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CHANGE IN THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CLOVIS

C. W. Harrison and Associates Take Over Controlling Interest

WILL INCREASE CAPITAL

Same Interests Control Security State Bank of Portales

C. W. Harrison and associates have taken over the controlling interest in the First National Bank at Clovis. Mr. Harrison will be president. The new management will increase the capital of the First National at once from \$35,000 to \$100,000. Mr. Harrison is president of the Farmers State Bank at Texico, also president of the Security Bank of Portales. Mr. Harrison and his associates in all these banks have made good and their progressive ideas and push and energy will make this chain of banks a strong combination.

Mrs. John Mashburn arrived Sunday from Alberta, Canada, and will visit for some time with J. Tollett's family, near Inez, and other friends here. She was formerly Miss Ruby Dunlap and has many friends in Portales with whom she expects to visit before returning to her home.

Portales School Notes.

At the end of the fifth month the total enrollment at school is 525. There were forty-seven visitors at school during the month. The Roswell boys basketball team will play the local school team here Saturday February 23rd. Everybody should turn out and give our boys the support they deserve. Admission 25c.

The teachers of the Portales Schools will attend the county teachers association at Elida March 8th and 9th. This is expected to be a big meeting of the county and some of our leading educators of the state schools will be there.

Miss Polly Monroe, from Clovis, visited the first of the week with Miss Irene Smith and other friends here. Miss Monroe is teaching in Clovis High School.

Bascom Howard Sells Earth

This week Bascom Howard sold to J. B. Priddy, 160 acres of land six miles southwest of Portales; also 160 acres seven miles southwest to J. J. Watson; and 160 acres three miles east of Portales to E. L. Hammit. Looks like Bascom is still on the job. And to show further confidence in his country, he this week, purchased the business lot joining the Security State Bank, which carries a half interest in the bank wall, and will erect a brick building on the same in the near future. He at one time owned the entire lot, so he ought to feel partly at home now.

Try the new coal and grain yard adjoining Gurley Broom Corn warehouse.

S. F. Moore, dry goods manager for C. V. Harris, is in the eastern market this week laying in a full line of spring bargains for that store.

Everett Tusha, who has been employed for several months by Santa Fe Railway Company at Clovis, resigned his position and joined the aviation corps of the military service. He will leave for the training camp in a few days.

Red Cross Pie Supper

On January 18, 1918, the Red Cross ladies of Oklahoma district gave a short patriotic program followed by an auction sale of 24 lovely and delicious pies which the good ladies, young and old, of the neighborhood had donated for a noble cause, of which the Red Cross is greatly interested. The gentlemen present not only showed their hunger, but also their strong patriotism by paying handsome prices for pies and therefore securing an interesting partner to eat supper with. The proceeds of this pie supper amounted to \$29.75. With this money the society is buying yarn and needles and nearly all the members are now supplied with knitting.

A committee of three have been appointed, Mrs. Martha Gregg, Mrs. L. E. Forbes and Jim Nelson, who are experienced knitters to instruct and oversee our work which consists of knitting sweaters, scarfs, socks and wristlets. The members are taking hold of the work with great enthusiasm and anticipate great results and above all wishing that their little mite will add to the comfort of many a soldier, whose existence is many times dearer than ever before.

The last business meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Nicklas, February 6, the ladies taking their lunch baskets and spending the day and had the pleasure of entertaining visitors, Mrs. Cecil Nelson, of near Redlake, N. M.; Mrs. R. J. Harris, of Fresno, California; and Mrs. C. J. Pate, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Right here we would like to correct a mistake that was made in our last report to the News of list of members present. When the Red Cross Society was organized the name of Mrs. Jessie Franse failed to appear in print.

We now have a new list to add to our membership, swelling the number to twenty-two: Mrs. C. C. Price, Walter Franse, L. W. Johnson, Mrs. H. I. Nelson, Mrs. Jim Doyal, Miss Nettie Doyal, Mrs. Jim Nelson and Mrs. L. E. Forbes.

The next meeting will be with their secretary, February 13th, after which we hope to report a number of knitted articles ready.

MRS. C. R. NELSON, Sec.

