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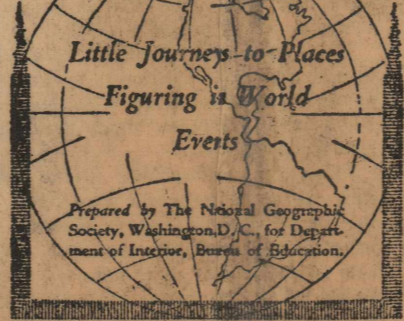
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Today's Geography



AFGHANISTAN ONCE MORE FEARS BEAR'S PAW

The collapse of czarism in Russia was hailed with acclaim in Afghanistan as freeing her from an influence that often has been embarrassing. But the menace of the bear's paw is renewed with the threatened incursions of the Bolsheviks.

To the stranger the Afghan displays a sort of specious and deceptive oriental courtesy. In fact, a national proverb is that "The man who shuts his door to a stranger is an Afghan." But the stranger also would do well to know a saying current among the Hindus: "God shield you from vengeance of the elephant, the cobra and the Afghan." For many strangers have found that, upon provocation, to which the Afghan is extremely sensitive, his disposition is vengeful, cruel and crafty. His desire for pillage, theft and deception also is apt to get the best of him.

Your Afghan is a swarthy, swaggering, proud, but withal prepossessing sort of man, every inch the warrior while he keeps his turban on, but giving a faint suggestion of a be-wigged jurist of old English days when he removes it to disclose a head shaven from forehead to crown, with curly ringlets falling about his shoulders from the unshaven portions.

Occasionally the men are fair, as are most of the women, whose hair in two plaits with colored tassels at the end, conceivably might call to mind an American musical comedy chorus prepared to sing "School Days," were it not for their flowing oriental robes.

Afghan women, like Turkish women, are secluded, but they are considerably more adventurous than their Turkish sisters, hence scandal is not infrequent even in a land where a man may have as many wives as he can support.

By Habibullah's father, Abdur Rahman, also were enacted measures of national defense singularly in keeping with occidental notions for conscription. He made the boast that he could throw a hundred thousand men into action in a week to defend one of his provinces, and said his entire domain could raise a million fighting men to defend her soil. Now did he stop at the prediction. He worked out a system by which each man in every eight would alternate in taking military instruction. One had to be very young, or very decrepit, to escape the amir's draft, for the service ages were from sixteen to seventy.

So far as barring private munition makers is concerned, Abdur Rahman, long before his death in 1901, might have subscribed to the principle, discussed during the peace conference at Paris, for he had his own factories as his capital, Kabul. There are said to have been produced a dozen or more rifles and thousands of cartridges a day, and several guns a week.

ONCE EXILED FAMILY OF BRAZIL NOW HONORED

The visit of Secretary of State Colby to Rio de Janeiro, and recent press dispatches stating that President Pessoa of Brazil has signed a decree revoking the edict which banished former Emperor Dom Pedro II and all his relatives, arouse interest in the history of these "United States of South America."

Harriet Chalmers Adams, writing to the National Geographic Society, says:

"There is a movement under way to build a national pantheon in Rio de Janeiro and bring to it, at the time of the 1922 centenary, the remains of Brazil's historical personages, including Joao VI, Pedro I, Pedro II and his consort. To this the Portuguese government will probably consent, and it is to be hoped that Princess Isabel, too, will agree. Dom Pedro II should return with honor to the land of his birth. The difficulty hitherto lay in the fact that neither the princess nor her sons were permitted to enter the Republic of Brazil and could no longer visit the family tomb.

"Dom Pedro II died in Paris in 1891. Princess Isabel, who married the French Comte d'Eu, still lives in France. In 1908 her elder son renounced his claim to the throne of Brazil in favor of his brother Dom Luiz, whose little son, born in 1909, is Pedro III.

"When in Lisbon I visited the Pantheon, where the rulers of Portugal lie. Exiled from his country, Dom Pedro II also found a resting place in the land of his forefathers. I was most unfavorably impressed with this Pantheon. It altogether lacks the beauty and dignity of the royal mausoleum of the Escorial in Spain. For the payment of a small fee, the custodian permits you to climb a ladder and gaze at the embalmed body of the last emperor of Brazil. This seems most unfitting.

"Dom Pedro II is Brazil's biggest name. He it was who led his country into the brotherhood of great nations. With him wisdom and kindness were pre-eminent. Every inch an emperor, he yet was accessible to the humblest of his subjects.

"There is much in the city where he lived for so many years still closely associated with his rule, which ended only the other day, as we count history—1889. In the coat-of-arms of the house of Braganza, still to be seen on many of the buildings; in such street names as Marquez de 'Sao Vicente, Baroa de Petropolis, Visconde de Maranguape, and in the titled Brazilians one still meets in the country, we realize that not many years ago Rio de Janeiro was the abode of royalty.

"Closely associated with imperial rule in its decline was the emperor's daughter, Dona Isabel. While princess regent, during one of her father's visits to Europe in search of health, she signed the most vital decree ever issued in the country. I saw the original document in the Hall of Archives, and the pear-set, with diamonds and emeralds, with which the princess signed it, the decree of May 13, 1888, which liberated 1,500,000 slaves.

"The decree of 1888, which freed all slaves, was immensely unpopular with many of the country's leading men, who claimed the princess regent had been unduly influenced by her clerical advisers. This was one of the reasons for the fall of the empire, although that event may be largely attributed to discontent all over the country, owing to the centralization of power in the capital."

Was Very Weak

"After the birth of my baby I had a back-set," writes Mrs. Mattie Crosswhite, of Glade Spring, Va. "I was very ill; thought I was going to die. I was so weak I couldn't raise my head to get a drink of water. I took . . . medicine, yet I didn't get any better. I was constipated and very weak, getting worse and worse. I sent for Cardui."

