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SAN ANGELO METHODIST DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Next Tuesday April 27th, Rev. J. M. Perry, Presiding Elder of the San Angelo District, will hold the Second Quarterly Conference for Sonora Station, at which time delegates will be elected to the District Conference which also meets in Sonora. The first sermon of this Conference will be preached at 8:15 Wednesday night by Rev. D. Scarbrough of Midland Station. Early Thursday morning the Conference will organize for business, and a session both morning and afternoon will be held throughout the remaining part of the week. There will also be preaching 11 a.m. and 8:5 p.m. each day in the week and three sermons on Sunday.

There are 130 delegates elected to attend this Conference, but as a rule not more than half the number attend. We are expecting about 60 or 70 preachers and delegates and visitors in all, and hope all Sonora will take advantage of the opportunity and attend every service possible. You will have an opportunity to hear some real preaching during this visit of our preachers of the District. Rev. Perry will preside over the Conference, which body will be composed of the 19 preachers of the District and a large number of delegates.

We hope and pray that the Conference may be a real spiritual uplift and that many may be saved before it closes. We earnestly invite every body to come and we will give you a Christian and a Brotherly welcome.

If you have not given your name to Brother Dunn, for delegates do so at once. It will be no small task for Sonora to take care of this Conference, but it can be done if all will help. Don't forget to come and bring your friends.

A final word. Why not all Sonora do like Vander Stucken-Trainer Company has done and have a real good cleaning of our streets and back yards before these visitors come among us. All right we will, lets go.  
S. C. Dunn, Pastor.



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T. L. MILLER,

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Will save you money  
on Diamonds.

Will Eaton, proprietor of the Divide Garage made a business trip to Sonora Monday.—Eldorado Success.

Heber Wyatt and wife of Sonora, have moved to our city to make their home. Mr. Wyatt is an experienced mechanic and an employee at the Divide Garage.—Eldorado Success.

Rub the joints with BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT to relieve rheumatism. It penetrates the flesh to the bone conveying its soothing and restorative influence to the spot where the pain exists. Sold by Sonora Drug Co.

Bruce Drake sold for Norris of Del Rio, 1700 yearling ewes to Mitchell Bros., (Bill and Jim) of Crockett county, at \$15.50 after shearing.—Ozona Stockman.

Pad breathblister tarts, dizziness and a general "no account" feeling is a sure sign of a torpid liver. LEBLINE is the medicine needed. It makes the liver active, vitalizes the blood, regulates the bowels and restores a fine feeling of energy and cheerfulness. Sold by the Sonora Drug Co.

Cauble & Cawley bought of the following: Of Orville Word 8 yearling steers at \$40, 12 twos at \$50 and 30 threes and fours at \$70. Of alpha Watson 38 mixed yearlings at \$40.—Ozona Stockman.

MORE EGGS or YOUR MONEY back if you feed Martin's Egg Fooder. Martin's Roup Cure cures Martin's Remedies Guaranteed by all Dealers.

Blake Mauldin sold to Dick Baker eight and a half sections out of the lower corner of his range (the Old Mitchell pasture) at \$11 per acre. Also 1600 ewes and lambs, Sept. 1st delivery, at \$15 and \$11.—Ozona Stockman.

KILL the BLUE BUGS and all Blood Sucking Insects by using Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Sonora Drug Co.

Inspector Nat B. Jones, of the Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association of Texas, has been dangerously ill of pneumonia in the hospital in Del Rio. His friends both in and out of the association will be glad to know that the latest news from his bed side is that he is on the road to recovery.—Ozona Stockman.

A prudent mother is always on the watch for symptoms of worms in her children. Paleeness, lack of interest in play, and peevishness is the signal for WITTE'S CHERRY VERMIFUGE. A few doses of this excelsior remedy puts an end to the worms and the child soon acts naturally.—Sold by Ozona Drug Co.

Frank Friend Well No. 1, 20 miles southeast of Ozona. Superintendent Black announces that the fifteen and a half, the 12 and 10 inch pipe were duly received, as previously announced. Nine joints of the 15 1/2 (about 100 feet) were put down, when a crooked hole was encountered. He had the hole bridged below the crook and filled up with rock then started spudding again. Had straightened about 70 feet up to yesterday afternoon. Hopes to finish that today and resume putting in the 15 1/2 down as far as drilled—about 510 feet.—Ozona Stockman.