On Monday evening Miss Kenamore's Sunday School class held a business meeting at the home of Miss Mignon Jones. Among other matters plans for giving a recital soon was discussed.

Entertainment Given

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rogers entertained a host of young folks at their home on Wednesday evening. Games were played and prizes were awarded. An enjoyable time was had by all and the musical numbers, which were rendered by several of the young ladies, were especially enjoyed as was also the delicious luncheon served.

The entertainment was given in honor of K. W. Funkhouser, who is a nephew of Dr. R. H. Bailey.

Those present were as follows: Mr. Mrs. H. C. Waggoner, Mr. Mrs. E. B. Neal, Mr. Mrs. C. C. Clark, Mrs. R. H. Bailey, Misses Eulalia Wollard, Irene Smith, Esther Haning, Zell Ryan, Fannie Williamson, Ester Robinson, Zenoma Callaway, Ruth Haning, Maude Amy Reese, Genevieve Campbell, Mignon Jones, Term Smith, Leta Smith Vera Humphrey Messrs Jack Callaway, Howard Leach, E. C. Pinnson, Jack Sullins, John Biggerstaff Leo Braley, Scott McDowell, Earl Wilson.

Entertaining the Russian



Military Entertainment Service

Washington, Feb. 9, 1918.
Mr. R. H. Bailey,
Portales, N. M.

Dear Mr. Bailey:
The patriotism and enthusiasm of Portales are inspiring the members of Military Entertainment Council and assuring us

that if other cities follow your leadership the needs of our soldiers for wholesome entertainment will be answered.
Cordially yours,
HARROLD BRADDOCK, Director.

Joe Howard left this week for a several days business trip to Hobart, Oklahoma.

Red Cross Work

At a recent meeting of the Red Cross executive committee, it was decided to appoint a committee to work in connection with the financial committee to raise means to support the work in this county. P. E. Jordan, J. B. Priddy and Coe Howard were appointed.

The executive committee decided to call a public meeting for Saturday, February 16th, 2:00 P. M. at the court house. Everybody is especial invited to attend. An auction sale will be held at the same time.

The need for Red Cross work is greater now than ever before since so many of our boys are "over there" now.

Come and show your interest by your presence.

Yours for service,
J. S. LONG,
County Chairman.

Hon. James A. Hall was in Roswell on business, Tuesday of this week.

Farm Loan Meeting

There is to be a general meeting of the shallow water federal farm loan association at the Elida store Monday, Feb. 18th. To elect officers and take in any new members. The association is in much better working order than here-to-fore and the Governor is anxious to assist those who need financial aid. The desirable features are cheap rate of interest 5 1/2 per cent and long terms.

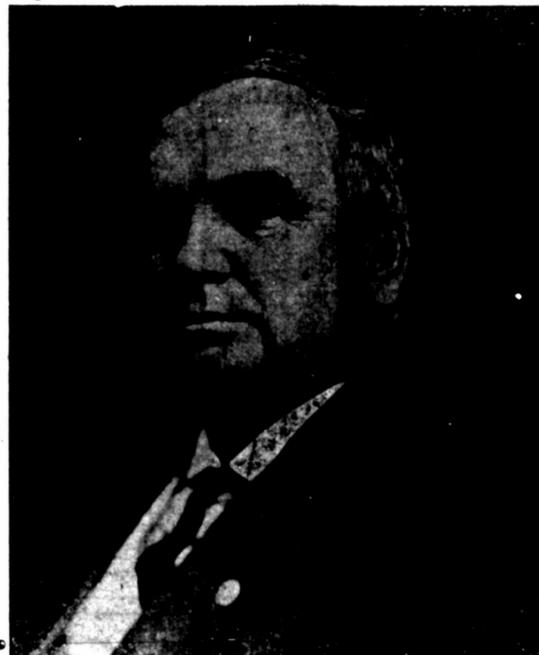
One member sent in his papers three weeks ago and in two weeks his was here. Come out to the meeting, all those living east of town and north of the Rogers association line and let us talk it over.

C. F. Moon, President.
T. W. Austin, Secy.

L. L. Campbell, manager of the dry goods department of Joyce-Fruit Company, returned this week from the eastern markets where he had been buying a complete line of spring goods for his department.

