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"SPORT SPASMS"

By Dick West Jr.

The Randolph Kittens, most popularly known basketball girls team in America, will soon resume practice again for the various inter-sectional games on their card. Coach Garrett is not equipped with as much material as he had last year, but he is gradually whipping a fine team into fine condition. The Kittens lost to the Sunoco Oilers, the national champions, a few weeks ago, but they did that also early in the season last year. One thing is certain—the Kittens are a shade faster this year than last. But the girls are smaller and are not as well versed in floor work as they should be. But quickness and agility comes with practice, and the Kittens will soon develop into a crack quint, for they certainly have the hustle and fighting spirit.

Coach Hill and his Lobo basketballers are working hard during the holidays. A practice game has been carded with the strong Eliasville five for January 6, and the Lobos are practicing hard for the tussle. By far the most impressive man on the court for Cisco so far is Preston, fighting little guard. Shady stepped into the place left vacant last year by Van Horn, and became one of the sensations of the season. His work this year should overshadow that of the past, and Lyman will undoubtedly be an All-District selection. He has marvelous foot work, a fighting heart, uncanny agility, and one of the coolest tempers imaginable. His eye for the basket will improve as the season progresses. Clemo Ray also shows much promise of developing into the player his brother was. Clemo is faster than O. C., but he must learn to think more quickly. However, this will come with needed experience, and in a short while Clemo should be a wonder.

The Lobo eleven of next season should have one of the best scoring aces the Oil Belt has seen in years in Joseph Little. Joe is growing quickly, and is getting to be heavier. He is very fast and moves his hips and legs like lightning. All that he needs to gain is blocking ability and a lot of hustle. His punting should be sensational, and his passing is way above par. Next year the Lobos will have a very light back field, and passes and deceptive plays should dominate. Plays that will get Joseph in the open such as flat zone passes, double laterals, passes over the line, reverses and screen passes would make the Lobos one of the most feared teams in the district in an offensive way. Clemo Ray and Wilkins are fast too, but they are not large enough to stand a punishing line game. The Tyler team this year had such a similar back field and they had very few power plays. The Lobos, had they been able to keep Connell as a speed merchant, could have pulled anything this year, but all punch was suppressed when the chief scoring ace was removed. Fight and plenty of it was all that defeated Ranger, Angelo and Abilene. But next year with

New County Officers Sworn In Thursday

The new Eastland County officers together with the old were sworn into office Thursday at the Court House at Eastland. County Judge Clyde L. Garrett administered the oath of office, and Judge Elzo Been gave the oath of office to Mr. Garrett.

T. L. Cooper, who has been serving as county treasurer, took the oath of office as county tax collector.

In the county superintendent's office Miss Beulah Speer is succeeded by Bert McGlamery. Mrs. Mae Harrison succeeds T. L. Cooper as county treasurer.

Tom Poe, Commissioner, is succeeded by A. N. Snearley of Rising Star.

Edgar Noel returned this week from Baytown where he has been working.

Mrs. E. Winn and son Clarence, who have been visiting friends in Cisco, returned to their home in Clovis, New Mexico, Thursday.

C. H. Lawrence and family, Mrs. J. W. Lawrence and Mrs. C. M. Nichols visited relatives in Sweetwater Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Key have as guests Mrs. J. C. Lovelace of Ballinger, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Springer and I. M. Springer of Bremond.

House Burns

A duplex dwelling at 17th and H avenue was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. One of the apartments was occupied by Frank Jacobs, but no one was at home at the time of the fire, it is reported. The property belonged to W. T. Hittson, Jr., of Hamilton, Texas. Cause of the fire is unknown. Insurance of \$3,000 was carried on the house

Wilkins, Bryan, Ray, and the fleet Little, the Lobos can run this district ragged if the right kind of plays are used to insure a deceptive offensive. Coach Chapman is smart, and he can be expected to fit his offensive to these "four horsemen." Watch these little demons next year, and especially watch Little, who can be one of the greatest triple threat men this Oil Belt has ever seen.

Cisco High should have a brilliant little tennis team this year. George Irvine is about the greatest prospect that ever came out of Cisco. He loves Tennis, and is an earnest worker. His drive is steady, he has a mean flat hop and a good serve. His backhand needs polishing a bit, but the little fellow is working hard on it. Saturday afternoon the tennis teams of Randolph College and Cisco High will play the Ranger Bulldogs in Ranger. This match should give a line on the relative strength of the Cisco midgets, Irvine and Harrison, in relation to Ranger. Ranger, coached by Ben Hogan of Ft. Worth, has a strong team this year, but they have no single player that is as flashy as Irvine. George likes his tennis fast, and dares anyone to drive with him on a fast court. On a slow asphalt court like Ranger has, George can use his flat chop to advantage, and this alone will give his opponents just plenty of trouble.

Why All This Talk About Repudiation?

Why all this talk about repudiation? Who is there among us that wants to repudiate just debts?

Is it not a fact that all of us want to pay every cent of indebtedness which we voted upon ourselves according to the provisions of our statutes? Have we ever shown any unwillingness to do this?

Here is the proposition that is before us now: Shall the City of Cisco give to the bondholders our entire water and sewer systems with all extensions, which, according to the city audit, cost Cisco nearly two and one-half million dollars, and in addition also require ONE AND ONE-HALF MILLION dollars worth of NEW BONDS bearing five per cent interest for our entire indebtedness, approximating five million dollars. According to a representative of the prospective purchaser, they can buy our entire indebtedness for about thirty cents on the dollar, which means they would only have to pay about one and one-half million dollars for the same. Anyone can thus see that the purchasers would then have the entire water and sewer systems as their profit on this investment. Why give away our best assets?

Tax Payers Committee

Five C. of C. Directors To Be Selected Soon

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night, the names of fifteen men from the business and professional circles of Cisco were chosen as a list to be submitted to the city commission who will pick from this list the names of five to serve as Chamber of Commerce directors. The terms of office of five of the old directors expired Wednesday. These are: H. S. Drumwright, Guy Dabney, Dr. Chas. Hale, W. J. Armstrong, F. E. Harrell. The five directors who are chosen to succeed these will take office at the first regular meeting of the board in January.

The following present directors have another year to serve in their term of office: E. P. Crawford, P. P. Shepard, A. D. Anderson, J. A. Bearman and F. D. Wright. The terms of five others expire two years hence. These are R. L. Poe, P. B. Glenn, J. J. Collins, W. J. Leach, F. D. McMahon.

A committee which had been appointed to work out plans for a new road leading from the highway down to the swimming pool below the dam made a report of two routes which had been worked out by the City Engineer John Reagan. Either of these routes may be completed at very little expense it was stated, and either would reduce the grade to seven per cent. It was left to the committee to choose which route should be used.

R. L. Poe, chairman of the agricultural committee, and E. H. Varnell, vocational instructor, made a report on the livestock show which is planned to be held here in the spring. The board voted to allow \$400 requested by the committee with which to finance the show. This event has been known as an annual dairy show, but is changed to a general livestock show, which it is considered a much better arrangement. The Cisco club boys who exhibited their various livestock specimens will receive the most of the prize money, amounting to \$275, according to the committee.

