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"SPORT SPASMS"

By Dick West Jr.

Basketball, always a popular sport at Cisco high school, is now being taken seriously, for there has been formed a new Oil Belt Association, which is expected to develop an intense rivalry in this sport between the various neighboring cities. The Lobos have won the county so long that it has come to be monotonous, but they are expected to encounter great competition in this newly formed district. Breckenridge, who eliminated the Lobos for the first time in history last year, is a big favorite to cop the crown this year, while Cisco and Abilene are given outside chances. The Ranger Bulldogs have never had a team since Hammett and Taylor left, and they don't deserve to win playing in that cracker-box they call a gymnasium. Eastland has a wonderful new gym, and should give some of the teams trouble. Abilene has the best high school gym in Texas, and there is no excuse for a school with all the material they have not having a championship five.

The basketball teams in Cisco High reached their peak in 1929 when the Lobos, under the captaincy of George Van Horn, won third place in the state race. The 1928 team with Smith, Van Horn, Brit and Cotton Pippen, and Goober Keyes, was nearly as good, but the 1929 team was just a shade better, we believe. Whitehead was a little better than Keyes, and Ray was a little better than Smith. However, Brit Pippen at center was better than Chuck Van Horn. Anyway, those were the two greatest high school basketball teams that ever were in West Texas. Athens, national champions, only beat the Lobos ten points in 1929, and they did right at the last. Coaches and scouts declare that Golightly had the best floor team in the state, but the great height of Athens got them over easily.

This year the Lobos will be captained by Chuck Van Horn, brother to the other captain. Chuck has a big job on his shoulders if he expects to amount to the player George was. In the first place, Chuck must take his training more seriously, for it takes stamina to win basketball games. In the next place, Chuck must put his team and the game on his heart and fight. That was the key to George's success. Before the Lobos left for the state meet in '29, I asked George what hopes they had for winning. He replied with that quick-witted and congenial tone: "We are afraid of no one; we are going to give all we have for Crip and the bunch here at school, and we are hoping for great things." That was Geo. Van Horn, and he went into every game with that feeling. That is the feeling that makes Carideo, the world's greatest football player, Cochet that best tennis player, Jones the best golfer, Charlie Gelbert the greatest little baseball genius, and Max Schmeling the best fighter in the world. It's not a feeling of cockiness, but a feeling of confidence, fight, responsibility, faithfulness, and seriousness. That is the feeling every captain ought to have, and every player if possible. It is rare that you find an athletic aggregation that possesses all of these—Notre Dame

Our Christmas Wish

May the Giver of Gifts
give unto you
That which is Good
and that which is True:
The Will to help
and the Courage to do;
A heart that can sing
the whole day through
Whether the sky
be gray or blue.
May the Giver of Gifts
give there to you.

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Biggest Snow In Years Fell Here Last Sunday

The Cisco section did not miss very much having a "white Christmas" this year, as one of the largest snows received here in many years fell, beginning Sunday morning and continuing throughout the greater part of the day. Rain fell heavily for a time Sunday morning, then the fall rapidly changed to snow, and the ground was soon white. Before the day was over something like seven inches of snow was on the ground, and though we have had clear, sunny skies since Sunday, as this is written, there remains some snow in places. The rain and snow will be very beneficial to the ground at this time, and is welcomed by the farmers and stockmen.

Man Slugged And Robbed Near Cisco Saturday Night

E. W. Curtis, of Abilene, an insurance salesman, was held up by two men Saturday night on the Rising Star highway, about three miles from Cisco, beaten into unconsciousness, and robbed of his money, which was said to be the sum of a little less than \$500. He had been to Rising Star and was returning home, when at this point, two men suddenly jumped onto the running board of his car, stopped him, beat him up, and left him where he fell from his car. Mr. Curtis was picked up later by two passersby who found him, and brought him into the Graham sanitarium, where he is now receiving treatment. It is said that he is not seriously injured, but was badly bruised up in the experience. Officers are working, trying to locate the assailants.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Parker and young son are spending the holidays visiting relatives in Bivins, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fee of Iraan, Texas, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. Fee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Fee.

this year did—but when you do, they can't be stopped.

At guards, the Lobos have Purvis and Preston. Preston is developing into a wonderful player, and should be a marvel this year. Golightly used to pronounce him as the coming basketeer of Cisco, and Shady seems to be living up to advance predictions. He is a fast dribbler, and can pivot and handle his legs perfectly; he needs to gain a little more accuracy at the basket. Captain Van Horn will play center, and Karkalits and Yeager will handle forwards. Purvis and Cole are fighting for the guard position left vacant by Ray, declared ineligible.

MORE FACTS ABOUT THE CITY BONDS AS WE SEE THEM

About the first thing a majority of the people in Cisco knew about the suit or case against the city in September, 1929 for \$17,000.00 on past due bonds and interest, was the statement in the papers that the mayor of Cisco had employed a firm of lawyers at Lubbock and had gone to Amarillo, where Judge Wilson was holding Federal court, and tried to get the judge to appoint a receiver for the city of Cisco. Judge Wilson refused to do this and set the case for hearing at Abilene in October 1929.

A mass meeting was called here by the people to consider the situation. The people were notified of this meeting by handbills. We do not think the News made any mention of it. The City Hall was packed, and they passed a resolution asking the City Commission to audit the books or rather have them audited, and to refrain from taking any further steps toward having a receiver appointed.

G. W. Daniels, A. G. Dabney and W. D. Elder, as a citizens' committee, had attorneys prepare an answer to the suit at Abilene, in which they strongly protested the appointment of a receiver for Cisco, and asked the court to appoint a master to audit the books of the city, and to restrain any further action by the bondholders, or the City Commission, till it was ascertained which of the bonds were void, and which were valid. The judge denied this request, because he said it was a controversy between citizens of the same state, as to the auditor and injunction, his court had no jurisdiction, and intimated that the citizens could go into the state court and have this done.

The Daily News, in its article of December 18th, 1930, reviewing these facts, stated that the above named citizens' committee asked for a receiver. This was the main fact connected with that suit and Messrs. Elder, Daniels, and Dabney filed their answer to protest against the appointment of a RECEIVER.

More at another date.

The Tax Payers Committee

MRS. SPENCER ENTERTAINS MERRY WIVES FORTY-TWO

One of the most enjoyable events of the yuletide season was the annual Christmas party of the members of the Merry Wives 42 Club held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Spencer Monday afternoon.

The house was beautifully decorated with carnations and a profusion of mistletoe, the Christmas theme being featured in tables with candles in silver candle sticks.

The luncheon consisting of turkey with all accessories, was served to the guests first, being followed by several games of forty-two.

A rather unique method in the exchange of gifts was carried out when the guests formed in a circle and with the beginning of music the gifts were started in motion to the right, each member retaining gift held when the last note of music was played. Each member had brought two gifts. The other gifts consisted of food and toys and were collected and sent to families less fortunate.

The personnel of the party was Mesdames J. J. Butts, J. R. Burnett, C. H. Fee, G. B. Kelly, W. P. Lee, A. J. Olson, C. Owen,

Cisco School District Is Needing Financial Help

The school board of Cisco is badly in need of funds, and makes the following appeal to the citizens. If there is any matter which the citizens of any town should be interested in and give it their support, it certainly is the school system. Prompt action in this will be greatly appreciated by the school board just at this time.

To the Citizenship of Cisco:
Due to the fact that a number of the citizens have been unable to pay taxes of the past two or three years, and to the further fact that the state has paid only the sum of \$3.50 per capita on our apportionment, our schools are in urgent need of funds.

Each of our banks have been most patriotic in assisting our schools at all times in the past, and have done all that they can do at this time, but due to the many demands that are being made on them they have been unable to assist our schools to the extent that they would but for the general depression.

During the past few years the schools have taken care of the sinking fund and have not increased the outstanding indebtedness in any way. In fact, it has been decreased. The decrease in the attendance of the schools has not been in any way commensurate with the decrease in our income due to the depression. Therefore, it has been impossible for us to reduce our teaching force so as to keep our necessary expenses in line with our present income.

