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WHOLE NO. 1402

FAVORS A SIX YEAR TERM

Washington, Dec. 9.—In a speech today in the Senate upon his resolution for a constitutional amendment that would provide a single six year presidential term, Senator Works of Cal., identified since his entry into the senate with the Progressive Republican faction, made a strong criticism of Theodore Roosevelt and the Progressive party for their affiliation with George W. Perkins and other representatives of large corporations.

Senator Works declared that both Roosevelt and Taft deserved defeat. He asserted that Roosevelt, when President, had withheld action against the Harvester trust with the natural result that Mr. Perkins had been one of the chief Roosevelt backers in the fight this year for the Progressive nomination; and, with equal emphasis, he declared that President Taft had "lost the respect and good will of many good people by going upon the stump against Col. Roosevelt." The attack upon Roosevelt came in connection with Senator Works' assertion that the President's office had been used to prevent adverse action against corporations.

"We are not without evidence of the effect of such action on succeeding elections," said Senator Works. "The great Harvester trust, one of the worst and most oppressive of its kind, was signally favored by Mr. Roosevelt when President, in this respect. It was not prosecuted for violation of the Sherman anti trust law because Roosevelt ordered otherwise. What was the natural result? When Roosevelt again became a candidate George W. Perkins became his ardent supporter and chief financial backer. Perkins was largely interested in the Harvester trust. Perkins knew by actual demonstration that his company would be safe against just prosecution if Roosevelt were elected, unless he should change his mind. And he would much less likely change his views if the Harvester trust or its stockholders should lend him their support.

I am not saying that Mr. Roosevelt acted out of improper motives in dealing with the Harvester trust or the Steel trust. He may have been perfectly satisfied that the course taken by him was the proper and just course. I call attention to these instances of presidential favor and what followed them, as illustrating the power that exists in the hands of a president in his first term, to secure his election to a second term."

Facts brought out in the sensational investigation of campaign expenditures were cited by Senator Works to show the extent to which "trusts and their millionaire stockholders" had contributed to campaign contributions. He declared that "privilege seeking corporations support the public official who will grant them privileges."

"The investigation of campaign contributions, lately had, has expressed some of the darkest pages of the political history of the country," he continued. "It has revealed the unpleasant facts that the money used for campaign purposes, both by Republicans and Democrats in past years was supplied almost wholly by men interested in the large corporations was amendable to punishment under the anti-trust law.

"The new Progressive party was tainted in the very beginning by putting itself in the hands of

the same interests. It was managed and financed by promoters, corruptionists, and trusts magnates. In all these cases money was contributed to secure the election of a man who, if elected, would be entrusted with the power of determining conclusively whether or not they should be prosecuted.

"No matter whether it was so understood or not, it was nothing more or less than buying immunity from such prosecution. They very naturally reasoned that the man who accepted their money to secure his election would not use the power their money had given him to punish them for making that money unlawfully."

Senator Works referred to the so-called Harriman contribution in the campaign fund of 1904, a fund which Harriman said Roosevelt had asked him to raise but which Col. Roosevelt had testified was raised on Harriman's own initiative.

"It is very material which was right or which was wrong," said Senator Works. "Harriman received his reward whether the money was raised for that purpose or not. Suits by the Government were at that very time pending against some of his companies and after his contribution they were dismissed. His roads were otherwise favored by the President that his money helped to elect."

A single presidential term, Senator Works declared, would prevent the use of patronage and the power of office in the way it is now used and would removed the opportunity a president now has to grant favors or inflict punishment upon campaign friends or enemies.

He urged that campaign contributions be made only by the state or nation, declaring that "large campaign funds, however raised, are a dangerous menace to the free institutions of the country."

"The advocacy by the incumbent of his own re-election in the late campaign led to the most shameful campaign of crimination and recrimination between the president and ex-president that this country has ever witnessed," Senator Works continued. "Both of these candidates were overwhelmingly defeated. They both deserved defeat for this reason if for no other. The conduct of Roosevelt was particularly reprehensible. His vicious assaults on the president made it imperative for the latter, in his estimation and that of his friends, to meet on the stump the charges made against him.

"It was a fatal mistake. It lost him the respect and good will of many people. He put himself on a level with his detractor and thus lowered his dignity and that of his office to no purpose. How much better it would have been for the country if both of them had been ineligible to re-election."

To Our Friends and the General Public

Please bear in mind that on Saturday Dec. 21st the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will receive a per cent on all Christmas goods sold at the Corner Drug Store. This is a generous offer made by Mr. Marr and we hope you will remember us when purchasing your holiday goods.

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Reporter.

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CONSUMPTION CURE DISCOVERED

Berlin.—Dec. 3.—By way of bringing proof of his declaration that he has discovered the serum for tuberculosis and probably also because he has been stirred by adverse foreign criticism, Dr. Friedrich Franz Friedman, the tuberculosis expert, today exhibited a score of patients he pronounced absolutely cured of consumption. He declared that the remedy for the disease sought by scientists for centuries is at last available. The doctor also said he knew that he had achieved what all others have sought and was now chiefly concerned with getting the remedy into the hands of doctors who can use it everywhere. He has been making tests for years and says he has submitted his serum to every conceivable ordeal.

Kills Germs

"The serum, originally produced from turtles," said the physician, "is easily used. Not only that, but it immunizes against tuberculosis as vaccination does against smallpox. Cures come within a few weeks where the patient already has the disease. Of course, lung tissue that is gone can not be replaced, but all of the germs are destroyed, the wounds in the lungs heal and all fever disappears. I give no other treatment. My method is to inject the serum into the buttock or into the arm."

Dr. Friedman said he did not know when he would send the serum to the United States for use there. He has been in touch by cable with a number of Americans and has been deluged with offers to place his discovery on the market.

Will Instruct Physicians.

He made it plain today that he will not send the serum to any one but responsible physicians and prefers to instruct the doctors who will use the cure at the outset in person.

Scientists from all over the world are reported to be coming here to investigate, and the physician said he would gladly welcome all of them and would exhibit his cures to demonstrate that his claims are not false.

Stockholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers National Bank, of Haskell, Texas, will be held at office of said Bank, in the city of Haskell, Texas, on the second Tuesday, the 14th day of January, A. D. 1912, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of Directors for said bank, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such meeting.

O. E. Patterson.
Cashier.

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THE FOURTH QUARTERLY MEETING

The Fourth Quarterly Meeting of the Central West Texas Agricultural Association will be held at Anson, Jones County, Texas, in conjunction with the Jones County Farmers Institute.

The following is the program of the joint meeting:
Opening Remarks by A. D. McLaughlin, President of the Central West Texas Agricultural Association.

Address of Welcome by L. T. Cunningham, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Response by Judge L. M. Buie, Stamford.

Crops—"Crops in Central West Texas That Should be Encouraged."—Jeff D. Reagan, Spur.

"Crops in Central West Texas, wet or dry"—F. A. Peel, County Farm Demonstrator, Taylor County.

General Discussion.
AFTERNOON
"What are the best Crops for

this section, and why?"—J. L. Quicksall, General Agent, Department of Agriculture.

"Good Roads and Their Benefits."—Homer D. Wade, Secretary Texas Good Roads Association.

"When is the Time to do Deep Plowing in Central West Texas?"—J. W. Neill, General Lecturer, State Department of Agriculture.

The meeting will be held in the District Court Room and the Anson people give assurance of the most cordial reception to all visitors.

All who are interested in the agricultural development of Central West Texas are invited and urged to attend the meeting,
JOINT COMMITTEE.