County Teachers Association

The next county teachers association will be held at Elida, March 8th and 9th. State Superintendent Wagner, Dr. B. L. Enloe and Dr. Frank H. H. Roberts are expected to be there. Let all teachers of the county who can possibly do so attend. This is the last meeting of the association for this year.



Sometime in the year 1918, there will rest upon the Democratic party in the State of New Mexico, the important duty of nominating an honest, fearless, independent, competent, energetic and efficient candidate for the office of Supreme Judge.

To properly perform this important duty, the rank and file of the party should have ample time and opportunity, and should take ample time to carefully and thoughtfully investigate and know the qualifications and fitness of every candidate placed upon the ticket.

I have been a resident of Chaves county, New Mexico, for eleven years and have served as District Judge of the Fifth Judicial District for more than six years, last past, and have endeavored to inform myself as to the conditions and needs of our splendid new state.

I have always believed in the principles of the Democratic party and have an abiding faith in its present and future usefulness.

I believe that a public office is a public trust and that a Supreme Judge is nothing more than a servant of the people.

I believe that unnecessary delays in the disposition of judicial business furnishes a just ground for a righteous criticism by the people of the courts.

I believe that a failure on the part of the rank and file of the Democratic party to inquire into and inform themselves as to the qualifications and fitness of the party's candidates, before the party conventions are held, accounts for most of the party mistakes.

With these statements, I announce myself as a candidate for the office of Supreme Judge, subject to the will of the Democratic party, and I invite the closest scrutiny and most careful inquiry of every Democratic voter in the state as to my qualifications and fitness for the position.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN T. MCCLURE.

Laura A. Pearce

Sister Laura A. Pearce, wife of Dr. J. S. Pearce, born Oct. 16th, 1866, professed a hope in Jesus Christ at the age of 13, united with the Missionary Baptist church, and remained a faithful member up to her death. She was married to Dr. Pearce in 1897 to which union there were born 5 children five of which preceded their mother to the yonder-land. three remain to mourn their loss with father, Sidney, Thelma and little Marjorie.

By her first marriage there were four children living, three of which were permitted to be in attendance in the last hours.

Mrs. Pearce had made many lasting friends in her 19 years of stay in Portales, as was witnessed by their constant attendance at her bed side and the great funeral procession, perhaps the largest in Portales for years.

Sister Pearce had been a constant sufferer for many months, but she bore her suffering with patience and great fortitude, and had in all times manifest a spirit satisfaction and resignation to the great will of God. She was a devoted wife, a loving painstaking mother, making much of her children, trying to teach them by precept and example the noble virtues that she acquired.

While she sleeps here in the city of our dead, yet she liveth, among our citizenry and shall pass those noble virtues on from heart to heart through our heritage, That Noble Family.

Sister Pearce died in the triumphs of a living faith, February 11th, 9 o'clock a. m. 1918 and funeral services were held by her pastor in the church of membership, after which she was laid to rest under the directions of our friend Ed J. Neer, undertaker and host of friends.

Dr. Pearce moved to this country, nineteen years ago, when this great western country was undeveloped, and really when it was but a toddling infant taking the little infant by the hand he has been faithful in the development of his country, skilled in his profession, and help in a great way in combatting the diseases that tend to the destruction of life. He is an efficient county official, ready and willing to serve his fellow citizens in any capacity that shall be for the upbuilding of his town or country. Lovingly we extend our very heartfelt sympathies to him and all the bereaved, and pray God's blessing ever to abide.

This farewell word in the form of a poem:

Sister, thou wast mild and lovely;
Gentle as the summer breeze;
Pleasant as the air of evening,
When it floats among the trees;
Peaceful by thy silent slumber—
Peaceful in the grave so low;
Thou no more wilt join our number—
Thou no more our songs shalt know.

Dearest sister, thou hast left us;
Here thy loss we deeply feel;
But 'tis God hath bereft us;
He can all our sorrows heal.
Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled,
Then in Heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tear is shed.

C. F. Moon, President.
T. W. Austin, Secy.

Her Pastor,
M. W. DAILY.

