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## New Spring Shoes

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### Bobwire Thoughts.

When a fellow's away from home sometimes he is feeling blue  
The clouds hang dark and heavy they wont let the Sun shine through,  
It's a great thing O my Brother when a man has got the blues  
Just to get a copy of the Devil's River News.

And read about dear old Sonora so peaceful at rest  
It is then I hear the calling and the pleading of the West.

I fires, it beckons, it draws, with an instinct still but strong  
It runs with a soft persistence through dreams the whole night long,  
It stays at my side in the day time and oft through the stress and strain  
I can hear it calling calling come, come back again.

The hazy blue of the mountains the waft of the prairie scent  
The easy swing of the saddle that lulls to a calm contentment,  
The sky for a roof above you the green for your tired eyes  
On the Cow trails by the Devil's River is the life that satisfies.

With all the earth's wild freedom with all the way to go  
With nothing to fret nor harass with room for friends or foe,  
A smile from eyes that love you, a word for your ear alone  
Oh save me a place on the Devil's River and let me call it Home.

And day by day as I listen I feel that my will grows weak  
The tug at my heart string strengthens and draws till I find a would seek  
Far far in the hazy distance the path that I trod of yore  
Which leads to dear old Sonora on the dry Devil's River shore.

O I'm going back I can not stand this strain  
And I want to hear old spread his stock yard again  
And when I see the hills and the anvil  
I'll be glad to see you again.

### Our Swift Legal Justice.

"You say you know Mr Brown," asks the lawyer.  
"Yes, sir."  
"You will swear to that?"  
"Yes, sir."  
"You mean that you are acquainted with Mr. Brown?"  
"That's what I mean. I am—"  
"Stop. You don't know him—you are merely acquainted with him. You don't mean to tell the court then, that you know all about Mr. Brown and everything he did?"  
"Of course not. I suppose—"  
"Never mind what you suppose. Don't get all mixed up—you are under oath. So you don't know everything Brown ever did?"  
"No, sir."  
"That is to say, you aren't so well acquainted with him as you just said you were?"  
"Well, I guess—"  
"Quit guessing. We are beginning to understand each other now. You can't swear that you know Brown."  
"Well, if you put it that way—"  
"Never mind how I put it. I ask you a plain question, and you must give a plain answer. Don't try to evade—say yes or no."  
"No."  
"Ah! So, in point of fact, you don't know Brown at all?"  
"Why—er—no, sir."  
"I thought so. That'll do."  
(And if anybody thinks this is burlesque stuff, we may remark that we got it from an old notebook of a former court reporter. And we copied it word for word—except that the witness' name wasn't Brown.)—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### Breaking a Will

"So you were successful in your efforts to break your uncle's will in which he left you only \$20,000?"  
"Yes, I won out easily."  
"And how much did you finally get?"  
"After paying the lawyers I took down \$3,500."—Detroit Free Press

### Clorious News.

comes from Dr. J. T. Curtis, D. Light, Kan. He writes: "I not only have cured bad cases of patients with Electric also cured myself of some disease. I will benefit any who will try it."  
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### Wools of the United States

reach the manufacturers in such condition as oftentimes fill their users with wrath and despair. Look at this, said a manufacturer to the writer one day as we were going through his plant. Would not that make a man hate his mother's son? He pointed to a lot of wool that was being assorted. It had been tied with binder twine, the men removing the twine were as careful as they could be to get off all of the string, yet some unseen fibers would no doubt cling to the wool. Later on when the cloth made from that wool was dyed each bit of twine fiber would gleam yellow and would have to be removed bit by bit with hand tweezers. The twine, however, was the least of the trouble with that wool. It was badly mixed, each bag as it was emptied contained three or more classes of wool. This of course the manufacturer could and did rapidly assort, usually he would have had this done before he bought it, but my friend had a rather small mill and bought some wool direct from growers. He could use all the various grades of wool sooner or later but if he could have had each bag filled with wool of one grade it would have saved him a lot of trouble.—Jos. E. Wing in Breeders Gazette.

### Nineteen Miles a Second

without a jar, shock or disturbance, is the awful speed of our earth through space. We wonder at such ease of nature's movement, and so do those who take Dr. King's New Life Pills. No gripping, no distress, just through work that brings good health and fine feelings. 25c at Nathans Pharmacy.

### Texas Independence Day.

Fifty eight men of Texas met at Washington, on the Brazos, on March 1, 1836 in a general convention of the people of Texas, to devise some plan for the common welfare, to give order and government to the settlements, and to unite for protection against an invading army from Mexico, whose guns were then booming before the walls of San Antonio. That gathering is momentous in the annals of Texas, for on the second day of its session the convention unanimously adopted a declaration of independence, organized a provisional government, and on the 17th adopted the constitution of the Republic of Texas.

Richard Ellis, delegate from Red River, was president of the convention. Other prominent members were Sam Houston, Thomas J. Rusk, Lorenzo de Zavala, Edwin Waller, R. Potter, A. Briscoe. It is interesting to know that while the dominant element in the Texas settlements was Southern, a fair sprinkling from other regions was there, as was evidenced by the personnel of the convention. Asa Brigham was a native of Massachusetts, S. H. Everett of New York, M. B. Menard of Canada, Thomas G. Gezeley of New York, Charles S. Taylor of England, R. Hamilton of Scotland, C. McKimney of New Jersey, James Power of Ireland, E. Conrad and S. R. Fisher of Pennsylvania.

The committee appointed by the president to draft a declaration of independence was composed of George C. Childress of Milam, James Gaines of Sabine, Edward Conrad of Pefugio, Collin McKinney of Red River and Bailed Har deman of Matagorda. On March 1 this committee was appointed, and on March 2 it made its report, the declaration was unanimously adopted, and every member of the convention present at the time attached his signature to the instrument.

It committed the Texans to war. Heretofore their policy had been one of forbearance. As a province of Mexico, they had been lawabiding and loyal, but restrictions had increased; laws, maliciously passed to injure the Anglo-Saxon resident of the region, had been viciously imposed on the people, and now an invading army had crossed the Rio Grande for the express purpose of reducing the settlements to the utter will of new Mexican president, Santa Anna.

Not only this, but there were dissensions in the ranks of the Texans themselves. Early in the preceding October a provisional government had been formed, without openly severing connection with Mexico, and this government, had come to a sorry pass. The council was split into factions, the factional division had spread into the small army, and when General Sam Houston went to the convention at Washington it was with a sad and disappointed spirit. His position as commander in chief of the army up to this time had been scarcely more than a nominal one. One division of his army was pushed toward Matamoros to make an assault on that city; this was expressly against his will and orders. The small garrison in the Alamo had been ordered by General Houston to blow up that fortress and retreat to the east. This order has been ignored. To cap the climax, the council had deposed from office Henry Smith, as governor of the provisional government, and Sam Houston, as commander of the army. He went to the convention as a delegate from his district but there seemed little hope of bringing any real order out of the existing chaos.

