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BOOK THREE

The Payment.

CHAPTER I.

The Lennox home, in the wilderness of the Umpqua Divide, looked rather like an emergency hospital for the first few days after Dan's flight with Whisperfoot. Its old sounds of laughter and talk were almost entirely lacking. Two injured men and a girl recovering

from a nervous collapse do not tend toward cheer.

But the natural sturdiness of all three quickly came to their aid. Of course Lennox had been severely injured by the falling log, and many weeks would pass before he would be able to walk again. He could sit up for short periods, however; had the partial use of one arm; and could propel himself—after the first few weeks—at a snail's pace through the rooms in a rude wheel chair that Bill's ingenuity had contrived. The great livid scratches that Dan bore on his body quickly began to heal; and before a week was done he began to venture forth on the hills again. Snowbird had remained in bed for three days; then she had hopped out one bright afternoon, swearing never to go back into it again. Evidently the crisp, fall air of the mountains had been a nerve tonic for them all.

Of course there had been medical attention. A doctor and a nurse had motored up the day after the accident; the physician had set the bones and departed, and the nurse remained for a week, to see the grizzled mountaineer well on the way of convalescence. But it was an anxious wait, and Lennox's ear was bent constantly in readiness to speed her away in case the snows should start. At last she had left him in Snowbird's hands, and Bill had driven her back to the settlements in his father's car. The day was now cast as to whether or not Dan and the remainder of the family should winter in the mountain. The snow clouds deepened every day, the frost was ever heavier in the dawns, and the road would surely remain open only a few days more.

Once more the three seemingly had the Divide all to themselves. Bert Cranston had evidently deserted his cabin and was working a trap-line on the Umpqua side. The rangers left the little station, all danger of fire past, and went down to their offices in the federal building of one of the little cities below. Because he was worse than useless in the deep snows that were sure to come, one of the ranch hands that had driven up with Bill rode away to the valleys the last of the live stock—the horse that Dan had ridden to Snowbird's defense.

Nothing had been heard of Lundy Hildreth, who used to live on the trail to the marsh, and both Lennox and his daughter wondered why. There were also certain officials who had begun to be curious. As yet, Dan had told no one of the grim find he had made on his return from hunting. And he would have found it an extremely difficult task to explain.

It all went back to those inner springs of motive that few men can see clearly enough within themselves to recognize. Even the first day, when he lay burning from his wounds, he worked out his own explanation in regard to the murder mystery. He hadn't the slightest doubt but that Cranston had killed Hildreth to prevent his testimony from reaching the courts below. Of course, any other member of the arson ring of hillmen might have been the murderer; yet Dan was inclined to believe that Cranston, the leader of the gang, usually preferred to do such dangerous work as this himself. If it were true, somewhere on that tree-clad ridge clues would be left. Moreover, it was wholly possible that the written testimony Hildreth must have gathered had never been found or destroyed. Dan didn't want the aid of the courts to find these clues. He wanted to work out the case himself. It resolved itself into a simple matter of vengeance: Dan had his debt to pay, and he wanted to bring Cranston to ruin by his own hand alone.

While it was true that he took rather more than the casual interest that most citizens feel in the destruction of the forest by wanton fire, and had an acute sense of duty to do all that he could to stop the activities of the arson ring, his motives, stripped and bare, were really not utilitarian. He had no particular interest in Hildreth's case. He remembered him simply as one of Cranston's disreputable gang, a poacher and a fire bug himself. When all is said and done, it remained really a personal issue between Dan and Cranston. Any personal issues are frowned upon by law and society. Civilization has tolled up from the darkness in a great measure to get away from them. But human nature remains distressingly the

same, and Dan's desire to pay his debt was a distinctly human emotion. Something a breed will live upon the earth that can get clear away from personal vengeance—from that age-old code of the hills that demands a blow for a blow and a life for a life—but the time is not yet. And after all, by all the standards of men as men, not as men in idealistic philosophies, Dan's debt was entirely real. By the light held high by his ancestors, he could not turn his other cheek.

Just as soon as he was able he went back to the scene of the murder. He didn't know when the snow would come to cover what evidence there was. It threatened every hour. Every wind promised it. The air was sharp and cold, and no drop of rain could fall through it without crystallizing into snow. The deer had all gone and the hunters and people had sought their homes. The bees worked no more in the winter flowers. Of all the greater forest creatures only the wolves and the bear remained—the former because their fear of men would not permit them to go down to the lower hills, and the latter because of his knowledge that when food became scarce he could always burrow in the snow. No bear goes into hibernation from choice. Wise old bachelor, he much prefers to keep just as late hours as he can—as long as the eating places in the berry thickets remain open. The cougars had all gone down with the deer, the migratory birds had departed, and even the squirrels were in hiding.

The scene didn't offer much in the way of clues. Of the bones only one was left. For many and terrible had been the agents at work upon them. The clothes, however, particularly the coat, were practically intact. Gripping himself, Dan thrust his fingers into its pockets, then into the pockets of the shirt and trousers. All paper that would in any way serve to identify the murdered man, or tell what his purpose had been in journeying down the trail the night of the murder had been removed. Only one explanation presented itself. Cranston had come before him and searched the body himself.

Dan looked about for tracks, and he was considerably surprised to find the blurred, indistinct imprint of a shoe other than his own. He hadn't the least hope that the tracks themselves would offer a clue to a detective. They were too dim for that. The surprising fact was that since the murder had been committed immediately before the fall rains, the water had not completely washed them out. The possibility remained, however, that Cranston had returned to the body after the week's rainfall. The track had been dimmed by the lighter rains that had fallen since.