BETTER BE SAFE THAN SORRY.

Insure now, before your house burns up, in some good old line company.

T. L. Benson, Agent. 9

TAX NOTICE.

Your City tax for 1919 is passed due and unpaid. A penalty of 10 per cent will be added after April 30th. It will be at the Horn Palace April 9th and 10th for your convenience in settling same.  
Mrs. J. A. Cope,  
City Tax Collector.

We are now in position to give the service we are proud to extend our patrons. Bring in your clothes by 10 a.m. and same will be delivered by noon the following day or sooner, except in case of conditions existing over which we have no control. Sonora Tailor Shop.

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## STOCK SALT PROPOSITION

To the Ranchmen of Sutton County:—

For two years past the undersigned has had some question in his mind as to the value to live stock in this section of certain medicated salts, and we are determined to know for ourselves, and for you to know for yourselves, as to the value of the Illinois Stock Medicine Company's Medicated Salt.

A number of Ranchmen in Sutton county tell us that this salt has done their stock good. A few tell us that it is worth the price. We are not satisfied; you must make your testimonial stronger.

To that end THE SONORA MERCANTILE COMPANY has gone into an agreement with Mr. W. C. Bryson, of the Southern part of Sutton county, to Test the Value of This Salt. The agreement is as follows:

We furnish all the Salt for 1000 mother ewes with lambs; 200 goats; 100 head of cattle; and we Guarantee the Lambs to be Free from Sore-mouth from May 1st, 1920 to October 1st, 1920, and we guarantee them to have a better fleece of wool than sheep that eat common salt. We guarantee the Cattle to be Free of Ear-ticks on October 1st, 1920; we guarantee the Goats to be Free of Lice on October 1st, 1920. We Guarantee the Sheep, the Cattle and the Goats to be in a more Healthful condition, to Look better and Be Better than the same number of stock Under the Same Range conditions.

In the Western part of Sutton county we have made a like agreement with MR. R. A. HALBERT, and we would like to have a ranchman in the Eastern part of Sutton county; also in the Northern part of the county to make a like test. Further, if the

Illinois Stock Medicine Company's Medicated Salt does not do what we claim for it when your stock have all they can eat of it and you convince us that they have had all they could eat of it, we do not want One Cent of Your Money.

The above mentioned agreements are on a basis of No Charge unless it Does what we claim.

P. S. We will Guarantee it to prevent stomach worms in sheep; also cure blood poison in mother animals of any kind when properly used.

# Sonora Mercantile Co.

By F. F. COCKE, Secty-Tres.

**WOMAN'S CLUB.**  
Program for May 2.

National Hymn ..... America  
Roll Call  
Yellow Stone Park ..... Mrs. Vander  
Stucken and Mrs. McInight.  
Correct English ..... Mrs. Hull

Mrs. Fred Smith of Eldorado was here this week visiting relatives.

Tom Williams, president of the Uncle Sam Salt Company was here this week in the interests of his firm.

H. A. McNeill representing the Findlater Hardware Company was here this week. Mr. McDoell a few days ago was in the painting business here.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wilson spent the week with their daughter and relatives in the Alamo City.

Fred Earwood was in town Friday from the ranch in Val Verde and Edwards counties.

To make room for the crowd at the Fiesta in San Antonio B. F. Bellows came to the hills and a visit to Sonora friends.

Frank Eaton and Vernon Hamilton made a trip to and beyond the Pecos last week. They traveled more than 500 miles and spent two hours fishing in the Pecos.

Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell and sister Miss Loddie Lee Rogers returned from a visit to an Antonio Thursday. Miss Willie Martin of Del Rio accompanied them home from an Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. M. Tschell went to San Angelo Sunday morning on learning of the illness of their daughter. The little girl developed diphtheria on coming to her declamation. Mrs. Mitchell remained with the child, who is doing nicely.

Misses Edith Cooper and Dorothy Smith who are attending the Convocation at Stanton were here Sunday. Miss Dorothy came home on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. G. W. Smith and Miss Edith took advantage of the opportunity to visit her father Don Cooper.

