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## LOCKNEY JUSTICE RESIGNS; J. T. HALBROOK SUCCESSOR.

### Lighting Fixtures for Court House Contracted,--Stock Law Election in Prec. Four.

At their regular monthly session held Monday and Tuesday of this week the Commissioners Court received and accepted the resignation of H. L. Moon, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 2, and upon petition appointed in his stead J. T. Halbrook. The latter will assume the duties of the office as soon as the details can be arranged. Mr. Moon is moving to Petersburg.

The court contracted Tuesday with the Texas Utilities Company for lighting fixtures for the court house, which includes 69 lamps and glassware. \$200 was the contract price. The house was wired when it was constructed.

The petition of 24 signers requesting a livestock law election in Precinct No. 4 was granted by the court. The date will be set the latter part of this week by Judge Thompson. The law, if it carries, will prevent the running at large of horses, mules, jacks, jennets, and cattle.

W. J. Myers was appointed trustee in School District No. 12.

### Brooks Club Meeting Called for Saturday Afternoon.

E. C. Nelson, Sr., chairman of the Floydada Brooks Club, has called for a meeting of the club to be held at the District Court room Saturday afternoon at four o'clock for the transacting of business.

Mr. Brooks will speak at the courthouse on Monday night, the 19th, at 8:30. It is understood that the Saturday afternoon meeting is for the purpose of preparing for Mr. Brooks' reception while here.

### Lockney Farmers' Exchange Building Brick House.

The Farmers Exchange began the work of the foundation of a new brick business house on the south-east corner of Main Street Thursday morning. This building will be 30x100 ft. and will be one story.

The Exchange lost their building in the recent fire. A meeting of the stock holders was called and it was decided to begin the erection of a new building at once. They are located at present in their warehouse near the depot.

Dell Hatch, of Big Springs, accompanied by his niece, Miss Hilda Majors and Monroe Williams, was in Floydada Wednesday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gaither. Mrs. Gaither returned to Big Springs with them today and will spend a month there visiting.

Miss Enid Wilkinson, who has been visiting the past few weeks at Ralls, arrived in Floydada the earlier part of the week, and is temporarily employed as nurse in the Childers Sanitarium.

Dr. A. C. Day and Randall Wintworth, of Matador, in company with Stokes Bishop, spent last Sunday in Plainview.

Homer McCoy has gone to Plainview near which place has employment for the summer.

Miss Akard Britain of Plainview was the guest last week of J. H. Donaldson.

## Heavy Rain Fell in Many Parts of Floyd Co. Monday Night.

Many portions of Floyd County, including a six-mile strip south from Floydada to Blanco, a similar strip extending to within a half mile of Lockney, a part of the western portion of the county, as well as much of Hale, Lubbock, Crosby and Motley Counties, were visited with good rains Monday night. Rain in more or less quantities has fallen over the entire county doing much good for growing crops and crops now in ground.

No hail has been reported from Monday night's rain.

At Floydada the rain was light.

Rain fell over portions of the county again Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

### Son of Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Davis of Lubbock, Dead.

Robert, the twelve year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Davis, died last Friday night at his parents' home in Lubbock. The child had been frail for a number of years.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Lubbock.

P. H. Flynn, of this city, uncle of the deceased, reached Lubbock Friday noon. He returned home Monday following the funeral.

Rev. and Mrs. Davis formerly lived in Floydada, while he was pastor of the Cumberland Church.

### John W. Baker, of Crosbyton, is in Race for State Treasurer.

John W. Baker, of Crosbyton, who two years ago carried 107 counties in Texas with a total of 187,000 votes in his race for state treasurer, is again in the race this year. This fact was first made public when his name appeared on the ticket made up by the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Earlier in the year Mr. Baker had announced that he would not make the race on account of the large sacrifices in a financial way required to make the canvass of the state.

He is expected to carry the western portion of the state overwhelmingly.

### Lubbock Candidate for Representative Campaigning Here.

Judge W. H. Bledsoe, of Lubbock, present incumbent of the office of Representative from the 122nd District, has been spending this week in Floyd and Briscoe Counties campaigning.

Judge Bledsoe was elected to fill the unexpired term of Don H. Biggers, who resigned to accept a place in the State Warehouse & Marketing Department, but has not been called upon to attend the legislature, there having been no called session of this deliberative body.

### Odd Fellows Banquet.

Last Friday night members of the Floydada Lodge of Odd Fellows, with their families, enjoyed a banquet at the tabernacle. About 100 persons, all told, attended the affair. Besides the feast, the program for the evening included readings by Misses Marie Henry and Sabra Thagard, and an address by Mr. Benton.

A. E. Johnson is Noble Grand of the lodge and Wm. Moore is secretary.

### J. F. Boothe Has Indian Motorcycle Agency Floyd County.

J. F. Boothe, of this city, has recently acquired the agency for Floyd County for the Indian Motorcycle and is pushing the sale of this popular machine.

## PROHIBITION QUESTION SUBMITTED FOR DEMO PRIMARIES.

### Executive Committee Votes to Submit Question to Primaries July 22.

The matter of "submission" will be placed on the primary ballots to be voted upon July 22, this year. Prohibitionists won a place for submission on the ballot by a vote of 27 to 3 of the Executive Committee, the question winning easily. The committee stated that they had decided to submit the question though there was a doubt in their minds whether the required number of signatures were on the petitions for submission.

Prohibition leaders expect to win the fight in the primary by a good majority. This will be the fourth time in nine years that the question has been voted upon.

A "straw vote" will also be taken at the primary on the Robertson Insurance Law.

Houston was made the convention city where the Democratic Convention will be held August 8th.

### County Singing Convention July First at Lakeview.

The Floyd County Singing Convention, will meet at Lakeview school house, 10 miles south east of Floydada, at 10 o'clock Saturday July 1st and continue throughout Saturday and Sunday.

