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BUILDING ACTIVITIES EXTEND OVER WHOLE CO'TY

According to local lumber dealers, there is a great building revival now starting, which promises the greatest of activities in the construction line all over the county this fall and winter. In addition to the great amount of building operations now going on in Brady, as heretofore recounted in The Standard, there are a number of residences being built in various communities, and in addition store buildings and other improvements.

Briefly stated, here are a few of the building operations reported by one lumber man:

Con Lovelace, Lightner—Modern \$3,000 residence.

N. J. Huie, Lohn—\$3,000 residence, complete and modern in every detail.

Brady School Board—Mexican school building to cost approximately \$1300.

Ludwick & White, Pear Valley—Store building to be occupied as drug store by Dr. Stone.

Mrs. Emma Campbell, Brady—Stucco residence of modern and attractive design.

W. C. Bowman Lumber Co., Brady—New cement house and entire yard fenced in, making for a most neat and attractive appearance.

Rochelle School building to be replastered and renovated throughout.

Pear Valley school building to be replastered from start to finish.

These are but a few of the long list of improvements, some of which are getting under way, while others are pending and will be ready to announce soon.

PERSONAL MENTION

E. A. Cornils was a business visitor here from Lohn last Friday.

Hjalmar Olson and family of Stamford visited in McCulloch county the past week, as guests of his brother-in-law, A. Benson, and family at Melvin.

John Swenson of Travis county was here last week visiting his brothers-in-law, Messrs. Theodore and John Lyckman of Dodge community, and A. Benson of Melvin.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Davis and children left Sunday enroute to Biloxi, Miss., where they will spend a couple weeks visiting with relatives. They made the trip overland in their car.

Jack McGonagil has accepted a position with the R. Wilensky dry goods store. Mr. McGonagil enjoys a wide acquaintance over the county, and all his many friends will be pleased to greet him in his new position.

M. E. Abernathy and two sons will leave in the morning for San Marcos to meet Mrs. Abernathy, who has been attending the Summer normal there. The family plans to go on to Luling for a visit with his uncles and other relatives, before returning to Brady.

Mrs. S. A. Benham and daughter, Miss Lucille, left Saturday morning in their car for Dallas, where they will meet Mr. Benham on his return from northern and eastern markets, and where they will spend the week in completing their Fall purchases for the Benham store.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Striegler and son, Cecil, left Sunday morning enroute to Fort Worth and Dallas on their Fall marketing trip. They were accompanied as far as Fort Worth by Miss Jim Gay and Mrs. Eric Swenson, who will visit there as guests of their sister, Mrs. Albert Hendersdorf.

Mrs. J. D. Branscum left Monday night for Dallas, where she will visit the markets for the purpose of selecting the Fall millinery stock for the C. H. Vincent store. She will be met there by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Vincent who have been spending the past several weeks in northern and eastern markets on their annual Fall purchasing trip.

If you want more milk from your cows, feed Polka Dot Dairy feed. MACY & CO.

Pyramid Pins. The Brady Standard.

COLEMAN'S CLAIM OF WEST TEXAS CHAMPIONSHIP IN BASE BALL IS ALL BUNK

The esteemed Coleman Democrat-Voice last week presented what is purported to be the record of Coleman's base ball team for 1922, as follows:

"From June 27th to August 8th, Coleman played 34 games, winning 24 and losing 10. Coleman now holds the championship of West Texas in semi-professional baseball. Brady fans, including the Hon. Doc Sellers of the Brady Sentinel, are laying some sort of a claim to the championship but the Brady team refused to play the three games matched with them here this week."

In reply, The Standard would suggest that if Coleman could play base ball as well on the diamonds as the D.-V. editor plays it on paper, they would have the semi-prof. pennant nailed to their mast year in and year out.

Here are the facts and figures on Coleman's championship (?) base ball team: Coleman played seventeen games with Brady, nine of which were played on Coleman's grounds. Brady won nine games, and Coleman won eight games of the season's series. The last series of games between Coleman and Brady was to have been a total of seven; three games at Brady, three at Coleman and the seventh on the loser's home ground. After losing the fifth and sixth games at Brady, Coleman refused to play the seventh even though it would have been played on her home grounds. Garland Woodward, manager of schedules for Coleman, stated in the presence of this writer that they were through with base ball for the season, and after playing a couple games with Winters, the Coleman team would be disbanded Saturday night of that same week. Mr. Woodward went even stronger, and said he himself was through with baseball for all time to come. After Brady had released Fuller and others, Coleman then phoned for a return series of games. Oh, such sports!

As for Coleman winning 24 games and losing but 10, out of 34 played, how do they get that way? Brady won 9 games off of Coleman, Santa Anna won at least 4 off Coleman, Hamilton won 4 off of Coleman, and Valera won 1 off Coleman—that makes a total of 18 games lost. There may have been others, but these are the games lost by Coleman we call to mind just now.

As for Coleman being the champions, the only claim they have had over Brady was during the last series played, when they won the first game on the Brady grounds, which put them one game on Brady for the first time during the entire season's playing—and they held this record just 24 hours.

As "sputers" Coleman hold the all-year, all-weather championship; but as ball players they certainly have had it "poured on 'em" the past two years.

For the enlightenment of the versatile editor of the Coleman D.-V., we give herewith a statement from Bailey Jones of Brady concerning the "championship series" which ended so disastrously for Coleman. No doubt, the information given by Mr. Jones will all be news to the aforesaid editor:

Statement of Bailey Jones. Brady, Texas, Aug. 14, 1922.

Mr. H. F. Schwenker, City.

Dear Harry:—There has been so much said about the Coleman-Brady base ball championship, I just thought it proper to give you the straight dope on it, and Mr. Garland Woodward, manager of schedules for the Coleman ball club will verify this statement.

I saw Mr. Woodward at the picnic at Melvin, Texas, and we talked about the possibility of Brady and Coleman playing a series of seven games to settle the championship. We got hold of Jess Woosley, who was also there, and we three agreed to play the above-mentioned games and whoever was behind for the season would be entitled to have the seventh game played on their home grounds. At that time Brady had won six games and Coleman had won five out of eleven played. Brady was entitled to the first three of the

LINCOLN'S WARNING

What constitutes the bulwark of our own liberty and independence? It is not our frowning battlements, our bristling seacoasts, our army and our navy. These are not our reliance against tyranny. All of these may be turned against us without making us weaker for the struggle. Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in us. Our defense is in the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all men, in all lands everywhere. Destroy this spirit and you have planted the seeds of despotism at your own doors. Familiarize yourself with the chains of bondage, and you prepare your own limbs to wear them. Accustomed to trample on the rights of others, you have lost the genius of your own independence and become the fit subjects of the first cunning tyrant who rises among you.—Abraham Lincoln.