J. M. Blackman of San Angelo district agent for the Southern Motor Manufacturing Association of Houston, manufacturers of the Ranger automobile, was a visitor in Sonora several days this week.

Misses Ruth and Alice Mae Lowe were here Sunday from Del Rio accompanied by Jap Lowe and Dr. J. Arthur McDonald. They were accompanied on their return by Miss Estelle McDonald who will visit them in Del Rio during the Chautauqua.

D. L. McDermitt representing the Angelo Furniture Company, agents for the Victorola, was here this week. Mr. McDermitt will make this territory regularly and will appreciate a business given his firm.

The case of the State vs Henry Wilson has been affirmed by the Court of Criminal Appeals. Wilson was given two years by a jury at Rocksprings. He was charged with the theft of sheep in Sutton county and the case has had the attention of West Texas for the past two years.

Austin, April 20.—Receipts of the internal revenue collector's office for the State of Texas total \$22,268,748.59 during March. Of this amount \$20,631,865.46 came from income taxes, \$1,543,927 from miscellaneous taxes and \$2,991.89 from stamp taxes. These collections exceeded those for March, 1919, by nearly a million dollars.

One of the largest irrigated land deals that has been the Pioneer pleasure to report for some time, was consummated last Saturday, when W. W. Moser bought of John Trent his 126 acre alfalfa farm, together with 270 acres of dry land. The consideration in the deal was \$35,000.—Stockton Pioneer.

**STATEMENT OF THE OWNER**  
SHIP, MANAGEMENT,  
CIRCULATION, ETC.

Of Devil's River News published weekly at Sonora, Texas, required by the Act of August 24, 1912.

For six months ending April 1, 1920.  
NOTE—This statement is to be made in duplicate, both copies to be delivered by the publisher to the postmaster who will send one copy to the Third Assistant Postmaster General Division of Classification, Washington, D. C., and retain the other in the files of the post office.

Publishers, Steve Murphy, Sonora, Texas.  
Editor, Mike Murphy, Sonora, Texas.  
Owners: Mike Murphy, Steve Murphy.

Known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders, holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities: None.  
Sworn to and subscribed before this 19th day of April, 1920.  
Frank Decker, Notary Public, in and for Sutton County Texas.  
My commission expires June 1, 1921.

**SONORA PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
MAKES GOOD IN THE  
DISTRICT MEET.

Sonora made a very respectable showing in the University Inter-scholastic Meet held in San Angelo on April 17th. She won second place in the meet with a total of 42 points. Considering the fact that only eight representatives went from Sonora, the record has a good appearance, especially when we further consider the fact that fifteen schools were represented in the meet.

Sonora was awarded the following places:

- Pistol—2nd F. Ogden
- Shot put—2nd F. Ogden
- Running high jump—1st J. Adams
- Running broad jump—1st J. Adams
- Girls Tennis Doubles—1st Berice Glascock and Kathleen Cooke
- Girls Junior Declamation—2nd May Mutchel
- Girls Senior Declamation—3rd Lorene Rers
- Spelling—2nd Jewell Eaton
- 100 yards dash—3rd J. Adams

The winners of the first places are eligible to compete in the State meet to be held at Austin on 6, 7, and 8 of May. The patrons and friends of the school should see to it that Sonora is represented at the State meet by her District Winners without one cent of expenses to the winners. Progressive Sonora will not hesitate to do this.

**STOCK NEWS.**

The fine More ovals of the Sonora country are wanted by the manufacturers. There were eight buyers here Friday and this without concentration.

TO KILL SCREW WORMS. Keep oil fires and heat wounds, use "Martin's screw worm killer." More for your money and your money back if you don't like it. Guaranteed by all dealers. 38-26

F. F. Coker has leased the Cusenbary ranch of about 10,000 acres, 20 miles south of here for a term of three years.

Geo. S. Allison and B. W. Hutchinson bought the part of the Holland ranch eight miles east of Sonora, owned by C. O. Ridley. The ranch contains seven and a half sections, three and a half of which are under lease and the remaining four sections brought \$17.50 per acre.

**FOR SALE.**

If you want cedar posts write or phone me  
MINA ADAMS,  
Roosevelt, Texas.

