the rumors concerning the dead couple.

**"Spanell Devoted to His Wife."**

Mrs. George W. King of Waco was the next witness called. She testified that she had been a next-door neighbor to the Spanells in Waco, and had frequently visited in their home. Spanell was very much devoted to his wife, was thoughtful and considerate, stated the witness. He never evidenced a sign of jealousy and was not a drinking man. If he had been, Mrs. King asserted that she would likely have known it. The witness said she had known Holland Spanell to whom the father was greatly attached.

**Mr. and Mrs. Spanell Devoted Couple**

King has lived in Waco 18 years and is assistant general manager of the National Compress company. He testified that he saw Mr. and Mrs. Spanell almost daily during their residence in the McLennan county capital and stated that they were just as devoted to each other as any couple he had ever seen. Spanell's love for his child was termed as "passionate" by the witness, who stated that the entire neighborhood loved Holland Spanell. The defendant did not drink while in Waco and was never heard to swear, King asserted.

The witness testified that Spanell had a good reputation, was never morose, always jovial, and had never evidenced any jealousy whatever so far as he knew. Replying to cross-examination quer-

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ies. King stated that Mrs. Spanell was ever affectionate, attentive and courteous to her husband and affectionate as could be to her daughter.

King was asked if he had ever heard of Spanell becoming enraged and having killed a pet dog and chopped its body to pieces. Attorneys Williams objected, stating that counsel for the defense had no objection to any fact about Spanell going before the jury, but the attorneys wanted it to be a fact, and not hearsay.

The witness then told of the incident. He stated that Spanell had been wonderfully attached to his pet dog, but decided to kill it when it bit a child in the neighborhood. He stated that Spanell told him that he could not stand to see the officers kill the dog, so did it himself, crying like a child at having to do it.

Capt. C. I. Johnson lumberman and a resident of Waco for 44 years, testified that he had known Spanell for more than six years, the defendant having been organist and choir master of the Episcopal church, which he (the witness) attended. Spanell lived on the same street with him, Capt. Johnson stated. The witness said he had never seen a more devoted couple and asserted that he had looked upon Spanell as an "overgrown, good-natured school boy." because of his winning ways. The defendant was well known in Waco,

where he had a good reputation, it was testified. If he had ever taken a drink, Capt. Johnson stated he did not know about it.

The next witness was Ept Williams of Marfa, until 7 months ago a resident of Alpine. Williams said he had lived in Alpine nine years, and had known Spanell only in a friendly way. He knew of no indications that Spanell ever drank. The witness was excused without being cross-examined.

Probably one of the last men who saw Spanell before the shooting in Alpine on the night of July 20, 1916, was L. B. Starns, railway ticket agent and telegraph operator. Starns testified that he met Spanell in front of the Palace Pharmacy on the evening of the tragedy, only 30 or 40 minutes before the killing is supposed to have occurred. He scuffled with the defendant in a playful way and detected no odor of liquor, indicating that Spanell was under its influence. Spanell at the time appeared to be in a good humor.

Starns said he had studied voice culture under Spanell, who appeared to be devoted to his family. Attorneys for the prosecution asked the witness whether or not it was true that Spanell had received several barrels of beer two or three weeks prior to the killing. Starns replied that he did not know of the receipt of such a shipment.

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