At the present time we owe the teachers approximately 30 days' pay, and we have obligations owing to the banks that should be cared for. The only sure way for this critical situation to be relieved is for the tax payers to pay their taxes at this time.

The taxes became due October 1, 1930, and under the law, the tax payers have until January 31, 1931, to pay the taxes. But there are also a great many of our citizens who can pay their taxes at this time without any great inconvenience. If you can pay your taxes at this time you should do so. Unless the school district collects a good part of the taxes within the next few days, then it is very probable that our schools are going to be handicapped to the extent that it will be most injurious.

We have spent a considerable part of our time during the past few weeks in working out this matter, and have talked to a number of the tax payers in person, and their response has been most encouraging, but it is impossible to see all of them in person, so we are taking this means of appraising you of the situation. PLEASE DO NOT OVERLOOK THIS, BUT PAY UP TODAY, and help us to pull out of this.

J. E. Spencer, F. E. Clark, W. W. Wallace, W. J. Armstrong, C. C. Jones, F. D. Wright and Henry Drumwright, trustees Cisco Independent School District.

Miss Lois Richardson left Wednesday for San Angelo to spend some time.

Britton Pippen, who is attending A. C. C. in Abilene is in Cisco to spend the Christmas holidays.

J. E. Spencer, A. J. Ward, W. W. Moore, Joe Wilson, L. A. White and Mrs. Furr.

Three Christmas Programs Held Here Last Sunday

There were three excellent Christmas programs enjoyed Sunday by a large attendance, who came through the snow to witness them.

At 5:00 Sunday afternoon a cantata, "The Christ Child," was presented at the First Presbyterian church, with Rev. B. C. Boney, pastor, directing, and Grover C. Morris at the organ.

At the First Baptist church at 11 o'clock a White Christmas offering program was given. In this each Sunday school class contributed gifts for the poor, as each class name was called, a member of that class came forward with the offering of articles which was placed in large baskets on the rostrum. All decorations were in white, and it was a very pretty service. At 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon the gifts were prepared and taken to some families in the city known to be in need. In the evening at the Baptist church the choir, dressed in special robes, presented the cantata, "King All Glorious," Mrs. G. M. Stephenson directing and Mrs. Larry Waterbury at the piano.

At the First Methodist church at 7:30 Sunday evening "White Gifts for the King" was the program given by the Sunday school, and choir, directed by Mrs. W. A. Cox and Mrs. Paul Woods, with the music under the direction of Mrs. W. B. Statham and Mrs. B. A. Butler. Decorations of white were used and the scene depicted the path from the manger to the cross. There were characters representing the mother of Jesus, the wise men of the East, and the Shepherds. It was a very interesting and impressive program. Offering taken at the service is to be sent to the Methodist Orphans' Home at Waco.

HUMBLE BRIDGE MEETS WITH MRS. WALLACE

The members of the Humble Bridge Club were the participants in a beautiful Christmas party when they were entertained Monday by Mrs. W. W. Wallace at her home in Humbletown. Mistletoe, poinsettias and a lighted Christmas tree bespoke the yuletide season, and the Christmas color note was featured in the tallies, score pads and refreshments.

A beautiful lamp was awarded to Mrs. Ted Mullinix for winning high score, and a box of note paper to Mrs. Joe Carter for low.

Those present were: Mesdames J. R. Almond, Roy Stover, Ted Mullinix, O. C. Cope, Dorothy Brock, M. L. McGannon, F. D. McMahon, W. K. Esger, C. J. Maloney, J. M. Carter, J. R. Henderson, W. J. Armstrong, O. G. Arnold, W. R. Robinson and C. E. Jamison.

Mr. and Mrs. Connie Davis have as their holiday guests Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Fussell and sons, of Ozona.

Bill Smith, who is attending the Texas University in Austin, is in Cisco to spend Christmas.

Louis Fitzpatrick of Amarillo is spending Christmas here with his sister, Mrs. F. A. Blankenbeckler.

Lloyd Hughes, who is attending the University of Tennessee, is in Cisco to spend the holidays.

King of the Ivory Coast and His Cabinet



Here is an unusual photograph showing the king of the Ivory Coast, Africa, seated with his ministers and witch doctors.

Motor Caravan to Cross Asia

Modernly Equipped Scientists to Explore Least Known Places.

Washington.—Plans for one of the most comprehensive and most completely equipped expeditions of modern times were disclosed when Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, president of the National Geographic society, announced that the society will co-operate with Georges-Marie Haardt of Paris in sending out eight caterpillar cars, with scientists in a dozen fields, to span 5,000 miles of least-known Asia, from Beyrouth (Beirut), Syria, to Peiping (Peking), China, and then return across 8,000 miles more of a southern route.

M. Haardt came from Paris to Washington to complete arrangements with the society to send a representative with the expedition, whose other personnel will be entirely French, and which will have the approval of the French government and specific missions from France's ministry of foreign affairs.

Large Personnel of Scientists.

The patron of the expedition in France is Andre Citroen, lifelong friend of M. Haardt, and benefactor of many scientific projects, who also gave his support to M. Haardt's famous expedition which traversed Africa and first crossed the Sahara desert in motor cars.

The Trans-Asiatic expedition, with the National Geographic society co-operating, will take the field in March, with its eight caterpillar cars each carrying a trailer, conveying a personnel of 35 men, including specialists in geography, archeology, ornithology, botany, geology, anthropology and other branches of science.

It plans to start from France's westernmost Asiatic territory, in Syria, traverse Iraq, Persia, Russian Turkestan, Sinkiang, and China, turning south at Peiping for the long trail down to French Indo-China. Thence, from Saigon, it will return through Siam, Burma, India, Baluchistan, Persia and Arabia. In that journey it will traverse areas which have been little visited by Europeans since Marco Polo's time, skirt some of the world's highest mountains, lofty plateaus, cross the vast Gobi and Ala Shan deserts, and come upon tribes and racial remnants of ancient Asiatic peoples whose habits and habitats are virtually unknown.

Two cars will be devoted to the taking of one of the most comprehensive geographic vocal motion picture records ever made. The scenic wonders of innermost Asia, the customs and the costumes of its peoples will

be photographed, both by the black-and-white and the color camera; and native dialects, songs, chants and rituals will be preserved in sound records.

Each trailer will carry tents, cots, camp chairs and a camp table for the personnel assigned to its car. One of the cars will be an auto-kitchen, equipped for quick service when the explorers halt for a meal.

The expedition will carry a radio sending station which at all times will keep it in touch with Paris; and this sending station will be utilized by the National Geographic society's representative in filing dispatches to the society's headquarters in Washington.

Fill Blanks on Weather Maps.

Among the technical studies to be made by members of the expedition will be those dealing with meteorology of areas which now are blank spaces on world weather maps. Magnetic observations will be made. An artist will supplement photographic studies with sketches of ethnographic value. Another will specialize in collecting objects of ethnological interest since the expedition will be traversing areas where some of the earliest phases of mankind's history transpired.

Georges-Marie Haardt, leader of the expedition, has been called the "motor car Livingstone of France," because of the amazing expedition he previously led through 15,000 miles of deserts and jungles in Africa. Upon that trip he used caterpillar tractors and automobiles, taking eight months to go from Algeria across the Sahara, around Lake Chad, and through the Belgian Congo to Mozambique. Some of his cars were then transported to Madagascar and he explored the interior of that island.

Old Documents Reveal Finding of Gold in N. Y.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Papers unearthed following the death of Lee Lines of Cheektowaga, N. Y., revealed that gold had been discovered on the lake shore in the Hamburg and Lackawanna districts almost two and a half score years ago.

Included among the papers were four claims drawn up in 1881 by Grove Lines, grandfather of the deceased. The claims included practically all of the Bethlehem Steel company site at Lackawanna and a good part of the city of Hamburg.