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FAMOUS BANDIT UNDER ARREST

Memphis, Dec. 10.—Kinney Bergen, who is said to be a widely known safe-blower and cracksmen, was killed by city detectives and Frank Holloway, a noted Texas and Oklahoma robber, was captured in a night fight with detectives in a house on the outskirts of Memphis last night.

Two other men and a woman were arrested in the same raid. Holloway a year ago made a confession implicating himself in a three hundred thousand dollar Canadian bank robbery. He was then brought to Harrold, Wilbarger County, Texas, and sentenced to eight years for safe blowing there.

On the way to prison he feigned illness, fooled the guards, jumped from a fast train and had been at large since that time when captured in this city.

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A WOMAN'S "SOTNESS"
By M. QUAD
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For an hour we had roasted and eaten chestnuts at the big fireplace in the cabin of Rube Jones, mountaineer, and then I asked for a story. He lunched off a bit and then began:

"When I built my first cabin on this yere mountain it was clus up to the foot of a hill. Folks told me that a landslide would come along some time and make matchwood of that cabin and bury us thirty feet deep, but I wasn't to be slivered out of a good location on that account. I was buildin' so as to be nigh a spring and a road, you see. Once in awhile as time went on there'd be a slip to the right or left of us, but nothin' to do any hurt."

"We kept talkin' 'bout movin', but also kept holdin' on, and so a week passed. Then spring sot in, and it rained and rained. I never did see it pour down so steady and so long. Reckoned it rained 'bout seven days without a break. One mornin' just before daylight the ole woman woke me up just as I was dreamin' of cuttin' down a tree with thirtin' come roostin' on the limbs, and she sez to me, sez she:

"Rube Jones, git up!"

"What fur?"

"'Cause you want'er be a-gittin'!"

"A-gittin' fur what?"

"'A-gittin' out'er this yere cabin. I've heard the trees and rocks crackin' up thar fur the last hour, and I tell you we are gwine to hev a landslide."

"'Whar did you make a study of landslides?' sez I, feelin' mortal mean 'bout losin' all them coons."

"Rube, don't be a fule!"

"One in the family is 'nuff, I reckon!"

"That fere'd her up. 'Deed, but I felt so mean 'bout them thirtin' coons, with coonskins bringin' six bits in cash that y'er, that I sorter wanted to git up a row. It didn't take long. She jumped outer bed with her jaw sot, and when I got up she was still on a stone out in the yard with an umbrella over her head."

"Ole woman, we hain't got ten minits to git out'er this. Grab up what you kin and foller me!"

"'Whar's the rumpus, Rube?' she calny asks as she begins to hum a tune."

"'Gwine to hev a landslide, an' it may cum any minit!"

"'Whar did yo' make a study of them air landslides, Rube?"

"'Don't make no fule of yo'self, ole woman, fur things up thar is already stakin'!"

"'One fule in the family is 'nuff, I reckon. Yo' go right on. My ole man says thar's no danger of a landslide, and so I'm goin' to sot right yere.'"

"'Ole woman, are you sot?"

"'Deed I are, Rube.'"

"'And are you gwine to take chances of bein' buried under a millyon tons of dirt and rock?"

"'I reckon I am!'"

"'And won't nuthin' move yo'?"

"'Nuthin' but that thar landslide, which my ole man says hain't a-cum-in'. Goodby, Rube. Better be gwine!'"

"'Yo' are sot, ole woman,' sez I, 'and yo' are a fule to boot, but I can't leave yo' to perish. Up yo' git and cum along!'"

"'But it was no use. When I tried to lift her up she bit and kicked and wouldn't be budged. I was powerfully skeert, and I knowed the ole woman couldn't be unsof of her sotness. I got the clock and the feather bed and rushed up the road to the bend, and I hadn't only jest slawed around when the mounting moved."

"'It was a sight to lift yo'r heels—all that rock and dirt and trees and bushes rushin' down, and the ole woman sot on the stone as stiff as a poker and waited fur it to reach her. It was rollin' over her when I closed my eyes and sunk down. When I cum to everything was hurly burly—wife gone, cabin gone, land buried out of sight!"

"'Mebbe yo' can imagine my feelin's,' said the old man as he stopped to knock the ashes out of his pipe and scratch his leg. "I kinder fainted and fell down; then I sot up and cried; then I stood up and cussed. Reckon I was crazy fur 'bout an hour. I was sittin' down and weepin' and groanin' when I heard a step and looked up to find my ole woman not ten feet away. Her clothes was a lettle dusty, and thar was a lettle blood on one ear, but she was mighty peart as she sez to me, sez she:

"'Stranger, yo'r mought be acquainted round these yere parts?"

"'Stranger marn—slightly,' sez I."

"'Do yo' happen to know a family named Jones—Rube Jones, the great hunter arter b'ars?"

"'I do, marn.'"

"'Got a fule in the family, I'm told.'"

"'Yes, marn, he has.'"

"'Which is it—Rube or his wife?"

"'It's Rube, marn, and dod rot his ole skin if I don't hek him to squish the fust time I meets him!'"

"'And she had escaped?' I queried."

"'Stranger, the hand of the Lawd was in it. She was carried a distance of fifty feet and slawed into a ditch with two logs across it. When the stuff quit fallin' she was buried ten feet deep, but she got out between two rocks and cum walkin' up to me as calm as a mewl gwine to water."

"'And since then?"

"'Oh, thar hain't bin no quarrellin' as to which is the fule in the family!' laughed Rube as he rose up for more tobacco.

Let the People Rule.
The Supreme Court of Idaho, is incensed at some editors for publishing some criticisms, made by Theodore Roosevelt, of a decision rendered by that court during the late campaign, and have cited them for contempt. It is also thought that the court will attempt to punish Mr. Roosevelt for contempt in case he goes within their jurisdiction. In the meantime Mr. Roosevelt is not idle. The following is taken from a speech made by him in Chicago a few days ago, before a meeting of the delegates to the progressive party meeting in that city:

"If legislature, executive or court stands in the way, then in lawful and orderly fashion and along the lines laid down in the national Progressive platform we intend to see that the will of the people is carried out; and that judge, legislator and executive officer all do their part in thus carrying out the will of the people."

Divine Right of Judges.
"The doctrine of the divine right of judges to rule the people is every whit as ignoble as the doctrine of the divine right of Kings, and this doctrine is now chiefly and powerfully upheld by the legal and financial representatives of privilege."

"We also hold with Abraham Lincoln—and we and we only, are the heir of Lincoln's principles—that the people are the master of the constitution. We believe in the constitution, and for that very reason we contemptuously thrust aside the efforts of the reactionaries to turn it into a fetish for the obstruction of justice. The constitution was created to secure justice, and we refuse to allow it

to be so perverted as to become a barrier between the people and justice. Every proposal we have made for applying and adapting the constitution to our present needs is a proposal to save the constitution by making it a more efficient instrument for securing justice for all the people."

"The so-called conservatives, who object to our methods of applying the constitution, stand on an exact level with their predecessors, the so-called 'conservatives' of fifty years ago, the men who opposed the thirteenth amendment, on the ground that the old constitution 'was good enough for them.' Fifty years ago the 'conservatives' championed a view of the constitution which perpetuated chattel slavery for black men; the corresponding 'conservatives' of today champion an interpretation of the constitution which perpetuates industrial slavery for white women and children."