**Sheep for Sale.**

400 three year old ewes and lambs, six months wool.  
John Hurst,  
33 Sonora, Texas.

WANTED—A first-class horse breaker. Phone or write  
J. M. Treadwell,  
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**STRIKE BREAKERS**

Birds to lay and pay. Single Comb Brown Leghorn Eggs \$1.50 per 15. They are not mixtures but purebred.

Mrs. Harvey Walker,  
382 Sonora, Texas.

**LOST.**

One brown mare mule, 2 year old, unbranded, some fresh rope burns between hind legs.  
Please notify J. R. Davis.

For Sale—7 Section Ranch in Edwards county, 30 miles south of Rocksprings, Texas, fenced goat and sheep proof in three pastures, one sheep and goat vat, three iron sheds, three ranch houses, well watered. Priced at \$8.50 per acre, patented basis.  
TOM PAYNE COMMISSION CO.  
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For sale—Cow Ranch 134,000 acres, well watered by springs, tanks and wells. Priced at \$5.00 per acre, patented basis. Ranch located near Marathon, will make good terms.  
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- Suits cleaned and pressed \$2.00
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  - Coats brushed and pressed .75
  - Trousers cleaned & pressed .75
  - Trousers brushed & pressed .25
  - Military pants cleaned & pressed 1.00
  - Military pants brushed & pressed .50
- Extra charges for removing blood and stains.  
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SONORA, TEXAS.

**DENTAL NOTICE.**  
I expect to make Sonora every other month and spend a week or more.  
Dr. J. A. McDonald,  
Del Rio, Texas

**The CITY MARKET**  
Deals In  
Choice Beef, Mutton & Pork.  
Buys and Sells  
Poultry, Butter, Eggs, Etc  
Buys Dry and Green Hides  
**COOPER & SIMS.**

**Notice to Trespassers**  
Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch east of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting logs without my permission, will be presented to the full extent of the law.  
W. J. FIELD, Sonora, Texas.



**What shall I have for dinner?**

Let us help you decide this eternal question that arises day after day. In our well equipped store you will find an endless variety to tempt jaded appetites. A new canned product, or fresh vegetable, may suggest a change to you. Come and see.

We carry Belle of Wichita—the high grade flour liked by all our customers.

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**BULLS FOR SALE.**  
We have 30 head of Pure Blood and High Grade Hereford Bulls, coming twos to five years old. Will sell all or part. For terms and prices see  
**ALDWELL BROS.,**  
SONORA, TEXAS.

**BULLS.**  
For Sale 12 Registered Hereford Bulls. Two to six years of age. Prices right. See or phone  
C. A. GRAVES,  
Thompson Br. ranch, Eldorado, Texas. 311f.

**BULLS FOR SALE.**  
One car load of two year old Registered Hereford bulls, big boned with good heads and horns. Fifteen of them Missouri Bulls. Priced for quick sale. For further particulars write  
M. W. HOVENKAMP,  
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**Posts and Wood for Sale.**  
I have seven sections of cedar ten miles southeast of Rocksprings. I want to sell cedar posts any length. Small 6 foot posts at the ranch 15cents. Good posts 20 to 25cents. I want to sell wood too.  
Write or come to see.  
C. W. LAUGHLIN,  
30-8 Rocksprings, Texas.

**NO TRESPASS.**  
Notice is hereby given that trespassers on my farm and pasture adjoining Sonora on the east, will be prosecuted according to law. Please tell your friends and relatives of this notice and they will avoid prosecution.  
T. L. BARNSON,  
Sonora, Texas, Dec. 1, 1918.

**PRINTING AND OFFICE SUPPLIES.**  
Blank Books, Loose Leaf Systems and Binds, Pencil Sharpners, Ink, Pens, (Nemo Waste Baskets, Indestructible), Pencils, Paste, Glue Paper Fasteners, Letter and Invoice Piles, Typewriter Paper, Adding Machine Paper, Carbon Paper or anything in the printing or office supply line.  
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E. E. Sawyer, D. J. Wyatt, Geo. S. Allison, Will F. Whitehead, E. F. Vander Stucken, W. L. Aldwell, Directors.



## IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHERE YOU BUY.

Groceries Are Our Specialty

# The CITY GROCERY

### NOTICE.

Evangelist J. S. Dunn of Dallas will begin a series of meetings in Sonora under a large tent beginning on the last Sunday in May for the Church of Christ. The public is cordially invited to attend.

KILL THE BLUE BUGS and all Blood Sucking Insects by feeding Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money is not absolutely satisfied. Guaranteed by all Dealers. 13 6m.

Dr. A. G. Blanton, County Health officer is attending the meeting of the State and Federal Health officers in Houston. He will also attend the meeting of the Medical Association. Dr. Blanton believes in keeping the premises sanitary and before he left advised that the people of Sonora get busy and clean up as there is a possibility of a Federal Officer visiting here.

Frank Decker, Notary Public Sutton County, Texas.

L. A. McMains, A. P. Hagens and O. Nowlin of Center Point were last week prospecting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Puckett were in town Wednesday. Mrs. Livingston of the Frank Baker ranch accompanied them to town.

Mrs. S. T. Gilmore left last week for El Paso to visit her son Sidney, who it will be remembered, was seriously injured while in the service.

B. B. Hail, of San Angelo, president of the West Texas Lumber Co., was here last week. He had recently returned from a business trip to Old Mexico and says the people of this country cannot understand the conditions prevailing there. He would not make the trip again under existing conditions for the property he has there.

WE BUY, raise, and sell fur-bearing rabbits and other fur-bearing animals. Place your order with us, and list what ever stock you have with us stating lowest flat prices on large shipments. Address 515-517 N.P. Ave., Fargo, N.D. 35-4

### Billie Hart Gives Us Hope.

Billie Hart of Eagle Pass, whose predictions as to the weather are received with interest by the people of this part of the country when he predicts rain, holds out hope for the Western part of the State during the month of May. He issues in the month with a heavy rain on the first followed by a Norther on the second with rain. This prediction is for this part of the State and our goat men will do well to watch out about that time. More rain about the 7th to 10th and again on the 11 or 12th. Storm period about the 25th with high winds, rain, hail, etc., moving to the North east.

We have just received a nice new shipment of Ben Hur Coffee, Teas, Extracts and Spices. E. F. Tander Stucken-Trainer Co.

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Sonora, Texas, - April 24 1929.

All Resolutions of Respect, Cards of Thanks, Notices of Enrollments where an admission fee is charged, Etc., will be charged for at our regular advertising rates.

### BISHOP CAPERS VISIT.

Bishop W. T. Capers of San Antonio, made his annual visitation to the Episcopal church here Sunday and Monday. The Bishop spoke at the church Sunday and Monday night and Monday confirmed three members, addressed the School and besides visiting many of the parishioners, conducted a drive for a fund to support the West Texas Military Academy. The amount apportioned for Sonora was \$100.00.

At the services Monday night the attendance was large and by request Bishop Capers told of the Mission recently held in San Antonio by the Layman John M. Hixson, and spoke of the benefit to the church through the demonstration of healing by prayer through the ministrations of this man. The Bishop is quite enthusiastic about the good that may be done by prayer and quoted passages of Scripture bearing on the subject.

Cattle Dip at E. F. Vander Stucken-Trainer Company.

Harry Meckel was in town this week.

Mrs. Will Drennan returned this week from a visit to relatives at Ballinger.

E. C. McCollum was a visitor in town Monday from the ranch south of here.

Buy your lime and sulphur for sheep dip at the E. F. Vander Stucken-Trainer Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Keene were in from the ranch in the North Llano country this week.

Lime and sulphur of sheep dip may be bought at E. F. Vander Stucken-Trainer Company.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Stephenson of the Pandale country were here this week visiting relatives.

Addison McDonald of the Sonora Mercantile Company, returned this week from a business trip to San Antonio.

GET MORE EGGS by feeding Martin's Egg Producer. Your money back in eggs or your money back in CASH.

E. F. Vander Stucken-Trainer Company have for sale arsenic, caustic soda, sal soda and pine tar for cattle dip.

While in Sonora Bishop Capers and son Samuel Capers of San Antonio were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken.

A valuable dressing for flesh wounds, burns, scalds, old sores, rash, chafed skin, is BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It is both healing and antiseptic. Sold by the Sonora Drug Co.