The papers told of Grove Lines' arrival in Buffalo in 1880 from Nebraska. He discovered gold the following year.

Whether the claims were filed with the secretary of state in 1881 is not known, but an attempt is being made by the present Mrs. Lines to find out. Should it be found that they were filed, according to the public lands' law, the descendants of Grove Lines would have the right to mine for gold on the field now covered with large manufacturing plants and homes.

Few Appreciate Work of Good Samaritan

Gloucester, England.—Mrs. Ethel M. Smith has given first aid to 300 injured motorists in eight years. Of these only eight have returned after recovering to thank her. The Smith home is near a dangerous "S" curve on a main highway. Although there occur an average of three accidents a month, Mrs. Smith still helps to bring the victims inside, tears sheets for bandages, and otherwise aids until medical assistance arrives.

Cartridge in Pipe Blows Up in Face

Paris, Ill.—Don Hamilton was severely burned in the face and eyes when a cartridge he had scooped up in tobacco exploded while he was smoking a pipe.

Winter Doesn't Stop Gold Seekers



Ice and snow do not deter these gold seekers as they erect a new camp in the Matachewan district near Bannockburn, Ont., where operations will be centered in following up the gold strike discovered by Bert Ashley and Bill Garvey.

Sweet Clover Is Great as Manure

Tests Show Crop of Big Value in Rotation to Be Plowed Under.

Rather astonishing results as to the value of sweet clover as a nitrogen-furnishing manure are announced by the Ohio agricultural experiment station. After three years' test it was found that not less than 190 pounds of nitrogen were contained in an acre of sweet clover on May 10 in any of the test years. An application of 300 pounds of any high analysis fertilizer, such as 3-12-4, would add less than nine pounds of nitrogen to the soil.

Plow Under Clover.

These figures were developed in tests to determine the best time of the year to plow under sweet clover. It was discovered that the plants had the greatest nitrogen content about the middle of May, May 10 being the peak accumulation in the experiments.

The white sweet clover was used in the experiment stations. Since the value of sweet clover as a manure has been demonstrated seed houses are handling larger and larger quantities of the seed, carefully tested for germination quality and cleaned and re-cleaned to free it from weed seed and other foreign substances.

Time to Plow Under.

The outstanding practical lesson of the experiments is that for economic soil improvement it is best to plow under the growth of sweet clover from April 15 to May 10, so that the full growing season may be utilized by the crop of corn. Sweet clover left to stand over for the full second year produced more organic matter, it was found, but not much more nitrogen than when plowed under May 10.

The experiment demonstrated that an acre of sweet clover on May 10 contained sufficient nitrogen for the entire nitrogen requirement of 80 bushels of corn and the stalks to produce it and that the sweet clover was of extreme value as a rotation crop to be plowed under in the spring.

Each Year People Are Buying Chicks Earlier

Practically every hatchery man in the Middle West that has been in business for several years reports that each year people are buying chicks earlier. An occasional year when the late winter and early spring are below normal in temperatures and snow is heavier than usual this trend towards earlier buying is interrupted, but in general the trend is there.

This is as it should be—if we are going to make poultry profitable with the prices that appear to be facing us during the next few years. Pullets must be kept laying throughout the winter. Under Iowa conditions, with the American breeds being largely used, winter eggs from well-developed birds mean early chicks. February and even late January will be increasingly important in the hatchery business, and April and May decreasingly so within a very few years.

Salt Poisoning Among Chickens Not Common

It is a well known fact that the chicken, like other farm animals, has need of a certain amount of salt in its ration. The fact that there have been reported a great many instances in years gone by of chickens being killed by eating feed that contained a considerable amount of salt, seems to have led to a very general belief among poultrymen that chickens are very easily poisoned by common table salt.

Certain experiments have been carried out which indicate that under the right conditions chickens can tolerate a much larger amount of salt than has generally been supposed. It has been shown, for example, that chickens eight or nine weeks old could be restricted to a ration containing as high as 8 per cent of common salt without serious results.

Best Hatching Results From Fowls on Range

Eggs from birds in large pens in the house hatch best. Birds that have large yards or free range usually give better hatching results than those kept in small pens.

Feeding is important. Only clean, wholesome feeds should be used. The ration should consist of about equal parts of grain fed in the litter and mash not too rich in animal protein. While a good flow of eggs during the hatching season is desirable, it is better to have a smaller number of strongly fertile eggs than a larger number of less hatchable eggs.

The mash should contain not over 20 per cent of dry milk and meat scrap together. If one has plenty of liquid skim milk or buttermilk, it is equivalent approximately to 10 per cent of dry milk or meat scraps.

POULTRY

TURKEYS RAISED IN CONFINEMENT

Idea That Large Fields Are Needed Disproved.

The poultry department of the Pennsylvania State college recently published some interesting work on feed consumption and cost of raising turkeys in complete confinement. Apparently the idea that turkeys require large fields for range has been disproved. E. M. Funk, who conducted this work at the Pennsylvania State college but who is now with the poultry department of the Missouri College of Agriculture, summarizes the experiment with turkeys as follows:

1. The average weight of the Bronze toms at 24 weeks was 19 pounds and the White Holland toms averaged 16.4 pounds at the same age.
2. The rate of growth obtained was greater than that heretofore reported.
3. The mash and grain consumption per bird for the first 24 weeks was 58.05 pounds and 56.12 pounds for the Bronze and White Holland varieties, respectively.
4. The feed cost of producing a pound of gain was 14.7 cents for the Bronze and 15.3 cents for the White Holland.
5. As the birds approached maturity, the feed required to produce a pound of gain increased from 2.56 to 7.71 pounds.
6. The protein intake remained at a high level until the eighteenth week, varying around 20 per cent. From the eighteenth to the twenty-fourth week the level decreased from 20.2 per cent to 14.8 per cent.
7. More than 93 per cent of all turkeys started were raised to market age.
8. The loss from blood and feather dressing for the males was 9.5 per cent; for the females, 10.4 per cent. The full drawn birds showed a total shrinkage of 24.2 and 24.7 per cent for the males and females, respectively. These differences are due to size, not to sex.
9. Excellent market birds were produced in complete confinement.

Cod Liver Oil Help to Breeders and Chickens

Experiments at the Kansas and Wisconsin experiment stations have demonstrated that cod liver oil is a valuable feed for both hens and young chicks that do not have an abundance of sunshine. This product contains a vitamin that helps to take the place of sunshine, in that it helps the birds or chicks to make proper use of the minerals in their rations.

With hens that are used for breeders this helps to develop a better shell on the egg. This seems to cause the eggs to hatch better, as a better lime content is furnished the chicks and less evaporation takes place. In addition it makes hens healthier, thereby improving the vitality and vigor of the flock.

In the northern part of the United States it is necessary to hatch some chickens before it is possible for them to run outside where they get the benefit of direct sunshine. The addition of from 1 to 2 per cent of cod liver oil to the mash will prevent rickets and help to keep the chicks in the best of health.

Raising Turkeys While Confined Is Practical

The Minnesota plan of raising turkeys in confinement consists in matching and rearing artificially and ranging them on clean soil. One plan is to build a roosting shelter in the middle of the range, containing four trap doors, one leading into each fenced lot. The entire fenced area contains about an acre of land over which no poultry have ranged for several years.

Each one-quarter acre lot has proven large enough for 200 or 300 young turkeys when they are turned out of a different trap door into a different lot at least once each month. The plan calls for careful feeding and keeping the turkeys away from chickens at all times.

Some Heat Needed

The Ohio experiment station is advising the use of brooder stoves in those laying houses which are subject to extreme changes in temperature. Poultry raisers realize the disastrous consequences of a 40 to 50 degree drop in temperature, and can modify this change without cutting off the air necessary to carry off moisture. Shutting up the chicken house to the point where moisture accumulates, weakens the resistance of the whole flock to disease.

Mail Carrier Owns Old Book of Poetry

Nebraska City, Neb.—Reed Carlton, city mail carrier, is the owner of a century-old volume of English poetry.