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Notice of Sheriff's Sale (Real Estate)
Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued out of the Honorable County Court of Haskell County, Texas, on the 7th day of December A. D. 1912, in the cause of C. H. Wisdom vs. D. I. Roberts et al No. 439, wherein C. H. Wisdom, Plaintiff, recovered judgment on the 17th day of Sept. A. D. 1912, against D. I. Roberts for the sum of \$212.18 with 6 per cent interest and costs of suit;

And Whereas, a writ of attachment was on the 10th day of July A. D. 1912, levied by A. G. Lambert, constable of Precinct No. 1, Haskell County, Texas, upon the following described real estate of the Defendant, D. I. Roberts, and that the same is and constitutes a lien upon said property; I have on this, the 7th day of December, A. D. 1912, levied an execution upon the following described tract of land situated in Haskell County, Texas, to-wit:

A part of the Jno. Gibony Sur. situated in Haskell County, Texas, known as abstract No. 145, patented to Jno. Gibony on Feb. 26, 1859 being patent No. 348, Vol. 13 and being 26 1/2 acres and part of a 46 1/2 acre tract meted and bound as follows:

Beginning at the N. E. Cor. of the Jno. Gibony Sur. on the S line of the William Gilleland Survey; Thence S. 195 1/2 vrs to the S E cor. of said Gibony Survey; Thence N 89 deg. 52 min W 1340 vrs; Thence N 195 1/2 vrs, to stake for Cor; Thence N 89 deg. and 23 min E 1340 vrs, to the place of beginning; containing 146 1/2 acres, the 26 1/2 acres hereby levied on being all of said 46 1/2 acres save and except the following two tracts, (a) 100 acres conveyed by deed to G. H. Taylor recorded in book 31, page 242, deed records, Haskell County, Texas; (b) 100 acres conveyed to D. C. Nicholson, recorded in book 31, page 360, deed records Haskell County, Texas.

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of Jan. A. D. 1913, same being the first Tuesday in said month between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. at the Court house door of Haskell Co. in the town of Haskell, Texas, I will proceed to offer for sale and sell at public outcry for cash all of the right, title, and in-

interest, which the said D. I. Roberts owned in said land on the 10th day of July, A. D. 1912, and will apply the proceeds thereof to the satisfaction of said judgment for \$212.18, with 6 per cent interest thereon from Sept. 17, 1912, with all costs of said suit, including the costs of executing this writ.

Witness my hand officially at Haskell, Texas, this 7th day of December, A. D. 1912.

W. C. Allen,
Sheriff Haskell County Texas.

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Campaign Manager—"I hear poor Jobb has lost his memory. Can't remember a thing from one day to another."

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Santa Claus on his arrival in Haskell decided to make his home at our store, and we were more anxious to see him than ever, for his selection of Toys, Dolls and everything that goes to make children happy were of a greater variety and the price better than ever brought to us before.

We have just opened up our full line of Xmas presents and we think they are the finest we have ever shown and we believe you will agree with us too, when you have occasion to come and look thru. We want you to bring the children and let them have just one glance at the many presents Santa Claus left us. He used the shipping facilities of the ocean, the dog sled of the Esquimaux, the reindeer of Northern Europe, the camel of Africa, the auto, the aeroplane, and from all these a part of the cargos were deposited with us. Come children and see for yourself.



It would be impossible for us to mention the different articles we have that would be suitable for presents but you who are acquainted with our efforts in the past to keep such an enormous selection, will be surprised at our display this season. In purchasing our Xmas stock, we had a view to the most durable as well as pleasing toys. The joys these toys will bring to the childish heart, will record memories that coming years will never efface. We suggest early shopping in order to avoid the rush.

Our business during this has been very satisfactory, and to our many customers we owe this success. We wish to sincerely thank each and every one for their liberal patronage, and extend to you a very cordial Christmas Greeting and hope you will have a joyous holiday and a prosperous New Year. Remember us in the future where you will always find us glad to serve you with the very best that money will buy and courteous treatment can give.

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The one way—the best way to settle this perplexing xmas problem is to visit my store and look over the beautiful array of presents, goods to suit all, prices to suit all. That's the keynote of the season here. Call in soon before all the choicest gifts are gone. Here's a few suggestions.

- South Bend Watches
- Elgin Watches
- Diamond Rings
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- Diamond SaValiers
- Diamond Ear Screws
- Locketts and Chains
- Gold Brooch Pins
- Gold Scarf Pins
- Gold Cuff Links
- Rings
- Watch Chains
- Watch Fobs
- Tie Clasps
- Umbrellas
- Silverware of all kinds
- Cut Glass
- Clocks,

R. M. Craig
JEWELER

LOCAL NOTES

Wanted—Good Tow sacks. Sims & Harris.

Get your stove wood from Pinkerton & Loe.

Mrs. Cogdell visited in Stamford Monday.

HOLIDAY GOODS at Spencer & Richardson.

Mrs. McCutley visited at Weimar last week.

Mrs. T. L. Moore is visiting in the city.

Mr. D. W. Pritchard is visiting at Weimar Falls.

Calvin Pinkerton & Loe when we need a day.

H. H. Seidel of Stamford was in this city this week.

Big Line of Kodaks. West Side Drug Store.

Meet your friends at Spencer & Richardson's Drug store.

Mr. B. A. Barnes of Arlington was in the city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Sullivan have moved to Gainsville.

Christmas Gifts for All. West Side Drug Store.

Our Bran is first class. Sims & Harris.

Editor Thomas of Aspermont was in Haskell Wednesday.

Special price on can goods next week. Thomason & Lawley.

Look out for our Xmas Goods. West Side Drug Store.

Our crushed corn is the Idea. Sims & Harris.

Make our store your store. Spencer & Richardson—Drugs.

Miss Vera Neathery of Stamford as visiting in this city this week.

Fresh shipment of codfish hering and mackerel. Shomason & Lawley.

Try G. F. Ingram, the new and 2nd hand man for all kinds of repair.

Chas. Boardner of Aspermont was in attendance upon our court this week.

G. E. Courtney returned Friday night from a business trip to Greenville.

Mrs. D. M. Cogdell of Abilene visited her father M. Pace of this city this week.

Car of Cotton White flour just received \$1.50 per sack. Thomason & Lawley.

J. R. Reeves of Munday, a brother of Mrs. J. W. Collins, was in the city Monday.

Mrs. F. A. Johnson of Stamford, an aunt of J. E. Ellis, spent Sunday in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinney left Tuesday morning for their coal mine at New Castle.

Alden Damm came home from the A. M. college this week with a case of pneumonia.

When you are in Haskell call on G. F. Ingram for new and second hand furniture.

For those who discriminate we recommend Allegretti Candies—Spencer & Richardson's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson have two sons from Limestone county visiting them this week.

Our ear corn makes your horses and mules laugh. Sims & Harris.

Wait to see our line of **HOLIDAY GOODS** before buying. Spencer & Richardson.

Miss Thelia Tanner, who has been visiting at Weinert was visiting in this city this week.

Miss Myrtle McDowell came up from Abilene Sunday and spent the day with homefolks.

Our Xmas pictures are here. Come & see them Norman.

Our chops are home spun. Sims & Harris.

Lots of King's Chocolates. West Side Drug Store.

Our drays are always subject to call. Pinkerton & Loe.

Look out for our Xmas Goods. West Side Drug Store.

We must have what few accounts that are due us before Christmas. Thomason & Lawley.

Chas. Downes of Warren Ind., was in the city Monday. Mr. Downes owns a fine farm here.

