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## The WRECKERS

### By FRANCIS LYNDE

#### CHAPTER I

At Sand Creek Siding  
 As a general proposition, I don't believe much in the things called "haunches." But there are exceptions to all rules, and we certainly uncovered the biggest one of the lot—the boss and I—the night we left Portland and the good old Pacific coast.

It was this way. We had finished the construction work on the Oregon Midland; and were on our way to the train, when I had one of those queer little premonitory chills you hear so much about and know just as well as could be that we were never going to pull through to Chicago without getting a jolt of some sort. The reason—if you'll call it a reason—was that, just before we came to the railroad station, the boss walked calmly under a ladder standing in front of a new building; and besides that, it was the thirtieth day of the month, a Friday, and raining like the very mischief.

Just to sort of tell us along, maybe, the fates didn't begin on us that night. They waited until the next day, and then proceeded to shove us in behind a freight-train wreck at Wilner, Idaho, where we lost twelve hours. It looked as if that didn't amount to much, because we weren't due anywhere at any particular time. The boss was on his way home for a little visit with his folks in Illinois, and beyond that he was going to meet a bunch of Englishmen in Montreal, and maybe let them make him general manager of one of the Canadian railroads.

So Mr. Norcross was in no special hurry, and neither was I. I had been confidential clerk and shorthand man for the boss on the Midland construction, and he was taking me along partly because he knows a cracking good stenographer when he sees one, but mostly because I was dead anxious to go anywhere he was going.

But, if it hadn't been for that twelve-hour lay-out we would have caught the Saturday night train on the Pioneer Short Line, instead of the train, Sunday morning, and there would have been no meeting with Mrs. Sheila and Missie Ann, no telegram from Mr. Chadwick, because it wouldn't have found us; no hold-up at Sand Creek siding; in short, nothing would have happened that did happen.

It was on Sunday that the jolt began to get ready to land on us. Right soon after breakfast, with the help of a little Pullman berth table and me and my typewriter, Mr. Norcross turned our section into a business office, saying that now we had a good quiet day, we'd clean up the million or so odds and ends of correspondence he'd been letting go while we were tussling for the Midland right-of-way through the Oregon mountains.

From where he sat dictating to me the boss was facing forward and now and then an absent sort of look came into his eyes while he was talking off his letters, and it puzzled me because it wasn't like him. One of the times after he had given me a full crust of letters and had gone off to smoke while I typed a few thousand lines from my notes to catch up, I made a discovery. There were two people in Section Five just ahead of us, a young woman and a girl of maybe fifteen or so, and the Pullman was the old-fashioned kind, with two seats back. I put it up that in those absent-minded intervals Mr. Norcross had been studying the back of the young woman's neck. I was measurably sure it wasn't the little girls.

Along in the forenoon I made an excuse to go and get a drink of water out of the forward cooler, and on the way back I took a good square look at our neighbors in Number Five. The young woman was pretty enough to start a stopped clock—only "pretty" isn't just the word, either; there wasn't any word, when you come right down to it. And the little girl was simply a peach—a nice, downy, rosy peach; chunky, round-faced, sunny-haired, jolly; with a neat little tummy up nose and big sort of boyish laughing eyes that fairly dared the world.

At the second call to dinner Mr. Norcross told me to strap up the machine and put the files away in the girls' and we'd go out. He was pretty quiet, breaking out once, in the most obscure, to tell me that he'd just had a forwarded telegram from an old friend of his that would stop us off for a day or two in Portal City, the headquarters of the Pioneer Short Line. Farther along, pretty well into the ice-cream and black coffee, he came to life again to ask me if I had noticed the young lady and the girl in the Pullman section next to ours.

Portal City—and to find that out he must have asked the train boss, adding that when we reached Portal it would be the neighbors' job for me to do to help them off with their hand-hugs and see that they got a cab if they wanted one.

"Sure I will," says I. "That is, if the lady's husband isn't there to meet them. Her suit case has her name, 'Mrs. Sheila Macrae,' on it."

The boss has a way of making two up-and-down wrinkles and a little curved horseshoe line come between his eyes when he is going to reach for you.

"There are times, Jimmie, when you see altogether too much," he said, sort of gruff.

"Macrae," you say; that is Scotch. And so is 'Sheila.' Most likely the names, both of them, are only hand-downs. She looks straight American to me."

"She is pretty enough to look anything," I throw in, just to see how he would take it.

"Right you are, Jimmie," he agreed. "I've been looking at the back of her neck all day. There are so many women who don't measure up to the promises they make when you see 'em from behind. You catch a glimpse of a pretty neck, and when you get around to the face you find out that the neck was only a bit of bluff."

If I had been seeing anything in the world but ice cream I believe it would have choked me. What he said led up to the admission that he had been making these face-and-neck comparisons for goodness knows how long, and I couldn't surround that, all at once. You see, he was such a picture of a man in every sense of the word—a fighter and a head-kicker, right from the jump. And to a man of that sort women are usually no more than fluffy little side-issues, as I've said when they told her she was made out of Adam's rib.

That ended the dining-car part of it. The sure-enough, knock-out round was fought at the rear end of our Pullman, which happened to be the last car in the train. As we walked back after dinner Mr. Norcross gave me a clean sheet and said we'd go out to the observation platform to smoke. When we reached the door we found the young lady and the girl standing at the rear railing to watch the track unroll itself under the trucks. The young lady was wearing a coat with a storm collar, but the girl had a fur thing around her neck, and her stocky, chunky little arms were elbow deep in a big pillow muff to match, though the muff itself wasn't even half-way chilly.

The boss stepped out on the platform to close the side trap door which, with the railing gate on that side, had been left open by a careless rear flagman. Just then the big "Pacific type" that was pulling us let out a whistle screech that would have waked the dead, and the air-brakes went on with a jerk that showed how beautifully reckless the pulling was on the Pioneer Short Line.

Mr. Norcross was reaching for the catch on the floor trap and the jerk didn't throw him. But it snapped the young woman and the girl away from the railing so suddenly that the little one had to grab for hand-holds; and when she did that, of course the big muff went overboard.

At this, a bunch of things happened, all in an eye-wink. The train ground and fixed-train screech; the muffs, "Oh, my muff!" I skipped down the steps to disappear in the general direction of the Pacific coast; the young woman shrieked after her, "Missie Ann—come back here—you'll be left!" and then took her turn at disappearing by the same route; and, on top of it all, the boss jumped off and sprinted after both of them, leaving a string of large, man-sized comments on the foolishness of women as a sex trailing along behind him as he flew.

Right then it was my golden moment to play safe and sane. With three of them off and lost in the gathering night, somebody with at least a grain of sense ought to have stood by to pull the emergency cord if the train should start. But, of course, I had to take a chance and spill the gravy all over the tablecloth. The stop was at a blind siding in the crease of a mountain desert, and when I squinted up ahead and saw that the engine was taking water, it looked as if there were going to be plenty of time for a bit of promenade under the stars. So I swung off and went to join the muff hunt.

