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COMMISSIONERS LET COURT HOUSE CONTRACT: TO COST \$136,324.00

Walker Construction Company Given Contract for Erecting Building. Heating to Clarendon Firm; Plumbing to Memphis Company.

The contracts for the new Hall county court house were awarded by the Commissioners' Court Monday, the bids being opened at 2 o'clock, Monday afternoon. All bids were made upon plans and specifications made by C. H. Page & Bro., architects, Austin, Texas.

The contract for the removal of the old building and the construction of the new was awarded to the Walker Construction Company, San Antonio, who made the lowest bid.

The firms bidding, and the amount of their bids follow: K. H. Muse, Fort Worth, \$132,000; R. Schmidt, Austin, \$124,640; H. H. Gowins, Dallas, \$131,974; J. C. Jopling & Company, Wichita Falls, \$122,950; Walker Construction Company, San Antonio, \$121,520.

The contract for heating was given Stewart & Anthony of Clarendon,

FARM LABOR COUNTY UNION TO MEET AT LESLEY SATURDAY

Eleven Local Unions Will Be Represented. Dinner Will Be Served. Business Session In Afternoon.

A county meeting of the Farm Labor Union of Hall county will be held at Lesley next Saturday. Representatives from eleven local unions in the county will be present for a business session of the County Union, which will be held in the afternoon.

There will probably be speaking in the forenoon and a report from delegates to the State conference now in session at Fort Worth.

The Farm Labor Union in this county has a membership of about 1,200 and its county meetings usually have a large attendance which includes the families of the members and any outsiders who may wish to attend; the latter being welcomed with the hope that the membership may be increased by the knowledge of the advantages of the organization to the farmers that may be gained by attendance.

This organization now has a State marketing department that has handled considerable cotton this year for members; the department hopes to enlarge its facilities to include the co-operative marketing of all other products of its members and also to serve any part of its membership as a buying and exchange agency for farm products. In this connection it has served Hall county farmers this season by obtaining corn and other feed-stuff from members in other more favored localities.

The union is only open to "dirt" farmers but includes in its membership many of the best farmers of this county and of the State. The organization affiliates with other labor unions, including the affiliated shop and railroad unions, to whom its members rendered valuable assistance during the late strike.

COURT HOUSE BONDS ARE AUTHORIZED BY LARGE MAJORITY; LIGHT VOTE

Largest Proportionate Majority Ever Cast; Also Smallest Proportionate Vote In Any County Election.

The largest proportionate vote ever cast for any measure in this county authorized the issuance of \$150,000 in 5 1/2 per cent thirty year bonds for building a new county court house.

The total vote out of a possible 4,000 was 461. Of these, 438 were for, and 23 against the issuance of the bonds, the proportion being 19 to 1 in favor of the proposition.

The vote by precincts follows:

North Memphis	113	2
Newlin	26	0
Eli	11	0
Lesley	29	2
Estelline	20	2
Baylor	0	0
Parnell	0	0
Turkey	19	3
Lakeview	55	8
Brice	18	0
Plaska	30	0
Halver	6	0
South Memphis	107	2
Weatherly	3	4
Deep Lake	10	0
Total	438	23

HALL COUNTY DISTRICT POULTRY SHOW IS DECIDEDLY SUCCESSFUL

Many Entries and Good Showing of Individual Birds. Entries Include 222 Chickens and 16 Turkeys. List of Prize-Winners.

The three-days Poultry Show by the Hall County District Poultry Association closed yesterday, the show being a success in every way; in number of entries, quality of stock shown and in attendance.

This was the first annual show of the association, and its success is pleasing to all interested and assures the continuance of this feature.

A total of 238 exhibits were entered, 222 chickens and 16 turkeys.

A feature of the last day of the show, Wednesday, was an interesting and instructive address by M. B. Oats, agricultural agent for the Fort Worth and Denver. Mr. Oates is alive to the importance of the poultry industry and is doing every thing possible to promote its growth in his territory.

Another out-of-town visitor was E. B. Miller, of Plainview, American Poultry Association judge, who assisted in judging and classifying the exhibits.

Below will be found a report of the prize-winners in each class:

White Leghorns—L. M. Thompson first on cockerel, second on cock, second and third on pullet, first on old hen, first on young trio; G. L. Adamson, Hedley, first on young trio.

Black Langshans—L. M. Thompson, first and second on pullet; O. R. Culwell, Hedley, first on young trio.

Buff Leghorns—C. H. Kennedy, second on pullet.

Brown Leghorns—W. L. Vaughn, first on cock.

White Wyandottes—Mrs. R. L. Simmons, first on young trio, first and second on hen; W. M. Braddock, first on pullet.

Barred Plymouth Rocks—E. M. Ewen, first on cock, first on cockerel, first on hen, first on pullet, first on old pen, first on young trio; G. L. Adamson, Hedley, first and third on young trio; Ben Walker, third on cockerel.

Buff Orpingtons—H. B. West, first and second on pullet, first on young trio; Mrs. Ballard, first on cock.

MEMPHIS HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Items of Interest Pertaining to the Classes and Departments of Memphis Public Schools.

Junior Notes

Every one has started in with their work anew this Monday to work hard for the next two weeks so they will have one third of their work up excellent before Christmas holidays begin.

Della was reading a theme she had written, to the English class, her voice was impressive and solem as she pictured the disaster at Smyrna. The pupils listened in wonderment as she read slowly: "And the people in their despair, jumped into the flames of their burning homes—and drowned themselves." The days of miracles surely have returned.

Louise Caviness will represent the Junior class in the "popular girl" contest, as was determined when the votes for the inter-class contest closed Friday.

Sophomore Notes

The sophomore class contest closed on Wednesday of last week with Jimmy Cooper victorious. She had five votes more than Genevieve Morgan.

Freshmen Class Report

Hubert Long has quit school and has gone to work for the Hogland Mercantile Co.

Edward Markham has moved to Vernon. He was a very promising eighth grader, but we are sure that he will retain his record.

There were no Current Events printed this week but the program committees of each club have planned a very interesting program from their magazines.

N. T. C. Report

The N. T. C. held its regular meeting Tuesday November 28, at the home of Elizabeth Wright, assisted by Elizabeth Kennedy.

The room was beautifully decorated, carrying out Thanksgiving ideals.

Roll call was answered with a quotation on Thanksgiving and all members were present except one. A business session was called and all important business attended to. Two new members were taken in, Miss Green and Patty Hicks. The girls were very glad to receive Patty into their midst and feel that she will be a help and an inspiration to them. They were also equally glad to welcome Miss Green, who on account of her ultra abilities and girlish spirit, was invited to join the club.

The program was good and well rendered. Ruth Keeling gave an essay on "The Origin of Thanksgiving"; Elizabeth Kennedy gave a reading on "The Little Red Hen"; Leora McKelvey told an interesting Thanksgiving story; Mozelle Moses gave a clever little reading on the city lass, who tried to describe a Thanksgiving harvest.

The last number was a story, given by Ruth Leary, of a grandmother who was restored on Thanksgiving to (Continued on page five)

SAM HALE, FORMER ESTELLINE BOY, BRINGS \$75,000 IN BASEBALL DEAL

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 5.—The first big deal of the minor league convention was made today when Sammy Hale, third baseman with the Portland, Oregon, Club, a hitting and fielding sensation of the Pacific Coast League, was sold to the Philadelphia Americans for players and cash amounting to \$75,000.

Hale began his baseball training on the home team of Estelline, afterwards playing on the Memphis team; he later went to San Antonio and from there to Chicago. He has recently been playing with the Portland Beavers, who made this sale.