All Democratic candidates take notice: Every candidate should attend the meeting of the Democratic County Committee, which will be held at the Court House, Saturday, February 23rd, at 1 o'clock P. M. The date for the coming primary will be set at this meeting and it is to the best interest of all to be present and help in the arrangement of the date of the coming primary election.

The Braley's are driving a new nineteen-eighteen seven-passenger Case six, purchased through Frank Shaw and Gurley agency. This car has real class and comfort.

North of Fifty-Three

By **Bertrand W. Sinclair**

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I—The story opens in the town of Granville, Ontario, where Hazel Wagstaff is employed as a stenographer in the office of Harrington and Bush. She is engaged to Jack Barrow, a young man who is a student at the university. The wedding day is set. While walking with him one Sunday they meet Mr. Bush, Hazel's employer, who for the first time seems to notice her attractiveness. Shortly afterward, at his request, she becomes his private stenographer. After three months Mr. Bush proposes marriage, which Hazel declines, and after a stormy scene in the office Hazel leaves her employment. Mr. Bush warns her he would make her sorry for refusing him.

CHAPTER II—Bush makes an effort, by a gift of flowers, to compromise Hazel in the minds of her friends. She returns them. The next day Bush is thrown from his horse and fatally hurt. He sends for Hazel, who refuses to see him before he dies. Three days afterward it is announced that he left a legacy of \$5,000 to Hazel, "in reparation for any wrong I may have done her." Hazel recognizes at once what construction will be put upon the words. Bush had been revengeful.

CHAPTER III—Jack Barrow, in a fit of jealous rage, demands from Hazel an explanation of Bush's action. Hazel's pride is hurt, and she refuses. The engagement is broken and Hazel determines to leave Granville. She sees an advertisement for a school teacher at Cariboo Meadows, British Columbia, and secures the situation.

CHAPTER IV—Cariboo Meadows is in a wild part of British Columbia and Hazel, shortly after her arrival, loses her way while walking in the woods. She wanders until night, when, attracted by the light of a campfire, she turns to it, hoping to find somebody who will guide her home. At the fire she recognizes a character known to Cariboo Meadows as "Roaring Bill Wagstaff," who had seen her at her boarding house there. He promises to take her home in the morning, but she is compelled to spend the night in the woods.

CHAPTER V

In Deep Water.

The dawn thrust aside night's somber curtains while they slept, revealing a sky overcast with slaty clouds. What with her wanderings of the night before and the journey through the dark with Roaring Bill, she had absolutely no idea of either direction or locality. The unfolding timber shut off the outlook.

"Do you suppose I can get home in time to open school?" she inquired anxiously.

Roaring Bill smiled. "I don't know," he answered. "It all depends."

"You know where you are now, don't you?" she asked.

"Not exactly," he responded. "But I will before long—I hope."

The ambiguity of his answer did not escape her. She puzzled over it while Bill ambled sedately behind the other horses. She hoped that Bill Wagstaff knew where he was going. If he did not—but she refused to entertain the alternative. And she began to watch eagerly for some sign of familiar ground.

For two hours Roaring Bill tramped through aisles bordered with pine and spruce and fir, through thickets of berry bush, and across limited areas of grassy meadow. Not once did they cross a road or a trail. Eventually Bill halted at a small stream to get a drink. Hazel looked at her watch. It was half past eight.

"Aren't we ever going to get there?" she called impatiently.

"Pretty soon," he called back, and struck out briskly again.

Another hour passed. Ahead of her, leading one pack horse and letting the other follow untrammelled, Roaring Bill kept doggedly on, halting for nothing, never looking back.

They crossed a ravine and slanted up a steep hillside. Presently Hazel could look away over an area of woodland undulating like a heavy ground swell at sea. Here and there ridges stood forth boldly above the general roll, and distantly she could descry a white-capped mountain range. They turned the end of a thick patch of pine scrub, and Bill pulled up in a small opening. From a case swinging at his belt he took out a pair of field glasses, and leisurely surveyed the country.

"Well?" Hazel interrogated.

"Nothing in sight, is there?" Bill said thoughtfully. "If the sun was out, now, funny I can't spot that Soda Creek trail."