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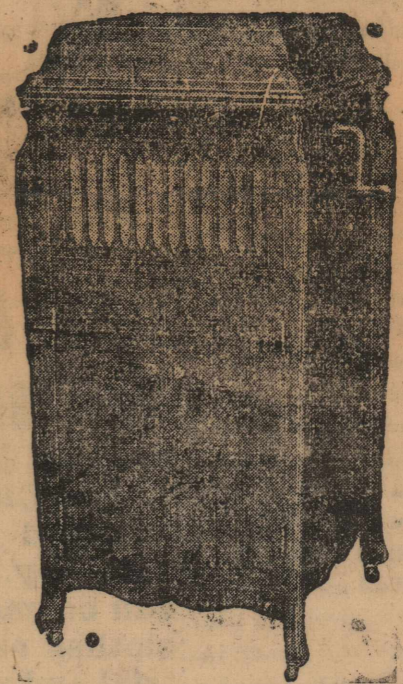
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NATURE IS GENEROUS
Stockmen Now Only Need Time

The rains in the Sonora country Sunday night and Monday measured 2 and 15 100 inches at the Sonora Experiment Station and the precipitation may be said to have averaged about this amount all over the country. Some localities and ranches report more but the great benefit of this rainfall is in the expanse of territory covered. It is 70 miles to Angelo 165 to Fort Stockton, 100 to Del Rio, 120 to Kerrville, and 65 to Menard, and all of this territory got a good soaking, in many places the draws were running and water holes filled.

Live stock of all kinds had wintered well, and as the burnt child dreads fire so does the stock man live in fear of dry weather. All knew that unless it rained before April 1 stock would suffer and there was no money available with which to buy feed, and with out feed the losses would have been disastrous. However, it most generally rains and now that the suspense is over ranchmen can give their attention to the marketing of or preparing to market the stock.

The opinion is general that the rains have relieved the strain more than any money or millions of dollars would have done.

Pennsylvania Sands in Paterson Well on the East Side of Sutton County. Said to Be Most Important Find in Five Years.

The News is privileged to give a little information that should be of value to the people and those interested in oil leases and the prospects of the Sonora country becoming a producing oil field.

A few weeks ago we reported that the Delvate Petroleum Co., had reached the oil sand in their deep test on the Paterson ranch on the east line of Sutton county, 30 miles from Sonora, at 2,700 ft.

We are now able to give what we consider authentic data as to the character of this well. "The well was drilled down to the 'Hilensberger' sand where they got water at a depth of 3,920. They had two good showings of 'pay'; one at 3,774, twelve feet of Black Lime, and at 3,825, sixteen feet of Black lime. They had the hole plugged to shut off the water and were ready to shoot the well with 200 quarts, but the plug blew out last week and it has to be plugged again. This well is really an advance of 245 miles of Pennsylvania formation and is the most important well that has been drilled for five years."

Our informant continues: "If this is a good well you will get an oil boom that will last."

Wants Some of the Old Boys to Write Him.

How is everybody in Dear Old Sonora. It has been five or six years since I "played the devil" for the Old Devil's River News. Murdoch McDonald and Will Word ran the press in those days. I used to set type once in a while until some of the boys on their way to the "Old Bluff" or "Old Blue." Those were great days. I learned to swim at the Old Bluff. Les Aldwell pushed me off and I had to swim. Would like to hear from some of the old bunch including Claude Keene, Rankin Rudick, Joe Bridge, Robt. Halbert, Marion Stokes, Fred Simmons, Orv Word, Lem Johnson, Wirt Stephenson and all of the rest. I shall never forget the Sonora people and country, for I spent the happiest days of my life there among the best people on earth. Please send me the Devil.

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W. J. FIELD, Sonora, Texas.

Jack Pierce News Agent.

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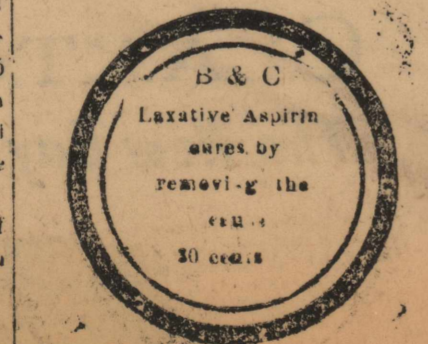
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DISTRICT COURT.

The regular Spring term of the District court for Sutton county was convened in Sonora, Monday Feb. 28th, with the Hon. James Cornell, Judge of the 33rd Judicial District presiding.

A jury commission composed of J. A. Canthorn, Geo F. Hamilton and Claude Keene, were appointed to draw a grand and petit jury and a special venire of 100 men. The petit jurors and special venire were ordered to report on Thursday morning and the Grand jurors on the following Monday morning.

The case transferred here from Fort Stockton in which Jose Venasco is charged by indictment of the Grand Jury of Pecos county, with the killing of R. Martinez on or about October 25, 1919, was called for trial. The State announced ready but the Defense asked for a continuance because of the indisposition or health of one of counsel, W. A. Wright of Angelo. The Court overruled the motion and the impaneling of the jury proceeded. The jury drawn was as follows: W. C. Bryson, Ruby Davis, Alvin Keene, Noah Schrier, Author Simmons, J. E. G. Inland, R. C. McCollum, H. Thera, J. I. Shurley, Woodie Martin, Lamar Johnson.

The jury was retired and the Court announced that the Defendant asked for further time because of the retirement of Attorney right from the case, in order that he might get assistance and the State agreed.

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U. S. Camp Clerk of Missouri, after serving that state in Congress for 25 years died at Washington March 2nd aged 71 years.