SCHOOL BOARD ASKED TO CALL BOND ELECTION

At a called meeting Tuesday afternoon, a number of the citizens of Memphis voted, almost unanimously, favoring a resolution requesting the school board to call an election to vote bonds to the amount \$110,000 to erect and equip a new school building to take care of the increased enrollment of the Memphis schools. Action will be taken on the matter at a later date.

WOODMEN TO LOCATE WAR SANITARIUM AT SAN ANGELO

San Angelo, Dec. 1.—The Woodmen of the world have decided upon this city as the location for their War Memorial Sanitarium and will at once begin the erection of an administration building and cottages for the nurses. The main buildings will be a reconstruction and remodeling of an old Spanish Mission, 300 feet long and three stories in height, with broad verandas surrounding it on every floor.

GOOSE HUNTING IS GOOD IN MOORE

Dumas, Dec. 3.—Goose hunting is good in Moore County. Sam McDade and W. W. Daughtery appear to hold the championship, each having gotten seven geese in one day.

ALANREED LIGHTED WITH GAS FROM HARVEY WELL

Alanreed, Dec. 4.—The streets of this town are now lighted with gas from the Harvey well near here. The system was installed by the city and is very satisfactory. It is expected that a corporation will be formed to furnish gas for domestic purposes. It is also proposed to supply the town of McLean with gas from this well.

LUBBOCK COUNTY FARMERS SELL TURKEYS IN POOL

Lubbock, Dec. 4.—About two thousand turkeys were pooled by the farmers of Lubbock County Saturday, and were sold to the highest bidder. White Produce Company of Sweetwater, Texas, bought them for 31 cents per pound live weight.

The Oddfellow Lodge of Memphis, will have their annual Home Coming Tuesday, evening December 12. All Oddfellows are invited.

Main Street Church of Christ.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Mrs. Whaley's class won the cup last Sunday, only four more Sundays and the contest ends.

Men's class at library.

Intermediate's junior's and women's classes at the church. The school has decided to have a Christmas tree, a very good decision.

Preaching 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Morning subject: "Stewardship of the Voice of History." Evening subject: "Fear and Love."

Junior C. E., 3:00 p. m. Annie Louise Hudgins, leader.

Intermediate C. E., 4:00 p. m. Carolyn McNeely, leader.

Senior C. E., 6:30 p. m. Orville Goodpasture, leader.

Prayermeeting, Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Regular board meeting, Tuesday 7:00 p. m.

Preaching, 3:00 p. m. at Indian Creek.

First Baptist Church.

All of the services last Sunday from that of the Sunday school through the last one at night, were helpful, interesting and instructive. The singing and music were good. In the absence of the organist, Mrs. M. McNeely presided at the organ.

Next Sunday 9:45 a. m. Sunday school, Dr. McNeely, superintendent. The lesson deals with the "Story of the Good Samaritan," Luke 10:25-37.

11:00 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Theme: "Enlarging 'The Place of the Tent.'"

4:00 p. m. Junior C. E. society, Miss Boody Montgomery, superintendent.

6:00 p. m. Intermediate and senior C. E. societies, Mrs. T. Kittenger and Miss Helen McNeely, superintendents.

7:00 p. m. Sermon by the pastor. Theme: "The Bow of Promise on the Clouds of Temptation and Sorrow"

Midweek service, Wednesday 7:30 p. m. At the request of a number of the members, the pastor will take up the study of the gospel according to Luke at the mid-week services, beginning next week. It is hoped that many will attend the services regularly, and study the scripture portion which will be announced at each preceding meeting. The lesson for next week will be the first chapter.

—Eugene B. Kuntz, pastor.

Miss Addie Hester underwent a serious operation last week in Amarillo. Her friends are quite anxious about her. Miss Hester is very low at this writing, but we are in hopes of her recovery.

Mr. J. R. Brown of Gasoline spent several days in Memphis this week. Mr. Brown reports that crops are practically all gathered in that part of the county.

Mr. George W. Moore has been appointed manager of the Wm. Cameron Lumber Co. We are glad to see Mr. Moore get this appointment and wish him success in his new duties. Mr. John Read has been appointed bookkeeper, taking Mr. Moore's place.

Rev. Chas. T. Whaley married the following couples last week: Mr. James Parnell and Miss Florence Kemp, of the Leslie community; Mr. Oren Pyaett and Miss Mary Ellen Morrison of the Friendship community; Mr. Ammon Woodruff and Miss Leona Dowdy of Claude.

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN IS CLASSED BY PROFESSOR ALBERT BUSHNELL HART, IN THE HARVARD ALUMNI BULLETIN AS ONE OF THE SIX "NATIONAL" UNIVERSITIES OF THE COUNTRY, THE OTHER FIVE BEING YALE, HARVARD, CORNELL, COLUMBIA AND CHICAGO. IN PROFESSOR HART'S OWN WORDS, "THEY COME NEAREST TO BEING NATIONAL ACADEMIC MELTING POTS AND SO HELP TO MAKE THE WORLD ACQUAINTED."

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ROB POSTOFFICE AT BROWNFIELD AND FIRE OTHER HOUSES

Brownfield, Dec. 1.—After setting fire to the business district, bandits robbed the postoffice at Brownfield, Terry County, of currency, silver and stamps, Thanksgiving noon.

While the fire spread the bandits battered their way into the postoffice, smashed the cash drawer and then fled as citizens assembled to fight the flames. Later a posse overtook the bandits and captured two of them.

Much of the money was recovered. This is the second time recently in which the business district of the town has been set on fire by bandits. The fire loss will be small.

DERRICK UP FOR DEEP WELL ON GIVENS FARM

The derrick for the oil well to be drilled on the Givens Farm, three miles west of Childress is up and the machinery is being installed. A. R. Anderson sates that drilling should be underway within a few weeks.

The location is considered one of the most favorable in the county and the men interested are confident that an oil or gas well will be developed.

—Childress Index.

BURNED SCHOOL TO BE REBUILT

Claude, Dec. 3.—Carpenters will begin this week work on the new school building in the Garin district. The old building burned week before last. The new building will be erected nearer the center of the district. The school is carried on at present in the home of J. W. Thomas.

Look at the address on your paper!

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Making Christmas Money

By Phebe K. Warner

Really the right time to begin to think about making Christmas money is the week after Christmas instead of the month before. But who does it? And suppose we did begin to make our Christmas money in January, June, July or even October, most of us would have it spent for something long before Christmas. Right now is a good time to put on a red hot campaign for making Christmas money. Most of our big financial campaigns only last a week. So here we are! And we want this campaign that we are talking about to be put on by the boys and the girls of Texas for their own Christmas cheer and.

It has not been so many years since we were a girl ourselves and never, never will forget how we longed for our own Christmas money to do with as we pleased. Our heart was just as big and just as kind as all of the other hearts in our family and we wanted to do the things for Christmas that we wanted to do. But we never had any Christmas money. Somebody else had all the money and got all the joy of buying and spending and hiding things around and bringing them out on Christmas morning for us. We never did in all our childhood know the joy of giving anyone a Christmas gift. All the fun we got out of Christmas was in that we received and sometimes there was as much disappointment as receiving in that. Santa Claus did it all and in return received all the credit and all the happiness that comes from giving and all the thrills that allow a happy surprise. The children were never taught to give. They were only taught to expect and receive. Is it any wonder that we all grew up to be selfish?