Meeting of the City Commission

At a RECESSED meeting of the City Commission with all members present the following business was transacted:

The contract of the Garbage man, J. A. Woodward together with his Surety Company Bond in the amount of \$1000.00 was read and approved.

The police department was authorized to trade its Ford car in for a new Chevrolet car paying the difference in cash.

The Commission then heard the reading of an ordinance introduced by Commissioner Geo. D. Fee, to the effect that an officer shall be paid any fee or compensation in criminal cases in the municipal court unless the fines assessed and all costs be paid in cash. After the reading of same and some comments it was passed to the secretary and filed. As it did not carry the Emergency clause it will be read and acted upon at a subsequent meeting of the commission.

Commissioner Geo. D. Fee made a motion that the salary of the Mayor be reduced to \$1800.00 per year and the cash fees of said office. A recorded vote was taken on the reduction which resulted in a tie. Commissioners, Berry, Burnett and Fee voting for the motion while the other members of the City Commission, Williamson, Paschal and McCrea voted against the motion, thus defeating same.

The per month salaries of the various heads of the departments were fixed.

The commission RECESSED until Monday, January 5, 1931

J. B. Morrison of Cisco and J. A. Clements of Cisco and Putnam, this week sold to Everett Williams, R. D. Williams and deration is not given out.

what is known as the Scott ranch situated about two miles south of Putnam. The ranch contains about 6,000 acres, and was bought by Mr. Morrison and Mr. Clements from Rufus Scott of Paris, Texas, about two years ago. The two Williams brothers are ranchmen in the Putnam territory, and Mr. Clinton is cashier of the Farmers State Bank at Putnam. Consider L. Clinton, all of Putnam,

D. A. R. Has Christmas Party With Mrs. Bearman Tuesday

A very pretty party was given at the home of Mrs. J. A. Bearman Tuesday afternoon, when the D. A. R. held their Christmas party. Mesdames Lee Owen and Homer Slicker were in charge of the entertainment, and arranged several games and a musical contest, which furnished much enjoyment.

A very entertaining talk was given by Mrs. Pettit on Christmas customs of other lands.

Gifts were distributed from a Christmas tree.

Refreshments of plum pudding and whipped cream and coffee were served to Mesdames F. D. Pierce, T. C. Williams, Lee Owen, C. R. West, J. A. Bearman, Alex Spears, P. Pettit, J. E. Chesley and Homer Slicker.

F. A. Blankenbeckler and family are visiting relatives in Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Drumright spent some of the holidays in Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Wilkerson spent some of the Christmas holidays in Dallas.

Mrs. Pearl Fox of Wichita Falls is here this week visiting her father, Will Parmer.

Holdup Man Gets \$250 From Palace Theatre

A neat little holdup was staged here Thursday evening about 10 o'clock when a young fellow, apparently about 21 years old appeared at the ticket window of the Palace Theatre and at the point of a gun took the cash receipts from the office. The amount was about \$250.00, and represented receipts from both the Palace and Ideal Theatres, the Ideal receipts having just been brought up from that place a few minutes before and placed with the other mney in a bag. Mrs. K. N. Greer, wife of the manager, and Miss Jackie Hatton, ticket taker, were in the box office at the time of the holdup. According to them the young man came in and came to the back of the ticket office and knocked at the door. He was told to come around to the front and did so, but as he reached the front pulled a revolver from beneath his coat, and leveling it at the two women, remarked, "I guess I'll just take some of that money," and smiled as he said it. The occupants of the ticket office, however, did not consider it advisable to offer any arguments as they viewed the business end of the gun, and the man took the sack of money and ran. Hugh Nix, an employee of the theatre gave chase, and the alarm was turned in to the police immediately, and Chief Miller dashed up to the theatre in time to see the chase being made about two blocks away, where the holdup man disappeared in an alley back of the Christian church. It is supposed that he was going to join a confederate waiting somewhere in an automobile.

The holdup man was described as being rather short of stature, wore a light coat and a pair of corduroy trousers. He had a cropped mustache, it was said. The police department is busy on the case, and are working on clues which they hope to develop.

Earlier in the evening, at about 8:00 o'clock, another young fellow, who later gave his name as Anderson, approached the ticket box of the Ideal Theatre in the same manner as which this man did, from the rear. He was asked to come to the front, and did so. He told the ticket taker that he was broke and had to stop over here, and that a local hotel had promised to give him a bed, and asked if he might be allowed to go into the show. He was told to go on in, and shortly after he did so the police arrived and took the gentleman in charge, and he found his lodging place in the city jail. He is being held for investigation. He was somewhat similar in age and stature to the holdup man, and also wore a cropped mustache.

Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Graham spent some of the Christmas holidays in McGregor.

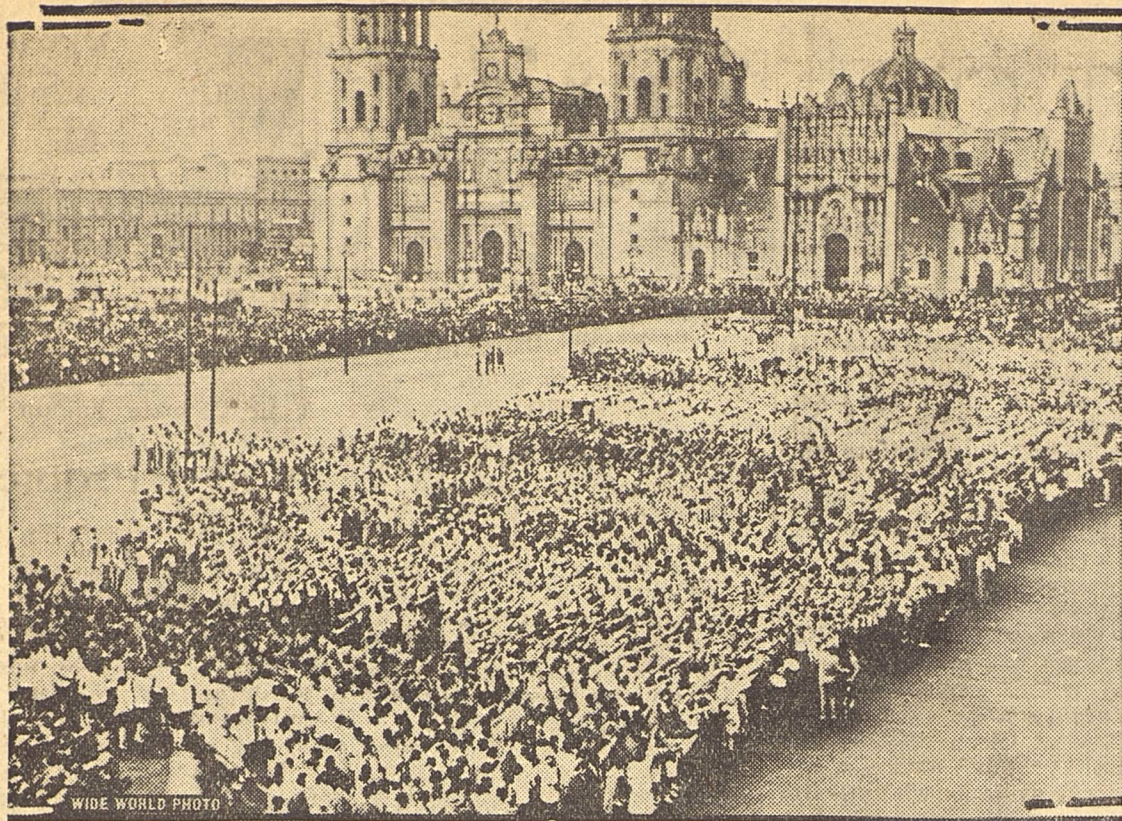
Mrs. Pete Booth is visiting with her mother in Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Henderson of Sweetwater spent Christmas holidays with relatives in Cisco.