Mrs. C. T. Odum of Carroll is visiting the family of her brother-in-law, Mr. J. A. Odum of this city.

Mrs. J. D. Miller and two little sons of Stamford spent Sunday with Mrs. Goslet of this city.

Miss Sherry Featherly of Stamford spent several days visiting with friends in this city this week.

Samuel Hunter of New Madrid, Mo., was in this section looking after his farming interest, this week.

The neatest, cleanest and warmest bath rooms in West Texas. White Front Barber Shop.

Leon Dodson who has been working in Fort Worth for the last four months has returned home.

Our big stock of **Holiday Goods** has arrived and will soon be on display. Spencer and Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Wood of Stamford spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Earnest of Rule visited their daughter, Mrs. F. T. Sanders of this city this week.

Everybody drinking them now—what? Liquid heaters—Hot Chocolate and Bouillon at Spencer & Richardson's.

There is no need of taking cold baths now. The White Front Barber Shop has a stove in each room.

Our flour keeps the whole family in a good humor. Sims & Harris.

Don't forget that Spencer & Richardson have most everything you might want in **CHRISTMAS** gift goods.

If you need anything in the way of new or 2nd hand goods call on G. F. Ingram at the Wm. Wells old stand.

Hold your orders for winter coal and save 50 cents per ton, by taking coal from the car, delivered by M. A. Clifton.

Do not dread taking a bath in your cold room. Come to the White Front Barber Shop. Stove in each room.

The best line of pictures I have ever shown just in Norman.

Mrs. A. C. Sherick came in from her ranch in Taylor county and spent the week in Haskell looking after her interest in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Guest of Aspermont, spent several days this week with their daughter, Mrs. Will Dunwoody of this city.

Bring your old stoves and furniture to the Wm. Wells old stand and exchange for new goods. G. F. Ingram.

Typewriter Ribbons. West Side Drug Store.

Our coal is the hot stuff. Sims & Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Wit Springer and daughter, Mrs. Sam Lanier of Aspermont, were visiting with old friends in this city this week.

All the stores in town have put on the Holiday attire. Many of them are decorated with artistic Christmas bells, and wreathed with hollies.

Let us solve the problem for you

Buying Xmas presents is no easy task but we will help you.

Our first shipment of art squares were opened Monday. The patterns are the newest and we guarantee them to please.

We have a large stock of small rugs, you can't get too many of these in the home.

PORTIERRES in the most popular shades, at moderate prices.

THE UNIFOLD DAVENPORTS, massive, beautiful and strong. An ornament in a large house and a jewel where room is scarce.

Come in and let us show you a **NICE KITCHEN CABINET**. They save many steps in the kitchen, as well as providing a most sanitary place to keep the table food.

Our **HARDWARE** department will offer many useful articles at prices that will suit every pocket book.

A large display of **DECORATED CHINA** is now being shown. Don't fail to visit our store and get our prices.

PURE ALUMINUM COOKING UTENSILS are the easiest to keep clean and lasts the longest. We carry a full line of the best to be had. Come and look through our stock.

A new **BUCK'S COOK STOVE** placed in the kitchen of your home Xmas Eve would make some one glad.

PRESENTS too numerous to mention may be found in our shelves. We invite you to come and see.

We have a new car of **"VELIE BUGGIES and SURREYS**. There no better, ask the man who owns one, about his and let us show you.

Jones, Cox & Co.

Haskell - - - Texas,

D. M. Hallmark and family of Altus, Okla., are visiting Mr. Hallmark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hallmark of this city.

300 acres smooth land, 60 acres in farm, good tank, one set of improvements, one mile north of Stamford, for money lease, E. H. Morrison, Graham, Texas. 2t

L. C. DuPree and wife of Colorado spent several days visiting with Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Dean of this city. Mr. DuPree is related to Mrs. Gordon B. McGuire.

See our Eastman Kodaks and films for Xmas Gifts. West Side Drug Store.

We take the greatest care of your goods hauled by us. Pinkerton & Loe.

An error in the page ad of Hancock & Co., in which the omission of the word "year" escaped the proof reader, but otherwise the merit of this page ad is up-to-date.

Dr. Douglas Haggard

M. D. D. S. T.
Physician and Surgeon

For 18 years past connected with the leading Hospitals, Sanitariums, Medical colleges and institutions of this country. Special Physiological, Surgical and modern drugless methods render a large per centage of the chronic and otherwise helplessly incurable cases amendable to benefit and cure. Modern medical knowledge and skill combined with osteopathic suggestion magnetism and message intelligently and scientifically applied offers the greatest possible margin of success in cost that would be impossible to any one of these methods alone.

You are invited to call and investigate. Callahan Bldg East Side of Sq. Phone—day or night—240.

Notice

I have recently purchased the Wm. Wells stock of new and 2nd hand furniture and wish to announce that I will remain at the same old stand. I have a nice line of new furniture and am able to do all kinds of repair work. Bring your seconed hand furniture to me and exchange it for new goods. I'll treat you right. G. F. Ingram.

Prop. John L. Tubbs. 2t-pd.

Wanted—Good Tow sack. Sims & Harris.

Lost—A lady's watch with Masonic emblem, has J. W. Tubbs name on it, Crawford Lodge no. 166. Returned to McNeil & Smith Hardware Co. and receive reward.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill and daughter, Mrs. Norman, have returned from Gilmer, Texas, to which point they were called last week to attend the funeral of a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hill, and a sister of Mrs. Norman.

Miss Maud White, formerly of this city, was married a few days ago to Mr. Gordon Wallace, of Big Springs, Texas. Mr. Wallace is the proprietor of the Cole Hotel in that city, where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Carr were called to Fort Worth last Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. C. E. Winn, a sister of Mrs. Carr, who died in that city. Mr. Carr returned home after the funeral, but Mrs. Carr remained in Fort Worth for a few days.

Threshing!—We expect to thresh for the public on next Tuesday, Dec. 17, if weather is suitable, and should be glad to have any parties wishing threshing done, to come in at that time. Sherrell Elevator Company. 1t pd.

Palace Meat Market Sold

I have sold the Palace Meat Market to Mr. Alex. Pinkerton. If those who have unused coupon books bring them to this market Monday, December 16th, I will refund the amount of the unused coupon.

J. Johnson 1t

Stockholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the stockholders of the Wienert State Bank, of Wienert, Texas, will be held, at the office of said Bank in the city of Wienert, Texas, on the second Wednesday, the 15th day of January, A. D. 1913, at two o'clock P. M. and for the purpose of electing a board of Directors for said bank, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such meeting.

Alvy R. Couch, Cashier.



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Have YOU Attended Our Big Sale

Do you know what we are offering you for your money? You can't know or receive the benefits unless you give us a chance to show you. We are doing business, probably more than all the sales combined that you have attended this fall.

THERE'S A REASON

We are offering a Big, Clean, up-to-date stock of Dependable Merchandise at such reduced prices that they are selling. We are the people's friends, we either buy your cotton or make it bring more than the market value. When you get our bid raised you get all or more than the market value. We extend our customers accommodations when they are in need of them. We are here to stay, are only offering the bargains that we are, to show our appreciation of your valued business and make arrangements for a bigger business next year.

YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE FOR ONLY ONE MORE WEEK

To make this great saving on your Dry Goods and we know it will pay you to see us. Come while we have the goods because they can't last at the rate they are going.

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ASK THE WOMAN WHO WEARS THEM

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Why not combine beauty and utility in your Xmas gift? Our Christmas offering is dainty "Queen Quality," the world famous shoe for women. Special holiday styles that for originality of design and beauty of finish cannot be duplicated elsewhere.

