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Sonora, Texas. - January 22, 1921.

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

BIG EGG YIELD

"From a small flock of hens I
now get 20 to 25 eggs per day,
whereas before giving them Dr.
LaGear's Poultry Prescription, I
only received three or four. Its
cost has been repaid to me over
and over." So writes Mrs. J. W.
Montomery, Tunnell Hill, Ga.

You should increase your yield
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Dr. LaGear's Poultry Prescrip-
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poultry or stock are ailing, it will
pay you to get the proper Dr.
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It must give satisfaction, or your
dealer will refund your money.

Of Course She Was.

A certain clergyman always felt
it his duty to give each couple a
little serious advice before he
performed the marriage ceremony.
He usually took them aside one at
a time, and talked very soberly to
each regarding the great impor-
tance of the step they were about
to take and the new responsibili-
ties they were to assume. One
day he talked in his most earnest
manner for several minutes to a
young woman who had come to
be married. "And now," he said
in closing, "I hope you fully re-
alize the extreme importance of
the step you are taking and that
you are prepared for it." "Pre-
pared!" said the bride, innocently.
"Well, if I ain't prepared, I don't
know who is. I've got four com-
mon quilts and two nice ones, and
four brand new feather beds, ten
sheets and twelve pairs of pillow
slips, four linen table cloths, a
dozen spoons and a six quart ket-
tle, and lots of other things."

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Cascara aromatic, which is prac-
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system needs a real purgative to
work on liver and bowels ask
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When it's Fidelity Quality you're
sure it's pure. Sold and recom-
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Sonora by the Sonora Drug Co.

REMEMBER THE DEAD.

Those wishing to contribute to
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leave their subscriptions with the
First National Bank to the credit
of this fund and oblige.

Mrs. Geo. S. Allison,
Secretary of Cemetery Association

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The Jewel Theatre has
bookings for a special
Pathe production for
each Saturday night.

The program for Jan-
uary is:

29 Smouldering Em-
bers.

As patronage justifies
the management will
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nights in the week.

We Need the Money You Want the Goods

As stated when we announced this Sale we "Took the Bull by
Horns" but are now anxious to turn loose as many of the goods
Will cost us more to replace than we are offering them to you.
The sale will positively End in eight days, but until that time
You may buy from our Entire Stock of

Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Shoes, Notions,

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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 appre-
ciate your business
and will do all in
my power to accom-
modate you.

T. L. MILLER,
The Jeweler

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Choice Beef, Mutton & Pork,
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Poultry, Butter, Eggs, Etc
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THE Ford car has been fundamentally right from the beginning. That fact
made it "The Universal Car." It has always led in lowest first cost as
well as in lowest cost to maintain and operate.

Runabout, Touring Car, Coupe, Sedan, Truck and Fordson Tractor—we
have them all and will make reasonably prompt delivery.

Simplicity has ever marked the designing and building of Ford cars, trucks
and tractors. Henry Ford and his engineers have always striven for simplicity
with strength. The success of the Model "1" Ford car and a great part of the
Ford Motor Company's success has come from an early understanding and ap-
preciation of that principle in motor car construction. The fewer the parts in
a car, fewer the parts to go wrong. When that simple truth is carried out in
producing a car, as it is in Ford cars, trucks and tractors, the result is bound
to be a simplicity of design and building that means simplicity, durability
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This simplicity of construction proves itself in the ease with which Ford
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Each Clip sold on its MERITS.

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(Incorporated.)

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monthly pay plan to those who do not set-
tle their obligations before the 10th of each
month. It should not be necessary to
specify any reason for the observance of
this requirement. Please arrange to pay
before the 10th of each month if you desire
the monthly pay system.

COOPER & SIMS.

THE DEW DROP INN

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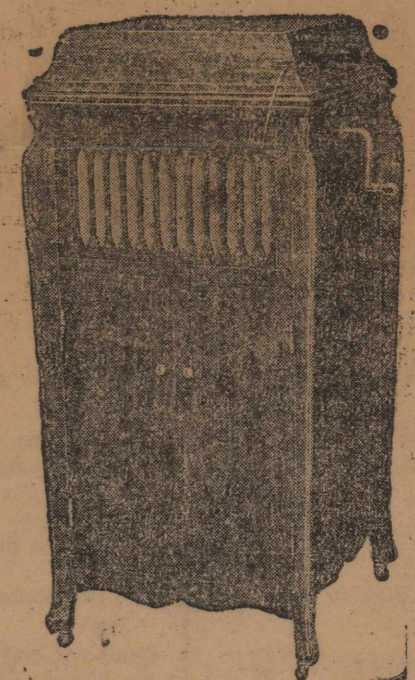
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Delvatec Is Around 4,000 Feet in Their Paterson Well on N. Llano

Doc Joy who ranches on the North Llano, a few miles from the Paterson well, being drilled by the Delvatec Petroleum Co., told the News Friday that the work on the well was stopped Thursday night because the Management would not longer risk the cable. A new cable has been ordered and is expected to arrive within a few days when drilling will be resumed. Mr. Joy did not know the exact depth of the well but said it was around 4000 feet. The oil, showing has improved and one of the crew told him the well would now afford about 5 or 6 barrels a day.

Fix Shearing Prices.

Kerrville, Jan. 15.—Monday of this week the sheep and goat raisers of Kerr and adjoining counties met in the chamber of commerce rooms here to fix on the price to pay this year for the shearing of sheep and goats.

After a discussion of the matter it was agreed to pay for shearing of goats this season 4 to 6 cents, the former price where the owner paid expenses, the latter where the shearers paid all. The price for sheep was set at 6 and 8 cents the former where the owner paid expenses, the latter where the shearers paid them. A committee of five, from Kerr, Kimble, Real Gillespie, Kendall and Bandera counties, was appointed to confer with sheep and goat raisers in these counties and solicit their cooperation in fixing a uniform price for shearing.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Wilkinson were visiting in town Thursday.

Topsy Turvy is postponed till 29th because of the indisposition of one of the leading players.

T. B. Adams was here from San Angelo Tuesday. He bought from J. Will Wilson of Sonora, 1,000 Rambouillet tams. The price was not made public.