J. W. Key left Thursday to spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Reagan Bolinger, in Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Van Eman of Tyler were visitors here the past week. They formerly made their home in Cisco.

Mexican Sportsmen Pledge Loyalty to Ortiz



Part of the 8,000 sportsmen who lined up in front of the national palace in Mexico City before President Ortiz Rubio, and pledged allegiance to him as the climax of a week of festivals devoted to sport.

Child Is Slain on First Auto Ride

Killer Kissed, Then Feared She Would Tell; Justice Swift.

Detroit—Justice moved swiftly to avenge the brutal murder of fifteen-year-old Alice Collier here when, within 20 hours after his arrest, Ralph James, thirty-three, was sentenced to Marquette prison for life.

James, seized after two months patient investigation by the police, made a complete confession—a hideous story of luring the girl into his automobile for the first ride of the kind in her life and callously killing her by knocking her unconscious, wedging her head between two trees and twisting her body until she was strangled. The crime aroused public indignation in Detroit to a pitch that it had not reached in an amazing series of vicious crimes. The fact that little Alice sold newspapers to help her poor father and mother; that she cared for the smaller children and that she was a favorite in the neighborhood all combined to arouse the populace.

Dropped From Sight.

Two months ago, after having been sent to a grocery store on an errand, Alice disappeared as completely as if the earth had swallowed her. The police department assigned some of its shrewdest investigators on the case, yet no trace of the child was found until last week, when her body was discovered by a hunter wedged between two maple saplings.

Taking into consideration the character and habits of the little girl, the police, now that her body had been found, came to the conclusion that the only way she could have been lured away would have been by some one she knew and trusted.

The spot where the body was found is more than eight miles from the Collier home. Despite the time that had elapsed since her disappearance, the detectives were able to make some shrewd deductions.

Made Shrewd Guesses.

One of her shoes was found a full 150 feet away from the place where the body lay; the other shoe about half way between the two spots. It led to the conclusion that Alice had been brought to the place in a car, had been taken from it and probably rendered unconscious, then had been dragged to the saplings between which her head was wedged.

"The girl never would have come this far with a total stranger without making an outcry or struggle and no one in his senses would have brought her dead or unconscious body this far when there were many lonely spots along the road," said Inspector Navarre. "Look for some man she knew and trusted."

Several suspects were seized, questioned and released. The habits of many men were scrutinized until finally an officer, learning that Ralph James, thirty-three, was in the habit of buying papers from the girl and that he often chatted with her, decided to take him into custody.

James, a construction worker, had been questioned only a few hours when he broke down and told a sordid story of how he had killed the

girl, luring her away by the offer of an automobile ride.

It was the first time in her life that the little news girl had ever been on such a jaunt, and James says that she enthusiastically accepted his invitation.

Offered Her a Ride.

James says he was seated in the car in front of his home when Alice passed with her bundle of papers under her arm.

"I asked her if she wanted a ride," he said. "She jumped in beside me." James then told how he had driven almost directly to the wooded district where the murder occurred.

"I tried to kiss her and she fought me," he told the police. "I choked her and she became limp in my arms. Then I was crazed by the fear that she would tell about me trying to kiss her and decided to silence her forever."

"When she was unconscious I wedged her head between two trees and twisted her body to make sure that she was dead and would never tell."

One of Seven Children.

The body of Alice, due to the family's poverty, was saved from potter's field through the efforts of men at the fire station with whom the girl was a great favorite. There are six other children in the Collier family.

Mrs. Bertha Collier, the mother, has been under a severe strain for two months since the girl disappeared.

Mrs. Collier, when visited by a reporter, stood at a table in the small, dark kitchen of her home, mixing bread for her family. The flour in the sack beside the table came from the department of public welfare, and Mrs. Collier was grateful for it.

Tears misted her glasses and slipped down her cheeks as she worked. Mrs. Collier knew that her daughter was dead after two months of waiting and hoping that "Toots" was still alive.

"Now it is over," the mother said. "I'm glad that I know at last that she is safe. But it is hard to go on. Everything I do reminds me of her."

PEACE PRIZE WINNER



Dr. Nathan Soderblom, archbishop of Upsala, Sweden, who was presented with the 1930 Nobel prize for peace.

Hysterics in Men Bring Bald Heads

Brighton, England.—Doctor Davis, a dermatologist, in the course of a speech before the conference of the incorporated guild of hairdressers and wig-makers, stated that the reason men were subject to "baldheadedness" and that women were not, was that men were more hysterical.

He also dispelled the cherished illusion of the baldheaded man that baldness was a sign of superior intelligence. He said he knew many donkeys who were baldheaded.

You see she used to do this," and Mrs. Collier motioned toward the loaves of bread placed neatly in their tins to rise.

"She helped me bring up the other children. She was a mother to them."

Army Surveys Site for Proposed Nicaragua Canal

Washington.—Under a tropical sun, the United States army corps of engineers is surveying a route across Nicaragua for a canal to supplement the famous Panama waterway, Maj. Gen. Lytle Brown, chief of engineers, said in his annual report.

Maj. Dan I. Sultan, formerly connected with the office of the engineering chief here, is in direct charge, assisted by the Twenty-ninth engineers and parts of the First and Eleventh engineers.

The survey, which supplements and modernizes one made thirty years ago, was authorized by congress in March, 1920. Whether or not a Nicaraguan canal will be built at any time in the near future is a moot subject among both engineers and statesmen, but the government is anxious to collate all data necessary to the work should it be authorized.

"Preliminary plans and estimates," Brown said, "are being made for a canal of suitable dimensions for the larger commercial vessels and increased traffic of today and that which may reasonably be anticipated in the future."

Brown's report showed the commissioned strength of the engineering corps is 556 and the enlisted strength 4,674.

Feminism Increases Divorces in Turkey

Stambul, Turkey.—The progress of feminism is largely responsible for the vastly increased number of divorce suits in months.