"Don't you know this country at all?" she said gloomily.

"I thought I did," he replied. "But I can't seem to get my bearings to work out correctly. I'm awfully sorry to keep you in such a pickle. But it can't be helped."

He took up the lead rope and moved on. They dropped over the ridge crest and once more into the woods. Roaring Bill made his next halt beside a spring, and fell to unlashing the packs.

"What are you going to do?" Hazel asked.

"Cook a bite, and let the horses graze," he told her. "Do you realize that we've been going since daylight? It's near noon. Horses have to eat and rest once in a while, just the same as human beings."

The logic of this Hazel could not well deny, since she herself was tired and ravenously hungry. By her watch it was just noon.

Bill hobbled out his horses on the grass below the spring, made a fire, and set to work cooking. He worked steadily at the meal getting, fried steaks of venison, and boiled a pot of coffee. They ate. He filled his pipe, and smoked while he repacked. Altogether, he did not consume more than thirty minutes at the noon halt. Hazel, now woefully saddle sore, would fain have spent longer, and in default of

resting, tried to walk and lead Silk. Roaring Bill offered no objection to that. But he hit a faster gait. She could not keep up, and he did not slacken pace when she began to fall behind. So she mounted awkwardly, and Silk jolted and shook her with his trotting until he caught up with his mate. Bill grinned over his shoulder. "You're learning fast," he called back. "You'll be able to run a pack train by and by."

The afternoon wore on without bringing them any nearer Cariboo Meadows so far as Hazel could see. Traveling over a country swathed in timber and diversified in contour, she could not tell whether Roaring Bill swung in a circle or bore straight for some given point.

She called a halt at four o'clock. "Mr. Wagstaff!"

Bill stopped his horses and came back to her.

"Aren't we ever going to get anywhere?" she asked soberly. "I'm afraid I can't ride much longer. I could walk if you wouldn't go so fast. Aren't there any ranches in this country at all?"

He shook his head. "They're few and far between," he said. "Don't worry, though. It isn't a life-and-death matter. If we were out here without grub or horses it might be tough. You're in no danger from exposure or hunger."

"You don't seem to realize the position it puts me in," Hazel answered. "A wave of despondency swept over her, and her eyes grew suddenly bright with the tears she strove to keep back."

"If we wander around in the woods much longer, I'll simply be a sensation when I get back to Cariboo Meadows. I won't have a shred of reputation left. It will probably result in my losing the school. You're a man, and it's different with you. You can't know what a girl has to contend with where no one knows her."

Roaring Bill looked up at her impassively. "I know," he said, as if he had read her thought. "But what's the difference? Cariboo Meadows is only a fleabite. If you're right, and you know you're right, you can look the world in the eye and tell it collectively to go to the devil. Besides, you've got a perverted idea. People aren't so ready to give you the bad eye on somebody else's say-so. It would take a lot more than a flash drummer's word to convince me that you're a naughty little girl. Pshaw—forget it!"

Hazel colored hotly, but for the latter part of his speech she could have hugged him. Bill Wagstaff went a long way, in those brief sentences, toward demolishing her conviction that no man ever overlooked an opportunity of taking advantage of a woman.

"Well, let's get somewhere," he said abruptly. "If you're too saddle sore to ride, walk a while. I'll go slower."

She walked, and the exercise relieved the cramping ache in her limbs. Roaring Bill's slower pace was fast

enough at that. She followed till her strength began to fail. And when in spite of her determination she lagged behind, he stopped at the first water.

"We'll camp here," he said. "You're about all in, and we can't get anywhere tonight, I see plainly."

Hazel accepted this dictum as best she could. She sat down on a mossy rock while he stripped the horses of their gear and staked them out. Then Bill started a fire and fixed the roll of bedding by it for her to sit on. Dusk crept over the forest while he cooked the supper, making a bannock in the frying pan to take the place of bread; and when they had finished eating and washed the few dishes, night shut down black as the pit.

They talked little. Hazel was in the grip of utter forlornness, moody, wishful to cry. Roaring Bill humped on his side of the fire, staring thoughtfully into the blaze. After a long period of abstraction he glanced at his watch, then arose and silently arranged her bed. After that he spread his saddle blankets and lay down.