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That Letter

By HUDSON C. EASTON

I had been for some time devoted to Eleanor. I had received such encouragement as to lead me to believe that if I proposed to her I would be accepted. But my mind was not definitely made up. A man is not likely to come to a conclusion in the matter of marriage unless some great advantage is to be gained or he is madly in love. The first may not always decide him, but the latter will. In my case there was no especial advantage to be gained, and I had drifted so gently into love that I was unaware that I had got there.

I called one evening and found Eleanor sniffing at some cut flowers. Who had any business to be sending her flowers? The corners of my mouth went down, my nostrils dilated, a color came into my cheek and a spark into my eye. I was about to say something disagreeable when I remembered that there was no contract between Eleanor and me whatever. She might receive flowers from Old Nick if she liked.

So I recovered myself sufficiently to make it appear that I was indifferent. When she saw that I would not ask from whom the gift came she told me that Hathaway had sent them. Hathaway was a newcomer in the place, was good looking, dressed well, and all the girls sat up and took notice of him. I damned him with faint praise, made my call very short and went to my room uneasy. It occurred to me that sometimes these affairs between the sexes come about very suddenly. When a fellow sends a girl flowers it may be a sign that he is getting ready to propose.

Sunday afternoon I had been accustomed to spend with Eleanor. I determined that the next Sunday afternoon I would endeavor to find out how far the affair between her and Hathaway had gone. Usually when I called the maid ushered me into the drawing room. This Sunday I was shown into the library. There was a writing desk there, and a letter addressed and stamped lay on it. I glanced at the superscription and saw that it was for Hathaway and the writing was Eleanor's.

Evidently the affair had gone much faster and much further than might have been expected. I wondered if the letter were not an acceptance of a proposal. It is said that a raw recruit will become panic stricken at the first sound of a gun. A lover is naturally a coward, and I was no exception to the rule. I trembled. I paced back and forth in a great dread, now and again looking at the letter, which lay on the desk mocking me. I could scarcely refrain from taking it up and throwing it in the fire that blazed merrily on the hearth.

Presently Eleanor came in. She seemed a bit annoyed at seeing her letter on the desk and said: "It was so cold this morning that instead of writing in my room I wrote here, where it is warm."

Leaving her letter where it lay, she took a seat before the fire and began to chat about the weather. I sat down on a sofa a trifle further than she from the blaze, for my cheeks were warm enough already. I tried to say something, but that confounded letter to Hathaway stared me in the face and tongue tied me. If I said anything it was disconnected and irrelevant. Eleanor did not share in my embarrassment. She was evidently enjoying the genial warmth, not appearing to care whether I talked, talked disconnectedly or did not talk at all.

I was badly rattled. I wanted to get in a proposal before that letter was posted. Had I retained my equanimity I would have felt assured that if Eleanor had received a proposal from Hathaway and had replied to it favorably anything I could say would not be likely to alter her decision. If she had replied in the negative there was nothing to do in the premises. But I was in no condition of mind to make a proposal. Proposals, except where they are a mere matter of form or at a venture, come from the heart. The lady is sympathetic, cool, and the man feels something welling up in his bosom that comes out in a declaration. But I was disgruntled and Eleanor didn't soo. I couldn't propose. After spending half an hour in this fashion I arose to go.

"Would you mind posting a letter for me?" asked Eleanor in an indifferent tone.

"This was too much."

"Yes," I said, "I would mind posting a letter which I have reason to believe is a reply to an offer. This man Hathaway's attentions to you have been perfectly plain. I, who have been long devoted to you, have been suddenly thrust aside."

But enough. The ice was broken. Eleanor soothed me. I went on throwing off a lot of senseless talk—love talk, such as lovers have spoken from time immemorial and which, were it coherent, would not be love. Eleanor gave way before it, and instead of leaving her disgruntled I remained till 11 o'clock that night, finally departing engaged.

Some time after our marriage I found the letter to Hathaway pigeonholed. I took it to my wife and asked her if I might read it. She gave me a smiling permission. I opened it and took out a sheet of blank paper. I looked at her surprised.

"If I hadn't done it," she said, "you'd never have proposed."

THE CITY OF HASKELL

Haskell, the county seat, was laid off in 1884. It is a modern town, substantially built in stone and concrete, has an up-to-date water system owned by the city, supplied with never failing wells of the purest water. Electric light and ice plant of modern construction, Oil Mill, Broom Factory, Grain Elevator and Creamery. This city is in the center of the county and has 3000 inhabitants. Is on the Wichita Valley railroad, near the geographical center of the state. Cotton, corn, kaffir, maize, millet, alfalfa, wheat, oats, sorghum and fruits, such as peaches, plums and apricots do well. Forty pound watermelons are an average and they have been raised that weighed as high as 104lbs. Cantelopes are a sure crop. Haskell county never fails to produce one bale of cotton for every inhabitant, and the census shows it to produce more cotton than any other county in Central West Texas.

FOR SALE

A REAL LIVE TRADE.—One whole block in Dallas, fronting 264 ft. on South Ervey St. and 259 on Colonial St. South Ervey is a paved street with car line. Improvements consist of three ten room flats, two nine room flats, two seven room cottages, and there are four vacant lots. These places are all modern and are always rented, and are now rented for an aggregate of \$340 per month. The property is fully insured, and paid up for three years. The price of this property is \$85,000.00, and the encumbrance is \$27,000. \$4,000 is due Dec. 1912, but can be extended if desired, and balance on long time. A note for \$3,000 was paid within last few weeks. Owner will trade for good land, improved or raw, and will assume an amount just about the same as present encumbrance. Tell me what you have to offer.

ALSO.—A good eleven room frame house, on best rock foundation, located in Austin, Texas, one block from State University. This place is two story and has every modern convenience, including two complete bath rooms, sewerage, gas, lights, water etc. One block to car line, one block to University, six blocks to State Capitol. The lot is 70x128 and is east front with alley at rear. In the very best location. Place now leased for two years at \$60.00 per month. Price \$11,000.00 Enc. \$1500 during Nov. 1913. Will trade for South Texas land in Corpus Christi Country, putting in for about half. Some cash and notes for balance. Both these belong to same party, and will consider a proposition on either or both. Tell me what you can offer.

FIRST CLASS HOTEL.—Large two story brick hotel building, located in Cleburne, Texas, known as the New Raymond House. Has forty rooms, halls, office, corridors, etc. Several good bath rooms with modern fixtures. Sewerage connection, lights, etc. Centrally located, with interurban in front. On corner lot 100x110, facing southeast, and has wide alleys on other two sides, giving access to all sides of the building. Everything in first class condition, present owner having spent \$3500 last year on improvements when the whole place was thoroughly gone over. The place is now leased until next March at \$175 per month, and for two years from March 1st at \$200 per month. Price of this property is \$35,000. The encumbrance is only \$6000, and present owner will clear the place if necessary. Will trade for South Texas property if priced right to about double this amount. Owner has several tracts pending, so if you have anything good to offer, let me hear from you quick. This a good substantial mad and is fully able to carry out any kind of a trade we might offer. For more information write or call on

MORE LAND SNAPS—636 acres fine Black Land, fairly open, some timber, 3 miles of town and gin, \$30. Big Bargain.

300 acres ie 3 tracts. Black Land, some brush; 7 miles Robston, \$35.

1700 acres, 2 miles of station. Fine, some open, some prushy, \$27.50, some trade.