But yet it was entirely to be expected that the examination of the body would be an afterthought on Cranston's part. Possibly at first his only thought was to kill and, following the prompting that has sent so many murderers to the gallows, he had afterward returned to the scene of the crime to destroy any clues he might have left and to search the body for any evidence against the arson ring.

Dan's next thought was to follow along the trail and find Cranston's ambush. Of course it would be in the direction of the settlement from the body, as the bullet had entered from the front. He found it hard to believe that Hildreth had fallen in the exact spot where the body lay. Men journeying at night keep to the trail, and the white heap itself was fully forty feet back from the trail in the thickets. Perhaps Cranston had dragged it there to hide it from the sight of anyone who might pass along the lonely trail again; and it was a remote possibility that Whisperfoot, coming in the night, had tugged it into the thickets for dreadful purposes of his own. Likely the shot was fired when Hildreth was in an open place on the trail; and Dan searched for the ambush with this conclusion in mind. He scouted back, looking for a thicket from which such a spot would be visible. Something over fifty yards down he found it; and he knew it by the empty brass rifle cartridge that lay half buried in the wet leaves.

The shell was of the same caliber as Cranston's rifle. Dan's hand shook as he picked it up. Encouraged by this amazing find, he turned up the trail toward Hildreth's cabin. It might be possible, he thought, that Hildreth had left some of his testimony—perhaps such rudely scrawled letters as Cranston had written him—in some forgotten drawer in his hut. It was but a short walk for Dan's hardened legs, and he made it before midnight.

The search itself was wholly without result. But because he had time to think as he climbed the ridge, he came as his stride slowed down that wintery sky he had a chance to consider every detail of the case, he was able to start out on a new tack when, just before sunset, he returned to the body. This new train of thought had as its basis that Cranston's shot had not been deadly at once; that, wounded, Hildreth had himself crawled into the thickets where Whisperfoot had found him. And that meant that he had to enlarge his search for such documents as Hildreth had carried to include all the territory between the trail and the location of the body.

It was possibly a distance of forty feet, and getting down on his hands and knees, Dan looked for any break in the shrubbery that would indicate the path that the wounded Hildreth had taken. And it was ten minutes well rewarded, as far as clearing up certain details of the case. His senses had been trained and sharpened by his months in the wilderness, and he was able to back-track the

wounded man from the skeleton clear to the clearing on the trail where he had first fallen. But as no clues presented themselves, he started to turn home.

He walked twelve feet, then turned back. Out of the corner of his eye it seemed to him that he had caught a flash of white, near the end of a great, dead log beside the path that the wounded Hildreth had taken. For a moment he searched in vain. Evidently a yellow leaf had deceived him. Once more he retraced his steps, trying to find the position from which his eye had caught the glimpse of white. Then he dived straight for the rotten end of the log.

Into a little hollow in the bark, on the underside of the log, some hand had thrust a small roll of papers. They were rain-soaked now, and the ink had dimmed and blotted; but Dan realized their significance. They were the complete evidence that Hildreth had accumulated against the arson ring—letters that had passed back and forth between himself and Cranston, a threat of murder from the former if Hildreth turned state's evidence, and a signed statement of the arson activities of the ring by Hildreth himself. They were not only enough to break up the ring and send its members to prison; with the aid of the empty shell and other circumstantial evidence, they could in all probability convict Bert Cranston of murder.

For a long time he stood with the shadows of the pines lengthening about him, his gray eyes in curious shadow. For the moment a glimpse was given him into the deep wells of the human soul; and understanding came to him. Was there no balm for hatred even in the moment of death? Were men unable to forget the themes and motives of their lives, even when the shadows closed down upon them? Hildreth had known what hand had struck him down. And even on the



Some Hand Had Thrust a Small Roll of Paper.

frontier of death, his first thought was to hide his evidence where Cranston could not find it when he searched the body, but where later it might be found by the detectives that were sure to come. It was the old creed of a life for a life. He wanted his evidence to be preserved—not that right should be wronged, but so that Cranston would be prosecuted and convicted and made to suffer. His hatred of Cranston that had made him turn state's evidence in the first place had been carried with him down into death.

As Dan stood wondering, he thought he heard a twig crack on the trail behind him, and he wondered what forest creature was still lingering on the ridges at the eye of the snows.

The snow began to fall in earnest at midnight—great, white flakes that almost in an instant covered the leaves. It was the real beginning of winter, and all living creatures knew it. The wolf pack sang and out of the ridges a wild and plaintive song that made Bert Cranston, sleeping in a lean-to on the Umpqua side of the Divide, swear and mutter in his sleep. But he didn't really waken until Jim Gibbs, one of his gang, returned from his secret mission.

They wasted no words. Bert flung aside the blankets, lighted a candle and placed it out of the reach of the wintery wind. His face looked swarthy and deep-lined in its light.

"Well?" he demanded. "What did you find?"

"Nothing." Jim Gibbs answered foundrally. "If you ask me what I found out, I might have something to answer."

"Then—" and Bert, after the manner of his kind, breathed an oath—"What did you find out?"