The convention is composed of all teachers and leaders of sacred music, regular organist and three duly elected delegates from each organized class in the county.

All members of the convention are requested to be present at the opening hour or as soon thereafter as possible and all lovers of sacred songs are invited to be present on each day of the convention.

The general business meeting will be at 2 p. m. Saturday July first.

J. A. Meador, President  
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### Deadhead Spectators Lose Grandstand at Memphis.

A funny incident in connection with the ball game last Wednesday was the discomforture of a bunch of dead-head spectators. Some fifteen or twenty men and boys had climbed on top of a box car standing on the siding opposite the ball park to witness the game. Their vantage point gave them a clear view of the entire field and they were enjoying themselves very much when the switching crew descended upon them, coupled on to their car and shunted it down to the lower end of the yard, several blocks from the park. A spectator remarked that the only thing lacking to make the incident complete was for the whole bunch to be arrested for riding a freight.—Herald.

### Damage Suit at Plainview Grows Out of Trade Excursion.

A case attracting no little attention is being tried before Judge W. B. Lewis in the County Court of Hale County. C. A. Gilbert is suing D. B. Watson for damages alleged to have been inflicted on his car by Mr. Watson last summer while the auto excursionists were boosting the Hale County Fair. Mr. Gilbert is asking \$750 damages, and Mr. Watson is hotly contesting.—Plainview Herald.

Mrs. S. J. Vaughn and daughter, Miss Hazel, of Dublin are out on a two weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Flynn.

## For Justice of the Peace.

R. O. Fields has authorized The Hesperian to announce his name in the Candidates' Column for the office of Justice of Peace for Precinct No. 1, of Floyd County. Mr. Fields has been a citizen of Floydada going on two years, having come to this place from Dallas, where he was a member of the firm of Wesley & Fields, Law and Insurance, for a number of years, and a peace officer for eight years, should be strictly qualified for the office of Justice of the Peace. He is progressive and a live booster for a better and greater Floydada and Floyd County. He aided in organizing the Chamber of Commerce and is in favor of any move for the betterment of the community. He is now engaged in real estate and insurance business and he promises the citizens of Precinct No. One, if elected to the office he aspires, he will discharge the duties of same to the best of his ability.

His candidacy is subject to the Democratic primary, his announcement appearing in this week's Hesperian.

## Carnation Club.

The Carnation Club met Thursday afternoon from three to six at the beautiful country home of Mrs. Roy K. Bruner.

Seven tables were arranged for the game of Rook. At the close of the games it was found that Miss Warren had won high score.

A dainty two course luncheon, consisting of French rolls, chicken salad, olives, pickles and ice tea, brick ice cream and pound cake, was served.

Those present were Mesdames G. V. Smith, Savage, McMillan, Jenkins, Lewis, Donaldson, Boerner, Montague, Cannaday, Featherston, Campbell Buckingham, Steen, Dawson, Mounts, Pope, Starks, McCleskey, Williams, Massie, Borum, Snodgrass, Andrews, Butler, and Truitt; Misses Warren and King. Messrs. Boerner, Leland Dawson, Butler and Glad Snodgrass.

All departed at six o'clock voting Mrs. Bruner a very charming hostess.

The Club will meet with Mrs. A. L. Williams the afternoon of June twenty-second.

Reporter.

## Palo Duro Hatchery.

Amarillo News:—It became known that the money appropriated by the Federal Congress for the location of a fish hatchery near Amarillo will be available July 1. This appropriation was made as a result of a bill introduced by Senator Sheppard in accordance with an agreement reached between him and the officials of the Board of City Development when the Senator last summer, in company with board officials, visited Palo Duro canyon. The exact amount of appropriation is not known locally, and therefore it is not known whether the land for the project will be leased, donated or purchased. The actual work of placing the hatchery will begin before the close of the summer.

## Floydada Drug Co. Has Agency for New Edison.

The new Edison Diamond Disc phonograph, of which so much has been heard the past several months, is now being sold in Floyd County, Dr. J. H. Massie having recently secured the agency while in Dallas, for Floydada Drug Company.

They are now showing these machines at their store.

## SERIES OF SERVICES BEING HELD AT THE TABERNACLE.

### Revival Services Have Good Attendance--Rev. E. C. Mobley Preaching.

The Revival Meeting being held at the tabernacle this week, beginning Sunday night, in which J. F. Mathews, pastor of the Christian Church is being assisted by Rev. Ernest C. Mobley, pastor of the First Christian Church of Amarillo, and Prof. Leonard Dougherty, of Owensburg, Ky., is attracting good crowds and interest. Services are held mornings and evenings.

Subjects to be discussed by Rev. Ernest C. Mobley at the tabernacle meeting:

Friday night—"Our Victory."

Saturday night—"Scriptural Repentance."

Sunday at eleven—"Our Royal Commission."

Sunday afternoon at four--"Some Great Lessons Europe has Learned from the War." This is a lecture free to all. Rev. Mobley preached three years in England and one in Canada. He held meetings in Liverpool, Cheltenham, Southampton and London. He traveled and studied all Europe.

Sunday night—"Is the Church Worth while?"

Prof. Leonard Daugherty is leading a big chorus and making every one enjoy the singing.

Rev. Mobley has delivered a series of historic talks on the street each afternoon to crowds of men.

F. W. Denham of Seminole was in Slaton last week visiting his father-in-law, W. S. Adams, and looking up the insurance business. Mr. Denham says that Seminole believes that O'Donnell will build his road out of Midland, and that work will commence at an early date. The report that the Santa Fe had secured the C Ranch between Seminole and Midland was an error, founded on gossip only.—Slaton Slatonite.

Bob Ames, of Amarillo manager of the Amarillo Steam Laundry, was a business visitor in Floydada Monday, going from here to other south plains points.