160 to 2500 acres, St. Paul tract, \$25-\$30, some trade if sold in a body.

160 acres, 140 in cultivation. 5 room house, well, barn, etc. 4 1-2 miles of Robston, \$75.

80 to 640 acres, Agua Dulce, \$39 to \$45. Be quick, snaps don't keep.

No. 10. 18 sections of ranch land in Culberson Co., Texas, all fenced and cross fenced, abundance of water. 16 other sections under the same fence and leased for a long time at six per cent per acre, 8 of the 18 sections are good agricultural lands. 10 sections are rough but good grass lands, there is a State debt of \$1.38 due in 30 years at 3 per cent. Price \$2.50 per acre bonus, one third cash, balance on good time, would exchange for good revenue bearing city property that is clear of debt.

No. 11. 640 acres, near Ample, Haskell, county, 500 acres in cultivation, balance tillable, two sets of good improvements, public road on two sides of land, abundance of good water, soil is a dark chocolate, land has about an 18 inch slope to the East just enough to drain, good school and church in one mile, one of the best communities in the county, rural route and telephone. This land has been improved in the last 3 years and it is in fine shape. There is \$4000 debt on this land on easy terms at 8 per cent. Price 40 per acre.

No. 12. 20 1-2 Sections in El Paso county near Sierra Blanco. This is a splendid ranch proposition or a fine colonization proposition. If you are interested in a proposition like this get in communication with me at once, this is a snap.

No. 16. 1160 acres 12 miles from Haskell. 2 1-2 miles of good R. R. town, 100 per cent tillable, 560 in cultivation; three good new 4 room houses all fenced and cross fenced, abundance of never failing water, public road on two sides of land. 200 acres not in cultivation can be grubbed for \$1 per acre balance of pasture has good mesquite timber and fine mesquite grass, almost as level as a floor, this place is a bargain at \$40 per acre.

No. 17. 2,000 acres five miles south of Hamilton, town, Hamilton county, lies nearly square, fenced with four wire fence, 500 acres in one body of fine black land ready for the plow, and land just across the fence from this raises a bale of cotton to the acre, there is about 175 acres in another part of the land of the same kind of land as the 500 acres, there is everlasting running water in the other portion of the place and all this land is fine grass land. Price clear \$10 per acre, \$5,000 cash, balance to suit purchaser, would take the \$5,000 in good trade worth the money. This is an estate and the exceptionally low price is to get a quick deal.

No. 18. 374 acres adjoining the city of Gainesville, Cook county, practically all of this land is tillable, 325 acres in cultivation, one of the best farms in Cook county. Two sets of improvements, water in abundance from deep well; also good underground cistern, Elm Creek runs across one corner of this land and leaves about 275 acres that can be easily irrigated if one so desires, the is sufficient water in Elm Creek to irrigate with. Price \$95 per acre.

No. 21. 36 room frame hotel, 2 story, northeast corner square, about \$1200 furniture on lot 75x105. For Rent. Price, clear, \$5,500.00. * * One 5 room residence on two lots, close in. Price, clear, \$750.00. * * One 3 room residence on two lots, close in, \$500. * * 14 business lots, well located, clear, at a bargain. * * 22 residence lots, well located, clear, at a bargain. * * This a bargain and the lots that the hotel is on are worth more than the price asked for it. Building cost over \$5,000.

No. 22. 240 acres of land 7 miles southeast of Haskell, 140 acres in cultivation, good 5 room house with hall and porches, good well water. \$1,100 incumbrance, on easy time.

No. 26. 140 acres of fine black land 3 miles north of Haskell, 100 acres in high state of cultivation, every foot good tillable land, 5 room house, fair outbuildings, young orchard; well, tank and cistern water, public road on north and east of land, good school and church in one-half mile, price \$50 per acre, would trade for good private boarding house in good Central Texas town, \$750 incumbrance, easy.

No. 27. 400 acres of land 4 miles southeast of Goree, Knox county, 135 acres in cultivation, balance in pasture, plenty of mesquite timber, 4 room house, fair outbuildings, good tank and cistern water, dark Chocolate soil, on public road, rural route and telephone, this is a bargain, at \$35 per acre. \$1000 cash and 10 years on balance.

In connection with the above we have hundreds of other good farms ranches and city property, for sale and exchange. If you don't see on this list just what you want, write us and tell us what you want and where you want it, also tell us what you have to exchange, list your property with us and get a **SQUARE DEAL**, Yours for business,

P. P. ROBERTS, The Real Estate Man.
HASKELL TEXAS.

NO. 7825. Report of the Condition of THE FARMERS NATIONAL BANK

at Haskell in the State of Texas, at the close of business, November 26th, 1912

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$54,675.00
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	249.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	2,189.15
Banking house, Furniture, and Fixtures	10,520.00
Other Real Estate owned	1,071.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	5,341.51
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies and Savings Banks	1,370.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents	11,672.14
Checks and other Cash Items	580.34
Notes of other National Banks	570.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents	29.58
Specie	4,516.45
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,250.00
TOTAL	\$117,012.93
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$51,000.00
Surplus fund	6,200.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	2,907.53
National Bank notes outstanding	25,000.00
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	660.00
Dividends unpaid	159.00
Individual deposits subject to check	16,537.20
Time certificates of deposit	5,456.00
Cashier's Checks outstanding	42.20
TOTAL	\$117,012.93

State of Texas, county of Haskell, ss: I, G. E. Patterson, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. E. PATTERSON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of December 1912.

H. M. HIKE, Notary Public.

CORRECT ATTEST—
R. C. Montgomery, Directors.
F. Pinkerton,
T. L. Montgomery

The Guilty Party
—Judge (sternly)—"To what do you attribute your downfall?"
Culprit—"The first drink I ever took was one you brought me when you were trying to get my vote."—Puck.

NO. 4474 Report of the Condition of THE HASKELL NATIONAL BANK

at Haskell, in the state of Texas,
at the close of business, November
26th, 1912.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$115,386.00
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Banking house, Furniture and fixtures	8,600.00
Other Real Estate owned	4,121.75
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	9,275.29
Due from approved Reserve Agents	64,158.81
Checks and other Cash Items	97.20
Advances on Cotton	2,307.40
Notes from other National Banks	1,476.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents	89.25
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz: Specie	4,618.00
Legal tender notes	3,900.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,250.00
TOTAL	\$257,290.45
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$60,000.00
Surplus fund	12,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	17,565.08
National Bank Notes outstanding	25,000.00
Due to other National Banks	879.39
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	5,251.01
Individual deposits subject to check	112,731.15
Time certificates of deposit	2,238.15
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,655.20
TOTAL	\$257,290.45

State of Texas, County of Haskell, ss:—I G. E. Langford, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. E. LANGFORD, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of Dec. 1912.

Scott W. Key, Notary Public.

CORRECT ATTEST:
G. R. Couch, Directors.
F. M. Morton,
S. W. Scott

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A FIGHT FOR A WIFE

By M. QUAD

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"I dunno much about romance, as they calls it, but I reckon I s'posed a mighty chus when I got my wife. One day, when I was a young feller of twenty-two, I seen a gal over on the side of the mountings that jest filled the bill. I made up to her and was talkin' 'bout bars and wildcats and such when her mother steps in and sez, 'Stranger, mebbe yo' are wantin' to take my gal away fur a wife?'"

"I'm reckonin' to consider that I would," I replies.

"Then I'll blow the horn fur her pop to cum over the woods and tell yo' what is what."