For these reasons we resolved then and there if we ever did grow up and turn into a woman we were going to help the boys and girls to find ways to make their own Christmas money so that they might have some of the joy of giving along with the joy of receiving and thus be doubly happy on Christmas morning. Does not the Bible teach us that it is more blessed to give than to receive? Then why let our selfishness rob the children of the greater blessing? And Christmas will be a happier day for us all when we can all have a part in the giving as well as the receiving.

New first of all there is a universal mistake in most of our hearts as to what a real Christmas gift is. Too many of us think it means something expensive from some store in some town. Something that we see to buy in the many tempting windows at this particular time. But there are a lot of beautiful things that many of us would like to have that you do not find in town at all. For instance, we wish to know right now the name of some school boy to write to who would climb one of those grand old trees in South Texas and get us a box of that wonderful grey moss. And we wish we knew where to send to get a shoe-box full of holly and mistletoe for our own Christmas decorations. How much more beautiful it would be away out here in the Panhandle than red tissue paper shipped in from some foreign land or strings of cranberries from Wisconsin that do not bring a thought of the sunny summer land of our own Texas. Boys there is a chance for you to work up your Christmas business all your own, while the Panhandle boys might make their Christmas money getting Christmas trees out of the canyons for the many homes in our part of the country.

Of course, somebody will have something to say about conserving the young cedar trees. But we are in favor of conserving the memories of Home and the children clustered around that bright little tree on Christmas morning. The children, so reared, will do more to save our country when they grow up than the tree would.

And then boys, try to find something extra to do Saturdays this month, like picking cotton or oranges or shoveling snow as the needs may be in your part of the country. Clean up the garden for the Winter rains or chop some extra wood or something to earn your own Christmas money.

And girls, how many of you made things for bazaars and for various sales for church funds and school funds and a hundred other things? Now we want to suggest that the girls in every school district have a bazaar of your own. Let the boys be on it if they have something to sell. Have it at your school house. And invite everybody from the whole community and the city and the towns. If you live near one to come to your sale. Then just see how many things you can have at that bazaar that everybody needs to get ready for

Christmas. Things that you have made and would rather have the cash to exchange for other things. Fresh eggs, butter, dressed chickens, cakes, pop corn, peanuts, pecans and home made candies. Jars of jelly and preserves, potted plants from your yard. There are so many things you can find around your home that somebody needs. Have a called meeting at recess at school and get your thinkers to work and see what you can do. And then when an article of any kind is sold let the money paid for it go to the boy or girl to whom it belonged. Just have a sale for yourselves for a change and see how interesting it will be.

And once upon a time we knew a group of little girls who lived in the country who had a market for three Saturdays before Christmas in one of the stores in town and everything they brought to market was sold and the money returned to the girl who brought it. Did it pay for the trouble? Some of those girls made as much as \$10 for their Christmas money with the market and most of it was spent in the store that gave them a place for their business. The canning club girls should have a lot of things to exchange for Christmas money and when we have sewing in every rural school, then the girls will make hundreds of articles for their own Christmas bazaar. But this year let's do our best with what we have.

You will get a lot of fun out of making your money. You will get more fun out of spending it and you will get the most fun from having your own gifts to give that you have earned yourself, for there is no greater joy in life than the joy that comes by making others happy. And now let's set a goal to reach.

We are hoping that at least 1,000 Texas boys and girls who read this will plan a way to make from \$1.00 to \$5.00 for their Christmas money and more if you can. And when it comes to spending it, if it is not too much trouble, we want you to spend the last cent of your fund for a plain post card and send it to us (Claude Texas) telling us how much you made and how you made it. And in this way we might all together help another thousand boys and girls next year, to have a happier Christmas. Will you do it? Are you ready?

Next to the main entrance of the Doorn city hall, there is a small space on the wall, covered with glass, in which, according to the prescriptions of the Dutch law, are published the names of each couple intending to be married within two weeks. In this little square there was pasted recently the marriage announcement of the ex-kaiser and Princess Hermine of Reuss, both "without occupation." The groom's title and domicile are given as "Emperor and King Wilhelm II, age 63 years, living in Doorn."

The Canadian government is considering plans for the electrification of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway. The water power in the North, much of which is undeveloped, would, if developed effect a considerable saving.

A woman in Montreal, more than 100 years old, has outlived all the beneficiaries in her will, her husband and her two children, as well as the executors of the will and the notary public who drew up the document.

Sunken ships are now being raised by means of compressed air.

Sweet Clover Proves Successful.

Sweet Clover pastures from one to two cows or horses per acre for a period of 100 to 200 days. All stock thrive on it because it has the same feeding value as Alfalfa. It is especially good as a hog pasture. Also with cattle it has one advantage when fed green or pastured. It does not cause bloat according to those who have used it in this way. The chief reason for farmers getting a start with Sweet Clover is that it will grow, and is now growing, on all kinds of soil and conditions in Northwest Texas.

Sweet Clover will grow where Alfalfa fails. This is true and is proven by the fact that Sweet Clover is now growing successfully in every county from Fort Worth to Texline. Whereas Alfalfa is grown successfully in only two or three localities.

There are many soil conditions where it would be useless to sow Alfalfa which are now covered with a good growth of Sweet Clover.

As a hay crop Sweet Clover is usually not satisfactory because so many farmers wait too long to cut it. If cut when about knee high it is fine in quality, fine stemmed and is perfectly satisfactory. Its feeding value is the same as Alfalfa. The yield one year with another is about 1 1/2 tons per acre. As a pasture crop it will return a larger value than as a hay crop. This is the experience of those who have grown it longest. Consult your County Agent about Sweet Clover. Prepare land now and sow seed in January and February.

Prohibition department chemists at Washington have developed a process making impossible the redistilling of wood alcohol and denatured alcohol for beverage purposes.

St. Anne de Beupre basilica will be reconstructed next summer, it was learned from the Redemptorist fathers. The new church should be completed by the spring of 1924. The old church ruins have now been removed.

Eye is to be the medium of exchange in the German free state of Oldenburg. "Rye notes" will be issued based on rye value and will be worth a certain amount of rye. The holder of the notes, after four years, will receive the gold value then prevailing for the amount of rye indicated on the notes.

George Bernard Shaw is a vegetarian.

The author of "Black Beauty," a Quaker girl, wrote the story on her sick bed and sold it for \$100. More than 3,000,000 copies have been sold in America alone. The writer died one year after the book was published.

China consumes the entire herring catch of the British Columbia coast, which averages about 40,000 tons annually. The fishing season is now in progress.

Senator W. H. Felton, of Georgia, the first woman named to the United States Senate, speaking in defense of Abraham Lincoln, said: "I'm as much a Daughter of the Confederacy as any woman in the South, but it is ridiculous to charge that Abraham Lincoln fomented the war between the States. With all deference to southern historians, the charge that Mr. Lincoln caused the Civil War is not sustained by the facts of history recorded more than fifty years ago. I cannot remain silent when the truths of history go to prove that Mr. Lincoln did not inaugurate the Civil War."

In spite of excessive floods in the northern part of the Changsha district of China, excellent harvests are now being brought in. Severe famine conditions existed for over a year throughout this district but a short time ago.

To prevent destructive activities on Hallow'en night by youngsters, Independence, Kansas, gives a big party for the children, the agreement being that they shall run the town to their hearts' content on that day. A big bonfire ends the day's play and the children go home and stay there. They have parades, and school is dismissed early in the afternoon so all can participate. Merchants and business men foot the bill.

