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

### Card of Thanks.

In behalf of the Sonora Womans Club, the Committee wishes to thank the public for the interest manifested in the book reception and for the liberal donations, of books and money. It is the wish of the Woman's Club that every individual of the community will reap the benefit of this movement.

As soon as cards and labels are prepared we will open the Library and keep open each Thursday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock, thereafter.

The following is a list of those who have donated. If there are other who wish to help with books or donations it will be greatly received at any time:

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Hathorn, Rev. O. E. Moreland, Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith.

Messrs. and Mesdames J. T. McClelland, J. H. Grasher, L. E. Thorp, Ed. Hester, Lem Johnson, W. J. Wilkinson, J. W. Wilson, J. W. Trainer, E. B. Wroughton, H. P. Allison, M. J. Murphy, Alvin Keene, W. E. Luckie, T. L. Benson, C. E. Stites, Hugh Edens, J. A. Pope, Louis Stuart, J. O. Wroughton, B. C. Holman, D. H. Mitchell, Ed. Wayfield, L. W. Elliott, Ed. Mears, Fred P. Simmons, R. J. Ridley, F. F. Cooke, E. E. Sawyer, Joe Walk, M. C. Britt, J. E. Grimland, Geo. J. Trainer, J. D. Lowrey, John Reese, S. T. Gilmore, B. W. Hutchinson, W. E. Caldwell, E. F. Vander Stucken, W. L. Aldwell, V. J. Turner, S. W. O'Connor, Charles H. Evans, D. Eastard, Merion Shurley, Ira Shurley, W. B. Keese, Claude Keese.

Messdames in Sonora, A. Lister, Theresa Stokes, B. M. Seward, Earl Owen, Kernes, Texas, Mary Miller, Carlbad, N. M. T. A. Williams, Rock Springs, Mrs. E. S. Noble of Angelo, Chairman Sixth District Federated Womans Club.

Misses Torah Smith, Pearl Reese, Bernice Stokes, Winnie Wyatt, Joe Anna Stokes, Adda Miers, Bertha Eaton, Gladis McClelland, Hatlie B. Cusenbary, Jewel Eaton, Guineth Ridley, Jessie Louise Evans, Kathleen Cooke, Marie Cooke, Guila Lowrey, Ora and Reta Merck, Marie Lowrie, Clara Allison, Sallie Wardlaw, Rena Glen Shurley.

Messrs D. T. Hebert, Andrew Se-wald, S. L. Merck, Weldon Moreland, A. B. Stokes, Frederick Edens, Joseph Vander Stucken, Ben Cusenbary, G. E. Warren, Charles Harold Evans, Joseph H. Trainer, B. M. Seward, Frank Eaton, John Eaton, Earl Merck, J. B. Moreland, Buster Halbert, H. V. Stokes.

Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken, President.  
Mrs. Will Wilkinson, Secretary.

### Croupy Children

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### The Missionary Society.

The Missionary Society of the Baptist church met in a regular postponed meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Hathorn. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. W. E. Hathorn, reelected president; Mrs. J. A. Cope, reelected vice-president; Mrs. Woodie Martin, secretary and Mrs. L. W. Elliott, treasurer. Mrs. D. H. Mitchell was appointed press reporter. Plans for the years work were discussed and the Society voted unanimously to have a "Washington Tea" on the 22nd of February, the place to be announced later after which a social hour with refreshments was enjoyed.

Press Reporter.

## We Need the Money You Want the Goods

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All Goods Marked in Plain Figures. See for Yourself.  
One-third off the Regular price buys the article; Pay \$20 for \$30

This is a Clean Stock of Goods and many of them will Cost us more to replace than we are offering them for at this Sale. But we Need the Cash so this is Your Opportunity.

## E.F. Vander Stucken-Trainer Co.

### CORREDALE SHEEP.

Klamath Falls, Oregon, Dec. 28. Steve Murphy, Sonora, Texas.

Dear Old Devil:—I noticed in the News of the 4th inst., an article on the Sutton County branch of the Experiment Station of the Texas Agricultural College and was interested to learn that they have a few Corredale sheep there, as I believe this is the coming sheep, especially so, for the conditions that exist in the greater part of the Texas sheep country. They herd well, but like other breeds do better loose in pastures. I have been breeding some for a good many years, and if there is any such thing as a dual purpose animal, then the Corredale is it. The ewes shear about 12 lbs of fine 3-8 wool, rams up to over 30lbs. They are good mothers and give lots of milk and a good percentage of twins which come strong and big.

The lambs stand right up and suck as soon as dropped, sturdy on their legs like the mutton breeds, and grow right off and make about 80lbs at 5 to 6 months old, I have had many that went 100lbs to 112lbs at 5 months.

They make a fine cross when bred to Merino ewes, the product being of the type called in Australia "Come-backs."

They do well in any climate—hot or cold—anywhere from Patagonia to British Columbia. They are the best of rustlers, and I am sending you an enlarged snap shot of a few lambs I took the other day—rooting in the snow for the grass. They are the best sleep as money makers I know of for quantity and quality of wool, lamb and mutton, and will leave a man a profit where ordinary sheep will show a loss. Wool everywhere except where it is not

wanted i.e. below the knee, on the face and around the eyes, a medium fine white combing wool of about 4 1-2 inch staple. They are larger than the merino but not so large as the larger breeds of mutton sheep.

J. B. Moore of Del Rio has a few and I sold Harvey Gwinn of Comstock 5 head of rams, which I understand he has bred to some 300 head of his densest wool ewes and I venture to predict that the lambs he gets from this cross will be the most satisfactory he has ever seen. Show this picture Steve to some of my old friends W. L. Aldwell, Tom Bond and Joe Trainer, for instance.

I sometimes wish I had my sheep on a ranch in Texas. The cold and snow gets pretty tiresome up here at times, may make a move yet. Got to feed hay here for 5 or 6 months.

I am sure the Corredale is the sheep, but of course it will be many years before there are many in this country as it costs at cheap est about \$160 00 per head to import ewes—so about the only way is to get rams and breed to Ramboulett ewes and breed up that way.

Give my very kind regards to any of my many friends you may see. My best wishes go to them for a happy and prosperous New Year and the same to you Steve and many of 'em from

Yours cordially,  
Rex E. Bord.

Mr. Bord, a number of years ago was agent in Texas for the Cooper Sheep Dip Co., and in those good old days was a frequent visitor in Sonora. He still has business interests in Galveston and has kept in touch with his old friends here through the Devil's River News.

### HONOR ROLL.

Below is given the Honor Roll of the Sonora Public School for the fourth month of the school term. The Honor Roll contains the names of those pupils who make a general average of eighty five per cent on subjects studied with an average of ninety per cent or above on attendance, deportment and application.