The book was written in 1828 by J. P. Ayres of Philadelphia and is in a good state of preservation. It contains poems by Shakespeare, Pope, Cowper, Dryden, and Scott.

Andrew Jackson and His Rachel



THE HERMITAGE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE



RACHEL JACKSON

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

JANUARY 8 is a day for recalling a famous American fight and a famous American fighter. The fight was the battle of New Orleans, which took place on January 8, 1815, and which is unique in history as being a battle fought after the treaty of peace ending the war had been signed. The fighter was Gen. Andrew Jackson, frontiersman, lawyer by profession, but a natural military leader, hailed during the war with the Creek Indians and the war with the British by his fellow-frontiersmen as "Old Hickory" in tribute to the toughness of his fiber as a man.

Andrew Jackson is a symbol of something so intensely American that, in the words of a recent biographer, "The people still delight in the legends of his prowess, of his lurid language, of his imperious and dictatorial temper. . . . He was a great duelist, a great soldier and a great lover. He was fiery, quixotic, honest and loyal. He was curiously romantic. . . ."

In the light of his fighting characteristics it is interesting to call up that other picture of him, because of the vivid contrast which it presents—the picture of "the great lover" who was so "curiously romantic." For the story of Andrew Jackson and his beloved Rachel, the woman he loved to the end of his days, is one of the most beautiful in American history.

The story of this romance goes back to the year 1779 when Col. John Donelson, a well-to-do Virginia planter, led a party of 200 emigrants on a 2,000-mile trip by flatboat from old Fort Patrick Henry in East Tennessee to that frontier outpost which was to become the city of Nashville. It had taken Donelson's party four months to complete their journey and during that time they had known the horrors of Indian attack, bitter winter weather and the scourge of smallpox. Among the party was Donelson's twelve-year-old daughter, Rachel, who grew up to a superb womanhood.

Colonel Donelson was killed by the Indians during the early years of the settlement and his widow moved to Kentucky. There she rented a house from another frontier widow, a Mrs. Robards, whose son, Lewis, wooed and won Rachel Donelson. But the marriage was a failure from the beginning. Robards was moody, temperamental and intensely jealous of his wife. So Rachel eventually left him, returning to her mother, who had in the meantime gone back to Nashville to live. Faced with the necessity of making her own living after her husband's death, Mrs. Donelson had taken a few men boarders into her home. One of them was a young lawyer named John Overton, who brought about a reconciliation between Rachel and Robards.

Another boarder at the Donelson home was a red-headed young Carolinian, named Andrew Jackson, who had arrived in Nashville in 1788 and began the practice of law. Again Robards' jealousy flared out and he accused Rachel of being in love with Jackson. The young lawyer's protest to the husband, when he heard the accusation, only made matters worse and Robards returned to Kentucky.

Robards then applied to the legislature of Virginia (since Kentucky was still a part of that state) for a divorce, and on December 29, 1790, that body passed an act permitting him to go into court to seek a divorce from his wife. Back to Tennessee came the report that the divorce had been granted in the summer of 1791, while Rachel was visiting in Natchez, Miss. Jackson, who had fallen in love with her but had not spoken of his love while she was still Robards' wife, sought her out and they were married. The young couple soon returned to Tennessee and went to live at the home, Hunter's Hill, which Jackson, now United States attorney and already marked as a man who would become famous, had established in Nashville.

Two years later Jackson and his wife learned that she was not legally divorced from Robards when the marriage ceremony in Natchez had taken place. The scandal mongers and Jackson's political enemies became busy with the tale. Robards had waited three years, after filing his first application, before finally securing the final decree of divorce. Immediately afterwards, on January 17, 1794, Jackson remarried his wife. Then he bought two dueling pistols and served notice upon his enemies that he would kill any man who assailed his wife's name or the purity of their motives when they were first married.

For a time the tongues of his enemies were silenced. Then, as the result of a dispute over a horse race, a young man named Charles Dickinson, who seems to have been made the tool of Jackson's political enemies, after a session of heavy drinking denounced Jackson as a coward and a poltroon and added the further insult of declaring that, "He lived two years with his wife before he was married to her." The result was the now-famous Dickinson-Jackson duel in which Dickinson was killed. Dickinson fired first and seriously wounded Jackson. Later Jackson said to his second, "If he had missed me, I intended to shoot in the air, but when I felt his ball plow through my ribs, I would have killed him if he had shot me through the heart."

The death of Dickinson silenced Jackson's enemies for awhile and he and his wife enjoyed a period of happiness at Hunter's Hill. Then he lost the major part of his estate of some 50,000 acres through debt, but on the part which he retained he built a group of log houses and one frame building. To the new estate he gave the name of The Hermitage. Some time later he built a handsome two-story brick house to care for the increasing number of guests who were coming to visit this rising young frontiersman. In 1796 he was elected to congress and the following year he accepted an appointment to fill a seat in the United States senate, not so much because he was ambitious himself, but because he wanted to lift his beloved Rachel to a social position which would show his pride in her. Within a year he resigned, served a short time as a judge of the Supreme court in Tennessee and then, happy

in the thought that he was through with public life, looked forward to spending the remainder of his years as a gentleman planter at The Hermitage.

But the outbreak of the War of 1812 called him into service again—as the commander of Tennessee volunteers to fight the Creek Indians who had gone on the warpath. In January, 1814, he defeated the Creeks in two pitched battles and ended the war in March at the Great Horseshoe Bend on the Tallapoosa river. As the result of his splendid campaign he was made major-general in the regular army. Then came word that the British were preparing to attack New Orleans and Jackson with his small army of 2,000 men there won one of the most astounding battles in history—defeating Pakenham's British veterans and inflicting upon them a greater loss than Jackson's own force.

This victory made him the hero of the old French city and in his triumph Rachel Jackson shared. For he sent for her to come to New Orleans and there this daughter of the frontier won the hearts of the granddames of Louisiana with her naturalness and her lack of self-consciousness. They presented her with a set of topaz jewelry and gave a grand ball in her honor at which the "Victor of New Orleans" proudly led her out as his first choice as a dancing partner.

By this time Jackson had become a national figure with the promise of further public honors in store for him. His devoted Rachel hoped that he would return to Tennessee and in the quiet of life at the Hermitage recuperate his health which had been shattered by his arduous campaigns. But she soon realized that her ambition was not to be realized. As the Presidential campaign of 1824 drew near Tennessee was clamoring for her favorite son to be a candidate. He made the race, won the largest popular vote, but in the electoral college John Quincy Adams, aided by Henry Clay, was the winner.

Four years later another campaign was on and again Jackson was a candidate. The campaign of 1828 was a bitter one and once more Jackson's enemies unearthed the charge of his illegal marriage. Jackson withheld his wrath until the election was over, but he desired more ardently than ever to win so that he could vindicate his wife by making her the First Lady of the Land. That would be her supreme triumph over those who spoke ill of her. The result of the election was a victory for "Old Hickory."

When the news came to the Hermitage, Rachel Jackson, after much persuasion, set forth for Nashville to obtain a wardrobe in keeping with her new station. The honor of being the President's wife was not one which she had coveted, but her husband's wish was her law and she planned to accompany him to Washington and share in his triumph. While seated in the back parlor of a hotel in Nashville she overheard herself discussed as the woman who was hampering a great man's rise to fame. For the first time there came to her horrified ears the stories which had been circulated about her and which her husband had succeeded in keeping from her knowledge. Her servants said she returned to her home looking stunned.

Within a few days she suffered a heart attack from which she failed to rally. She had lost the desire to live. For 16 hours a heart-broken man sat at her bedside helpless to aid her. Then she died and with her died all happiness for Andrew Jackson.