SUBSCRIBE NOW FOR THE DEMOCRAT

The Home of—

Meat, Bread and Molasses
A wholesome place for wholesome Food supplies
Our Motto: Quality and Service.
PHONES: 10 and 469
Neel Grocery Company



"Universal" Vacuum Cleaner

The new "Universal" Vacuum Cleaner possesses many special features. We lay stress on the motor, the most powerful built for the purpose, which gives to the patented, brushless nozzle the greatest suction of any portable cleaner now made. On both sides of the nozzle mouth are thread catchers, with air spaces between so that the air is powerfully whirled in from both sides as well as up through the carpet. This action blows thread, lint, etc., from the thread catchers up into the bag together with whatever dust and dirt is on the surface or in the carpet.

The disadvantage of the brush type cleaner has long been recognized. The "Universal" does away with brushes entirely. Powerful air suction does the work—and does it twice as thoroughly.

Memphis Electric & Ice Company

IMPORTANT Announcement

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN OUR S. & H. GREEN TRADING STAMPS?

DO YOU CARE IF WE DISCONTINUE GIVING THEM?
IF SO, WILL YOU VISIT OUR STORE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AND REGISTER YOUR NAME?

We are trying to find out if enough of our customers are saving the stamps to continue giving them after January 1st.

All stamps given out that are not redeemed are a loss to the store and are of no benefit to the customer, but if you are interested enough to finish your book, we want to know it at once.

Cross Dry Goods Store

JEWELRY

The Best Gift

Especially is it true that Jewelry is the best gift when it comes from this store. Only the highest quality in the newest designs are offered for your choice, combining permanency with desirability.

We have a complete line of everything that will be found in any jewelry store. Clocks, Watches, Diamonds, Rings, Cut Glass, Bar Pins, Pencils, Pens, Cuff Links, Cameras, Shaving Sets, Pearls, Silverware, etc.

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JEWELER

Local and Personal News

News Paragraphs and Personal Mention of General Interest to Memphis and Hall County Readers

W. M. Walker visited at Tell Friday.

Avery Hutchins of Lodge was here Monday.

John Rowell was here from Newlin Monday.

Owen Fields of Lodge, was in Memphis Monday.

Pete Salter was a Wellington visitor Tuesday.

C. C. Holcomb was here from Lesley Monday.

Frank Meacham of Turkey was here Monday.

Robert Holmes of Shamrock was here Thursday.

J. L. Webster was here from Esteline Monday.

R. S. Greene moved to his new home Friday.

S. T. Hutchins was here from Esteline Friday.

Milton Hood and family have moved to Childress.

Forrest Copeland went to Sudan last Wednesday.

Don't forget our flower sale. Baldwin Drug Store.

Bob Nelson of Newlin, was a Memphis visitor Monday.

John Ethridge of Lodge, was here on business Monday.

Jesse Ballew, Transfer, Phone 333.

Mr. John A. Wood is spending a few days at home this week.

Frank K. Fure went to Dallas Friday, returning Monday.

Where you get the best for less. Phone 346. City Meat Market.

For Sale—9x12 Art Square. Inquire at the Democrat office.

Mike Leopold of Childress, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Marvin Thompson, of Esteline was a Memphis visitor Sunday.

Judge Thorne, of Dallas, was here this week attending to business.

Claude Herd of Wichita Falls, was in Memphis Monday.

Oscar Power of Esteline, was a business visitor here Monday.

See the nice Xmas things at Tomlinson & Rushing Drug Co.

Ballew's Service car; phone 142.

Eat Butter Kist pop corn. Baldwin Drug Store.

V. R. Jones paid Esteline a business visit Wednesday afternoon.

We will fix your pipe while you wait. Baldwin Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore of Esteline were here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Huddleston were business visitors here Friday.

J. D. Robinson went to Vernon Wednesday on business matters.

Miss Violet Goad of Wellington, visited in Memphis last week-end.

Judge R. L. Templeton of Wellington, was in Memphis Friday.

Ballew's Service car; phone 142.

Mrs. Ed McQueen of Wellington, was visiting here Friday.

T. J. Dennis of Lodge was here Monday to attend the Poultry Show.

Capt. A. L. Allen of Plaska, was a Memphis visitor Monday.

Joe Barnhart of Childress was a business visitor here Monday.

Rice Batson of Lelia Lake was a visitor here Monday.

Earle Thompson came in Monday from Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Pete Salter has sold his interest in the City Market to O. F. Simpson.

Miss Imogene King returned Thursday night from Duncan, Oklahoma.

Dr. Gilmore, of Turkey, was here Monday attending the Poultry Show.

J. L. McCollum of Esteline was a business visitor here Monday.

Mr. Frank Kindall of Hedley, was in Memphis Tuesday on business.

Mr. T. C. Johnson of Giles, was in Memphis Tuesday.

Jim Smith of Lodge was in town Wednesday on business.

See the bazaar, Kings Furniture Store, Saturday. Delphian Club.

Where you get the best for less. Phone 346. City Meat Market.

Mr. E. T. Montgomery and daughter, Grace, returned home Friday after a short visit with relatives at Claude.

6 per cent money to loan on farms and ranches on 33 years time. Memphis Land Co. 17-1-0

Mr. L. L. Monroe of Canyon, is visiting at the home of Mr. N. E. Burke.

Mr. T. P. Richardson is able to be on the streets again after four weeks confinement to his room.

Mrs. Lindsey Davis came in Sunday from Groom for a visit with relatives here.

Mrs. S. P. Robinson and son left Tuesday for Seymour to spend the holidays with her parents.

See Wm. Fox's super-special, "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," at the Palace Theatre, Monday and Tuesday.

Give us trial order and be convinced. Phone 346. City Meat Market.

N. M. Paschall of Lakeview attended a meeting of the Farm Labor Union at Fort Worth this week.

Bill Cross of Bitter Creek, was a caller at this office while in town Monday.

Miss Myrtle Hill was called to the bedside of her father at Paris, Texas, Friday.

Jesse Ballew, Transfer, Phone 333.

Mr. Roy McAlister has resigned his position as manager of Wm. Cameron Lumber Company.

See Wm. Fox's super-special, "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," at the Palace Theatre, Monday and Tuesday.

Distribution depot for State Board of Health products. Baldwin Drug Store.

Our toy line is new and complete and we want you to come and see us. Harrison-Clover Hardware Co.

We have the nicest line of dolls there is in town. Tomlinson & Rushing Drug Co.

Mr. Evans of Wooldridge Lumber Company went to McLean Wednesday.

Mrs. C. H. Pirtle of Wichita Falls, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Shepard this week.

Mr. Sloan Baker, principal of the Parnell school, was in Memphis Saturday.

See our line of toys and Xmas presents before you buy. Harrison-Clover Hardware Co.

Willie Guest and Bernice Stephens visited at Esteline Wednesday afternoon.

Misses Winnie Fain and Cleo Davis of Wellington, were visiting in Memphis last week.

We deliver meat cut to your order, at all times of the day. Phone 346. City Meat Market.

Sam Boswell and family left Saturday night for Fort Worth where they will make their future home.

Mr. J. A. Edwards of Hulver was a caller at the Democrat office Tuesday.

E. J. Posey of Hulver called at the Democrat office while in town Tuesday.

Miss Goldie Dodd, one of the teachers in the Deep Lake school, was shopping in Memphis Saturday.

M. L. Rainey of Hedley was in Memphis Monday attending to business.

Jet Brumley, manager of the Barnes & Hastings Grocery at Hedley, was a Memphis visitor Sunday.

Miss Lyndall Robinson of Wellington, came over Sunday to visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Newman of Leslie, were here Tuesday to attend the Poultry Show.

Get denatured alcohol for your radiators at Tomlinson-Rushing Drug Company.