But at the Washington convention Houston found a great many other patriots with the same intense feeling of Texas liberty, and the same desire to put personal prejudices and likes and dislikes down for the sake of unity in the government. It was not a convention of discontented subjects of the Mexican dictator; it was a congress of Texans, rising up in liberty to govern themselves. There was no haggling about declaring independence; everybody was for it. The committee was appointed the first day, and on the second day it delivered its report, the declaration adopted without a dissenting

vote, and the delegates proceeded to organize the government.

When the reports of this proceeding reached the Eastern cities of the United States, Texas immediately became the live topic in conversation and in newspaper discussion. Many newspapers condemned the procedure, and the most biased and untrue reports of conditions in Texas were published and given credence, especially in New England. It was probably foreseen by politicians that the independence of Texas would ultimately mean its admission into the United States; and the New-England and Northern politicians were already jealous of any increase in Southern power in congress. It was the obvious and politic thing to do—condemn the Texas patriots, because, in the first place their reputation in many parts of the East was far from that of patriots; they were pictured there as a particularly dangerous species of desperado, living a life of lawlessness in semi-tropical wilds.

But Andrew Jackson, president of the United States, knew different. He was a personal friend of Sam Houston, he had lived in Louisiana and knew the Southwest, and in those early days Jackson must have foreseen the time when Texas would be knocking at the doors of the Union. He encouraged and aided the patriots in every possible way. And there were other friends in Washington and in the East, as well as in the South. It was in the South, however, that the greatest sympathy and most real understanding existed for it was there that fathers and mothers and aunts and uncles and cousins of the Texas patriots lived. The New Orleans Grays and the company from Mobile were definite military forces furnished by friends in the old States but they were by no means the only aids given.

Farmers and others who live at a distance from a drug store should keep in the house a bottle of BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It may be needed at any time for cuts, wounds, sores, sprains or rheumatism. It is a powerful healing and penetrating remedy. Price 25, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by All Dealers.

### Irrigation Enhances Land Values

Roswell, N. M., March 5—J. M. Miller has installed a pumping plant on his place near Lake Arthur that is pumping 6,000 gallons of water per minute. He will use the water to irrigate 800 acres of alfalfa. Before installing this plant the lands were considered "dry farming" now they are in the irrigated class and are quite valuable. Dr. A. L. Taylor has also installed a pumping plant on his land south of Lake Arthur and will irrigate 400 acres of alfalfa. His plant has a capacity of 2,000 gallons per minute. His land was outside the artesian belt and a few years ago thought valueless, except for stock grazing.

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### He Heard Nothing.

A tall man from the timbered hills went into a Fredonia store the other day to do some trading. Among the desired purchases was a shirt waist for his wife. Entering the store he was directed to the shirt-waist department, and made his want known to the young lady who was in charge. "What bus?" asked the saleslady. The man looked at her inquiringly a moment and then said: "I dunno, I didn't hear nothing!"—Nendeshia (Kee) San.

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THE "LONG TEXAN" AND AN UNKNOWN JOIN THE SIX.

San Antonio, March 13—Express Messenger David A. Trousdale of San Antonio balked the robbery of the Southern Pacific's fast east-bound train No. 9, a few miles east of Sanderson, early this morning when he trapped and killed two robbers.

The robbers boarded the train at Sanderson. They detached the mail and express cars and the locomotive and compelled the engineer to run ahead with the remainder of the train.

One robber took Trousdale back to the train while the other rifled the express car. In killing the first robber, Trousdale is said to have employed the old ruse of signaling to imaginary person back of his captor. The bandit fell for the trap, and when he turned the messenger, grabbed a millet from the ground and brained him before he was able to shoot. He killed him by the blow.

Armed with the dead man's gun Trousdale waited for the return of the other robber, whom he also killed. He fired one shot at the second robber.

The bodies of the two men are unidentified. They were taken to Sanderson and will remain there for a few days until identified. The two men are Americans.

The bandits carried dynamite, and it is said that there was a third member of the party who held the horses at a certain point and escaped.

Trousdale will receive a big reward from both the express company and the railroad.

Parties returning to Sonora Thursday from the West on the S. P. report that the two men killed by the express messenger, are to the satisfaction of local residents at Sanderson known to be Ed Welch of Edwards County and Ben Kilpatrick of Cocheco County about 6 years ago. Welch shot Tanner of Brownwood for a pair of boots he had lost in a card game. Welch was found guilty at Uvalde, given 25 years, but got away. Governor Colquhoun after his inauguration had two special rangers in the hills of the Neuses trying to capture him.

Ben Kilpatrick was in Sonora with Harry Logan buying horses before the killing of Will Carver and the branding of Geo Kilpatrick by Sheriff Briant and posse. He was afterwards arrested in St. Louis with unsigned bank notes in his possession, stolen in a Montana hold-up. He was given 15 years. Good behavior reduced the time and he was about a year ago liberated, taken to Cocheco county and acquitted of the charge of killing Tharnton.

The report from Sanderson says that four others were in the party, had horses that belonged to C. S. Pecos and an automobile. The U. S. patrol knew where they are and when the State officers get after them a fight is expected.

J. S. Allison, sheriff of Sutton County returned from Del Rio Friday evening; he had consulted with Captain Sanders of the State rangers and was shown photos of the two would-be robbers.

There seems to be no doubt about Kilpatrick, but a very divided opinion about the other being Welch. Welch is not thought to be over 30 years while the unidentified or one identified as Welch looks to be 40 years, bald and gray. Noah Corder, ex-sheriff of Kinney county is of the opinion, judging from the picture that—the supposed to be is about that age.

Sheriff Allison understood from his conversation with Captain Sanders, that the robbers had but three horses stacked, one pack horse fitted with mose bags and moccasins. The automobile and four other robbers report is discredited by the officers. At least one more of the one time "Hole in the Wall" is has gone with his boots on.

On going to press at 2 p. m. Saturday Probate court on Jackson's will had not been called.

Repels Attract of Death.

"Five years ago two doctors told me I had only two years to live." This startling statement was made by Stillman Green, Malechite, Col. "They told me I would die with consumption. It was up to me then to try the best lung medicine and I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery. It was well I did, for today I am working and believe I owe my life to this great throat and lung cure that has cheated the grave of another victim." He fully to suffer with coughs, colds or other throat and lung troubles now. Take the cure that's safest. Price 50 cents and \$1.00 Trial bottle free at Nathans Pharmacy,

AUTOMOBILE SHOW.

All Kinds of Horseless Vehicles to Be Much in Evidence.