His tone, except for an added note of savagery, remained the same. Yet his heart was thumping a great deal louder than he liked to have it. Realizing that the snows were at hand, he had sent Gibbs for a last search of the body, to find and recover the evidence that Hildreth had against him and which had not been revealed either on Hildreth's person or in his cabin. He had become increasingly apprehensive about those letters he had written Hildreth, and certain other documents that had been in his possession. He didn't understand why they hadn't turned up. And now the snows had started, and Jim Gibbs had returned empty-handed, but evidently not empty-minded.

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**The Cattlemen Unite.**

The meeting of the Texas Cattle Raisers Association in San Antonio was attended by an unexpectedly large crowd. The outlook for the cattlemen was most encouraging and the Loan Houses showed a liberal disposition where range conditions and collateral were anything like normal. There did not seem to be any indication of pressure from money sources and probably for the first time in years the cow is looked upon as of the very best collateral. It appears as though feeders of high priced steers will not make any money this year but the producer will come through alright at prices for young steers about the same as last year.

The Texas and the Panhandle Southwestern Associations were merged into an association to be known as the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association with headquarters in Fort Worth. The membership will include stockmen of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona.

The meeting demonstrated an awakening to the fact that the Packers are not necessarily antagonistic to the producers but are as necessary as a distributor for any other industry. A large element also was in favor of the protection of the home producer and we would have been pleased to have read of a strong recommendation for the imposing of a tariff against importations of cattle from Mexico and Canada. The letting down of the bars under the Wilson administration did in calculable injury to the cattle raisers of Texas and benefited only the speculator.

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Henry M. Half of Midland was elected president of the Texas Hereford Breeders Association and John P. Lee of San Angelo was reelected secretary-treasurer.

S. E. McKnight, a member of the Executive committee of the Cattle Raisers Association, left for San Antonio the last of last week to attend the convention. Mr. McKnight is one of Sutton county's well known breeders of Hereford cattle.

B. M. Halbert reports the sale of his 12 months wool clips at Boston at 28 and 30 cents. The expense of marketing the wool, including two commissions, was 65¢ for nearly 7 cents a pound from the ranch.

The sales of cattle are reported made at Plainview to a buyer from New Mexico for the first time in some months which indicates that the cattle business is reviving. The item reports that Oscar Williams bought 2270 head of Hereford steers from ranchmen in the Plainview country at \$32.50 to \$40 for coming yearlings, and \$45 for coming twos.

John W. Scheuber, vice president of the Drovers Cattle Loan Co., of Kansas City, was a visitor here the last of the week and left for the Cattlemen's convention in San Antonio accompanied by W. L. Aldwell of the First National Bank, Sunday. They went by motor to Del Rio.

**PAYS \$500 FOR BULL**

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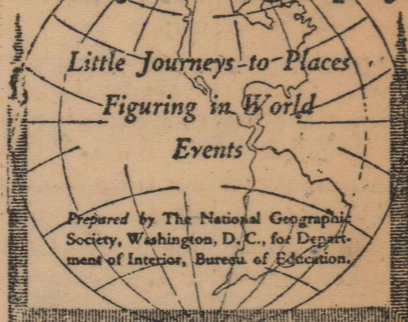
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**Today's Geography**



**BESSARABIA: SHAPED LIKE A PITCHER WITHOUT A HANDLE**

Roumania, since the conclusion of the World war, the largest of the states of southeastern Europe, owes much of this increased area to its recent annexation of Bessarabia, previously a part of Russia.

Bessarabia, the former Russian province lying between the Pruth and the Dniester rivers, and bounded on the south by the Danube and the Black sea, might be likened in shape to a tall, slim pitcher, without a handle. It is completely bounded by water except at a very narrow point at the mouth of the pitcher. The Dniester river forms the eastern boundary of the province. Flowing out of the crown lands at Galicia, the river runs east in general direction for approximately fifty miles. Then it turns southeast for ninety miles to Dniester bay, an arm of the Black sea, some fifteen miles from Odessa, Russia's principal port on that inland body of water. The Pruth river, flowing out of Galicia, runs east for about twenty miles, then turns southeast for a hundred and ten miles, and then slightly west of south to its confluence with the Danube.

Bessarabia is a little smaller than Vermont and New Hampshire together. Its greatest length is 275 miles, while its greatest width is 175. It is mostly flat, except for some well-wooded off-shoots of the Carpathian mountains in the northwest. It might be said to be the vineyard of Russia, being a great producer of wine. The population of 2,500,000 is made up of Moldavians, Little Russians, Poles, Roumanians, Bulgarians, Jews, Armenians, Greeks, and Tartars. More than 2,000,000 of the inhabitants live on the soil. The capital is Kishinev, which is located almost at the center of the province. To the west of Bessarabia lies Roumanian Moldavia, and to the east the Russian province of Podolia and Kherson.

The original inhabitants of Bessarabia are believed to have been Cimmericians, after whom came the Scythians. Because it was the key to one of the approaches toward the empire of Byzantium, the province was invaded by many successive races during the early centuries of the Christian era. Trajan incorporated it with the province of Dacia, and in the next century the Goths poured into it, to be followed in turn by the Huns, and Avars, and the Bulgarians.

In the seventh century a Thracian tribe, known as the Bessi, settled there and gave to the land its name. Between 1711 and 1812 it was the great bone of contention between the Ottoman Turks and the Russians. The Russians lost and recaptured it five times in that century. After the Napoleonic wars, it was definitely annexed to Russia, and its frontier pushed southward so as to include the delta of the Danube.

As a result of the Crimean war, Moldavia was given Dobruja and other territory, but under the treaty of Berlin in 1878, following Russia's mastery of Turkey and the congress of Berlin, Russia secured all of the territory east of the river Pruth. Bessarabia remained a part of Russia from that time until the dismemberment of the czar's empire, following the Russian revolution.