Amongst them, they had found the pillow thing before I had a chance to horn in. They were coming up the track, and the boss had each of the two by the arm and was telling them that they'd be left to a dead moral certainty if they didn't run. They couldn't run because their skirts were too fashionably narrow, and there were

still three or four car-lengths to go when the tank spout went up with a clang and a clatter of chains and the old "Pacific type" gave a couple of hisses and a snort.

"They're going," grunted the boss, out of between his teeth, and without another word he grabbed those two bobbed women folks up under his arms, just as if they'd been a couple of sacks of meal, and broke into a run.

It wasn't a morsel of use, you know. Old Hercules himself couldn't have run very far or very fast with the handcup the boss had taken on, and in less than half a minute the "Pacific type" had caught her stride and the red tail lights of the train were vanishing to pin points in the night. We were beautifully and satisfactorily left to our own devices.

"Well," he said, in his best rusty-huge rasp, "you've done it! Why, in

When he saw that it was no number of use, the boss quit on the handcup race and put his two scruffles down while he still had breath enough left to talk with.

"Well," he said, in his best rusty-huge rasp, "you've done it! Why, in



Just as if They'd Been a Couple of Sacks of Meal.

the name of common sense, couldn't you have let me go back after that muff thing?"

It was the young woman who answered the boss.

"I didn't stop to think!" she stammered, taking the blame as if she had been the one to head the procession. "Isn't there any way we can stop that train?"

The boss said there wasn't, and I know the old reason why he didn't say a lot of other things was because he was too much of a gentleman to say them in the presence of a couple of women.

So far as we could see, the sure roundings consisted of a short side-track, a spur running off into the hills, and the water tank. The siding switches had no lights, which argued that there wasn't even a man-man at the tank—so there was not, the tank being filled automatically by a gravity pipe line running back to a natural reservoir in the mountains.

By this time the boss was beginning to get a little better grip on himself and he laughed.

"We've all earned the leather medal, I guess," he chuckled. "It's done now, and it can't be helped."

"But look! There's anything we can do!" said the young woman. "Can't we walk somewhere to where there is a station or a town with people in it?"

I saw Mr. Norcross look down at her skirts and then at the girls.

"You two couldn't walk very far or very fast in those things you are wearing," he grunted. "Besides, we are in one of the desert strips, and it is probably miles to a night wire station in either direction."

We trailed off together up the track, two and two, the boss walking with the young woman. After we'd counted a few of the cross-ties, the girl said: "Is your name Jimmie Dods?" And when I admitted it: "Mine is Missie Ann. I'm Sheila's cousin on her mother's side. I think this is a great lark; don't you?"

"I can't tell better after it's over," I said. "Maybe we'll have to stay here all night."

"I shouldn't mind," she came back airily. "I haven't been up all night since I was a little kiddie and our house burned down."

We reached the big water tank, and the boss picked out one of the square footing timbers for a seat. It seemed as if he were finding it a good bit harder to get acquainted with his hair of the combination than I was with mine, but after a little the young woman thaved out a bit and made him talk—to help pass away the time, I took it—and the little girl and I sat and listened. When the young woman finally got him started, the boss told her all about himself, how he'd been railroaded ever since he left college, and a lot of things that I'd never even dreamed of. It's curious how a pretty woman can make a man turn himself inside out that way, just for her amusement.

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**HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.**  
 The school term is fast drawing to a close. Pupils and teachers are all very busy with plans for closing exercises. The following announcements concerning the various exercises may now be made:

The Junior and Sophomore class play, "Diamonds and Hearts" will be given next Tuesday night, May 10th.

The Senior class will present "Cupid at Vassar" on Tuesday night, May 17th.

Both of these are royalty plays of high merit. The pupils are making every effort to present them in a creditable manner. We feel sure that those who see these plays will be highly pleased with them.

Rev. W. E. Hatborn will preach the "commencement sermon" on Sunday night, May 15th, at the Methodist church.

Thursday night, May 19th, the Seventh Grade Graduation Exercises will be held in the school Auditorium. An appropriate program has been arranged for the evening and the patrons and friends are invited to attend.

The Commencement Exercises for the Senior class will be held Friday night, May 20th. The address for the occasion will be delivered by Rev. T. W. Currie, Y. M. C. A. Director for the University of Texas, Austin.

Mrs. Caldwell's music class will give a recital in the school auditorium Monday night, May 23rd. Patrons and friends are invited.

The following left Wednesday for the State Inter-scholastic League Meet at Austin: R. W. Hamilton, Greydon Rees, Albert Runnels, Carney Wyatt and Weldon Moreland. The meet will be held in Austin on Friday and Saturday of this week. Grace Trainer was ill and unable to make the trip. She won the girls' tennis singles contest in San Angelo and was entitled to the trip as the representative of this district in this contest.

We are anticipating good reports from our boys.

**DIAMONDS AND HEARTS.**  
 Tuesday night, May 10th. A Comedy-Drama in three acts, presented by High School pupils of the Junior and Sophomore Classes.

**CAST OF CHARACTERS**  
 Bernice Halstead... A young lady with an affection of the heart... Ella May Ross  
 Amy Halstead... Her sister, fond of a frolic... Jewell Eaton  
 Inez Gray... a young lady visitor... Paney Perry  
 Mrs. Halstead... A widow, and step-mother to the Halstead girls... Mary Wilson  
 Hannah Mary Barnes, or "Ma"... A maiden lady who keeps house for her brother... Grace Trainer  
 Dwight Bradley, a fortune hunter... Geo. D. Chalk  
 Dr. Burton, a young physician... Curtis Edens  
 Sammy, the darky bell boy... Milla Cope  
 Abraham Barnes, or "Bud", still unmarried at forty, a diamond in the rough... Lum Crisner  
 Attorney... John Eaton  
 Sheriff... Horace Rees  
 The play has its share of fun and frolic as well as the serious side. There are many strong parts that will be well presented. The admission will be 25 cents and 50 cents. The proceeds will go to the Athletic and Annual funds.

Frank Decker, Notary Public Sutton County, Texas.

Wes Bryson made a business trip to Brady last week.

Walter Gilbert of San Angelo was in Sonora Wednesday on his way to Del Rio to see a man.

Mat Karnes and Fred Simmons made a trip to Del Rio this week. We did not learn what they went for but have a pretty good idea.

Be sure to see "Bud" and "Sis" in "Diamonds and Hearts" next Tuesday night May 10.

Miss Thelma Johnson book keeper for the Sonora Mercantile Co., returned Sunday from a short visit to her sister Mrs. Fancher Cawyer at Mercury.

**PIANO RECITAL.**  
 Mrs. W. E. Caldwell will present Miss Willie May Winn in a piano recital Friday evening May 13th, at the High School. She will be assisted by Mrs. Louie Stuart and Miss Dorothy Smith. The following program will be rendered:

Hungarian Concert Polka—Alfred Butterfly—reig... Willie May Winn  
 Wait for the Roses—etc.—Dorothy Smith.  
 Sextet from La Is—(Left hand) Dorothy Smith.  
 a. I Love You. b. If you could say... Dorothy Smith.  
 Palms—Leybach... Willie May Winn.  
 Food for Gossip... Dorothy Smith.  
 Violin Solo—elected... Mrs. Stuart  
 Play of the Waves—Peabody

Mrs. Caldwell's elementary & intermediate pupils assisted by J. E. Grimland's Orchestra, will give a recital Monday evening May 23rd, at the High School.