The fact that auto delivery wagons, vans and trucks are becoming more popular throughout the Southwest every year will be thoroughly demonstrated at the big automobile show, which will be held in connection with the coming National Feeders' and Breeders Show, at Fort Worth, March 18-23, inclusive. When the Fat Stock Show was first started, sixteen years ago, it was mainly of interest to livestock men, but each year the exposition has broadened its scope until it now includes a Fat Stock Show, Horse Show, Land or Agricultural Show, Poultry Show, Automobile Show, Merchants' and Manufacturers' Exhibition, and numerous novelty features, and all persons, regardless of their position and occupation, will find something to interest them. The show management is eternally on the lookout for something new in the way of amusement and educational features; and, with this in mind, it has arranged for the 1912 show the largest and most complete exhibition of automobiles ever before shown in the Southwest. Models of every two or four wheeled vehicle run by electricity or gasoline, from the motorcycle to the modern auto-truck and fire-wagon will be on display. The evolution of the "Horseless Carriage" will be the feature characteristic, comparing the first small inventions of this kind with the modern touring cars, delivery-wagons and moving-vans, which carry thousands of pounds, and which have proven of such value to the entire commercial world. No one now considers automobiles as luxuries, but as necessities, so this department of the coming Fat Stock Show should prove both interesting and beneficial to all patrons.

PUSH BALL GAME.

It Promises to Be the Most Unique of the Features.

As the leading and most unique feature of entertainment of the coming National Feeders' and Breeders Show, to be held at Fort Worth, March 18-23, the management has arranged to put on a "Push Ball Game." Two experienced teams have been secured, and the game promises to be exciting and interesting. Push Ball, or as it might be termed foot-ball on horse back, is the newest and most exciting game in the sporting world today. In many respects it is similar to the old time tournaments, which were so popular in the time of King George I, but, in the more modern field of sports, it is different from any other game. It is played by eight men, four on a side, mounted on active and well trained polo-ponies, the object being to push a gigantic ball through a goal at either end of the field. The rules of the game are very similar to those of foot ball with this exception; the ball must not be lifted from the ground, but must be pushed through the goal instead of carried. The victory of either team depends almost entirely upon the activity of the ponies, and when the "grand rush" is made, the animals, if they are well trained, stay close together and try to push the ball through the opponents' line of defense. Then the pony nearest the ball starts on a run, showing the ball before him, with his throat-partners acting as guards, but up a strong interference, keeping the opposing team as far away from the ball as possible. The ball used is a mammoth Rugby foot ball, about six feet in diameter. This game was introduced into this country by one of the leading ring circuses, and it has never failed to make a big hit wherever it was put on. Well-bred ponies, after they have been thoroughly trained to it, go into the game with eagerness, displaying almost human intelligence in the way they manipulate the ball and outwit their adversaries. This unique and exciting game never before having been played in the southwest, will be very interesting to all visitors and will prove a big drawing card for the show.

MANUFACTURERS' DEPARTMENT.

At the coming National Feeders' and Breeders Show, which will be held in Fort Worth, March 18-23, 1912, the Manufacturers' and Merchants' Exhibit department will be one of the most interesting and attractive features of the show. The space reserved for these exhibits in the big coliseum was all subscribed for more than a month ago, and work has already begun on the building of large and unique booths for the various firms and corporations which will be represented. Formerly the east side of the building was practically the only space used for this class of exhibits, but this year the entire east and west will be utilized, and every foot of space will be made as attractive as possible. Everything, from pins to buzzers and automobiles, and even models of railroads and steamships will be shown, and in fact, specimens of practically all important articles or products which have resulted from the invention and ingenuity of man will be on exhibition. The decoration of the aisles and the exquisite electrical display will also be pleasing features of this department. One of the most unique exhibits will be that furnished by the Northern Texas Traction company. Their large booth in the southwest corner of the coliseum will represent a scene between Fort Worth and Dallas, depicting life on the farm, and emphasizing the advantage of riding on "The Interurban." Winding through the hills and valleys will be a miniature railroad track on which exact models of the Interurban cars will be run; toothing their whistles at intervals, and even the electric wires and danger signals will be there all complete. Many other displays fully as interesting and unique will be shown, and patrons who fall to visit this department will miss a rare treat.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 12 miles south of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood, hunting hogs or fishing without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. O. T. WORD, Sonora, Texas.

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C. B. Edwards, of Edwards & Broughton, printers, Raleigh, N. C. used 30 gallons Devoc paint on his house; bought 30 gallons Devoc for the same and had 16 left.

That's how. Sold by E. F. Vander Stucken Co

Silliman & Murchison bought Friday from J. E. Tisdale 60 two year old steers at \$27 per head, April delivery with 10 per cent out. Silliman & Murchison bought this week from V. G. Tisdale 30 head of two year old steers at \$27 per head, April delivery with 10 per cent out.

Cattle deals approximating more than \$43,000 have been consummated in San Angelo during the past few days. Marcus Snyder purchased 1300 head of stock cattle, including 200 yearling steers, from Sam Martin of Schleicher county, for delivery before May 15. Montague and Henderson bought 160 head of cows from Will Evans. This bunch of cows will be placed on the Llano school lands. It is reported that \$24 per head was paid for the cows.—Standard.

Crockett county will be cleaned of ticks next summer, the State Live Stock Sanitary Board and United States Department of Agriculture co-operating. Dr. P. B. Scott, the Federal Inspector, will be in charge and he has announced that work will begin in June, and he expects to complete the job in about one hundred days. His plan is to dip the cattle every twenty-five days. There are about 55,000 cattle in the county and there will be some busy times up there during the hot weather. It will be the best 100 days work Crockett has done in her history.—Express.

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Free Wool to Next. Washington, March 9.—Free raw wool to follow free sugar was reported today to be the program of the house democrats.

Although Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee has been for a downward revision bill, such as was passed last summer and vetoed by the president, it is said a majority of the democrats on the committee insist a free raw wool bill be submitted to caucus and indications are that such a bill will be drafted.

With the \$53,000,000 revenue which would be lost from sugar provided by the proposed excise tax, the democrats are free to provide a duty on raw silk or rubber for the \$20,000,000 estimated loss by putting raw wool on the free list.

Republican leaders have assailed the democrats for withholding a wool bill after the tariff board had reported. It is now explained that democrats who seek a free raw wool bill were so much in the majority and insistent that means had to be found to obviate the opposition.

Democratic Leader Underwood and other members of the ways and means committee decline to discuss the plan, just as they did in the sugar tariff deliberations, but that such a plan is under consideration was admitted by those in touch with the situation.

Notice to Trespassers. Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 6 miles south 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. 56-tf J. T. Evans, Sr.

Notice to Trespassers. Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 21 miles south of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood, working live stock, hunting hogs or injuring fences, without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. 91 D. B. CUSENBARY, Sonora, Texas.

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Orient in Texas in Hands of Receivers.

Dallas, March 9.—Federal Judge Meek, late tonight, issued an order naming S. B. Hovey of Fort Worth and M. L. Merz of San Angelo receivers for the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railroad of Texas. Hovey and Merz are directed to take immediate charge of the road and all its properties and operate them. A bond of \$50,000 each is required. The receivers will qualify immediately, so attorneys say.

Judge Meek's order follows similar action in the Federal Court of Kansas, which granted the application for receivers for the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient, which is operated under the laws of Kansas.

M. L. Merz is president of the San Angelo National Bank and a director of the road.

S. B. Hovey was formerly vice president and general superintendent of the Chicago, Rock Island & Gulf railroad, with headquarters in Fort Worth. He is an experienced railroad official in both the operating and traffic departments.