Hazel crept into the covers and quietly sobbed herself to sleep. The huge and silent land appalled her.

As on the previous night, she wakened often and glanced over to the fire. Roaring Bill kept his accustomed position, flat in the glow. She had no fear of him now.

Night passed, and dawn ushered in a clearing sky. Ragged wisps of clouds chased each other across the blue when they set out again. Hazel walked the stiffness out of her muscles before she mounted. When she did get on Silk, Roaring Bill increased his pace. He was long-legged and light of foot, apparently tireless. She asked no questions. What was the use? He would eventually come out somewhere. She was resigned to wait.

After a time she began to puzzle, and the old uneasiness came back. The last trailing banner of cloud vanished, and the sun rode clear in an opal sky, smiling benignly down on the forested land. She was thus enabled to locate the cardinal points of the compass. Wherefore she took to gauging their course by the shadows. And the result was what set her to thinking. Over level and ridge and swampy hollow, Roaring Bill drove straight north in an undeviating line. She recollected that the point from which she had lost her way had lain northeast of Cariboo Meadows. Even if they had swung in a circle, they could scarcely be pointing for the town in that direction. For another hour Bill held to the northern line as a needle holds to the pole. A swift rush of misty wind seized her.

"Mr. Wagstaff!" she called sharply.

Roaring Bill stopped, and she rode Silk up past the pack horses.

"Where are you taking me?" she demanded.

"Why, I'm taking you home—or trying to," he answered mildly.

"But you're going north," she declared. "You've been going north all morning. I was north of Cariboo Meadows when I got lost. How can we get back to Cariboo Meadows by going still farther north?"

"You're more of a woodsman than I imagined," Bill remarked gently. He smiled up at her, and drew out his pipe and tobacco pouch.

She looked at him for a minute. "Do you know where we are now?" she asked quietly.

He met her keen gaze calmly. "I do," he made laconic answer.

"Which way is Cariboo Meadows, then, and how far is it?" she demanded.

"General direction, south," he replied slowly. "Fifty miles more or less. Rather more than less."

"And you've been leading me straight north?" she cried. "Oh, what am I going to do?"

"Keep right on going," Wagstaff answered.

"I won't—I won't!" she flashed. "I'll find my own way back. What devilish impulse prompted you to do such a thing?"

"You'll have a beautiful time of it," he said dryly, completely ignoring her last question. "Take you three days to walk there—if you knew every foot of the way. And you don't know the way. Traveling in timber is confusing, as you've discovered. You'll never see Cariboo Meadows, or any other place, if you tackle it single-handed, without grub or matches or bedding. This is a whopping big country. A good many men have got lost in it—and other men have found their bones."

He let this sink in while she sat there on his horse choking back a wild desire to curse him by bell, book and candle for what he had done, and holding in check the fear of what he might yet do. She could not escape the conclusion that Roaring Bill Wagstaff was something of a law unto himself, capable of heaving to the line of his own desires at any cost. She realized her utter helplessness, and the realization left her without words. He had drawn a vivid picture, and the instinct of self-preservation asserted itself.

"You misled me," she found her voice at last. "Why?"

"Did I mislead you?" he parried.

"Weren't you already lost when you came to my camp? And have I mis-treated you in any manner? Have I refused you food, shelter or help?"

"My home is in Cariboo Meadows," she persisted. "I asked you to take me there. You led me away from there deliberately, I believe now."

"My trail doesn't happen to lead to Cariboo Meadows, that's all," Roaring Bill coolly told her. "If you must go back there, I shan't restrain you in any way whatever. But I'm for home myself. And that,"—he came close and smiled frankly up at her—"is a better place than Cariboo Meadows. I've got a little house back in the woods. There's grub there, and meat in the forest, and fish in the streams. It's home for me. Why should I go back to Cariboo Meadows? Or you?"

"Why should I go with you?" she demanded scornfully.

"Because I want you to," he murmured.

They matched glances for a second. Wagstaff smiling, she half horrified.

"Are you clean mad?" she asked angrily. "I was beginning to think you a gentleman."