For Sale—My stock farm at Ox-bow. For terms see Grundy Bros., Memphis, Texas. Harriet Bassett.

Miss Elsie Bass returned Sunday night from Houston, where she attended a meeting of the State Teachers' Association.

For Sale or Trade—A 9 room house located in Childress, close in, trade for farm in Hall County or house and acreage property in Memphis. R. D. Douglas, Childress, Texas.

The former Kaiser William's memoirs, handsomely bound in cloth, are selling for seven cents a copy in Berlin. The books are a good quality of linen paper with substantial covers.

There is an ancient British-built railway in Sinaloa, Mexico, which has ties of ebony. The Southern Pacific's tie contract for its Mexican branch calls for mahogany among other kinds of wood.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

We wish to announce that O. F. Simpson has bought E. P. Salter's interest in the City Meat Market and has taken charge of same. We will kill absolutely nothing but fed beaves and will give only the best of service. When you come in or telephone, you may feel assured that you will get just what you order. We make deliveries to all parts of town at any time.

Yours for service,

City Meat Market

Pat Robinson O. F. Simpson

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At No Time Anywhere Has There Been Such A Great Come Down In Prices!

Great Yuletide Sale!

To Begin at The Famous, Friday, Dec. 8th Last Throughout the Month of December

A Sale That Means Much To Every Family In This Community.

Only the newest and best goods obtainable at the price are shown at this sale, and the extremely low prices will bring a broad smile to ever one who enters our doors. Come early! It's the big sale of the year, and the bargains we are offering cannot be beaten anywhere, and they are all for you!

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THE FAMOUS

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Do Your Christmas Shopping Early

while stocks are complete and you will find it easy to make selections of useful gifts. Don't wait until the eleventh hour and be disappointed—

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At this store you will find a wide range of useful articles to select from—things that will be of real service to the receiver and such things are always more appreciated.

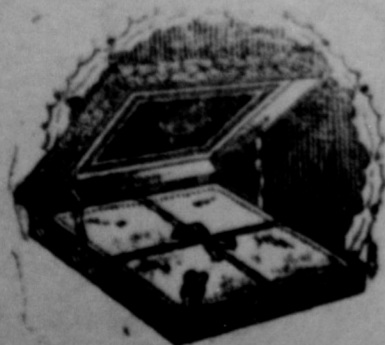
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Neighborhood News

Happenings of Interest and Personal Mention From Surrounding Communities as Gathered by Democrat Correspondents.

Hulver Hints

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wheeler left Saturday night for a two week's stay at Waco. Mr. Wheeler went as a delegate to the Masonic Grand Lodge, and Mrs. Wheeler will visit relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McDaniels entertained their friends with a party Saturday night. About 60 people were present and all report a pleasant time. Just before departing a feast of apples was enjoyed by all.

The school children gave a splendid program at the school house Thanksgiving evening. A large crowd was present. Friday night following the above the young people enjoyed an entertainment also at the school house.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Phillips entertained a number of friends Sunday at dinner, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McDaniels and family, who will move to Canyon this week.

Bro. H. U. Strickland of Tell, was absent Sunday, but his brother filled his place and we enjoyed his sermons very much.

Mrs. Henry Curtis has been sick for some time, but is reported up and doing nicely now.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Cooper and Mrs. Fred Power of Memphis, came down Wednesday and spent the day with Mrs. J. W. Phillips. Mrs. Fred Lane and baby returned home with them to spend a few days.

Fred Lane went to Claude last week to bring back a load of oats.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Billingsley announce the arrival of a fine baby girl at their home last week.

Newlin News

Helen Kercheville spent last week-end with home-folk.

Alma and Maheye Lawrence spent Thanksgiving with Trudie Bridges of Estelline.

Ruby Duckett spent Thanksgiving with home-folk.

Newlin presented a play Saturday night, "The Average Man." The play was a success and the proceeds were about \$80 which will go for the benefit of the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Whitacre spent Sunday at Lakeview.

The young people were entertained Thanksgiving night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Paul Pyle and Deck Williams spent Wednesday and Thursday at Hedley.

Several people from Newlin attended the football game at Clarendon Thursday.

Ollie Read has been suffering this week from an attack of appendicitis.

Miss Scott spent the week-end with Miss Hammonds.

Merle Jarrell has been on the sick list, but is reported to be improving at this writing.

Bro. Baker filled his regular appointment Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Rushing were Memphis visitors Wednesday afternoon.

Elite Incidents

Sunday school is doing fine, all the classes report good lessons. School is progressing nicely. There will be a basket ball game

MEMPHIS HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

(Continued from Page 1.) her former home and happiness. After the program came the gossip in which "The Good Ole Times" were lived over. The history of the seniors was discussed from the time they entered the first grade and at just what station each member boarded the train, which is nearing its final destination. Some one sighed, "Them days is gone forever," but perhaps the girls do not realize that not many years hence, they will look back on the present as the "Golden Days," for the "Days of Youth are the Days of our Glory."

Senior Literary Digest Club.

On Tuesday, November 28, the Senior Digest Club met in the history room, where they had one of the best programs that has been given this year. There are but two reasons for such a fine program. These are: first, the ones that were on the program put out an effort to have their parts; second, that the rest of the class realized how an attentive audience helped the speaker.

Home Economics News

Miss Ownby has been in Houston the past week attending the Vocational Home Economics Conference. On her way home she stopped at Austin and witnessed the Texas, A. & M. game.

The Home Economics girls had a vacation last week, but nearly starved to death. They surely were tickled by Miss Ownby's return. She brought back good news concerning the clothing contest to be held in Fort Worth next May. It inspired all the girls to work hard so they can go.

John Forkner makes a very proficient reporter. Every Monday morning there is a message on the board to the sub-reporters as follows: School Notes due—"Oh, Why Not Today," "John is Tenderly Calling," Step lively right this way and bring forth the school notes, etc.

Sophomore Digest Club

The Sophomore Digest Club held their sixth meeting on Tuesday of last week. However, we were not much elated over the program.

Chapel Notes

Tuesday morning, November 28, we were honored to have with us Bro. Hicks, who made us a splendid talk.

Wednesday morning, before Thanksgiving, the chapel period was converted into a "pep" meeting. Several of the foot-ball boys made short booster speeches, and we were also pleased to have Harold Walker, captain of the team, make us his first speech of the season.

The Dramatic Club, under the direction of Miss Helen McNeely, will present an evening of City Types in Costume, also a one-act vaudeville sketch entitled "The Bachelor's Dream," assisted by the orchestra, at the High School Auditorium, Friday, December 8, 8 o'clock. Benefit High School Football Team. Admission 15c and 25c.

Foot Ball Banquet

While every one was enjoying the big Thanksgiving dinner Thursday, the foot ball boys were eating their poached eggs and toast. But it's not labor under the false impression that the boys were to be "frits," from 6:30 all of the visiting team and also the local eleven and "subs" were gathered into the basement of the Methodist church, for the "scrumptious feast" promised by the mothers. Well now, we got our promised feast—many kinds of God's winged creatures were served with all of the

necessary accessories to make up a "monstrous supper." Of course every kind of refreshment, from "God's light beverage" on down, was served. The banquet was sprinkled with toasts, both to and from the Quannah Indians. But naturally the toasts from the Indians were rather weak, due to the unforgivable fact that they had been shorn of their long-sought-for scalps by the dreaded Memphis Cyclone. Most important of all was the fact that the "Lost Chord Orchestra," forced themselves upon us, for no other reason than to indulge in the feast "until their main organs of digestion were reeking with pain," so every one supposed. Every one enjoyed the "melodious discords erroneously," and the school orchestra would have gone away with honors had not the rest of the members let Harry Delaney blow through his vocal chords. Harry sung as if he had swallowed a broadaxe and got the handle crosswise in his throat. Every one had an "elephant jubilee" and enjoyed it rhinocerosly—you doggone smoke Wiggly, they shore did.