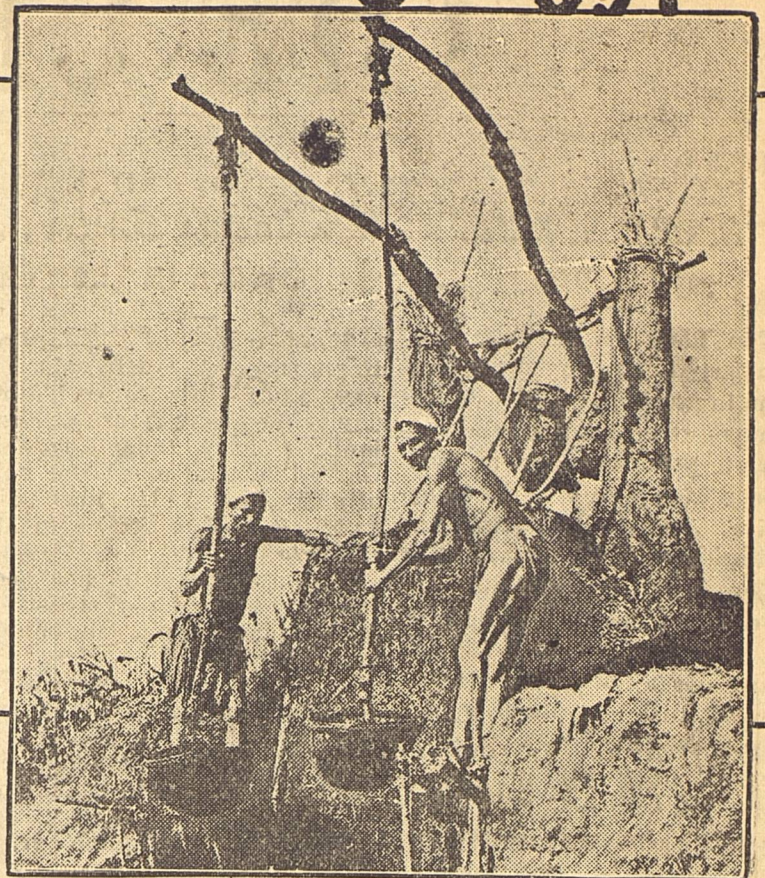
A woman's work is no longer restricted to the home, even in Turkey. Family life is afflicted with a certain uneasiness and notable evidence of this is to be found in the street sales of 2-cent booklets of the marriage and divorce law.

Repudiation is no longer the privilege of the husband, but many suits brought by wives have no motive beyond the desire for freedom. Some 25 cases are being brought before the Stambul courts daily, but of these only 15 per cent are successful.

Steal Cop's Uniform

Atlanta, Ga.—The new police uniform Lieutenant Weaver left in his automobile as a protection against car thefts when he parked the machine on a pedestrian-packed thoroughfare was gone when he returned

Farming in Egypt



Egyptian Farm Workers Using the Shaduf.

(Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.)

THE recent promulgation of a new constitution in Egypt and the riots by supporters of the opposition that accompanied the new governmental step are straws that show how modern winds are beginning to blow in this ancient land.

The World War, freeing Egypt from the Turkish sultans, played its part in bringing new conditions. But even more fundamental has been the population pressure that has brought discontent and has crowded more people into Cairo. One hundred years ago the population of Egypt was slightly less than 2,500,000. It had risen 40 years ago to 6,800,000. Since then the population has doubled.

The pressure of this rapidly expanding population upon the limited agricultural area is the most important factor in the economy of modern Egypt. The process of land subdivision is accelerated by Mohammedan law and custom, under which no man may devise real estate to any one of his children to the exclusion of the others. For practical purposes, every Mohammedan dies intestate, since no man can dispose of his estate except on the basis of equal distribution to his children. As a consequence of all this, the land is minutely subdivided.

The Egyptian farmer is a conservative of the conservatives, both in the matter of his foods and in the methods he employs for cultivating the soil. Egypt, despite 6,000 years of civilization, has not emerged from the primitive agricultural stage of society. The age of industrialism is yet to be. Agricultural progress lags unbelievably.

Little Progress in Methods.

At Sakkara may be seen the excavated home of the wealthy farmer Ti, who flourished some 2,700 years before Christ. The home of Ti is embellished with mural decorations depicting his agricultural activities. One of these pictures represents Ti bossing the threshing of his grain. The job was done on a threshing floor precisely the way the operation is carried out today.

Another scene depicts the plowing of Ti's estates with bullock-drawn wooden implements. Here one marks a change in agricultural methods. Ti's plow has two handles; the operator, walking behind the implement, guides it true, much as a modern American steel plow is held to its course by the man who follows it in the furrow. The modern Egyptian plow is also of wood and is likewise drawn by bullocks or camels, but the implement is usually guided by a single wooden upright rather than by two handles, and the operator walks by the side of the plow rather than behind it.

It is obvious that in the 46 centuries that have elapsed since the days of Ti the primary agricultural operation of plowing has not only made no progress, but has actually suffered retrogression. If Ti could be restored to his estates today, after the lapse of 4,600 years, no one in Egypt could reproach him with being an old fogy; indeed, his two-handled plow might be regarded as a rather impractical sort of contraption!

Though "Egypt is the gift of the Nile," it is a gift with a string to it, whose name is mud. Keeping the anals free of silt and keeping the water going has, figuratively, broken the tired backs of millions.

Many power pumps are in use, of course, especially on the larger estates; but today gasoline is scarce and expensive, and the average small

farmer must water his little patch of land with the shaduf, a primitive balancing apparatus wherein a long pole with a rock weight on one end and a pail on the other is used to lift water from the canals.

Two other awkward but ancient irrigating machines are the "water snake," or "Archimedean screw," and the tabut; these wooden water wheels are used to lift water from the canals and pour it onto higher levels.

Must Import Fertilizers.

Nile mud alone no longer is adequate to enrich the fields, and today the fellah must buy high-priced imported fertilizer.

The renter usually leases a piece of land for two or three years; the owner furnishes seed and work animals, and takes his share of the crop. Cotton, sugar cane, corn, wheat, and rice are staples. Egypt grew grain for export to feed Rome in ancient times.

Water buffalo, oxen and camels are the chief work animals on the farms; most of the horses and donkeys in Egypt are owned by the townspeople.

While the milk of goats, cows, and camels is used, the fellah depends mostly on the water buffalo for his milk supply. This ugly, awkward beast requires less food and gives more milk than the cow and is less susceptible to diseases.

The Egyptian country women, in rustic huts improvised of Nile mud, how little we know about them! What is going on in their minds, these sadyed, dumb, driven creatures, whose erect bearing and delicately chiseled features would mark them as distinguished among any people of the earth? They are never seen to smile, nor gesticulate, nor fly into a temper.

Five thousand years ago labored here, through the brief space of their fruitless lives, similar men and women, performing exactly the same tasks—dull, unimaginative, unproductive lives.

Changes in City Life.