Phil Baxter, the orchestra leader of Dallas will visit here on February 17 to 19th and it is proposed to have him play for one or two dances while here. Baxter is a favorite with the A & M and his band is usually engaged for club dances around Dallas. H. V. Stokes wrote Thursday asking him to try and be here for the Fourteenth, because of the meeting of the Executive Committee on that date.

How To Cure A Cough

Take Fidelity Quality Mentholated Mountain Pine Cough Syrup. It relieves the cough, tickle and throat irritation at once. When it's Fidelity Quality you're sure it's pure. Sold and recommended by all druggists and in Sonora by Sonora Drug Co.

Owing to ill health, Mr. Wm. Bevaas has resigned from the position of President of the Revans National Bank and in his place the stockholders elected R. R. Russell. We are glad to state, however, that Mr. Bevaas is on the road to recovery and will soon be back with us once more. All the former directors were re-elected as were the officers, but in addition James Callan was elected one of the vice-presidents. Mc-

NEWS AND VERSE FROM SONORA, TEXAS.

Sonora, Texas, Dec. 15th, 1920.
Editor Angora Journal, Portland, Ore.
This country is covered with grass, corn, cotton, maize, cane, etc., and the only thing we lack is cash, but we expect to get some money early in the year. I see signs of it now. I sold 150 pounds of good registered Angora mohair, 12 months growth, \$1.00 per pound in the raw fleece right at my barn, November 19, 1920. Now that isn't so bad. Crummins & Pelree of Boston bought this lot and they say this grade of mohair is going to bring good prices in the spring and they are picking up all the bargains they can run down in this country. Right here is where I stop before I forget to tell something that is on my mind. Say, boy! That Angora Journal gets better all the time. I sure enjoy hearing from those South African boys the ones who refrain from calling our Angoras half-breeds and those pictures they sent are sure pretty. With best wishes,
J. A. WARD.
P.S.—Sending some poetry, but I am not glibly writing it. Couldn't get the writer to sign his name.

J. A. Ward, he did not write the verse, but if he did not, who did?
THE BILLY MEN.
B. M. Halbert, the Billy King, Cannot whistle, nor can he sing; Says his eyesight's bad, and he cannot hear.
But talk about goats, and his mind is clear.
He visited Angelo during the fair, And began to bid on a Billy Goat there.
All those who bid now understand How B. M. Halbert played his hand.
This Kiddle buck from the far North west Took easy rank among the best.
Says Kiddle, "He'll win in any show— We'll send him south to San Angelo."
Says Taylor to Halbert, "That goat will sell."
Auctioneer said, "Run him high as you can.
For I know he was raised by a good Billy Man."
So they put the goat in the auction sale; Where the highest bid would tell the tale.
And when the last bid ceased to ring He belonged to Halbert, the Billy King.
There's our old friend Eli Taylor, If he has so many children he uses a trailer;
Got some fine goats, raised by his wife; Gets the blue ribbons, you bet your life.
Eli made good at Los Angeles show by telling the public how Angoras grow.
He sells his goats as high as he can, And therefore is called a good Billy Man.
John A. Ward is a big Billy Man, Works darn hard and does all he can To get Angoras into the ring, So he too, is called a Billy King.
E. K. Strickland from June town, Kues Angoras, has gained renown; Attends goat shows now and then, And stands out high with the Billy Men.
Fred Karwood, fancying mohair coats Now talks of nothing but Billygoats. Some folks call Fred a lady's man, But goat men call him a Billy Man.
Down in Kimble is Old Man Skaggs Don't talk much, and never brag; His Angoras rank with the best in the pen, So he is classed with the Billy Men.
G. W. Stephenson rode his old tin lizzie Down to the show and got mighty busy; He hob-nobbed 'round with the Billy Men Till that's what they call him again and again.
I would not be right to close this story Without giving Sheep Men some of the glory.
Now T. B. Adams and his old friend Dan Don't like a goat or a Billy Goat Man. This started the talk between T. B. A. and his Old Friend Dan, in the following way:
"There's Halbert and Ward and Old Eli.
Got good goats, but they're a way too tight."
At auction the champion goat was sold For seventeen hundred and fifty gold says Dan to Tom, "That makes me weep,
To think a goat would out-sell a sheep."
So the Billy Men bsted the Big Sheep Kings, And will do it again, in the scheme of things.
For a good goat surely brings the price, And the sheep Men do not cut much lice.
Good-bye, Gent Men, Sheep Men, all! We'll meet again at the fair next fall, And if you come to Del Rio's show You'll meet old Eli like you ought to know.
This is not from the pen of the San Angelo poet, He don't know much 'bout a sheep or a goat. But when it comes to goats, we say again
HIP HIP-HOORAY FOR THE BILLY MEN!

It will pay you big in laughs to see the Houston and Miss Springs at the Auditorium January 29th.

GOOD LOTS FOR SALE.

I will sell the two lots on the corner of Cochebo 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. K. GLASSCOCK,
Sonora, Texas.

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 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.
SONORA LIGHT & WATER CO.

January 26th the Date.

The last number of the Lyeum will be given on Wednesday January 26th according to notice just received by the Parent-Teachers Association. The Schubert Trio are the entertainers.

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. BENSON,
Sonora, Texas, Dec. 1, 1918.

High School Play On January 29th 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.

Frank Decker, Notary Public Sutton County, Texas

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

Willard Batteries at a new price level, effective with the publication of this announcement Willard batteries will be sold on a new and materially lower price level. The same Willard quality backed by the same authorized Willard Service.

Carried in stock by Sonora Motor Co. Ozona Garage. Ragsdale Auto Supply Co. Angelo, Texas.

The next few years will be marked by important and historical changes in the life of the United States deeply interesting to every citizen. The "Three-Week World" which is the greatest example of tabloid journalism in America will give you all the news of it. It will keep you as thoroughly informed as a daily at five or six times the price. Besides, the news from Europe for a long time to come will be of overwhelming interest, and we are deeply and vitally concerned in it. The "Three-Week World" will furnish you an accurate and comprehensive report of everything that happens.
The "Three-Week World's" regular subscription price is only \$1.00 per year, and this pays for 156 papers. We offer this unequalled newspaper and the Devil's River News together for one year for \$2.50. The regular price of the two papers is \$3.00.