**HONOR ROLL.**  
 Below is given the Honor Roll for the Sonora Public School for the eighth month of the term.

**FIRST GRADE.**  
 Allie Hubbard  
 John Hull  
 Lena V. Stokes  
 Walter Halmig  
 Edwin Sawyer  
 Clarence Avery  
 Mac Trainer  
 Edna Busley  
 Wesley Hill  
 Harold Gately  
 Walter Reid  
 Milburn Smith  
 Andrew Sweet  
 Louis Trainer  
 Jack Custer

**SECOND GRADE.**  
 Zella Lee  
 Mary Schwaning  
 Lois Bees  
 Jay Southern  
 Charles Coffey  
 Edwin Walters  
 Murial Simpson  
 Allie Robinson  
 Louise Hill  
 Dorothy Baker  
 Lea Wilson

**THIRD GRADE.**  
 Edwin Bonning  
 Morris Plesner  
 Mildred Jurney  
 Otto Murray  
 Marcel Ford

**LOW FOURTH GRADE.**  
 Margaret Hill  
 Anna McClelland  
 James Caldwell  
 William Brown

**HIGH FOURTH GRADE.**  
 Edwin McCallum  
 Willie B. Langford  
 Clifford Martin  
 Weylan Williamson  
 Edna Archer  
 Mable Martin  
 Nan Barnes  
 Clinton Martin  
 Katherine Hill  
 Alma Gray  
 Willie Lee Waters  
 Frank Turney

**FIFTH GRADE.**  
 Hettie Mae Boyas  
 Clayton Robinson  
 Allison Trainer  
 Lea Clark  
 Lawrence Williamson

**SIXTH GRADE.**  
 Hazel Stokes  
 Junior Basher  
 Mary Mae  
 Berneice Stokes  
 Billie Caldwell  
 William Allison

**SEVENTH GRADE.**  
 Gwynne Blanton  
 Rada Moore  
 Louise Gray  
 Mary Atwell  
 Audrey Archer  
 Ray Glasscock  
 H. Ron Turney  
 Euphie Trainer  
 Jewell Williamson  
 Neva Britt  
 Lilla Plesner  
 Hamilton Ford  
 George B. Hamilton

**EIGHTH GRADE.**  
 Marvin Logan  
 Gladys Moore  
 Angie Robinson  
 Edith Gray  
 Gwyneth Bailey

**SOPHOMORE CLASS.**  
 Millard Cope

**JUNIOR CLASS.**  
 Jewell Eaton  
 Pearl Hill  
 Grace Trainer  
 Lucile Hill  
 Guida Ogden

**SENIOR CLASS.**  
 Kathleen Cooke  
 If a McCallum  
 Woo son Hebert  
 Evelyn Trainer

Miss Mayce Earwood has returned from the Wilson ranch in Val Verde county where she had been visiting her sister Mrs. Earl Wilson. She was also the guest of Miss Clive Erwin of Del Rio during the Chautauqua week.

R. R. Russell, San Antonio banker, ranchman and optimist, was in Del Rio Wednesday. He was looking after interests in this country and incidentally telling all his old friends to cheer up, that things were going to get better.—Del Rio News.

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**ACTOR AROUSED TO WRATH**  
 Incident in Musical Comedy Amused the Audience, Though It Was Not on the Program.

Arnold Pope of Boston tells of an amusing incident at a New York musical show, which was not on the program. He said: "Nothing stirs the emotions of the visitor in New York like the unexpected appearance of a favorite son. The curtain had gone up when suddenly Calvin Coolidge, at that time vice president-elect, entered the lower right-hand box. His clean-cut look and friendly nod thrilled a number of Massachusetts men in the front row. They became quite agitated. So much so that one of them accidentally uncorked a flask carried on the hip. Instantly the atmosphere became surcharged with a dark-brown 100-proof aroma.

"It was agonizing to sit there in the knowledge of the waste. Leon Errol, who was singing and dancing, got one whiff, and he quit his lines. He walked to the edge of the footlights, and, searching the first rows with his eyes, lifted an angry finger and remarked: 'One of you chaps down there ought to get 20 years.' It brought down the front of the house, even 'our Cal' joining in the gales of laughter."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

**BLAME TEACHER FOR STRIKE**  
 Japanese Instructors Forced to Give Up Positions When Trouble Occurs in Institutions.

School strikes seem peculiar to Japan. Such a strike is a calamity dreaded by headmaster and assistant master alike. A headmaster who has had a strike in his school is under suspicion, even though he may be quite innocent of any unjust conduct, and eventually he must seek a new field for his activities. So unpleasant do the students make his continued stay. When students combine against one of the assistant masters he has nothing to do but tender his resignation. If the strike is temporarily calmed down it is tacitly understood that the master in question is on the lookout for a new place. Sometimes strikes take place for the retention of the teacher rather than for his dismissal. In this latter case it is always the headmaster who suffers most, as the move is directed against him for not retaining some favorite.

**PROFIT IN STATE DEPARTMENT.**  
 For the first time in its history the State department is on a paying basis, remarks the Independent, New York. An obscure Texas congressman tacked on to the last appropriation bill an amendment providing a \$10 charge to be made for passports and passport visas, and that no one could enter or leave the country without a passport. So far the State department has taken in from passport fees about \$11,000,000 and the department wants the provision made permanent.

**ART AND INDUSTRY.**  
 "Josh," said Farmer Cortnossel, to his son, "I wish you'd quit practicing the ukelele and take up the slide trombone."  
 "What for?"  
 "I think it's more improv'n'. It'll help your lung power for drivin' cattle an' give your arm a little exercise for swingin' a scythe."

**BUSINESS.**  
 Motorist (having run down man)—What's your name and address?  
 Victim (weakly)—John Smith, 14 Blank street.  
 Motorist—Righto, Smith! Can't stop now, but tomorrow I'll drop in on you and try to convince you that you should carry an accident policy in the company I represent.

**WHEN HE ENJOYED THEM.**  
 Mrs. Flatbush—Did your husband enjoy the minstrel performance last night?  
 Mrs. Bensonhurst—I think not.  
 "How's that?"  
 "Well, you see, he didn't see the point of the jokes until this morning."

**RESOURCEFUL WOMAN.**  
 Wife—John, I must have some new furs.  
 Hub—Sorry, my dear, but the car needs new tires and we can't afford both.  
 Wife—Very well, get the tires and we'll spend the winter at Palm Beach.