See Wm. Fox's super-special, "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," at the Palace Theatre, Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Grundy and son, Robert, came in today from a visit Bowling Green and other points in Kentucky.

Bigger, better assorted line of Xmas Toys and useful presents than usual at Harrison-Clover Hardware Company.

Jack Robinson, Willard McQueen, Miss McQueen and Miss Zelma Robinson, of Wellington, spent last week-end in Memphis.

Bert Brewer, manager of the Memphis Electric & Ice Company is at Corpus Christi this week attending a meeting of the managers of the Texas Central Power Company.

Joe A. Weatherly, of the Weatherly neighborhood, was here Tuesday. Mr. Weatherly said that crop gathering was about completed in that section.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to try to express our thanks to the dear little school children for the delightful treat given us on Thanksgiving day. May God bless each one.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. SCOTT

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A fine assortment of Christmas and New Year Cards.

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Memphis, Texas

Mules Wanted!

I will be in Memphis Saturday and Monday, December 9 and 11, to buy mules 14 to 16 hands high, 3 to 6 years old, gentle-boke and free from blemishes. Bring in your mules and I will pay you the highest market prices.

D. H. PERSHALL

Grocery Sale

From now until December 25, we are going to sell you groceries at a price that you can well afford to lay in your winter's supply. Everything we sell is high-grade merchandise and strictly guaranteed. We have not reduced the price on just a few articles and marked others up, but have reduced on the entire stock, thereby giving the buying public the benefit of a price on groceries that is worth while. Below we quote a few prices.

48 lbs. Smith's Best Extra High Patent Flour at ----- \$1.75	25c Dr. Price Baking Powder ----- 10c
15 lbs. peck Potatoes ----- 30c, \$1.15 per bu.	2 1/2 lbs. Golden Gate Coffee ----- \$1.10
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No. 2 Corn ----- 12c, \$1.40 per doz.	No. 2 1/2 can sweet potatoes ----- 15c
19 bars Crystal White Soap for ----- \$1.00	2 pkgs. Post Toasties ----- 25c
14 bars Creme Oil Soap ----- \$1.00	2 pkgs. Post Bran ----- 25c
25 oz. K. C. Baking Powder ----- 20c	2 pkgs. Saltine crackers ----- 25c
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reduced prices on practically everything in winter merchandise in our stock. You will be surprised how cheaply you can buy high-grade standard goods.

All ladies' coat suits are ----- Half Price
All men's and boys' suits are reduced in price.
Men's Oregon City Wool Shirts, \$5 values, at ----- \$3.50

Men's Kirkendall and Justin boots at \$10.45 to \$13.45
All ladies' and children's coats are reduced.
All ladies' trimmed hats are greatly reduced.

Many other bargains in goods that you will need and want that will make it well worth while to investigate before buying.

GREENE DRY GOODS COMPANY

"The Big Daylight Store"

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The Big-Town Round Up

by William MacLeod Raine

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agerly to meet his was hidden deep in her today.

"I reckon I owe you and Mr. Whitford an apology," he said. "No need to tell you how I happened to leave last night. I expect you know."

"Why take the trouble? I think I understand." She spoke in an even, schooled voice that set him at a distance. "Your friend, Mr. Green, has carefully brought me the details I don't know."

Clay flushed. Her clear voice carried an edge of scorn. "You mustn't judge my appearances. I know you wouldn't be unfair. I had to take her home and look after her."

"I don't quite see why—unless, of course, you wanted to," the girl answered, tapping the arm of her chair with impatient finger-tips, eyes on the clock. "But, of course, it isn't necessary I should see."

Her cavalier treatment of him did not affect the gentle imperturbability of the westerner.

"Because I'm a white man, because she's a little girl who came from my country and can't hold her own here, because she was sick and chilled and starving. Do you see now?"

"No, but it doesn't matter. I'm not the keeper of your conscience, Mr. Lindsay," she countered with hard lightness.

"You're judging me just the same. If you'd let me bring her here to see you—"

"No, thanks."

"You're unjust."

"You think so?"

"And unkind. That's not like the little friend I've come to—like so much."

"You're kind enough for two, Mr. Lindsay. She really doesn't need another friend so long as she has you," she retorted with a flash of contemptuous eyes. "In New York we're not used to being so kind to people of her sort."

Clay lifted a hand. "Stop right there, Miss Beatrice. You don't want to say anything you'll be sorry for."

"I'll say this," she cut back. "The men I know wouldn't invite a woman to their rooms at midnight and pass her off as their sister—and then expect people to know her. They would be kinder to themselves—and to their own reputations."

"Will you tell me what else there was to do? Where could I have taken her at that time of night? Are respectable hotels open at midnight to lone women, wet and ragged, who come without baggage either alone or escorted by a man?"

"I'm not telling you what you ought to have done, Mr. Lindsay," she answered, with a touch of hauteur. "But since you ask me—why couldn't you have given her money and let her find a place for herself?"

"Because that wouldn't have saved her."

"Oh, wouldn't it?" she retorted, dryly.

He walked over to the fireplace and put an elbow on the corner of the mantel.

"Lemme tell you a story, Miss Beatrice," he said presently. "Mebbe it'll show you what I mean. I was runnin' cattle in the Gallinas five years ago and I got caught in a storm 'way up in the hills. When it rains in my part of Arizona, which ain't often, it sure does come down in sheets. The clay below the rubble on the slopes got slick as ice. My hawss, a young one, slipped and fell on me, clawed back to his feet and bolted. Well, there I was with my legs busted, forty miles from even a whistlin' post in the desert, gettin' wetter and colder every blessed minute."

"There wasn't a chance in a million that anybody would hear, but I kept tryin' off my forty-five on the off hope. And just before night a girl on a pinto came down the side of that uncurried hill round a bend and got me. She took me to a cabin hidden in the bottom of a cañon and looked after me four days. Her father, a prospector, had gone to Tucson for supplies and we were alone there. She fed me, nursed me, and waited on me. We divided a one-room twelve-by-sixteen cabin. Understand, we were four days alone together before her dad came back, and all the time the rain was lettin' down a terrible lot of water. When her father showed up he grinned and said, 'Lucky for you Myrtle heard that six-gun of yore's pop!' He never thought one evil thing about either of us. He just accepted the situation as necessary. Now the question is, what ought she to have done? Left me to die on that hillside?"

"Of course not. That's different," protested Beatrice, indignantly.

"You're trying to put me in the wrong. Well, I won't have it. That's all. You may take your choice, Mr. Lindsay. Either send that girl away—div her up—have nothing to do with her, or—"

"Or please don't come here to see me any more."

He waited, his eyes steadily on her. "Do you sure enough mean that, Miss Beatrice?"

Her heart sank. She knew that she had gone too far, but she was too imperious to draw back now.

"Yes, that's just what I mean."

"I'm sorry. You're leavin' me no option. I'm not a yellow dog. Sometimes I'm 'most a man. I'm goin' to do what I think is right."

"Of course," she responded, lightly. "If our ideas of what that is differ—"

"They do."

"It's because we've been brought up differently, I suppose." She achieved a stifled little yawn behind her hand.