FIRST BALE 1922 COTTON RECEIVED SATURDAY—GROWN BY ED MITCHELL

FIVE MAN BRINGS IN 1,000 POUNDS OF LINT, MAKING A 348-POUND BALE—GINNED BY PLANTERS GIN—BOUGHT BY DUKE MANN AT 25c LB.

McCulloch county's first bale of 1922 staple was brought in Saturday morning by Ed Mitchell of the Fife community. The cotton ginned a light bale, there being but 1,000 pounds of seed cotton, and the turn out being a 348-pound bale. The bale was ginned free at the Planters gin, and was bought by Duke Mann for 25c per pound. There was a report of another bale being enroute to Brady from the Pasche community, Am Woods phoning from Melvin that he was not ready to gin, and that the bale was being brought on to Brady. However, it never showed up here.

The bringing in of the first bale during the past six years: 1922—August 12, Ed Mitchell, Fife. 1921—August 6, John Mayo, Waldrip. 1920—September 1, Porfirio Trevino, Brady. 1919—September 4, C. M. Rasco, Fife. 1918—August 15, M. Horn, Fredonia. 1917—August 14, Dario Rangel, Fife.

seven games to be played on our home grounds but as Coleman was going to have a reunion of some kind in their town we very readily changed the schedule so Coleman could have the first three of the final games which made us play the three remaining games at home. This caused us extra expense as we had already advertised the first three games would be played in Brady.

To make a long story short, Coleman won two out of the three played there and we won two out of three played here. After the final game I asked Mr. Woodward about the seventh game and he said "We won the right to have the game played at Coleman, but we do not want it. This one settles the Brady-Coleman series." That was on Wednesday and he also told me they were going to pay their team off Saturday night,

following that game. I hope this bit of information will hold the attention of the editor of the Coleman paper. If not, I will make an affidavit to it. Yours truly, B. A. JONES.

P. S.—Brady won nine games out of seventeen played with Coleman this year and nine of the seventeen games were played on Coleman home grounds.

Card of Appreciation.

I take this method of expressing my gratitude for and sincere appreciation of the vote and support given me in the recent primary. It has given me pleasure to give to the people my very best services, and to enjoy their confidence and esteem. J. C. WALL.

JAMES L. SLAYDEN WILL SPEAK FOR CALLAWAY IN BRADY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Hon. James L. Slayden, former congressman from the San Antonio-Brownwood district announces that during the next two weeks he will make a speaking itinerary over that portion of his old district that is now included in the Seventeenth District and in which Callaway is pitted in the run-off primary with Blanton, of Abilene, the present incumbent. Mr. Slayden served with Callaway when Callaway represented the Twelfth District. Mr. Slayden announces the following speaking dates:

Wednesday 16th: Richland Springs, 3:00 p. m.; Brady, 8:00 p. m.

Thursday 17th: Mercury, 10:30 a. m.; Brooksmith, 3:00 p. m.; Brownwood, 8:00 p. m.

Friday 18th: May, 10:30 a. m.; Blanket, 3:00 p. m.; Bangs, 8:00 p. m.

Saturday 19th: Santa Anna, 10:30 a. m.; Coleman, 3:00 p. m.

Monday 21st: Zephyr, 10:30 a. m.; Mullin, 3:00 p. m.; Goldthwaite, 8:00 p. m.

Tuesday 22nd: Lometa, 10:30 a. m.; Adamsville, 3:00 p. m.; Lampasas, 8:00 p. m.

Wednesday 23rd: Bertram, 10:30 a. m.; Burnet, 3:00 p. m.; Marble Falls, 8:00 p. m.

Thursday 24th: Llano, 10:30 a. m.; Cherokee, 3:00 p. m.; San Saba, 8:00 p. m.

Friday 25th: Kempner, 3:00 p. m.

RICHLAND SPRINGS AND EDEN PLAY HERE—RICHLAND WINS, SCORE 5-1

Richland Springs and Eden played a match game of ball here Sunday afternoon, with the former winning easily by a score of 5 to 1. Somehow, Eden failed to pep into the game as usual, and played a rather uninteresting and slow class of ball. Bungar and Bisch were the batteries for Eden, while Beasley and Lane officiated for Richland Springs.

Birthday Celebration.

Mrs. A. E. Helge celebrated her 61st birthday on last Saturday with a family reunion and birthday celebration at her home seven miles southwest of Brady. Members of the family present included Mr. and Mrs. Eric Helge and family, and G. L. Helge of Melvin; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Helge of Dodge; Mr. and Mrs. Knut Young and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Young and family of West Sweden; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Commander of Brady. Friends of the family present included Mrs. C. J. Irwin and son, Clarence, of West Sweden; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Young and family of Nine. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served. One of the features of the occasion was the presentation of a handsome dinner set to Mrs. Helge by her children. All present reported a most enjoyable evening and Mrs. Helge was showered with congratulations upon the happy occasion, together with wishes for many happy returns of the anniversary.

COTTON SCALES, at Sam T. Wood's.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

DEYS LAUGHIN' BOUT ME GWINE T' SLEEP SUNDAY MAWNIN' IN CHUCH, BUT AH WANT ER-SLEEP--AH'S JES' PLAYIN' POSSUM ON COUNT DE WAY DE PAHSON WUZ TECHIN' UP WE-ALL SINNUHS!



CRUDE STILL IS CAPTURED AT P.V. NEGRO ARRESTED

Capture of a small still, the finding of a barrel of mash, and the arrest of a negro charged with operating the still in the Pear Valley neighborhood, furnished the excitement of the day yesterday. The trio was taken in charge by Deputy Sheriff S. C. Crumley, just as the negro was about to move to a more healthy location.

The negro, who is between 45 and 50 years old, gave his name as Auther Nolan. Local negroes, however, say his right name is Auther Winn, and allege that he is wanted in Walker county for stealing cattle, and at Galveston for robbing a store. The man is also said to have served two terms in the pen. Sheriff Wall has written both points to ascertain the truth of these statements.