George Harper, of Marfa, arrived today to accept office. He is to have a population of 1000 who will associate with the separate for the purpose of the school and for collector for the county of Big Bend.

Judge Howell Johnson of Fort Stockton was here this week at pending court. Judge Johnson has lived at Stockton for about 35 years and has been County Judge for ten years. The Judge says with the irrigation and oil development Stockton has a very bright future.

The next few years will be marked by important and historical changes in the life of the United States as deeply interesting to every citizen. The "Three-Week World" which is the great 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. Read it, the news from Europe for a long time to come will be of overwhelming interest, and we are desirous and vitally concerned in it. The "Three-Week World" will furnish you an accurate and comprehensive report of everything that happens.

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AIRPLANES TO WHIR OVER THUNDEROUS FALLS

While Niagara Falls will continue to hold their own as a magnet for honeymooners and other travelers, they must henceforth submit to comparison with another natural wonder, the Victoria Falls of the Zambezi, as Africa becomes frequented by tourists.

From being a place of mystery, so feared that Livingstone, who discovered the falls in 1855, had great difficulty in persuading his followers to accompany him, the falls now are visible from a railway that crosses the river half-mile below them, and they lie under the route of the proposed Cape to Cairo aerial service.

Louis Livingston Stottman, in a communication to the National Geographic society, describes a visit to Victoria Falls and contrasts them with Niagara, as follows:

"Early in the morning of the third day, we were suddenly awakened by the guard and treated to a scene of beauty never to be forgotten. Some ten miles distant five enormous columns of vapor were shooting their massive-limbed shafts hundreds of feet heavenward, while the faint roar of the falls told us the Mottos-Tanzania—the smoke that sounds—was no longer a mystery.

"Each moment increased the beauty and vividness of the scene. With the first rays of the rising sun came a picture of color of wondrous loveliness. Delicate tints of violet, crimson, and spray as it shot higher and higher, ultimately disappearing as virgin clouds in heaven, while the ever-increasing thunders of the waters lent an added solemnity to the view.

"Hardly could we wait to reach our destination, so great was our enthusiasm. But our hopes were doomed to momentary disappointment, only to be more than realized after a study of the environment; for notwithstanding their magnitude, the first view of Victoria Falls is decidedly disappointing.

"Although nearly a mile in width and 400 feet in height, the grandeur of their proportions is eclipsed by the sudden disappearance of the river, as it plunges into a narrow, rocky fissure extending across its entire width. Only at a single central point is there a breach in this fissure through which the falls can be seen and appreciated in their full proportions, where the converging waters rush madly to the zigzag canyon below. So restricted is this view that there is an entire absence of that awe-inspiring and most paralyzing effect which strikes the visitor dumb with wonder and amazement when Niagara bursts on his near vision.

"On first sight of the Victoria Falls one involuntarily exclaims, 'Oh, how beautiful!' but they lack the majesty of our grand Niagara."

"No single visit can adequately reveal the fullness of their charms. But repeated excursions must be made to their islands and peninsulas, their gorges and pinnacles, their wild forests and precipitous crags, their rapids and cascades and many-sided views of their stupendous setting in the general timeworn of tropic forests, before their indescribable beauty can be appreciated.

"And the falls have in America, the Indians would surely have named them Menehaha, Laughing Waters."

THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

The Marshall Islands, along with the Carolines, were seized by Japan soon after the outbreak of the war, and their permanent disposition has been under discussion. Their proximity to the Philippines has been referred to in this connection.

The two chains of curiously-shaped atolls, or coral islands consisting of low-lying coral reefs encircling lagoons, known as the Marshall group, lie a little south of the center of an imaginary line between the Philippines and Hawaii.

Guam, Samoa and Honolulu form a triangle of trade routes, with its sides not penetrated by important steamship lines. Near the center of this isolated Pacific zone are the Marshall Islands.

Before the war Sydney was reached by steamer, a voyage of more than 2,000 miles. The only other egress is a steamer to Ponape which connects with the French line to Singapore.

Like two loosely-strung chains of jewels, the islands stretch from northwest to southeast, each with its lagoon setting enclosed by a strangely-shaped cluster of coral, some like ribbons, harps and straws, and one outlining a bull's head with its horns.

Straight-haired, dark-brown natives, still preserving the religious significance of tattoo and taboo, are to be found.

Woman was given a higher position than among most savages because succession was through the female line. But the chief's power was absolute, to the point of life and death. One ambitious ruler learned an alphabet and is said to have beheaded all his subjects who seemed likely to acquire more knowledge than he had. In some islands the mother was allowed to keep only the first three children. She had to bury the fourth.

Skillful and fearless navigators, the natives used bread-tree wood to make sailing canoes in which they would voyage for months. They devised charts, made of sticks, showing the locations of islands and the directions of prevailing winds.

Ancestor worship was their predominant religious sentiment. With petitions and gifts they worshipped the departed whose spirits were supposed to return to earth in certain palm trees which they set off in stone inclosures. Birds and fishes sometimes embodied these spirits, they believed, and thus certain species became taboo.

Homes of the natives were not pretentious. Floors were raised above ground to escape the rats, and thatched roofs covered the combination house and storage room.

A REASON FOR EVERYTHING

Things in this world don't just happen. There's always a reason. If Jones runs faster than Brown, the reason is that Jones is a better runner. The reason why one stream is more rapid than another is because the incline of fall is more acute. A man partakes of a meal for the reason that his appetite has indicated that his stomach requires replenishing. The reason that a general store is very successful is because it has live management that buys in the best markets and gives the customers the opportunity of participating in the good values which naturally pertain in such an establishment. During the last five years, under far seeing management, the establishment of The Roach McLymont Company has increased its annual turnover to four times the original amount. There is a reason, which is most obvious—"The Store That Serves Ten Counties", under conditions of alert management has been in a position to serve its many customers with goods exceeding in value those offered by competitors to the public, with the result above stated.