"You've said it." He gave it to her straight from the shoulder. "All yore life you've been pampered. When you wanted a thing all you had to do was to reach out a hand for it. Folks were born to wait on you, by yore way of it. You're a spoiled kid. Ask me to turn my back on a friend, and I've got to say, 'Nothin' doin'.' And if you was just a few years younger I'd advise yore pa to put you in yore room and feed you bread and water for askin' it."

The angry color poured into her cheeks. She clenched her hands till the nails bit her palms. "I think you're the most hateful man I ever met," she cried, passionately.

His easy smile taunted her. "Oh, no, you don't. You just think you think it. Now, I'm goin' to light a shuck. I'll be sayin' good-by, Miss Beatrice, until you send for me."

"And that will be never," she flung at him.

He rose, bowed and walked out of the room.

The street door closed behind him. Beatrice bit her lip to keep from breaking down before she reached her room.

CHAPTER XI

A Lady Wears a Ring.

Clarendon Bromfield got the shock of his life that evening. Beatrice proposed to him. It was at the Roberson dinner-dance, in the Palm room, within sight but not within hearing of a dozen other guests.

She camouflaged what she was doing with occasional smiles and ripples of laughter intended to deceive the others present, but her heart was pounding sixty miles an hour.

Bromfield was not easily disconcerted. He prided himself on his aplomb. But for once he was amazed.

"I beg your pardon."

Miss Whitford leaped her fingers round her knee and repeated. Her eyes were hard and brilliant as diamonds.

"I was wondering when you are going to ask me again to marry you."

Since she had given a good deal of thought to the task of matrimony at a reasonable distance, Beatrice was naturally surprised.

"That's certainly a leading question," he parried. "What are you up to, Bee? Are you spoofing me?"

"I'm proposing to you," she explained, with a flirt of her hand and an engaging smile toward a man and a girl who had just come into the Palm room. "I don't suppose I do it very well, because I haven't had your experience. But I'm doing the best I can."

His lids narrowed a trifle. "Do you mean that you've changed your mind?"

"Have you?" she asked, quickly with a sidelong slant of eyes at him.

"I'm still very much at your service, Bee."

"Does that mean you still think you want me?"

"I don't think I know it."

"Then you're on," she told him with a little nod. "Thank you, kind sir."

Bromfield drew a deep breath. "By Jove, you're a good little sport, Bee. I think I'll get up and give three ring-bell cheers."

"I'd like to see you do that," she mocked.

"Of course you know I'm the happiest man in the world," he said, with well-ordered composure.

"You're not exactly what I'd call a rapturous lover, Clara. But I'm not either, for that matter, so I dare say we'll hit it off very well."

"I'm a good deal harder hit than I've ever let on, dear girl. And I'm going to make you very happy. That's a promise."

Nevertheless he watched her warily behind a manner of graceful eagerness. A suspicious little thought was filtering through the back of his mind. "What the deuce has got into the girl? Has she been quarreling with that boomer from Arizona?"

"I'm glad of that. I'll try to make you a good wife, even if—" She let the sentence die out unfulfilled.

"May I tell everybody how happy I



"I Was Wondering When You Were Going to Ask Me Again to Marry You."

"If you like," she agreed.

"A short engagement," he ventured.

"Yes," she nodded. "And take me away for a while. I'm tired of New York, I think."

"I'll take you to a place where the paths are primrose-strewn and where nightingales sing," he promised, rashly.

She smiled incredulously, a wise old little smile that had no right on her young face.

The report of the engagement spread at once. Bromfield took care of that. The evening of the day the Hunt heard of the engagement he told his friend about it while Kitty was in the kitchen.

"Miss Beatrice she's wearin' a new ring," he said by way of breaking the news gently.

Clay turned his head slowly and looked at Johnnie.

"Bromfield?" he asked.

"Yep. That's the story."

"The ring was on the left hand?"

"Yep."

Clay made no comment. His friend knew enough to say no more to him. Presently the cattleman went out. It was in the small hours of the morning when he returned. He had been tramping the streets to get the fever out of his blood.

But Johnnie discussed with Kitty at length this new development, just as he had discussed with her the fact that Clay no longer went to see the Whitfords. Kitty made a shrewd guess at the cause of division. She had already long since drawn from the computer the story of how Miss Beatrice had rejected his proposal that she take an interest in her.

"They must 'a' quarreled—likely about me being here. I'm sorry you told her."

"I don't reckon that's it. Miss Beatrice she's got too good judgment for that."

"I ought to go away. I'm only bringin' Mr. Lindsay trouble. If he just could hear from his friends in Arizona about that place he's trying to get me, I'd go right off."

He looked at her wistfully. Kitty had begun to bloom again. Her cheeks were taking on their old rounded contour and occasionally dimples of delight flashed into them. Already the marks of her six-weeks' misery among the submerged derelicts of the city was beginning to be wiped from her mind like the memory of a bad dream from which she had awakened. Love was a craving of her happy, sensuous nature. She wanted to live in the sun among smiles and laughter. She was like a kitten in her desire to be petted and made much of and admired. Almost anybody who liked her could win a place in her affection.

Johnnie's case was not so hopeless as he imagined it.

Over their good-night smoke Clay gave a warning. "Keep yore eyes open, Johnnie. I was trailed to the house today by one of the fellows with Durand the night I called on him. It spells trouble. I reckon the 'Paches are going to leave the reservation, again."

"Say, Clay, ain't you gettin' homesick for the whinin' of a rawhide? What's the matter with us hittin' the dust for good old Tucson? I'd sure like to chase cowboys again."

"You can go, Johnnie. I'm not ready yet—quite. And when I go it won't be because of any rattlesnake in the grass."

"Would you mean I can go? If this Jerry Durand's tryin' to get you I'll be there followin' yore dust, old scout."

"There's more than one way to skin a cat. Mebbe the fellow means to strike at me through you or Kitty. I've a mind to put you both on a train for the B-in-a-Box ranch."

"You can put the B-T girl on a train. You can't put me on none less'n you go too," answered his shadow, stoutly.

"Then see you don't get drawn into any quarrels while you and Kitty are away from the house. Stick to the lighted streets. I think I'll speak to her about not lettin' any strange man talk to her. I think she had better not go out unless one of us is with her."

"Suits me. And don't you take any chances, old-timer. That goes double. I'm the cautious guy in this outfit, not you."

Within twenty-four hours Clay heard some one pounding wildly on the outer door of the apartment and the voice of the cautious guy tempering haste.

"Lemme in, Clay. Hurry! Hurry!"

he shouted.

Lindsay was at the door in four strides, but he did not need to see the stricken woe of his friend's face to guess what had occurred. For Johnnie and Kitty had started together to see a picture play two hours earlier.

"They done took Kitty—in an auto," he gasped. "Right before my eyes. Claimed a lady had fainted."

"Who took her?"

"I dunno. Some men. Turned the trick slick, me never liftin' a hand. Ain't I a heluva man?"

"Hold yore hawsses, son. Don't get excited. Begin at the beginnin' and tell me all about it," Clay told him, quietly.

"We was comin' home an' I took Kitty into that Red Star drug store for to get her some ice cream. Well, right after that I heerd a man say how the lady had fainted—"

"What lady?"

"The lady in the machine."

"Were you in the drug store?"

"No. We'd jes' come out when this here automobile drove up an' a man jumped out hollerin' the lady had fainted and would I bring a glass o' water from the drug store. 'Course I got a lump on me and Kitty she moved up closer to the car to help if she could. When I got back to the walk with the water the man was hoppin' back into the car. It was already movin'. He slammed the door shut and it went up the street like greased lightning."

"Get the number?"

"No. I— I plumb forgot to look."

