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Good Season Sheep Trade.
"About all in," said W. B. Sayers, with a grim expression on his face, speaking of the wind up of wool consignments for the season.

"This season has not been as good a producing season for wool as last season, but it is one of much importance. The prices this year have been high enough to bring good returns to the sheep man. The grade of wool also has been exceedingly good. Clean and without much oil, has been the grade of wool produced in West Texas this season.

Of course there would have been much more wool and mohair clipped this season were it not for the fact that many sheepmen prefer a yearly clip to a season clip. The yearly clip is done in the spring. The chief reason for this is that the sheep men are afraid of the cold weather coming on too early and causing great loss to their sheep and goats. When the winter does not come so early it is all right to shear twice a year, but when it does there is much danger of a heavy loss.

"Cold weather hurts sheep in a peculiar way. A sheep that is fat is more liable to freeze than one that is not. The tallow, as it is called, is so thick right under the skin that it freezes and closes the pores of the skin and cuts the warmth of the earth off from the sheep and it freezes. A sheep, of course, that is barren of much wool gets colder much easier than those with a heavy fleece.

"This year has been a good one on the sheep, so I am told. Sheep are fat and doing fine.
"The total consignments of wool received by us this season has been something over 300,000 pounds; the total amount of mohair about 100,000. That, in comparison with last season, is practically one-third of what we received then. There is a great difference, you see."

Col. Bob Masie, president of the Wool Growers' Central Storage company, said with a smile that he was well pleased with the wool turn-out this season.

"I think, owing to the circumstances the wool clip this season has been exceedingly good. We have produced enough wool and mohair to show the outside world that San Angelo is still in the ring

when it comes to producing wool and mohair.

"The sheep in this country are in fine condition. The wool is also of fine quality, and I think the mohair production is exceedingly good. The average clip of mohair, I judge is about five inches. That is a fine clip. The mohair prices have been good. On the whole, the wool and mohair men of West Texas have done well this season, considering the situation."

Before the season closes some small quantities of wool and mohair will be received, but this will only be the top crop, like speaking.—Press-News.

They are all Praised.
"By experience I have found your Hunt's Lightning Oil to be a great pain and sprain reliever. I am very much pleased with it."
C. C. Cook, Hallettsville, Texas
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No horse is of much account if he has not a level head and a good vigorous constitution.

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A good growth the first year of the life of a calf costs than at any other stage.

Trials of Winter.
Do not permit yourself to be a victim to a cold or cough. They lead to pneumonia, consumption and elsewhere. Beware; use Simmons' Cough Syrup. It cures coughs, heals lungs and will keep you right here to enjoy the beauties of spring.

One objection of working horses in the rain is the increased liability of sore shoulders.

For Thirty Years.
"Inclosed find money order for one dollar, for which send me two tins of Simmons' Liver Purifier, put up in tin boxes. I have been using the medicine for thirty years." Thos. H. Reilly,
Jonesville, La.
No comments necessary.
Price 50c per box.

After a day's work or a long drive over the roads sprong out the horse's mouth and nose with cold water and rub down the legs and body well.

Don't Be Hopeless.
about yourself when you're crippled with rheumatism or stiff joints—of course you've tried lots of things and they failed. Try Ballard's Snow Liniment—it will drive away all aches, pains and stiffness and leave you as well as you ever were. Sold by all druggists.

Letter to H. P. Opp.
Sonora, Texas.

Dear Sir: How two men differed. N. Avery, Delhi, N. Y., had two houses painted two ways; the houses alike, same painter, different paints. One paint 6 gallons; the other 12.

A dealer there who was selling the 12-gallon paint, threw it out and put in the 6-gallon paint.

Do you see why? The less-gallon paint cost less for the job by 6 gallons of paint and 6 days' labor: \$10.75 for paint and \$12 to \$24 for labor (according to painter's wages \$2 to \$4 a day).

A dealer in paint at Malone, N. Y., was selling this 6-gallon paint, was offered the 12-gallon paint for 15c less a gallon, and took it. To make that extra 15c a gallon, he saddled a loss of \$22.75 to \$34.75 a job on his customers. What if they find it out?

The people had better look out for that \$22.75 or \$34.75, whichever it is—we don't know what painter's day wages are there.

The two paints are Devco and another sold at the same price by the gallon. Will you figure out that 12-gallon paint; what a man can afford to pay for a gallon of it?

The answer is (if you figure it right) taking wages \$2 a day: A man could afford to put on that paint if somebody pays him 12 1/2c a gallon; and, taking wages \$4 a day, he must get \$1.21 a gallon.

Yours truly
F. W. DEVOE & CO.
P. S. E. F. Vander Stucken Co., sells our paint.

Don't work a misfitting collar. A sore or swelled shoulder will most certainly result. Then your horse will be on the pasture when you need him at the plow.

There is a colt breaking device on the Maxey farm, such as the writer never saw before, says the author of a paper read before the Illinois farmers institute. It consists of a sort of rotating stall. Two heavy poles thirty feet long and six or eight inches in diameter at the butt radiate from a central post. The outer ends work in old wagon wheels and the poles are separated just at the right distance for the horse to be tied to the front pole and to be hitched to the rear pole. Side rails hold the animal in a little stall. He can go forward or backward as much and as fast as he pleases without injury to himself or anything else. The poles are heavy enough to make a good load for him to pull around the large circle. The new horse can get plenty of work in this track, and the driver has every advantage in the matter of bringing the animal under the proper control.—Stockman and Farmer.

Train the colt to walk fast. The fast walking horse earns the most money for the owner.

Its a Crime.
to neglect your health. The worst neglect that you can be guilty of is to allow constipation, biliousness or any liver or bowel trouble to continue. It is poisoning your entire system and may lead to a serious chronic disease. Take Ballard's Herbina and get absolutely well. The sure cure for any and all troubles of the stomach, liver and bowels. Sold by all druggists.

When you are cleaning the body of a horse rub his legs thoroughly. As a rule if a horse has good legs it is a pretty sure sign that he is a good horse.

The Correct Time.
to stop a cough or cold is just as soon as it starts—then there will be no danger of pneumonia or consumption. Just a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken at the start will stop the cough. If it has been running on for sometime the treatment will be longer, but the cure is sure. Sold by all druggists.

If the skin of the horse is kept clean he will sweat freely. This is essential to his health.

Stung for 15 Years
by Indigestion's stings—trying many doctors and \$300.00 worth of medicine in vain, E. F. Ayson, of Ingleside, N. C., at last used Dr. King's New Life Pills, and writes they wholly cured him. They cure Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headache, Stomach, Liver, Kidney and Bowel troubles. 25c at Nathan's Pharmacy.

While horse breeding involves considerable capital it offers large dividends when successfully handled.

The best customers want horses that have style, good appearance, that stand up, that are bright, sleek and attractive.

Bolting of food causes indigestion and consequently loss of health. Guard against irregular feeding. It tends to make horses bolt their food.

Rich Men's Gifts are Poor
besides this: "I want to go on record as saying that I regard Electric Bitters as one of the greatest gifts that God has made to woman, writes Mrs. C. Rhine-vault, of Vestal Center, N. Y., "I can never forget what it has done for me." This glorious medicine gives a woman buoyant spirits, vigor of body and jubilant health. It quickly cures Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Headache, Backache, Fainting and Dizzy Spells; soon builds up the weak, ailing and sickly. Try them, 50c, at Nathan's Pharmacy.

Felix Mann, of the firm of Felix Mann & Son, realty dealers, Saturday, closed a deal for Murchison & Sillman, of Eldorado, for 10,240 acres, the purchase price aggregating \$65,000. The purchasers of the large tract were Willoughby Brothers, and the sale is regarded as a bargain so far as the actual worth of the real estate is concerned. The land lies four miles from Eldorado on the Sonora road.—Standard.

Choked to Death.
is commonly said of babies who have died of the croup. How unnecessary this is. No child ever had the croup without having a cold or cough at the start. If you will stop the first symptom of the cough with Ballard's Horehound Syrup there is no danger whatever of croup, sold by all druggists.

The man who breeds and feeds draft horses judiciously need have no fears as to the result.

Looking Ones Best.
It's a woman's delight to look her best but pimples, skin eruptions, sores and boils rob life of joy. Dr. King's New Life Pills cures them; makes the skin soft and velvety. It glorifies the face. Cures Pimples, Sore Eyes, Cold Sores, Cracked Lips, Chapped Hands. Try it. Infallible for Piles. 25c at Nathan's Pharmacy.