Frank Ross, of Lubbock County, was in Floydada on business Tuesday and Wednesday.

BORN.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Anderson, Saurday, June 10th, an eight-pound boy.

## Wm. C. Mitchell and Mrs. Ellie Owen Married Saturday.

Wm. C. Mitchell and Mrs. Ellie Owen surprised their friends last Saturday when they quietly repaired to the Methodist Parsonage and were married by Rev. W. M. Lane, pastor of the Methodist Church, at nine-thirty in the evening.

They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jones, who were witnesses to the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are both well known to the people of this section of the country and have a large number of friends who wish them much happiness and prosperity.

Mrs. Mitchell was formerly for a number of years owner of Floydada Hotel, and it was during the time that she was running this popular establishment (since burned down) that she and Mr. Mitchell became acquainted.

Mr. Mitchell is a member of the hardware firm of Jones & Mitchell, one of the most popular stores in Floydada.

## 10-year-old Daughter of Mrs. Bird Allmon Dead.

Kate, the ten-year-old daughter of Mrs. Bird Allmon, died last Thursday night about nine o'clock after an illness of more than a year.

The burial services were held at the graveside in Dreamland Cemetery Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

Mrs. J. L. King returned home Monday from an extended visit in Weatherford, Texas, where she spent several weeks with relatives after attending the General Assembly of the Cumberland Church at Birmingham. Enroute home she stopped at Lubbock where she was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Davis from Saturday to Monday.

Rev. R. F. Dunn, wife and two sons, of Matador, have been visiting this week with Mrs. Dunn's niece, Mrs. P. H. Flynn and family, spending Tuesday at Tulia with relatives.

Gule Henderson, of San Antonio, Texas, traveling salesman, a brother of Miss Nora Henderson, was in Floydada Tuesday and visited with C. Snodgrass and family.

Bert Ireland, of Victoria, has accepted a place with the Floydada Drug Company as salesman, arriving here the latter part of last week and assuming duties.



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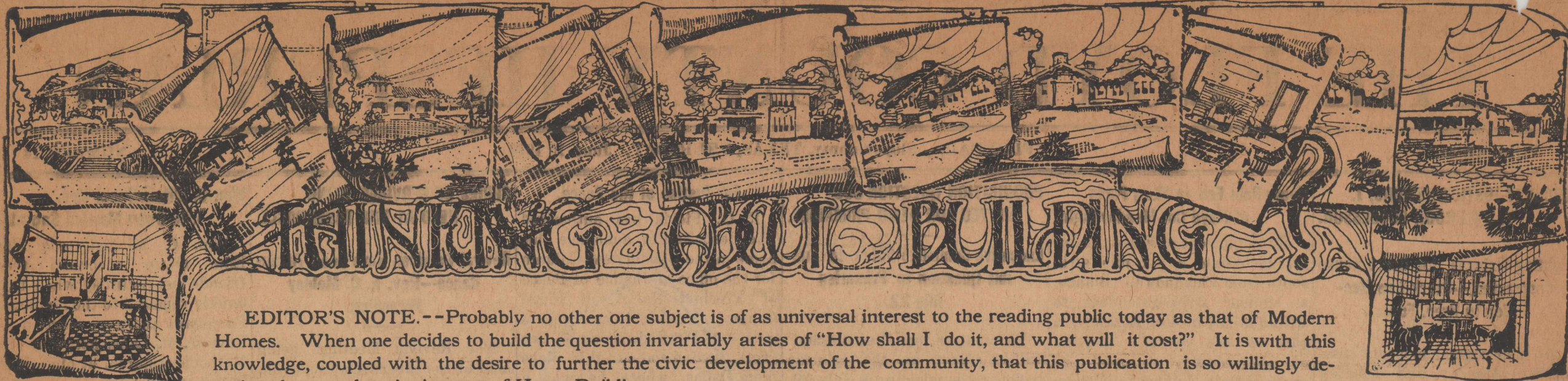
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EDITOR'S NOTE.--Probably no other one subject is of as universal interest to the reading public today as that of Modern Homes. When one decides to build the question invariably arises of "How shall I do it, and what will it cost?" It is with this knowledge, coupled with the desire to further the civic development of the community, that this publication is so willingly devoting this space to the interest of Home Building.

We have secured the services of "Ye Planry," Inc., in editing this department, and each week illustrations of Practical Modern Homes will be shown. The following articles on home attractiveness, together with the practical suggestions on just how to build the new home, will be of material help to you.