**MEXICO: A MODERN BABEL**

President Obregon, who has just been installed as chief executive of the Republic of Mexico, rules over a population of many tongues. This multiplicity of languages is not due to wholesale immigration as in the United States, but to a failure to "Mexicanize" a large part of the Indian population. The causes of many of the revolutions which have distracted the progress of Mexico can be traced to this diversity of tongues and the differences in thought and ideals that necessarily follow.

"From Sonora to Yucatan, more than fifty separate dialects are spoken," writes Frederick Simpich in a communication to the National Geographic Society.

All the inhabitants of the West Coast, however, with the exception of some hill tribes of Indians can understand Spanish.

"Of these Indians the 8,000 Yaquis, with their crude Bacatete hill forts, their weird ceremonial masque dances and their warlike attitude, are easily the most conspicuous. Many are enlisted with the federal army or employed as ranch hands and mine operators in Sonora."

"The Yaquis with the federal troops are termed 'Manzos,' or 'tame' Yaquis; those in the hills, wild and hostile, are the 'Bronchos.' The latter are a vagrant lot, robbing ranches for food and animals, carrying rawhide drums and water gourds, wearing sandals of green cowskin—living by their wits. Pressed by hunger, they subsist as well on burros as beef."

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"The Maya Indians, some of whom still carry bows and arrows, inhabit the flat coastal plain south of the Yaqul region along the River Maya. Excellent laborers, peacefully inclined, many of the Mayas are trusted helpers on American ranches and plantations."

"Most of the well advertised brands of wild men are fairly familiar to the showing-going American public. The head hunter, the Pygmy, the Bushman and his boomerang, are all old circus acquaintances. But within 700 miles of elaste and classic Los Angeles, there dwells a lost tribe of savages whose very name is known to but few of us; for this tribe has never been tamed, 'uplifted,' or even exhibited. Yet it is older, perhaps, than the Aztecs; it may even be the last living fragment of the American aborigines."

**EUGENICS AND OUR IMMIGRATION LAWS**

Recognition by congress that immigration constitutes one of the greatest of the after-war problems of the United States makes timely a suggestion in regard to controlling the great influx of foreigners to this country, advanced by Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, in a communication to the National Geographic Society.

"Why should not congress provide for an ethical survey of the people of the United States," he asks. "We should have definite and reliable information concerning those foreign elements which are beneficial to our people and those which are harmful."

"The problem of improving a race of human beings is a most perplexing one to handle. The process of improvement must be slow where the forces concerned act from within and are not amenable to control from without. Under the best conditions it would require several generations to produce sensible results; but in the United States we have, in the new blood introduced from abroad, an important means of improvement that will act more quickly, and that is eminently susceptible to control. All the nations of the world have been contributing elements to our population; and we have now, and now only, the opportunity of studying the process of absorption before it is complete."

"The grand spectacle is presented to our eyes of a new people being gradually evolved in the United States by the mingling together of the different races of the world in varying proportions. It is of the greatest consequence to us that the final result should be the evolution of a higher and nobler type of man in America, and not deterioration of the nation."

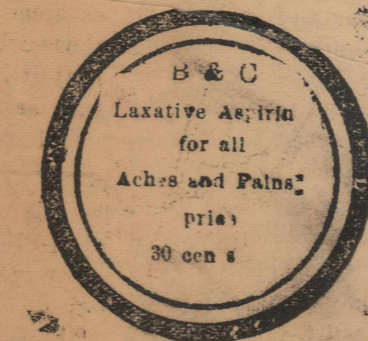
"To this end the process of evolution should be carefully studied, and then controlled by suitable immigration laws tending to eliminate undesirable ethical elements, and to stimulate the admission of elements assimilated readily by our population, and that tend to raise the standard of manhood here."

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**Clean Up Hints.**

See that all the rubbish is removed from the back yard and surroundings.

Clean all the windows and keep them open to fresh air and sunlight.

Don't forget what plenty of soap, hot water and sunshine will do.

Dry sweeping and dusting are dangerous practices.

Dispose of waste paper and other household rubbish regularly.

Outside toilets should be screened from flies and vermin.

Vaults must be cleaned

Drain moisture from garbage before placing in can.

Provide a proper garbage can and keep can covered.

Don't let milk bottles stand unwashed after use.

Fight the flies by eliminating their breeding places.

No filth, no flies.

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Start to clean up Sunday, March 20th.

**Sonora Woman's Club.**





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Sonora, Texas, March 19, 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 advertising rates.

#### A GOOD START.

The Clean Up Campaign opened to a good start with the address by the Rev. W. E. Hathorn at the Baptist church Sunday night. A large audience heard this pleasing speaker and must have been benefited by his remarks. Rev. Hathorn became eloquent as he urged the people to live clean lives, to see that the children were reared amid clean things and surrounded by clean influences all of which contribute to health of mind and body and general well-being. He stressed the fact that the Old and New Testaments contained many passages commanding sanitation and healthy regulations and the adage "that Cleanliness is next to Godliness." He admonished the people to be ambitious in the removal of unhealthy, repugnant, offensive surroundings, to strive for the beautiful and elevating in the home and community. He complimented the Womans Club on the interest they are taking in Civic affairs and hoped the day was not far distant when the people could point with commendable pride to the cleanliness, attractiveness and beauty of the town and the way they had assisted a bountiful nature by the planting of trees, shrubs, flowers, etc. in the streets, parks and yards of the residential district all of which will encourage the development of the health and advancement of the people.