R. R. (Dick) Russell, as well as a number of other Texans, have been out off from handling cattle in their former pastures in Osage county on the old terms by the recent regulations of the Oklahoma Board of Agriculture. Mr. Russell said yesterday that he had made no plans for next season as yet. Quarantine cattle are not barred from the western third of Oklahoma, or in what is known as the Big Hill country," said he. "The tick has been banished and all cattle going in there after January 1 next must be free of tick, and the evidence of this must be presented in the form of a Federal certificate of health. I do not know as yet what course the Texas cattlemen who will have steers to sell will pursue, but it is certain that no ticky cattle will be admitted. If we cannot secure clean cattle to take up there and cannot secure pasture in the eastern two-thirds of the country, which I think improbable, a number of us may settle down and try to learn how to plow in Texas."—San Antonio Express.

Alone in Saw Mill at Midnight
unmindful of dampness, drafts, storms or cold, W. J. Atkins worked as night watchman, at Banner Springs, Tenn. Such exposure gave him a severe cold that settled on his lungs. At last he had to give up work. He tried many remedies but all failed till he used Dr. King's New Discovery. "After using one bottle" he writes, "I went back to work as well as ever." Severe Colds, stubborn Coughs, inflamed throats and sore lungs, Hemorrhages, Croup and Whooping Cough get quick relief and prompt cure from this glorious medicine. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free guaranteed by Nathan's Pharmacy.

Preventing Flow of Blood.
In case where a wound has been inflicted which bleeds continuously tea dust will be found excellent to stop the flow of blood. Cover the wound thickly with the tea dust and bind a piece of cotton over it to keep it in place. Brown sugar is said by many persons to be excellent for stopping the flow of blood. When the blood has ceased to flow apply laudanum to the wound.

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CHRISTMAS.

There will be Christmas Tree, Horse and Auto races, Dances, Tournaments, Cigar races, etc. at Sonora during Christmas week. Something doing all the time. Program next week.

Reception.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Aldwell who have been married 25 years will celebrate their silver jubilee Saturday night, with a reception to everybody from 8:30 to 11:30.

Risk Life to Come Home.

Orve Word who has been living the past two years in Hardeman county was so anxious to get to Sonora that he and Thomas Webb walked from Benjamin to Knox City a distance of 12 miles and crossed the Brazos on a wrecked Orient bridge. Mr. O'Brien the Vice President and General Manager of the Orient was on this side of the river and tried to warn the boys not to cross the bridge but without success. Mr. O'Brien asked Orve where he was going and when he told him to Sonora via the Orient and that he had walked 12 miles and would walk all the way if necessary, the Vice President gave him a return pass. Orve says he would have given any thing—even his visit to Sonora—to be off the bridge before he was half way across it.

Cashier W. L. Aldwell of the First National Bank of Sonora, and Mrs. Aldwell (Miss Winnie Harrie) were married in San Angelo 25 years ago. It was a run-away match and the brides dressbarely reached her shoe tops. But, then, love will find a way.

December 4th 1909, will be their 25 anniversary, or silver wedding, and as announced elsewhere a reception will be held at their home tonight. The News has been requested to announce that the reception is for all, every body will be welcome and the more the merrier. No invitations have been issued and the friends of the couple and the public generally are expected to attend.

Mrs. Gas, Fambrough of Montgomery, Ga. arrived Thursday on a visit to her daughter Mrs. A. C. Fambrough.

With every dozen cabinet photos I will give one large photo during Dec and Jan.
 F. CLIED the photographer.

Stock News.

For all around work the horse that is low and compact is better than the one that is long legged.

Teague & Bennett, of Brady, bought 80 head of cows from Dock Simmons; 95 from E. F. & Albert Vander Stucken; 5 from Jim Tarver at p. t.

R. T. Baker of Sonora, sold to Geo. Hendricks, of San Angelo 500 3 and 4 year old steers at \$26 to be delivered in April.

Don Cooper of Sonora bought cows from the following Sutton county parties at p. t. From W. E. Dunbar 118; Joe Ross 37; J. T. Shurley 25; C. S. Green 20; Walter Davis 15; W. T. O. Holman 31.

The Panhandle of Texas and Western Oklahoma was covered with a six inch snow Tuesday and heavy rains have fallen all over the country north of San Angelo.

R. H. Martin of the commission firm of Martin & Halcomb says he expects to report the consummation of a large ranch trade but does not wish mention of it made until every thing is closed up.

C. D. Stokes of Lampasas, Wm. Cummings and Jas. McGuire of Boston, were in Sonora Thursday enroute to Del Rio. These gentlemen are wool buyers and had been at San Angelo inspecting the wools there but their bids were not acceptable. They took advantage of an auto trip through the Sonora country, the great sheep and goat range of Texas.

Wanted.

One to five sections of good smooth farming land. Will pay cash at right price. Box 673. San Angelo, Texas.

W. M. Holland bought of J. D. Earnest 14 mares at \$50; 6 colts at \$25, one jack \$300.

Beavers and Sweat sold for Sol Mayers to T. H. Ficklin of Portotoc two sections of land for \$7,680. —E. Dorado Times.

Tede Cope and Ed Fowler returned from a business and pleasure trip to San Antonio Monday.

Mrs. D. H. Kirkland and children are visiting Joe Cloude at Roosevelt this week.

A. M. Stewart of Dallas, representing the Murray Cotton Gin company, was in Sonora Thursday on a business trip.

Mrs. Arthur Stuart and Miss Lela Wyatt were in from the Stuart ranch Saturday visiting and shopping.

30,000 Pounds Mohair Sold.

Representatives of the Wool Growers Central Storage Co. sold the remainder of the mohair in the company's warehouse Tuesday morning to A. Coben & Co., of San Antonio, which firm is represented here by J. I. Vorhies.

The holdings disposed of Tuesday aggregated 30,000 pounds, and sold at 25 to 29 cents. The total deal footed up to about \$12,000—Standard.

Steers Sell at \$34 Round.

A. H. Murchison purchased, Monday, from Perry McConnell and Bob Flutch, of Menardville, 600 head of fat steers paying \$34 around for them. The total deal amounted up to about \$20,000.

This is one of the finest bunches of cattle that have changed hands this fall. The deal is only one of many big ones that have either been consummated in the last few weeks or are now on tap ready to be closed up.

With the rains putting the range in the best possible shape, the cattlemen are looking around for good cattle to feed on their lucious grasses but are really finding it a hard matter to get hold of people wanting to sell. Cattle are commanding and excellent price at present—Standard.

Cattle Dealing Lively Monday.

George Thompson brought into San Angelo Monday 365 head of fine steers from his Crockett county ranch and delivered them over to Fred Baker. These steers were bought several days ago and cost Mr. Baker approximately \$7,000.

J. C. Stribling bought 100 head of fine steers from J. F. Craig of Schleicher county Monday, paying \$30.50 per head. The total deal footed up something over \$3,000—Standard.

Cattle Deal Amounts to \$24,000.

Felix Mann and Son closed up one of the best cattle deals of the season Monday, when they disposed of a herd of between 700 and 800 head of fine steers, coming 3's and 4's, at \$28.50 per head. The whole deal totalled up to about \$24,000.

These cattle are sold for April delivery and will be turned over to Mr. Stribling at the stock pens here at that time. The entire herd is the property of Felix Mann.

Quite a large number of cattle are changing hands in these days when the grass is so good and the cattle are in such excellent shape.—Standard.

You can buy lumber just as cheap from B. F. Bellows of Sonora as at San Angelo; freight added. 93 8t.

May be Auditor of New Mexico.

R. L. McIlwaine who will be auditor of New Mexico, if Editor Robinson, of Roswell, accepts the gubernatorial chair of our sister territory, was formerly a farmer in the Salt River valley, going to Roswell about eighteen months ago.

Mr. McIlwaine came to Phoenix from Texas in 1901 with his half brother, J. E. Nelson. For several years they farmed together on a place near Phoenix.

When he came today, Mr. Nelson said that he was as much surprised as any one over the rapid rise of his relative to prominence in New Mexico. Several days ago he received a copy of Robinson's paper, stating that McIlwaine would be territorial auditor if Robinson became governor.

Both Robinson and McIlwaine live in Roswell and are close friends.

The above clipping from the Phoenix, (Ariz) Republican will be interesting news to the Sonora friends of the McIlwaine's and Nelsons who formerly ranched in this country.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bellows entertained a number of their young friend Saturday night with a dance and every one that was present says they had a big time. The music was furnished by the Mexican string band. Those who had the pleasure in participating in the dance are as follows: Misses Tincy Doak, Rose Stephenson, Minnie Word, Bell Odom, Rubey Bridge, Pearl Parkerson, Jennie Brown, Carrie and Sallie Karnes, Rubey Holman, Mary Smith, Messrs. Roy and Fred Smith, Wallace Keese, Willie Odom of Ozona, Lee Aldwell, Jim McDonald, W. F. Day, of San Antonio, Joe Bradford, Charley Chavers, of Ozona, John and Homer Holman, Fred Grimland Luther Thorp and Ica Adams.