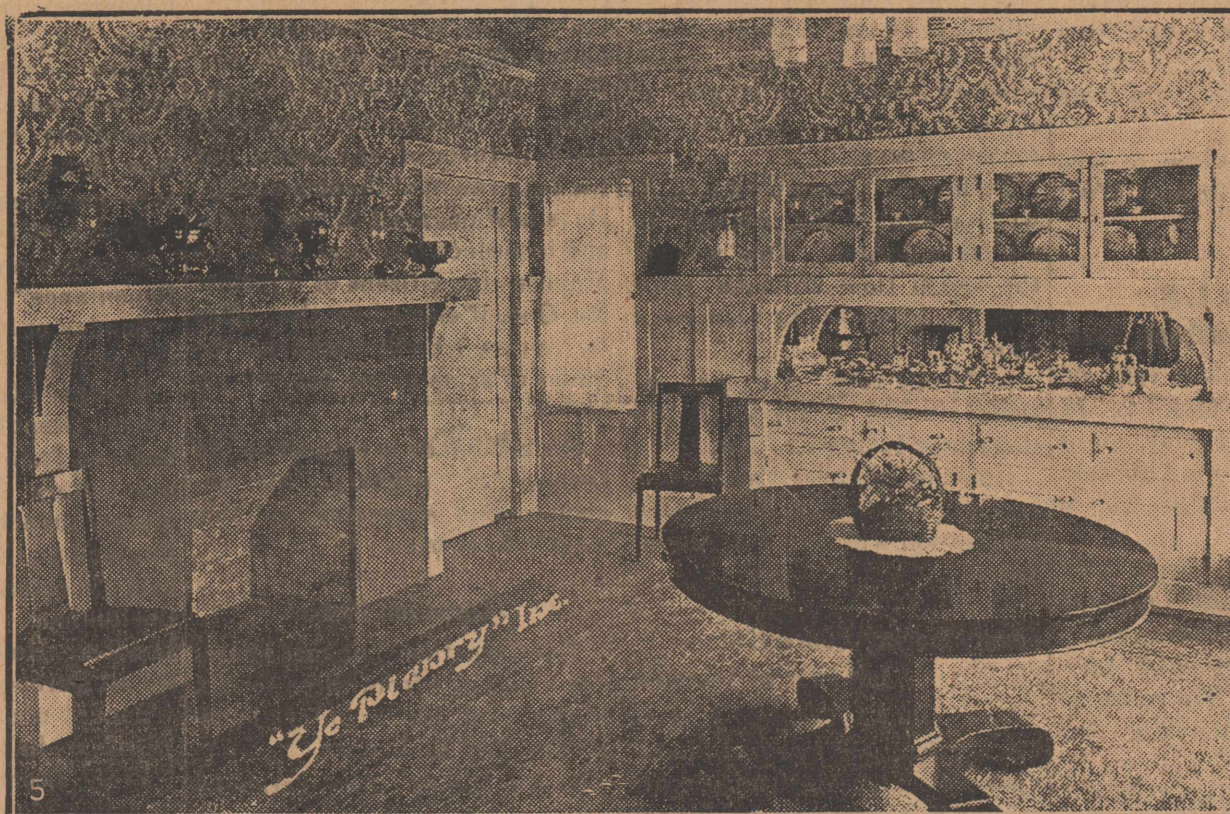
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Perhaps more than at any other time we are living in an age of individuality, which feature is being largely sought and welcomed. Something distinct, different, that which is the product of thought and the personal achievement of one who can combine such individuality in the commodity we desire and still retain its economy.

This movement has been forcibly brought to our attention by the demands of home builders to have incorporated into their interiors the many unique and labor-saving built-in devices. Conveniences which are no longer termed luxuries, but rather necessities, and should be so considered, as they are even economical in the first cost.

The modern home of today calls for many built in features which are the acme of comfort and convenience, and the means of saving much time and labor. These practical ideas are not only as above featured, but are sanitary, and when properly planned and constructed at the time of building the home lend beauty and save valuable space.

In the living room is the cheery fireplace with book cases on one side and seat on the other, and if cased opening is used between any two rooms book cases and writing desk may be built in them. If the home has library, den or music room, a disappearing bed may be installed. This unique feature affords an added sleeping room and the construction of the exposed part may be made to serve as a music cabinet, writing desk, couch or seat.

The dining room has the buffet or china closet built flush with the walls and floor, and may be of infinite variety, from a single ledge under the windows to a pretentious design reaching across one entire side of the room.

In the bedrooms are convenient and spacious hanging closets with built-in hat and shoe boxes, and in more pretentious homes can be built the boudoir or dressing room in connection with the bed room; these have the mirrored doors and built in dressing tables.

The bath room is equipped with medicine cabinet and drawers and cupboards for clean and soiled linen.

The breakfast room, also, has the china cabinet and plate shelves and often the seats and tables are built-in and hinged to the walls.

Last but not least is the kitchen—the room of drudgery transformed into one of pleasure, and the numerous labor-saving devices makes possible the same amount of house work in about one-half the time. Here we have cabinets for dishes, drawers for silver and the kitchen ware, metal lined bins for flour, etc. The sink under the window with drain board of wood, metal, porcelain or composition. Under the sink are cupboards for cooking utensils. There may be a hood above the stove with ventilator to carry all cooking fumes out through the roof. With these modern kitchen equipments the space required for the room is small and necessitates very little furniture, in fact, a stove and a chair are all that is needed.

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## The Diamond From the Sky

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### SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

A feud has existed between Colonel Arthur Stanley and his cousin, Judge Lamar Stanley, over an heirloom, the diamond from the sky, found in a fallen meteor by an ancestor. Also, the succession to the Stanley earldom in England may come to an American. When a daughter is born to the colonel and the mother dies the colonel buys a gypsy boy and substitutes him. Three years later the gypsy mother, having had no part in this bargain, steals the girl, Esther, reared in secret, and leaves her son undetected as the heir. The gypsy has obtained possession of the diamond from the sky, and a document with the Stanley secret. Years later Hagar, gypsy queen, returns to Virginia with Esther. Dr. Lee, the late Colonel Stanley's friend, adopts Esther. Arthur Stanley, son of Hagar, falls in love with Esther, and so does his companion and cousin, Blair Stanley, rightful heir of Stanley. In stealing the diamond Blair causes the death of the doctor and tries later to put the blame on Arthur, who takes the gem. Arthur Stanley eludes his pursuers and joins Hagar, who reveals his identity and upbraids him for his wild life. Needing money, he pawns the diamond in Richmond. At a ball, at which an adventurer, Vivian Marston, wears the borrowed gem, Luke Lovell, Hagar's gypsy guard, steals the diamond. Arthur leaves Richmond and goes to the west. Quabba, organ grinder, befriends Esther.