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

**SAVING DAYLIGHT IN 1643**  
 Records of Town of Hartford, Conn., Show Bell Ringers Awakened the Citizens Before Dawn.

Daylight saving was in operation in Hartford, Conn., in 1643, seven years after its settlement, according to an old record uncovered by Corporation Counsel Walter S. Schutz. Page 55 of copy No. 1 of the Hartford town records, reveals that a general town meeting in Hartford October 24, 1643, voted that there should be a bell rung by the watch every morning an hour before daylight. "and they shall be appointed by the constable for that purpose shall begin at the bridge and so ring the bell all the way forth and back: Master Moodys (Wyllyshill) to John Preita, and that there shall be in every house one up and some lights within one-quarter of an hour after the end of the bell ringing, if they can, or else then to be up with lights aforementioned half an hour before daylight, and for default herein is to forfeit one shilling and six pence to be paid to him that finds him faulty and six pence to the town."

**PLAIN FOOLISHNESS TO HIM**  
 Present-Day Style of Clothing Small Boys Made No Sort of Appeal to Farmer.

Farmer North visited Indianapolis the other day and then went quietly back to his home in Brown county more satisfied than ever with his people around him. "I ain't got nothin' agin the men," he told his family over the supper table. "It's them city women I ain't got no use for. They ain't got no sense about clothes."

His wife agreed with him. "Why when I was up there in July," she elaborated, "some of them was wearing summer hats and some of them was wearing winter ones. Now that—"

"Hats, nothing!" her husband interrupted her. "What I'm referring to is not hats. Didn't I see a woman with heavy yarn stockings on her own feet leading a little kid that had some little pieces of thin socks on him with half his legs and all his knees showin'? Now that's what I call plain foolishness."—Indianapolis News.

**ELEPHANT LIKES COCONUTS.**  
 "Daisy," the African elephant in the Kapioleni park zoo in Honolulu, has developed into a complete copra plant, according to recent visitors to the bungalow in the park where Daisy lives.

Visitors say that the big pachyderm has developed the husking of green coconuts to a fine art, with a speed of one every two minutes. It usually takes a novice at husking coconuts anywhere from ten minutes to an hour to break into one with a hammer and chisel. Daisy's interest in her new industry lies in the fact that the coconut is husked she cracks the shell and allows the sweet milk to trickle down her elephantine gullet.

**MAN'S DEST TO THE WORM.**  
 The first great colonists of the land, said Prof. J. Arthur Thompson during the course of a lecture at the Royal institute, London, were worms. "Mankind should look back to them with gratitude, because they began with the profitable habit of moving with one end of the body always in front—a habit which was the beginning of a more vigorous life and opened up a great process which has resulted in one being able to tell one's right hand from one's left."

**RESEMBLANCE.**  
 "The garden seeds our congressman sends us remind me of his political opinions," remarked Farmer Cortnossel. "They're offered with the best possible intentions, but there is no telling how they're going to turn out in a practical way."

**HE LEARNS WISDOM.**  
 Jud Tunkins says the man who always wants the most of everything he sees eventually finds that the musician with the bass fiddle isn't any better off than the boy with the ukelele.

**ONE ARM LEFT.**  
 He—Yes, I was at the front and I came home with only one arm left.  
 She—But I see your other arm.  
 He—Oh, that's my right.—Boston Transcript.

**STOVE FOR SALE**  
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 On Ranch Land.  
 Will buy first vendor loan notes.  
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#### Baptist Church, Next Sunday.

Sunday school at 9.45 a.m.  
Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.  
Next Sunday is "Mother's Day"  
We invite you to attend our church and Sunday school. The program for the morning service will consist of songs readings and sermon appropriate to the day. Let us wear a white flower (carnation if possible) and unite in honoring Mother Love, fittest symbol of the love of God for His children.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Methodist Church, Sunday May 8th, at 8 p.m.

- Music.....Grimland's Band
- Radio Roll.....Mrs. M. Brown
- Welcome Song.....Beginners, Mrs. Hilday's Class
- Reading.....Walter I. Ford
- Song.....Leah Stokes and Betty Martin
- Reading.....Joe Saunders
- Solo.....Mrs. Heber Wyatt
- Reading.....Margaret Williamson
- Chorus.....By Chorus
- Reading.....Rena Britt
- Music.....By Band
- Reading.....Jessie Louise Evans
- Song.....Mary Martin and Bernice Stokes
- Reading.....Marvel Ford
- Solo.....Evelyn Trainer
- Reading.....Mabel Martin
- Music.....By Band
- Reading.....William Allison
- Chorus.....By Chorus
- Reading.....Billman Brown
- Offering.....
- Reading.....Evans Moreland
- Efficient Christians.....True Blues
- Music.....By Band

The entertainment given at the Auditorium Monday night under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers Association was well attended and the program very creditably rendered. The feature number was the May Pole dance by many little tots, the execution of which was perfect. The entertainment was "complementary" to the community.

No. 5466. Reserve District No. 11.

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank of Sonora, at Sonora, in the State of Texas, at the close of business April 29, 1921.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, (except those shown on b and c).....	619,315.35
Total loans.....	619,315.35
Due from:	
d. Notes and bills rediscounted with Federal Reserve Bank (other than bank acceptances sold).....	41,547.82
e. Notes and bills rediscounted other than with Federal Reserve Bank (other than bank acceptances sold).....	21,125.16
f. Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	2,025.64
4 U.S. Government securities owned:	
a. Deposited to secure circulation (U.S. bonds par value).....	70,000.00
b. All other United States Government Securities.....	20,251.0
Total U.S. government securities.....	90,251.01
5. Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.....	5,700.00
6. Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	4,800.00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house.....	4,400.00
8. Cash in vault.....	5,443.35
9. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	32,740.78
11. All amounts due from national banks.....	25,140.70
12. All amounts due from banks, bankers and trust companies in the United States (other than included in items 9, 10 and 11).....	153.95
Total of items 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14.....	61,037.50
15. Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items.....	188.01
16. Reception fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	3,500.00
Total.....	\$633,988.19

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	100,000.00
Surplus fund.....	50,000.00
20. Undivided profits.....	3,280.05
a. Reserved for interest and taxes accrued.....	251.28
b. Reserved for.....	38,831.93
c. Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid.....	11,608.51
21. Circulating notes outstanding.....	79,000.00
22. Cashier's checks on own bank outstanding.....	2,451.63
Total of items 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26.....	2,451.63
27. Individual deposits subject to check.....	276,570.00
Total demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, items 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32.....	276,570.00
33. Other time deposits.....	16,502.04
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, items 33, 34, 35 and 36.....	16,502.04
40. Bills payable, other than with Federal Reserve Bank (including all obligations representing money borrowed, other than rediscounts).....	51,000.00
41. Liabilities other than those above stated.....	181.05
Total.....	633,988.19

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF SUTTON, SS:  
I, W. L. Aldwell, President of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
W. L. Aldwell, Pres. and Mgr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of May, 1921.  
[Notary] Maysie Brown, Notary Public, Sutton County, Texas.  
Correct-Attest:  
E. E. Sawyer,  
E. F. Vander Stucken, Directors.  
D. J. Wyatt,

Recapitulation.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$621,340.99
U. S. Bonds.....	70,000.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank.....	5,700.00
Liberty Bonds.....	20,100.00
Furniture, fixtures and other real estate.....	4,400.00
Cash in Banks and Vault.....	5,443.35
Revenue and War Saving Stamps.....	35.92
Five per cent fund.....	3,500.00
Total.....	\$796,484.86
LIABILITIES.....	\$796,484.86
Capital Stock.....	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund and Undivided Profits.....	114,721.14
Circulation.....	79,000.00
Deposits.....	29,533.73
Bills payable.....	51,000.00
Reserved for taxes.....	251.28
Reserved for other purposes.....	181.05
Rediscounts.....	162,000.67
Total.....	\$796,484.86

## THE DALLAS NEWS

THE NEW-EST, THE BEST, THE MOST RELIABLE—THAT'S ALL  
E. J. PIERCE, Circulator at SONORA, TEX. S.