It is among the city dwellers, chiefly those of Cairo, that changes have come about. Among the political phenomena of Egypt, the strike as an economic weapon is becoming quite common. And another phase of the national idea, or emotion, is the part Egyptian city women are playing. Sharing their husbands' ambitions, they helped put the Egyptian nation on the map.

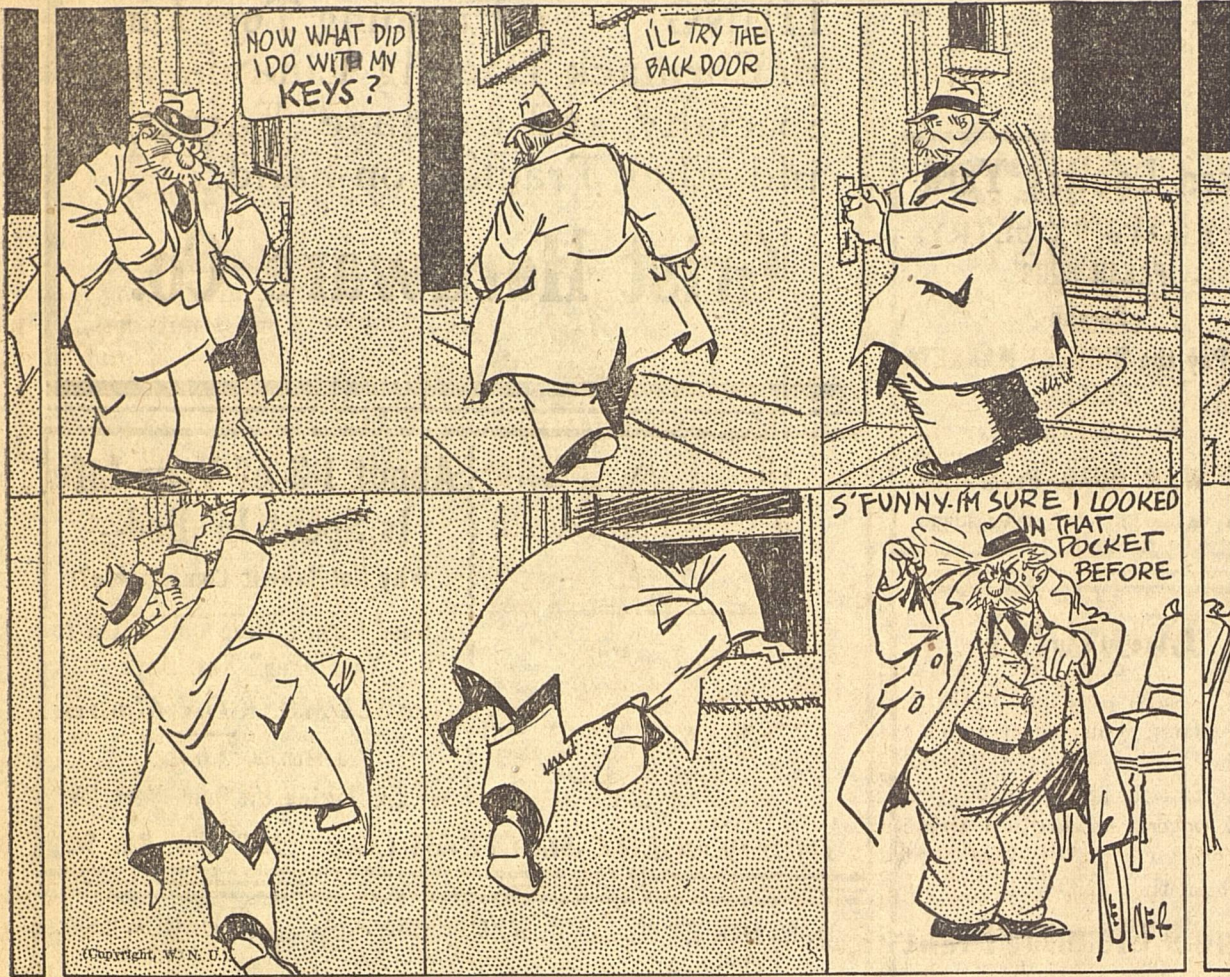
Like the modern Turkish women of Stamboul, many of these Egyptian women of the city, Moslem and Copt alike, are versed in the literature and politics of Europe, and often during the struggle for independence they joined with the men in signing petitions of the British government.

The famous University of el-Azhar, the chief seat of learning and center of political thought of the whole Moslem world, is located in Cairo. Though pupils come from all over the Mohammedan world, Egypt sends most of them; and, as a sign of the times, it is significant that many of these students are the sons of the fellahen.

The Egyptian native press, too, is influential; one paper printed at Cairo has a circulation of about 20,000 copies. Egyptians who cannot read gather in the bazaars in the evening to hear the papers read aloud by students. In all towns the mosques are sources of propaganda and political teaching, and the Copts, though Christians, are, oddly enough, allowed to speak on political subjects at the mosque.

OUR COMIC SECTION

Our Pet Peeve



THE FEATHERHEADS



All Quiet on the Western Front



Even Toothache?

Young Husband—My wife is cooking for the first time today. Will you come to lunch?
Friend—Certainly. I have always shared your sorrows with you.—Lustige Kolner Zeitung.

WHAT THEY'D FILL



Poet—"Such poems as these of mine fill the eyes with tears." Editor (Irritably)—"They'll fill the waste-paper basket if you leave 'em here."

No End

"Is Miss Warblitt really a finished singer?"
"Sometimes. But the trouble is, as soon as she's finished she begins all over again."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

A Matter Not Mentioned

"In the Stone age," said Mr. Meek-ton, in tones that trembled a little, "a man proposed by hitting a woman with a hammer."
"Yes," replied his wife, with a steely glare, "but they are careful not to say what happened after they went to housekeeping and the woman got her hands on a few crude but hefty cooking utensils."—Washington Star.

Reforestation

The woman was telling her friends how she had corrected her husband of making risky stock speculations by insisting that he plant a tree for each bad stock he bought.
Another in the group, also a married woman, turned and glanced at her husband. "Just think what a forest we would have now!"

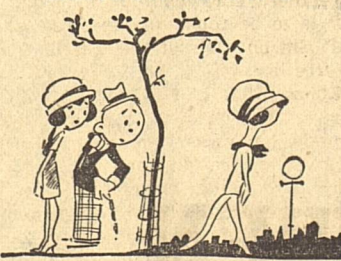
Comforting Assurance

"Do you dislike to have a man go to sleep when you are talking?"
"I don't mind," replied Senator Sorghum. "At least, it assures me that nothing I'm saying is giving him any particular offense."—Washington Star.

A Hope

"Your latest literary work attracted no attention whatever," said the friend who is cruelly frank.
"No," replied the disappointed author. "My only hope is that some one will one day make it famous by plagiarizing it."

BEAUTIFUL PINS



She (admiring jewelry)—"Look what beautiful pins that lady has." He (rather embarrassed)—"Er-er-yes, they are pretty well shaped."