The petition is voluminous and in printed form. It recites that the road has about ninety miles of trackage in Kansas, about 219 miles of trackage in Oklahoma, and that in Texas the line extends from Wilbarger County through to Pecos and that it has right of way for the railway on to Presidio, the Rio Grande River terminus. It recites that there are in contemplation various extensions and feeders in Texas, which it will be the duty of the receivers to continue, and that there are three sections of the line in Mexico, aiming ultimately to center on the port of Topolobampo, Mexico, on the Gulf of California.

Extensions in preparation are for 53.25 miles in Kansas, 146.15 in Texas and 48.69 in Mexico and that the right of way is practically completely obtained from Kansas City to the Bay of Topolobampo. The bonds are 4 per cent, based on a valuation of \$22,500 per mile of single main track, \$15,000 per mile of terminal track and \$12,000 per mile for each additional main or double trackage.

It is understood that all parties concerned have agreed to the proposed plans and to the appointment of receivers as accomplished. Dudley W. Eaton, representing the trust company which asked for the receivership, is confident that the court procedure, and the establishment of that receivership, both in Kansas and in Texas, will not hinder the completion of the road, but, upon the other hand, that the plans as before contemplated, will be carried out.

"This a step," he said last night, "which all parties concerned believe will result in speedy construction of the road, at least as far as Alpiene.

"The receivership will not interfere with the completion of the line in Texas, as originally planned. As a matter of fact it is expected that receivers will, under the orders of the court, co-operate with those interested in the property, to the end that the road in Texas shall be speedily completed and put in operation. The receivers, both in Kansas and Texas will, it is believed, act harmoniously for the protection of everybody interested in the property, and in the construction which is proposed to be carried out. It is also believed that plans for the reorganization of all the properties will soon be started."

Kansas City, Mo., March 8.—Creditors of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad late yesterday afternoon filed with the clerk of the Federal Court, in Kansas City application for receivers for the road. The application was made before Judge Pollock.

The receivership does not include the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Company of Texas, but similar proceedings will be instituted at once in Texas and the same receivers will be asked for the line in that state.

E. Dickenson, vice-president and general manager of the Orient was appointed as one of the receivers. The other two receivers are J. A. Davidson of Wichita, Kansas; and M. L. Turner of Oklahoma City.

The Orient road was projected by Arthur E. Stillwell about 25 years ago, from Kansas City to Topolobampo, Mexico, a distance of 1229 miles. Ninety-eight miles have been completed and trains are operated over the finished portion. The last statement of the railroad indicates that

penditures were greater than the receipts.

In recent statements urging Federal action against the so-called "money trust" A. E. Stillwell, president of the Orient, told of the difficulties in financing the road which is to connect Kansas City and Topolobampo, Mexico.

More than two-thirds of the line has been completed and construction will not be delayed, attorneys for the creditors say.

The annual report of the company showed outstanding \$12,500,000 common stock, \$12,500,000 preferred stock, \$21,000,000 of funded debt, and \$8,500,000 of other liabilities. Subsidies proposed by the Mexican government were \$5,310,000 in Mexican silver dollars, of which \$2,245,300 has been paid.

Among the reasons advanced for the difficulties of the Orient, which resulted in the appointment of a receiver yesterday are obstacles to construction in Mexico on account of fighting there.

Kansas City, Mo., March 9.—Edward Dickinson, vice-president and one of the receivers of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railway, says the road will be pushed to completion.

He says: "It will take \$30,000,000 to finish the road from Kansas City to Topolobampo, the Pacific Coast terminus, on the Gulf of California. In any event, the policy is to be the connecting of all gaps so that the road will be in operation from Kansas City to Sanchez, Mexico. That would cost about \$8,000,000 and would put in operation 1386 of the 1659 miles of the road.

"The receivers also will undertake to go ahead with the branch line from San Angelo, Texas, to Del Rio, by way of Sonora, Texas, a distance of 163 miles. The grading on 89 miles of this line is finished. The National railway of Mexico is to connect with our road at Del Rio. Then, by means of tariff arrangements with the National Railways of Mexico, we will have a short line to Monterey and Mexico City."

Edward Dickinson of Kansas City vice president and general manager of the company, J. O. Davidson a banker and capitalist of Wichita Kansas and M. L. Turner an Oklahoma City banker are the receivers. The bonds of the receivers were fixed at \$50,000 each. They will take charge of the affairs of the railway at once. Their headquarters will be here. Mr. Dickinson will be the active head of the property.

New York, March.—The receivership of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad was applied for at the instance of a committee of English bondholders, it was stated tonight by Frederick Hurley of London, representing English interest. Mr. Hurley attributed the company's troubles to difficulties in financing. It was proposed to reorganize the company, he said, but no definite plans have been decided upon. Upwards of \$5,000,000 of the bonds were sold to English capitalists about two years ago, by the United States & Mexico Trust Company, of which President Stillwell of the railroad is still head and trustee of the bonds.

Meanwhile the affairs of the road will be conducted as they were before. The operation will be the same and the same officers will be in command. The road's equipment will be kept up to the best condition and the roadbed will be kept in good shape.

The receivers will very likely make a trip over the road into Texas before long.

Lee L. Russell of Fort Worth and Tom Kyger of Pawhuska, Okla., are down for a few days. Mr. Russell is interested in about 12,000 steers down in Alice country and he is going down to investigate range conditions. Kyger is going along for company, but if he wants to buy an interest in them at a profit of, say, \$10 or \$15 per head, it is probably that Mr. Russell will let him in. Both of these men are heavily interested in the Osage country at present and are full of feeling and roughing some of the boys who are quite unanimous in their opinion that Oklahoma has never been so good as it is now. The ground for the sale will probably be sold by the day.

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**I. C. ADAMS**, Proprietor.  
 Shop in the Martin Commission Office, Main Street.  
 I have an expert cleaner and presser to do first class work.  
 All work guaranteed. Called for and delivered.  
 Phone 117.

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**& McDONALD**  
 Paper Hangers,  
 SONORA, TEXAS.

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Advertise.

Sam Smith the handsome and  
 "young" bachelor ranchman who  
 wants to have some one cook for  
 him just "like mother did" after  
 his father W. B. Smith. Mrs. Smith  
 and children move to the  
 mouth of Satan on Devil's River,  
 was in Sonora Wednesday Sam  
 was just joking when he told us a  
 few weeks ago that he wanted to  
 get married, but says the News is a  
 "splendid medium for advertisers"  
 as he has had so many enquiries  
 about his morals good looks, height,  
 weight, etc. that he had decided to  
 first (whip us) but now a girl  
 with good looks, a pleasing person-  
 ality, a high school graduate, with  
 smattering of arts, such as painting,  
 drawing and pianofort and still  
 young enough to learn to sew, was  
 an aspirant for his hand and heart,  
 Sam has decided that there  
 must be a cash consideration. How  
 much money have you?

Clean up. Have civic pride.

Mrs. J. C. Pearson entertained  
 the 42 club Friday afternoon.