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Boston Wool Market.

No new developments have taken place during the week in the market that materially changes the quiet in the Boston wool market, says the American Wool and Cotton Reporter in its issue of November 25, but nothing has transpired to change the strong position of wool in local warehouses, or of the foreign wool in bond, and as the stocks are reduced each week the less desirable wools left seen in the market are being sold at the price of last week and the week before remain unchanged. The wool buyers have practically ceased looking for bargains, and the present policy of buying is to take the least possible quantity to patch out, and then come in again within a few days and take another small lot. This method of buying seems to be growing in favor and there will be ten purchases of 50,000 pounds each for a mill that in years past would buy a half million pounds at one time and not consider it a big purchase.

No one consuming wool seems to relish the idea of tying up much money in it. In fact, the consumers seem to be afraid of wool, and are best satisfied when buying piecemeal lots once or twice a week. This particular system of buying has its good points, to be sure, but it does not give the mills as much of the best selections as would be the case if larger blocks were taken. Still, it is satisfactory all around under the circumstances, and before the first of the year it will result in the Boston wool trade carrying over into a new year the smallest quantity of old domestic wool on record with in recent years.

It will be a case of clean decks or rather cleaned out lefts, and the trading will be confined almost exclusively to foreign wools. In addition to some Territory wool, Boston has a moderate supply of California wool which heretofore has been only in demand for certain lines of production. Part of the regular demand was supplied and then there was a halt and since then the California wools have been peddled out for uses, mysterious in a way, because the buyers were never before known to take this grade. The result is obvious. A little later when those manufacturers depending upon the wool to carry them into the heavy-weight season come in for a supply, they will find their usual choice lots somewhat broken, if not sold out entirely, and what they will be forced to buy as a substitute will cost more money than the price now asked for California wool.

This holds good in a way with the delaine wools of domestic growth. There is a good supply in the market and they are surely needed by certain manufacturers as any wool is needed, but

the price seems to cause hesitation even when it is admitted that the wools are wanted and must be bought sooner or later. Take a delaine wool at 42 cents. It will cost about 89 cents clean. A good 70s Australian will now cost 92 to 95c, clean landed, and there is little prospect of the price declining while the London sale may create a condition that will advance prices.

School Lands?

Austin, Tex., Nov. 28.—A land matter of great moment has been submitted to the Attorney General's Department by the Land Commissioner and is now under consideration by L. A. Dale, office assistant in charge of land matters. It involves the right of corporations to acquire school lands in Texas, even though the original purchasers were individuals and they have made proof of occupancy by three years' residence on the land.

The laws of Texas prohibit corporations from acquiring school lands except where such land is actually needed for the purposes of the corporation. A banking company could not buy school lands as an investment for its funds or surplus. Corporations are permitted only the land needed for the operation of the corporation.

Recently the Land Commissioner discovered that corporations have acquired hundreds of acres by buying after the actual settlers had completed their three years residence. Under the law the actual settlers are at liberty to sell to other individuals, but it is understood that the Attorney General will advise the Land Commissioner that corporations cannot buy the land where it has not been paid out. However, the corporations can advance the money to the individual owners and after patent is secured by the individual the land may be sold to any person and then transferred to the corporation.

Inasmuch as hundreds of acres have been secured by corporations through purchase before the land is paid out there will probably be land suits by the State to test the validity of the titles in a number of instances. Then, too, the Land Commissioner will examine transfers henceforth, and may refuse to accept same. This would probably mean a mandamus proceeding in the Supreme Court to test the question.

There would probably by no dispute as to the right of persons to sell land once it is paid out and patents issued, but the Attorney General's opinion is expected to call a halt on transfers of school land before the land is paid out. A serious question which arises in connection with the right of cor-

porations to buy school land for their necessary purposes is that of a cattle corporation. This important issue is not presented in the interrogatory submitted this time, but the Land Commissioner, it is understood, will present that matter to the Attorney General at an early date. A contention is to be made by certain cattle raising corporations that land is absolutely essential to their business; in fact, that they could not conduct their

business if they did not possess grazing land; therefore, under the law, they are entitled to buy land absolutely necessary for the "running" of their cattle. If they are right in their contention it would mean that a cattle-raising corporation could secure thousands of acres of school land. This would enable the cattlemen to form corporations with their families and ranchmen would be able to keep large pastures intact and save them from the actual settlers, and home seekers, "squatters," as they are called in some localities. If the law permits cattle-raising corporations to buy and own school land to the extent of an acreage necessary for their business it will be glad news for certain large Western sections of the State, where the cattle and sheep men have resented the encroachment of the small stock farmer, the farmer and the homeseeker.

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Dr. L. F. Robichaux the dentist left Monday for El Dorado on professional business.

F. Glide the photographer made a business trip to El Dorado this week.

W. T. O. Holman was in from his ranch in Edwards county this week visiting his family.

Are you ready for a Big business during the holiday? A little Ad will help.

Mrs. J. W. Mayfield and Mrs. Curt Allison and baby, left last Saturday for Clifton on a visit to relatives.

Ben Sess of the wholesale liquor firm of L. W. Levey & Co. of Galveston, was in Sonora Monday making business for his house.

Lumber may be bought from B. F. Bellows of Sonora at San Angelo prices and delivered where you want it. Have him give you prices. 93 St.

Mrs. De Wallace and Miss Lucile Grimland were in from the Wallace ranch Thanksgiving day the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grimland.

Ask B. F. Bellows of Sonora about lumber. He will deliver to you at San Angelo or in Sonora.

Charlie Schauer, of Ozona, was water bound in Sonora several days this week but managed to have a good time just the same.

G. B. Taylor was in Sonora Saturday and said he was preparing to ship a car of calves that would average 325. Mr. Taylor thinks this the greatest stock country in the world with only one thing lacking—a railroad.

More than half an inch of rain fell in Sonora this week and it all soaked into the ground. The report from all directions indicates the rain was general over a large part of West Texas with heavier rains than fell here. The rain fall for the month of November was 1.18 and the total to date for 11 months 16.80 or a shortage of 7.20 from the average rainfall of 24 inches annually.

Railroad companies in Massachusetts have offered to aid the State in its battle against forest fires. The reason, as given by the New England Magazine, the railroads offer this assistance is to protect scenery because it attracts the people and creates traffic for the companies. Just think what a valuable asset the scenery of the Sonora country is as an inducement to railroad building here,

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O. T. Word arrived home this week from a business visit to Fort Worth.

Miss Luella Robichaux was in Sonora this week the visiting Miss Tiny Owens.

T. A. Porter, John Sellers, Geo. Linowebber and Louis Logging of San Angelo returned from a month's hunt in Val Verde county. They had the novel experience of being required to make a visit to Del Rio because of hunting in a posted pasture. The men are employed in the brick yard at San Angelo.

Have B. F. Bellows of Sonora give you prices on lumber and you will buy from him. 93 St.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Noguere were in Sonora Tuesday from their home on the Holland ranch 8 miles east of town.

J. T. Evans of San Antonio formerly of Kerrville, was in Sonora Tuesday on business relative to the purchase of a large ranch in this country.

Make arrangements to spend the holidays in Sonora. There will be something doing all the time,

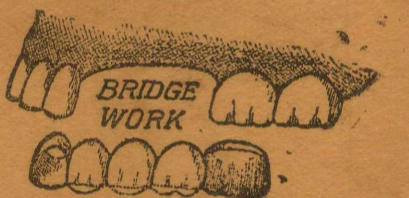
Dr. L. F. ROBICHAUX,
DENTIST

Late of the firm of Drs. Robichaux & Wagoner, Hicks Building, San Antonio, has moved to Sonora

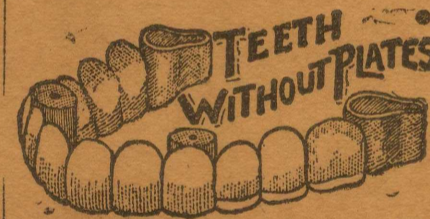


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Mr. and Mrs. Ira Word of Fort Worth, were in Sonora Wednesday attending to some business.

Jap Holman was in town this week delivering fat cows to H. P. Cooper.

John Martin and W. L. Southern the new owner of the Martin ranch 25 miles west of Sonora were in town this week.

John W. Smith manager and part owner of the J. B. Murrain ranch in the Beaver Lake country, was in Sonora this week visiting his family.

The convenience of being able to buy a few planks of lumber in Sonora from B. F. Bellows is greater than the increased price. 93 St.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson are moving in from the Ira Word ranch and will occupy the Ira Word residence.