It's to Laugh

"I woke up in the night and found my wife going through my pockets."
"What did you do?"
"I turned over in bed and laughed."

Improved Uniform International Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for January 4

THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

LESSON TEXT—Luke 1:8-17, 80.
GOLDEN TEXT—And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest; for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Gratitude for Godly Parents.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Gratitude for Godly Parents.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Need of Physical and Spiritual Equipment for the Lord's Work.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Value of Training in the Desert.

I. The Parents of John the Baptist (vv. 5-7).

1. When they lived (v. 5). "In the days of Herod the King." While both were of the priestly line, the priesthood was very corrupt and the ruling classes most wicked. Zacharias and his wife lived in a time when it was not easy to be godly.

2. Their character (v. 6). "They were both righteous before God." Many appear to be righteous before men who are not righteous before God. They were so mated that they walked in the commandments of the Lord blameless. The highest good in wedded life can be attained only when both are united in Jesus Christ. John the Baptist had a godly heritage.

3. They were childless (v. 7). Though this godly couple possessed the joy of the Lord, there was a real lack on their home. No home is quite ideal into which no child has come.

II. The Birth of John the Baptist Promised (vv. 8-17).

1. By whom? (v. 11 cf. v. 19). The angel Gabriel appeared and made known the good news to Zacharias.

2. When? (vv. 8-14). While officiating as priest this good news came to him.

3. Characteristics of the child (vv. 15-17).

(1) "He shall be great in the sight of the Lord" (v. 15). He was highly esteemed by the Lord. This is infinitely better than if he had been highly esteemed in the eyes of men or in his own eyes.

(2) "Shall drink neither wine nor strong drink" (v. 15). The child was to be a Nazarite, separating himself from sensuous things and dedicating himself to the service of God.

(3) "He shall be filled with the Holy Ghost" (v. 15). The energy of the Divine Spirit would enable him to lead people to repentance (v. 16).

(4) "Shall go in the spirit and power of Elijah" (v. 17). In this power he was to prepare the people for the coming of the Saviour and the salvation which he was to bring.

III. Zacharias Asking for a Sign (vv. 18-23).

Although the aged priest was earnestly praying for the salvation of Israel, the gracious promise of the angel, which was the beginning of that salvation, staggered his faith. He was unable to believe that his fond hope and prayer would be realized. The angel gave to Zacharias a sign. He was smitten with dumbness which was to continue until the fulfillment of the promise.

IV. The Promise Fulfilled (vv. 57-63).

When the time came for the birth of John, Elisabeth brought forth a son, and the neighbors rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they circumcised the child and gave him a name according to the instruction of the angel. The name "John" was contrary to family usage. By means of writing Zacharias made known the name which the child by divine instruction was to have. At this time God opened the mouth of Zacharias and he offered praise.

V. John's Growth (v. 80). This is a fine picture of a boy dedicated to the Lord's service.

1. The grace of God was with and on him. How beautiful to see children grow up with the stamp of heaven upon them.

2. Physical development. "The child grew." This literally means "kept growing." In this holy environment his plain fare as a Nazarite and his temperate habits gave him a robust constitution, thus fitting him for his life of toil and hardship.

3. Spiritual development. "Waxed strong in spirit." His inward man kept pace with outward growth.

4. Retired to the desert. His heritage from his parents, the special grace of the Spirit, needed the silence and the austerity of the desert for its completion. There God had an opportunity to speak to him. He not only had an opportunity to become acquainted with God, but was forced to rely upon God.



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Principle and Party

The retort, "Damn your principles! Stick to your party," was not made by an American statesman. Lord Beaconsfield (Disraeli) said that to Bulwer Lytton when the latter told the prime minister he could not vote for a certain parliamentary measure because it was against his principles.

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WOULD YOU?

Some of us who are outspoken against the paying of dollar for dollar on all those bonds which the city of Cisco is said to owe have been dubbed the complimentary(?) term of "repudiationists." Question: If John J. Jones should, without our knowledge, draw up a note for \$10,000, with our name to it, and sell it to Bill H. Brown over in Oshkosh would we feel called on pay that note? We would not. And if we objected to paying it would you term us "repudiationists?" Would you?

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Don Sivalls spent the holidays in Colorado.

Mrs. S. B. Sisk is visiting in Ballinger this week.

Miss Francis Farmer is visiting in Sweetwater this week.

L. P. Kuykendall made a holiday visit in Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Wright visited in Wortham the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Starr left Monday for Abilene to make their home.

Mrs. Frank Blackstock and two sons are visiting in Abilene this week.

Cecil Elliott of Lamesa was among the holiday visitors in Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Varnell spent some of the holidays in Corsicana.

J. S. Cunningham and daughter, Miss Catherine have returned from a holiday visit in Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Henderson had as their guest this week Mrs. Annie Dunn of Midland.

Mrs. Oscar Cliett and daughter, Miss Mary Elizabeth, and Miss Lillian Shertzer made a holiday visit in Granbury.

Three girls of Cisco, all students of Texas Woman's College, Ft. Worth, were spending the Christmas holidays with their parents. They are Misses Evelyn Fields, Martha Graves, and Kathleen Neal.

All the girls are popular in student organizations on the campus, taking active parts in clubs, class, and dormitory affairs. During last week they participated in several festivities incident to the Christmas season, including a vesper service conducted by the college dramatic club, and class parties annual dormitory Christmas tree celebrations, and numerous "room-feasts."

They report a splendid fall and are looking forward to the work of the remainder of the college year. They will return to Fort Worth in time for the resuming of class work on Monday, January 5.

Raymond Gunn and family, of Brownwood, were among the holiday visitors in Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ward left Monday for Sweetwater where they will make their home.

Jack Moss and Lawrence Keough, of Houston spent the holidays with relatives in Cisco.

Mrs. Beryl Rominger of Jacksonville is visiting in Cisco this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Jones.

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Chronology of the Year 1930

Jan. 3—Second conference on war debt problems opened in The Hague. Jan. 20—Nineteen nations signed the Young Plan to liquidate the war.

May 14—Chinese Nationalists defeated northern rebels in six-day battle. May 16—Gen. Rafael Trujillo elected President of Dominican Republic.

ed Federal Judge James J. Parke of North Carolina to Supreme court. March 24—Tariff bill passed by senate, 53-31.

King's mountain, South Carolina, was celebrated with President Hoover as chief speaker. Oct. 9—American Legion elected Rain O'Neil of Kansas national commander.

May 25—Mrs. Katherine Keith Adler of Chicago, novelist. Lord Randall T. Davidson, former archbishop of Canterbury.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

I SAW on the hills of the morning
The form of the New Year arise;
He stood like a statue adorning
The world, with a background of
skies.
There were courage and grace
In his beautiful face
And hope in his beautiful eyes.
I come from Time's boundless for-
ever."
He said in a voice like a song;
I come as a friend of endeavor,
I come as a foe of all wrong;
To the sad and afraid
I bring promise and aid,
And the weak I will gird and make
strong.
I bring you more blessings than ter-
rors,
I bring you more sunshine than
gloom,
I tear out your old page of errors,
And hide them away in time's tomb.
I reach you clean hands,
And lead on to the lands
Where the lilies of peace always
bloom."