#### FIRST GRADE.

Charles Harold Evans  
John Hull  
Harold Midley  
Annelia Altes  
Louis Trainer  
Walter Ford  
Howard Muerer  
Ewin Sawyer  
Francis Trainer  
Edna Turman

#### SECOND GRADE.

Lillian Robinson  
Ewin Waiters  
Lee Allison  
Mary Brown  
Dorothy Baker  
May Gaulton  
Woodrow Nertis  
Clifton Midley  
Ruby Mason  
Zella Lee Luorp  
Ear Cooper  
Mary Schwaizing  
Lola Bess McCorum  
Lottie Hull  
Jesse Louise Evans  
Muriel Simmons  
DeWitt Blanton

#### THIRD GRADE.

Mildred Turney  
Marvel Ford  
Orie Murray  
Margaret Hull  
James Caldwell  
Eva D. Beckel  
Merris Pfister  
Virginia Murray  
Andrew Mitchell  
Billman Brown

#### FOURTH GRADE.

Lida Archer  
Mable Martin  
Alma Orr

#### FIFTH GRADE.

Allison Trainer,  
Minnie Robinson

#### SIXTH GRADE.

Duke Bryson  
Mary Martin  
Billie Caldwell  
S. E. V. N. GRADE.  
Gwynn Blanton  
Thelma Reese  
Hattie Orr  
Thymple Trainer  
Jewel Robinson  
Hamilton Ford

### HIGH SCHOOL.

Freshman Class—Lorraine Herbert Gwyneth Midley, Marvin Logan, Ruby Martin, Angie Robinson, Ethel May Jones, Glad Martin, B. M. Seward.  
Sophomore Class—Marion Archer, Odra Deaton, John Martin, Millard Cope Juniors.—Pearl Hull, Grace Trainer.  
Seniors—Evelyn Trainer, Irma McCollum, Kathleen Cooke, Woodson Hebert.

### Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas,  
County of Sutton.  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Sutton County, Texas: Greeting.  
You are hereby commanded to cause to be posted, for ten days exclusive of the day of posting, before the return day hereof, in three of the most public places in Sutton County, Texas, one of which shall be the Court house door, and no two of which shall be in the same city or town, and you will also cause to be published in some newspaper of general circulation, published continuously for twelve months next preceding this date in Sutton County, Texas, for ten days, exclusive of the day of publication, copies of the following notice:

The State of Texas,  
To all Persons Interested in the welfare of Aurora Mittel and Velma Mittel, minors:  
Henry Mittel has filed in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, an application for letters of guardianship upon the estate of said minors, Aurora Mittel and Velma Mittel, and on the 27th day of November, A. D. 1920, by order of the County Judge of said Sutton County, the said Henry Mittel was appointed temporary guardian of the estate of said minors, and at the next regular term of said court, to-wit: on the third Monday in February, A. D. 1921, the same being the 21st day of February, A. D. 1921, at the court house thereof in Sonora, Texas, at which time, all persons interested in the welfare of said minors, may, and are cited to appear and contest said appointment, if they so desire, and if such appointment is not contested at said time, said appointment shall be made and become final.

Herein fall not, but have before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, in the town of Sonora, Texas, this 27th day of November A. D. 1920.  
J. D. LOWREY,  
Clerk County Court, Sutton County, Texas. 73-2  
The best ranges, cook stoves and heaters at the Sonora Mercantile Co. 68.

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If you are in need of Bags, Paper, Tying Wool Twine, or Sheep Marking Liquid, advise us. A complete stock on hand at our warehouse.

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Sam H. Hill, Vice President, L. L. Farr, Vice President,  
S. E. Couch, Vice President, J. M. O'Daniel, Secretary,  
J. A. Whitten, J. M. Shannon.

## THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL,

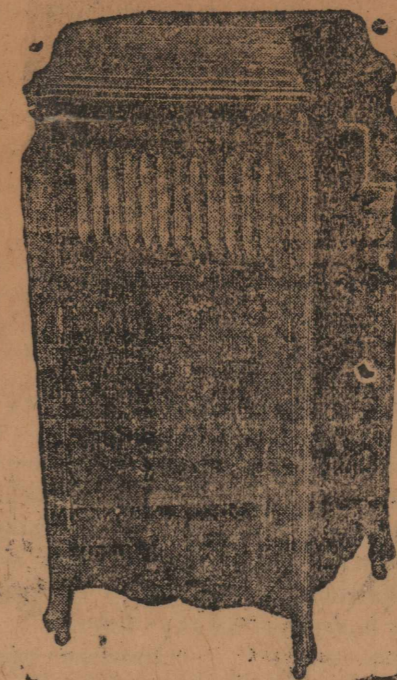
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Best accommodations, Rates Reasonable.

Sonora, Texas.

## Golden Throated CLAXTONOLA The New Day Phonograph



The Phonograph with the "Golden Throat" and the "Golden Tone."

Columbia and Okeh Records.

## SONORA DRUG STORE.

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OIL SAND STRUCK On East Side of Sutton County.

Revives Hope a Deep Test Will Be Made On Earlier Selected Property.

Delvatec Reaches Sand At 3,780. Continues Drilling After Oil Is Brought Up in Bucket

Drilling on the well was continuing on Thursday and was being very carefully done.

Through D. Quince Adams, ranchman and County Commissioner of Presinet 3 and J. W. Bode a neighboring ranchman on the North Llano, the News received the information Sunday night that the Delvatec Petroleum Co. of Pennsylvania, had reached the oil sand in their well on the Paterson & Bundy ranch 30 miles east of Sonora, near the line of Sutton and Kimble counties, at a depth of 3,780 feet. This sand was struck on Wednesday, Jan. 5th, and M. C. Crispen the superintendent in charge, notified the home office and awaited instructions, Sunday morning E. B. Rich, vice-president and general manager, and B. S. Snafer a director of the Company arrived at the well and when the bucket was sent down it was found that the well had caved about forty feet, but when the bucket came up it brought oil and each subsequent trip the bucket that day brought more oil.

Mr. Crispen was formerly general superintendent of the Big Creek Development Co., in West Virginia and is consequently an experienced oil man. The Vice President brought with him a cap for the controlling of the flow until arrangements for storage would be provided in event the well came in. The cleaning of the cavern continues.

The Texas Company and the Transcontinental Co. had representatives at the well Sunday, and S. S. Bundy representing the Paterson interests was also present as well as a few neighbors who had been attracted by the arrival of the carloads of visitors.

While the officials of the company had no information to give the public, those present gathered the impression that the Management had strong hopes of finding oil in paying quantities.

The contract and agreement for the drilling of this well called for depth of 3,500 feet, made between the Benedum & Trees Oil Co., and the Delvatec people and the fact that when they quit last summer at a depth of 3,300 feet interest in the well was lost and some who held leases in that part of the county allowed them to lapse.