MILE NOT ALWAYS A MILE

Four Different Lengths Are in Use in English-Speaking Countries— Swiss Mile Longest.

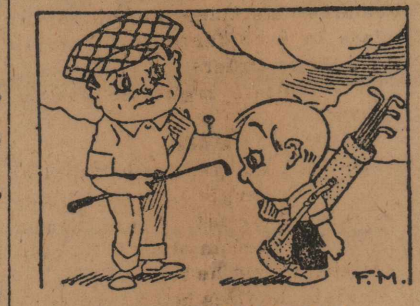
English-speaking countries have four different miles all in use—the ordinary mile of 5,280 feet, and the geographical or nautical mile of 6,080 feet, making a difference of about one-seventh between the two; the Scotch mile of 5,920 feet, and the Irish mile of 6,720 feet.
The German mile of today is 24,318 feet in length, more than four and a half times as long as our mile. The Dutch have a mile of 19,395 feet, the Danes one of 24,875 feet, and the Prussians one of 24,856 feet. The Swiss get more exercise in walking one of their miles than we get in walking five of ours, for their mile is 27,450 feet.
The Italian mile is only a few feet longer than ours, the Roman mile is shorter, and the Tuscian mile, as well as the Turkish mile, is 450 feet longer. The Swedish mile is 22,093 feet, and the Austrian mile is 25,037 feet in length—Detroit News.

THEY WERE THE WATCH.

A number of English officers were sitting in a German restaurant in Cologne having a very good time for people who were away from home. They were struck by a rather lively conversation between the leader of the orchestra and several of its members. All of a sudden the orchestra began to play "Die Wacht am Rhein." Every one rose to his feet, while the officers, including the English, stood at attention until the last note had been played. The leader was so surprised that he came down to the English officers and began the following conversation: "Gentlemen, may I ask you a question?" "Go ahead!" "Did you recognize the piece we just played?" "Sure!" "Do you know that was 'Die Wacht am Rhein'?" "Why, certainly," said one of the Englishmen, raising his voice so as to be heard all over the hall; "but that's all right. Die Wacht am Rhein—that's us."

SUCH IS LIFE.

It was in the good old days, when the little red schoolhouse frequently rounded with the "thwack" of the birch rod, that the master discovered that some boy of the upper class had committed a fearful crime against the dignity of the master. "I'll thrash the entire class if some one doesn't tell me who did that?" the teacher threatened, and as the information was not forthcoming, proceeded to keep his word, until but one lad remained. "If you will tell me who it was, I'll let you off," the teacher then offered.
"All right, sir. It was I," the boy responded.



SOCIAL DISTINCTION.

Golfer—Anyone ahead of us, caddy?
Caddy—Yes, sir; a gentleman with a caddy, and a man carryin' fur himself.

THE AMATEUR FARMER.

"What's become of Wombat, the author?"
"He bought a farm."
"And now?"
"He's writing a series of articles about his life as a farmer."
"Comedy or tragedy?"—Exchange.

SKILLED PROSPECTOR.

"So our dentist friend has purchased a mining prospect?"
"Yes."
"Well, he ought to win out. That fellow can hit a pay streak with the least drilling of anybody I know."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

GOOD MANAGEMENT.

"Our ward leader expects to corral all the feminine votes in the primary."
"How is he going to manage it?"
"He has caused it to get all around that all the polling places are to have mirrors in 'em."

Cedar Posts of any kind for sale. 12 miles from Junction on Sonora road. FLOYD LITTLE. Phone 108—2 shorts 1 long.
Properties to trade for sheep or goats. DR. LANGFORD, Sonora, Texas.

ELMS GROWING IN CHURCH

Said to Spring From the Grave of the "Man of Ross," a Local Celebrity of Eighteenth Century.

In the right transept of the parish church of Ross, Herefordshire, are two sturdy young elms, which rise from the ground at the base of the wall.
The story goes that they spring from the grave of the "Man of Ross," a local celebrity of the eighteenth century, who did much to beautify the town and neighborhood with trees and shrubs. The appearance of trees on his grave was regarded as so appropriate that they were allowed to grow. It is more likely, however, that they were shoots from an elm root outside, which found their way in by an interstice in the masonry.
The trees flourished for many years in their unusual situation, until some building operations interfered with them. At present they are leafless, though one is said to be showing new signs of life.—London Tit-Bits.

EXIT THE CANE AND WHIP

Factories that Formerly Made These Articles Have Almost Ceased to Exist.

Are canes extinct? Has the automobile chased the horsehip out of business? Has the umbrella given way to the waterproof coat?
The United States forest service and the New York state college, which have been making a joint survey of the wood-using industries of the state of New York, have reached such a conclusion by the answers to their questionnaires.
They find that in 1912 there were several cane, whip and umbrella-handle manufacturers in New York; but today there is not a single manufacturer of walking-sticks or whips in the state, and only one manufacturer of umbrella-handles.—New York World.

ETHAN ALLEN NOT A CITIZEN.

Ethan Allen was never technically a citizen of the United States, due to a boundary dispute between New York and Vermont. Vermont did not join the Union until after his death, the Detroit News recalls. Allen was a red-blooded fighter. He led the Green Mountain boys to capture Fort Ticandanda. He was born in Litchfield, Conn., Jan. 10, 1737, and died Feb. 13, 1789. While he fought for the principles of the nation, he was barred, technically, from citizenship, because of the fact that the territory where he was born was not a part of the Union.

THE LATEST STYLES.

"William Dean Howells," said an editor, "often joked about the latest styles."
"The minister made a witty reference to the latest style in his sermon, didn't he?" Mr. Howells said one morning to a young lady in New York.
"Did he? How," asked the young lady.
"Why, didn't you notice?" said Mrs. Howells. "He chose his text from Revelations."

SELF-EFFACEMENT.

"Leonidas!" exclaimed Mrs. Meekton, "are you aware that I was reading my essay on politics aloud to you?"
"Yes, my dear."
"But you went to sleep."
"Why not? You removed every problem so completely that I saw no further reason for retaining personal consciousness."

PA'S HANDY EXCUSE.

"Ma insists on a change in government."
"That so? What particular thing is she opposed to?"
"The income tax."
"The income tax?"
"Yep. Says ever since that was put in force Pa has always had an installment falling due every time she has wanted a new dress."