The still which is on exhibition at the sheriff's office is the crudest sort of an affair being made out of an ordinary 5-gallon tin oil can, with both brass and copper tubing serving as a worm. The negro had been hanging out with the negroes on the W. D. Walker place in the Marion community the past three weeks. The still was located near a tank on the W. W. Walker place, and the barrel of mash was found in a thicket nearby. Mr. Priest of Pear Valley observed the outfit, and had ordered the negro off the place. It was said that he was preparing to move to the Duncan place when he was arrested by Mr. Crumley.

Examining trial of the negro will be held Thursday, and in the meantime he languishes a prisoner in the county jail.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

A. F. McCoy and wife of McCulloch county, were here last week, guests of Messdames Tom Smith and Earnest Thornton. They left Saturday for Ozona to visit Mrs. Deland another daughter, and will enjoy a fishing trip on Devil's river. Mr. and Mrs. Thornton went with them.—Eldorado Success.

F. M. Hopkins, of Voca, McCulloch county, was in Eldorado Monday getting the papers fixed up for his son, O. L. Hopkins estate. Mr. Hopkins has been appointed administrator of the estate. He has been living at Voca 40 years and has served as justice of the peace for many years in the Voca community.—Eldorado Success.

A fine, black-headed boy arrived bright and early Sunday morning to gladden the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Burl Wiley—not to mention the joy it brought to Grandma and Grandpa Wiley. And, of course, nothing could have pleased little Betty Lou Wiley more than to have a little brother for a playmate. All the folks doing well, and mighty happy, says Father Wiley.

Joe Myrick is nursing a fractured right arm, as a result of trying to crank a car late Saturday afternoon, the owner of which had thoughtlessly advanced the spark too far. This is the second time Joe has been laid up with a broken arm just because he tried to be accommodating. The first time both bones were broken, and in addition they were knocked out of place. This time, while but one bone was broken, the muscles were badly torn and wrenched.

Colored Baptist Church.

Again I beg to call the attention of Brady's loyal citizens to the Sunset Association which opens at the Colored Baptist church, Tuesday, August 15th, 1922. Please remember that every citizen is invited and will be courteously entertained. Our motto: "Good Order At God's House." Our white friends and brethren are asked to come and help us to put the Kingdom program over the top for Jesus. Our watchword: "You are welcome." By J. N. O. BROWN, Ex-Pastor and Vice-President of Ass'n.

COTTON SCALES, at Sam T. Wood's.

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Mrs. W. M. Bauhof

At R. Wilensky's West Side

The MARDI GRAS MYSTERY

by
H. Bedford Jones

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CHAPTER I—During the height of the New Orleans carnival season Jaclin Fell, wealthy though somewhat mysterious citizen, and Dr. Ansel, are discussing a series of robberies by an individual known as the Midnight Masquer, who invariably attired as an aviator, has long defied the police. Joseph Mallard, wealthy banker, is giving a ball that night, at which the Masquer has threatened to appear and rob the guests. Fell and Ansel, on their way to the affair, meet a girl dressed as Columbine, seemingly known to Fell, but masked, who accompanies them to the ball.

CHAPTER II—Lucie Ledanois, recently the ward of her uncle, Joseph Mallard, is the Columbine.

CHAPTER III—Lucie Ledanois, the ward of an old family, is in straitened circumstances. Joseph Mallard's handling of her funds has been unfortunate. Fell is an old friend of her parents and deeply interested in the girl. Henry Gramont, really the prince de Gramont, son of a French father and an American mother, but who spurns the title of prince, is enamored of Lucie and believes himself a not unfavored suitor.

CHAPTER IV—In his library Joseph Mallard and a group of friends are held up and robbed by the Midnight Masquer.

CHAPTER V—Gramont's chauffeur, Hammond, sergeant in the American army in France, and there known to Gramont, lives with him. He was the original Midnight Masquer, and Gramont, for a particular purpose, after discovering Hammond's activities, assumes the role. Where Hammond had been a robber for financial gain, Gramont, of course, is not. He arranges to return the "loot" to those whom he has robbed. The jewels and money, in individual packages, are got ready for delivery next day to their original owners. That night they are stolen from Gramont's auto.

In her own room upstairs Lucie closed the door and sat down before her dressing table. She made no move toward the array of toilet articles, however. Instead, she took a desk telephone from the table, and called a number. In a moment she received a response.

"Uncle Jaclin!" she exclaimed. "Yes—it's just as we thought; it's all a joke. No, it was not a joke, either, because he had some motive behind it, but he won't tell me what it was. I'm terribly glad that you opened one of those boxes and found the letter—if you had gone to the police it would have been perfectly dreadful—"

"I never go to the police," said Jaclin Fell with his dry chuckle. "You are quite satisfied that there is nothing serious in the affair, then?"

"Absolutely! He told me that he had accomplished his purpose, whatever it was, and that it's all ended. He just gave me his word that the Masquer was dead forever. Now, aren't you glad that you confided in me?"

"Very," said Jaclin Fell. "Very glad, indeed!"

"Now you're laughing at me—never mind! We're going to lunch downtown, and we'll mail those boxes on the way, by parcels post. Is that all right?"

"Quite all right, my dear. Did your gown come for tonight?"

"It's to come this afternoon."

"Very well. Do not plan to wear any jewels, Lucie. I have a set to lend you for the occasion—no, not a gift, merely a loan for the sake of Comus. They are very nice pearls; a little old fashioned, because they were mounted for the Princess de Lamballe, but you will find that they fit in excellently with your gown. I'll bring them with me when I call for you—"

"And I'll tender fitting thanks then. One thing more: Henry Gramont is going to see you after luncheon, I think—on business. And I want you to be nice to him, Uncle Jaclin."

"Most assuredly," said the other, dryly. "I should like to be associated in business with that young man. The firm would prosper."

Smiling, she hung up the receiver. Ten minutes later, when Gramont and Miss Ledanois entered the waiting car, Hammond saw the boxes that they carried. He stood beside the open door, paralyzed, his eyes fastened on the boxes, his mouth agape.

"To the post office, sergeant," said Gramont, then affected to observe his stupefaction. "Why, what's the matter?"

Hammond met his twinkling eyes, saw the laughter of Lucie, and swallowed hard.

"I—er—nothing at all, cap'n," he answered, hoarsely. "A—little chokin' spell, that's all. Post office? Yes, sir."

CHAPTER VIII
Comus.