Drilling under the management of Mr. Crispen was resumed about the 1st of December, presumably to complete the contract to 3,500 feet, before moving to another location, but evidently the new superintendent profited by experience and continued down with the result that he reached the oil sand at a depth of 3,780ft.

There is much interest in this well which is truly a wild cat venture on the part of this company. The well is on section 750 Kimble County School Land, 300 acres of which is in Sutton and it is on this part of the survey that the well is said to be located. The location was made in a hurry to avoid forfeiture of lease and \$5,000 bonus if well was not started before a certain date, and no selection as to structure or geological indications were considered.

In our issue of August 16th, 1919, we mentioned the fact that operations had commenced on his well after a race against time and that the OnPoint Powder people were said to be interested in

the development. The management at the well had difficulty in keeping the crew and assistants on the job at first because all the bills had to be sent to the Head Office before payment and this did not suit the workers at that time and the arrangements were bettered.

The Delvatec has over 9,000 acres in this lease as well as acreage in the neighborhood. They also have the Beasley lease in the other end of Kimble county where they started a well and to which the large casing from the Paterson well had been moved and it was the intention of the Company to send the drilling crew from the Paterson well to the Beasley, but the finding of oil here will probably change that intention.

Sutton county lands were prospectively geologically in 1914 and taken under lease by Pittsburgh and eastern people who before operations were required of them here were attracted to the Ranger field, and their leases do not expire until 1924. The Simms Petroleum Co., who have large acreage in Sutton county and who last year had intended testing their holdings were deterred from doing so by the development of Louisiana field but a representative of this company was in Sonora last November.

None of the tests in the Edwards Plateau, or near the Plateau have been made on structures or by geologists survey. It is possible that the early "old time" geologists who passed on the land for the Pittsburgh people in 1914 secured the best locations, which belief is borne out by some geologists enquiring for certain lands only to find they were already under lease.

The Transcontinental had a fine prospect in their Diamond Ranch well, about 15 miles from Roek springs, which was abandoned last July at a depth of 3,900 feet, after a cavern caused by gas, prevented the finishing. This well also was said to be not on structure.

Another deep test was the Cash Company well on the Whitehead ranch in Edwards county, known generally as E. H. R. Green well, was shut down in August at a depth of 3,500 feet, but while there were evidences of shallow oil nearby some geologists contended that this well was not located by geological survey. Very little information was given out about this well and it has been told that the hole is abandoned only temporarily.

GOOD LOTS FOR SALE. I will sell the two lots on the corner of Concho Avenue and Oak Street. The corner lot is 100 x 100 and the inside lot is 100 feet on Oak street by a depth of 66 feet. These lots join and are the most centrally located unimproved property in town suitable for residence or business purposes. They are opposite the Sonora Motor Company and will be sold right. I had intended building my home on this place before buying the B. M. Halbert residence near the school.

W. E. GLASSCOCK, Sonora, Texas.

Property to trade for sheep or goats. B. E. LANGFORD, Sonora, Texas.

Cauthorn Brothers of Sonora bought three yearling Registered Hereford bulls from John Allison of Menard for \$500.

Tables, chairs, beds and mattresses sold from stock at the E F Vander Stueken-Trainer Co

Cesar Appelt received returns from the sale of 11000 pounds of his 50000 pound clip of 14 months wool. The sale was made in Boston at 38 cents and will net here about 31 cents.

A bed of soft coal has been located near La Pryor south of Gvald. On the N. 2000 river that is said to cover 2000 acres. The vein is five to fifteen feet thick and at a depth of 250 feet.

The Wilson wood heater and cook stove is recognized among the best. They are sold by the E. F. Vander Stueken-Trainer Company in Sonora.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hodges were in town Monday from the Late Hodges ranch to have the Doctor attend their child who was suffering from being burned with hot grease. The burn was not serious.

Florence oil store and range is superior to any on the market. See them at the E F Vander Stueken-Trainer Company.

OIL NEWS.

The showing of oil found in the Delvatec oil well on part of section 750, certificate 1, abstract 856, K.C.S.L., 300 acres of which is in Sutton county, and on this part of which the oil well is said to be located, has revived interest in the oil development business in Sutton county.

The News finds by reference to the records in the office of the County clerk of Sutton county that the lease on the lands of Mrs James Paterson, 28,000 acres lying in Kimble and Sutton county was originally leased for oil development purposes to Benedum & Trees of Pittsburgh, Pa., who contracted to drill a well within a specified time or forfeit the lease and \$5,000.

The Benedum & Trees subleased to Edward B. Rich of Parkersburg, W. Va., 9,118 acres of their holdings, stipulating in their agreement that a well should be drilled on this land to a depth of 3,500 feet, if oil or gas was not found before this depth was reached. The amount of \$30,000 was set aside for this purpose to be known as Parriot & Rich account No. 1.

The Benedum & Trees people also assigned 19,739 acres of the Paterson ranch to the Tex Penn., and they assigned a one-fourth interest to the Transcontinental.

Among the holders of large tracks of land in Sutton county under lease for oil development purposes are:

Barndale Interests and East Texas Gas Co., 65,000 acres in blocks 9 and 7, TWNG, and block A, GWT & P, and block K, G H & S A.

Simms Petroleum Co., have leases on 25,000 acres in block A, GWT & P, 47,000 acres in block 14, TWNG, 4,000 acres in block 9, TWNG, 11,000 in block 3, TWNG and GC & SF, besides 64,000 acres scattered throughout the county.

Atlantic Oil Producing Co., have leases on 11,520 acres, block C, EL&ER, and 3,320 in south eastern part of Sutton county.

Sun Company holds leases on 9,600 acres in block B, HE&WT, 3,840 acres in block K, GH&SA, 3,840 acres in block A, HE&WT, 4,480 acres in block 7, TWNG, 3,200 acres in block C, HE&WT as well as 3,500 scattered over the county.

Humble Oil & Refining Co., owns about the same acreage as the Sun Company and located in same blocks, or about 29,000 acres. Ohio Cities Gas Co., have 8,300 acres in a solid body in block 9, T & NG, and 600 acres scattered.

Transcontinental have leases on approximately 18,000 acres scattered over the county.

Alance Oil & Refining Co., has 6,000 scattered, some of which is near the Paterson well.

Bexar Petroleum has leases on about 8,000 acres scattered.

Central Petroleum has 10,000 acres scattered.

The Empire Gas & Fuel Co., got here late and has only 2,000 acres in block B, HE&WT.

Texas Oil & Gas has 7,000 in block A, HE&WT, and 21,000 in block B, HE&WT.

New Dominion has 6,400 acres scattered.

Ohio Fuel have 25,600 acres scattered.

Ohio Texas Drilling & Development have 6,400 acres scattered.

Sinclair Co., has 25,000 scattered.

Texas Co., another late arrival got 3,200 acres scattered.