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Feast of the Nations.

The Parent-Teachers Association is to be congratulated on the excellent entertainment furnished at the Sonora Club Hall Monday night. The arrangement was under the management of Miss Estelle McDonald and she was ably assisted by many of the ladies of the community as well as a few members of the Association. The night doubtless prevented many more from attending but the old guard was there as usual and the affair was a social and financial success. The decorations and costumes were attractive and it was in the nature of a carnival bazaar and much enjoyment was the result. The proceeds amounted to \$65. Those in costume and the booths were: Japanese room, Mrs. Sterling Baker, Miss Velma Savell, Miss E. K. Evans, Geo. H. Neill, Bobbie Hamilton, France, Mrs. Thea Stokes, Misses Pearl Keen, Arline Dyess, Doc Eriand, Ken Gilbert. Mexico, Mrs. J. W. Trainer, Miss Lora White, Wade Grimland, Hiram Stokes. Ireland, Misses Velma Fears, Dixie Bally. China, Misses Violet Stanley, Sybil Eaton, Estelle McDonald, Roy Ricker, Scotland, Miss Alva White, Frank Decker. Italy, Gladys McLelland, Albert Kuanelis. United States, Mrs. W. C. Bryson, Miss Iva Carath, Miss Ruby Martin, Veroniamilton, Bill Gilmore, Joseph Vander Stucken, Tommy Bond. Gypsies, Mrs. Edward, Misses Mary Wood, Dorothy Smith, Grace Trainer, Jewel Eaton. Hawaii, Mrs. Reta Merck, Gulia Lowrey. Jack-Horners Pie, Misses Myrtle Rees as Mother Geo. E. Mora Stokes as Malet, Marshall Haling as Jack Hornor, Miss Jonnie Staley as Polly Put the Kettle On. Booth for Men Only conducted by J. W. Trainer. Booth for Women Only conducted by Prof. Britt.

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"A reason for everything" is the heading of the advertisement of The Roach McLymont Co., of DelRio appearing in this issue and which gives details that show why this live general store of Val Verde county keeps up its on-going march of successful business. Under the eagle eye of real, live management, the public gets wonderful values in goods bought at the "Store that Serves Ten Counties."

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Among the visitors here to attend court from Fort Stockton were: Sheriff D. S. Barker, C. A. Schultz, M. A. Adams, D. E. Humphrey, Wallace Hirst, J. G. Reoney, J. W. Montgomery, H. D. Mendel, C. C. Rollins, C. E. Casebeer, Lam Smith, F. S. Wilson, W. A. Hedden, Howell Johnson, C. C. Smyth, H. L. Winfield, John Paschal, Dan Patterson, H. F. Stephenson, I. L. Huff, W. E. Hivet, H. B. Pearson, A. J. Aghlenberg, J. M. Livingston, E. L. Brown, A. W. Dunn, Dr. A. E. Barrett, Tyson Lewis, W. W. Taylor, C. D. DeWitt, W. B. Bird.

SONORA WOMAN'S CLUB OBSERVED LABOR DAY

The Sonora Woman's Club observed Arbor Day by planting a Pecan—the Federation tree—on the Court yard. A program appropriate to the occasion was rendered. The president of the Club presided, introducing Rev. Hathorn, who in a few well chosen words, told of the civic work being done by the Woman's Clubs everywhere. He spoke of the value of trees to the community, especially to the property owner. Rev. Hathorn is familiar with the present need of forestry conservation and believes everyone should add his mite. He commended the Woman's Club for observing Arbor Day, even tho' in so small a way, and wished the little pecan might grow and be a living testimonial of the Club's first effort. Mrs. Cope, vice president of the Club read a poem entitled "The Trees" by Samuel V. Cate. Miss Mary Fields ably rendered the timely reading "Washington's Grave."

Saturday March 5, the regular club day will be interesting because of the Texas program. Every club member should try to be present to talk about the interesting things of her own state. Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken, Press Reporter.

The Woman's Club Library will be open on Wednesday afternoon of each week from 2 to 5 o'clock. New books are being given to the library each week. Since our last list Mrs. Miller has given a splendid set of reference books, others who have given books are: Mrs. Puckett, Mrs. A. J. Smith, Mrs. Aylett Evans, Mrs. John Allison of Angelo, Mrs. Gillis of Del Rio.

Miss Presley McKnight was married at Bartlett, on Thursday Feb. 24, to Frank Cagle, Rev. W. G. W. Robbins of the Baptist church officiating.

The ceremony was performed at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Robbins, aunt of the bride, and was attended by the brides mother and relatives of contracting parties. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McKnight, one Sonora's fair young daughters and her host of friends here will be pleased to know that she has married a most worthy young man who has been known to the family since infancy.

Miss Alice Giebe and Dr. J. Arthur McDonald were united in marriage at the Methodist church in Del Rio, Friday, Feb. 25th, Rev. C. M. Raby officiating.

The bride is the daughter of one of Del Rio's pioneer families and is a young lady of great popularity and pleasing attractiveness. She has frequently visited here. The groom is one of Sonora's Own, the son of Mrs. Josie McDonald, who has cast his lot among the good people of the "Gateway" city, where he is successfully engaged in the practice of Dentistry. The News extends its best wishes to Dr. and Mrs. McDonald for their future happiness.

Mrs. Josie McDonald attended the wedding which was a quiet affair, no cards having been sent out.

Doc Friend and Ben Gilbert of Ozona visited here this week. Miss Lucy Pearson of Wasco is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. L. W. Elliott.

Ed Glasco sold his lots on the corner of Concho avenue and Oak street to Dr. A. G. Blanton for \$2500.