OH, JIMMY, I don't like that crowd. They are trying so hard to be modern that they are positively stupid," Betty Crowell explained to Jimmy Burrel in answer to his demand to know why she wouldn't go to the New Year's eve dance with him.
"You're jealous," he accused her.
"Jealous," Betty exclaimed. "Of whom may I ask?"
"The whole crowd," he informed her.
Betty threw back her head and laughed. "Now, Jimmy, calm your fears on that question." Then with a mischievous smile she said: "Now I might be of some one I thought you really cared about—but I know they aren't your type."
"Lots you know or care about my type," was the sharp retort.
"Don't be cross, Jimmy," Betty implored.
"I'm not. But I'm sorry you don't care enough to go with me."
"You will have a better time without me. They wouldn't enjoy me any more than I would them."
"Just as you say—" Jimmy turned toward the door—as he opened it, "Hope you have a Happy New Year."
"Same to you," she answered gayly.
Tears filled her eyes as she went back into the living room and sank down on theavenport. Poor, stupid Jimmy! Couldn't he see how unsuitable the companions were he had made since coming out of college two years



before. But perhaps he could. She didn't see how he could fail to. Poor, dear Jimmy never liked to be dictated to. The old days in college he liked to try out everything for himself—bless his heart; when he found out he was wrong he was always ready to acknowledge his mistake.
How long it had been since she had seen any of the "old crowd." Suddenly an idea came to her. With a cry of delight she jumped up, and with the telephone book before her began making a list of names. Yes, she could locate most of them, and in a few minutes she was calling up the parties.
Either the idea of again mingling with the old companions, or the curiosity to see what a "new fashioned New Year's eve party," as Betty described it, was, the ten old friends gladly accepted the invitation. Betty wondered how Sam Taylor would accept drinking in the New Year in grape juice.
Betty had told everybody there would be 12 guests, but when they arrived there were only 11 with Betty. Nothing was said, however, until they entered the dining room a little before 12, when Edgar Marsh asked for whom the extra chair might be.

"Oh," Betty laughed, "That's for the New Year."
It was just a minute to 12 when steps were heard on the porch.
"Must be the New Year," Joan Barton suggested.
"I'll let him in," Betty suggested, starting for the door, as the guests all laughed.
"Betty," Jimmy's voice whispered. "Forgive me dear, for coming uninvited. I couldn't stay away. I couldn't let the old year go without your forgiveness."
"Jimmy," Betty, her hand tight in his, whispered: "You're forgiven and you are invited, too."
As Betty tried to draw Jimmy into the dining room he pulled her back. "Betty," he whispered, "I didn't go to that party—I just couldn't."
And just then came a chorus of voices from the guests demanding that Betty "let the New Year come on in."
As the two entered the dining room the air was filled with the shrieks of whistles and blare of horns.
"Welcome Happy New Year," the guests called as they saw Jimmy. And then some one discovered why the other chair was there and all tried to tell Jimmy about it at once.
"Well, if I'm a 'New Year,' I sure am a happy one," and the happy light in his eyes bore out the statement.
Under cover of conversation he whispered: "Why did you leave this place for me?"
"Because," Betty whispered back, "I felt pretty sure that you'd come back."
Sam Taylor then raised his glass of grape juice.
"To the New Year, may it be as colorful as this, and," he paused a moment, "as harmless."
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THE NEW YEAR'S GIFT

—By—
Myrtle Koon Cherryman

GOING on my way forward, to face what might come next in life, I met the New Year. He was not a babe, as I had supposed, but a slender youth, full of hope and confidence, and I was surprised to see that he carried two bags on his back.
"What are you going to give me, New Year?" I asked. "I suppose you have all sorts of things in those two sacks—joys and sorrows, haps and mishaps of various kinds."
"No," he replied, "there are just two classes of things, and you may take your choice."
"My choice?" I cried eagerly. "Then of course I will choose only the easiest things, those that will bring joy."
"Just as you like," he said, smiling, "only when I am old, don't complain to me that I have treated you badly—have cheated you! Folks do that to me sometimes!"
This made me think rather seriously, and I noted that each of his sacks bore a label. One seemed to indicate all hardship, and the other all helpfulness, but thinking back over my life, I remembered how deceptive some of the shining things had been. I said, pointing to the darker one, "You may give me some out of that bag and some from this one, please."
Smiling again, the New Year handed me all I could hold out of each bag.
When the year was old, I sought him again, to bid him Godspeed, and he asked me how I had fared.
"Very well," I answered, "but I have sometimes wondered what would have happened if I had chosen all from the fairer looking sack labeled 'Opportunities,' or all from the darker one, marked 'Obstacles.' Would I have had better results either way?"
"No," answered the Old Year; "it would have been the same, in either case, for it all depended on you whether obstacles became opportunities, or opportunities became obstacles. The one so often becomes the other, according into whose hands they fall."
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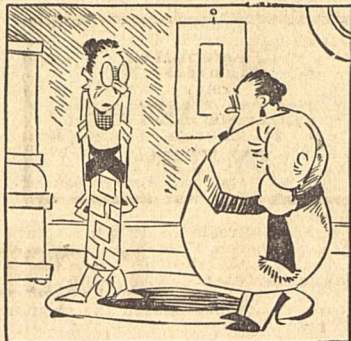


Adrift With Humor

SPARES

Jimmy is very hard on boots and trousers and naturally his mother remembers this when she goes shopping. One day while out with a friend she was buying cloth for a pair of trousers for the boy, and ordered a good deal more than seemed necessary.
"Why do you buy so much?" asked the friend.
"Oh," responded the mother, "this is for the reserved seats."

NEVER BUY 'EM



Mrs. Kulture—Have you bought any of the paintings at the exhibit?
Mrs. Newriche—Goodness, no. We never buy ready-made pictures!

Easier, Too

Arithmetic, when I was small, was much too dry for me. I've changed my mind since I grew tall.
For figures, now, I like to see.

Good Cause for Fright

They had only been married a month, and he had left her for a few minutes while she prepared a salad in the kitchen.
Suddenly a piercing scream rang out, and he rushed to the kitchen, prepared to face he knew not what.
"Whatever is the matter, darling?" he panted.

"It's a—a caterpillar!" she said, with an effort. "Oh, Herbert, what if I had been in the house alone?"

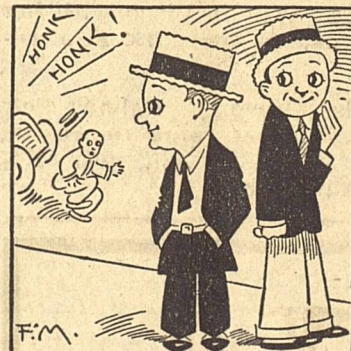
Why the Worm Turned

Ted was told to bring an insect to the nature study class for observation, and asked his father to take him to the country early the next morning to find one. Later, at school, he gravely reported:
"Miss Blank, daddy had to go to work, so I couldn't bring the insect today."