From the time they left the Ledanois house with Lucie, Gramont had no opportunity of seeing his chauffeur in private until, later in the afternoon, he left the Maison Blanche building. He had enjoyed a thoroughly satisfactory interview with Jaclin Fell. The car was waiting for him in Royal street, not far from the Monteleone, and Gramont approached it to find Hammond in deep worry over the outcome of the interview with Fell.

"Well, cap'n!" he exclaimed anx-

iously, as Gramont drew up. "You're smilin', so I guess it ain't a pinch!"

"Don't worry. The stuff is returned, and the matter is now closed. We can forget all about the Midnight Masquer. Now, there's another and more important thing that I want to speak with you about, a matter of business—"

"Hold on, cap'n!" interrupted Hammond, quietly, his eye on a spot behind Gramont. "One of your friends is headed over this way, and if I know anything about it, he's got blood in his eye."

Gramont turned, to see Bob Mallard approaching. The latter addressed him without any response to his greeting.

"Have you a moment to spare, Gramont?"

"All afternoon," answered Gramont, cheerfully. He affected not to observe Mallard's air of heavy business, nor the frowning suspicion that lurked half-veiled in the other's glowering features.

The two were standing a bit apart, and Hammond was fussing with one of the headlights, but Gramont suspected that the chauffeur was listening avidly. "I've just come from a talk with dad. How did it happen that you sold him that stock of yours in the company?"

Gramont smiled a little. "I happened to need the money. Why?"

"But why the devil didn't you hang on to that stock? Or if you needed money, why didn't you come to me?" exploded the other, angrily.

"Heavens!" drawled Gramont, who was quite willing to exasperate young Mallard to the limit. "You seem frightfully concerned about it! What's the big idea, anyway? I offered the stock to your father at a discount. He realized that it was a good buy, and took it. What's wrong with that?"

"Nothing wrong, if you put it that way," snapped Mallard, angrily. "But it's a confounded sly way of doing things—"

"Now, just wait right there!" Gramont's easy smile vanished. "I don't take that kind of talk, Mallard. I'm off in the morning to start work on

that report I was engaged to make. When the report comes in, my resignation comes with it."

"All right. Let it come here and now, then," Mallard's tone was ugly. "If you're so blamed anxious to get out of the company, get out!"

"Thanks. I'll be glad to be relieved of the job," Gramont turned and addressed his chauffeur. "Hammond, you'll kindly remember this conversation, in case your future testimony is needed—"

"Confound you, what d'you mean talking that way?" broke out Mallard. "Do you suppose I'll deny firing you?"

"I don't care to have you offer any reflections on my actions, Mallard," said Gramont, evenly. "My course in this matter is perfectly open and above board, which is more than you can say for your doings."

"What?" Mallard clenched his fist and took a forward step, anger orking in his face. "What the devil you mean?"

"Exactly what I say—and perhaps I can prove it. Remember the oil concern to which you persuaded your jealous father to sell some of Miss Ledanois' Bayou land? Remember the real estate company to which you persuaded him to sell her St. Landry parish property? You had interests in both concerns; I don't imagine you'd care to have your share in those transactions exposed. Further, I entirely understand your indignation over my getting rid of this stock before the

crash, and it'll become you to assume any such attitude."

Mallard glared at him for a long moment, a red tide of rage flooding and ebbing from his heavy countenance. Then, mastering himself, he turned away without further speech.

Leaving Hammond to take the car home, Gramont headed for Canal street to mingle with the carnival crowd and revel in his new-found sense of freedom. Now that he was his own master, he felt like a new man. With a boyish abandon he tramped the streets merrily, exchanging jests and confetti, shoves and bladder-blows, laughs and kisses. Madness and reckless gaiety were in the very air, and Gramont drank deep of these youthful tones. When at last he wandered home to his pension, he was footsore, weary, disarranged and tousled—and very happy. The wine of human comradeship is a good wine.

That evening the Comus ball, the most exclusive revel of the most exclusive aristocracy of the southland, crowded the edifice in which it was held to capacity. Here evening dress was prescribed for all the guests. The Krewe of Comus alone were masked and costumed, in grotesque and magnificent costumes which had been in the making for months. The Krewe is to the South what the Bohemian club is to the western coast, with the added enhancement of mystery.

Despite the revels of the Krewe, however—despite the glittering jewels, the barbaric costumes, the music, the excitement—an indefinable air of regret, almost of sadness, pervaded the entire gathering. This feeling was something to be sensed, rather than observed definitely. Some said, afterward, that it was a premonition of the terrible event that was to happen this night. Wrong! It was because, for the first time in many generations, the Comus ball was held in one of the newer public buildings instead of in its accustomed place. Everyone was speaking of it. Even Mallard the banker, that cold man of dollars, spoke unweasly of it when Gramont encountered him in the smoking room.

"It doesn't seem like Comus," said Mallard, with a vexed frown. "And to think that we had just finished redecorating the opera house when it was burned down! Comus will never be the same again."

HOWARD PAYNE COLLEGE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11th.

Howard Payne College is just completing the most successful summer term in its history. Dr. J. B. Holt of Kerrville delivered the commencement address on August 11th to a College Class of 12 graduates and an Academy class of 30.

Howard Payne College has grown steadily since it became a standard college in 1915. Its college enrollment annually is about four hundred and its sub-college enrollment about four hundred. Quite a large number of the teachers through Central Texas received their diplomas and teachers' certificates thru this institution. The college is classed first class by the State Department of Education and by the Texas Association of Colleges.

Freshman receive two year high school and four year elementary certificates. Sophomores receive four year high school and six year elementary certificates. Those holding the elementary certificates receive permanent elementary certificates and Seniors receive permanent certificates. Graduates of the college complete their master's degrees in one year.

The Fall term will begin on September 11th. Four year College and Academy courses will be offered. The academy will begin its work for the first time in the building recently purchased from the city high school, with a separate organization and discipline. A strong faculty will offer courses in the various branches of Fine Arts. The business college is equipped with the latest mechanical and electrical contrivances for teaching.

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Lacking in Consideration. As long as the grass in a Chicago public park is healthy and green the citizens seem to look upon it as some sort of garden and keep off of it, as the signs command them. When it begins to die out, however, their respect for it instantly vanishes.

A man in a hurry started one day to cut across a yellow patch in the upper park, but was stopped by a policeman.

"What difference does it make?" demanded the citizen. "The grass is half dead already."