SLIGHTLY OFF.

"What's this 'proletariat' I read about in the papers, Mike?"
"It's what the cowboys use to catch wild horses with, ye ignorant."

NOTHING MORE.

"Got anything in your cellar to keep you warm next winter?"
"Nothing but coal."

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.

BARBADOS: ISLAND OF VAST RESOURCES

Barbados is one of the most interesting and least known of the possessions of Great Britain.

Pear-shaped, solitary, farthest east of the West Indies, Barbados generally is accounted the most healthful of the group, even though it is the most populous country in the world, per square mile, except China, and George Washington carried to his grave the marks of smallpox contracted on a visit there.
The island—there is but one despite the misleading plural name—is but an eighth the size of our Rhode Island, but has twice as many inhabitants per square mile as our smallest and most densely populated state.
Seldom does a volcano become an asset, but volcanic eruptions have contributed largely to the fertility of Barbados. When the sun was obscured throughout one day in May, 1912 the Barbadians were panic stricken, but when the gentle rain of black dust subsided, the deposit was found to be ashes from an eruption of St. Vincent Soufriere, nearly 100 miles to the west, which erupted the soil.
Long before that time, though, Barbados was productive. Oldest of British colonial possessions except Newfoundland, it also was the first place in the British empire where sugar cane was planted. Its average crop of this now high-priced commodity is 50,000 tons. It also has 2,000 acres planted in sea-island or long-staple cotton; raises 40,000 bunches yearly of the Chinese banana, and exports molasses.

One phenomenon of Barbados has not been accounted for. For years the so-called "Barbados Coffin Story" furnished a mystery which would interest present-day psychic investigators. In the yard of a church near Ostin's Town is a churchyard burial vault, hewn from rock and arched with cemented stone. A woman was buried there in a lead coffin, according to Barbadian custom. Several years later when the vault was opened again to receive another body, the coffin had been removed from its original position. Upon the second occasion special precautions were taken to seal the vault. Several times thereafter, though seals were unbroken and there seemed no other mode of entering the solid rock and masonry, the coffins were displaced. Finally the mouth of the vault was cemented, and when it was time to receive another body officials of the island and an immense crowd gathered for the ceremony. Once more all the leaden caskets were found to have been disturbed and the family had their dead removed to another burying ground. No satisfactory solution of these strange occurrences has been offered.
A natural curiosity of Barbados is the "Animal Flower Cave," the so-called flowers being sea worms. Not so agreeable are the Maunched, or poison trees, along the shores, whose leaves blister the skin and contaminate the water.

WHAT IS THE UKRAINE?

In the heart of the Ukrainian territory Poles and Ukrainians participated in a struggle with the Bolsheviks.
"What is the Ukraine? The Poles and the Lithuanians of a few centuries ago knew well this most turbulent section over which they attempted to rule, and Imperial Russia for a long time was greatly troubled by this very unruly part of her expansive domain. The Tatars and the Turks felt its proximity because of the many raids made upon them by the wild warriors of the steppes," says Nevin O. Winter in a communication to the National Geographic society.
"The Ukraine includes southeastern Russia, with the exception of the province known as Bessarabia, which

partakes of the character of the Balkan states and is peopled with Roumanians and Bulgarians. The great support of Odessa and surrounding country have been added to it under the new alignment.
"The Ukraine does not reach much north of Kiev or east of Kharkov, but it is a large state in itself, about as large as the former German empire, with some twenty-five or thirty millions of people living in it.
"There is a lure about the limitless stretches of the steppes in the Ukraine. In wide, level spaces, or in gentle undulations, they reach out un-

SEA SLEDS FOR AIRPLANES

Speed of Giant Floats Makes Taking Off From Small Space a Matter of Ease.

Giant sea sleds capable of carrying airplanes out in midocean are being developed by a Boston concern. Some are equipped with four motors, totaling 1,750 horsepower, and have a speed of 55 miles an hour.
In the event of war with a foreign nation these sea sleds would be utilized to transport heavy bombing planes across the ocean. Thousands could be sent at a comparatively low cost.
While it is possible for an airplane to leave the deck of a sea sled, there is not sufficient room for a landing to be made. The flying machine would have to work out its own salvation once its wheels left the sled.
These sea sleds are built to lift and run on the surface of the water. When a speed of 50 miles an hour is reached it is possible for an airplane to open its motors and leave the deck without any further runway.
Experiments made off the New England coast show that a small airplane can "take off" when the sea sled is making but 40 miles an hour in a heavy sea. Other tests are being made to develop the high power planting sea sleds into pleasure craft as well as for military and naval purposes.
Gordon S. Orme of New Orleans, a wealthy sportsman, has had a 32-foot boat built for his use in the Gulf of Mexico. Factories have been established in Atlantic City to aid in producing the sea sleds, which are now being tested off the New England coast.



Passing True.
"The tending lady of the play made her mark in the first scene."
"Yes, I saw her do it when she leaned her powdered face on the hero's black dress coat shoulder."

Bucks for Sale.

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til sky and horizon meet in a barely perceptible line. Parts of it remind one very much of our own western prairies. In spring and summer it is an ocean of verdure, with the varied shades of green of the growing vegetation interspersed with flowers of many hues; later, in the autumn after the crops are harvested, it becomes a brown waste of stubble and burned-up pastures; in winter it is a white, glistening expanse of snow.

"There are not many old towns in the Ukraine. Except in Kiev and Kharkov, one will hardly find a building more than a hundred years old. No old medieval churches built up by the toll of generations of devout hands, no old chateaux of the nobility, no palaces rich in pictures will be encountered. The great majority of the towns are still big, overgrown villages.
"The towns are separated from each other by enormous distances, with imperfect communication. The peasants plant their villages in the lee of some swell in the surface or by the edge of a stream in which they can water their flocks during the drought which may come."

SOME BIG GAME OF THREE MILLION YEARS AGO

Speaking of the brontosaurus, if any one ever did, one might paraphrase Gelett Burgess:
"I never saw a dinosaur,
I never hope to see one."