Miss Amanda Eastland is home from Brownwood for a few days to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hi Eastland. A. D. McKnight is a delegate of the Woodmen and Mrs. A. C. Knight is the delegate of the Woodmen Circle to the State convention to be held in Houston next week. F. K. Jungk has rented the moving picture house from Carl Guzman and expects to open the house next week. He proposes to present good pictures twice a week, Friday and Saturday nights and to charge only 50 and 10 cents for admission.

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

In the State of Texas, at the close of business February 21, 1921.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, (except those shown on debit of)	615,341.45
Customers' liability account of acceptances of this bank purchased or discounted by it	662.00
Total loans	616,003.45
Deposits:	
d. Note and bills rediscounted with Federal Reserve Bank (other than bank acceptances sold) (see item 54a)	12,000.14
e. Notes and bills rediscounted other than with Federal Reserve Bank (other than bank acceptances sold) (see item 54b)	21,112.85
2 Overdrafts, secured	800.58
4 U. S. Government securities owned:	
1 Registered as circulation (U. S. bonds par value)	70,000.00
1 Registered as collateral for state or other debt (par value)	21,200.00
Other bills payable	21,200.00
War Savings Certificates and Thrift Stamps actually owned	151.01
Total U. S. Government securities	91,351.01
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	2,500.00
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	4,300.00
Legal reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	22,704.77
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	52,474.33
Net amounts due from banks and bankers and trust companies other than included in items 11, 12 and 13	947.30
Total of items 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16	134,293.03
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	309.42
Reception fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	3,500.00
Interest earned but not collected—approximately 60 days and Bills Receivable not past due	296.31
Other assets, if any	196.81
Total	\$670,353.10
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	100,000.00
Surplus fund	90,000.00
Undivided profits	21,441.73
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	3,667.34
Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned (approximately)	780.92
26 Amount Reserved for taxes accrued	3,210.95
Outstanding notes outstanding	6,600.00
Net amounts due to National Banks	388.15
Customer's checks on own bank outstanding	22,949.41
Total of items 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29	22,949.41
Individual deposits subject to check	292,085.45
31. a. Deposits undeposited in items 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38	2,285.48
42. Other time deposits subject to Reserve, items 39, 40, 41 and 42	16,482.04
Bills payable, other than with Federal Reserve Bank including all obligations representing money borrowed, other than rediscounts	39,000.00
45. Bills payable, with Federal Reserve Bank	17,000.00
34. Liabilities other than those above stated Reserved for other purposes	181.05
Total	670,353.10
54. a. Liabilities for rediscounts, with Federal Reserve Bank (see item 14)	11,309.14
b. Liabilities for rediscounts other than with Federal Reserve Bank (see item 14)	21,112.85
Total contingent liabilities [54 a, b, c and d] (not including items in Schedule 25)	32,422.00
55. Aggregate amount of salaries or compensation paid by this bank to Chairman of Board [if any], President, Vice Presidents, Cashier, and Assistant Cashiers for the month of January 1921, \$507.50; Annual pay of all these officers at January, 1921 rate of pay, \$6810.00; number of these officers on date of this report was 3.	
59. Aggregate amount of salaries or compensation paid to all other employees of the bank for month of January, 1921, \$252.50; Annual pay of these employees on basis of January 1921, rate of pay, \$309.00; number of these employees on date of this report was 3.	
STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF SUTTON.	
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.	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of March, 1921.	
[Seal] Maysie Brown, Notary Public, Sutton County, Texas.	
Correct-Attest:	
E. E. Sawyer,	
Geo. S. Allison,	
E. F. Vander Stucken, Directors.	
Recapitulation.	
RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts	\$617,841.33
U. S. Bonds	700.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	2,500.00
Liberty Bonds	21,200.00
Furniture, Fixtures and Other Real Estate	9,200.00
Cash in Banks and Vault	7,375.32
Revenue and War Saving Stamps	494.11
Five per cent fund	350.00
Total	\$804,220.75
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund and Undivided Profits	114,337.50
Circulation	1,600.00
Deposits	832,188.8
Bills payable	5,500.00
Reserved for taxes	3,210.95
Reserved for other purposes	151.05
Rediscounts	13,416.29
Total	\$804,220.75

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METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. Subject "Man's Place in God's World." Junior Missionary Society meets at 3:30 p.m.

Preaching at 7:30. Subject "Who's Am I?" We try to make our service helpful and if you will join us in studying some of the subjects that should greatly concern every one who seeks to know the truth, we will all be benefited.

Don't forget that our prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings are an inspiration to those who attend expecting to do good and get good.

Whether you are a member of the Methodist church or not, come and see if I can be of service to you or yours. O. E. Moreland, Pastor.

Baptist Church, Next Sunday.

Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The 11 o'clock sermon will be one of the series on "The Life and Teaching of Jesus." His two days in Samaria will be section of his life studied next Sunday.

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

J. M. Shannon, Joe Montague and C. C. Saunders of Angelo were here this week attending court.

N. W. Graham of Ozona, the new District Attorney, was here this week in attendance on court. Mr. Graham formerly resided in Sonora and has many friends here.

Cold settled in the muscles of the neck, arms or shoulders makes every movement painful. Use Ballard's Snow Liniment. It relieves the pain and relaxes the muscles. Three sizes 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sonora Drug Co.

PARENT-TEACHERS.

The meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association held at the School auditorium Friday, Feb. 25th, was well attended. The program rendered by the pupils of the 7th grade was extra good. This was a "George Washington" program, and was not only interesting but instructive as well. The pictures illustrating the life of George Washington, were drawn by the pupils and were extra good for amateurs. These pictures are now on exhibition at Morris-Gilmore store.