G. M. McDonald returned Tues-  
 day from a business visit to San  
 Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bellows en-  
 tertained the High Five club Sat-  
 urday night.

Roy Smith of the Eldorado meat  
 market conducted by Jeff and Roy  
 Smith was in Sonora Wednesday.

S. L. Kirk of San Angelo is assist-  
 ing Ica Adams tailoring establish-  
 ment in the Martin Commission  
 office building.

The most common cause of insomnia  
 is disorders of the stomach. Cham-  
 berlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets correct  
 these disorders and enable you to sleep.  
 For sale by All Dealers.

Cart and Font Mayfield promi-  
 nent stockmen from the Juno and  
 Comstock, country were business  
 visitors in Sonora Monday.

Rosco Morris who is managing  
 the C. S. Holcomb ranch eight  
 miles south of Sonora was in town  
 Saturday for supplies.

When you have rheumatism in your  
 foot or instep apply Chamberlain's  
 Liniment and you will get quick relief.  
 It costs but a quarter. Why suffer? For  
 sale by All Dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Cauthorn and  
 baby returned Tuesday from a  
 visit to relatives at Snyder and  
 San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Ellis of Me-  
 nard were visiting relatives in So-  
 nora this week. Mr. Ellis says  
 range and live stock conditions on  
 the San Saba are in good condition.

30 per cent discount on boys  
 knickerbocker suits, where cash  
 is paid in advance, at the Sonora  
 Pantitorium.

Fayette Tankersley, President  
 of the Merton bank and W. J.  
 Carson of Merton are in Sonora  
 this week. Mr. Tankersley is look-  
 ing after the Jackson will and Mr.  
 Carson is visiting his sister Mrs.  
 A. F. Clarkson.

B. W. Hutcherson manager of  
 the S. E. McKnight ranch, 16  
 miles east of Sonora, was in town  
 Tuesday for supplies. "Hutch"  
 says conditions have been remark-  
 ably favorable with them this  
 winter.

Take HERBINE for indigestion  
 It relieves the pain in a few min-  
 utes and forces the fermented  
 matter which causes the misery  
 into the bowels where it is expel-  
 ed. Price 50c. Sold by All Drug-  
 gists.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Singley of Balti-  
 more, Md., are guests at the De-  
 cker. Mr. Singley is junior member  
 of the law firm Hinkley, Hisky  
 & Burger legal representatives of  
 Cardinal Gibbons. Mr. Singley  
 was so much impressed with our  
 West Texas climate on his recent  
 visit to Sonora that he is accom-  
 panied by his wife this time.

John Holman says the Ozona  
 boys have challenged Sonora for a  
 base ball game on March 23 (Sat-  
 urday). Naturally Sonora accepted  
 and the match is on. The Ozona  
 young people wanted to have a  
 dance but the Sonora Club Hall  
 will not be completed by that time  
 Other arrangements may be made  
 however.

Mrs. Alex McGonigill of El Paso  
 Mrs. Leo Brown of Corona, New  
 Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Word  
 of Marathon are home on a visit to  
 their parents Mr. and Mrs. O. T.  
 Word. The above were called  
 home on account of a sudden,  
 thought to be serious illness to  
 Mrs. Word. Mrs. Will Wilson and  
 Mrs. Sol Kelley were at and near  
 their mother. This is the first  
 time in seven years the O. T.  
 Word children have been at home  
 at the same time. Mrs. Word is  
 out of danger.

### COATS LOST.

On March 14th, about the 7 mile post  
 on the Junction road, 300 yearling  
 nannies. Rafter on nose. Finder please  
 notify R. T. Baker, Sonora or Will  
 Kelley, Owenville.

Program For E. Y. P. U.

March 17 1912.  
 Subject.—The Christian and  
 Social Service.  
 Leader.—Laura Merck.  
 Scriptural Reading—1 Cor 13:12  
 1.—What we mean by Social  
 Service. Ebel Adams.  
 2.—Why every Christian should  
 try to render some service to  
 society. Manila Smith.  
 3.—Can the world be regenerat-  
 ed by social service? Edgar Shur-  
 ley.  
 Song.  
 4.—What we can do to help re-  
 ligion by making right social con-  
 ditions. Rowena Smith.  
 5.—How we can help to render  
 social service? Maggie Pfeister.  
 6.—What we can do in our town  
 to make conditions better. Mrs.  
 James.  
 Song.  
 Rec. Burnice Glasscock.  
 Rec. Paul Newell.  
 Song.  
 Sword Drill.  
 Roll call.  
 Collection.  
 Dismissal.

Notice.

Rev. J. F. Lloyd, Presbyterian  
 will preach at the Baptist church  
 Sunday, March 24th.  
 Everybody cordially invited to  
 attend.

A Pauline Evening.

Opening song no. 79.  
 Song no. 77.  
 Payer.  
 Scripture Reading by Leader.  
 Psalm XXIII.  
 Song no. 143.  
 Talk. "Paul as a Man." Blood,  
 boyhood, Education and character  
 By Brother Worrell.  
 Song no. 191.  
 Talk. "Paul as a Convert." By  
 Leader.  
 Scripture Reading Romans XIV  
 13 to 22. Verse. By Miss Hattie  
 B. Cusenberry.  
 Paul as a Missionary. By Miss  
 Winnie Davis.  
 Throw the meeting open and  
 let each member repeat his fa-  
 vorite verse or chapter of Scripture,  
 and tell why it is their favorite  
 verse.

Sentence Prayer.  
 Song No. 185  
 Business Collection.  
 Song No. 71  
 League Benediction.

G. P. Hill was trading in Sonora  
 Wednesday.

Born on Friday, March 15, 1912,  
 to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Lewis a  
 daughter.

Floyde Estes and family were  
 in from the Peacock & Savell  
 ranch this week visiting friends  
 and relatives.

Judges J. W. Hill, T. C. Winn,  
 C. E. Dubois, James J. Neill and  
 E. L. Jackson of San Angelo are  
 representing clients in the Jackson  
 will probate contest this week.

Suits ordered at a 10 per cent  
 discount for cash in advance. The  
 Sonora Pantitorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stone of San  
 Angelo were guests at the Ducker  
 this week. Mr. Stone is with the  
 Findlater Hardware Co., of San  
 Angelo.

W. C. Ervson was in Sonora  
 Friday and reports that Jim Alford  
 is back at the ranch from his visit  
 to relatives in New Mexico and  
 Arizona.

Will Word a former typo on the  
 News staff has gone out to W. B.  
 Smiths ranch to help kid the An-  
 gora's. Will is a splendid hand  
 in the goat, sheep or cow camp.

Mrs. Geo Allison returned Wed-  
 nesday from Galveston where she  
 was in attendance on her daughter  
 Dolly. The Doctors report the  
 operation was successful. Miss  
 Clara will remain with Dolly  
 until time of dismissal.

Rome Shields and son Joyce of  
 San Angelo are in Sonora this  
 week. Rome is one of the trustees  
 of the Jackson estate and Joyce is  
 almost as big a man as his father.