Aw, Quit!

Burly Bill—Got a penny on yer, guv-nor?
Little Smiffey—Certainly, but what do you two men want with one penny?
Beefy Bert—We wants to toss up, guv-nor, to decide which of us is to have yer watch and which yer money.
—Manchester Evening News.

JUST A CRAB



"Do you know what an Autocrat is?"
"Sure—it's a crab who thinks everybody ought to get out of the way of his auto."

Speaking of Dictators

A dictator's smile is a curious thing. He can put on more style than a regular king.

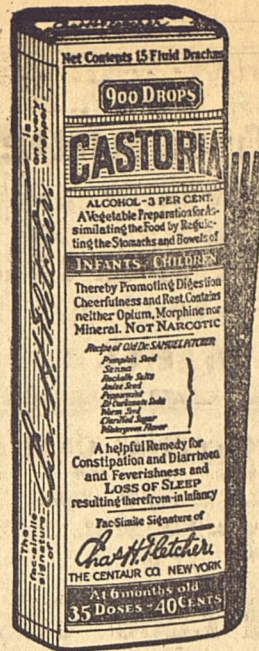
Life on Juan Fernandez

Robinson Crusoe—Friday, I am shocked. Even though you did fizzle that shot you shouldn't use such awful language. Where did you learn it?
The Man Friday—I learned it from the parrot, master.

Why, the Ideal

He—Seems to me you told me recently that you didn't need any new clothes—and now—
She—But, John, dear, that was last week.

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The cars are disassembled as completely as possible to avoid overloading the animals.

About 25 different packages are necessary in the knocking-down process, one unit containing the motor, another the chassis, a third the body, and the rest containing such parts as the battery, springs, wheels, tires and so on. For the heavier units two mules are necessary, two wooden supports or bars being laid across their backs. The other parts are strapped on the backs of individual mules.

New Fields to Conquer

The English channel has been swum so often that it no longer is regarded as a great stunt. The Hellespont's strong tide has been successfully breasted by many men and a woman. The same woman claims to have swum the strait of Gibraltar, but the record is unrecognized as it was not official. A man has swum the length of the Panama canal, a little dash of 50 miles, but the Suez canal, 85 miles, has not yet been attempted.

Senate Membership

United States senators are elected for a term of six years. One-third of the senate is elected every second year; therefore, the membership of that body changes one-third at each new congress.

Real Physical Effort

"What is your favorite sport?"
"Fighting my way through a crowd to get a good seat at a football game."

"Wandering Jew" Legends

A legend of a surviving witness of the Crucifixion who is represented as the victim of a curse, was long current in Jerusalem, and is frequently referred to in records of travels in the Holy land.

His name is generally given as Joannes Buttareus, in Italian as Buttadio, and is translated as "God-smiter." There is an old Italian legend that tells of a similar punishment inflicted on a soldier who struck Christ before the High Priest, and later on this soldier was identified as Melbus, whose ear was cut off by Peter.

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Came From Her Heart

"Who is that woman who sang so lustily while they were singing 'The Mistakes of My Life Have Been Many'?" asked the visitor.

"That," replied the deacon, "is a five-times grass widow."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Johnson
and son, Carl, spent some of the
Christmas holidays visiting in
Crane, Texas.

Charlie Smith of Big Spring
returned home Thursday after
a holiday visit with relatives
here and at Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Shepard
and son Charles have returned
from a holiday visit in San An-
tonio.

M. B. Fleming and Francis
Fleming spent the holidays in El
Paso with Mr. and Mrs. Chas.
Fleming.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Conway
and son of Fort Worth have
been Cisco visitors the past few
days, guests of Mrs. Conway's
sister, Mrs. Bob Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Strick-
land had as holiday guests Mr.
and Mrs. J. B. Jenkins of Fort
Worth, M. G. Jenkins and chil-
dren of Tuscola, and C. B.
Maule of Oklahoma City.

Dave Pierce, who is with the
Western Electric Co., was here
from Ft. Worth for a holiday vis-
it with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
F. D. Pierce. Dave has just
been transferred to Hereford,
Texas, and went on that place to
take up his duties there.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Eastland

To W. C. Hitson and wife,
Mrs. W. C. Hitson, and to all
persons owning or having or
claiming interest in the follow-
ing described land delinquent
to the Cisco Independent School
District, a municipal corpora-
tion, in the County of Eastland,
State of Texas, for taxes, to-
wit:

The North 70 feet off Lot 2,
Block H in the City of Cisco,
Texas. The West half thereof,
70x115 feet known as lot 1 in
Subdivision of lot 2 and said lot
2 is known as "Out Lot 2". The
East half of said Tract, or the
East half of said North 70 feet
off lot 2, is known as Lot 7 in
Subdivision of said "Out Lot 2",
in Block H, which said land,
or lots is delinquent for taxes
for the amount of \$45.80, for
City taxes for the years 1926,
1928, 1929, and 1930.

And you are hereby notified
that suit has been brought by
Cisco Independent School Dis-
trict, a municipal corporation,
for the collection of taxes, and
you are commanded to appear
and defend such suit on the first
Monday in the February Term
of the 91st District Court of
Eastland County, and State of
Texas, same being the 2nd day
of February, A. D. 1931, and
show cause why judgment
shall not be rendered condemn-
ing said land, or lots, and order-
ing sale and foreclosure there-
of for said taxes and costs of
suit.

Witness: W. H. McDonald,
Clerk of the District Courts,
Eastland County, Texas.

Given under my hand and
the seal of said Court, at the
office in the City of Eastland,
Texas, this the 1st day of Janu-
ary, A. D. 1931.

W. H. McDonald, Clerk of the
District Courts, Eastland, Coun-
ty, Texas. Dorothy Watson,
Deputy.

Issued the 1st day of January
A. D. 1931. W. H. McDonald,
Clerk of the District Courts,
Eastland County, Texas, by
Dorothy Watson, Deputy.

Mrs. J. E. T. Peters of Stam-
ford is visiting friends in Cisco
this week.


Tom Maxwell was here from
Oklahoma City spending the
holidays with his mother, Mrs.
O. T. Maxwell.

Marion Olson was among the
holiday visitors in Cisco, at the
home of his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. A. J. Olson.


Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kittrell
and daughter, Miss Lucy, re-
turned Monday from Dallas,
where they have been spending
the holidays with W. H. Kittrell
Jr.

Joe Bryant arrived home last
week from San Diego, Califor-
nia. Joe has just completed a
four year term of service in the
United States Navy. He was
accompanied home by his friend
E. O. Smith, of San Diego, who
spent the Christmas holidays
here.

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even GREATER VALUES than in 1930.**

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Miss Bess Olson left yester-
day returning to Austin after a
holiday visit in Cisco with her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ol-
son.

Miss Virginia Dabney left
Thursday returning to Austin,
after a holiday visit with rela-
tives in Cisco.

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