A talk by Rev. Hathorn was very beneficial and enjoyable. The "Feast of Nations" given under the auspices of the Parent Teachers Association, was a great success, considering the inclemency of the weather.

We are due Miss Estelle McDonald a vote of thanks for the success of this undertaking. A further report of this entertainment will be given later. Mrs. J. A. Martin, Press Reporter.

A HEN PARTY.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met Feb 16th at the parsonage for Mission study.

We will start a new missionary study book soon and would like to have a large class. Every member of the Society is urged to come and we would like to have anyone else join who is interested.

An unusual beginning of the meeting was a chicken shower, each one bringing a chicken or refreshments. Seventeen hens and delicious cake and chocolate was the result.

On February 23rd we met with Mrs. Thorp for business at which time the Society voted to resume our cooked food sales on the first Saturday of each month. Mrs. J. W. Trainer, Superintendent Press.

Your Doctor Knows

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BAPTIST WOMEN HAVE MISSIONARY PROGRAMME

About fifteen women were present at the Missionary programme, given on Monday afternoon by the Ladies Aid and Missionary Society, at the home of Mrs. J. H. Brasher. Home Miss on outlook. Scripture lesson by leader. Prayer. Saving America for the world. Mrs. J. A. Canthorn. Some Home Missions Thrills. Mrs. J. Garvin. A Climbing race. Mrs. L. W. Elliott. Precious things of the hills. Mrs. H. Eastland. What's Who in America. Mrs. R. E. James. Church building and loan fund. Mrs. Ralph Trainer. Evangelism and enlistment. Mrs. M. A. Bitters. Frenzied immigration. Mrs. Fais Hamby. Mrs. W. E. Hathorn, president of the society talked very interestingly on personal service work. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Brasher, who was hostess for the afternoon.

Miss D. H. Mitchell, Press Reporter. Frank Decker, Notary Public Sutton County, Texas.

Miss Bertha Eaton returned Saturday from a visit to San Antonio.

T. L. Miller, the jeweler, can fit your eyes with proper glasses. 64

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Simmons of Angelo were visitors here this week.

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

Ernest Williams, W. R. Ake and S. H. Neill were here from Marfa this week as witnesses in the District court.

When the bowels are constipated the waste matter ferments, producing a gaseous condition that is disagreeable. To remove the impurities quickly, a dose of Herbine is needed. It does the work thoroughly and pleasantly. Price 50c. Sold by the Sonora Drug Co.

W. A. Wright and C. O. Harris attorneys of Angelo were here this week in attendance on court. Bishop Capers will preach at the Episcopal church here Tuesday night, March 8th. Service to begin at 8 p.m.

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Judge W. C. Linden and son Walter Linden, who is also a lawyer, were here this week from San Antonio in attendance on District court.

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A few miles from a large and thriving city is a little town that can't even be reached by the steam railroads. Yet on a single day last summer enthusiastic buyers from almost every state in the Union sought it out and paid it a visit. What's more, on that single day they spent, in that little hamlet, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars!

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woman. She knew at once that this problem was solved.

The hardest part was lifting him to her shoulders. Only by calling upon her last ounce of strength, and tagging upward with her arms, was she able to do it. But it was fairly easy, in her desperation, to carry him down the hill. What rest she got she took by leaning against a tree, the limp body still across her shoulders.

It was a distance of one hundred yards in all. No muscles but those trained by the outdoors, no lungs except those made strong by the mountain air, could have stood that test. She laid him on his own bed, on the lower floor, and set his broken limbs the best she could. She covered him up with thick, fleecy blankets, and set a bottle of whiskey beside the bed. Then she wrote a note to Dan and fastened it upon one of the interior doors.

She drew on her hob-nailed boots—needed sorely for the steep climb—and pocketed her pistol. She thrust a handful of jerked venison into the pocket of her coat and lighted the lantern. The forest night had fallen, soft and vibrant and treacherous, over the heads of the dark trees when she started out.

CHAPTER IV

Snowbird felt very glad of her intimate, accurate knowledge of the whole region of the Divide. In her infancy the winding trails had been her playground, and long ago she had acquired the mountaineer's sixth sense for traversing them at night. She had need of that knowledge now. She slipped into her free, swinging stride;

and the last beams from the windows of the house were soon lost in the pines behind her. It was one of those silent, breathless nights with which no mountaineer is entirely unacquainted, and for a long time the only sound she could hear was her own soft tramp in the pine needles. The trees themselves were motionless. That peculiar sound, not greatly different from that of running water which the wind often makes in the pine tops, was entirely lacking. Not that she could be deceived by it—as stories tell that certain tenderfeet, dying of thirst in the barren hills, have been. But she always liked the sound; and she missed it especially tonight.

She felt that if she would stop to listen, there would be many faint sounds in the thickets—those little bushy noises that the wild things make to remind night-wanderers of their presence. But she did not in the least care to hear these sounds. They do not tend toward peace of mind on a long walk over the ridges. The wilderness began at once. Whatever influence toward civilization her father's house had brought to the wilds chopped off as beneath a blade in the first fringe of pines. This is altogether characteristic of the Oregon forests. They are much too big and too old to be tamed in any large degree by the presence of one house. No one knew this fact better than Lennox himself who, in a hard winter of four years before, had looked out of his window to find the wolf pack ranged in a hungry circle about his house. Within two hundred yards after she had passed through her father's door, she was perfectly aware that the wild was stirring and throbbing with life about her. At first she tried very hard to think of other things. But the attempt wasn't entirely successful. And before she had covered the first of the twelve miles, the sounds that from the first had been knocking at the door of her consciousness began to make an entrance.