The City truck will call for your rubbish, if placed in a convenient place.

Please remember if, after inspection your premises are found "not sanitary" it will be reported to the Health Officer and notice served.

### Baptist Church, Next Sunday.

Sunday school at 9.45 a.m.,  
Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The sermon Sunday morning will be one of the series on: The Life and Teachings of the Man of Galilee.  
It is important that we have a full Sunday school since on the next Sunday, March 27th we are to have our Sunday school Rally Day program.

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

If you want better schools see that your children are on the roll NOW. See J. A. Leach the scholastic enumerator.

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Don't forget to see J. A. Leach and render your children for the coming scholastic year.

If you belch up a bitter-tasting liquid, suffer from heartburn and sour stomach, you need the ionic properties of Herbine. It is a purifying and strengthening medicine for the stomach, liver and bowels. Price, 60 cents. Sold by the Sonora Drug Store.

The Woman's Club Library will be open on Wednesday afternoon of each week from 2 to 5 o'clock.

For rapid healing there is nothing like Liquid Borzone. It mends torn flesh, heals cuts, burns or sores as quickly no time is lost from work. Price 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Sold by the Sonora Drug Co.

W. W. Williamson who ranches in the northeastern part of the county was here Monday visiting his family. Mrs. Williamson is much improved in health.

Why not get a pear burner and rid the streets and alleys of weeds and scrub brush that gathers filth? Notice where the owner has destroyed the weeds around their premises the ground is now covered with grass.

Makes Old Hat New  
Do you know you can make a beautiful new hat out of your old straw hat? You can by dyeing it with Fidelity Straw Hat Dye. Anyone can dye with Fidelity Straw Hat Dye. Unlike other dyes it will not stiffen the hat. Made in all standard colors. Sold and recommended by all druggists and in Sonora by the Sonora Drug Co.

### METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday school at 10 a.m.,  
Junior Masonry Society meets at 8:30 p.m.

Rev. J. T. King, Presiding Elder of the Angelo District, will hold our Second Quarterly Conference Saturday night and will preach Sunday morning and evening. Everybody invited to these services. Our Revival services begin right away. Are you ready for the meeting? We invite the most hearty cooperation of all the people of the entire community. Further announcements will be made.  
O. E. Moreland, Pastor.

Frank Decker, Notary Public  
Sutton County, Texas

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Merton Shurley on Saturday, March 12, 1921, a boy.

B. M. Halbert and Roy E. Aldwell returned Wednesday night from Del Rio and San Antonio.

Mrs. Oscar Drennan has gone to Balingier where on Thursday March 10th a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Drennan.

In order that your neighbors may have pretty yards and flowers and vegetables you must keep the chickens at home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken and son Joseph left on Sunday for San Antonio on a visit and to attend the convention.

B. F. Bellows, the retired building contractor, who spends his vacation between Sonora and San Antonio, but maintains his home in Sonora, returned last week from a trip to Brownsville and the Lower Rio Grande country. Mr. Bellows says that part of Texas is the garden spot of the Southwest and the equal of California and Florida in many things and the superior of those countries in soil and climatic conditions for the early production of cabbages, onions and a variety of vegetables. Vast tracts of land is now being put into citrus plants, notably grape fruit, which has proved successful and is said to produce fruit of better flavor than California or Florida. The valley is studded with little towns and the irrigation systems are extensive and had it not been for the cotton craze all the people would have money. Cabbage is raised profitably in that country at \$10 a ton.

### WHICH DO WE WANT ORIENT FOR FRISCO.

John F. Robinson, Secretary of the Commercial Club of Del Rio and a director of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, and J. C. Wells of Del Rio, one of the division representatives of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, were in Sonora Friday night and an impromptu meeting of citizens was called at the First National Bank to hear and discuss matters pertaining to development and needs of this community and West Texas.

The gentlemen told of the progress being made by Dallas and Fort Worth to have the Frisco extend its lines from Menard to the border at Del Rio. They also gave a review of the construction being done by the National Railways of Mexico in building the line from Allende, State of Coahuila, to the Rio Grande opposite Del Rio. From Durango to Matamoros, State of Tamaulipas, on the Gulf of California, is not a great distance and a railroad is being constructed through a gap in the Sierra Madre mountains that will connect the Pacific coast with a direct line to the North via Del Rio to—will it be Dallas and Fort Worth or Kansas City? If the Northern connection should come by Sonora it would reach both of these centers of population, but should the traffic be diverted after reaching Del Rio the aim of the Railway Administration in Mexico would be defeated. It would be well for you to look at the maps of Mexico and Texas and see what might happen.

The consensus of those at the meeting was that should the Orient loose this feeder the life of the System would be problematical. A meeting was proposed to be held at some convenient place in the near future to discuss this feature with other points on the Orient system.

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

Robert Kelley was in town Tuesday from the ranch on the eastern side of Sutton county.

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

D. Joe Wyatt and H. P. Allison are among the cattlemen attending the convention in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Kelley and Mr. and Mrs. Dantes Kelley were in town Tuesday from the Owenville country.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shurley were in from the ranch Tuesday. They traveled through mud part of the way from rain that fell to the south of town Monday night.

Watch your children for symptoms of worms. They undermine the health and breed sickness. Use White's Cream Vermifuge. It expels worms and restores health and vigor. Price 35c. Sold by Sonora Drug Co.