Tom Blake, a detective of Richmond, who is hired by Hagar, produces finger prints convicting Blair. Hagar proposes silence to Mrs. Stanley as the price of Hagar's and Esther's being received in Fairfax society. Blair strikes down Hagar and steals the finger prints, leaving the gypsy queen demented. Marmaduke Smythe, lawyer, arrives to announce Arthur is heir to the deceased Earl of Stanley. Learning Arthur is a fugitive he seeks Blair instead. To win Vivian, Blair steals the diamond, later marrying her and leaving for the west. Their train is robbed, Vivian losing the diamond, which a slain train robber drops in the desert. The \$100,000 he stole is found by Arthur, now known as John Powell, sheep herder. Luke Lovell, driven from the camp after learning Hagar's secret, leaves to seek Blair. Hagar is under treatment and Esther is in Richmond society. Abe Bloom, gambler, knows Blair's guilt and covets the diamond.

The diamond is later picked up by an Indian woman. Dr. Lee, Arthur learns, died of heart disease. Becoming very rich he buys Blair's hall, sold at auction, through Blake, and also provides for Hagar and Esther. Luke Lovell buys the diamond from the squaw, but loses it in a fight. Vivian, desiring aid to ensnare Arthur, sends for Blair.

Vivian is saved from drowning by Powell, who is infatuated by her. Smythe finds the diamond and gives it to Esther to deliver to Arthur.

Blair joins Vivian in Los Angeles. Durand, "king of diamonds," a crook known to Vivian, goes to a saloon to try to discover the diamond. There he meets Luke Lovell. Esther and Arthur appear on the scene. The diamond is lost in a melee. Esther saves Arthur, who is injured, and he goes to Los Angeles in care of the physician-crook, Durand. Esther follows and is refused admittance to see him. In the meantime the diamond is found by two bill posters, one of whom murders the other for it. Arthur is "doped" by Durand, De Vaux and Vivian, although Blair, who has taken charge of Arthur's business affairs, protests.

The diamond passes in dice play from the bill poster to Santley, circus owner, who is killed, and the diamond is put up at auction as part of his estate. Blair and Vivian falsify a telegram from Blake to Arthur, making Arthur believe he suffered from hallucination in thinking he saw Esther. Luke is "railroaded" to prison by Blair. Arthur buys the diamond and then later gives a costume ball at which Esther appears. Vivian insists that he choose between them. Blair, trying to take the diamond from Durand, who steals it from Arthur, burns Durand from a window, killing him. Quabba plans to aid Lovell to escape. Esther and Smythe return to Virginia, the girl rejoining Hagar at the sanitarium.

### CHAPTER LI.

#### The Gypsy's Hoard.

THROWING back the great bronze bolt on the ornate front door of the Powell mansion, Blair Stanley darted from the vestibule and around the house to the back, closely followed by Vivian Marston and the shaking master of the mansion.

There, beneath the high window, lay he battered body of Frank Durand, physician, arch crook—the erstwhile King of Diamonds. His neck was broken, and the already congealing blood upon face and head marked where the cruel blows of Blair's slung-shot had struck.

But the grasp of Durand's right hand had relaxed and the diamond from the sky was gone!

Arthur bent closer and then covered his eyes to keep out the greswome sight as Blair screamed, "He is dead!"

"We must think of what account we give of this!" whispered Vivian, the quickest witted of the trio. Then she spoke as though directly to John Powell.

"Did you see the struggle? It must

have been Le Vaux who killed him!"

Arthur had been too dazed from the effect of the sleeping powder that Durand had secretly administered during the card playing and the drinking earlier in the night to have anything but a confused recollection of what had really occurred.

Then Blair spoke up. "I heard the fight in your room and rushed in," he said. "De Vaux was beating Durand with a slungshot, I think. Yes, here it is!" and he picked up the ugly weapon from where it lay beside the dead man.

"I found the switch by the door and turned the lights on full, and it was all over. De Vaux passed me and ran down the stairs and out," chimed in Vivian.

Then she sobbed and tore at her hair, hanging down her shoulders. Her grief and hysteria were not feigned.



"He is dead!" Blair screamed.

ed. "The diamond, the diamond from the sky! The murderous little thief De Vaux got it! Who would have thought that little sneak would have the pluck?"

Then she turned on the shaking man who was known as the mad millionaire in fury. "Why didn't you give it to me, as you promised?" she cried.

And in futile rage of disappointment she beat and tore at herself till Blair grasped her by the wrists.

"Quiet, you she devil!" he hissed.

"De Vaux will not get away with the diamond. People are coming. Remember, now, not a word that we suspect Durand! We don't wish too much probing. That's the curse of it. There is where De Vaux has us. Fortunately he may suspect much about us, but he knows little."

Inspired again by this final tragedy of the diamond, the newspapers printed the stories of John Powell's rapid rise to wealth, the accident that had shattered him in a riot at his mines in the mountains, the skillful treatment of the stranger physician, Durand, that had restored the young millionaire.

Then had followed accounts of the triple tragedy in the deaths of the woman lion tamer, Santley, the circus proprietor and the clown husband of the Lady of Lions because of the great diamond from nowhere.

The recovery of the diamond after it had been stolen by Sankey, the stableman, following the panic at the circus, and the sale of the diamond were items that further spiced the sensational stories that were printed at Durand's death.

Physically Mr. Powell was in fair health, the papers said, but mentally and as regards his nervous system his condition gave great concern to his as-



Hagar and Esther, With Smythe, Journeyed to Fairfax.

sociates, and he was to be taken on an auto tour from California to Colorado.

Meanwhile De Vaux had found shelter in the gray of dawn at Signora Solar's cafe, La Bella Napoli, rousing that good lady and her ravishing daughter from their slumbers to admit him. He had ingratiated himself into their greedy graces by present cash payments and many promises of largess in the future.

The cunning De Vaux, dwelling in hiding under the name of Lancia, had carefully paved the way to avert suspicion in his hiding out, and so the

clamor and search for him passed over and by the cafe of Le Bella Napoli while he lay in a mean room and chafed at the confinement and drank heavily to stifle his fears.