If a person lies still long enough, he can usually hear his heart beating and the flow of his blood in his arteries. Any sound, no matter how faint, will make itself heard at last. It was this way with a very peculiar noise that crept up through the silence from the trail behind her. She wouldn't give it any heed at first. But in a very little while indeed, it grew so insistent that she could no longer disregard it.

Some living creature was trotting along on the trail behind, keeping approximately the same distance between them.

Foregoing any attempt to ignore it, she set her cool young mind to thinking what manner of beast it might be. Its step was not greatly different from that of a large dog—except possibly a dog would have made slightly more noise. Yet she couldn't even be sure of this basic premise, because this animal, whatever it might be, had at first seemingly moved with utmost caution, but now took less care with its step than its customary with the wild denizens of the woods. A wolf, for instance, can simply drift when it wishes, and the silence of a cougar is a name. Yet unless her pursuer were a dog, which seemed entirely unlikely, it was certainly one of these two. She would have liked very much to believe the step was that of Old Wolf the bear, suddenly curious as to what this dim light of hers might be; but she couldn't bring herself to accept the lie. Wolf, except when wounded or cornered, is the most amiable creature in the Oregon woods; and it would give her almost a sense of security to have him waddling along behind her. The wolves and cougar, remembering the arms of Wolf, would not be nearly so curious. But unfortunately, the black bear had never done such a thing in the memory of man, and if he had, he would have made six times as much noise. He can go fairly softly when he is stalking, but when he is obliged to trot—as he would be obliged to do to keep up with a swift-walking human figure—he cracks twice like a rolling log. She had the impression that the animal behind had been passing like smoke at first, but wasn't taking the trouble to do it now.

The sound was a soft pat-pat on the trail—sometimes entirely obliterated by the most amiable creature in the Oregon woods; and it would give her almost a sense of security to have him waddling along behind her. The wolves and cougar, remembering the arms of Wolf, would not be nearly so curious. But unfortunately, the black bear had never done such a thing in the memory of man, and if he had, he would have made six times as much noise. He can go fairly softly when he is stalking, but when he is obliged to trot—as he would be obliged to do to keep up with a swift-walking human figure—he cracks twice like a rolling log. She had the impression that the animal behind had been passing like smoke at first, but wasn't taking the trouble to do it now.

The animal was approximately one hundred feet behind. It wasn't a wolf, she thought. The wolves ran in packs this season, and except in winter were more afraid of human beings than any other living creature. It wasn't a lynx—one of those curiosity-devoured little felines that will mew all day on a trail and never dare come near. It was much too large for a lynx. The feet fell too solidly. There were no dogs in the mountains to follow at

heel; and she had no desire whatever to meet Slag, the fat little dog that used to be her guardian in the hills. For Slag had gone to his well-earned rest several seasons before. Two other possibilities remained. One was that this follower was a human being, the other that it was a cougar.

Ordinarily a human being is much more potentially dangerous to a woman in the hills at night than a cougar. A cougar is an abject coward and some men are not. But Snowbird felt herself entirely capable of handling any human being. They would have no advantage over her; they would have no purpose in killing her; and she trusted to her own marksmanship implicitly. While it is an extremely difficult thing to shoot at a cougar leaping from the thicket, a tall man standing on a trail presents an easy target. Besides, she had a vague sense of discomfort that if this animal were a cougar, he wasn't acting true to form. He was altogether too bold.

The animal on the trail behind her was taking no care at all to go silently. He was simply pit-patting along, wholly at his ease. He acted as if the fear that men have instilled in his breed was somehow missing. And that is why she instinctively tried to hurry on the trail.

The step kept pace. For a long mile, up a barren ridge, she heard every step it made. Then, as the brush closed deeper around her, she couldn't hear it at all.

She hurried on, straining to the silence. No, the sound was stopped. Could it be that the animal, fearful at last, had turned from her trail? And then for the first time a gasp that was not greatly different from a de-



She Heard the Steps Again.

spiring sob caught at her throat. She heard the steps again, and they were in the thickets just beside her.

Two hours before Snowbird had left the house, on her long tramp to the ranger station, Dan had started home. He hadn't shot until sunset, as he had planned.

He rode one of Lennox's cattle ponies, the only piece of horse-flesh that Bill had not taken to the valleys when he had driven down the livestock. She was a pretty bay, a spirited, high-bred mare that could whip about on her hind legs at the touch of the rein on her neck. She made good time along the trail. And an hour before sunset he passed the only human habitation between the marsh and Lennox's house—the cabin that had been recently occupied by Landy Hildreth.

He glanced at the place as he passed and saw that it was deserted. No smell of wood smoke remained in the air. Evidently Landy had gone down to the settlements with his precious testimony in regard to the arson raid had been heard of him. As far as Dan knew, neither the courts nor the forest service had taken action.

He hurried on, four miles farther. The trail entered the heavy thickets, and he had to ride slowly. It was as wild a section as could be found on the whole Divide. And just as he came to a little cleared space, three strange, dark birds hung up on wide-spreading wings.

He knew them at once. All mountaineers come to know them before their days are done. They were the buzzards, the followers of the dead. And what they were doing in the thicket just beside the trail, Dan did not dare to think.

Of course they might be feeding on the body of a deer, mortally wounded by some hunter. He resolved to ride by without investigating. He glanced up. The buzzards were hovering in the sky, evidently waiting for him to pass. Then, mostly to relieve a curious sense of discomfort in his own mind, he stopped his horse and dismounted.

The twilight had started to fall, and already its grayness had begun to soften the harder lines of forest and hill. And after his first glance at the curious white heap beside the trail, he was extremely glad that it had. But there was no chance to mistake the thing. The elements and much more terrible agents had each wrought their change, yet there was grisly evidence in plenty to show what had occurred. Dan didn't doubt for an instant but that it was the skeleton of Landy Hildreth.