"Sure," said the indignant officer, "if ye had a sick friend, would ye be walkin' on his stomach?"

BLACKSMITH NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC. We have reduced the price of horseshoeing to \$1.50 and upward, and all other work in proportion. MAYSE & SON.

Not Asleep. On the corner of a block in a downtown section is a restaurant with the flaming sign: "Never Closed." On the other corner a drug store displays its motto: "Open All Night."

Between the two Wu Ting Lung has his modest laundry. He is to be outdone by the Yankees, he has hung out an electric sign that can be read for a block or more. It reads: "Me Wakee Too."

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MISCELLANEOUS FOR WASHING, Ironing, Plain Sewing or Piecing Quilts, see Mrs. Elkins, on South Blackburn St.

Christian Church. The Standard is requested to announce that the Rev. Leon Williams of Santa Anna will conduct services both morning and night next Sunday at the Christian church. A cordial invitation is extended all to attend.

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BRADY'S "WHITE WAY" NOW ASSURED ALSO LIGHTS IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS WILL INSTALL LIGHTING STANDARDS ABOUT DOWN-TOWN, AND POLE BRACKET LIGHTS IN RESIDENTIAL PART.

Brady's forward march took another big stride this week with the letting of a contract by the board of commissioners of the Brady Water & Light Works for a street lighting system to embrace not only the entire business district, but a large portion of the residential district, as well. The contract calls for twelve turning posts, with cast lighting standards, which will be used in the centers of the downtown street intersections, and thirty street hoods, which will be placed on Blackburn, Bridge and West Commerce street. Underground cable will be used throughout the downtown section, and all the lights will be controlled by the engineer at the light plant. Installation will be effected within thirty to sixty days.

Contract for the complete lighting outfit was signed yesterday morning by the Board of Water Commissioners with the Western Electric Co., represented by Mr. Franks of Dallas, and is the result of splendid co-operation between members of the water board and the city council, the former bearing the burden of installation, and the city council agreeing to pay for the power consumed in operating the lights at a special rate of 5c per kilowatt. Incidentally, the proposition had the strong endorsement and encouragement of the local Rotary club and other civic organizations.

Financing of the proposition was accomplished through a loan made to the water board, the due date of which will be five years hence, or after all the present indebtedness of the water and light plant has been entirely wiped out, at the present rate of payment.

The equipment will include twelve cast lighting standards, eleven ft. in height, which will be set in a concrete base of about 8 1/2 ft. diameter, thereby furnishing a substantial and practically indestructible turning post. The lighting standards will be surmounted by ornamental lights of 300 candle-power, or better. Six of these standards will be placed at the intersections on the public square, while the remaining six will be placed about the business district—one at the Mann-Ricks corner, one at the Radford Grocery corner. The remaining four will be placed along North Bridge street at the intersections by the Brady Auto Co., the old light plant, the street leading from the ice plant and the street intersection at the Walker-Smith Company building.

The 30 hooded street lights for the residential district will be placed at every street intersection on Blackburn extending south from the square to South Eighth street or the O. S. Macy corner; also at every intersection on North Bridge street from H. H. Sessions corner to the city limits, and at all intersections on West Com-

merce street leading to the City Tourist park. These lights will be probably of 80 candle power. The alley lights at present used will also be replaced by the new pole bracket lights in order that all lighting equipment may be uniform.

The present equipment at the power plant will enable the carrying of 140 100-candlepower street lamps, so that nearly 100 additional lights may be added in the future, should the occasion warrant or circumstances demand. Thus, it will be readily seen that the city will be in position to illuminate the tourist park, or any portion of the residential district where lights may be used to advantage.

With the twelve ornamental lights to be installed by the county about the court yard, Brady will be able to boast of one of the best-lighted and most attractive business districts in West Texas.

BRADY'S \$40,000 SCHOOL BONDS SELL TUESDAY AT PAR AND PREMIUM OF \$150

The \$40,000 school bonds recently voted by Brady Independent School district, Tuesday found ready sale, with something like a dozen bidders for the issue. The Branch-Middlekauf Company of Wichita, Kans., were the successful bidders, their offer being to take the bonds at par with accrued interest, pay the expense of having them printed and registered, and in addition to pay a cash premium of \$150.

All that now stands between receiving the cash on the issue is the printing and registering of the bonds, so it may safely be anticipated that erection of Brady's new school building will shortly be under way. Architects are now preparing plans for the building, and the school board will decide the location within the next few days.

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RUN-OFF PRIMARY SATURDAY 26TH—SAMPLE BALLOT

Saturday of next week—August 26th—is the day of the holding of the Democratic run-off primary. The official ballot shows eight state and county offices, for which the Democratic nominee will be named at this election, and, in addition, McCulloch county voters will name the nominees for county commissioner in precincts No. 1, 3 and 4. The ballot carries the usual pledge: "I am a Democrat and pledge myself to support the nominee of this primary."

Absentee voting began Wednesday—10 days before the election—and will continue until next Wednesday, the 23rd—3 days before the election. So far, but comparatively few have availed themselves of the absentee voting privilege.

The official ballot presents the names of the candidates in the following order:

For U. S. Senator: EARLE B. MAYFIELD, of Bosque County.

JAMES E. FERGUSON of Bell County.

For Lieutenant Governor: T. W. DAVIDSON of Harrison County.

COL. BILLIE MAYFIELD, JR., of Harris County.

For State Treasurer: C. V. TERRELL of Wise County.

GEORGE C. GARRETT of Dallas County.

For Superintendent Public Instruction: S. M. N. MARRS of Travis County.

ED R. BENTLEY of Hidalgo County.

For Congress, 17th District: THOMAS L. BLANTON of Taylor County.

OSCAR CALLAWAY of Comanche County.

For Associate Justice of Civil Appeals: J. K. BAKER of Coleman County.

M. B. BLAIR of Bell County.

For Representative 93rd District: A. B. WILSON of San Saba County.

JAMES FINLAY of McCulloch County.

For Tax Assessor: HENRY R. HODGES

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Voters in Commissioners Precincts No. 1, 3 and 4 will choose the nominee for their precinct from the following:

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1: H. S. SNEARLEY

CHAS. SAMUELSON

For Commissioner Precinct No. 3: L. A. WATKINS

JOHN R. WINSTEAD, SR.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 4: H. H. KNIGHT

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LIST OF SCHOOL LANDS ON MARKET SEPTEMBER 1ST AT STANDARD OFFICE

The Standard again has a list of all school lands which will be on the market September 1st. We have had numerous calls for this list, but the original was carried out of the office and not returned. The new list may be inspected at this office.