W. C. Bryson and J. D. Lowrey are among the crittlemen attending the convention in San Antonio. Messrs. Bryson & Lowrey have a bunch of young steers that should be finished by a feeder.

Sterling Baker who is ranging his sheep on the Gordon Stewart ranch, 28 miles southeast of Sonora was in town Monday and says the season has so far advanced that in ten days there will be grass for cattle.

When the bowels are costive 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 60c. Sold by the Sonora Drug Co.

E. A. Yeager is now sole owner of the Tailor Shop. Mr. Yeager is a practical, professional tailor, of many years experience and is quite an addition to the needs of Sonora. The work he has done in his short stay here has been most satisfactory. He will make mens, boys and ladies suits from the cloth he has in stock or cloth of your own. The advantage of having your suits made and fitted at home will be appreciated by those who like to have their clothes fit and hang properly. Call and see him and learn what he can do for you.

#### For Sale.

Furniture for sale—dresser, refrigerator, chiffonier, table, chairs, etc. 8-2  
Mrs. F. I. Cozke.

The Organ at the Baptist Church is for sale. Price \$15. If interested, phone 82.

### Committee Will Inspect Premises

A committee from the Womans Club, will after "Clean-up week" which begins Sunday March 20th, inspect every premise inside the corporate limits.

We trust no individual will take this inspection as a personal matter, but as the only way to clean our town thoroughly. You may have your premises clean, but does your neighbor realize what it means to the health of our community as you do? and have they gone to the same trouble in putting things in a sanitary condition?

Let's forget our selfish pride in this, and every home-maker join hands and make our little town a spot beautiful, because of its cleanliness and save our community the epidemic that might otherwise sweep us away.

Mr. Roy E. Caldwell, Chairman,  
Mrs. W. E. Caldwell,  
Mrs. J. A. Cope,  
Mrs. Fred Simmons, Committee.

The clean up and health campaign now in general progress throughout the State will be of great benefit to all. In arriving in a strange town one of the first things you notice is the unpainted buildings, the lots and side streets covered with weeds, tin cans and the amount of uncleanness and unsanitation. And first impressions last longest. You may drive or walk through the business and resident sections later and note with pleasure evidences of progress and refinement, but as you leave the town the unsightly conditions are again forced on your attention and you are glad to take a deep breath of nature's unpalpated air. Let Sonora be an exception to this rule.

About one-fifth of an inch of rain fell in Sonora Sunday morning.

Mrs. Sam Luckie and daughter Miss Ethel Luckie of Owenville, were in Sonora last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rode were in town Monday from their ranch on the Llano shopping and visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles O'Daniel of San Angelo were in Sonora Saturday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Avis Sherwood, Jr.

Mrs. J. J. Smith of Reagan Wells, Uvalde county was here the past week visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Will Perry.

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.

B. B. Hail, president of the West Texas Lumber Co., was a visitor here Thursday from San Angelo.

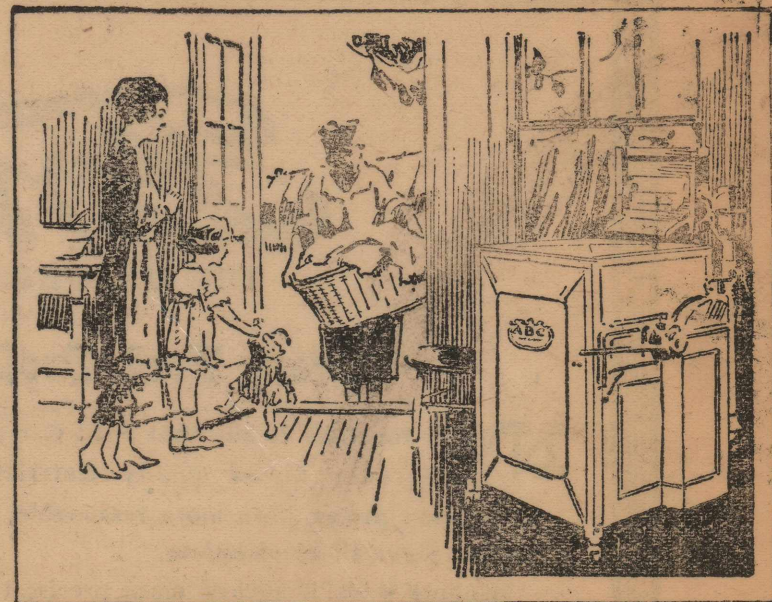
The next few years will be marked by important and historical changes in the life of the United States deeply interesting to every citizen. The Thrice-a-Week World which is the greatest example of tabloid journalism in America will give you all the news of it. It will keep you as thoroughly informed 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 Thrice-a-Week World will furnish you an accurate and comprehensive report of everything that happens.

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The Dallas News has been recently publishing articles on Sonora and the Sonora country in their Sunday issues. Next Sundays Dallas News will contain a descriptive wrap-up of the Sonora Experiment Station. The articles are written by Mr. E. M. Dealey of the Dallas News staff, who has visited Sonora during the last meeting of the executive committee of the Sheep & Goat Raisers Association. If you are not a subscriber to the Dallas News place your order now with the agent E. J. Pierce, at least for the issues containing these special articles.

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## CLEAN UP COMMANDMENTS.