He forced himself to go nearer. The buzzards were almost done, and one white bone from the shoulder gave unmistakable evidence of the passage of a bullet. What had happened thereafter, he could only guess.

He sat back quietly on his horse. He understood, now, why nothing had been heard of the evidence that Landy Hildreth was to turn over to the courts as to the activities of the arson ring. Some one—probably Bert Cranston himself—had been waiting on the trail. Others had come thereafter.

And his lips set in his resolve to let this murder measure in the debt he had to pay Lennox.

The Lennox house seemed very silent when, almost an hour later, he turned his horse into the corral. He had rather hoped that Snowbird would be at the door to meet him. The darkness had just fallen, and all the lamps were lighted. He strode into the living room, warming his hands at an instant beside the fireplace. The fire needed fuel. It had evidently been neglected for nearly an hour.

Then he called Snowbird. His voice echoed in the silent room, unanswered. He called again, then went to look for her. At the door of the dining room he found the note that she had left for him.

It told, very simply and plainly, that her father lay injured in his bed, and he was to remain and do what he could for him. She had gone for help to the ranger station.

He leaped through the rooms to Lennox's door, then went in on tiptoe. And the first thing he saw when he opened the door was the grizzled man's gray face on the pillow.

"Your horse, partly, Dan," he said. "How many did you get?"

It was entirely characteristic. Shaggy old Wolf is too proud to howl over the wounds that lay him low, and this gray old bear on the bed had partaken of his spirit.

"Good Lord," Dan answered. "How badly are you hurt?"

"Not so bad but that I'm sorry that Snowbird has gone drifting twelve miles over the hills for help. It's dark as pitch."

And it was. Dan could scarcely make out the outline of the somber ridges against the sky. They talked on, and their subject was whether Dan should remain to take care of Lennox or whether he should attempt to overtake Snowbird with the horse. Of course the girl had ordered him to stay. Lennox, on the other hand, said that Dan could not help him in the least, and desired him to follow the girl.

"I'm not often anxious about her," he said slowly. "But it is a long walk through the wildest part of the Divide. Some way—I can't bar accidents tonight. I don't like to think of her on those mountains alone."

And remembering what had lain beside the trail, Dan felt the same. He had heard, long ago, that any animal that once tasted human flesh loses its fear of men and is never to be trusted again. Some wild animal that still hunted the ridges had, in the last month, done just that thing. He left the room and walked softly to the door.

The night lay silent and mysterious over the Divide. He stood listening. The girl had started only an hour before, and it was unlikely that she could have traversed more than two miles of the steep trail in that time. Although the horse ordinarily did not climb a hill more swiftly than a human being, he didn't doubt but that he could overtake her before she went three miles farther. But where lay his duty—with the injured man in the house or with the daughter on her errand of mercy in the darkness? Then the matter was decided for him. So faint that it only whispered at the dim, outer frontiers of hearing, a sound came pricking through the darkness. Only his months of listening to the faint sounds of the forest, and the incredible silence of the night enabled him to hear it at all. But he knew what it was, the report of a pistol. Snowbird had met an enemy in the darkness.

He called once to Lennox, snatched the shotgun that still stood by the bed, placed it in the corner of the room, and hastened to the corral. The mare whickered plaintively when he took her from her foot.

DO FISHES TALK?

Do fishes talk? Recent speculation about a monkey language gives rise to this even more startling theory, hinted at by Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, in a communication to the National Geographic society.

"Talk," of course, is used in the sense of communication; a meaning which is not extreme since we daily speak of "talking" over the telephone, the instrument of Doctor Bell's invention, though the "voice" that is heard is not that of the speaker, but a mechanical reproduction of his utterance.

"Did you ever put your head under water and chuck two stones together to see what the sound is like?" Doctor Bell writes. "If you have never done that, try it, and you'll get a new sensation. I did it once, and it sounded as if a man were hammering for all he was worth at my very ear."

"I then took two tiny little pebbles and tapped them together quite lightly under water, and it sounded like a man knocking at the door. It was rather startling to hear such a loud noise from such a slight cause."

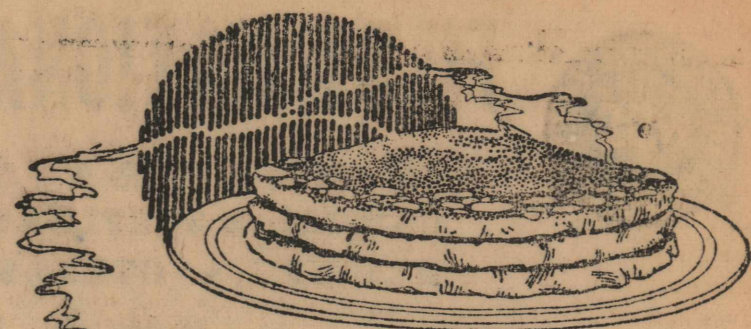
"Reflecting upon various experiments, the thought occurred to me: if two little stones tapped together can be heard under water, why, every tiny lobster that snaps his claws must make an audible click. I wonder if there are creatures in the water that signal to one another by sound."

"Well, I had occasion to try it once. Bathing in the Grand river in Ontario a great many years ago, I put my head very gently under water and listened, and, sure enough, 'tick, tick,' came a sound like a grasshopper's chirrup, and a little while after that a chirrup on the other side. There were creatures under the water that were calling to one another."

"I don't know whether all fish make sounds or not, but there are some fish that certainly do. The drumfish on our coast drums away in the water so loudly that you can hear him while you are walking on the shore."

"It is also a significant fact that all fish have ears. Why should they have ears if there is nothing for them to hear?"

"Of this we may be certain—that there is a whole world of sound beneath the waves waiting to be explored. Three-quarters of the earth's surface is under water and has not yet been explored, at least to any great degree."



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