Listen!—Did you fathers and mothers know there is no better entertainment for you—and your children than our Chautauqua. Get season tickets now.

CHAUTAUQUA TO OPEN 3-DAY PROGRAM ON MONDAY

The Radcliffe chautauqua comes to Brady next Monday with a three-day program of entertainment of the highest order. There will be musicians of exceptional ability; readers who can interpret all the various moods of young and old; lecturers of note who have messages that inspire and encourage; and added to all these are artists who appear in solo and whose entertainment has captivated audiences everywhere.

Nor must the fact be overlooked that included with the entertainers is a juvenile worker—Miss Rose Kohler—formerly in charge of all playgrounds of Baltimore, Md., and who will teach the little folks something of modern organized play. The little folks are requested to meet Miss Kohler at the Presbyterian church at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon for instruction and rehearsal. Tonight a Community meeting will be held at the Methodist tabernacle, to which all the parents and citizenship in general is invited.

The committee in charge of season tickets sale reports very good success, and while the sales have not totaled the amount of the guarantee, yet there are numbers of citizens yet to see, and in addition there will be the door receipts to swell the total.

Every citizen who believes in giving Brady the better class of entertainment, should support and endorse the chautauqua program. Every citizen should aid the chautauqua committee by buying season tickets. Price for adults is \$2.00 for the six numbers, and for school children the price is \$1.00 for the six numbers. Afternoon and night programs will be held on each of the three days—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The following is the program for the three days' chautauqua:

FIRST DAY.

Afternoon.

(1) The Coleman Concert Company and Ellsworth Plumstead, ImpersonatorEntertainment

(2) Ulysses G. Lacey, "Making the Dream Come True"Lecture

(3) Short Program of Stories for Young and Old—By the Junior Worker.

(4) Demonstration of Organized Play—Led by the Junior Chautauqua Leader.

Night.

(5) Ulysses G. Lacey, "The Spirit of the Colonist"Lecture

(6) The Coleman Concert Company and Ellsworth Plumstead, ImpersonatorEntertainment

(7) The Boston Joy Makers, Walter Eccles and Al PearsallEntertainment

(8) The Chautauqua Director—"The Storm"Lecture

SECOND DAY.

Afternoon.

(9) The Chautauqua Director—"The Spirit of the Patriot"Lecture

(10) The Boston Joy-Makers, Walter Eccles and Al PearsallEntertainment

THIRD DAY.

Afternoon.

(11) The Kirk Fredericks CompanyConcert

(12) Guy M. Bingham, "The Durable Satisfaction of Life"Lecture

(13) Guy M. Bingham, "The Spirit of the Pioneer"Lecture

(14) The Kirk Fredericks CompanyConcert

CENTRAL COMMITTEES NAMED FOR McCULLOCH COUNTY EXHIBIT SEPT. 25-26

EXHIBIT PLAN TO BE PATTERNED AFTER SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR HELD IN 1920—TEN CASH PRIZES OFFERED FOR BEST COMMUNITY EXHIBITS.

The McCulloch County Exhibit, scheduled to be held in Brady Monday and Tuesday, September 25-26th, will adhere closely to the highly successful plan adopted at the time of holding the initial exhibit in Brady two years ago, and which was accounted one of the greatest and most successful affairs ever staged in this section of Texas. All exhibits are to be entered by school communities, and cash prizes, ten in number, ranging from \$100 down to \$10 will be offered for the ten best community exhibits. Individual exhibits, which are included in community exhibits, will also be judged, and ribbon awards made. This plan of operation makes for substantial prizes to the various schools winning awards and at the same time gives the individual exhibitors the pride and satisfaction of knowing they are in the class with the winners. Every school community is expected to pep into the exhibit on their own accord and without solicitation upon the part of the Central communities, as the plan of operation has been thoroughly tried out, and is universally understood.

At the meeting of the 1922 McCulloch County Co-Operative Exhibit, held at the courthouse Friday morning, August 11th, the following Central committees for the Exhibit were appointed. The Executive committee had been previously appointed at a meeting of the Brady Chamber of Commerce:

Executive Committee—Jas. T. Mann, Frank A. Knox, E. B. Newman, W. M. Bryson, Geo. E. Ehlinger.

Central Finance Committee—A. Howard Broad, chairman; W. R. (Bill) Davidson, vice-chairman; Duke Mann.

Central Arrangement Committee—Edd Broad, chairman; B. Simpson, vice-chairman. E. L. Ogden.

Central Exhibit Committees.

Live Stock Department—G. R. White, general superintendent.

Beef Cattle, All Breeds—F. M. Richards, director in charge.

Dairy Cattle, All Breeds—G. B. Awaft, director in charge.

Sheep, All Breeds—P. C. Dutton, director in charge.

Goats, All Breeds—Ed. Bryson, director in charge.

Horses, Jacks, Jennets and Mules—W. F. Dutton, director in charge.

Swine, All Breeds—W. M. Bryson, director in charge.

Poultry, All Breeds—S. J. Striegler, director in charge.

Agricultural Department.

G. V. Gansel—general superintendent.

Grains and Seeds—Edd Broad, director in charge.

Grass and Forage—Arthur Wood, director in charge.

Garden Products—C. A. Anderson, director in charge.

Cotton—Bill Hampton, director in charge.

Wool and Mohair—W. F. Spiller, director in charge.

Apiary and Horticultural Dept. R. V. Stearns, general superintendent.

Flowers—Mrs. Aug. F. Behrens, director in charge.

Fruit—June Coopender, director in charge.

Fine Arts Department.

Mrs. J. D. Branscum, general superintendent.

Culinary Department.

Mrs. Edd Broad, director in charge.

Textile Department.

Mrs. Henry Hodges, director in charge.

Domestic Science Department.

Miss Elenor Hensley, director in charge.

Better Baby Show.

Mrs. F. M. Richards, director in charge.

Industrial and Commercial Dept.

Bailey Jones, general superintendent.

Dry Goods and Millinery—H. C. Samuel, director in charge.

Hardware and Implements—A. Howard Broad, director in charge.

Furniture—Roy Wilkerson, director in charge.

Groceries—John Moffatt, director in charge.

Leather Goods—H. P. C. Evers, director in charge.