### INSPECTING THE DEL RIO GRADE

Albert DeBernardi of Kansas City, vice president and general manager of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway, and George E. Hax of Wichita, Kansas, chief engineer of the Orient System, accompanied by John F. Robinson of Del Rio, secretary of the Commercial Club of that city and a director of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, were here Tuesday night. The party was met at Vineraroon Hill by A. Aldwell and W. C. Bryson of Sonora and the engineering features of that pass were given a superficial examination.

The General Manager and Engineer had paid a visit to the country across from Del Rio, in Old Mexico, as far as Allende and observed the progress being made on the extension of the railroad from that point to Villa Acuna. They also looked into the matter of the bridge and terminals at Del Rio, which is of the greatest importance.

Mr. DeBernardi had previously visited Sonora from the North but this was his first trip between Sonora and Del Rio. It is well understood by our people that Mr. DeBernardi is a real railroad man. He sees things from the viewpoint of traffic and development and practical operation and it is doubtless due to the seriousness with which the Directors of the Orient are considering the extension of the line from Angelo to Del Rio that the trip of inspection was being made. The preliminary and locating surveys were made before Mr. DeBernardi became associated with the road and he is now able to answer any questions concerned with the entire project.

The visit to the Allende-Villa Acuna country was a revelation to Mr. DeBernardi and Engineer Hax. They found a great garden spot with 500,000 acres subject to irrigation with ditches full of water running to waste and only about one fourth of the land nearest the roads being developed

FOR SALE—Singer Sewing machines, oil, needles, belts, etc. J. A. Leach. 90-17

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cauthorn left for San Angelo Friday.

Oscar Keeton of Jewett was here Thursday on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Louie Stuart.

Mrs. Josie McDonald returned Wednesday from a short visit to her son Dr. J. A. McDonald at Del Rio.

Carroll Bates of San Angelo was here this week in the interests of one of the cattle loan companies. Mr. Bates was for several years City Marshall of San Angelo and during the war was in the ranger service on the Mexican border.

The bunch of boys J. E. Grimland is patiently endeavoring to develop into brass band, were an attraction at the school entertainment Monday night. The band room is going to be in the Jackson hall for a time and Mr. Grimland hopes to get better results from them.

A torpid liver needs an overhauling with Herbine. Its beneficial action is immediately apparent. Energy rises, the complexion brightens, appetite returns, and the hour of rest brings with it a refreshing sleep. Price 60c. Sold by the Sonora Drug Co.

Mrs. Will Perry and daughter, Miss Panzy, and Miss Ray Davis returned Tuesday from a visit to Mrs. J. J. Smith on the ranch in Duvalde county near Reagan Wells. Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Mrs. Perry.

Mrs. Fannie Duncan of San Diego, Calif., and Sanderson, Texas, is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Thomas Bond. Mr. Bond and Frank Bond went to Del Rio for Mrs. Duncan Monday.

There will be Sunday school and a program at night at the Methodist church, but no preaching Sunday because of the Rev. Moreland having gone to Austin with the school boys.

Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken and Mrs. Sterling Baker returned Saturday from Abilene where they represented the Sonora Women's Club at the meeting of the Sixth District Federation.

### WANTED

The photograph of every baby in Sutton county in the next 30 days. Bring the babies to our studio to be photographed. Mrs. Leach.

### The Missionary Society.

About twenty women were present for the monthly Missionary Program rendered by the Ladies of the Baptist Missionary Society at the home of Mrs. J. A. Cauthorn, with Mrs. Earwood as hostesses.

The lesson subject "Stewardship" with Mrs. J. H. Brasher as leader, was one of the most interesting lessons of the year.

A new feature of the meeting was the singing of several songs that everyone joined in the singing in the old fashioned way. Altogether a most pleasant and profitable afternoon was spent.

We urge that every member meet with us and take part in our next program.

The hostesses assisted by Mrs. Cauthorn served cake and punch. Adjourned to meet the last Monday in May.

Press Reporter.

Mrs. Joe Bridge of Comstock is here visiting relatives.

Giles Hill was in from the ranch west of Sonora Tuesday.

Ed Means of Menard was here Saturday on a visit to the Fort Terrett and F half circle ranches of which he is part owner.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Jones of San Angelo were visitors here several days this week stopping at the McDonald hotel.

Misses Mary and Laura Creamer of San Angelo are the guests this week of their sister, Mrs. A. G. Blanton.

As clear as the purest water is Liquid Borzoh, yet it is the most powerful healing remedy for flesh wounds, sores, burns and scalds that medical science has ever produced. Try it. Price 20c 60c and \$1.20. Sold by the Sonora Drug Co.

Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell and son Lea Roy, motored to Del Rio Thursday to pay a visit to Mrs. A. B. Whitehead, sister of Mrs. Aldwell.

A rain that was almost local fell in Sonora early Monday morning. Some hail accompanied the storm and the precipitation amounted to one and one-fourth inches.

Apply Ballard's Snow Liniment to joints that ache. It relieves bone ache, muscle ache and neuralgic pain. Three sizes 30c, 50c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sonora Drug Co.

Wiley Smith and son Estes, were in town Thursday from the ranch in the eastern part of the county. Mr. Smith thinks there will be about a half a crop of pe cans this year.

The News is pleased to acknowledge receipt of a card to the Commencement exercises of the St. Mary's Hall, San Antonio, May 23rd. Miss Frankie Louise Taylor of Sonora is among the Senior Class graduates. Miss Taylor is the daughter of Mrs. Noah Sehrler.

Children who have worms are pale, sickly and nervous. A dose or two of White's Cream Vermifuge will clear them out and restore their cheerful spirits. Price 35c. Sold by Sonora Drug Co.

A new sidewalk is being put down in front of the Morris block on Main street. Other owners having wooden sidewalks should have the nails driven down. Walking would be more enjoyable and the saving of shoe leather would be considerable.

L. W. Elliott has bought the J. A. Cope place recently occupied by E. F. Coker, for \$3,000. Judge Elliott has had considerable improvements made to the property and they will move in right away.