1. Love your neighbor's lot as you do your own; but be sure to love your own.
2. Don't plant tomato cans and rubbish on unused land; their fruits are withered civic pride
3. Don't allow yourself or your city to create dumps. Waste can be made to pay for its own destruction at a profit
4. Don't allow tumbled-down buildings to stand on valuable land; they are financially wasteful, they create filth, invite vice and are a menace to life.
5. A fence that has ceased to be a fence and has become an offense should be repaired or destroyed.
6. Two gardens may grow where one dump has bloomed before.
7. School gardens are valuable adjuncts to education and recreation.
8. Let the children play on the unused land so they may become strong and keep out of the hands of the law.

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OF

Increasing the death rate in your county?  
Increasing the amount of sickness in your community?

**YOU ARE IF YOU HAVE**

- A dirty back yard.
- An uncovered garbage pail.
- An open or broken sink drain.
- A neglected privy, exposing its contents to the flies, draining into any water supply or contaminating your garden vegetables.
- A fly-breeding manure heap.
- Uncovered barrels, buckets or tin cans containing water that provides mosquito breeding places.
- Weeds growing around your premises.

**LOOK AROUND AND SEE IF THERE IS NOT SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DO?**

- Protect your family from disease and discomfort.
- Make your home more pleasant and beautiful.
- Make your community a safe and healthful place to live in.
- Be a good neighbor and a good citizen. Don't be responsible for sickness and death.

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#### PROCLAMATION By the Mayor of Sonora, Texas.

Whereas the Governor of the State of Texas has at the request of the State Health Officer, designated the week beginning March 13th as Health week, and

Whereas the citizens of Sonora through the local organization of the Woman's Club has endorsed the movement and will undertake a clean up campaign for Sonora, to begin with an address by Rev. W. E. Hathorn at the Baptist church on the night of Sunday, March 13th and will start the Clean Up campaign on Monday March 20th, 1921, and

Whereas the Governor in his Proclamation uses this language: "The greatest instrument of liberty that has ever been written enunciated the truth that every man is born with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and whereas without perfect health man can neither enjoy his life, liberty nor be happy, etc."

Now, Therefore, I, C. S. Keene, Mayor of Sonora, Texas, do hereby Proclaim the week beginning Monday, March 20th, 1921, as Health and Clean Up week for the City of Sonora, to be observed by all the people.

Given under my hand and by the authority vested in me this 9th day of March, 1921

C. S. KEENE  
Mayor of the City of Sonora, Texas

#### SARDINIA: THE ISLAND OF PYGMIES AND WOLFRAM

A traveler of fine imagination suggests that travel involves a double journey—one forward through space, the other backward through time. Your steambest ticket from Civitavecchia, the port of Rome, entitles you to an eight-hour voyage to Sardinia, but affords a premium of several thousand years backward to Europe's earliest traceable history.

Sardinia has a double interest just now because of the reported native demand for home rule, and because Americans have found tracts containing wolfram, highly prized as a source of tungsten.

Second only to Sicily among Mediterranean islands, Sardinia has been referred to as the lost Isle of the sea. Geographically it has been said to turn its back on Italy, for its east coast is mountainous. This isolation has a compensation in preserving the homogeneity of a people who have a



Sardinian Miners.

special interest for students of racial history. Sardinians are small of stature. Even their soldiers have an average height a fraction under five feet, four inches.

But the most conspicuous curiosities of Sardinia are its nuraghi, great round towers, relics of the bronze age, which served as fortified dwellings for some prehistoric people. There are 5,000 or more of these towers, some 60 feet high, usually about 30 feet in diameter at the base, made of stone blocks and smeared with clay on the inside. Stairways lead to upper chambers and platforms.

Interesting as are these relics of unknown inhabitants, even more fascinating are the traces of ancient civilizations to be found in the daily life of Sardinians of today. One may find oxen plowing as they did in the days of the Roman empire, implements which were introduced by the successive occupants, one Catalan town (Alghero) where there is no jarring note in the illusion of old Spain, and dances of the classic Greek period at the mountain fests.

Only in Sardinia and Corsica is the mufion, predecessor of our sheep, to be found. Wild deer and wild boar are plentiful in the mountain districts. Tunny fishing is a major industry.

In area Sardinia is comparable to Vermont, but has more than twice the population of that state. The island lies directly south of Corsica, and is separated therefrom by the narrow straits of Bonifacio. In shape it has been compared to a human footprint.

#### RATS: A COSTLY PEST

As carriers of the dread bubonic plague rats are a menace, but that is only one form of their costly and dangerous depredations.

"Rats are practically omnivorous, and their depredations cover a wide range," writes Edward W. Nelson in a communication to the National Geographic society.

"They dig up newly planted grain, destroy it while growing, and also when in the shock, stack, crib, granary, mill, elevator, warehouse, wharf, and ship's hold, as well as in the bin and feed trough. They eat fruits, vegetables and meats in the market, destroying at the same time by pollution far more than is consumed.

"They destroy enormous numbers of eggs and poultry, as well as the eggs and young of song and game birds. In addition, they invade store and warehouses and destroy groceries of every description, as well as furs, laces, silks, carpets and leather goods.

"They cause many disastrous fires by gnawing matches, by gnawing through lead pipe near gas meters, or by cutting the insulation from electric wires in order to secure material for nests and by gathering oil-soaked rags and other inflammable material in their nests; flood houses by gnawing through lead water pipes; ruin artificial ponds and embankments by burrowing, and damage foundations, floors, doors and furnishings of dwellings.