In faraway Virginia Hagar and Esther journeyed from Richmond down to Fairfax, escorted by their new but firm friend, that eccentric bachelor English barrister and legal representative of the earls of Stanley, Marmaduke Smythe.

The tender affection between the devoted Hagar and the loving Esther had grown the stronger through their mutual sorrow and disappointment at the wild and profligate conduct of Arthur, flourishing and in luxury, yet surrounded by evil associations, in the far California city.

Unlocking the great door of Stanley Hall, Hagar led the way through the hall and into the old library. The windows were unshuttered and thrown open to air the long closed old mansion.

Smythe examined the portraits curiously. "It is over a generation ago," he said softly, "since I was in this room. There is Colonel Stanley's portrait just as he looked in the flesh that night I attested the heir of Stanley over twenty years ago."

And the good hearted lawyer sighed and thought of old age that comes like a thief, yet slowly, to rob us of youth, of hope, of vigor and of those we love whom death has called before us.

To Hagar also the place revived dull old heartaches. There at that door she had stood in her young, despairing motherhood, to be dragged away ere she could cry in her agony that she was being robbed of her offspring like Rachel of old.

Then Hagar kissed Esther and shook off the gloom of these sad memories.



Esther Hoped to Find the Rest There—before Denied Her.

In her Virginia home Esther hoped to find the rest theretofore denied her.

Smythe understood now the reasons that actuated Arthur and Blair in their strange diffidence in claiming the earldom of Stanley that awaited the American heir. Arthur Stanley, as Hagar's son had been known here, could not claim it because he knew he was not the rightful heir.

Blair could not claim it because he was in the dark in this and thought his supposed cousin stood in his way. Besides, there hung over Blair the shadow of the murder of Dr. Lee. He feared to bring himself into any prominence while yet Hagar lived and knew.

All Blair could hope for was the death of the supposititious Arthur Stanley and of Hagar Harding, the gypsy woman, who had had the proofs of his guilt.

Hagar was first to break the silence as these thoughts flitted through all their minds. "Well," she said, "let us try to be cheerful though we lose you, our good friend, today."

"You do not lose me, I trust," said Marmaduke Smythe, with quaint gallantry. "True, I must return to England to attend to matters of the estate of the late Earl of Stanley."

"The matter of the succession must lie in abeyance for the present. But you may come to England with the fair Miss Esther here before long, or I may return to America again. Who knows?"

"And now," said Hagar, "I understand that there was some alarm manifested by the late Mrs. Judge Stanley regarding the expenses my stay at the sanitarium in Richmond brought about. I told you—here she turned to Esther—'that I was a wealthy woman. I am, moderately speaking. Gypsylike, I would never trust to banks. After I leased Stanley Hall I hid my wealth in a secure place in this very room, an old hiding place that perhaps even Colonel Stanley knew nothing of.'"

Hagar reached into the chimney and brought from a ledge hidden behind the front of the fireplace an old long chisel. With this she pried up a strip of time worn wooden molding at the end of the hearthstone. This removed, the hearthstone turned on a hidden pivot, one end of the hearthstone descending into a cavity.

### CHAPTER LII.

#### The Harding Family Tree.

FROM this cavity Hagar brought forth packages of banknotes from among a number of such.

"All this is yours, Esther, my dear," she said softly. "The Hardings had been rich people as gypsies go, but the profligate father of my husband, Matt Harding, died in poverty. It left my husband bitter and greedy."

"He remembered enviously the gypsy wealth his father had wasted. So when Arthur was born and a male heir, even if a false one, was desired at Stanley



"This is very curious," remarked Smythe.

Hall Colonel Stanley had no great trouble in getting my husband to sell our newborn boy.

"My husband did not live long to enjoy his gypsy fortune. He died, and I returned, and in revenge—oh, forgive me, Esther, my child—I stole you away, together with the diamond from the sky, and left my son to grow up the heir of Stanley."

"The death of your father that night, Esther, my child, made my wicked deed easy to accomplish. The two old colored servants that knew the secret had been slaves of the cruel Judge Lamar Stanley, Blair's father. You had been raised in secret here. The servants would not betray Colonel Stanley while he lived, and they loyally kept the secret till they died."

"Dr. Lee, the only other sharer of the secret besides the two colored servants and myself, was a kind yet timid man. He, too, had hated Judge Stanley and had been led into the colonel's conspiracy to cheat the son of his enemy of the great heritage of the Stanley earldom and the diamond from the sky."

"After my husband's death," Hagar went on, "I augmented the money he had received from Colonel Stanley by fortune telling and dealing in horses, the source of all legitimate gypsy wealth."

"And as my profligate son wasted your heritage here, and as we would accept no repayment from him now, I give you all this with a loving heart, for it is all rightfully yours."

"I intend to apprise your relatives in Fairfax and Richmond of the true facts. Some of them will come to dwell with you here in Stanley Hall, you will take your place in the station of life to which you were born, and I will return to mine own people, for I am a gypsy and as such cannot remain with Esther Stanley of Stanley Hall!"

"No, no!" cried Esther tearfully as she threw her arms around the sobbing Hagar. "You are my own dear mother! I will never leave you nor suffer you to leave me. What have the Stanleys done for me?"

"What would they do for me? I ask this, and I answer it. They have done nothing for me but ignore me as Dr. Lee's ward and your daughter. They could do nothing for me as Esther Stanley to give me the happiness the feel of your arms around me gives!"

Lawyer Smythe turned and coughed to keep back his tears at this affecting scene. A yellow, time stained, frayed and bulky folded parchment had fallen from among the bank notes Hagar had drawn from the cavity under the hearthstone.