J. B. Ross of Denver has 5,760 in block C, HE&WT.

High School Play

On January 22nd the Senior Class will give the Laughable Comedy

TOPSY TURVY for the benefit of the School Annual.

This is one of the best amateur plays of the day. It produces a laugh every minute.

Admission 25 & 50 cts.

For Sale. Frost proof cabbage plants, 500 for \$1.20; 1000 \$2.00 post paid. 1000 for \$2.00, 10,000 \$1.20 per 1000, express collect.

KINSLEY WHOLESALE PLANT CO. Valdosta, Georgia.

The next few years will be marked by important and historical changes in the life of the United States deeply interesting to every citizen.

Frank Decker, Notary Public Sutton County, Texas.

A good GEO ALLEN piano for sale. Price \$200. Apply to H. V. Stokes.

Cedar Posts of any kind for sale. 14 miles from Junction on road. FLOYD LITTLE. Phone 108-2 shorts 1 long.

NOTICE TO MEN. All male persons, from 18 to 45 years of age, except ministers, invalids, active firemen and active National Guardsmen are subject to a road tax of \$3.00, which must be paid before February 1st, or thereafter they will be subject to work the roads for five days or pay \$5.00. This tax should be paid to the County Treasurer.

NOTICE TO OUR CUSTOMERS. Is your light bill being paid? As we are over loaded we can not carry any one that is not paying.

If your lights fail to come on examine your receipt and see if it has been paid as it takes money to keep them on.

If you can not pay your light bill, kindly have us to disconnect it as this will save embarrassment to both parties.

NO TRESPASS. Notice is hereby given that trespassers on my farm and pasture adjoining Sonora on the east, will be prosecuted according to law.

JEWEL THEATRE The Jewel Theatre has bookings for a special Pathé production for each Saturday night.

The program for January is: 15 Miracle of Money 22 Woman of Pleasure 29 Smouldering Embers.

As patronage justifies the management will present pictures other nights in the week.

WARDLAW & ELLIOTT.

Attorneys-at-Law, SONORA - TEX. Will practice in all the State and Federal Courts.

D.R. J. W. YANCEY, DENTIST. Offices Sonora, Eldorado and Ozona. Latest Equipment and Methods Employed. Now at Ozona.

BETTER BE SAFE THAN SORRY. Insure now, before your house burns up, in some good old line company. T. L. Benson, Agent. 9

DIAMONDS DIAMONDS Do you want to see a real nice selection of DIAMONDS? If so, let me order out a bunch for you. Sold on easy payments. Compare my prices. Let me--Who? T. L. Miller, I appreciate your business and will do all in my power to accommodate you.

For Diamonds and Xmas Goods go-go-go TO T. L. MILLER, The Jeweler.

FOR SALE. Will deliver Cotton Seed and Milo Maize in Sonora for \$30 per ton. This feed has had no rain on since gathered. J. H. BOOTH, Eldorado.

MAKE HOMES IN CLAY BANK. Now Several Hundred People Live Rent Free in the Province of Yunnan, China.

When we speak of houses built of clay, we mean brick. But in the Yunnan province of China, the idea is carried out much more literally, in as much as there a lofty vertical cliff of clay affords homes, rent-free for several hundred people.

The stuff is a bright yellow clay of so fine a texture that a bit of it rubbed between the fingers affords no feeling of grit. It is easily dug out with spades, and a great many cave dwellings have been excavated in the face of the cliff, overlooking the river.

Some of them are of two or three stories, the clay being so tenacious that thick horizontal layers of it will furnish a series of floors. Although cave-dwellings are not unfamiliar in other parts of the world, nothing at all like these are to be found anywhere else.

Scattered over the face of the cliff, among the cave houses, are quaint Buddhist shrines, with images, carved out of clay, standing or sitting at the entrances. These high up on the clay wall, as well as the loftier family homes, are reached by bamboo ladders.

NOT MEANT AS COMPLIMENT. Old Gentleman Was Merely Handing Granddaughter a Most Thoroughly Deserved Rebuke.

A young society woman had been visiting at her mother's home for about a week and during that time had startled the entire family by some of the statements she had made and some of the things she had done.

"Helen, my dear, if you live to be ten years older you will think very much like your mother was when she was your age."

Helen dimpled at the evident compliment. "Not hardly that long, grandfather," she demurred. "I know that women grew older much more rapidly than they do now, but still--"

"Fiddlesticks!" interrupted her grandfather, testily. "I wasn't thinking of them growing older. I don't know anything about that. What I was thinking about was how much faster they grew wiser."

BOOKS ARE BEST FRIENDS

Living With the Imaginings of the Great Writers, We, Too, Learn to Dream.

When once love of books has come into a man's life he can never be lonely, he can never be bored, he can never lose his interest in life, he can never be quite unhappy.

If I were to set down the names of the twenty friends who mean most to me, I should find that more than half of them lived in the novels of Dickens and Thackeray, Dumas and Daudet, Wells and Hardy and Meredith, Sidney Dark writes in John o' London's Weekly.

The happy life is not spent altogether in the world of streets and shops and offices. A large part of it must be lived in the world of imagination. And living with the imaginings of great writers, we, too, learn to dream, and the happiest homes in the world are the castles in the air that we build for ourselves. They are, indeed, the only homes the foundations of which are unshakable rocks.

HOW HE LOVED HER. As the Londoner sat in the village inn, drinking a modest pint and chatting with the local residents, he got on the subject of married life. He advanced the opinion that true happiness was more often to be found in the peaceful country than amid the turmoil of a town.

"Well, I ain't so sure about that," said an old chap. "But I do know as I sat last night and held my old woman's hands for two hours by the clock."

"There," said the visitor in triumph. "That upholds my argument and shows how much you love her."

"Love her!" gasped the old chap. "Why, if I'd 'er let go she'd have scratched my bloomin' eyes out!"

ISSUED ONLY FOUR COINS. Four half-dollars represent the entire coinage of the Confederate states. When Louisiana seceded, the mint at New Orleans, together with the gold and silver bullion in store, was seized.

As there was little bullion to coin, however, no attempt was made to engrave another die. Only the four half-dollars mentioned were struck off with the defective die.

TOUGH ON THE GAS MAN. Meter Reader: That's a good dog you have there. I keep about the place. He ran at me just as soon as I opened th' gate.

Customer: No, I'm disappointed in that dog. I bought him for a rabbit dog and he chases any ol' thing at all.

STRICTLY PRACTICAL. "I believe in calling a spade a spade," remarked the emphatic citizen.

"Yes," murmured Miss Cayenne. "But when production is needed nobody would bother about what a man called a spade if he would learn to use one."--Washington Star.

HE COULDN'T LOOK AROUND. Woman--Big, strong man has you begging. You ought to look around for work.

Tramp--Excuse me, lady, but I've got such a stiff neck I simply can't look around.