Yet, according to reports from African explorers a live dinosaur, a brontosaurus has been found in Africa.
Now that the dinosaur is with us, potentially big game enthusiasts will be interested in this description of prehistoric big game, quoted from a communication to the National Geographic society by Barnum Brown.
"Today we must go to Africa for the biggest game; but there was a time in the dim distant past when America produced animals larger than any now living. That was so long ago that nothing remains of these creatures except their bones, and they are turned to stone.

"The animals are dinosaurs; for the moment we will call them lizards—not the creeping, crawling kind, but huge reptiles that stalked upright through the jungles, rivaling in size the elephants, the hippopotamus and the rhinoceros.
"The place is Alberta, Canada, and the time of their existence 3,000,000 years ago.
"In these marshes of prehistoric times dwelt a host of reptiles, some large, some small and of various forms, flesh eaters and herb eaters, but all sharing certain characters in common and known as dinosaurs. Not any were closely related to any living reptile, yet they had some characters common to the lizards, crocodiles and birds.

"Of the kinds characteristic of the period one species, a herb eater named Trachodon, was more than 30 feet long and about 15 feet high when standing erect. Its head, with broadly-expanded mouth, resembles that of a duck, but back of the beak there are more than 2,000 small teeth, disposed in many vertical rows each containing several individual teeth, the new ones coming up from below as the old ones wore out.
"The long hind legs terminated in three large-boned toes, and the short, slender front feet were partly webbed. A long, thin, slender tail acted as a powerful steering organ, and the body was covered with rough tuberculate skin. Having no means of defense, it lived chiefly in the water, where it was free from attacks of the flesh eaters."

SEA SLEDS FOR AIRPLANES

Speed of Giant Floats Makes Taking Off From Small Space a Matter of Ease.

Giant sea sleds capable of carrying airplanes out in midocean are being developed by a Boston concern. Some are equipped with four motors, totaling 1,750 horsepower, and have a speed of 55 miles an hour.
In the event of war with a foreign nation these sea sleds would be utilized to transport heavy bombing planes across the ocean. Thousands could be sent at a comparatively low cost.
While it is possible for an airplane to leave the deck of a sea sled, there is not sufficient room for a landing to be made. The flying machine would have to work out its own salvation once its wheels left the sled.
These sea sleds are built to lift and run on the surface of the water. When a speed of 50 miles an hour is reached it is possible for an airplane to open its motors and leave the deck without any further runway.
Experiments made off the New England coast show that a small airplane can "take off" when the sea sled is making but 40 miles an hour in a heavy sea. Other tests are being made to develop the high power planting sea sleds into pleasure craft as well as for military and naval purposes.
Gordon S. Orme of New Orleans, a wealthy sportsman, has had a 32-foot boat built for his use in the Gulf of Mexico. Factories have been established in Atlantic City to aid in producing the sea sleds, which are now being tested off the New England coast.

Passing True.
"The tending lady of the play made her mark in the first scene."
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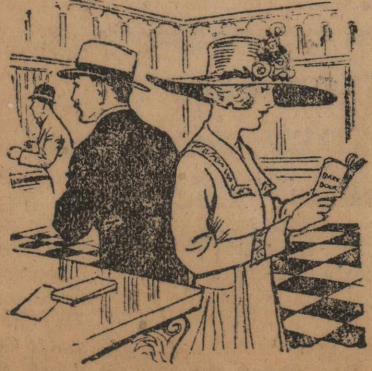


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EPISCOPAL GUILD.

The ladies of the Episcopal Guild met at the Church at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday, January 4th, 1921. In the absence of the President, Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken, the Secretary, Mrs. Sterling Baker, presided, with Mrs. Will Wilkinsen, secretary pro tem.

The reading of the minutes and the report of the Treasurer showed the Guild to be in a good financial condition and the years work very satisfactory.

Mrs. S. T. Gilmore was elected president, Mrs. W. L. Aldwell, vice president, Mrs. Sterling Baker, secretary-treasurer. The Guild meets on the first and third Tuesdays in each month, at 3 o'clock p. m., at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Mat Adams were in town Wednesday from the Cooper & Savell ranch in Crockett county, trading.

Genard and Wirt Stephenson ranchmen of the Pandale country were visitors in town Wednesday.

Harry Keesee succeeded in capturing the wolf that has been depredating in the Fields, Allison and Clarkson pastures.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bond went to San Antonio Sunday to visit Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Stanley Green. Mrs. Richardson is in feeble health.

In obtaining the list of the stockholders and promoters of the Sonora Park Association, we failed to get the name of one of the leading members, none other than Will Caldwell, the genial and progressive manager of the West Texas Lumber Co., with out whose assistance and advice the project would hardly have been possible at this time.

The Missionary Society.

The Missionary Society of the Baptist church met Monday afternoon, with good attendance and a very interesting bible study with Mrs. Carvin as leader.
It was decided that the Washington Tea would not be given as announced, but the ladies of the church will serve lunch at the Craddock building Feb. 22nd beginning at eleven o'clock.
Press Reporter.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at the usual hour.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening and choir practice Friday evening.
Faithfully yours,
O. E. Moreland, Pastor.

T. L. Miller, the jeweler, can fit your eyes with proper glasses.

Claude Baker was in from the ranch Tuesday visiting his family.

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

Carlyle Halbert, the windmill builder was in town Tuesday.

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

Jim McDonald is here this week from Orange in the heart of the coast oil belt.

Russell Martin was up from the ranch in Edwards county Wednesday on business.

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 50c. Sold by the Sonora Drug Co.

E. M. Kirkland who ranches 17 miles south of town was here Monday on business.

The Sonora boys should undertake the organization of a baseball club. The new Park grounds would be an ideal place for a series of baseball games between Sonora, Eldorado, Ozona, Rock Springs, Junction. This territory could with an organization from an "inter town" association from which future National Leagues could secure much good timber. Even without a league organization interest in the National game could be kept up and healthy, clean, out door sport encouraged, if each of the towns mentioned would organize clubs and arrange a schedule of games to be played in various towns. Its part of a school or college boys education to play football and base ball. Men to be many must be healthy

The Executive Committee of the Sheep & Goat Raisers Association

has been called to meet in Sonora on Monday, February 14. It is on the program to entertain the Committee and the stockmen present on this occasion with a barbecue at the Sonora Station.