Loss Carmichael has been audit-  
 ing the books for G. C. Cauthorn  
 ranch the past few weeks and ex-  
 pects to leave to day with Mr.  
 Cauthorn for Albany to consult with  
 his partners in their annual re-  
 union.

Lee L. Russell had three loads  
 of 974 pound steers in the Kansas  
 City market Friday, which sold at  
 \$5.00. Mr. Russell, who was in  
 the city until the departure of the  
 afternoon train down the San An-  
 tonio & Aransas Pass Railway,  
 stated that these steers, which  
 were shipped from Roff, Okla.,  
 had been on feed only sixty days,  
 and that the price was on the  
 whole satisfactory.—Express.

## AUCTION SALE

### 49 Registered Herefords 49

From the Herds of three of the most  
 successful breeders in Texas. Messrs.  
**H. C. BUNGER**, Ruth, Texas; **Joe EID-  
 DINGS**, Ruth, Texas; and **V. B. LATHAM**,  
 Eden, Texas. Sale to be at

**MENARD, TEXAS, APRIL 6th, 1912.**

The lot includes 49 head of fine, heal-  
 thy. Registered Herefords, there being  
 34 bulls and 15 females, consigned as  
 follows:—

**13 Bulls, H. C. BUNGER**, Ruth, Texas,  
**5 Bulls, Joe EIDDINGS**, Ruth, Texas,  
**16 Bulls and 15 Cows and Heifers, V. B.  
 LATHAM**, Eden, Texas.

Twenty-five bulls two and three years  
 old, and nine bulls from twelve months  
 to sixteen months old. Seven cows and  
 eight heifers. Five cows have calves  
 on foot.

Ranchmen, do not fail to attend this  
 sale, as it will give you the opportunity  
 to secure the best in Herefords obtain-  
 able. And these cattle are already ac-  
 climated, so that you run no risk in  
 taking them to your home ranches.

Remember the date and place of sale

**MENARD, APRIL 6th, 1 p.m.**

### COATS LOST.

300 yearling nannies, rafter on nose,  
 near the 7 mile post on the Junction  
 road on March 14. Finder hold them  
 and notify R. T. Baker Sonora, or Will  
 Kelley, Owenville.

Read This.

If you have any stock or cattle  
 not doing well, it will pay you to  
 see C. C. Parker U. S. Veterinary  
 surgeon and dentist. Will be in  
 Sonora the 15th to 20th of April,  
 prepared to do all kinds of Veteri-  
 nary work.

Bee ball goods at the Corner  
 Drug Store.

Bud Ellis of Menard bought 350 cows  
 from Lee Martin of Eldorado at \$27.

Cooper & Gilbert bought from  
 James Cauthorn 50 cows at pt.

C. S. Holcomb sold 600 goats  
 to Colman Whitfield at \$2.50 per  
 head.

J. W. Mayfield bought two flocks  
 of goats from Geo. Broomfield of  
 Edwards county.

Cooper & Gilbert bought from  
 C. & A. Gunzer 250 cows, four  
 and up, and 25 steers 3's and 4's  
 at p. t.

Wardlaw Brothers of Sonora,  
 sold to Will Kelley 750 yearling  
 nannies at \$2.90 per head. They  
 also sold to Jim Witcher 1800  
 bred nannies at \$3.

HERBINE cures constipation  
 and re-establishes regular bowel  
 movements. Price 50c. Sold by  
 All Dealers.

Robert Johnson who ranches in  
 the Allison pasture 2 miles east of  
 Sonora was in town Wednesday  
 and reports having bought 450  
 bred ewes from Frank Greenwood  
 of Del Rio, at p. t.

Menard is a good live town be-  
 cause on April 6 and buy some of  
 the registered Herefords offered by  
 Bunger, Eddings and Latham.

G. W. Whitehead & Sons of Sonora,  
 sold to Willis Lawhon of San Angelo,  
 all their cows from 7 year old up at  
 \$22.50. There will be about 1300.

D. K. McMullan of the Beaver Lake  
 country, sold to Will Drake, 135 three  
 and four year old steers at \$31.25. Mr.  
 McMullan bought from Jim Taylor of  
 Juno, 2 head of Pol-Durham bulls at  
 \$50.00.

Your attention is called to the  
 auction sale of Registered Here-  
 fords to be held at Menard April  
 6. In this sale 24 bulls and 15  
 cows are offered. V. B. Latham  
 of Eden, H. C. Bunger and Joe  
 Eddings of Ruth, Coryell county  
 are putting on this sale.

### JACKS FOR SALE.

I have for sale 15 Jacks from  
 3 to 6 years old. They are of the  
 J. K. Thomson stock. Can be  
 seen at my place at Eldorado.  
**CHARLIE WEST**,  
 05 12th Eldorado, Texas.

### For Sale or Trade for Mules or Coats.

I have two Jacks coming 4  
 year old, one 14 and one 15 hands  
 standard measure, Big boned good  
 style, high headed, fat and ready  
 for work. Guaranteed in every  
 respect.

Also 15 or 20 good mares 4 to 8  
 years old in foal to these Jacks.  
 For further particulars see or  
 write,  
**J. W. BABB**,  
 12-4 Rock Springs, Texas.

### Jennet Owners.

We are the owners of the Big  
 Black Missouri Jack formerly  
 owned by G. S. Allison named  
 "John." Many enquiries were  
 made about this Jack last year and  
 we take this means of letting Jen-  
 net owners know that his service  
 will be available for Jennets after  
 June 1st at our ranch of the North  
 Llano. No Mares taken. Fees  
 \$25 the season with privilege of  
 return.

Quinos & Mat Adams,  
 P O Roosevelt, Texas.

### E. P. FINNEY,

ROCK MASON,  
 Cement Tanks, Troughs and Vats.  
 All work guaranteed.  
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### JOHN GARRETT,

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 SONORA, TEXAS.

### Lost Goats

I have in my possession 22 head  
 of one year old goats. Marked:  
 crop to left, overslope to right;  
 grub the right crop the left, swal-  
 low-fork the right crop the left.  
 Am going to begin shearing March  
 25th. If owner dont call by then  
 I will shear them.

Sterling Baker,  
 Owenville, Tex.

Edgar Shurley who has been at-  
 tending school at San Angelo is  
 home on a visit to his parents Mr.  
 and Mrs. J. T. Shurley

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Sonora, Texas. March 16, 1912.

**TEXAS CATTLE RAISERS.**

Leading Feature During the National  
Feeders' and Breeders' Show.

The most important event which will take place during the National Feeders' and Breeders' Show, to be held in Fort Worth, March 18-23, inclusive, is the thirty-sixth annual convention of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, which will be held in Fort Worth, March 19, 20 and 21. The convention will be presided over by President Ed. C. Lasater, and interesting addresses will be delivered each day by well known cattle men and other men of prominence in the state. Short sessions will be held each morning and the delegation in a body will attend the Fat Stock Show each afternoon and the Horse Show each night. All who have been keeping in touch with the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association know that hundreds of new members are added every year, and that the organization is one of the strongest and most influential in the West. Its membership comprises some of the most highly esteemed citizens of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, and its influence extends throughout the cattle regions of the United States. Fort Worth and the National Feeders' and Breeders' Association feel highly honored that this great organization has again chosen this city as its place of meeting, and especially at the time the Fat Stock Show is held, and in honor of their coming, special features of the amusement and education will be put on at the Fat Stock Show; and the visitors will also be elaborately entertained by the citizens of the city. According to Secretary E. B. Spiller, there will be between five and six thousand people at this convention, representing the cattle interests of every section of the Southwest and West.