BANISH BLUE BUGS and all Bio D Sucking Insects simply by feeding "Martin's Blue Bug Remedy" to your chickens. Your money back if not satisfied. Ask your dealer. 85-20

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Willoughby were in town Saturday from the ranch in Schleich county, 14 miles north of Sonora. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Willoughby of Brady parents of Edward who are visiting on the ranch.

C. G. Aten of Adrian, Oldham county, who was here this week on a visit to Ira L. Wheat. When 19 years of age Mr. Aten was in the ranger force and stationed at Sonora the year the town started, 1883, for a short while. He has for some years been engaged in stock farming near Amarillo and his visit here is to see if the country looks as good to him as it did in the early days of its settlement.

The mild cathartic action of Herbine is well liked by ladies. It purifies the system without griping or sickening the stomach. Price, 60 cents. Sold by the Sonora Drug store.

## YOU CANT WEAR "THE PRICE"

That's what some men look for in clothes; a cheap price and that's all they get. Wear and Style is what you really buy clothes for, you cant have either without quality.

Hart, Schaffner & Marx clothes are all wool and Stylish. They last so long they cost less by the year than other clothes. If they dont satisfy you---Money back.

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Suits sent on approval.

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DEL RIO, TEXAS.

## 60 Head of Registered HEREFORD BULLS For Sale

E. F. STEWART, Sonora, Texas.

The coming week there will be two shows, Friday and Saturday.

Friday May 13th "Counterfeit"

Elsie Ferguson.

Saturday May 14th "Life Line"

Maurice Tourneur

### Exp et Terms of Land bank Issue Soon.

Investment houses have been figuring on the investment return on the proposed new issue of Federal Land Bank bonds, details of which, it is expected will shortly be announced. Former issues of these bonds are redeemable five years after their date, but the new bonds will not be redeemable until 11 years after date of issue. Federal Land Bank bonds are exempt from United States Government taxes (including the Income Tax) and from State, municipal and local taxation everywhere. The old pre-war issues of the United States Government bonds carry the same exemption, but because of circulation privileges they sell at too high a price to attract individual buyers.—Boston Transcript.

C. O. Ridley bought from G.C. Earwood 550 yearling ewes in the wool for \$6 per head.

About 400,000 pounds of mohair is reported to have been sold at Del Rio at a price of 38 cents, according to the Del Rio News.

Stokes Brothers of Lampasas had \$125,000 insurance on the property that was destroyed by fire last week.

MARTIN'S SCREW WORM KILLER kills worms in one application. Keeps off flies and heals wounds. Money back if not absolutely satisfied. Guaranteed by all Dealers. 88-25

Don't ship any sheep that are not full fat. Cannors were selling last week at \$1.50 to \$2.50 per hundred. Hardly enough to pay freight.

H. P. Buell of Boston, representing the firm of Studley & Emery of that city, is here looking over the wool clip situation. He is getting in touch with available clips and will be followed shortly by A. C. Emery if the tariff situation in Congress is favorable to the domestic producer.

### NOTICE.

We are charging 10 percent on all accounts over 30 days due.

Please don't wait to be presented with your account, but go to our collector and ask for it. onora Light & Water Company.

A. G. McInture of the commission house of Alexander, Conover & Martin, Kansas City, sold the Roy Hudspeth wethers and goats last week and Mr. Hudspeth is pleased with the sale and service he was given. The weight of the wethers was 103 pounds instead of 93 pounds as reported last week.

All ranch owners who desire to keep gates on the main roads should get busy and have the "bumper gates" put up or the traveling public will require thru action of the legislature the removal of all gates. All gates will be removed eventually and the ranchmen can delay action only by having the gates to and thru their pasture made of the bumper style as this will lessen the demand for their removal.

Geo. E. Rutan of Boston, who is assisting in the effort to pool 2,000,000 pounds of Texas wool, has been here this week on that business. He has not met with much encouragement from the Sonora sheepmen, but has visited many of the ranches and seen some very fine clips of wool shorn from the flocks. The staple is most excellent and Mr. Rutan believes that the day is not far distant when the sheepmen of the Sonora country will be offered good prices for their clips, but of course, nothing like it was during the war. The effort at pooling will expire May 15 but the Farm Board may take it up again next year.



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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 4.**  
 A Joint Resolution of the Legislature of the State of Texas amending Sections 21 and 22 and 23 of Article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for compensation of executive officers.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That the compensation of executive officers shall be as follows: Section 21. The Governor shall receive an annual salary not to exceed Eight Thousand (\$8,000.00) Dollars and no more, and shall have the use and occupation of the Governor's mansion, fixtures and furniture.

Section 22. There shall be a Secretary of State, who shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall continue in office during the term of service of the Governor. He shall authenticate the publication of the laws and keep a fair register of all official acts and proceedings of the Governor, and shall, when required, lay the same, and all papers, minutes and vouchers relative thereto, before the Legislature, or either House thereof, and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by law.

Section 23. The Attorney General shall hold his office for two years and until his successor is duly qualified. He shall represent the State in all suits and pleas in the Supreme Court of the State in which the State may be a party, and shall especially inquire into the charter rights of all private corporations, and, from time to time, in the name of the State, take such action in the courts as may be proper and necessary to prevent any private corporation from exercising any power, or demanding or collecting any species of taxes, toll, freight, or wharfage, not authorized by law. He shall, whenever sufficient cause exists, seek a judicial forfeiture of all such charters, unless otherwise expressly directed by law, and give legal aid in writing to the Governor or other executive officers, when requested by them, and perform such other duties as may be required by law. He shall receive for his services an annual salary not to exceed Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500.00) Dollars, and no more.

Section 24. The Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Treasurer, and the Commissioner of the General Land Office, shall each hold office for the term of two years, and until his successor is qualified; receive an annual salary not to exceed Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, and no more, payable at the Capital of the State during his continuance in office; and perform such other duties as are or may be required of him by law. They and the Secretary of State shall not receive for their own use, any fees, costs or perquisites, or other emoluments that may be payable by law for any service performed by or in their office, specified in this section, or in their office, shall be paid, when received, into the State Treasury.

Section 25. Mileage and per diem of the members of the Legislature shall be as follows: The members of the Legislature shall receive from the public treasury such compensation for their services as may, from time to time, be provided by law, not exceeding Ten (\$10.00) Dollars per day for each regular session of one hundred and twenty days; and not exceeding Five (\$5.00) Dollars per day for the remainder of such session; and provided, further, that the members of the Legislature shall receive no more than the mileage and per diem provided for, and no member shall be entitled to mileage for any extra session that may be called within one day after the adjournment of a regular or called session.

Section 26. The Governor is hereby directed to cause to be issued his necessary proclamation for an election to be held on the fourth Saturday in July, 1921, at which election these amendments shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State for adoption or rejection, and shall make the publication required by the Constitution and laws of the State. Said election shall be held under and in accordance with the general election laws of the State, and the ballots for said election shall have printed or written thereon in plain letters the following words: "Official Ballot: For the amendment to Sections 21 and 22 and 23 of Article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for compensation of executive officers."