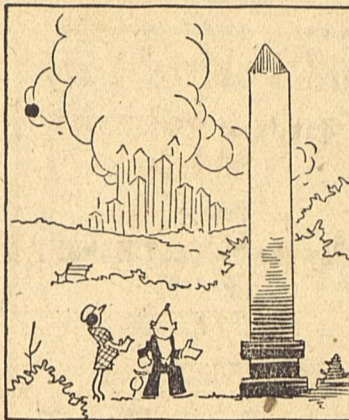
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CANNY

A Scotsman approached an attendant of a bowling green and quietly handed him twopence.
"What's this for?" asked the attendant.
"A game o' bowls, laddie," replied the Scot.
"Yes, but the fee is sixpence. Read that board."
"I hae done, laddie," nodded the Scot with a wink. "It says fees for the green, sixpence a game, but I'm nae green."

WHAT IT STOOD FOR



Wife (sight seeing)—What does this monument stand for, dear?
Dumb Hubby—Don't you see it's so strongly built of marble it couldn't possibly fall!

Barbaric Gloom

The savage said, "I really find Mine is a gloomy lot;
They loot me if I'm good and kind
And shoot me if I'm not!"

For a Practical Test

The President—You told your class that a family on tour could live well on \$718 a year. Are you sure of that?
The Professor of Domestic Economy—Absolutely. Reliable statistics prove it.
The President—I'm glad to hear it because we are cutting your salary 40 per cent for the coming year.

Zip

Mistress (interviewing cook)—Supposing I wanted you to cook an elaborate dinner for about fifteen people, would you be lost?
Cook—You bet! That's just 'ow the last folks lost me.—Humorist.

For His Own Good

"You must serve on the jury, Mr. Big Business."
"But, judge, I am rushed to death."
"I know it. You need a rest."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

WASTING TIME



He—Darling, I've been dreaming of this moment for months.
She—Then why waste more time now?

Check

A man worth while
Is one who grins
When the doc steps out
And shouts, "It's twins!"

So Sudden!

"Dearest, I love you. Since the dawn of creation, since the birth of this world, since the beginning of time, I have known and loved you. Darling, will you be mine?"
"Oh, Tom, this is so sudden."—Pathfinder Magazine.

Well Trained

Coach—You say you can play football. Have you had any practice?
Football Prospect—Yes, sir, I used to be a floorwalker at the bargain sale counters in a department store.

Improved Uniform International

Sunday School Lesson

(By REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D. D., Member of Faculty, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)
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Lesson for December 28

REVIEW: THE PATTERN OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

GOLDEN TEXT—Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.
PRIMARY TOPIC—How Jesus Wants Us to Live.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Some Examples of Christian Living.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Lessons from the Lives of Others.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Fellowship with Christ.

For senior and adult classes two good methods of review may be used: The first may be designated character study of the principal persons mentioned in the lessons of the quarter; namely, Zacharias and Elisabeth, Mary, Simeon and Anna, Peter, Thomas, Zachaeus, Stephen, Saul, and Timothy. In using this method assignment should be made the week before. The second method may be designated the summary method in which the salient facts should be noted followed with the leading teaching. In this case also, assignment should be made a week ahead.

Lesson for October 5.

The parents of John the Baptist were noted for their godliness. Zacharias means "Jehovah hath remembered." Elisabeth means "covenant maker." Every indication is that this pious couple wrought together for God. John the Baptist was a great man. Much can be expected of a child born of such parents and brought up in such a home.

Lesson for October 12.

God chose Mary to receive the greatest honor ever conferred upon a human being. To fill this place of honor meant exposure to suspicion as well as much suffering and hardship.

Lesson for October 19.

The ability of Simeon and Anna to discern the Messiah was due to a special revelation of the indwelling Holy Spirit, not merely because they were pure in heart. The grace which they possessed is available to every believer.

Lesson for October 26.

The believer experiences a vital conflict going on within. This conflict is due to the fact that he was once born of the flesh and afterward born of the Spirit. Victory over the flesh is to be obtained through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Lesson for November 2.

Peter through over-weening confidence fell, even denying his Lord. The occasion of his denial was the sifting to which Satan subjected him. Through the prayer of Jesus Christ he was restored.

Lesson for November 9.

Thomas is everywhere presented in the Scriptures as of a skeptical mind, but he was an honest doubter. The Lord is pleased to be put to the test. No honest skeptic has ever remained in darkness.

Lesson for November 16.

The centurion's faith in Christ brought healing to a very dear servant. Genuine faith links man with Omnipotence.

Lesson for November 23.

A noble young ruler failed to get eternal life because his heart rested on earthly riches. Christ demands man's whole heart.

Lesson for November 30.

Zachaeus did not allow difficulties to keep him from seeing the Lord. The sight of the Lord moved him to repentance. This is always true. He proved the genuineness of his repentance by making restitution.

Lesson for December 7.

Stephen, while called to minister in the temporalities of the church, witnessed of Christ in the energy of the Holy Spirit. He sealed his testimony with his blood. To those who are faithful unto death a crown of life shall be given.

Lesson for December 14.

The sight of Jesus Christ transformed Saul, the savage persecutor, into a most ardent witness for Christ.

Lesson for December 21.

Through the faith of a godly mother and grandmother, Timothy was nurtured for God. Careful home training is rewarded with pious children.

In Communion With God

As long as we dare to think that the secular life must be a separate existence from the spiritual, that earthly engagements cannot be fulfilled in uninterrupted communion with God, just so long are we living outside the purposes of God, contradicting the majesty of our true nature, and denying the efficacy of the gospel of the Lord Jesus.—Prebendary H. W. Webb, Peplow.

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OH CONSISTENCY, THOU ART A JEWEL!

In the 91st District Court at Eastland recently there was completed a suit, the Cisco Independent School District vs. the Cisco Printing and Publishing Company, which publishes the Cisco Daily News. The suit was for school taxes in 1929, for the sum of \$250.00, and penalty and interest, etc.

Evidence showed that fifty-one per cent, or controlling interest, of the paper sold for \$32,000.00, within one month of the assessment, and on this basis a valuation of \$60,000.00 might have been assessed against the company, but the School District was suing on the valuation of only

\$25,000.00. The defendant had expert witnesses out of Dallas, combined with some home witnesses, and beat the case, and got the value lowered to \$15,000.00. Then this esteemed publication which is owned and controlled by syndicate interests very foreign to Cisco and her people—waxes eloquent on her anxious interest "in the welfare of Cisco and its future, and in the welfare of those who have invested their money and their citizenship in this community."

And in referring to the absurd offer of the bondholders in which they seek to obtain possession of our utilities—lake, water works and sewer system—and leave us under a bond burden of a remaining million and a half dollars, this same publication comments that the proposition is "sound in

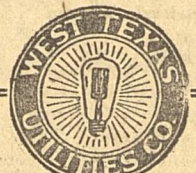
principle, and represents the only equitable basis from which to approach a solution." Then it goes on to state that "it is not a question of what we would like to do but a question of what we must do." As if the citizenship of the city of Cisco MUST take whatever offer the bondholders choose to make to get the city out of the financial dilemma which many of Cisco citizens did not even know existed until a few short months ago. Well, we know of quite a flock of Cisco veterans who will make it their personal business to see whether we MUST accept such a proposition as the bondholders are holding out to us, and which the News encourages that we accept—like a catfish swallows a hook camouflaged with a big juicy earthworm!

If all of the tax payers of Cisco succeed in reducing their taxes at the rate on which the above mentioned publishing company succeeded our schools may have to quit. And the bondholders of the City of Cisco—well, we had better just keep our water and sewer systems!

A Citizen.