W. A. Ogle the cattle and horse man, who has a farm in the Middle Valley country, was in Sonora Thursday trading. Mr. Ogle is sending the Devil's River News to his son Daye in Flagler, Colorado.

C. S. Green and Oscar Appelt, of Hallettsville, were in Sonora Wednesday from the Green ranch. Mr. Appelt is with his brother the new owner of the Green ranch and livestock and will move to the ranch about January 1st. Mr. Appelt is a very agreeable gentleman and the News hopes he will be pleased with the Sonora country.

Thanksgiving Party.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Baker entertained a number of their young friends at their home in Sonora on Thursday night Nov. 25, in honor of Grady Wyatt and Marie Lowrey. The party began at half past six and was continued until nine o'clock. Every one of the little folks had a big time, and enjoyed themselves playing the following games. "Marching round the Levy," "Go down to Dads and get a cup of Tea," "Shoe Doll" "Pleased or Displeased" "Dropping the Handkerchief" and the very last and first "Snap." Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lowrey and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Wyatt, Misses Lois Gilbert, Irma Holman, Bertha and Thelma Turney, Naunie Rouche, Elsie Adam, Rose and Lora Word, Eva Smith, Hattie and Beatrice Glasscock, Winnie Wyatt and Mattie Martin. Messrs. Ralph Traiber, Walter Whitehead, Gusie Caruthers, Clayton Ghran, Fritz Meckel, Haynie Davis, Paul Turney, Lewis Rouche, Rector and Ben Cu-enbary, Owen and Robert Christwell, Wesley Smith, Henry Wyatt, Grady Lowrey, Hayden Gilbert, Ruseel Martin, Elber Wyatt, Vernon Hamilton, Frank and Henry Decker, J. D. Wallace, and Roy Grimland.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sharp were in from the E. R. Jackson ranch Wednesday shopping.



The Lure of the Mask

By HAROLD MAC GRATH

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"I ain't lettin' it drop any." Winding steps, thought the blindfolded man. He could recollect none. It seemed to him that they stood there five minutes before the door opened. When it did, the boy passed in the basket and resolutely pushed Hillard into the hall. The door closed gently, and the adventure was begun. Whither would it lead him?

"Take off the bandage the signor may now," said a voice in broken English.

"Thanks!" He tore the handkerchief from his eyes and blinked. The hall was so dimly lighted that he could see nothing distinctly.

"The signor's coat and hat."

He passed over these articles, shook the wrinkles from his trousers, smoothed his chin and stood at attention. The maid eyed him with abundant approval.



al, then knocked timidly on the door leading to the drawing room.

"Avanti!" called a soft voice.

Hillard gathered in his courage, opened the door and stepped inside. On a divan near a lamp sat a woman in black. Only a patch of white throat could be seen, for her shoulders were not bare and her arms only to the elbows. Her back was turned squarely. But what a head! He caught his breath. It glowed like a copper beech in the sunshine.

"Madam?" he faltered. He spoke English and not very fluently.

The woman turned. Hillard took a step backward and blundered against a pedestal.

She was masked!

Masked! Only her mouth and chin were visible, and several little pieces of court plaster effectually disguised these. There was a mystery. He to come blindfolded and she to wear a mask—extraordinary!

"And this," she said ironically, "is the gentleman who leaned out of the window."

He brought all his faculties together, for he knew he would need them in this encounter. "Supposing I had fallen out of it—well, it could not have mattered. I should not have been more at your feet than I am now." This was very good, considering how dry his tongue was.

Hillard reached a chair successfully enough, but he never could recollect how. He sat down as a bashful man sits down in a crowded ballroom, with his knees drawn in tightly and his feet at sympathetic angles.

Presently she laughed with malice. "You are not comfortable in that chair."

"That is true, and yet it is soft and roomy. I am uneasy. Perhaps you recall to my subconsciousness a period in my former existence on earth, or, if you will, one of my ancestors."

"I fail to understand."

"Well, a Hillard 200 years ago had his head cut off by an ax. His executioner wore a mask."

"A mistake. Your ancestor should have been hanged."

"And I along with him, you would imply?"

"Are you not Irish? I have known Irishmen of the name of Hillard."

"They were in disguise. But I have a generous strain of Irish blood in me; otherwise I shouldn't have had the

courage to follow up an adventure, use ambiguous.

"My compliments cannot possibly be more ambiguous than your appearance. Surely there will be an hour for unmasking."

"It has already begun, Mr. Hillard."

"So I am the one who is to be unmasked? Well, I have only the mask nature gave to me. I wish she had been more liberal. But I shall see what can be done with it."

He took note of her teeth and felt a sudden tinge of regret. One may disguise the face and hair, but the teeth are always the same. Two lower teeth on the right side appeared to be gone; the others were firm and glistening white. It was a pity, for a woman's teeth are as much her glory as her hair.

Silence. The ruddy light on her hair fascinated him.

"What is it?" she demanded.

"Your hair," with a stimplicity which silenced her. "You have the most beautiful hair I have ever seen."

"Thank you. And yet, for all you know, it may be a fine wig."

"If it is I shall never be sure of anything again. Am I in prosaic New York? Have you not by some carpet magic transported me to old Europe? If a dozen conspirators came in in cowls to render me the oath I should not be at all surprised."

"There is no magic, only a mask."

"And there is no way of seeing behind that?"

"None—absolutely none. I am told that you are a gentleman, so I am confident that you will not stoop to use force."

"Only the force of eloquence, if ever I may lay claim to that again."

"You are beginning well, for I tell you, Mr. Hillard, I shall expect but the most brilliant wit from you tonight. As for me, I shall only interest myself in your success without the pole."

"You must learn. Dance!"

"Upon what—nothing? And how shall I know that your dancing pleases you?"

"I agree to tell you. I wear this mask tonight because I am taking a surreptitious leaf out of my book of cares."

"You are, then, seeking a diversion?"

"Nothing more or less. Do not flatter yourself that there is anything personal or romantic on my side. I am bored."

"I am wholly in your hands," he said, "and they are very beautiful hands."

"Is there anything more beautiful than a cat's paw when the claws are hidden? Never judge a woman by her hands." Nevertheless she buried her hands in the depths of a down pillow. She had forgotten her rings. She slipped them off and managed to hide them.

"I promise to remember. Your letters"—he began diffidently. Where the deuce was his tongue? Was he to be tongue-tied all the evening before this Columbine, who, with the aid of her mask, was covertly laughing at his awkwardness?

"My letters? A woman often writes what she will not say and says what she will not write. Did you not ask me to disillusion you?"

"Yes, but softly, softly. I begin to believe one thing—you brought me here to teach me a lesson. Gentlemen should never use the personal column."

"Nor should ladies read it. I am not saving any mercy for myself!" with laughter.

"Shall I begin with my past?"

"Something less horrifying, if you please!"

"I object to the word nice," he said. "I should have preferred 'likable.' Hadn't you better try some kind of torture?"

This time her laughter was relaxed and joyful. And somehow Hillard felt more at ease. He was growing accustomed to the mask. He stretched his legs and fingered his nether lip.

"Have you not somewhere an invisible cloak?"

"I had one that night, which nature lent me," she answered readily. "I was so invisible to you that I heard the policeman call out your name. I thank you for insisting that I was not a chorus lady."

Here was a revelation which accounted for many things. "I haven't been very fortunate so far in this adventure."

"That is rank ingratitude. I am of the opinion that fortune has highly favored you."

"But the mask—the mask! If you heard the policeman call my name you must have heard him speak of one Liddy Lightfinger."

"I did, indeed. And is it not possible that I am that very person?"

Hillard dropped his hand toward his watch. "Why do you hate Italy?"

She sat straight, and what little he could see of her mouth had hardened.

"There will be no retrospection this evening, if you please," her voice rattle metallic.

(To be continued)

WHAT ABOUT THAT 22.007

Experiments in the use of dynamite to loosen up the subsoil of fields being prepared for cultivation recently have been made at Pittsburg, Kansas. A demonstration was given there on the grounds of the manual training normal. Dr. Wm. Himm of Vienna was the first to recommend the use of explosives in agriculture. His idea was that the lowest strata of the soil could not be reached by any of the agricultural implements now in use. To demonstrate the feasibility of the idea, a number of interesting experiments have been conducted by agricultural department over the country, among them that conducted in Kansas a few days ago.

The demonstration at Pittsburg was so satisfactory that many farmers there are planning to follow up the scheme on their farms as soon as possible.