DRY. I like my little fountain pen, I fill it to the brim; Yet when I have to write, I find It's always out of ink.

IT PAYS. "Does it pay to advertise?" "I'll say it does. I advertised for a lost dog the other day and had my pick of 17 good ones."

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

W. J. FIELDS, Sonora, Tex.

PEDDLER A "PETTY DEALER"

In Olden Times He Was So Called to Distinguish Him From the "Stationer."

Do you know that the Company of Stationers existed long before the invention of printing. A stationer was a dealer at one time, who kept a shop or stall, as distinguished from the itinerant vendor, whether of books or broom-sticks. So long as the seller remained stationary, he was called a "stationer." In 1622, only dealers in books were called stationers.

A peddler, according to Johnson, was a "petty dealer," and the word "peddler" is said to be an abbreviation of the hyphenated word. The Teutonic word, however, is bedeler, signifying a "beggar." The Danish derive the word from their betelede, which likewise means a "beggar," so most probably peddlers were once beggars.

A milliner's shop was originated in Milan, from which word the name "milliner" was made. Ladies of Europe at one time flocked to Milan, that city being the center of fashion in all matters of taste in woman's dress.

SLOW IS THE WORD. Young Mr. Blibbs seems to be a timid young man.

"I've never seen his equal," said Miss Peasebark.

"No?"

"I don't believe he would even put his arm around me to open a door."--Birmingham Age-Herald.

BEAUTIFUL WEED. The handsomest member of the milkweed family in northwestern United States--the butterfly weed, asclepias tuberosa--now grows in sandy fields and along railroad embankments in central New Jersey counties and to a lesser extent in the highland region north of the Raritan, the New York Evening Post states. It is common in Monmouth county, from Atlantic Highlands toward Freehold and Jamesburg.

Its brilliant light orange or orange yellow flowers, in flat-topped clusters at the top of the branching stems, and its light olive green leaves make a color combination that arrests the eye from train or automobile, and rewards the closer examination of the walker.

ARGENTINE STAMPS. Argentina has succeeded in getting fresh stocks of paper and once more the "sun" watermark has been introduced. Argentina formerly had its stamps printed in Europe, on paper watermarked with the sun's rays. But the world war cut off supplies of the foreign-made labels, and the South American republic was forced temporarily to print adhesives locally on unwatermarked paper.--Boys' Life.

TRY IT OUT, LADIES. Wife--I made a terrible hit at the club this afternoon.

Hubby--Make a speech?

Wife--No, but I wore my dress that I just had cleaned and the odor of gasoline was so prevalent that everybody thought we had a car. We'll have to get one now, dear.

SOULFUL PLEA. Stranger (at the bar)--Slip me a shot, won't you?

Barkeep--You may be a dry agent for all I know.

Stranger--Nobody knows how dry I am!--Buffalo Express.

THAT IS SAFE. "Anyhow there's one book in my library none of my friends ever take to borrow."

"What is it?"

"The Bible."

Bucks for Sale. 200 head of Rambouillet Bucks 1 and 2 years old out of Registered Bucks and some of the best bred ewes in Ohio. These bucks are from the herd of G. F. Billings of Roswell, New Mexico.

Henry Sharp, San Angelo, Texas.



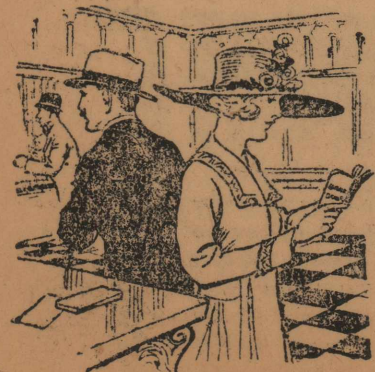
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E. E. Sawyer, D. J. Wyatt, Geo. S. Allison, Will F. Whitehead, E. F. Vander Stucken, W. L. Aldwell, Directors.

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### METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at the usual hour.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening and choir practice Friday evening.

Faithfully yours,  
O. E. Moreland, Pastor.

### Baptist Church, New Sunday.

Sunday school at 9:45 a.m.  
Preaching by pastor Rev. W. E. Hathorn at 11 a.m.

There will be no nite service at the Baptist church. The Methodist Pastor, Rev. Moreland will be out of town next Sunday and Rev. Hathorn will preach at the Methodist church at the nite service.

Herbine corrects biliousness, indigestion and constipation. It is a natural medicine that drives out impurities and restores healthy conditions in the system. Price 75c. Sold by the Sonora Drug Co.

### Commissioners Court.

The Commissioners Court was in session Monday with all the members present. County Judge L. W. Elliott presiding. V. F. Glasscock and Judge Elliott were elected a committee to select a dumping ground for refuse matter.

Owners of all gates on first class roads are ordered to erect gates such as are known as automobile double-swinging or bump-open gates.

You want a first-class saddle. We sell the famous R. J. Frazier saddle made at Pueblo, Colorado. Call and see them, at the  
34-44 Sonora Mercantile Co.

Don't forget the play January 22nd.  
G. R. Warren, Notary Public at T. L. Benson office.

See the Deacon and the Nigger at the Auditorium January 22nd

Born to the world at 11:00 a.m. on Friday January 14th a girl.

It will pay you big in laughs to see the Deacon and Miss Spriggs at the Auditorium January 22nd.

Don't forget the place to save money on diamonds.  
T. L. Miller, Jeweler.

See those handsome ranges and stoves at the Sonora Mercantile Company.

### Auto Tax Seals Here.

Auto tax seals for Sutton county have been received at the Tax Collector's office and a penalty of 25 per cent is collectable if not paid before Feb'y 1st. Owners or drivers are subject to arrest at that date.

Last year 354 licenses were issued in Sutton county and the Highway Department is making an effort to assist owners and officers in the recovery of cars stolen and for identification in case of accident. The numbers allotted Sutton county ran from 412291 to 412700 consecutively.

T. L. Miller, the jeweler, can fit your eyes with proper glasses. 64  
The R. T. Frazier, Pueblo, Colorado, Saddles are sold by the  
34-44 Sonora Mercantile Co.

The Organ at the Baptist Church is for sale. Price \$15. If interested phone 62.

Sam J. Nicks a retired ranchman of El Dorado was here Monday to see old friends. He recently returned from Cross Pass where he conducted the funeral of his brother-in-law John Hutto. Mr. Hutto, his son and son-in-law and Mr. Matthews a friend were deer hunting in the Coast country and Mr. Hutto was shot dead by Mr. Matthews mistaking him for a deer. Mr. Hutto was about 60 years of age and a number of years ago was a sheepman in this country.

A bad wound, burn or cut should be cleansed of dirt or impurities and dressed with Liquid Boraxone. It heals the flesh with marvelous speed. Price 30c. 60c and \$1.20. Sold by Sonora Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Nicks were here from Crockett county during the holidays visiting Mrs. Nicks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trainer.