Section 27. "For the amendment to Section 24 of Article 2 of the Constitution relating to mileage and per diem of members of the Legislature of the State of Texas." "Against the amendment to Section 24 of Article 2 of the Constitution relating to mileage and per diem of members of the Legislature of the State of Texas." Those voters who favor such amendments shall erase by marking a line through the words "against the amendment to Section 24 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for compensation of executive officers."

Section 28. "For the amendment to Section 24 of Article 2 of the Constitution relating to mileage and per diem of members of the Legislature of the State of Texas." "Against the amendment to Section 24 of Article 2 of the Constitution relating to mileage and per diem of members of the Legislature of the State of Texas." Those voters who favor such amendments shall erase by marking a line through the words "against the amendment to Section 24 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for compensation of executive officers."

Those who oppose such amendments shall erase by marking a line through the words "for the amendment to Section 24 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for compensation of executive officers." And the result of the election shall be published and declared according to the majority of the votes cast in such election; and

Section 29. If a majority of the votes cast in the election herein provided for should be in favor of the amendments proposed, the maximum sum named herein shall become effective and he the compensation thereafter to be received by the officials named therein on and after the first day of January, 1923, and so remain until otherwise provided by law, and the compensation so allowed shall be paid out of any money in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Section 30. The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses of the proclamation and publication of these amendments, and the election to be held hereunder.

S. L. STAPLES, Secretary of State.  
 (A True Copy)

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1**  
 Proposing an amendment to Section 2, Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas providing that only native born or naturalized citizens of the United States shall be qualified electors in this State, and that the husband or wife of the wife to pay the poll tax of the other and receive the receipt therefor, and permitting the Legislature to authorize absentee voting.

Section 1. That Section 2 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as hereafter to read as follows: Section 2. Every person subject to none of the foregoing disqualifications, who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years and who shall be a citizen of the United States and who shall have resided in this State one year next preceding an election and the last six months within the district or county in which such person offers to vote, shall be deemed a qualified elector; provided, that electors living in any unorganized county may vote at any election provided in the county to which such county is attached for judicial purposes; and provided further, that any voter who is subject to the poll tax under the laws of the State of Texas shall have paid said tax before offering to vote at any election in this State and hold a receipt showing that said poll tax was paid before the first day of February next preceding such election. Or if said voter shall have lost or misplaced said receipt, he or she, as the case may be, shall be entitled to vote upon making affidavit before any officer authorized to administer oaths that such tax receipt has been lost. Such affidavits shall be made in writing and left with the judge of the election. The assessor may pay the poll tax of his wife and receive the receipt therefor. In like manner the wife may pay the poll tax of her husband and receive the receipt therefor. The Legislature may authorize absentee voting. And this provision of the Constitution shall be self-enforcing without the necessity of further legislation.

Section 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the State on the fourth Saturday in July, 1921, at which all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words: "For the amendment to Section 2 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas providing that only native born or naturalized citizens of the United States shall be qualified electors in this State, and providing that either the husband or wife may pay the poll tax of the other and receive the receipt therefor, and permitting the Legislature to authorize absentee voting." And all those opposed to said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots: "Against the amendment to Section 2 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas providing that only native born or naturalized citizens of the United States shall be qualified electors in this State, and providing that either the husband or wife may pay the poll tax of the other and receive the receipt therefor, and permitting the Legislature to authorize absentee voting."

Section 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution, and existing laws of the State.

Section 4. That the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

S. L. STAPLES, Secretary of State.  
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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11**  
 Proposing an amendment to Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas providing that the Legislature may grant pensions to Confederate soldiers, sailors and their widows, who have been citizens of Texas since prior to January 1, 1910, providing that all soldiers, sailors and their widows eligible under the provisions hereof shall be entitled to be placed upon the rolls and participate in the pension fund created hereunder; levying a tax of seven (\$7) cents on the \$100.00 valuation of property in this State for the payment of such pension, providing that the Legislature may reduce the rate of pension for such purpose, fix a time for the election to be held on such amendment, and making an appropriation to pay the expenses thereof.

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Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: Section 1. Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas shall be amended so as to hereafter read as follows: Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant or authorize the making of any grant of public money to any individual, association of individuals, municipal or other corporations whatsoever, provided, however, the Legislature may grant aid to indigent or disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors, who came to Texas prior to January 1, 1910, and to indigent and disabled soldiers who under special laws of the State of Texas during the war between the states served in or for the protection of the frontier against Indian raiders or Mexican marauders, and to indigent and disabled soldiers of the militia of the State of Texas who were in active service during the war between the states and to the widows of such soldiers who are in indigent circumstances and who were married to such soldiers prior to January 1, 1910, provided that the word "widow" shall not apply to women born since the year 1851, and all soldiers and sailors and widows of Confederate soldiers eligible under the above conditions shall be entitled to be placed upon the pension rolls and participate in the distribution of the pension fund of this State under any existing law or laws hereafter passed by the Legislature, and also to grant aid for the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors, their wives and widows and women and children, and the Legislature may provide for husband and wife to remain together in the home. There is hereby levied in addition to all other taxes heretofore levied by the Constitution of Texas a State ad valorem tax on property of seven (\$7) cents on the \$100.00 valuation for the purpose of creating a special fund for the payment of pensions for services in the Confederate army and navy, frontier organizations and the militia of the State of Texas, and for the widows of such soldiers serving in said armies, navies, organizations or militia; provided that the Legislature may reduce the rate hereof levied, and provided further that the provisions of this Section shall not be construed so as to prevent the grant of aid in cases of public calamity.

Section 2. The foregoing Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of this State at an election to be held on the fourth Saturday in July, 1921, at which all voters shall have printed or written on their ballots: "For the amendment to Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution authorizing the Legislature to grant aid to Confederate soldiers, sailors and their widows who have been a resident of this State since January 1, 1910, and to indigent and disabled soldiers, sailors and their widows, who came to Texas prior to January 1, 1910, and to indigent and disabled soldiers serving in the Confederate army and navy, frontier organizations and the militia of the State of Texas, and for the widows of such soldiers serving in said armies, navies, organizations or militia; provided that the Legislature may reduce the rate hereof levied, and provided further that the provisions of this Section shall not be construed so as to prevent the grant of aid in cases of public calamity."

Section 3. The Governor is hereby directed to issue the proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State, and the sum of five thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of the general funds of this State, and shall have power to appropriate for expenses of publication and elections thereunder.

S. L. STAPLES, Secretary of State.  
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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30**  
 Relating to the amending of Article 17, Section 55, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, abolishing the Board of Prison Commissioners, providing for the supervision and management of the Prison System, under such laws as may be provided for by the Legislature.

Section 1. That Article 17, Section 55, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended so as to hereafter read as follows: Section 55. The Legislature shall have full power and authority to provide by law for the management and control of the Prison System of Texas; and to this end shall have power and authority to place the prison system under the supervision, management and control of such officer or officers as the Legislature may from time to time provide for by law.