Mrs. J. J. North of Ozona accompanied by her son Joe were here Wednesday on their way home from a visit to San Antonio. T. C. North accompanied them from Sonora to Kerrville where he will visit a daughter for awhile.

The Sonora Mercantile Co. sells the famous R. T. Frazier, of Pueblo, Col., saddles.

Sam Hall of the firm of Hull, North, Simmons & Hull, owners of the Sonora Garage and Ozona Garage, returned this week from attending a meeting of the Ford Agents at Dallas. He says the meeting was a great success and that he would not have missed it for anything. He also put in two days at the electrical school.

The R. T. Frazier, Pueblo, Colorado, Saddles are sold by the Sonora Mercantile Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bond entertained at dinner Monday in honor of Bishop Capers of San Antonio. The following were present: Bishop Capers, Rev. Richard Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Aldwell, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken, Mrs. Clara Hagerlund, Mrs. T. A. Williams, Mrs. Fannie Duncan, Samuel Capers, Roy E. Aldwell, T. A. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Bond.

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### OIL NEWS.

The Empire enters the West Texas oil fields this week and their advent is welcomed by the people and the interests. By the interests I mean those who have leases, faith in the Edwards Plateau but not enough money or nerve to back their judgement by drilling. The Empire Gas & Fuel Co., has large acreage in the southwestern part of Edwards county and the location of the test to be made is on Section 11, Block 2, near Kikapoo Spring on the West Nueces. The rig for this well has been received at the site and is said to be a first class outfit.

Other locations in which this country is interested have resumed operations or about to do so. The Delvatex on the James Peterson ranch in Kimble county, 35 miles southeast of here is drilling at 800 feet. The Transcontinentals well on the Sid Peterson ranch 18 miles east of Rocksprings, in Edwards county, of which so much was expected when a cave-in between 3,800 and 3,900 feet stopped operations about the first of March, is ready to resume work. The rig has been rebuilt and a crew is being gotten together. If the fishing is not good a new hole will be started as all the formations found in this well were most encouraging. The Cash Oil Co.'s well on the White head ranch, Sonora Del Rio road 45 miles southwest of here, has the water line recoupled and work was to start again Wednesday, San Jacinto day, and the anniversary of the spudding in of this well in which E. H. R. Green of Terrell and New York is largely interested. Operations on this well were suspended last fall because of delays in obtaining fuel and supplies over the impassable roads and the fact that the water line is four miles long and likely to freeze in the winter. The well of the Pleateau Oil Co., on the Friend ranch in Crockett county, about 26 miles southwest of Sonora, is again at work having received casing. A notice of this well from the Ozona Stockman will be found in another column. The Ryan Petroleum Co.'s well on the Henderson ranch, also in Crockett county, about 30 miles northwest of Sonora, has made splendid progress and the formations have been most satisfactory. They are now drilling at about 2300.

These locations are the most advanced in this part of the country and are all bona fide deep tests with first class equipment. The erection of the derrick for the Devil's River Oil & Gas Co.'s deep test on the Paul Turney ranch in Edwards county, 30 miles south of Sonora, will begin this week and the well will be spudded in as soon as this work is completed. On this location as well as at the Whitehead ranch, shallow oil was found years ago when drilling for water. In those days, 20 years ago, the drilling of other water wells were abandoned because of gas escaping from the holes made the drillers sick. It was not known or thought of at that time what the odor was.

No locations have as yet been made by the holders of large leases in Sutton county, although held by old time companies for the past six years. They seem to be busy in other parts of the State and are holding the Sutton county property until such time as the newer or more venture some companies do the experimenting.

For the information of our readers away from home we call attention to the spelling of the names "Peterson" and "Pater-son." If we only had a Billie "Patterson" we might make a hit.

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John Robbins and Jewel Ramsey were here Monday from El dorado.

Ed Robbins and Leo Morris were in town Monday from the ranch in the eastern part of the county.