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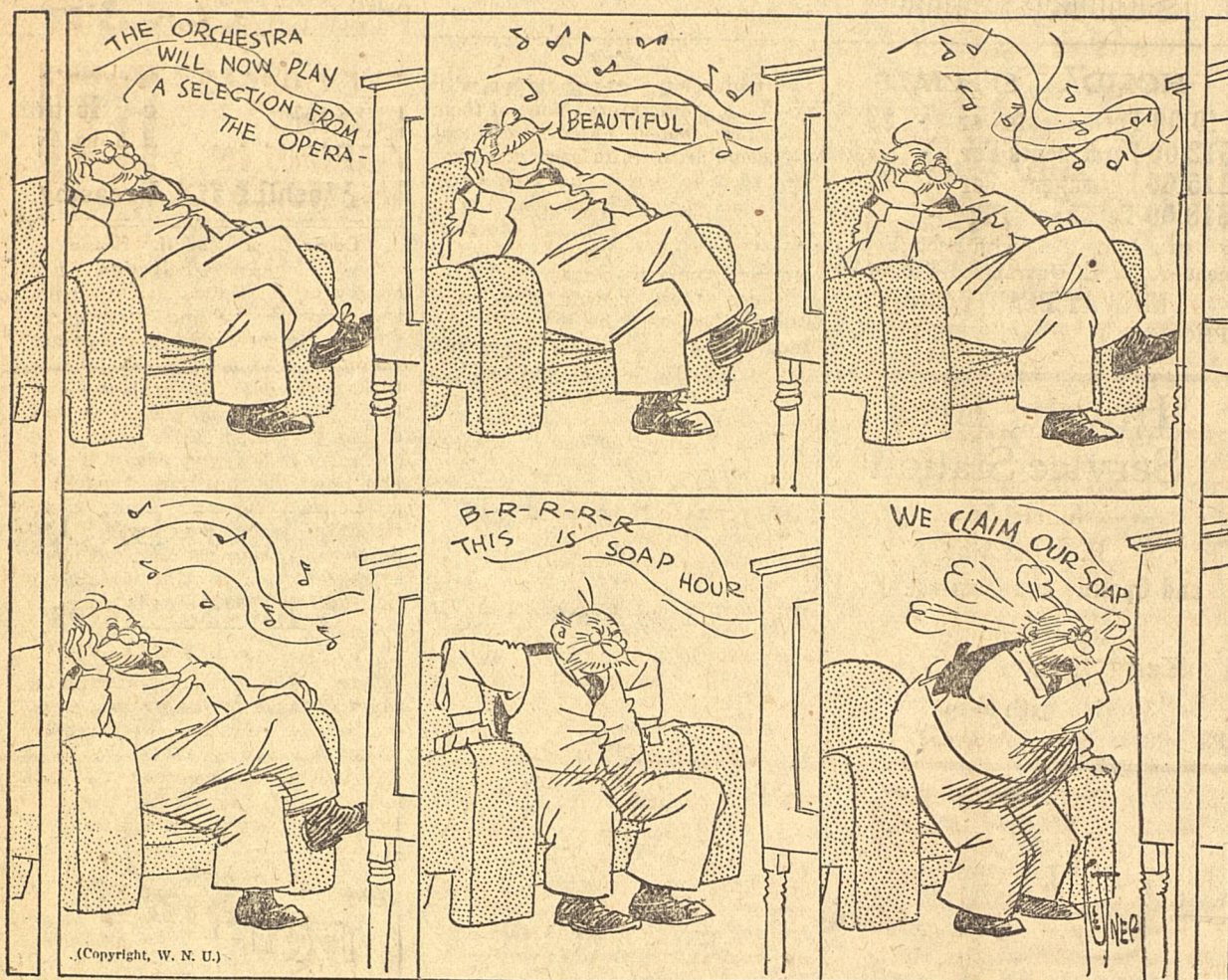
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Progress in Iraq



Cargo Boat on the Tigris River.

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THE treaty between Great Britain and her most important mandated territory, the Kingdom of Iraq, which has been before the representatives of the two countries for nearly three years, has recently been definitely ratified. It recognizes Iraqi independence to take effect when Iraq becomes a member of the League of Nations.

Iraq, present-day heir of ancient Babylon in the valleys of the Tigris and Euphrates, has had an up-hill job since the World War, in its efforts to transform itself into a modern state. It has had constructive plans for physical development; but politics, religion, and the age-old social customs of some of its people have interposed stubborn obstacles in the paths of the contemplated progress.

The Iraqis have sought a status comparable to Turkey, Persia and the Hejaz, all important and independent Mohammedan states rather than that of a mandated area on somewhat the same footing as smaller and less populous Syria and Palestine-Trans-Jordan.

Ever since the treaty of Versailles, placing the country under mandate to Great Britain, became operative in 1920, Iraq has obtained a greater and greater degree of independence. It is the only one of the twelve mandated territories which has a king, parliament, and responsible government. As a result of Iraqi insistence, the relations between mandatory and mandated territory were defined in 1922 in a treaty between the governments of Iraq and Great Britain which looked to the termination of the mandate when Iraq could enter the League of Nations. This treaty was later revised twice with Great Britain undertaking more specifically to use her influence to obtain membership for Iraq in the League if Iraq continued to make progress. Still later Great Britain agreed to drop this proviso and to seek League membership for Iraq unconditionally in 1932. It is the treaty so altered that has now been ratified.

Restoring Its Irrigation.

Embracing the potentially fertile valleys of the Tigris and Euphrates and large stretches of semi-arid and desert lands, Iraq has always been primarily an agricultural and pastoral country. In Babylonian and Grecian days the valleys were herring-boned with irrigation canals and these were kept up by the Arabs in the days of the Caliphate. The lands of Iraq were exceedingly productive and its people were highly prosperous until 1258 A. D. when the Mongol invasion destroyed the irrigation embankments and headworks. Afterwards under Turkish rule Iraq became less and less prosperous, much of its once fertile valleys turned into wilderness and malaria-breeding swamps.

The aim of the most thoughtful leaders in Iraq is to restore the irrigation works which the valleys possessed during their golden age. This, however, would be a tremendous task, requiring vast amounts of capital, which Iraq is at present unable to command. The government has organized a department of irrigation and under its supervision is slowly bettering existing irrigation works and undertaking new ones. One of the most important steps has been the construction of a permanent weir in the bed of the River Dijala to replace earthen dams which were constructed annually, only to be washed away each flood season. Several river regulators and escapes were constructed in 1928, and canals were extended to revive areas that were passing out of cultivation and to bring tens of thousands of acres of new land under irrigation.

Railway System Incomplete.

In transportation agencies, other than railways, Iraq has made a marked

advance in recent years. The natural outlet for the country is southeastward along its rivers to the Persian gulf. But its customers and clients are chiefly to the northwestward and the northeastward across extensive deserts and mountain ranges. These barriers have not yet been bridged by steel rails. Gaps still exist in the famous proposed "Berlin-to-Bagdad" railway so that it is not even possible to move Iraqi products as far as the eastern Mediterranean ports by rail.

There are close to a thousand miles of railway track in Iraq, but it is entirely an internal system. At no point does a railway cross the Iraq border. The rail system, however, does perform two important functions in international trade. It carries exports and imports to and from the port of Basra, head of navigation on the Shatt-al-Arab for ocean-going ships; and it connects at Khanakin near the Persian border with a motor road over which is carried on Iraq's sizable transit trade with Persia.

In the absence of railways to the north and west, all of the heavy freight leaving and entering Iraq must move by water through the Persian gulf. But within the last few years an efficient and rapid system has been set up for the transfer of passengers, mail and light express overland between Bagdad and Basra on the southeast, and Damascus, Beyrouth, Jerusalem and Cairo on the northwest. Good, hard-surfaced highways have been constructed through long sections of the river valleys.

Across the deserts that separate Iraq and Syria the ways are merely natural earth roads, but they are in fair condition, and over them powerful American-built busses carrying passengers, mail and express cover 600 miles in 24 hours. The quickest mails, however, travel by the weekly airplane service which extends from Basra to Cairo. Airplanes fly approximately over the highway route for a considerable part of the way between Bagdad and the west.

Of the two great rivers of Iraq, only the Tigris can be used by boats. An important freight service, moving hundreds of thousands of tons in large river steamers, is operated between Bagdad and Basra. Special shallow-draft stern-wheel river boats ply the Tigris up the river from Bagdad to Mosul, and above the latter city considerable quantities of supplies are brought downstream on rafts. Below the junction of the Tigris and Euphrates the combined tidal stream is known as the Shatt-al-Arab.