This will encourage many to visit the Station and see the work that is being done there for the advancement of the industry. People who live within a days return trip of the Station have not visited there although a standing invitation is and has been extended by the Superintendent E. M. Peters to all citizens and people interested in the wool and mohair growing especially.

Don't forget the play January 29th. Clayton Puckett was in town Wednesday from the ranch west of Sonora.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Marion have moved back to town and Vernon has a position with the Sonora Motor Company.

You want a first-class saddle. We sell the famous R. I. Frazier saddle, made at Pueblo, Colorado. Call and see them, at the
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Why not now? Have the weeds burned or cut from the sides of the streets and on vacant property before spring comes.

A bad wound, burn or cut should be cleansed of dirt or impurities and dressed with Liquid Borozone. It heals the flesh with marvelous speed. Price 70c. 60c and \$1.20. Sold by Sonora Drug Co.

The manner in which the Theo Savell residence property was beautified last year could be imitated by many other residences. The Savell improvement shows what can be done by a little effort on the part of others.

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J. M. Jones of College Station, in charge of the live stock breeding of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Stations, was here this week visiting the Station 25 miles south of Sonora. He was in town Monday accompanied by E. M. Peters, Superintendent of Sub-Station 14.

Aching joints, rheumatic pains, neuralgia, can be relieved quickly by a rubbing application of Balarate Snow Lintiment. It is a power of penetrating remedy. Three sizes: 33c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sonora Drug Co.

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

One of Sonoras boys who served in the World War has not returned home since the armistice and as he is now engaged in the Merchant Marine Service, having made two trips across the Pacific and is now on the Atlantic, we publish a copy of his discharge papers showing his record to have been "Excellent in all things." To All Whom it May Concern:

Know ye, That Wallace B. Keesee, a Sergeant of the U. S. Marine Corps, who was enlisted at Paris Island, S.C., on the 21st day of January, 1916, to serve 4 years, is hereby Honorably Discharged by reason of the expiration of term of enlistment.

Said Wallace B. Keesee was born October, 30th, 1893, at Bosque county, Texas, and when enlisted was 69 inches high, with dark brown eyes, dark brown hair ruddy complexion, occupation mechanic; citizenship, U.S.

Awarded good conduct medal No. 10191, award to take effect upon delivery of this certificate. Given under my hand at Washington, D.C., this Second day of January, 1920.

George Barnett, Major General Commandant. Delivered at San Diego, Calif., this 24th day of February, 1920. Character: Excellent.

J. F. McGill, U.S.M.C., Commanding Marines.

MILITARY HISTORY.

Accepted for enlistment Jan 10, 1916, at Houston, Texas. Previous service; none.

Promotions and reductions: Corporal, June 8, 1917, Sergeant (T.W.) December 1, 1918.

Marksmanship qualification: Expert rifleman, 1919, M.O.O., No. 284

Sea service:—U.S. Arkansas. April 29th, 1916 to January 23, 1917. Silver Victory Button furnished.

C. Gorkum, 1st Sgt. U.S.M.C.

Foreign service:—France, June 27th, 1917 to March 25th, 1919. Honorable discharge button issued at R.S., Seattle, Wa., Nov. 18, 1920.

Wounds received in service: Wounded in action, June 6, 1918.

Battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions: American Expedition Forces June 11, 1917 to April 2, 1919. Participated in open warfare against the enemy in the Toulon sector, March 17 to May 13, Alsace defensive May 31 to June 5, Chateau Thierry sector (Bois de Belleau) June 6. Meuse Argonne sector November 1 to 14, 1918. Served with the American Army of Occupation in the March to the Rhine River and the occupation of Wolfersacker, Germany.

Military efficiency: Excellent. Obedience: Excellent. Sobriety: Excellent. Remarks: Retained in the service 35 days in a coincidence with par. 1412 Marine Corps Order.

This certificate registered January 23d, 1920.

H. C. Haines, Colonel Ass't Adjutant and Inspector. Married or single: Single. Objections to reenlistment: None. Recommendations: Recommended to reenlistment, should be reenlist.

Remarks: Service honest and faithful.

Paid in full Two hundred seventy-five and 34/100 dollars.

J. F. McGill, Colonel U. S. M. C., Commanding Marines.

Baptist Church, Next Sunday.

Sunday school at 9.45 a.m. The pastor Rev. W. E. Hathorn will begin a series of sermons on "Life and Teachings of the Man of Galilee" at 11 a.m.

You can do good and receive good by attending these services. Come! You will be welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Morris were in from the ranch this week. They recently visited the ranch in the Fort Stockton country.

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

Judge and Mrs. James Cornell were in town Monday. They have been at Brackettville and Breckenridge during the past few weeks.

Herbine corrects biliousness, indigestion and constipation. It is a fine heat medicine that drives out impurities and restores healthy conditions in the system. Price 10c. Sold by the Sonora Drug Co.

Whispering Jack and Silent Bill

By Mrs. Jack Miles.

As soon as the sun rises, over the hill,
Up jumps Jack, up jumps Bill,
As soon as they swallow their breakfast
fast down,
They light a cigar and pull for town,
Two "digger gas bags" never lived,
Tunn whispering Jack and silent Bill
There they tr. mp. up and down the street,
Each telling a yarn, trying the other to beat,
They "josh" everybody, that passes by,
They could'nt keep quiet, if they should try,
Each telling his story of old rock and eye,
Some times it's the truth, and some times it's a lie.

The people all know, when they are in town,
One can hear them talking, for a mile around,
They chew their tobacco, spit and "guss,"
When they are together, they sure make a fuss,
When the people get tired, and wish to be alone,
You can hear them began whistling Home Sweet Home.

Appreciate Cooperation.

The News wishes to thank the various clubs, societies and organizations for the assistance rendered us in giving concise and prompt reports of their meetings and progress as requested in a recent issue of the News. This cooperation is very much appreciated as it enables us to assist the laudable enterprises of the community in giving accurate publicity to their endeavors. The News hopes the secretaries will continue to assist us in this manner by early reports of the meetings as our facilities are limited.

SONORA WOMAN'S CLUB.

The Woman's Club Library will be open on Thursday afternoon January 27, from 2 until 5 o'clock.

Mrs. H. P. Allison, Chairman of Library Committee, furnished.