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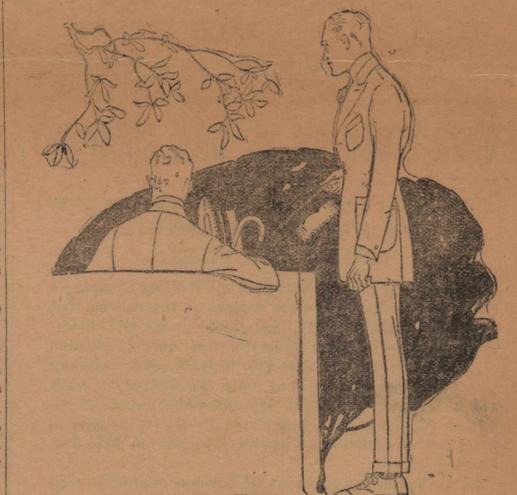
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THE WOODEN SPOIL.

...but he had gained the shelter of the trees, and it was growing too dark to follow. They stopped and looked back. Leblanc was now quite a distance from the island, and making for the north shore upon the incoming tide.

"Let's go," said Hilary, and he took Marie gently by the arm. She went with him obediently, and she followed with Nanette, whose lip was bloody from Leblanc's blow.

The tide was running fairly for St. Boniface. It was almost dark now, but the wind had died away and the stars were brilliant. Hilary, taking off his overcoat, wrapped it about Marie. The girl's bewilderment had yielded to abject gratitude. She raised Hilary's hand to her lips and pressed it. Beside her Nanette, wrapped in Lefe's water-proof, was sobbing wildly and wiping her wounded lip. The words that passed were drowned in the sound of the lapping waves before they reached the ears of Louis, at the tiller.

"Now, what happened?" asked Hilary of Marie. "Tell me, and we'll clap those ruffians into jail, I assure you. How did they get you into that boat?"

Marie sobbed out her explanation; but when Hilary gathered, with difficulty from the broken words, stammering French, that she had, for a moment, been about to marry him in Quebec, he could not believe his ears.

"And your father knows nothing of this?" he inquired, when she had ended.

"He knows nothing, monsieur. Ah, monsieur, you saved me before, and I—I was ungrateful. Promise me, swear to me, that he shall never know!"

"And you, Nanette," continued Hilary, addressing the weeping girl, "what have you to say, who lured her here, knowing this?"

"I did not know, monsieur," cried Nanette. "Pierre told me that if I bring her he would get me back my sweetheart."

"Leblanc, eh?"

"Oui, monsieur. Then he take me to Quebec, and we get married. And he promised me a wedding ring of gold, monsieur."

"And he told you that he was going to marry Marie?"

"Oui, monsieur, we all go to Quebec together. Only just before we land he tell me that we all stay on the island together first, and have a holiday."

"Nanette, Leblanc never intended to marry you," said Hilary. "They were using you to get Marie into Pierre's power, Nanette."

He bent toward her and touched her on the shoulder. She looked up at him, her lips quivering, her face pathetic as a scolded child's.

"Is it long since you left your home?"

"Two years, monsieur."

"Nanette, you were a child then, like Marie here? Leblanc came to you and told you of the great world outside and how he would marry you and be kind to you. Two years have passed and he has ruined your life, and he has not kept his promise, and still he deceives you with his promises. Would you go back to him?"

"Never, monsieur! He struck me—see! Not in just anger, as a man strikes his wife who nags him, but because he was afraid. See where his fist fell—see!"

"Yet, Nanette, even as Leblanc did to you, you would have had Pierre do to Marie here?"

"Monsieur! I thought he was to marry her. Pierre told me, if I bring Marie to St. Boniface, no harm is done because he loves her and he wishes to save her from you, who mean no good to her."

"From me, Nanette?" exclaimed Hilary, stupefied.

"Oui, monsieur, and then you go to St. Marie to meet her and take her home. And everybody say Monsieur Askew loves her, and no doubt he has a wife in his own country."

Hilary looked at her in amazement. He noticed that Lefe was staring over the side of the boat, as if he had not heard.

"Nanette, if you went home, would your father receive you?"

"Ah, monsieur, do not speak of it! Perhaps he is dead. Perhaps they are all dead from grief."

"Would you like to go home, Nanette?"

"Yes, monsieur, I will go now, for I have nothing more to live for. I shall go and beg on my knees—"

"I shall send you home, then, Nanette. But now ask forgiveness from Marie here, and then thank God that He has saved her tonight in spite of all the evil that was against her."