Come to us for oil and wood heaters and cook stoves.  
E F Vander Stucken-Trainer Co

To drive out worms that are eating away the strength and vitality of your child, use White's Cream Vermifuge. It expels the worms without injury to the child. Price 35c. Sold by Sonora Drug Co.

## NEW YEAR'S DANCE AT SAN MIGUEL RANCH.

The charming and profuse hospitality which marked the Old South, was revived for a nite at Mr. George Miers San Miguel Ranch New Years Eve. The occasion was a dance and reception given by its owner, Mr. George Miers, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Whitehead. Those who have visited the San Miguel Ranch with its wide porticos, its spacious rooms, its wild romantic setting, know what an ideal place it is for a New Years Eve gathering.

It is a forty mile ride from Villa Acuna to the San Miguel. Shortly after 6 o'clock, the guests began to arrive, and by 8 o'clock from sixty to seventy young people from this side of the Rio Grande were ready to dance the Old Year out and the New Year in old Mexico, and when the Del Rio Orchestra started in playing, the floor of the great central room was quickly filled with dancing couples. The new dances were danced, and also the old dances—the quadrille, the Lancers the Varsovienne and the Virginia Reel. When the regular orchestra prayed for a rest, impromptu orchestras supplied their place, and the "Vinegaroon Band" under the leadership of Walter Whitehead and Henry Bridge paired honors with the regular musicians. The dancing did not stop until the sun was rising over the Mexican Hills. Then breakfast was served and the guests departed to remember the San Miguel New Year Party as one of the happiest nites of their lives.

At midnite, Mr. Miers' guests sat down to an elaborate supper, consisting of barbecued beef, venison, wild turkey and cranberries, celery, olives, salads of all kinds, rice, pickles, cake, with a profusion of French wines of rare vintage to wash the good things down.

Among those present were Messrs. and Mesdames A. B. Whitehead Robert Hads n, Bob Miers, Walter Whitehead John Graham, Dave Cooper, Frank Greenwood Jr. Gordon Walton, Amos Humphries, Dr. and Mrs. S. N. Williams, Miss Genevieve Dokey, Haz I Whitehead, Alexa Taylor Marie Williams, Miss Murf, Ruth Lowe, Alice Mae Lowe, Bradie Garner, Mudge Kirchbraber, Miss Davis, Winnie Miers, Jennie Graham, Lois Nell Whitehead, Alfred Thadde, Thomas Graham, Willie G. Whitehead, Forest Whitehead, H. G. Galloway, M. rrah Thurmond, Jap Lowe, Fletcher Lowe, Henry Horn Bob Weatherbee, Francis Whitehead George Miers, W. E. Weatherbee, G. W. Miers, Robert Miers, Violet Miers Frank Warner, Dan Bright, Charlie Whitehead, Marcellus Lowe, Henry B ledge, Felix Harrison, Ralph Sellers Lewis Whitehead, Senor Gabriel Corrella Jr. Senor Saul C. Lapler, Senor igna to Camarillo.

Through the kindness of the Mexican customs and immigration authorities, guests unprovided with passports were allowed to pass through without question. Indeed the Mexican officials went out of their way to extend courtesies to them.

The San Miguel Ranch is the only estate in this neighborhood that approaches the magnificence of the old Spanish Hacienda. The dining room of the house proper can accommodate seventy-five people. A small army might camp on the space between the porches which surround the house. The yard of the house extends over 4 acres and everything else is in proportion. Situated forty miles from the nearest village, the ranch has its own water works, the most modern plumbing, and its own lighting plant. There is also a private phone line from Del Rio. It gives employment to over 300 people.—Del Rio News.

Go to the Sonora Mercantile Co., for your stoves, 68

Mrs. J. L. Davis and daughter Miss Kay Davis, returned Monday from a two months visit to Mrs. Lillie Covington, a daughter of Mrs. Davis, at Plainview.

If you are in the market for diamond goods large or small see,  
T. L. Miller, Jeweler.

Alfred Skyes who ranches in the eastern part of the county, was in town Monday for the community mail. He says he was told that the Postoffice Inspector was at McAvett and wanted to come to Sonora but there was no means of conveyance to be had. Mr. Skyes suggests that if the Department does not feel able to re-establish the Owenville postoffice that the Junction route be changed so as to go by Middle Valley to Owenville to Cedar Hill to Roosevelt to Junction. He says such a route would be over good roads and only about 15 miles further than to Junction by the present route, and that all of the eastern part of the county would be within serving distance.

## ANTHRAX VACCINE

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## BLACKLEG VACCINE (natural)

## SONORA DRUG STORE.

### NOTICE.

After January 1st, 1921, my business will be on a strictly 30 day basis. I am unable to continue business and carry accounts more than 30 days.

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No. 5466. Reserve District No. 11.

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank of Sonora, at Sonora,

in the State of Texas, at the close of business December 29, 1920

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts, including credits on (except those shown on b and c) .....	628,924.05
Customers' liability account of acceptances of this bank purchased or discounted by it .....	682.00
Total loans and discounts .....	629,606.05
Deposits:	
d. Note and bills rediscounted with Federal Reserve Bank (other than bank acceptances sold) (see Item 54a) .....	19,111.71
e. Notes and bills rediscounted other than with Federal Reserve Bank (other than bank acceptances sold) (see Item 54a) .....	19,900.00
2. Overdrafts, secured .....	250.00
3. U.S. government securities owned:	
a. U.S. bonds and notes .....	1001.00
b. U.S. government securities (other than U.S. bonds and notes) .....	70,000.00
d. Redeemed as collateral for state or other deposits or other bills payable .....	21,200.00
War Savings Certificates and U.S. Savings Bonds owned .....	151.01
Total U.S. Government securities .....	71,251.01
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank [50 per cent of subscription] .....	5,700.00
9. a. Value of Banking House .....	2,500.00
b. Equity in banking house .....	2,500.00
Furniture and fixtures .....	2,300.00
Real estate owned other than banking house .....	5,400.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank .....	23,046.29
Cash in vault not net amounts due from national banks .....	47,631.31
Net amounts due from banks and bankers and trust companies other than included in items 11, 12 and 13 .....	118.71
Total of items 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 .....	489,119.22
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items .....	2,072.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer .....	3,500.00
Interest earned but not collected—approximately on notes and bills receivable not past due .....	572.00
Total .....	1,076,138.34