Jewelry and Optical Goods—B. L. Malone, director in charge.

Automobiles—Burl Wiley, director in charge.

Musical Instruments—T. E. Davis,

director in charge.

Stationery, Toilet Goods and Confectionery—C. A. Trigg, director in charge.

Photography—L. W. St. Clair, director in charge.

Cotton Seed Products—A. B. Cox, director in charge.

Building Materials—Lee Jones, director in charge.

Central Program and Entertainment Committee.

H. F. Schwenker, chairman; Hubert Adkins, F. R. Wulff, Mrs. F. M. Newman, Mrs. V. B. Deaton.

Boys and Girls' Club Work (Agricultural)—Geo. E. Ehlinger, director in charge.

Boy Scouts Work—Clarence Snider, director in charge.

Central Publicity Committee—C. H. Vincent, general superintendent; G. C. Kirk, J. A. Holton.

In addition to the above Central committees the chairman of each Central committee is instructed to appoint or require to be appointed or elected similar committees and officers in each school district, and it will be the duty of each of these sub-committees to work through and with the Central committees.

The Central Executive committee has adopted the same plan for getting up this exhibit as was so effectively used in getting up the Exhibit in 1920, and since the people of the county are generally familiar with the plan, the appointment of the various committees hereby puts them on notice that they are to get busy without further delay. Each and every school district in the county is expected to appoint similar sub-committees in their district and have these committees begin work at once thru and with the various Central committees.

The success or failure of this Exhibit lies in the hands of the various school districts and the degree of its success depends upon the faithful efforts put forth by the leaders of each of these districts. All exhibits, whether agricultural, livestock, poultry, or other products exhibited from a community will be exhibited as from such community and the prizes will be awarded to the schools of these communities upon the merits of the community's exhibit. Therefore it is up to each school district as to what kind of showing it will make for itself in this competitive exhibit, and necessarily the progressiveness of each district in the county must be judged by the effort put forth in making their entry the very best. Since this plan was worked two years ago and since most of us are familiar with the workings of the plan the Central committees will not go about the county holding meetings and making speeches to interest the different communities in the work but will leave it squarely up to the communities to hold their meetings and bring up their part of the program.

As stated before the prizes will be awarded upon school district exhibits, as a whole, for it is felt that by awarding the prize money in this way more substantial premiums can be offered and since the premium goes to the school each member of the community will derive a benefit

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The MARDI GRAS MYSTERY

by H. Bedford Jones

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CHAPTER I.—During the height of the New Orleans carnival season Jachin Fell, wealthy though somewhat mysterious citizen, and Dr. Ansley, are discussing a series of robberies by an individual known as the Midnight Masquer, who, invariably attired as an aviator, has long defied the police. Joseph Maillard, wealthy banker, is giving a ball that night, at which the Masquer has threatened to appear and rob the guests. Fell and Ansley, on their way to the affair, meet a girl dressed as Columbine, seemingly known to Fell, but masked, who accompanies them to the ball.

CHAPTER II.—Lucie Ledanos, recently the ward of her uncle, Joseph Maillard, is the Columbine.

CHAPTER IV.—Lucie Ledanos, the ward of an old family, is in straitened circumstances. Joseph Maillard's handling of her funds has been unfortunate. Fell is an old friend of her parents and deeply interested in the girl. Henry Gramont, really the prince de Gramont, son of a French father and an American mother, but who spurns the title of prince, is enamored of Lucie and believes himself a not unfavored suitor.

CHAPTER III.—In his library Joseph Maillard and a group of friends are held up and robbed by the Midnight Masquer.

CHAPTER V.—Gramont's chauffeur, Hammond, sergeant in the American army in France, and there known to Gramont, lives with him. He was the original Midnight Masquer, and Gramont, for a particular purpose, after discovering Hammond's activities, assumes the role. Where Hammond had been a robber for financial gain, Gramont, of course, is not. He arranges to return the "boot" to those whom he has robbed. The jewels and money, in individual packages, are got ready for delivery next day to their original owners. That night they are stolen from Gramont's auto.

In her own room upstairs Lucie closed the door and sat down before her dressing table. She made no move toward the array of toilet articles, however. Instead, she took a desk telephone from the table, and called a number. In a moment she received a response.

"Uncle Jachin!" she exclaimed. "Yes—it's just as we thought; it's all a joke. No, it was not a joke, either, because he had some motive behind it, but he won't tell me what it was. I'm terribly glad that you opened one of those boxes and found the letter—if you had gone to the police it would have been perfectly dreadful—"

"I never go to the police," said Jachin Fell with his dry chuckle. "You are quite satisfied that there is nothing serious in the affair, then?"

"Absolutely! He told me that he had accomplished his purpose, whatever it was, and that it's all ended. He just gave me his word that the Masquer was dead forever. Now, aren't you glad that you confided in me?"

"Very," said Jachin Fell. "Very glad, indeed!"

"Now you're laughing at me—never mind! We're going to lunch downtown, and we'll mail those boxes on the way, by parcels post. Is that all right?"

"Quite all right, my dear. Did your gown come for tonight?"

"It's to come this afternoon."

"Very well. Do not plan to wear any jewels, Lucie. I have a set to lend you for the occasion—no, not a gift, merely a loan for the sake of Comus. They are very nice pearls; a little old fashioned, because they were mounted for the Princess de Lamballe, but you will find that they fit in excellently with your gown. I'll bring them with me when I call for you—"

"And I'll tender fitting thanks then, One thing more: Henry Gramont is going to see you after luncheon, I think—on business. And I want you to be nice to him, Uncle Jachin."

"Most assuredly," said the other, dryly. "I should like to be associated in business with that young man. The firm would prosper!"

Smiling, she hung up the receiver. Ten minutes later, when Gramont and Miss Ledanos entered the waiting car, Hammond saw the boxes that they carried. He stood beside the open door, paralyzed, his eyes fastened on the boxes, his mouth agape.

"To the post office, sergeant," said Gramont, then affected to observe his stupefaction. "Why, what's the matter?"

Hammond met his twinkling eyes, saw the laughter of Lucie, and swallowed hard.

"I—er—nothing at all, cap'n," he answered, hoarsely. "A—little chokin' spell, that's all. Post office? Yes, sir."

CHAPTER VIII.

Comus.