The place of the Pittsburg demonstration on the manual training normal was a field of 100 feet. One-half of the shots were fired by battery and the other half by fuse. The dynamite was in stick form and a quarter of an inch in diameter. It contained 25 per cent of nitrate ammonia powder. The sticks were placed 25 feet apart, and the holes were drilled to a depth of three feet. The shot fired by the battery seemed to give the best results, seemed to shake the ground better and to leave it in a better condition, as the whole surface of the ground was shaken at once.

The soil was thoroughly pulverized for a distance of six feet from each shot. Cracks ran in each direction from the shots, showing that the explosions had left fissures in every direction under the ground as well as on top. It is estimated by those who have experimented in this class of ground culture that each shot leaves a reservoir where hundreds of gallons of water can collect and furnish moisture from the bottom instead of receiving all of the moisture from the top, the water thus carried into the ground feeding the roots or whatever is planted much more readily than if all the water came from the surface.

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Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch east of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

W. J. FIELDS,
Sonora, Texas,

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THE STATE OF TEXAS: To the Sheriff or any Constable of Sutton County, GREENING: J. A. Sykes, Administrator of the Estate of A. J. Sykes, deceased, having filed in our County Court his final account of the condition of the estate of said A. J. Sykes, deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said administration, you are hereby commanded that by publication of this writ for twenty days in a newspaper regularly published in the County of Sutton, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the February Term, 1910, of said county court, commencing and to be holden at the Court house in said County, in the town of Sonora, on the 3rd Monday in said month, same being the 22nd day of February, A. D. 1910, when said account and application will be considered by said Court.

Witness J. D. Lowrey, Clerk of the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, Given under [L. S.] my hand and seal of office, at my office, in the town of Sonora, this 12th day of November, A. D., 1909.

J. D. Lowrey, Clerk of County Court Sutton County, Texas.
A true copy, I certify:
J. S. Allison Sheriff, Sutton County, Texas.

NOTICE.

On and after October 1, 1909, we the undersigned, will not do any more credit business only with those who pay their accounts on the first day of each month.

To those who know themselves to be indebted to us we take this means of asking them to pay their accounts at once. Our reasons for the above action, are, that we have to pay our bills every thirty days, and unless we pay, or have the goods to show, it places us in a very embarrassing position with those who credit us. Their motto is: "Pay us or show us that you still have our goods in stock." Thanking you for your patronage in the past and asking a continuance of same.

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General Agent South and West Texas.

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Good Season Sheep Trade.

"About all in," said W. B. Sayers, with a grim expression on his face, speaking of the wind up of wool consignments for the season.

"This season has not been as good a producing season for wool as last season, but it is one of much importance. The prices this year have been high enough to bring good returns to the sheep man. The grade of wool also has been exceedingly good. Clean and without much oil, has been the grade of wool produced in West Texas this season.

Of course there would have been much more wool and mohair clipped this season were it not for the fact that many sheepmen prefer a yearly clip to a season clip. The yearly clip is done in the spring. The chief reason for this is that the sheep men are afraid of the cold weather coming on too early and causing great loss to their sheep and goats. When the winter does not come so early it is all right to shear twice a year, but when it does there is much danger of a heavy loss.

"Cold weather hurts sheep in a peculiar way. A sheep that is fat is more liable to freeze than one that is not. The tallow, as it is called, is so thick right under the skin that it freezes and closes the pores of the skin and cuts the warmth of the earth off from the sheep and it freezes. A sheep, of course, that is barren of much wool gets colder much easier than those with a heavy fleece.

"This year has been a good one on the sheep, so I am told. Sheep are fat and doing fine.

"The total consignments of wool received by us this season has been something over 300,000 pounds; the total amount of mohair about 100,000. That, in comparison with last season, is practically one-third of what we received then. There is a great difference, you see."

Col. Bob Massie, president of the Wool Growers' Central Storage company, said with a smile that he was well pleased with the wool turn-out this season.

"I think, owing to the circumstances the wool clip this season is good. We

when it comes to producing wool and mohair.

"The sheep in this country are in fine condition. The wool is also of fine quality, and I think the mohair production is exceedingly good. The average clip of mohair, I judge is about five inches. That is a fine clip. The mohair prices have been good. On the whole, the wool and mohair men of West Texas have done well this season, considering the situation."

Before the season closes some small quantities of wool and mohair will be received, but that will only be the top crop, cotton like speaking—Press-News.

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Letter to H. P. Opp.

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Dear Sir: How two men differ! N Avery, Delhi, N Y, had two houses painted two ways; the houses alike, same painter, different paints. One paint 6 gallons; the other 12.

A dealer there who was selling the 12-gallon paint, threw it out and put in the 6 gallon paint. Do you see why? The less-gallon paint cost less for the job by 6 gallons of paint and 6 days' labor: \$10.75 for paint and \$12 to \$24 for labor (according to painter's wages \$2 to \$4 a day)

A dealer in paint at Malone, N Y, was selling this 6 gallon paint, was offered the 12 gallon paint for 15c less a gallon, and took it! To make that extra 15c a gallon, he saddles a loss of \$22.75 to \$34.75 a job on his customers. What if they find it out?

The people had better look out for that \$22.75 or \$34.75, which ever it is—we don't know what painter's day wages are there.

The two paints are Devco and another sold at the same price by the gallon. Will you figure out that 12 gallon paint; what a man can afford to pay for a gallon of it? The answer is (if you figure it right) taking wages \$2 a day: A man could afford to put on that paint if somebody pays him 12 1/2c a gallon; and, taking wages \$4 a day, he must get \$1.21 a gallon.

Yours truly
F W DEVCO & CO
P. S. E. F. Vander Stucken Co., sells our paint.

Don't work a misfitting collar. A sore or swelled shoulder will most certainly result. Then your horse will be on the pasture when you need him at the plow.

There is a colt breaking device on the Maxey farm, such as the writer never saw before, says the author of a paper read before the Illinois farmers institute. It consists of a sort of rotating stall. Two heavy poles thirty feet long and six or eight inches in diameter at the butt radiate from a central post. The outer ends work in old wagon wheels and the poles are separated just at the right distance for the horse to be tied to the front pole and to be hitched to the rear pole. Side rails hold the animal in a little stall. He can go forward or backward as much and as fast as he pleases without injury to himself or anything else. The poles are heavy enough to make a good load for him to pull around the large circle. The new horse can get plenty of work in this track, and the driver has every advantage in the matter of bringing the animal under the proper control.—Stockman and Farmer.

Train the colt to walk fast. The fast walking horse earns the most money for the owner.

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to neglect your health. The worst neglect that you can be guilty of is to allow constipation, biliousness or any liver or bowel trouble to continue. It is poisoning your entire system and may lead to a serious chronic disease. Take Ballard's Horehound and get absolutely well. The sure cure for any and all troubles of the stomach, liver and bowels. Sold by all druggists.

When you are cleaning the body of a horse rub his legs thoroughly. As a rule if a horse has good legs it is a pretty sure sign that he is a good horse.

The Correct Time.
to stop a cough or cold is just as soon as it starts—then there will be no danger of pneumonia or consumption. Just a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken at the start will stop the cough. If it has been running on for sometime the treatment will be longer, but the cure is sure. Sold by all druggists.

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by the most onerous pricks—trying many doctors and \$200.00 worth of medicine in vain, B. F. Ayscove, of Loganside, N. C., at last used Dr. King's New Life Pills, and writes they wholly cured him. They cure Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headache, Stomach, Liver, Kidney and Bowel troubles. 25c at Nathan's Pharmacy.

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The best customers want horses that have style, good appearance, that stand up, that are bright, sleek and attractive.

Bolting of food causes indigestion and consequently loss of health. Guard against irregular feeding. It tends to make horses bolt their food.

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besides this: "I want to go on record as saying that I regard Electric Bitters as one of the greatest gifts that God has made to woman, writes Mrs. O. Rhine-vault, of Vestal Center, N. Y. "I can never forget what it has done for me." This glorious medicine gives a woman buoyant spirits, vigor of body and jubilant health. It quickly cures Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Headache, Backache, Fainting and Dizzy Spells; soon builds up the weak, ailing and sickly. Try them, 50c, at Nathan's Pharmacy.

Felix Mann, of the firm of Felix Mann & Son, realty dealers, Saturday, closed a deal for Murchison & Silliman, of Eldorado, for 10,240 acres, the purchase price aggregating \$65,000. The purchasers of the large tract were Willoughby Brothers, and the sale is regarded as a bargain so far as the actual worth of the real estate is concerned. The land lies four miles from Eldorado on the Sonora road.—Standard.

Checked to Death.

is commonly said of babies who have died of the croup. How unnecessary this is. No child ever had the croup without having a cold or cough at the start. If you will stop the first symptom of the cough with Ballard's Horehound Syrup there is no danger whatever of croup. Sold by all druggists.