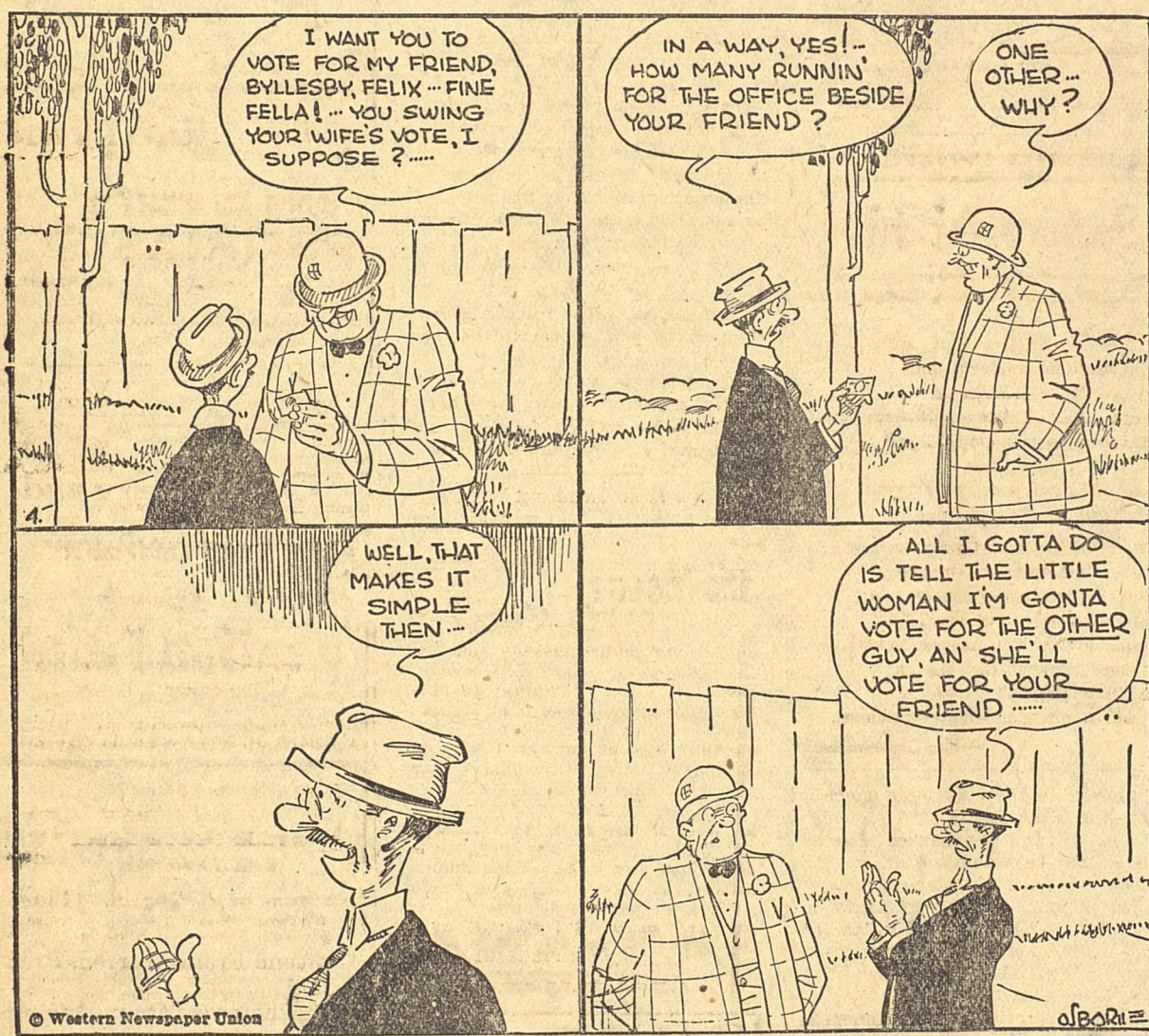
Products and Industries.

Although some progress has been made in recent years toward the development of industry and the extraction of mineral wealth from the ground, Iraq is still predominantly an agricultural and pastoral country. This condition is reflected in the exports and imports. During the fiscal year 1927-28 the exports, including goods in transit, amounted to about \$40,000,000, while the imports were valued at approximately \$54,000,000. Dates, valued at close to \$6,000,000, led the list of exports, followed by cereals and flour, \$5,000,000, and wool, \$2,500,000. Among the leading articles imported were textiles, valued at approximately \$8,500,000; and sugar worth \$3,000,000.

The few industries carried on in Iraq are on a small scale. The residents maintain factories for spinning, knitting, carpet making, and shoe manufacture, copper smelting and flour milling. It is only a matter of time, however, until the country will have an important place among the regions producing and refining petroleum. Two financially strong companies have concessions to explore and develop the Iraqi oil supplies, and both have brought in producing wells within the past two years.

THE FEATHERHEADS

Felix Controls the Featherhead Vote



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NOT A REMARKABLE FEAT



She—"I am getting disgusted with myself. Every time I open my mouth I put my foot in it." He (taking a chance)—"Not a remarkable feat for one with so small a foot, Miss May."

On a Diet

Shankweiler—"Well, old man, you certainly have fallen off since I last saw you. How did you manage to do it?"

Fatmuller—"I thought the best way to reduce was to starve myself, so I went to painting landscapes for a living."

Example

"Now, James," said the teacher, "an abstract noun is something you can think of but cannot touch. Can you give me an example?"

James—"Please, sir, a red-hot poker."

No Sale

"I see your husband has a new stenographer," remarked Mrs. Busybody to the lady on whom she was calling.

"Yes?"

"Yes, and she's very pretty."

"I know, she's our daughter."

The Mean Thing!

Phyllis—"Isn't my engagement ring a fine example of the stone-cutter's art, dearie?"

Betty—"Or the glass-blower's art, perhaps."

Reaching the Comedy

"I don't care for this book," declared the bride.

"It's a cookbook," explained her husband.

"Well, there's no comedy in it."

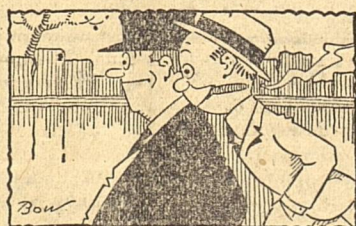
"Try it out."

Modifications

"Your speeches indicate that your views have changed."

"Not exactly," replied Senator Sorghum. "My constituents' views have changed and I am keeping in touch with the wisdom of the plain people."

NOT A BIT WORSE



Adams—"The people who have money don't know how to enjoy it." Clark—"Well, that's no worse than knowing how to enjoy it and not having any."

Familiar

Diner—"Why does that dog sit there and watch me all the time?"

Waiter—"You've got the plate he usually eats from, sir.—Pele Mele, Paris."

He Didn't Win

"So you met your pet enemy today? I'll bet you argued with him until you were black in the face."

"No, just around the eyes."—Pathfinder.



UNDERWOOD & UNDERWOOD



HEADS or HEARTS at Christmas
by Robert Stead

HARVEY DANE turned from Freda Hanson's home in a brown study. For two years he had been a caller at Freda's, and for most of that time he had been trying to find the answer to one question. Should he ask her to marry him?

Freda was attractive, and Harvey was quite sure he was in love with her. He suspected, too, that she returned his regard. But Harvey had prided himself that his head ruled his heart. When he left the farmhouse of his boyhood to make his way in the city he had laid down one rule for himself: never to act on emotion; always to act on reason. And at twenty-eight he was assistant manager of his company. The rule sure seemed to work.

Now Freda had been reared in luxury. Harvey's salary would be little more than spending money for her. Leaving emotions out of the argument, would good sense dictate that he should marry her?