"She blowed and blowed, and bimeby the old man appeared. He was a powerful man, and he didn't look good natured. His name was Rabbit, and arter lookin' me over he sez:

"Stranger, it a got to be a mighty good man who takes my darter away fur his wife. How fur kin anybody h'ar yo' holier?"

"Two miles, if the wind is right," sez I.

"And about yo' jumpin'?"

"It's cins to eight feet when I don't slip."

"Hev yo' ever dun any climbin'?"

"I hev. I've climbed the tallest tree in sight of these yere Cumberland mountings."

"And the number of bars and wildcats what yo've slain? he goes on, seemin' to want to pick a furs with me."

"They'd purty nigh fill yo' cabin," sez I, feelin' a little riled at the way he spoke.

"Well, sez he, arter stoppin' to consider a bit, 'nobody kin take that gal away jest because he kin hoot or climb or kill varmints. He's got to lay me on my back in a far' fout. I'll gin yo' a week to think it over. If yo' want the gal yo' must cum back and tackle me, and I'm tellin' yo' I'm a bad critter as long as I've got one foot on the arth."

"I went away feelin' sort o' cast down, but the mo' I thought of it the mo' I wanted the gal Sue fur my wife. That night I made up my mind that I'd try fur her, and next day I went back to the cabin. Her pop was thar and walkin' around and feelin' powerful peart.

"Thar was a clear space in the front of his cabin," said the old man, "and when the gal and her mother had cum outdoors he threw off our coats and begun business. I was accounted a powerful hand on a wrastle, but that man was also a powerful critter, and I reckoned I'd hev to hev help from the Lawd to gain the victory. It was 10 o'clock in the mawnin' when we begun, and the clock was jest strikin' when I sopped him on his back. That spot on the ground looked as if fo' haws had bin rootin' it up fur a week, and he was so beat out he could hardly speak. Mo' than twenty times in them three hours that critter had me almost dun fur, but I'd send up a sort of prayer and git a new hold, and at last I fetched him. When he was able to talk he ris up and took my hand and sez:

"Stranger, it was a far wrastle, and I've been flopped. I wouldn't 'n believed yo' could hev dun it, but yo' did, and I'm sayin' yo' ar' a purty good man. Howsumever, it ain't over yet. Yo've got to lick me to git Sue, and I know yo' kin never do it. We'll take three days to rest up, and then yo' kin cum back and tackle me."

"And did yo' go?" I asked as the old man made a long pause.

"Fur suah," he replied. "I was mighty sore and lame, but I knowed he would be as bad off. Besides, that gal Sue had hooted fur me when I sopped her pop, and I knowed by that she was with me and would hope fur me to come out on top. In three days I went back to hev it out. The critter was a-lookin' fur me and glad to see me."

"How's it to be?" sez I.

"A far' fout," sez he, "no throwin' rocks nor nittin' with clubs. Whoop: Cock-a-doodle-do!"

"Waal, we went at it. Sue and her maw was out thar as bef' and the gal gin me a smile as I went in. It was a rough and tumble fout. I jest knowed I'd got to do my level best or go under, and I lost no chances. That fout lasted mighty nigh two hours, and two or three times I was almost on the pint of lettin' go. Bimeby, howsumever, I seen that Rabbit was gettin' tired out, and the gal clapped her hands and sicked me on. Ten minits arter that I had him whopped. Thar wasn't no mistake about it, because he ris up and sez to me:

"Zeb White, I'm a whopped man, and that gal is yo'rs. I didn't believe thar was a critter on these mountings as could make me hoot, but yo' dun it. And now when do yo' want the gal?"

"Right now, I reckon," sez I.

"Ain't it purty sudden?"

"Not so very, bein' as she's ready to go."

"Then, maw, bring out the broomstick and let 'em jump over it, and if they want to be married by a preacher they kin do it sum other time."

"And you took the girl home?"

"Bartiny," replied Zeb. "Yes, sah, took her right home with me, with her feather bed on my back, and she's out thar in the kitchen makin' mince pie this minit. As I was sayin', these yere marriages of today don't amount to much. When yo' luv a gal and hev to lick her ole pop to git her then yo' know she's with the gittin'."

THE WOMAN WITH THE BIRD HAT

By DONALD CHAMBERLAIN

One day when I was conductor on the R. L. and T. railroad I took a ticket from a woman, and the only thing about her I remembered was that she wore a hat with a bird on it.

Not long after I took up her ticket the train shot into a tunnel. Nowadays in all passenger trains on well regulated roads one or more lamps are lighted, but in those times they didn't light up—at any rate, not unless the tunnel was a very long one. I was in the car where the woman with the bird hat was sitting, and when we entered the tunnel I sat down in the rear seat next the door. During the passage in the darkness—when we were about half way through, I reckon—I heard a moan. Of course one can't tell where sound comes from without the aid of his eyes, but it seemed to me in this instance to come from about the center of the car. I remembered that there were two men sitting on the left in different seats and a man and a woman, also in different seats, on the right. The woman was the one with the bird in her hat and was sitting a few seats forward of the center of the car. We were approaching the end of the route, which accounted for there being so few persons in the car.

Naturally, as soon as we shot out of the tunnel, I looked over the passengers to see if anything had happened to any of 'em. I noticed that the woman in the bird hat had sunk down against the window. I ran to her, and the first thing I noticed when I reached her was blood on her dress. Her face, too, was white as a sheet. She looked to me as if she were dead, and it turned out that she was. There was a doctor in the next car in the rear, who, being summoned, examined her and found a wound in her breast, made evidently by a knife.

As soon as I regained my wits I looked over the persons who had gathered around the woman. I didn't see a guilty face among them. I recalled how many passengers were in the car when we entered the tunnel and missed one man, but which one of the men I couldn't tell. Then it occurred to me to go through the train and investigate. I also questioned the brakemen. All the information I gathered was from the brakeman on the car where the murder had been committed, who said that when we entered the tunnel he came into the car and sat down in the forward end seat, as I sat on the rear end. While we were in the tunnel the forward door had opened and closed, it seemed, very carefully so as to make no noise. He felt it press against his foot.

Months passed, and there was no explanation of the mystery. I confess I never entered the tunnel after that, and I passed through it every day, without a bit of a shudder, though after the murder we always had the cars lighted before going into it. But after a year had elapsed I grew used to it and thought no more about it. One day when we were approaching the "hole," as we railroad men called the tunnel, I was passing down the aisle of the second car, which was the one in which the murder had been done, when I noticed a man sitting in one of the seats with a wild eye in his head muttering to himself. He seemed to be one of those persons with abnormal cerebral activity, so I passed on without paying attention to him. I came back into the car immediately after we had passed through the tunnel and saw the same man at a wash basin next to the saloon washing his hands.

Having no duty to perform till we reached the next station, I took a seat in the car and within ten minutes after the man had washed his hands he got up from his seat, went to the basin and washed them again. Though a bit surprised, I thought nothing of the matter, but when, after the next stop, I went through the car to take the tickets I saw the same man washing his hands again I began to notice the fact. Within an hour he washed them five times.

I had long before read in a paper an account of a French murderer who gave himself away by continually trying to wash blood from his hands and probably this suggested the thought that perhaps this man was trying to do the same thing. The next connecting link was remembering that murderers are drawn irresistibly to the scene of their crime, and might not this man have killed the woman in the bird decorated hat?

Taking a seat directly behind him and pointing to where the unfortunate woman had sat, I said to him:

"That woman over there seems to be ill."

There was no woman near where I pointed.