The man who breeds and feeds draft horses judiciously need have no fears as to the result.

Looking Ones Best.
It's a woman's delight to look her best but pimples, skin eruptions, sores and boils rob life of joy. Listen! Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them; makes the skin soft and velvety. It glorifies the face. Cures Pimples, Sore Eyes, Cold Sores, Cracked Lips, Chapped Hands. Try it. Infallible for Fleas. 25c at Nathan's Pharmacy.

R. R. (Dick) Russell, as well as a number of other Texans, have been cut off from handling cattle in their former pastures in Osage county on the old terms by the recent regulations of the Oklahoma Board of Agriculture. Mr. Russell said yesterday that he had made no plans for next season as yet. Quarantine cattle are not barred from the western third of Oklahoma, or in what is known as the Big Hill country," said he. "The tick has been banished and all cattle going in there after January 1 next must be free of tick, and the evidence of this must be presented in the form of a Federal certificate of health. I do not know as yet what course the Texas cattlemen who will have steers to sell will pursue, but it is certain that no ticky cattle will be admitted. If we cannot secure clean cattle to take up there and cannot secure pasture in the eastern two-thirds of the country, which I think im-probable, a number of us may settle down and try to learn how to plow in Texas."—San Antonio Express.

Alone in Saw Mill at Midnight

unmindful of dampness, drafts, storms or cold, W. J. Atkins worked as night watchman, at Banner Springs, Tenn. Such exposure gave him a severe cold that settled on his lungs. At last he had to give up work. He tried many remedies but all failed till he used Dr. King's New Discovery. "After using one bottle" he writes, "I went back to work as well as ever." Severe Colds, stubborn Coughs, inflamed throats and sore lungs, Hemorrhages, Croup and Whooping Cough get quick relief and prompt cure from this glorious medicine. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free guaranteed by Nathan's Pharmacy.

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CHRISTMAS.

There will be Christmas Tree, Horse and Auto races, Dances, Tournaments, Cigar races, etc. at Sonora during Christmas week. Something doing all the time. Program next week.

Reception.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Aldwell who have been married 25 years will celebrate their silver jubilee Saturday night, with a reception from 8:30 to 11:30.

Benjamin Webb crossed the Brazos on a wrecked Orient bridge. Mr. O'Brien the Vice President and General Manager of the Orient was on this side of the river and tried to warn the boys not to cross the bridge but without success. Mr. O'Brien asked Orve where he was going and when he told him to Sonora via the Orient and that he had walked 12 miles and would walk all the way if necessary, the Vice President gave him a return pass. Orve says he would have given any thing—even his visit to Sonora—to be off the bridge before he was half way across it.

Cashier W. L. Aldwell of the First National Bank of Sonora, and Mrs. Aldwell (Miss Winnie Harrie) were married in San Angelo 25 years ago. It was a run-away match and the brides dresses barely reached her shoe tops. But, then, love will find a way.

December 4th 1909, will be their 25 anniversary, or silver wedding, and as announced elsewhere a reception will be held at their home tonight. The News has been requested to announce that the reception is for all, every body will be welcome and the more the merrier. No invitations have been issued and the friends of the couple and the public generally are expected to attend.

Mrs. Gus, Fambrough of Montgomery, Ga. arrived Thursday on a visit to her daughter Mrs. A. C. Fambrough.

With every dozen cabinet photos I will give one large photo during Dec and Jan.

F. GLIED the photographer.

Stock News.

For all around work the horse that is low and compact is better than the one that is long legged.

Teague & Bennett, of Brady, bought 30 head of cows from Dock Simmons; 95 from E. F. & Albert Vander Stucken; 5 from Jim Tarver at p. t.

R. T. Baker of Sonora, sold to Geo. Hendricks, of San Angelo 500 3 and 4-year-old steers at \$26, to be delivered in April 1910.

Don Cooper of Sonora bought cows from the following Sutton county parties at p. t. From W. E. Dunbar 118; Joe Ross 37; J. T. Shurley 35; C. S. Green 20; Walter Davis 15; W. T. O. Holman 31.

The Panhandle of Texas and Western Oklahoma was covered with a six inch snow Tuesday and heavy rains have fallen all over the State.

With the rains putting the range in the best possible shape, the cattlemen are looking around for good cattle to feed on their lucious grasses but are really finding it a hard matter to get hold of people wanting to sell. Cattle are commanding and excellent price at present.—Standard.

C. D. Stokes of Lampasas, Wm. Cummings and Jas. McGuire of Boston, were in Sonora Thursday enroute to Del Rio. These gentlemen are wool buyers and had been at San Angelo inspecting the wools there but their bids were not acceptable. They took advantage of an auto trip through the Sonora country, the great sheep and goat range of Texas.

Wanted.

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W. M. Holland bought of J. Earnest 14 mares at \$50; 6 colts at \$25, one jack \$300.

Beavers and Sweat sold for Sol Mayers to T. H. Ficklin of Pontotoc two sections of land for \$7,680.—E Dorado Times.

Tede Cope and Ed Fowler returned from a business and pleasure trip to San Antonio Monday.

Mrs. D. H. Kirkland and children are visiting Joe Cloudt at Roosevelt this week.

A. M. Stewart of Dallas, representing the Murray Cotton Gin company, was in Sonora Thursday on a business trip.

Mrs. Arthur Stuart and Miss Lela Wyatt were in from the Stuart ranch Saturday visiting and shopping.

30,000 Pounds Mohair Sold.

Representatives of the Wool Growers Central Storage Co. sold the remainder of the mohair in the company's warehouse Tuesday morning to A. Cohen & Co., of San Antonio, which firm is represented here by J. I. Vorhies.

The holdings disposed of Tuesday aggregated 30,000 pounds, and sold at 25 to 29 cents. The total deal footed up to about \$12,000.—Standard.

Steers Sell at \$34 Round.

A. H. Murchison purchased, Monday, from Perry McConnell and Bob Flutch, of Menardville, 600 head of fat steers paying \$34 around for them. The total deal amounted up to about \$20,000.

This is one of the finest bunches of cattle that have changed hands this fall. The deal is only one of many big ones that have either been consummated in the last few weeks or are now on tap ready to be closed up.

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Cattle Dealing Lively Monday.

George Thompson brought into San Angelo Monday 365 head of fine steers from his Crockett county ranch and delivered them over to Fred Baker. These steers were bought several days ago and cost Mr. Baker approximately \$7,000.

J. C. Stribling bought 100 head of fine steers from J. F. Craig of Sobelecher county Monday, paying \$30.50 per head. The total deal footed up something over \$3,000.—Standard.

Cattle Deal Amounts to \$24,000.

Felix Mann and Son closed up one of the best cattle deals of the season Monday, when they disposed of a herd of between 700 and 800 head of fine steers, coming 3's and 4's, at \$28.50 per head. The whole deal totalled up to about \$24,000.

These cattle are sold for April delivery and will be turned over to Mr. Stribling at the stock pens here at that time. The entire herd is the property of Felix Mann.

Quite a large number of cattle are changing hands in these days when the grass is so good and the cattle are in such excellent shape.—Standard.

You can buy lumber just as cheap from B. F. Bellows of Sonora as at San Angelo; freight added. 93 St.

May be Auditor of New Mexico.

R. L. McIlwaine who will be auditor of New Mexico, if Editor Robinson, of Roswell, accepts the gubernatorial chair of our sister territory, was formerly a farmer in the Salt River valley, going to Roswell about eighteen months ago.

Mr. McIlwaine came to Phoenix from Texas in 1901 with his half brother, J. E. Nelson. For several years they farmed together on a ranch southeast of the city.

When seen today, Mr. Nelson said that he was as much surprised as any one over the rapid rise of his relative to prominence in New Mexico. Several days ago he received a copy of Robinson's paper, stating that McIlwaine would be territorial auditor if Robinson became governor.

Both Robinson and McIlwaine live in Roswell and are close friends.

The above clipping from the Phoenix, (Ariz) Republican will be interesting news to the Sonora friends of the McIlwaine's and Nelsons who formerly ranged in this country.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bellows entertained a number of their young friend Saturday night with a dance and every one that was present says they had a big time. The music was furnished by the Mexican string band. Those who had the pleasure in participating in the dance are as follows: Misses Tincy Doak, Ross Stephenson, Minnie Word, Bell Odom, Rubey Bridge, Pearl Parkerson, Jennie Brown, Carrie and Sallie Karnes, Rubey Holman, Mary Smith, Messrs. Roy and Fred Smith, Wallace Keese, Willie Odom of Ozona, Lee Aldwell, Jim McDonald, W. F. Day, of San Antonio, Joe Bradford, Charley Chaters, of Ozona, John and Homer Holman, Fred Grimland Luther Thorp and Ios Adams.