"This is very curious. I am much interested in old parchments, being a lawyer, you know," remarked Smythe as he picked up the parchment. He felt he was stuttering and talking foolishly at random, but he wished in his tactful way to relieve the emotional tension that had followed Hagar's recital. His words had the desired effect. Hagar smiled faintly and said:

"Oh, that? That is the gypsy Hardings' family tree. The old gypsy families, especially the gypsies of English stock, such as the Lees, Hardings, Lovells—yes, the Stanleys—have these things. Strange, isn't it? The outside

world regards the Romany people only as vagabond wanderers, but there are Romany degrees of proud lineage.

"The Lees and Stanleys here in Virginia would be surprised to follow back their family lines to find they lead back in the centuries to gypsy camps on English downs.

"Who knows, Esther, my dear, but that you have gypsy blood in your veins, after all, even if it be ever so little!"

"It is a curious old document," repeated Lawyer Smythe, "and, as I said, I am interested in such things. May I have it? I will keep it carefully and return it in due time."

Hagar smiled and spoke half carelessly. "Keep it as long as you desire, Mr. Smythe. It may be cause to bring you back to return it, or for our going to England to fetch it back."

They all laughed at the suggestion, and Lawyer Smythe took the document and prepared to make his adieu.

His bachelor reserve was shaken to its foundation when Esther impulsively threw her arms around his neck and kissed him.

"You have been a father to me," she cried—"a dear, dear daddy!"

Lawyer Smythe was still blushing when he drove away to take the train from Fairfax, positively refusing to permit the women to accompany him to the depot.

Work is for workmen. Quabba was a wandering minstrel, and even as a nonunion roofer loathed being mechanical. But he worked with a purpose on the prison roof, even though his purpose was not to work.

But he signaled to Luke that all was well the last day of the job, and left the coiled rope with one end fastened around the chimney and the lower end fastened to a cord that hung hidden down over the gutter of the prison roof to Luke's cell window.

Meanwhile Luke sawed at the bars and the appointed night came when Quabba waited for him on a bridge that spanned a mean and straggling street not far from the prison. Quabba had a change of costume for Luke's prison stripes, and, to avoid suspicion, he had with him the pony and street piano cart and Clarence, the monkey.

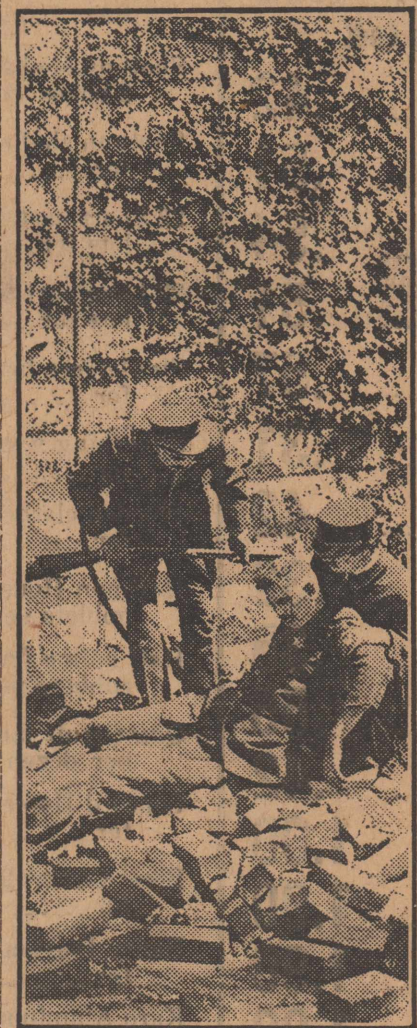
So Quabba waits at midnight, and Clarence, the monkey, shivers and whimpers, and the pony is restless to move and be on their way.

"Patience, my children!" whispers Quabba. "We wait for a friend."

Listening to the sound of the retreating steps of the prison guard, Luke pushes out the bars, sawed at the lower end and draws down the rope from its coil on the roof by the cord and lowers himself cautiously.

He is halfway down when he feels the rope give ominously. He is near the ground, when the sentry hears the fall of a brick from the old chimney and turns. The sentry calls for the other guard and fires his rifle to alarm the prison.

His comrade joins him, and they are within reach of Luke, whose toes have just touched the ground, when the rope slackens and falls and with it, with a clatter and many heavy thuds, the old prison chimney. It has given way



The Bricks Fell Upon the Guards and Overwhelmed Them.

under the bulky weight of the escaping prisoner and falls upon the guards and overwhelms them.

By a fraction of an inch the avalanche of bricks has just missed the startled Luke.

Clambering upon the loose pile of bricks that gives beneath his heavy feet, Luke scrambles to the top of the wall and by some miracle passes over the broken glass and spikes unscathed and drops down the sheer twenty feet of the prison wall to liberty.

Quabba is waiting on the bridge. From a bag on the piano cart he hastily hands the panting Luke an old coat, trousers and a hat that has a wig within it.

Then, as the footsteps of the searching guards and their cries are heard nearing, Quabba hands a stain compound to Luke that darkens still more the gypsy's already dark countenance and hands, and then they move on

with pony cart and monkey—two wain dearing organ grinders.

"The pursuit reaches them and pauses. 'Did you see an escaped convict go by?' pants the warden.

"Si, signore," says the crafty Quabba. His companion, who is quite lame, it seems, for he hobbles a little ahead, points to indicate the direction the fugitive has taken.

The garden of the Cafe La Bella Napoli is deserted, but the Signora Solar, proprietress, answers a discreet clamor below.

The signora has been playing cards with her ravishing daughter, Rosa, and the so charming patron, Signor Lancia, in the latter's apartment. The so charming Signor Lancia, sad to say, is quite overcome with wine. When so overcome the so charming Signor Lancia is indiscreet.

He has shown the ravishing Rosa a wondrous diamond whereat she has cried in delight, though the again dis-



A Heavy Blow Descends!

creet, if intoxicated, signor has the caution to place his fingers upon her rosy lips, the gesture asking silence.