**LARGEST AND FINEST.**

Nothing South of Chicago Compare  
With the Mighty Coliseum.

From the time the first Fat Stock Show was held at Fort Worth (sixteen years ago) in a little grove near where the big packing plants are now located, the exhibition has grown and expanded until it now ranks well with the largest live stock shows in America. The magnificent coliseum building, which was erected in 1903, is the largest and finest structure of its kind south of Chicago. It is a solid reinforced concrete building 300 by 200 feet, with a seating capacity of 7500 people. The arena in the center, in which all stock is judged during the day, and in which the brilliant horse show is held each night, is 250 feet in length and 100 feet in breadth and is one of the largest and most attractive show rings in the country. This mammoth building was erected at a cost of \$250,000.00 and stands as a fitting monument to the live stock interests of the Southwest. For the 1912 show, which will be held March 18th to 23rd inclusive, hundreds of thousands of dollars will be spent in decorating the entire structure, both inside and out, the color scheme of green and white prevailing throughout. During the Night Horse Show myriads of electric lights of all sizes and colors will throw out a soft glow, turning night into day, and, blended with a profusion of artistic draperies, will create an effect elaborate in the extreme. The scene will be well worth going hundreds of miles to see.

**MUSICAL FEATURE.**

Band of Thirty Pieces Will Render  
Most Popular Selections.

While the primary object of the National Feeders and Breeders Show is to encourage the raising of better live stock throughout Texas and the southwest by showing specimens of the best animals that exist in the country, the management realizes the necessity for entertainment and amusement features. With this in mind and with a view of providing high-class music for the thousands of visitors at the 1912 show, which will be held Fort Worth, March 18th to 23rd, inclusive, the management has again engaged Prof. W. T. Cox, of Fort Worth, and his excellent band of thirty pieces. To those who have ever attended the Fat Stock Show in the past, Prof. Cox needs no introduction, nevertheless it might be well to state that his band is one of the very finest musical aggregations in the southwest. This band fills more prominent engagements than probably any other in this section of the country. Prof. Cox has just written a march expressly for the 1912 show, which will be dedicated to Manager J. A. Stafford, and which will be one of the most beautiful selections rendered during the entire exposition. An appropriate musical program will be rendered each day during the judging of Fat Stock in the Coliseum Arena, and at the Horse Show each night a concert consisting of solo, classical selections and military pieces, intermingled with the latest popular airs will be given. These musical programs are within themselves worth the price of admission, and should insure a large attendance at both the day and night shows.

**SHEEP DEPARTMENT.**

At the 1912 National Feeders and Breeders Show, which will be held at Fort Worth, March 18-23, inclusive, West Texas and Oklahoma will doubtless be the largest contributors to the Sheep Department, although many entries are expected from states farther north and west. In point of variety and quality there is no question but that the exhibits in this department will far exceed those of any previous show, for there has, within the past year, been a decided boom in the sheep industry throughout the southwest. Consequently the Sheep Department, which has never failed to be of interest, will be unusually attractive to the thousands of visitors at the 1912 show. Special attention this year will be paid to muttons. No patron of the show should fail to visit this department sometime during the week, and get acquainted with the fine quality of sheep raised in this section.

**SPLENDID HAZARD**

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and. It came and went, as a flash of lightning betrays the oncoming storm. The chimney! His heart missed a beat. He had forgotten the chimney. The reaction affected him like a blow. A snarl twisted his mouth. What was the chimney to any other man? Only to all men know. And yet here was some one stealthily at work, forestalling him, knocking the bottom out of his great dream. There was nothing pleasant in the growing expression on his face. It was the tiger, waking. There could be only one way.

Swiftly he dashed to his trunk, knelt and examined the lock. Unscrambled it and took out the documents more precious to him than the treasures of a hundred Captain Kidds. Instantly he returned to the window. Nothing was missing. But here was something he had never noticed before. On the face of the slip of parchment—a diagram, dim and faded—was an oily thumb mark. The oil from the lock, nothing more. Doubtless he himself had touched it. How many times had he found an unknown touch among his few belongings? How often had he smiled? Still, to quell all rising doubts, he rubbed his right thumb on the lock and made a second impression. Then, for a moment, he was insolent, so he turned on the electricity and compared them. Slowly the scars deepened till they were the tint of cedar. Death's hand itself could not have fascinated him more than the dissimilarity of these two thumb prints. He said nothing, but a queer little strangling sound came through his lips.

Who? Where? His heart beat so violently that the veins in his throat swelled and threatened to burst. But he was so weakling. He summoned all his will. He must act and act at once, immediately. Fitzgerald? No, not that clever, idling fool. But who? He replaced the papers and the lock. A hidden menace. Question as he would there was never any answer.

He practiced the pleasant deceit that the first mark had been there when the diagram had been given to him. It was not possible that any one had discovered his hiding place. Had he not with his own hands contrived it, alone and without aid, under that accursed mansard roof? Not one of his co-adventurers knew. They had advanced him funds on his word. His other documents they had seen. These had sufficed them. Still back it came with deadly insistence. Some one was digging at the bricks in the chimney. The drama was beginning to move. Had he waited too long?

Mechanically he proceeded to dress for dinner. Since he was to sit at the family table he must fit his dress and manners to the hour. He did not resist the sardonic smile as his new diamond coat. He recalled Fitzgerald's half concealed glances of pity the last time they had dined together.

In the room across the corridor Fitzgerald was busy with a similar occupation. The only real worry he had was the doubt of his luggage arriving before he left. He had neither tennis clothes nor riding habit, and these two pastimes were here among the regular events of the day. The admiral both played and rode with his daughter. She was altogether too charming. Had she been an ordinary society girl he would have stayed his welcome there; but he repeated, she was not ordinary. She had evidently been brought up with few illusions. These she possessed would always be hers.

"So, you're coming to the party, aren't you?" panted Fitzgerald, remarking his silk tie. "As for me, I go to the arctic, cold, but safe. I have never fallen in love. I have enjoyed the society of many women, and to some I've been silly enough to write, but I have never been maudlin. I'm no fool. This is the place where it would be most likely to happen. Let us beat an orderly retreat. Now, my boy, you have given yourself due notice. Take care!"

He slipped his coat over his shoulder—and, possibly stunning ones they were—and took a final look into the glass, not for vanity's sake. Sometimes a man's tie will show above the collar of his coat.