Section 2. The above constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at a general election to be held on the fourth Saturday in July, 1921, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words: "For the amendment of Article 17, Section 55, of the Constitution, abolishing the Board of Prison Commissioners." And all those opposing said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballot the words: "Against the Amendment of Article 17, Section 55, of the Constitution, abolishing the Board of Prison Commissioners."

Section 3. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by law.

Section 4. The sum of \$5,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of the funds in the Treasury of the State not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

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There was more talk in which it turned out that the young woman and her cousin were to have been met at Port City by somebody she called "Cousin Basil," but there wouldn't be any more, because she had written ahead to say that possibly they might stop over with some friends in one of the apple towns.

"Then Mr. Norcross said he wouldn't miss anything by the drop-out but an appointment he had with an old friend, and he guessed that could wait. I listened, thinking maybe he would mention the name of the friend, and after a while he did. The forwarded Port City telegram the boss had gotten just before we went to dinner in the dining-car was from "Uncle John" Chadwick, the Offago wheat king, and that left me wondering what the mischief Mr. Chadwick was doing away out in the wild and woolly western country where they raise more apples than they do wheat, and more mining stock schemes than they do either.

We had been unroofed for nearly an hour when I struck a match and looked at my watch. Mr. Norcross was doing his best to kill time for the young woman, and he was just in the exciting part of a railroad story, telling about a right-of-way fight on the Midland, when the little girl grabbed my arm and said: "Listen!"

I did, and breathlessly, "Excuse me," I called to the other two, "but I think there's a train coming." The boss cut his story short and we all listened. It seemed that I was wrong. The noise we heard was more like an auto running with the cut-out open than a train whistling.

"What do you make it, Jimmie?" came from the boss' end of the timber.



"Motor car," I said, pointing in the darkness toward the east. My guess was right. In less than a minute we saw the lights of the car. It stopped a little way below the water tank and about a hundred yards north of the track, or maybe less, and four men came tumbling out of it. If I had been alone on the job, I should probably have called to the men as they came traumping over to the side-track. But Mr. Norcross had a different trick coming.

"Out of sight—quick, Jimmie!" he whispered, and in another second he had whipped the young woman over the head footing timber to a standing place under the tank among the braces, and I had done the same for the girl.

What followed was as mysterious as a chapter out of an Anna Katharine Green detective story. After doing something to the switch of the unused spur track, the four men separated. One of them went back to the auto, and the other three walked down the main track to the lower switch of the short siding, which was on the same side of the main line as the spur. Here the fourth man rejoined them, and the girl at my elbow told us that he had gone back to the car for.

"He has lighted a red lantern," she whispered. "I saw it when he took it out of the auto."

I guess it was pretty plain to all of us by this time that there was something decidedly crooked on the cards, but if we had known what it was, we couldn't very well have done anything to prevent it. There were only two of us men to their four; and, besides, there wasn't any time. The lantern-carrying man had barely reached the lower switch when we heard the whistle of a locomotive. There was a train coming from the west, and a few seconds later an electric headlight showed up on the long tangent beyond the siding.

It was a handlit hold-up, all right. One of the men stood on the track waving the red lantern; we could see him plainly in the glare of the headlight. There wasn't much of a scrap. There were two or three pistol shots, and then, as near as we could make out, the hold-up men, or some of them, climbed into the engine. Before you could count ten they had made a flying switch with the single car, kicking it in on the siding. Before the car had come fully to a stop, the engine was switched in behind it, coupled on, and the reversed train, with the engine pushing the car, rattled away on the old spur that led off into the hills; clattered away and was lost to sight and hearing in less than a minute.

That two of the handlits had been left behind. These two reset the switches for the main track, leaving everything as they had found it, and then crossed over to the auto.

"I was just thinking that all this mystery and kidnapping and gun play must be sort of hard on the young woman and the girl, but though my half of the allotment was shivering a little and snuggling up just a grain closer to me, she proved that she hadn't lost her nerve.

"Did you see the name on that car when the engine went past to get in behind it?" she asked.

"No," said the boss, and I hadn't either. "I did," she asserted, showing that her eyes, or her wits, were quicker than ours. "I had just one little glimpse of it. The name is A-B-C-A," spelling it out.

Mr. Norcross started as if he had been shot.

"The Alexa? That is Mr. Chadwick's private car—they've kidnaped him?" Then he whistled short on me.

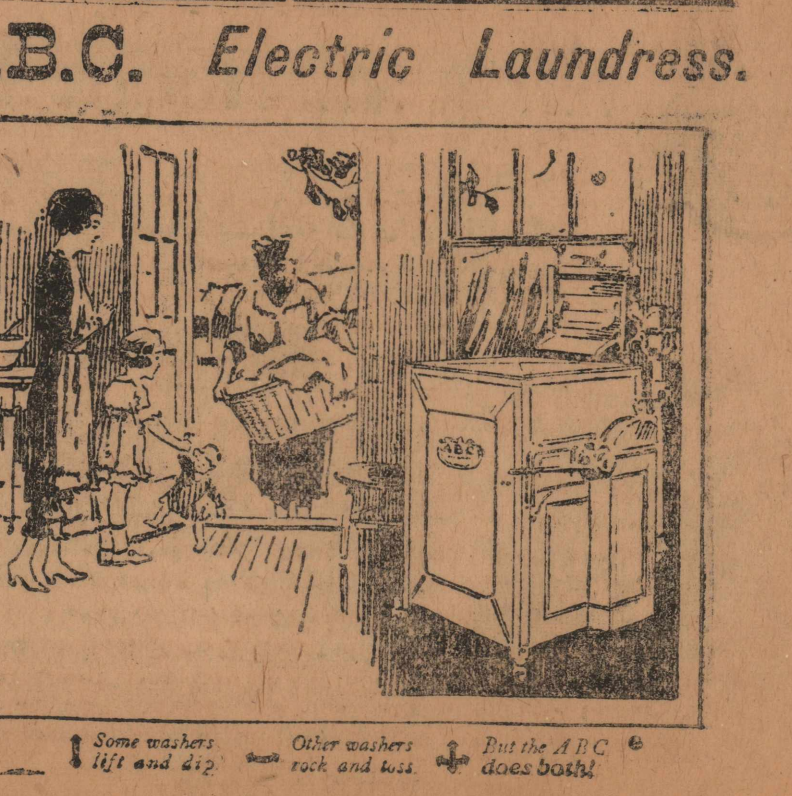
"Hominie, are you smart enough to go with me and try a tackle on those fellows over there in that auto?"

I said I was; but I didn't add what I thought—that it would probably be a case of double suicide for us two to go up against a pair of armed thugs with our bare hands. The young woman put in her word.

"You mustn't think of doing such a thing," she protested; and she was still telling him all the different reasons why he shouldn't, when we heard the creak and grind of the stolon engine coming back down the old spur.

After that there was nothing to do but to wait and see what was going to happen next. What did happen was as blind as all the rest. The engine was stopped somewhere in the gulch back of us and out of sight from our hiding-place, and pretty soon the two men who had gone with her came hurrying across out of the hill shadows, making straight for the auto. A minute or two later they had climbed into the machine, the motor had sputtered, and the car was gone.

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