Signora Solar is in the doorway that looks into the garden. Quabba is there, and with him is a strange man, quite lame, it would seem, for he leans upon a heavy stick, a mattock handle, it appears.

"This is my cousin, signora," says the patron Quabba. "He desires a room till he gets a job. Perhaps when he has secured employment you will still honor him by the hospitality of your establishment."

All this Quabba says in Calabrian dialect, which the signora understands perfectly, although she, as she will tell you, is of a noble Neapolitan family.

The cousin, it would seem, is fatigued. Quabba leaves him with the signora and journeys with his pony and organ cart and his monkey to the stables, that are Quabba's domicile as well as theirs.

The signora leads the new guest to his humble room, gives him a lamp and wishes him sweet repose, but in the Neapolitan tongue and not in the Calabrese patois.

She returns to her daughter and the so charming Signor Lancia of the Italian secret service. The chianti flows, caution is forgotten, the magnificent jewel is shown to ravish the eyes of all.

In the next room a seemingly lame man listens at the thin partition, biting his tongue that he may keep from crying out, for he hears a tipsy voice saying: "You may well admire it. It is called rightly 'the diamond from the sky.'"

John Powell has returned from his automobile trip. He has seen the Garden of the Gods. But the trip and the wild scenery have not restored him.

Truly he is a mad millionaire. In fever delirium he has a dream. Before him floats, with a sad smile, Esther in vestal robes. He reaches to touch her, but she floats away and looks back and sadly smiles.

He dreams he follows on foot and in his speediest car—a race of madness. Down great mountains, up and over, and then halting in the wild, weird ruggedness of the great rocks in the Garden of the Gods.

So he pursues the fair phantom to the abyss edge of a giddy precipice. He clutches for her ere she falls and falls himself—down, down. And then with a dull shock he finds himself awake, fallen over the table where he has slept, his hands upon his arms.

In far Virginia the seraph of his dreams prays for him with all the fervor of a constant heart, but over him here and regarding him with a mocking smile stands a woman whose face is bold and sensuous—Vivian Marston.

In the Cafe La Bella Napoli the so charming Signor Lancia dazzles the eyes of her hostess and flutters the heart of her daughter, the ravishing Rosa, with the desire for the diamond. And then from the softly opened door behind them a heavy blow descends. The lamp is smashed, the room is plunged in darkness.

Shrieks in the darkness and heavy, hurrying feet through the corridor. A door is burst open, and tables and chairs are heard thrown over and aside in the deserted garden under the arbors below. The signora brings another lamp in due time, but the so charming Signor Lancia screams and curses. The diamond from the sky is gone!

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.65	32.50
Clean easy soap per hundred bars.....	\$40 Bartlett Rotary Sewing Machine 10 yr. guarantee.....
3.15	30.00
No. 2 Tomatoes per case.....	\$35 Bartlett Long Shuttle Machine 10 yr. guarantee.....
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2.85	.55
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.55	.90
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### McCoy News Notes.

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A party was given last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McSpadden. All reported a nice time who attended.

A. L. Hurst and son, Raymond, made a trip to Floydada Friday.

A dance was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDermitt Friday night in connection with an ice cream supper.

Mr. Sam Pelphrey made a business trip to Floydada Saturday evening.

Charley Smith of Lockney visited W. V. Smith and family the latter part of last week.

M. W. Whiton is adding a few large cement tanks to the improvements on his place this week.

A very large crowd attended the Union Sunday School at this place Sunday evening. Among the visitors were Glynn Armstrong, and the Misses Robinson of Floydada.

Mr. Phillips and family of Plainview are visiting relatives here, A. L. Hurst and family. Mr. Hurst returned home with them Sunday.

Singing was held at the home of Mr. R. G. Elliott Sunday night. It was quite a success.

Robt. N. Hamilton and wife motored to Floydada Sunday morning.

Ollie Slate, wife and brother of New Mexico, are here on a visit, at their uncle's, George Shipman and family. They arrived Sunday evening.

W. E. Smith and family made a flying trip to Lockney Monday.

W. J. Berry went to town the earlier part of this week.

Plans hve been made for a W. O. W. cream supper at this place Thursday night.

H. Furrow and Edd Cox went to town Monday.

R. N. Hamilton was in town Monday with a fine lot of hogs. Stupid.

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### Missionary Notes.

The Missionary Society met Monday afternoon in social session at the home Mrs. McDonald. Quite a number were present and enjoyed a pleasant time crocheting, tatting and talking.

Soon after our arrival popcorn and nuts were placed on the center of the table within reach of all, and about five o'clock we were served with cream and cake.

Mrs. McDonald is a delightful hostess, and members of the W. M. S. who were not present, were missed more than they know.

Next Monday will be program day. Let every member be present.

### PROGRAM.

Leader.—Mrs. Colville.

Bible Lesson.—By Mrs. Robinson.

"The Bible and Poverty."

(Lev. xxv; 13-17; Deut. xv; 1-3, 12-14.)

Hymn.

Prayer.

Topic: "Institutions for Care of Dependents."—Miss Myrtle Thompson.

Discussion: Poverty, Causes and Results.

"Street Workers and Their Perils."—Mrs. Beedy.

Reporter.

### School Building to be Sold at Public Auction Soon.

Notice is hereby given to all interested that the frame school building of Lakeview School District No. 11 will be sold at Public Auction to the highest bidder for cash on Saturday, June 24 1916.

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Mrs. J. C. Thomas and children returned last week from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Hallie King. Her daughter, Miss Ona Thomas, is getting stronger. She will likely be home soon. Mrs. King has eleven hundred young chickens and has gathered 175 dozen eggs from her thorough bred Leghorns this spring from January 15th to June first, and has sold \$46 worth of hens.