Clay slipped a revolver under his belt. He sidled into a street coat. Then he got police headquarters on the wire and notified the office of what had taken place.

It had come on to rain and beneath the street lights the asphalt shone like a river. The storm had driven most people indoors, but as the westerner drew near the drug store Clay saw with relief a taxicab draw up outside. Its driver, crouched in his seat behind the waterproof apron as far back as possible from the rain, promptly accepted Lindsay as a fare.

"Back in a minute," Clay told him, and passed into the drug store.

The abduction was still being discussed. He pushed home questions as to identification. One of the men in

the drug store had caught a flash of the car number. He was sure the first four figures were 3907. The fifth he did not remember. The car was dark blue and it looked like a taxi. This information Clay got the owner of the store to forward to the police.

He did not wait to give it personally, but joined Johnnie in the cab. The address he gave to the driver with the waterproof mat pulled down over his head was that of a certain place of amusement known as Heath's Palace of Wonders. A valet he wanted to consult was wont to sit behind a window there at the receipt of customs.

Miss Annie Millikan's pert smile beamed through the window at Clay when he stepped up.

"Hello, Mr. Flat-Worker," she sang out. "How many?"

Clay explained that his business was serious. "I've got to see you alone—now," he added.

"If you gotta you gotta." The girl called an usher, who found a second usher to take her place.

Annie walked down the street a few steps beside Clay.

"What's the old idea in callin' me from me job in the rush hours?" she asked.

Clay told his story.

"Sofie of Jerry's strong-arm work," she commented.

"Must be. Can you help me?"

Annie looked straight at him, a humorous little quirk to her mouth. "Say, wint're you askin' me to do—'trow down my steady?"

Annie was pretty, and inevitably she had lovers. One of these was "Slim" Jim Collins, confidential follower of Jerry Durand. He was a crook, and she knew it. But some quality in him—his good looks, perhaps, or his game-ness—fascinated her in spite of herself. She avoided him, even while she found herself pleased to go to Coney with an escort so well dressed and so glibly confident. Another of her admirers was a policeman, Tim Muldoon by name, the same one that had rescued Clay from the savagery of Durand outside the Sea Siren. Tim she liked. But for all his Irish ardor he was wary. He had never asked her to marry him. She thought she knew



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With this issue Mr. J. F. Forkner takes the management of the Memphis Democrat, as owner and publisher. Mr. Forkner has long been a resident of Memphis and Hall County and is well-known as an energetic business man and a good citizen. In assuming control of the Democrat he acquires probably the best country newspaper property in this part of the State. The Democrat enjoys the widest circulation of any weekly in the Panhandle and has an advertising patronage second to none. We feel sure that Mr. Forkner will maintain the high standard attained by the Democrat as a clear, honest and trustworthy publication and that its readers will probably have a better paper than in the past. In retiring from the business, we wish to thank you as subscribers for your past loyalty to the paper and to express our appreciation of your many manifestations of good-will.

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In undertaking the task of managing and editing a newspaper, we are aware of the many critical pairs of eyes that will scan its pages in search of the few mistakes that are contained therein. But, in doing this, we beg of you to not overlook the merits that we are vain enough to believe our first issue contains.

It is our intention to publish a paper that will be of interest to the reading public at large. In order to do this, we realize there is a number of things to be considered. In the first place, it cannot be a political nor a religious institution. As we are neither politicians nor religious fanatics, these matters will be easily eliminated. Our paper will be absolutely independent in politics and religion. However, we do not wish to leave the impression that we are not firm enough in our convictions to arrive at definite conclusions on political and religious issues, for we never saw even a cock-fight that we did not wish to see one of the antagonists win the victory. But, we do wish to assure you that we shall not attempt to force our opinions upon the public by publishing only one side of any question.

The next question that confronts us is that of gathering local news of the city of Memphis and the county of Hall. Our best efforts will be spent in collecting every item that will be of interest to the readers. The readers can help out wonderfully in this respect by sending in the many events of each week.

The next in line is news of the state and nation and the more vital problems that confront the world. The general news will be collected with careful consideration.

Our special articles might be mentioned here. These will be articles

of interest to every member of the family; articles that will contain helpful information to the farmer and to the business man. Among these we might mention the articles of Mrs. Phebe K. Warner which appear in every issue.

Our most important task is that of making our paper an advertising medium. All of us either buy or sell, and most of us do both. As advertising is essential to both, it behooves us to arrange our advertising in a way that it will be most profitable to the advertiser; so that the public will know how to buy and where to buy. Intelligence is communicated through the medium of the press is just as true in buying and selling, or in the business world as it is in the political, social and religious world.

The Democrat has for several years been one of the leading weekly papers published in the Panhandle, and the gist of the above is that we expect to maintain it as a paper of which Memphis and Hall County can be proud.

Following is a letter from a farmer, printed here without comment:

"The agricultural chiefs have come and gone, and as Dr. Spillman stated, have found no remedy for the farmers' ills. I am no chief. Am only a common dirt farmer, but I am human enough to know when I am hurt and intelligent enough to know what has hurt me. This year it has been the government crop reports. I was ready to dig my potatoes in July. The price was around \$1.25 a bushel. I had a good crop and thought I was assured a profit, but on the 10th the government report came out, showing 440,000,000 bushels, and the price immediately dropped to 40 cents, and has been around this ever since. There were no glutted markets, nor could there have been until October, when the bulk of the potato crop is marketed. The government report and nothing else killed this crop. On November the 13 the Minneapolis Journal published a forecast from the University of Minnesota, which stated that for the last twenty years government figures on acreage of potatoes have been worthless. It would seem that they are entirely worthless, for the report of October 27 gives shipments from Minnesota and North Dakota as 6,029 less than last year, and from all the northern states as 13,000 cars under last year at same date, and yet the price is less than one-half that of last year. If the papers would put on a good big campaign to stop those government guesses it would do us more good than anything else. Let the government publish one report, and that when the crop is marketed. Change Federal bank rules so that long-time agricultural paper can be rediscount-

ed. Preach to the farmers that if they will seed down 10 per cent of their plow land, they will reduce wheat yield 80,000,000 bushels, oats 140,000,000, corn 300,000,000, potatoes 40,000,000, and so on, and will receive more money for the 90 per cent acreage than now at full 100 per cent of their land. They can all use a little more pasture and hay land to good advantage.

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West & West Contractors report the completion of the new school building at Newlin. The building was first occupied about two weeks ago, but not finished until last week.

The Dramatic Club, under the direction of Miss Helen McNeely, will present an evening of City Types in Costumes, also a one-act vaudeville sketch entitled "The Bachelor's Dream," assisted by the orchestra, at the High School Auditorium, Friday, December 8, 8 o'clock. Benefit High School Football Team. Admission 15c and 25c.

See Wm. Fox's super-special, "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," at the Palace Theatre, Monday and Tuesday.

Benito Mussolini, Italy's new premier and head of the Fascisti, says: "We intend to follow a policy of national dignity in our relations with foreign countries, not a policy of adventure, but one of friendship to those nations displaying friendship for us. Please emphasize that we are not anti-proletariat."

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Uncle George Cox celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday, December 6, with a birthday dinner, inviting a number of the Civil War veterans. They report a good dinner and a good time.

The people of Rhodesia, Africa, have decided to maintain their present status and not incorporate in the South Africa Union.

Duty on distilled spirits in the United States during the past year amounted to \$50,000,000.

Edmonton, Alberta, owns its utilities and a paying plant. It is now planning to obtain leases of tar sands deposits at McMurray and prepare its own road materials.

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