"What woman?" he asked, a frightened look coming over his face.

"The one with the bird on her hat."

He had no power to speak further. I had applied the "third degree," which in his case was a very simple process. I left him, but kept an eye on him to the end of the route, having instructed a brakeman to telegraph for the police to meet us at the station on our arrival.

The man pleaded guilty to the murder and suffered the penalty of his crime. Since those days the happenings in unlighted railroad trains passing through tunnels have ceased. I often wonder that there were not more crimes committed under circumstances so favorable to such acts.

James Tiernan's Most Important Case

By FRED L. YOUNG

A woman plainly dressed, but comely, entered the office of a noted criminal lawyer. James Tiernan at twelve had been working in a machine shop, at eighteen had been messenger in a law office and at twenty-two had been admitted to the bar, having done most of his studying at night. Having a sympathy with those unfortunates who are often forced into crime through lack of education, environment or heredity, he began his legal career by defending them in court. Within ten years he was known far and wide as the poor man's attorney.

"Jim," said the woman, "Tom has been arrested for burglary."

There is a story in these few words that it would require many pages to tell. Tiernan was moving in a far lower scale than now. Annie Grady had been a factory girl. He had courted her and was about to win her when Tom Morrison, a ne'er-do-well, smart, but disinclined to work, came along and carried her away from her more steady lover with the greatest ease. She had married Tom, whom she had supported ever since. He had occasionally obtained money, but never gave any of it to his wife and did not explain where he got it.

"That's bad," replied Tiernan sympathetically.

"I want you to defend him."

There was no immediate reply to this. When it came it was spoken kindly.

"I'm afraid, Annie, that I wouldn't be able to do as well in this case as some other lawyer. I will select some one for you if you like, and, as to pay for his services, I'll take care of that."

"They tell me, Jim, that no jury will go back on you if you have any case at all."

Tiernan thought for a few moments and then said:

"Annie, I'll do anything for you, the same as I would have done years ago. I'll do what I can for your husband."

"I knew you would."

"How did you know it?"

"We women can't explain how we know things, but we know them well enough—sometimes much better than men."

"I'm glad you have confidence in me. You are certainly paying me a very high compliment in asking me to defend the man who—"

"Yes, I know. But you'll not play him false as some men would. You'll move heaven and earth to get him off."

She left, feeling much relieved. Though she knew her husband was guilty of the crime for which he was to be tried, she knew that he would have every advantage, and that is a great comfort to us when we know those we love are passing a crisis.

The way in which the lawyer handled his client's case was by having the criminal's wife in court and making a pathetic appeal to the jury. When a man truly loves a woman he is inspired to be eloquent in her behalf. Tiernan made the effort of his life and increased his already brilliant reputation. Morrison was acquitted, and it was generally conceded that without the remarkable appeal made by her counsel he would have been convicted.

The day after the trial Mrs. Morrison came into Tiernan's office.

"I've come to thank you for your work, Jim. Everybody knows you saved him from state prison. I haven't anything with which to pay you. Neither has Tom."

"What are you going to do now?" asked the lawyer.

"Go on enduring as before."

The first touch of melancholy she had thus far permitted herself to show came out when she said this.

"Annie," said Tiernan, "there is one thing the law will do for you. Give up the man who has brought disgrace upon you, apply for a divorce, and I am sure you will get it. Then what I once said to you stands now the same as then."

"Do you think I'd return evil for good, Jim?"

"What do you mean?"

"You're on the road to some big position. If I should marry you I'd be a drag on you. I'd be pointed out as the former wife of a criminal. I've heard they're going to take you up for governor. What would you do with me for a governor's wife?"

"With you for my wife, Annie, I would not care to be governor. You are more to me than the presidency of the United States."

He argued with her that she was a woman among a thousand; that it was just such sterling qualities as hers that would help a man to rise in the world. He drew pictures of the home they would have together and the pleasure they would take in it. He was a persuasive talker and pleaded with a woman who had come to love him. It was all of no avail. His eloquence was wasted.

She shook her head and left him with the words: "No; I married one who needs me. You don't need me, and I would be a thorn in your side. Go marry some lady who if she doesn't help you to rise—you don't need her for that—will at least be able to do the honors for you in the high positions in store for you."

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The only wonder is that an intelligent people have permitted associations that make the least compromise with fundamental principle.

To put it in a paradox, this development is in a natural result of an unnatural contact of whites and blacks tolerated for gain, or for sport or for convenience. When white men meet negro men in the prize ring, when they ride together in street cars, or railroad cars, or when they meet upon any common plane, they stand upon a footing of equality for the occasion, and repeating the occasion establishes a statue which has no limitation or difference in the mind of the heedless white man.

There is no culture of mind or heart or uplift of soul of the individual black man that warrants social equality with the white man. That is a hard saying, but it is the decree of nature and God, and to ignore it is to debase nature and despise God.

May not the black man aspire? Yes, as high as the heavens. May he not expand? Yes, throughout the whole wide universe. But aspiration and expansion are not hindered by confinement within the association of his own race. By and of himself, among his own, he must pursue his own way—and he may not be permitted to pursue any other without consequences revolting to the white man and ultimately destructive to himself, for such instances as this repeated will provoke revulsion and antagonism merciless and far-reaching.

They play with fire who venture to cross the line of racial separation, so much as the slightest step in the faintest degree. It is not because the individual white man is injured by the contact of the individual black man, or that the individual

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black man may not be bettered by the association. If that were all there would be no race problem, and the rule would rest upon an unseemly prejudice. President Roosevelt was not hurt by the dinner with Booker Washington, for with all respect to the host, it may be said that the guest was individually worthy of the hospitality. But in the mathematics of races, the honest, humblest black is Washington's equal; and since Washington was made equal with Roosevelt, the lowest black became equal with chiefest of the white race. That is the philosophy of the black man's reasoning; that is the color that finds unconscious lodgment in the white mind moved to an association by

whim or temporary advantage. Jack Johnson had a white wife, who is now dead, and nothing ill may be said of the dead. But the example has borne fruit in the weak brain of this poor child of passion who would give her birth-right for the gratification of a diseased or insane fancy. The suicide of the other one, provoked perhaps by a belated realization of her racial debasement, is no warning to the younger victim lured by not sobriety and intoxicated by adventure. And that isn't all. "Oh, some of the best white women in Chicago ride in this car," said Johnson to the girl's mother when she shrank from being seen in his automobile. Of course "the best

white women" in Chicago do not ride in that car, but Johnson sees no reason why they should not; other brutish negroes there and elsewhere see no reason why they should not; and thus in millions of negro minds is born the purpose of impudence and insult and outrage to be visited upon white women any time, anywhere.

What have we of the south to be concerned about in this unspeakable infamy which the undiscerning North tolerates? May we not be content to preserve our own standards, maintain our social integrity and let others indulge animalism and amalgamation to the utmost of their bestial bent?

No, for we have knowledge they do not know; we have experiences which should teach them to beware, and we are not faithful as our brothers' keepers if we do not cry aloud and warn them of their peril.

Besides, they can not conceal these exploits from the knowledge of our blacks, and our blacks will be tempted to more wicked deeds. Quick and sure vengeance awaits

the least encroachment here, but it would be little less than criminal not to endeavor to prevent the occasion for vengeance.

Thousands of black brutes all over the land will be moved by this circumstance to entertain the nameless desire which always lurks in the mind of the low and lustful.

We may not calculate how many white women must suffer the consequence of such example—nor how many black men may be destroyed to hold the others of the race in leash.

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