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in .....	100,000.00
Surplus fund .....	49,000.00
Undivided profits .....	41,982.21
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid .....	17,211.1
Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate) .....	633.32
25. Amount reserved for taxes accrued .....	710.95
Circulating notes outstanding .....	692.00
Net amounts due to national banks .....	425.06
Cashier's checks on own bank outstanding .....	25,000.49
Total of items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 .....	288,533.48
Individual deposits subject to check .....	119,111.71
Individual deposits subject to order .....	119,111.71
Total demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to check, items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38 .....	238,223.42
42. Other time deposits .....	16,273.05
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, items 39, 40, 41 and 42 .....	184,496.47
Bills payable, other than with Federal Reserve Bank including all obligations representing money borrowed, other than rediscounts .....	46,900.00
45. Bills payable, with Federal Reserve Bank .....	19,900.00
46. Liabilities other than those above stated reserved for other purposes .....	10.55
Total .....	176,180.24
51. a. Liabilities for rediscounts, with Federal Reserve Bank (see Item 14) .....	119,111.71
b. Liabilities for rediscounts other than with Federal Reserve Bank (see Item 14) .....	19,600.00
Total contingent liabilities (51 a, b, c and d) (not including items in Schedule 25) .....	138,711.71

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF SUTTON, SS  
I, W. L. Aldwell, President of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
W. L. Aldwell, Pres. [Signature]  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, 1921.  
[Seal] Maysie Brown, Notary Public, Sutton County, Texas.  
Correct-Attest:  
E. E. Sawyer,  
E. F. Vander Stucken, Directors.  
D. J. Wyatt.

Recapitulation.	
RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts .....	\$628,924.05
U. S. Bonds .....	700.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank .....	5,700.00
U. S. Savings Bonds .....	21,200.00
Furniture, Fixtures and Other Real Estate .....	10,200.00
Cash in Banks and Vault .....	73,323.85
Revenue and War Saving Stamps .....	303.49
Five per cent fund .....	35,000.00
Total .....	\$813,728.05
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock .....	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund and Undivided Profits .....	11,511.22
Circulation .....	692.00
Deposits .....	228,833.02
Bills payable .....	46,900.00
Reserve for taxes .....	710.95
Reserve for other purposes .....	10.55
Rediscounts .....	138,711.71
Total .....	\$813,728.05

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Habitual or acute constipation is dangerous and should be stopped. Fidelity Quality Fig and Senna is best for this purpose. Pleasant to take and when it's Fidelity Quality you're sure it's pure. Sold and recommended by all druggists and in bottles at the Sonora Drug Co.

### REMEMBER THE DEAD.

Those wishing to contribute to the Cemetery fence will please leave their subscriptions with the First National Bank to the credit of this fund and oblige,  
Mrs. Geo. S. Allison,  
Secretary of Cemetery Association

Take a dose of Herbine when you are bilious or constipated, or your stomach is out of order. It is a marvel of promptness in correcting these conditions. Price 60c. Sold by the Sonora Drug Co.

Oscar Appelt was here Monday and reports that his mohair had been sold recently in Boston at 60 cents for kid hair and 50 cents for the 12 month clip from grown goats.

Aching joints, rheumatic pains, neuralgia, can be relieved quickly by a rubbing application of Bannard's Snow Liniment. It is a power of penetrating remedy. Three sizes; 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sonora Drug Co.

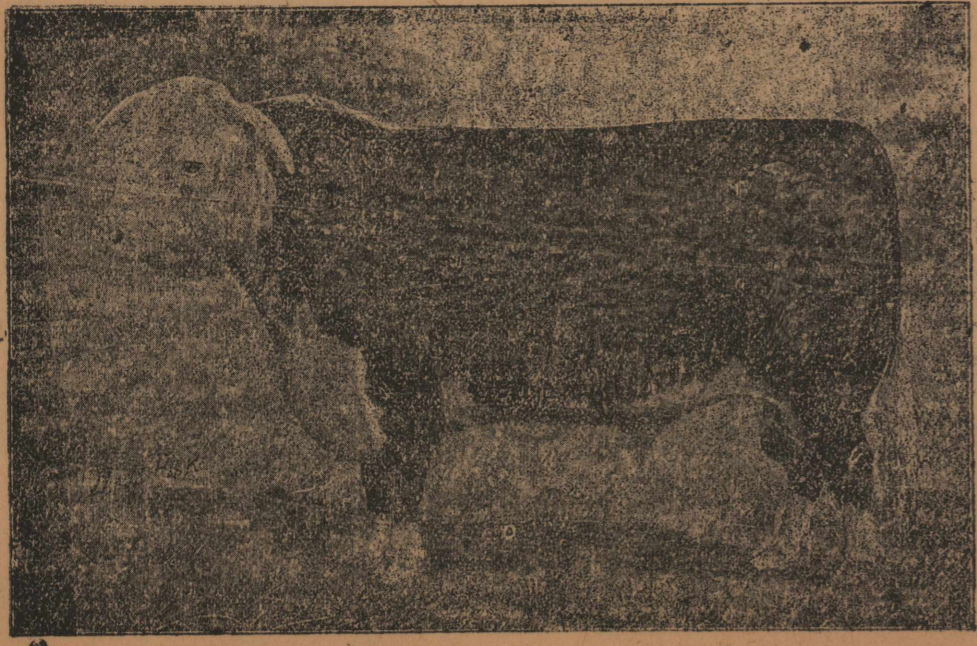
Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Pfeister and children were here from the Fort Stockton country during the holidays visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pfeister.

Necessary lines of furniture such as tables, chairs, beds and mattresses may be bought from E F Vander Stucken-Trainer Co.

As we drive along let us not forget that the sheep not shorn in the Fall must be kept growing. A few sacks of cake will keep the wool from having a week spot in it. Yes, we know—advice is cheap and so is wool—but you will find it pays.

Big shipment and large assortment of Stetson hats for men has been received by the E. F. Vander Stucken-Trainer Company. Come in now and buy one.

New York gave the Democratic nominee for President more votes than Texas. The vote for Cox was 780,774; but the Empire State gave to Harding 1,868,421. Both candidates receiving their greatest popular vote in the one State. Ohio, home of both candidates gave Cox 789,037 and Harding 1,182,022.



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A WONDERFUL servant, for pleasure, and for business. And we now, with the factory increasingly production, very short we will be able to make fairly prompt deliveries with Ford Runabouts. Anyway bring in your orders and we will see what we can do.

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SONORA MOTOR COMPANY.

## The Voice of the Pack

BY EDISON MARSHALL

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### CHAPTER III.

The Lennox home was a typical mountain ranch-house—square, solid, comforting in storm and wind. Bill was out to the gate when the car drove up. He was a son of his father, a strong man in body and personality. He too had heard of the elder Failing, and he opened his eyes when he saw the sleek youth that was his grandson. He led the way into the white-washed living room.

"You must be chilled," he suggested from the lounge. "It's awfully cold," he spoke in the tone of a strong man invariably used toward an invalid. Dan felt a curious resentment at the words.

"It's not cold," he said. "It's hardly dark yet. I'd sooner go outdoors and look around."

The elder man regarded him curiously, perhaps with the faintest glimmer of admiration. "You'd better wait



"You'd Better Wait Till Tomorrow, Dan."