"As disease carriers they also cause enormous commercial losses, especially through the introduction of bubonic plague and the resulting suspension of commerce. With the introduction of plague they become directly responsible for business disaster as well as for an appalling mortality.

"Much of the greater part of losses from these pests is in foodstuffs, which, as already indicated, are destroyed at every stage from the time the seed is planted until they are ready for human consumption.

"Investigation some years ago indicated that the direct annual losses sustained in the United States were about \$200,000,000, with a great additional sum in indirect losses, including the effect on the public health and commerce from the diseases carried by rats, and the necessary expenditures in combating them. Assuming, roughly speaking, that an estimated rat population in the United States is 50,000,000 for the cities and 150,000,000 for the rural districts, it will require the destruction of property by each rat of only a little more than one-fourth of a cent a day to make the aggregate sum estimated as destroyed by these pests yearly in this country."

#### CRIMEA: THE RIVIERA OF RUSSIA

A proposal that Great Britain and the United States shall co-operate in caring for the Russian refugees from the Crimea again directs world sympathy to a land which has already known suffering.

Hanging down into the Black sea like a butcher's cleaver, with its handle pointed east and the near corner of the blade joined to the mainland of Russia, the Crimea, where it was first planned to exile the abdicating czar, is about as near to being an island as a peninsula well can be, even though a very narrow strait is the only water that lies between it and a second connection with the mainland. On the one side, to the west, lies the Perekop Gulf, and to the east, shut out from the Black sea by the handle of the cleaver, is the Sea of Azov.

With an area matching that of New Hampshire, a population equal to that of New Hampshire and Vermont together, and a climate that borrows good features from Florida and southern California, and bad ones from many places, the Crimea is one of the most fascinating bits of territory between Portugal and Cochín China. Its population is a congress of races. Its industries range from the growing of subtropical fruits and the housing of Russia's elite as they flee from the cold, to the herding of sheep and the growing of grains. It is a place of many-sided activities.

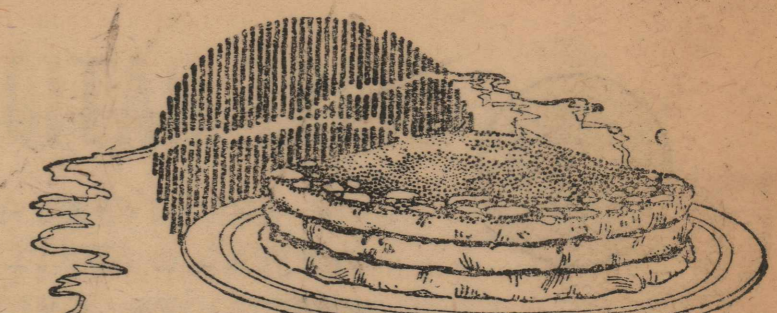
As the men of wealth of America have their winter homes in Florida and those of western Europe have theirs along the Riviera, the people of Russia have their country seats in the Crimea. And beautiful places they are, for in Russia the rich are very rich. The height of the social season is from the middle of August to the first of November.

The peninsula is occupied by 855,000 people, according to the last census, mostly Turkish-speaking Tartars, with a scattering of Russians, Greeks, Germans and Jews. Cleanliness and morality are said to be proverbial traits of the Crimean Tartars, who have been undergoing the influence of Russian culture for several generations. They have taken up vine culture, fruit growing, and kindred occupations with a zeal seldom equaled east of the Aegean.

The novels of Tolstoy give a graphic picture of the Crimean war from the Russian viewpoint—depicting the miseries of the march, the anguish of the life in the casemates, and the nerve-destruoying ordeal of manning the lines under shellfire, there to await the night attack that might or might not come. It was in this war that Florence Nightingale rendered service as a nurse that made her name a synonym of ministering angel on the world's battlefields. Then men knew nothing of the cause of cholera and such diseases, and the soldiers died like flies.

It is estimated that 50,000 British soldiers lie buried in the cemetery outside of Sebastopol. Before the present war this vast city of the dead was watched over by a German who could speak no English, but who was proud of his privilege of guarding the ashes of those who fell at Balaklava and Inkerman.

When Stephen Graham visited the cemetery the old keeper told him they had 35 varieties of oleander in the cemetery.



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## IS YOUR HEALTH GRADUALLY SLIPPING?

Interesting Experience of a Texas Lady Who Declares That if More Women Knew About Cardui They Would Be Spared Much Sickness and Worry.

Navasota, Texas.—Mrs. W. M. Peden, of this place, relates the following interesting account of how she recovered her strength, having realized that she was actually losing her health:

"Health is the greatest thing in the world, and when you feel that gradually slipping away from you, you certainly sit up and take notice. That is what I did some time ago when I found myself in a very nervous, run-down condition of health. I was so tired and felt so lifeless I could hardly go at all.

"I was just no account for work. I would get a bucket of water and would feel so weak I would have to set it down before I felt like I could lift it to the shelf. In this condition, of course, to do even my housework was a task almost impossible to accomplish.

"I was . . . nervous and easily upset. I couldn't rest well at night and was . . . just lifeless.

"I heard of Cardui and after reading I decided I had some female trouble that was putting me down. I sent for Cardui and began it . . .

"In a very short while after I began the Cardui Home Treatment I saw an improvement and it wasn't long until I was all right—good appetite, splendid rest, and much stronger so that I easily did my house work.

"Later I took a bottle of Cardui as a tonic. I can recommend Cardui and gladly do so, for if more women knew, it would save a great deal of worry and sickness."

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