Go to the Sonora Mercantile Co., for your stoves, 68
Hi Eastland was in town Tuesday from his ranch in Edwards.

G. R. Warren, Notary Public at T. L. Benson office.

J. E. Holland, the Edwards county ranchman was in town Tuesday trading.

Don't forget the place to save money on diamonds. 64
T. L. Miller, Jewel r.

J. Ed. Robbins was in town Saturday from his ranch in the eastern part of the county.

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

Mrs. O. L. Traweck of Lam-pasas is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Howton and sisters, Mesdames Will Perry and J. L. Davis.

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

Mrs. Alfred Mills of Ozona is here visiting her father T. L. Benson. Mr. and Mrs. Mills are moving to the Stockton country.

The best ranges, cook stoves and heaters at the Sonora Mercantile Co. 68.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hudspeth were in from the ranch 27 miles west of Sonora Monday, shopping and visiting.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Brown who have been making their home in Montana for the past several years are here visiting Mrs. Browns sister, Mrs. R. T. Baker. They have been in Texas since October visiting their daughter, Mrs. De Graves of Junction.

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

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Concho Valley Baptist Association is to be held with the South Side San Angelo Baptist Church, Jan. 28, 29, 30. On the program Rev. W. E. Hathorn of the Sonora Baptist church will on Saturday at 10 a.m., address the Association on "Systematic Giving" and will preach at the evening services at the First Church. The B.Y.P.U. work is in charge of Rev. A. J. Carson, favorably remembered by the people of Sonora.

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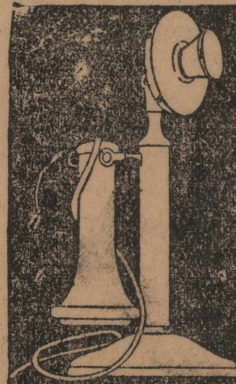
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Company.

J. E. Grimland made a visit to the Fort Stockton oil field last week. He says there is considerable development being done in that country.

See those handsome ranges and stoves at the Sonora Mercantile Company. 68

T. L. Miller returned Sunday from Big Lake and a visit to the Stockton country. He went to Big Lake to bring home his wife and babies. At San Angelo on December 17th a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

A Mexican was found dead in his camp five miles south of town Sunday morning. The inquest held by Justice of the Peace H. B. Balch, disclosed the fact that deceased was Delias Moreno, aged about 45 years, that his death was due to natural causes and that he was on his way to his home and family at Eagle Pass. He had been picking cotton near Ballinger.

James Brown, a pioneer, was found dead in his home in the Mexican part of town Monday morning. He was about 70 years of age and had been in feeble health for many years. A number of years ago he was a freighter on the Angelo road. His son Jim Brown had gone to Del Rio the day preceding the finding of his body.

The News extends its sympathy to T. Lee Drisdale of June, the well-known sheepman of the Beaver Lake country, and a member of the Executive committee of the Sheep & Goat Raisers Association, on the death of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Drisdale of San Antonio. The mother died after a short illness, on January 2nd and the father was taken ill at that time and died on Monday, January 17.

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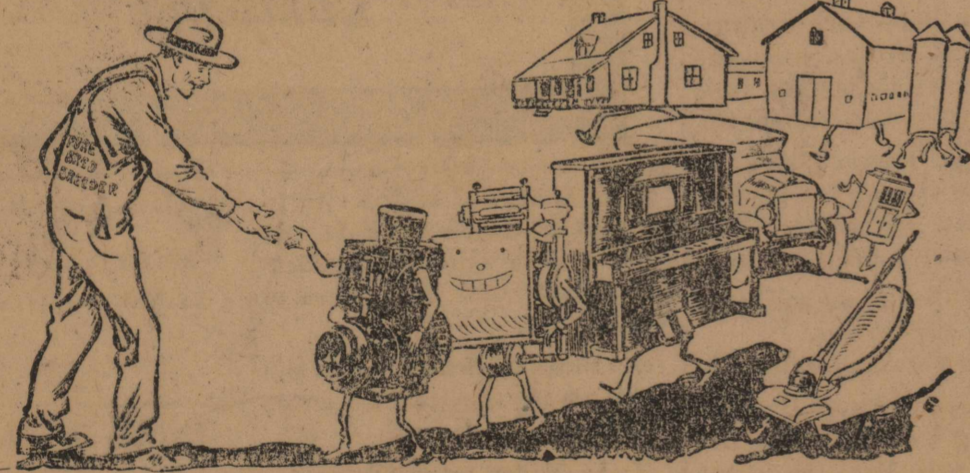
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The Voice of the Pack

BY EDISON MARSHALL

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The girl who stood in the moonlight had health. She was simply vibrant with health. It brought a light to her eyes, and a color to her cheeks, and life and shimmer to her moonlit hair. It brought curves to her body, and strength and firmness to her limbs, and the grace of a deer to her carriage. Whether she had regular features or not Dan would have been unable to state. He didn't even notice. They weren't important when health was present. Yet there was nothing of the coarse or bold or voluptuous about her. She was just a slender girl, perhaps twenty years of age, and weighing even less than the figure occasionally to be read in the health magazines for girls of her height. And she was fresh and cool beyond all words to tell.

And Dan had no delusions about her attitude toward him. For a long instant she turned her keen, young eyes to his white, thin face; and at once it became abundantly evident that beyond a few girlish speculations she felt no interest in him. After a single moment of rather strained, polite conversation with Dan—just enough to satisfy her idea of the conventions—she began a thrilling girlhood tale to her father. And she was still telling it when they reached the house.

Dan held a chair for her in front of the fireplace, and she took it with entire naturalness. He was careful to put it where the firelight was at its height. He wanted to see its effect on the flushed cheeks, the soft dark hair. And then, standing in the shadows, he



Standing in the Shadows, He Simply Watched Her.

simply watched her. With the eye of an artist he delighted in her gestures, her rippling enthusiasm, her utter irrepressible girlishness that all of time had not years enough to kill. Bill stood watching her, his hands deep in his pockets, evidently a companion of the best. Her father gazed at her with amused tolerance. And Dan—he didn't know in just what way he did look at her. And he didn't have time to decide. In less than fifteen minutes, and wholly without warning, she sprang up from her chair and started toward the door.