"till tomorrow, Dan," he replied. "Bill will have supper soon, anyway. You don't want to overdo too much, right at first."

"But, good heavens! I'm not going to try to spare myself while I'm here. It's too late for that."

"Of course—but sit down now, anyway. I'm sorry that Snowbird isn't here."

"Snowbird is—"

"My daughter. My boy, she can make a biscuit! That's not her name, of course, but we've always called her that. She got tired of keeping house and is working this summer. Poor Bill has to keep house for her, and no wonder he's eager to take the stock down to the lower levels. I only wish he hadn't brought 'em up this spring at all; I've lost dozens from the coyotes."

"But a coyote can't kill cattle—"

"It can if it has hydrophobia, a common thing in the varmints this time of year. But as I say, Bill will take the stock down next season, and then

Snowbird's work will be through, and she'll come back here."

"Then she's down in the valley?"

"Far from it. She's a mountain girl if one ever lived. Perhaps you don't know the recent policy of the forest service to hire women when they can be obtained. It was a policy started in war times and kept up now because it is economical and efficient. She and a girl from college have a cabin not five miles from here on old Bald Mountain, and they're doing lookout duty."

Dan wondered intensely what lookout duty might be. "You see, Dan," Lennox said in explanation, "the government has thousands of dollars every year for forest fire. It can be stopped easily if it is seen soon after it starts. By let it burn awhile, in this dry season, and it's a terror—a wall of flame that races through the forests and can hardly be stopped. And maybe you don't realize how enormous this region is—literally hundreds of miles across. We're the last outpost—there are four cabins. If you can find them, in the first seventy miles back to town. So they have to put lookouts on the high points, and now they're coming to the use of airplanes so they can keep even a better watch. Snowbird and a girl friend from college got jobs this summer as lookouts—all through the forest service they are hiring women for the work. They are more vigilant than men, less inclined to take chances, and work cheaper. These two girls have a cabin near a spring, and they cook their own food, and are making what is big wages in the mountains. I'm rather hoping she'll drop over for a few minutes tonight."

"Good Lord—does she travel over these hills in the darkness?"

The mountaineer laughed—a delighted sound that came somewhat curiously from the bearded lips of the stern, dark man. "Dan, I'll swear she's afraid of nothing that walks the face of the earth—and it isn't because she hasn't had experience either. She's a dead shot with a pistol, for one thing.

She's physically strong, and every muscle is hard as nails. She used to have Shag, too—the best dog in all these mountains. She's a mountain girl, I tell you; whoever wins her has got to be able to tame her!" The mountaineer laughed again.

The call to supper came then, and Dan got his first sight of mountain food. There were potatoes, newly dug, mountain vegetables that were crisp and cold, a steak of peculiar shape, and a great bowl of purple berries to be eaten with sugar and cream. Dan's appetite was not as a rule particularly good. But evidently the long ride had affected him. He simply didn't have the moral courage to refuse when the elder Lennox heaped his plate.

"Good heavens, I can't eat all that," he said, as it was passed to him. But the others laughed and told him to take heart.

He took heart. It was a singular thing, but at that first bite his sudden confidence in his gustatory ability almost overwhelmed him. So he cut himself a bite of the tender steak—fully half as generous as the bites that Bill was consuming across the table. And his first flavor simply filled him with delight.

"What is this meat?" he asked.

"I've certainly tasted it before."

"I'll bet a few dollars that you haven't, if you've lived all your life in the Middle West," Lennox answered. "Maybe you've got what the scientists call an inherited memory of it. It's the kind of meat your grandfather used to live on—venison."

Soon after dinner Lennox led him out of the house for his first glimpse of the hills in the darkness.

They walked together out to the gate, across the first of the wide pastures where, at certain seasons, Lennox kept his cattle; and at last they came out upon the tree-covered ridge.

The moon was just rising. They could see it casting a curious glint over the very tips of the pines. But it couldn't get down between them. They stood too close, too tall and thick for that. And for a moment, Dan's only sensation was one of silence.

"You have to stand still a moment, to really know anything," Lennox told him.

They both stood still. Dan was as motionless as that day in the park long weeks before, when the squirrel had climbed on his shoulder. The first effect was a sensation that the silence was deepening around them. It wasn't really true. It was simply that he had become aware of the little continuous sounds of which usually he was unconscious, and they tended to accentuate the hush of the night. He knew, just as all mountaineers know, that the wilderness about him was stirring and pulsing with life. Some of the sounds were quite clear—occasional chirp of a pebble on the crack of a twig, and some, like the faintest twitching of leaves in the brush, not ten feet distant, could only be guessed at.

"What is making the sounds?" he asked.

He didn't know it, at the time, but Lennox turned quickly toward him. It wasn't that the question had surprised the mountaineer. Rather, it was the tone in which Dan had spoken. It was perfectly self-contained.

"The one right close is a chipmunk. I don't know what the others are; no one ever does know. Perhaps ground squirrels, or rabbits, or birds, and maybe one of those harmless old black bears who is curious about the house. And tell me—can you smell anything?"

"Good Lord, Lennox! I can smell all kinds of things."

"I'm glad. Some men can't. No one can enjoy the woods if he can't smell

part of the smells are of flowers, and part of balsam, and God only knows what the others are. They are just the wilderness."

Dan could not only perceive the smells and sounds, but he felt that they were leaving an imprint on the very fiber of his soul. He knew one thing. He knew he could never forget this first introduction to the mountain night. The whole scene moved him in strange, deep ways in which he had never been stirred before; it left him exultant and, in deep wells of his nature far below the usual currents of excitement, a little excited too.

Then both of them were startled out of their reflections by the clear, unmistakable sound of footsteps on the ridge. Both of them turned, and Lennox laughed softly in the darkness. "My daughter," he said. "I knew she wouldn't be afraid to come."

Dan could see only Snowbird's outline at first, just her shadow against the moonlit hillside. His glasses were none too good at long range. And possibly, when she came within range, the first thing that he noticed about her was her stride. The girls he knew didn't walk in quite that free, strong way. She took almost a man-size step; and yet it was curious that she did not seem ungraceful. Dan had a distinct impression that she was floating down to him on the moonlight. She seemed to come with such unutterable smoothness. And then he heard her call lightly through the darkness.

The sound gave him a distinct sense of surprise. Some way he hadn't associated a voice like this with a mountain girl; he had supposed that there would be so many harshening influences in this wild place. Yet the tone was as clear and full as a trained singer's. It was not a high voice; and yet it seemed stately brimming, as a cup brims with wine, with the rapture of life. It was a self-confident voice that wholly unaffected and sincere, and wholly without embarrassment.

Then she came close, and Dan saw the moonlight on her face. And so it came about, whether in dreams or wakefulness, he could see nothing else for many hours to come.

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