"I'm! I'll wager the trout are rising about this time." He imitated a cast which was supposed to land neatly in the corner. "Ha! Struck you that time, you beauty!" All of which proved to himself conclusively that he was in normal condition. "I should get a wife tomorrow about Breitmann. I hate to do anything that looks unbecoming, but he puzzles me. There was something about the chimney today. I don't know what. This is no place for him, nor for me either," was the shrewd supplement.

soldier of the German empire play the battle hymn of the French republic? The Marsellaise! She entered the music room, and the low but vibrant chords ceased instantly. Breitmann had been playing these melodies standing. He turned quickly. When Fitzgerald joined them they were seriously discussing Wagner and his treatment in Munich and the mad king of Bavaria.

As she had planned, both men noticed the simplicity of her dress.

"It is because she doesn't care," thought Fitzgerald.

"It is because she knows we don't care," thought Fitzgerald. And he was nearer the truth than Breitmann.

The dinner was pleasant, and there was much talk of travel. The admiral had touched nearly every port. Fitzgerald had been round three times and Breitmann four. So far as the admiral was concerned, he was very well pleased with the new secretary.

Fitzgerald was not asleep. He had an idea, and he smoked his yellow African gourd pipe till this same idea shaped itself into the form of a resolve. He laid the pipe on the mantel, turned over the logs—for the nights were yet chill and a fire was a comfort—and raised a window. He would like to hear some of that tapping in the chimney. He was fully dressed, excepting that he had exchanged shoes for slippers.

He went out into the corridor. There was no light under Breitmann's door. So much the better. He was asleep. Fitzgerald crept down the stairs with the caution of a hunter who is trailing new game. As he arrived at the turn of the first landing he hesitated. He could hear the old clock striking off the seconds in the lower hall. He cupped his ear. By George! Joining the sharp monophony of the clock was another sound, softer, intermittent. He was certain that it came from the library. That door was never closed. Click-click! Click-click! The mystery was close at hand.

He moved forward. He wanted to get as close as possible to the fireplace. He peered in. The fire was all dead. Only the corner of a log glowed dull. Suddenly the glow died, only to reappear, unexplained. This phenomenon could be due to one thing, a passing of something opaque. Fitzgerald had often seen this in camps when some one's legs passed between him and the fire. Some one else was in the room. With a light bound he leaped forward, to find himself locked in a pair of arms no less vigorous than his own.

And even in that lively moment he remembered that the sound in the chimney went on!

It was a quick, silent struggle. The intruder swore no shoes. It would be a test of endurance. Fitzgerald recalled some tricks he had learned in Japan, but even as he stretched out his arm to perform one the arm was caught by the wrist, while a second hand passed under his elbow.

"Don't!" he gasped slowly. "I'll give in." His arm would have snapped if he hadn't spoken.

A muttered oath in German. "Fitzgerald" came the query in a whisper. "Yes, is this you, Breitmann?" "Sh! Not so loud! What are you doing here?" "Listen! It has stopped. He has heard our scuffling."

"It seems, then, that we are both here for the same purpose," said Fitzgerald, pulling down his cuffs and running his fingers round his collar.

"Yes; you came too late or too soon." Breitmann stooped and ran his hands over the rug.

"The other saw him but dimly. 'What's the matter?' 'I have lost one of my studs,' with the frugal spirit of his mother's forebears. 'You are stronger than I thought.' 'Much obliged.' 'It's a good thing you did not get that hold first. You'd have broken my arm.' 'Wouldn't have given in, eh? I simply cried quits in order to start over again. There's no fair fighting in the dark, you know.' 'Well, we have frightened him away. It is too bad.' 'What have you on your feet?' 'Felt slippers.' 'Are you afraid of the cold?' A laugh. 'Not I.' 'Come with me.' 'Where?'

"First to the cellar. Remember that hot air box from the furnace that backs the chimney way up?" "I looked only at the bricks." "Well go and have a look at that box. It just occurred to me that there is a cellar window within two feet of that box."

"Let us hurry. Can you find the way?" "I can try." "But lights?" Fitzgerald exhibited his electric pocket lamp. "This will do." "You Americans!"

After some mistakes they found their way to the cellar. The window was closed, but not locked, and resting against the wall was a plank. It leaned obliquely, as if left in a hurry. Fitzgerald took it up and bridged between the box and the window ledge. Breitmann gave him a leg up, and in another moment he was examining the order of a diagram, but it was rather uncertain, as it had been redrawn four or five times. The man hadn't been sure of his ground.

He was sure now. That diagram brushed away any lingering doubt. The lock had been tried with, but the man who had done the work had not been sure of his dimensions.

"Clever piece of work. Took away the mortar in his pockets. No sign of it here. The admiral had better send for his bricklayer for more reasons than one. There'll be a defective due presently. Now, what is the duffer expecting to find?" Fitzgerald coolly turned the light full into the other's face.

"Is beyond me," with equal coolness, "unless there's a pirate's treasure behind there." The eyes blinked a little, which was but natural.

"Pirate's treasure, you say?" Fitzgerald laughed. "That would be a joke, eh?"

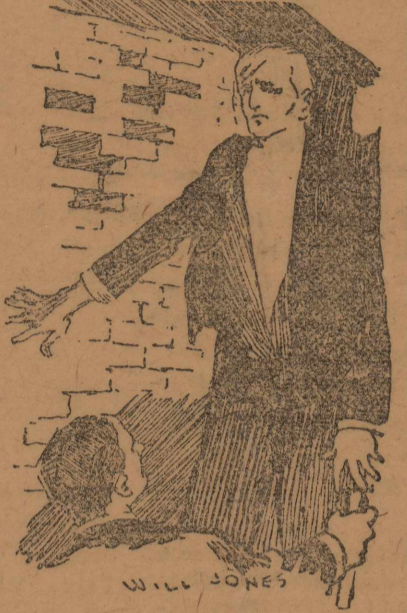
"What now?" For Breitmann thought it best to leave the initiative with his friend.

"A little run out to the stables," recalling to mind the rumor of the night before.

"The stables?" "Why, surely. The fellow never got in here without some local assistance. Breitmann nodded approvingly at the ease with which the other made the descent. "It would be wiser to leave the cellar by the window," he suggested.

"My idea too. We'll make a step out of this board. The stars are bright enough." Fitzgerald climbed out first and then gave a hand to Breitmann.

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CHAPTER IX.  
THE METAL CASE.

ing, and I have been all alone, waiting for I know not what."

"You haven't been afraid?" said Fitzgerald.

"I'm not sure that I haven't." She sighed.

"Nonsense!" cried the admiral. "I am not afraid of anything I can see, but I do not like the dark. I do not like mysteries."

"You tell the bravest girl I know, Laura," her father declared. "Now, Mr. Breitmann, if you don't mind, shall we begin at once, sir?"

"You will copy some of my notes to begin with. Any time you're in doubt over a word speak to me. There will not be much outside of manuscript work. Most of my mail is sorted at my bankers and only important letters forwarded. There may be a social note occasionally. Do you read and write English as well as you speak it?"

"Oh, yes." Laura invited Fitzgerald to the tennis court.

"In these shoes?" he protested.

"They will not matter. It is a cement court."

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