Nanette crouched toward Marie Dupont, whose arms stole round her neck and the two girls cried and whispered together. Hilary turned away. He thought of Madeleine, and breathed a prayer that their feet might run together, and that they might strive to gather for the right all their days.

He turned back into the boat. "Now Marie, no word of this night's doing shall ever pass my lips," he said. "But Marie, your life is unhappy. There is a good man in St. Boniface who cares for you. Do you think that you could learn to care for him?"

"Ah, pauvre Jean!" wept the girl. "I have been ungrateful to him, monsieur. And now I am not worthy that he should have anything to do with me."

"The black shadow of the wharf began to project out of the shore line, with Baptiste's schooner moored alongside. Lights of lanterns were moving, and as the sloop drew near Hilary perceived a little group of people near the wharf-head. Louis Dupont let down the sails and guided the vessel's prow toward the mooring ring. Hilary stepped out, but before he could turn to give his hand to Marie a woman stepped forward.

telling me that you had gone to the island, and I was frightened, Hilary." He parted her arm. "I am quite safe, dear," he answered, smiling. "There was never any danger. Lefe was with me, and we went and came on the tide."

As he spoke he noticed that the crowd at the wharf-head had drawn nearer. He heard a man shouting; there seemed to be some disturbance which he fancied they were trying to quell. Lefe stepped upon the wharf with the two girls, walking past Hilary. Madeleine turned.

Her eyes, lighting upon Marie's face, and then Nanette's, sought Hilary's in astonishment. But she asked nothing, and waited. Her hand, which had rested upon his arm, remained there. But whereas it had been a living, warm part of her, it now felt cold and heavy, and lifeless.

Then out of the crowd burst Jean Baptiste, screaming. He ran toward Hilary. A knife was flashing in his hand. His onset was so swift that it took Hilary and Madeleine completely by surprise. As the little man closed with him Hilary just managed to grasp his arm.

"I'll kill you!" panted Baptiste, and the breath whistled through his throat.



"I'll Kill You!" Panted Baptiste.

as if the force of his passion had constricted it to a pipe's dimension. "It is she, and you took her from her home last night. I sought for her; I was waiting and watchful; I did not sleep. I swore to kill him. Let me go. Let me go!"

His voice rang high above the shrieks of the frightened girls and the shouts of the men. They had closed about him now, but for the fourth time he broke through and made for Hilary, the knife held low now, ready for the ripping upward stroke. Hilary grasped at his arm again and missed.

The knife flashed back—and then in an instant Madeleine stood where Baptiste had been, and the blood dripped from her sleeve. And still she had not uttered a sound.

They had got Baptiste down now, still fighting like a wild beast. They were holding him, one man to each limb, and his body writhed and curses broke from his lips. And Madeleine stood before Hilary, quiet and calm and silent.

He sprang toward her. "Madeleine!" He seized her arm and tore the sleeve away. There was a gasp, long, but not deep, from which the blood was welling. He felt beside himself with mingled fury and fear. He began to bind it with his handkerchief, the icily cold arm that had been warm against his shoulder. But Madeleine drew herself away.

"It is nothing," she said, and began to walk toward the head of the wharf. Her rig was waiting there, the horse held by a boy.

Hilary walked by her side, speaking—he never remembered what it was he said—impulsively; Madeleine said nothing. Nothing until she reached the carriage step. Drops of blood marked her progress. There she paused and looked at him. He could see her face now in the light of the boy's lantern, and it was neither scornful nor proud, but very hard—like the Seigneur's. Hilary thought afterward.

But all his thoughts were on the wound. "Madeleine, your arm!" he cried, catching at it.

"It is nothing," she said once more, turning to mount the step.

Then Hilary knew what he had not let himself know he knew. He caught her hand and pressed it to his lips. "Madeleine!" he cried. "You do not do—not surely you are not going to condemn me when I—"

She placed her foot on the step.

"I told you nothing but your faithlessness could kill my love," she said in a whisper. And, in a lower whisper, "Good-by!"

The wheels were moving before Hilary could grasp the scene, bring it home to his consciousness. And afterward he remembered that he ran beside the carriage, senselessly calling to her to let him bind her arm. He must have been half way through the village before his reason came back to him.

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