From the time they left the Ledanos house with Lucie, Gramont had no opportunity of seeing his chauffeur in private until, later in the afternoon, he left the Maison Blanche building. He had enjoyed a thoroughly satisfactory interview with Jachin Fell. The car was waiting for him in Royal street, not far from the Monteleone, and Gramont approached it to find Hammond in deep worry over the outcome of the interview with Fell.

"Well, cap'n!" he exclaimed anx-

iously, as Gramont drew up. "You're smilin', so I guess it ain't a pinch!"

"Don't worry. The stuff is returned, and the matter is now closed. We can forget all about the Midnight Masquer. Now, there's another and more important thing that I want to speak with you about, a matter of business—"

"Hold on, cap'n!" interrupted Hammond, quietly, his eye on a spot behind Gramont. "One of your friends is headed over this way, and if I know anything about it, he's got blood in his eye."

Gramont turned, to see Bob Maillard approaching. The latter addressed him without any response to his greeting.

"Have you a moment to spare, Gramont?"

"All afternoon," answered Gramont, cheerfully. He affected not to observe Maillard's air of heavy business, nor the frowning suspicion that lurked half-veiled in the other's glowering features.

The two were standing a bit apart, and Hammond was fussing with one of the headlights, but Gramont suspected that the chauffeur was listening avidly. "I've just come from a talk with dad. How did it happen that you sold him that stock of yours in the company?"

Gramont smiled a little. "I happened to need the money. Why?"

"But why the devil didn't you hang on to that stock? Or if you needed money, why didn't you come to me?" exploded the other, angrily.

"Heavens!" drawled Gramont, who was quite willing to exasperate young Maillard to the limit. "You seem frightfully concerned about it! What's the big idea, anyway? I offered the stock to your father at a discount. He realized that it was a good buy, and took it. What's wrong with that?"

"Nothing wrong, if you put it that way," snapped Maillard, angrily. "But it's a confounded sly way of doing things—"

"Now, just wait right there!" Gramont's easy smile vanished. "I don't take that kind of talk, Maillard. I'm off in the morning to start work on



"What the Devil D'You Mean?"

that report I was engaged to make. When the report comes in, my resignation comes with it."

"All right. Let it come here and now, then." Maillard's tone was ugly. "If you're so blamed anxious to get out of the company, get out!"

"Thanks. I'll be glad to be relieved of the job." Gramont turned and addressed his chauffeur. "Hammond, you'll kindly remember this conversation, in case your future testimony is needed—"

"Confound you, what d'you mean talking that way?" broke out Maillard. "Do you suppose I'll deny firing you?"

"I don't care to have you offer any reflections on my actions, Maillard," said Gramont, evenly. "My course in this matter is perfectly open and above board, which is more than you can say for your doings."

"What?" Maillard clenched his

teeth and took a forward step, anger arking in his face. "What the devil you mean?"

"Exactly what I say—and perhaps I

crash, and it'll become you to assume any such attitude."

Maillard glared at him for a long moment, a red tide of rage flooding and ebbing from his heavy countenance. Then, mastering himself, he turned away without further speech.

Leaving Hammond to take the car home, Gramont headed for Canal street to mingle with the carnival crowd and revel in his new-found sense of freedom. Now that he was his own master, he felt like a new man. With a boyish abandon he tramped the streets merrily, exchanging jests and confetti, shoves and bladder-blows, laughs and kisses. Madness and reckless gaiety were in the very air, and Gramont drank deep of these youthful tonics. When at last he wandered home to his pension, he was footsore, weary, disarranged and tousled—and very happy. The wine of human comradeship is a good wine.

That evening the Comus ball, the most exclusive revel of the most exclusive aristocracy of the southland, crowded the edifice in which it was held to capacity. Here evening dress was prescribed for all the guests. The Krewe of Comus alone were masked and costumed, in grotesque and magnificent costumes which had been in the making for months. The Krewe is to the South what the Bohemian club is to the western coast, with the added enhancement of mystery.

Despite the revels of the Krewe, however—despite the glittering jewels, the barbaric costumes, the music, the excitement—an indefinable air of regret, almost of sadness, pervaded the entire gathering. This feeling was something to be sensed, rather than observed definitely. Some said, afterward, that it was a premonition of the terrible event that was to happen this night. "Wrong! It was because, for the first time in many generations, the Comus ball was held in one of the newer public buildings instead of in its accustomed place. Everyone was speaking of it. Even Maillard the banker, that cold man of dollars, spoke unweasly of it when Gramont encountered him in the smoking room.

"It doesn't seem like Comus," said Maillard, with a vexed frown. "And to think that we had just finished redecorating the opera house when it was burned down! Comus will never be the same again."

"I didn't know you could feel such emotion for a ruined building, Maillard," said Gramont, lightly. The banker shrugged a trifle.

"Emotion? No. Regret! None of us, who has been brought up in the traditions of the city, but regarded the French Opera house as the center of all our storied life. You can't understand it, Gramont; no outsider can. By the way, you haven't seen Bob? He's in costume, but he might have spoken to you—"

Gramont answered in the negative, with a slight surprise at the question. It was not long before he came to comprehend more fully just what the loss of the old French Opera house meant to the assembly. He heard comparisons made on every hand, regretful allusions, sighs for the days that were no more.

This present building, to be sure, was one of the city's finest, up to date in every way, with an abundance of room—and yet everyone said that Comus would never be the same. About the opera house had clung the romance of many generations. About it, too, had clung the affections of the people with a fierceness beyond reason. More famous buildings had been allowed to go to ruin, like the Hotel Royale, but the opera house had been kept in repair for Mardi Gras. It was itself—a landmark. Nothing else would ever be like it.

From his seat in the Lavergne box Gramont contented himself during the early evening with the common role of all the "blackcoats"—that of looking on idly. More than once he saw Lucie Ledanos called out, among others of the fair sex, as a dancing partner for some member of the Krewe. None of the male guests, however, was allowed to participate in the festivity until Rex and his queen should arrive—at midnight; thus, Gramont saw almost nothing of Lucie during the evening.

(Continued Next Week)

DEPOSITORY NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that bids for the handling of funds of the Brady Independent School District for the year beginning September 1, 1922, and ending August 31, 1923, will be received not later than August 31, 1922, by the Board of Trustees of said district at the office of the secretary of said Board of Trustees. The bids shall be based upon the rate of interest to be paid for the handling of said funds.

Dated this 11th day of August, 1922.

A. J. RICKS, Pres.,
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