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R. L. HATCH.
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Boston Wool Market.

No new developments have taken place during the week in the market that materially changes the quiet in the Boston wool market, says the American Wool and Cotton Reporter in its issue of November 25, but nothing has transpired to change the strong position of wool in local warehouses, or of the foreign wool in bond, and as the stocks are reduced each week the less desirable wools left seem to work right into class, and the price of last week and the week before remain unchanged. The wool buyers have practically ceased looking for bargains, and the present policy of buying is to take the least possible quantity to patch out, and then come in again within a few days and take another small lot. This method of buying seems to be growing in favor and there will be ten purchases of 50,000 pounds each for a mill that in years past would buy a half million pounds at one time and not consider it a big purchase.

No one consuming wool seems to relish the idea of tying up much money in it. In fact, the consumers seem to be afraid of wool, and are best satisfied when buying piecemeal lots once or twice a week. This particular system of buying has its good points, to be sure, but it does not give the mills as much of the best selections as would be the case if larger blocks were taken. Still, it is satisfactory all around under the circumstances, and before the first of the year it will result in the Boston wool trade carrying over into a new year the smallest quantity of old domestic wool on record within recent years.

It will be a case of clean decks, or rather cleaned out lefts, and the trading will be confined almost exclusively to foreign wools. In addition to some Territory wool, Boston has a moderate supply of California wool which heretofore has been only in demand for certain lines of production. Part of the regular demand was supplied and then there was a halt and since then the California wools have been peddled out for uses, mysterious in a way, because the buyers were never before known to take this grade. The result is obvious. A little later when those manufacturers depending upon the wool to carry them into the heavy-weight season come in for a supply, they will find their usual choice lots somewhat broken, if not sold out entirely, and what they will be forced to buy as a substitute will cost more money than the price now asked for California wool.

This holds good in a way with the delaine wools of domestic growth. There is a good supply in the market and they are as surely needed by certain manufacturers as any wool is needed, but

the price seems to cause hesitation even when it is admitted that the wools are wanted and must be bought sooner or later. Take a delaine wool at 42 cents. It will cost about 89 cents clean. A good 70s Australian will now cost 92 to 95c, clean landed, and there is little prospect of the price declining while the London sale may create a condition that will advance prices.

May Corporations Acquire School Lands?

Austin, Tex., Nov. 28.—A matter of great moment has been submitted to the Attorney General's Department by the Land Commissioner and is now under consideration by L. A. Dale, office assistant in charge of land matters. It involves the right of corporation to acquire school lands in Texas, even though the original purchasers were individuals and they have made proof of occupancy by three years' residence on the land.

The laws of Texas prohibit corporations from acquiring school lands except where such land is actually needed for the purposes of the corporation. A banking company could not buy school lands as an investment for its funds or surplus. Corporations are permitted only the land needed for the operation of the corporation.

Recently the Land Commissioner discovered that corporations have acquired hundreds of acres by buying after the actual settlers had completed their three years residence. Under the law the actual settlers are at liberty to sell to other individuals, but it is understood that the Attorney General will advise the Land Commissioner that corporations cannot buy the land where it has not been paid out. However, the corporations can advance the money to the individual owners and after patent is secured by the individual the land may be sold to any person and then transferred to the corporation.

Inasmuch as hundreds of acres have been secured by corporations through purchase before the land is paid out there will probably be land suits by the State to test the validity of the titles in a number of instances. Then, too, the Land Commissioner will examine transfers henceforth, and may refuse to accept same. This would probably mean a mandamus proceeding in the Supreme Court to test the question.

There would probably by no dispute as to the right of persons to sell land once it is paid out and patents issued, but the Attorney General's opinion is expected to call a halt on transfers of land before the land is paid out. A serious question in connection with

corporations to buy school land for their necessary purposes is that of a cattle corporation. This important issue is not presented in the interrogatory submitted this time, but the Land Commissioner, it is understood, will present that matter to the Attorney General at an early date. A contention is to be made by certain cattle raising corporations that land is absolutely essential to their business; in fact, that they could not conduct their business if they did not possess grazing land; therefore, under the law, they are entitled to buy land absolutely necessary for the "running" of their cattle.

If they are right in their contention it would mean that a cattle-raising corporation could secure thousands of acres of school land. This would enable the cattlemen to form corporations with their families and ranchmen would be able to keep large pastures intact and save them from the actual settlers and home-seekers, "squatters," as they are called in some localities. If the law permits cattle-raising corporations to buy and own school land to the extent of an acreage necessary for their business it will be gladsome news for certain large Western sections of the State, where the cattle and sheep men have resented the encroachment of the small stock farmer, the farmer and the homeseeker.

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SONORA, TEXAS. Dec. 4, 1909.

Dr. L. F. Robichaux the dentist left Monday for Edorado on professional business.

F. Glide the photographer made a business trip to Edorado this week.

W. T. O Holman was in from his ranch in Edwards county this week visiting his family.

Are you ready for a Big business during the holidays? A little Ad will help.

Mrs. J. W. Mayfield and Mrs. Curt Allison and baby, left last Saturday for Clifton on a visit to relatives.

Ben Cass of the wholesale liquor firm of L. W. Levey & Co. of Galveston, was in Sonora Monday making business for his house.

Lumber may be bought from B. F. Bellows of Sonora at San Angelo prices and delivered where you want it. Have him give you prices. 93 St.

Mrs. De Wallace and Miss Lucile Grimland were in from the Wallace ranch Thanksgiving day the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grimland.

Ask B. F. Bellows of Sonora about lumber. He will deliver to you at San Angelo or in Sonora.

Charlie Schauer, of Ozona, was water bound in Sonora several days this week but managed to have a good time just the same.

R. E. Taylor was in Sonora Saturday and said he was preparing to ship a car of calves that would average 325. Mr. Taylor thinks this the greatest stock country in the world with only one thing lacking—a railroad.

More than half an inch of rain fell in Sonora this week and it all soaked into the ground. The report from all directions indicates the rain was general over a large part of West Texas with heavier rains than fell here. The rain fall for the month of November was 1.18 and the total to date for 11 months 16.80 or a shortage of 7.20 from the average rainfall of 24 inches annually.

Railroad companies in Massachusetts have offered to aid the State in its battle against forest fires. The reason, as given by the New England Magazine, the railroads offer this assistance is to protect scenery because it attracts the people and creates traffic for the companies. Just think what a valuable asset the scenery of the Sonora country is as an inducement to railroad building here.

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SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

O. T. Word arrived home this week from a business visit to Fort Worth.

Miss Luella Rob'ins was in Sonora this week the visiting Miss Tiny Owens.

T. A. Porter, John Sellars, Geo Linowebber and Louis Logging of San Angelo returned from a months hunt in Val Verde county. They had the novel experience of being required to make a visit to Del Rio because of hunting in a posted pasture. The men are employed in the brick yard at San Angelo.

Have B F Bellows of Sonora give you prices on lumber and you will buy from him. 93 St.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Noguess were in Sonora Tuesday from their home on the Holland ranch 8 miles east of town.

J. T. Evans of San Antonio formerly of Kerrville, was in Sonora Tuesday on business relative to the purchase of a large ranch in this country.

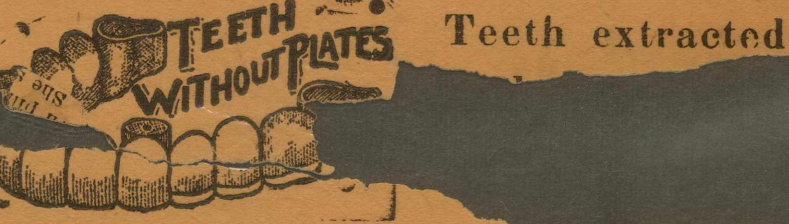
Make arrangements to spend the holidays in Sonora. There will be something doing all the time.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ira Word of Fort Worth, were in Sonora Wednesday attending to some business.

Jap Holman was in town this week delivering fat cows to H. P. Cooper.

John Martin and W. L. Southard the new owner of the Martin ranch 25 miles west of Sonora were in town this week.

John W. Smith manager and part owner of the J. B. Murrab ranch in the Beaver Lake country, was in Sonora this week visiting his family.

The convenience of being able to buy a few planks of lumber in Sonora from B. F. Bellows is greater than the increased price. 93 St.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson are moving in from the Ira Word ranch and will occupy the Ira Word residence.

W. A. Ogle the cattle and horse man, who has a farm in the Middle Valley country, was in Sonora Thursday trading. Mr. Ogle is sending the Devil's River News to his son Days in Flagler, Colorado.