"Good Lord!" Dan breathed. "If you make such sudden motions as that I'll have heart failure. Where are you going now?"

"Back to my watch," she answered, her tone wholly lacking the personal note which men have learned to expect in the voices of women. And an instant later the three of them saw her retreating shadow as she vanished among the pines.

Dan had to be helped to bed. The long ride had been too hard on his shattered lungs; and nerves and body collapsed an instant after the door was closed behind the departing girl. He laughed weakly and begged their pardon; and the two men were really very gentle. They told him it was their own fault for permitting him to overdo. Lennox himself blew out the candle in the big, cold bedroom.

Dan saw the door close behind him, and he had an instant's glimpse of the long sweep of moonlit ridge that stretched beneath the window. Then, all at once, seemingly without warning, it simply blinked out. Not until the next morning did he really know why. Insomnia was an old acquaintance of Dan's, and he had expected to have some trouble in getting to sleep. His only real trouble was waking up again when Lennox called him to breakfast. He couldn't believe that the light at his window shade was really that of morning.

"Good Heavens!" his host exploded. "You sleep the sleep of the just."

Dan was about to tell him that on the contrary he was a very nervous sleeper, but he thought better of it. Something had surely happened to his insomnia. The next instant he even forgot to wonder about it in the realization that his tired body had been wonderfully refreshed. He had no dread now of the long tramp up the ridge that his host had planned. But first came breakfast. In Dan's language he had a certain very

pleasantly sporting rifle of about thirty-four caliber—a gun that the information department of the large sporting-goods store in Gitchell's had recommended for his purpose. Except for the few moments in the store, Dan had never held a rifle in his hands. The first shot he hit the trunk of a five-foot pine at thirty paces.

"But I couldn't very well have missed it!" he replied to Lennox's cheer. "You see, I aimed at the middle—but I just grazed the edge."

The second shot was not so good, missing the tree altogether. And it was a singular thing that he aimed lower and tried harder on this shot than on the first. The third time he tried still harder, and made by far the worst shot of all.

"What's the matter?" he demanded. "I'm getting worse all the time."

Lennox didn't know for sure. But he made a long guess. "It might be beginner's luck," he said. "But I'm inclined to think you're trying too hard. Take it easier—depend more on your instincts."

Dan's reply was to lift the rifle lightly to his shoulder, glance quickly along the trigger and fire. The bullet struck within one inch of the center of the pine.

For a long second Lennox gazed at him in open-mouthed astonishment. "My stars, boy!" he cried at last. "Was I mistaken in thinking you were a born tenderfoot—after all? Can it be that a little of your old grandfather's skill has been passed down to you? But you can't do it again!"

But Dan did do it again. If anything, the better was a little cooler, the center and trunk and fire. The bullet struck within one inch of the center of the pine.

But the hammer snapped down ineffectively on the breech. He turned with a look of question.

"Your gun only holds five shots," Lennox explained. "Reloading. Dan tried a more difficult target—a trunk almost one hundred yards distant. Of course it would have been only child's play to an experienced hunter; but to a tenderfoot it was a difficult mark indeed. Twelve out of four shots Dan hit the tree trunk, and one of his two hits was practically a bull's-eye. His two misses were the result of the same mistake he had made before—attempting to hold his aim too long."

Dan and Lennox started together up the long slope of the ridge. Dan alone armed; Lennox went with him solely as a guide. The deer season had just opened, and it might be that Dan would want to procure one of these creatures.

"But I'm not sure I want to hunt deer," Dan told him. "You speak of them as being so beautiful—"

"They are beautiful and your grandfather would never hunt them, either, except for meat. But maybe you'll change your mind when you see a buck. Besides, we might run into a lynx or a panther. But not very likely, without dogs."

They trudged up over the carpet of pine needles. They fought their way through a thicket of huckleberry. They saw the gray squirrels in the tree tops. And before Lennox had as much as supposed they were near the haunts of big game, a yelling doe sprang up from its bed in the thickets.

For an instant she stood motionless, presenting a perfect target. It was evident that she had heard the sound of the approaching hunters, but had not as yet located or identified them with her near-sighted eyes. Lennox whirled to find Dan standing every still, peering along the barrel of his rifle. But he didn't shoot. The deer, seeing Lennox move, leaped into her terror—her astounding run that is one of the fastest in the whole animal world. In the wink of an eye she was out of sight.

"Why didn't you shoot?" Lennox demanded.

"Shoot? It was a doe, wasn't it?" "Good Lord, of course it was a doe! But there are no game laws that go back this far. Besides—you aimed at it."

"I aimed just to see if I could catch it through my sights. And I could. My glasses sort of made it blur—but I think—perhaps—that I could have shot it. But I'm not going to kill does. There must be some reason for the game laws, or they wouldn't exist."

"You're a funny one. Come three thousand miles to hunt and then pass up the first deer you see. You could almost have been your grandfather, to have done that. He thought killing deer needlessly was almost as bad as killing a man. They are beautiful things, aren't they?"

Dan answered him with startling emphasis. But the look that he wore said more than his words.

They trudged on, and Lennox grew thoughtful. He was recalling the picture that he had seen when he had whirled to look at Dan, immediately after the deer had leaped from his bed. It puzzled him a little. He had turned to find the younger man in a perfect posture to shoot, his feet placed in exactly the position that years of experience had taught Lennox was correct; and withal, absolutely motionless. What many hunters take years to learn, Dan had seemed to know by instinct. Could it be, after all, that this slender, weakling, even now bowed down with a terrible malady, had inherited the true frontiersman's instincts of his ancestors?

The result of this thought was at least a lover in the near vicinity of a certain conclusion. That conclusion was that at least a few of the characteristics of his grandfather had been passed down to Dan. It meant that possibly, if time remained, he would not turn out such a weakling, after all. Of course his courage, his nerve, had yet to be tested; but the fact remained that long generations of frontiersman ancestors had left this influence upon him. The wild was calling to him, awakening instincts long smothered in cities, but sure and true as ever. It was the beginning of regeneration. Voices of the long past were speaking to him, and the Fallings once more had begun to run true to form. Inherited tendencies were in a moment changing this weak, diseased youth into a frontiersman and wilderness inhabitant such as his ancestors had been before him.

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