As he pondered, this problem bells pealed out, and he remembered it was Christmas eve. Of course! He had given Freda some trinket, and a little package from her nestled in his overcoat pocket. It was the season of gifts—

"Please, sir, will you give me a dime?"

Harvey looked down at a ragged urchin—a girl—perhaps not more than ten years old. Harvey's intelligence told him that to give money to beggars encouraged delinquency. But something more than intelligence seemed to prompt him now. He stopped and spoke with her.

"What would you do with a dime?" he asked.

"I would buy a toy for my little brother for Christmas." It was a glib answer, probably untrue. But Harvey had become interested.

"Have you no father or mother, to buy things for Christmas?"

"No, sir. We live with our aunt, and she has been sick."

A plausible story. Still—

A vacant taxi hove into view. Harvey signalled it. "Get in, little girl, and tell me where you live."

She looked at him a moment, surprised. Then, her child instinct satisfied, she obeyed. They stopped in one of the poorer parts of the city. Here, in a single room, Harvey found a sick woman and a boy of four or five.

It did not take him long to act. As he gave his orders at a near-by restaurant anyone could see he had thrown intelligence to the winds.

When a hot meal for three had been sent to the sick room Harvey found a telephone booth. Fortunately Miss Hanson had not retired.

"Freda, I need you—on a job," he said. Then he told her of his adventure. "They need clothing, cleaning up, care—and Christmas," he concluded, "and I need a woman to show me how."

"I'll be there with my car in twenty minutes," she answered.

Then began the greatest Christmas eve Harvey Dane had experienced.



"Please, Sir, Will You Give Me a Dime?"

With Freda at his side he plunged through the city, buying groceries, medicine, children's toys; telephoning a doctor; arranging for a motherly soul to take charge. When, long after midnight, they placed their gifts beside the sleeping children, they somehow felt very close to each other.

"The woman will be all right," the

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—The Gentlewoman.

doctor had said. "Rest and nourishment—that's all she needs."

But a difficulty soon arose. Harvey insisted that he would pay all.

"That is not sensible, Harvey," Freda told him. "It is just pride—or sentiment—which ever you like. I have plenty of money, and you have your way to make in business. Let me pay the bills."

"That is just pride, too," he retorted. But in the end they divided the account.

As Freda drove homeward Harvey sat beside her, wonderfully happy. And the funny thing was it was all so unreasonable. He had lost a night's sleep and given away a lump of money—strange doing for a business man always guided by his intelligence—and he was so absurdly happy over it.

"You know, Harvey," Freda said, when she drew up at her door, "I think you uttered a great truth tonight when you called me on the telephone."

She had nestled close beside him and her presence seemed to bewitch his memory.

"Did I?" he asked. "I don't remember. What did I say?"

"Can't you remember—dear?"

"No—dear."

"You said," and she faced him very coyly, "you said, 'Freda, I need you.'"

And the next moment Harvey Dane was behaving in the most emotional manner in all his young life.

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Christmas Day's Full Title
Christmas day's full title is "The Nativity of Our Lord, or the Birthday of Christ."

Why Officials Did Not Sign Large Contracts

Much has been heard about Coolidge economy, but perhaps the largest single saving to the government antedated Coolidge by nearly five years. It was made by Judge Walter Winter Warwick, then comptroller of the treasury.

One afternoon in November, 1918, Judge Warwick was asked by General Goethals to drop in at the War department. Warwick found Goethals and a bevy of other high officials seated around a huge table heaped with papers.

"Those papers are contracts," Goethals explained. "They represent the result of months of negotiation with private manufacturers. None of them have been signed, but we have told the manufacturers in each case that we expect to sign them. They cover munitions and other supplies, and in each case the manufacturer has gone ahead on the assumption that the contract would be signed."

"Since these negotiations were started, however, the armistice has been signed. Now, what we would like to know, Judge Warwick, is whether that makes any difference—whether we can legally sign them."

Judge Warwick looked at the papers.

"How much money is involved in these contracts?" he asked.

"Oh, I suppose, roughly, a billion dollars," Goethals replied.

"Well, gentlemen," replied Judge Warwick, "I can only say this: If you sign them every last one of you will go to the penitentiary."

He walked out and the contracts were not signed. One billion dollars, more or less, remained in the federal treasury.—Collier's Weekly.

Make Scientific Study of Scourge of Leprosy

The ancient scourge of leprosy is being intensively studied in Hawaii with a view to steady reduction in the number of cases and eventually to eradication. Gov. Lawrence M. Judd has appointed a committee which includes men who have given many years of attention to leprosy cases. Their report, just concluded but not made public, deals not only with medical treatment, but with measures for segregation of lepers and closer control of the disease. Hawaii for many years has treated leprosy without special fear, knowing that care in handling it sufficiently protects doctors and nurses from contamination. Measures suggested to the governor by the commission will be embodied in legislation by the territory of Hawaii next spring.

Or an Expert

A man with fishing tackle in hand stepped out of the boat to the landing.

"Catch anything?" asked a loiterer.

"Not a thing," replied the other.

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Denton to spend the holidays with
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Lee. Miss Lee is instructor in the
home economics department at
C. I. A.

Wilbur Westerveldt who is at-
tending the University of Texas
is at home to spend Christmas
with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
H. O. Westerveldt.

Frank Holmesly, who is at-
tending the Oklahoma University
at Norman, Okla., is in Cisco
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tending the School of Mines in
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days in Cisco.

Mrs. Irene Hallmark and Miss
Lois Grantham are spending
Christmas with their parents
in Gatesville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McCannies
of Corsicana arrived Wednes-
day to spend the Christmas
holidays in Cisco with his par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Mc-
Cannies.

Cotton Pippen is here, from
El Paso to spend Christmas.

R. C. Metcalf is spending
Christmas in Corpus Christi.

Miss Letha Maud Eager is
here from Austin for the holi-
days.

Mrs. J. B. Hunter and son,
Jack are spending the holidays
visiting in Ft. Worth.

Frank Langston who is attend-
ing Baylor University in Waco is
here for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McMurray
are spending the holidays visi-
ting in McAlester, Oklahoma.

Mrs. G. W. Collum is spend-
ing the holidays in Sweetwater
with her sister, Mrs. C. S. Sud-
dath.

Miss Ida Mae Collins, who is
attending school in San Antonio,
is at home here to spend the
holidays with her parents, Mr.
and Mrs. J. J. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Angus have
as their holiday guests his par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander M
Angus, and their daughter, Peg-
gy, of Dallas.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. L. McGan-
non have as their holiday
guests Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mur-
ray and son, Bobbie, of Kansas
City, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Bernie left
Wednesday morning for Massa-
chusetts, called there by death
of his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Myers of
Gunter, Texas, are spending the
holidays here with their daugh-
ter, Mrs. H. D. Shumaker, and
Mr. Shumaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Mash-
burn left Tuesday morning for
Big Spring to spend Christmas
with Mr. and Mrs. Barton.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Austin are
spending Christmas in Dallas.

Randolph Has Christmas Program

As is their usual custom, Ran-
dolph College had her Christ-
mas celebration last Wednesday
evening before the students left
to go to their homes to spend
the holidays. An excellent
banquet was enjoyed, after
which was a program of musical
numbers and other entertain-
ment, then a beautifully decora-
ted Christmas tree in charge
of Old Santa yielded its burden
of gifts for the gathering. Be-
sides the students, other guests
were members of the faculty
and board, and it was a very
merry occasion for all.

Randolph closed at noon on
Thursday, December 18th, and
will open again Tuesday, Janu-
ary 6th.

Miss Elsie Glenn is at home
from Abilene to spend the holi-
days.

Miss Olivia McKissick, who
is a student in Williams Col-
lege in Fulton, Mo., is in Cisco
to spend Christmas with her
parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Mc-
Kissick.

Mrs. B. E. Morehart is spend-
ing the holidays in Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McClelland
and son, Durwood, will spend
Christmas in Breckenridge
with Mrs. McClelland's parents,
Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gandy.

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