C. S. Green and Oscar Appelt, of Hallettsville, were in Sonora Wednesday from the Green ranch. Mr. Appelt is with his brother the new owner of the Green ranch and livestock and will move to the ranch about January 1st. Mr. Appelt is a very agreeable gentleman and the News hopes he will be pleased with the Sonora country.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sharp were in from the E. R. Jackson ranch Wednesday shopping.

Thanksgiving Party.
Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Baker entertained a number of their young friends at their home in Sonora on Thursday night Nov. 25, in honor of Grady Wyatt and Marie Lowrey. The party began at half past six and was continued until nine o'clock. Every one of the little folks had a big time, and enjoyed themselves playing the following games. "Marobing round the Levy," "Go down to Dadys and get a cup of Tea," "Shoe Doll," "Pleased or Displeased," "Dropping the Hankerchief" and the very last and first "Snap." Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lowrey and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Wyatt, Misses Lois Gilbert, Irma Holman, Bertha and Thelma Turney, Nannie Rouches, Eleie Adam, Rose and Lora Word, Eva Smith, Hattie and Beatrice Glasscock, Winnie Wyatt and Mattie Martin. Messrs. Ralph Traiser, Walter Whitehead, Gusie Caruthers, Clayton Ghrum, Fritz Meckel, Haynie Davis, Paul Turney, Lewis Rouches, Reodor and Ben Cusenbary, Owen and Robert Chriswell, Wesley Smith, Henry Wyatt, Grady Lowrey, Hayden Gilbert, Russel Martin, Hiber Wyatt, Vernon Hamilton, Frank and Henry Decker, J. D. Wallace, and Roy Grimland.

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 THE STATE OF TEXAS: To the Sheriff or any Constable of Sutton County, GREEKING: J. A. Sykes, Administrator of the Estate of A. J. Sykes, deceased, having filed in our County Court his final account of the condition of the estate of said A. J. Sykes, deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said administration, you are hereby commanded that by publication of this writ for twenty days in a newspaper regularly published in the County of Sutton, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the first day of November, 1910, of said county court, commencing and to be held at the Court house in said County, in the town of Sonora, on the 3rd Monday in said month, same being the 21st day of February, A. D. 1910, when said account and application will be considered by said Court. Witness J. D. Lowrey, Clerk of the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, Given under [U. S.] my hand and seal of office, at my office, in the town of Sonora, this the 12th day of November, A. D. 1909. J. D. Lowrey, Clerk of County Court, Sutton County, Texas. A true copy, I certify: J. S. Allison, Sheriff, Sutton County, Texas.

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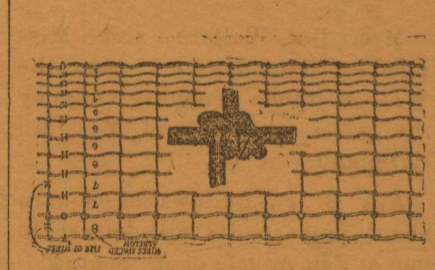
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The Lure of the Mask
 By HAROLD MAC GRATH

"I ain't lettin' it drop any." Winding steps, thought the blindfolded man. He could recollect none. It seemed to him that they stood there a few minutes before the door opened. When it did, the boy passed in the basket and resolutely pushed Hillard into the hall. The door closed gently, and the adventure was begun. Whither would it lead him?
 "Take off the bandage the signor may now," said a voice in broken English.
 "Thanks!" He tore the handkerchief from his eyes and blinked. The hall was so dimly lighted that he could see nothing distinctly.
 "The signor's coat and hat."
 He passed over these articles, shook the wrinkles from his trousers, smoothed his chin and stood at attention. The maid eyed him with abundant approval.



Madam? he faltered. He spoke English and not very fluently. The woman turned. Hillard took a step backward and blundered against a pedestal. She was masked! Masked! Only her mouth and chin were visible, and several little pieces of court plaster effectually disguised these. There was a mystery. He to come blindfolded and she to wear a mask—extraordinary!
 "And this," she said ironically, "is the gentleman who leaned out of the window."
 He brought all his faculties together, for he knew he would need them in this encounter. "Supposing I had fallen out of it—well, it could not have mattered. I should not have been more at your feet than I am now." This was very good, considering how dry his tongue was.
 Hillard reached a chair successfully enough, but he never could recollect how. He sat down as a bashful man sits down in a crowded ballroom, with his knees drawn in tightly and his feet at sympathetic angles.
 Presently she laughed with malice. "You are not comfortable in that chair."
 "That is true, and yet it is soft and roomy. I am uneasy. Perhaps you recall to my subconsciousness a period in my former existence on earth, or, if you will, one of my ancestors."
 "I fail to understand."
 "Well, a Hillard 200 years ago had his head cut off by an ax. His executioner wore a mask."
 "A mistake. Your ancestor should have been hanged."
 "And I along with him, you would imply?"
 "Are you not Irish? I have known Irishmen of the name of Hillard."
 "They were in disguise. But I have a generous strain of Irish blood in me; otherwise I shouldn't have had the

courage to follow up an adventure now this."
 "Thanks. The compliment is rather ambiguous."
 "My compliments cannot possibly be more ambiguous than your appearance. Surely there will be an hour for unmasking."
 "It has already begun, Mr. Hillard."
 "So I am the one who is to be unmasked? Well, I have only the mask nature gave to me. I wish she had been more liberal. But I shall see what can be done with it."
 He took note of her teeth and felt a sudden tinge of regret. One may disguise the face and hair, but the teeth are always the same. Two lower teeth on the right side appeared to be gone; the others were firm and glistening white. It was a pity, for a woman's teeth are as much her glory as her hair.
 Silence. The ruddy light on her hair fascinated him.
 "What is it?" she demanded.
 "Your hair," with a simplicity which silenced her. "You have the most beautiful hair I have ever seen."
 "Thank you. And yet, for all you know, it may be a fine wig."
 "If it is I shall never be sure of anything again. Am I in prosaic New York? Have you not by some carpet magic transported me to old Europe? If a dozen conspirators came in in cowls to render me the oath I should not be at all surprised."
 "There is no magic, only a mask."
 "And there is no way of seeing behind that?"
 "None—absolutely none. I am told that you are a gentleman, so I am confident that you will not stoop to use force."
 "Only the force of eloquence, if ever I may lay claim to that again."
 "You are beginning well, for I tell you, Mr. Hillard, I shall expect but the most brilliant wit from you to-night. As for me, I shall only interpolate occasionally. Now, begin."
 "I am not used to dancing without the pole."
 "You must learn. Dance!"
 "Upon what—nothing? And how shall I know that my dancing pleases you?"
 "I agree to tell you. I wear this mask tonight because I am taking a superstitious leaf out of my book of cares."
 "You are, then, seeking a diversion?"
 "Nothing more or less. Do not fatter yourself that there is anything personal or romantic on my side. I am bored."
 "I am wholly in your hands," he said, "and they are very beautiful hands."
 "Is there anything more beautiful than a cat's paw when the claws are hidden? Never judge a woman by her hands." Nevertheless she buried her hands in the depths of a downy cushion and forgot her eyes.
 "I promise to remember. Your letters"—he began diffidently. Where the deuce was his tongue? Was he to be tongued tied all the evening before this Countess, who, with the aid of her mask, was covertly laughing at his awkwardness?
 "My letters? A woman often writes what she will not say and says what she will not write. Did you not ask me to disillusion you?"
 "Yes, but softly, softly. I begin to believe one thing—you brought me here to teach me a lesson. Gentlemen should never use the personal column."
 "Nor should ladies read it. I am not saving any mercy for myself" with laughter.
 "Shall I begin with my past?"
 "Something less horrifying, if you please."
 "I object to the word nice," he said. "I should have preferred milkson. Hadn't you better try some new kind of torture?"
 This time her laughter was relaxed and joyful. And somehow Hillard felt more at ease. He was growing accustomed to the mask. He stretched his legs and fingered his nother lip.
 "Have you not somewhere an invisible clock?"
 "I had one that night, when a gentleman told me," she answered readily. "I was so invisible to you that I heard the policeman call out your name. I thank you for insisting that I was not a chorus lady."
 Here was a revelation which accounted for many things. "I haven't been very fortunate so far in this adventure."
 "That is rank ingratitude. I am of the opinion that fortune has highly favored you."
 "But the mask—the mask! If you heard the policeman call my name you must have heard him speak of one Leddy Lightfinger."
 "I did, indeed. And is it not possible that I am that very person?"
 Hillard dropped his hand toward his watch. "Why do you hate Italy?"
 She sat straight, and what little he could see of her mouth had hardened.
 "There will be no retrospection this evening, if you please," her voice rather metallic.

(To be continued)
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