Bill threw back his head and laughed. Then on the instant he sobered. "Not a gentleman," he said. "I'm a plain man. And lonesome sometimes for a mate, as nature has ordained to be the way of flesh."

"Get a squaw, then," she sneered. "I've heard that such people as you do that."

"Not me," he returned, unflinching. "I want a woman of my own kind."

"Heaven save me from that classification!" she observed, with emphasis on the pronoun.

"Yes?" he drawled. "Well, there's no profit in arguing the point. Let's be getting on."

He reached for the lead rope of the nearest pack horse.

Hazel urged Silk up a step. "Mr. Wagstaff," she cried, "I must go back." "You can't go back without me," he said. "And I'm not traveling that way, thank you."

"Please—oh, please!" she begged forlornly.

Roaring Bill's face hardened. "I will not," he said flatly. "I'm going to play the game my way. And I'll play fair. That's the only promise I will make."

She took a look at the encompassing woods, and her heart sank at facing those shadowy stretches alone and unguided. The truth of his statement that she would never reach Cariboo Meadows forced itself home. There was but the one way out, and her woman's wit would have to save her.

"Go on, then," she gritted, in a swift surge of anger. "I am afraid to face this country alone. I admit my helplessness. But, so help me heaven, I'll make you pay for this dirty trick!"

"You're not a man! You're a cur—a miserable, contemptible scoundrel!"

"Whew!" Roaring Bill laughed. "Those are pretty names. Just the same, I admire your grit. Well, here we go!"

He took up the lead rope, and went on without even looking to see if she followed. If he had made the slightest attempt to force her to come, if he had betrayed the least uncertainty as to whether she would come, Hazel would have swung down from the saddle and set her face stubbornly southward in sheer defiance of him. But such is the peculiar complexity of a woman that she took one long glance backward, and then fell in behind the packs. She was weighted down with dread of the unknown, boiling over with rage at the man who swung light-footed in the lead; but nevertheless she followed him.

All the rest of the day they bore steadily northward. Hazel had no idea of Bill Wagstaff's destination. She was too bitter against him to ask, after admitting that she could not face the wilderness alone. She knew nothing of the North, but she thought there must be some mode of communication or transportation. If she could once get in touch with other people—well, she would show Roaring Bill. Of course, getting back to Cariboo Meadows meant a new start in the world, for she had no hope, nor any desire, to teach school there after this episode. She found herself facing that prospect unmoved, however. The important thing was getting out of her present predicament.

Roaring Bill made his camp that night as if no change in their attitude had taken place. To all his efforts at conversation she turned a deaf ear and a stony countenance. She proposed to eat his food and use his bedding, because that was necessary. But socially

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO: N. C. Phillips, Plaintiff, vs. Hattie Phillips, Defendant. No. 1530

Notice of Suit Pending

The State of New Mexico to Hattie Phillips, Defendant: GREETING: You are hereby notified that there has been filed in the District Court of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, a suit entitled and styled as above, wherein the plaintiff, N. C. Phillips, complains that you, his legal wife, have abandoned and ceased to live with him, and that the general objects of said suit are that plaintiff obtain a divorce from the bonds of matrimony existing with you.

You are further notified that unless you appear or plead on or before the 15th day of March, 1918, you will be adjudged in default and judgment for plaintiff will be rendered.

Plaintiff's attorney is James A. Hall and his business address is Portales, New Mexico. Witness my hand and seal of office at Portales, New Mexico, this 5th day of January, 1918. (SEAL) SETH A. MORRISON, Clerk.

V. J. Campbell

AUCTIONEER

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CARDUI

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PHONE NO. 11

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ROOSEVELT COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO: In the matter of the last will and testament of John W. Spurlock, deceased. No. 180

NOTICE

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ss. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of December, 1917, John W. Spurlock, late of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, departed this life; that prior to his death he made and executed in writing his last will and testament, disposing of his property, which said will has been filed in said Probate Court; that

Mary E. Spurlock, of Inez, New Mexico; J. S. Spurlock, of Inez, New Mexico; John M. Spurlock, of Fort Smith, Arkansas; F. L. Robinson, of Inez, New Mexico; Arthur N. Spurlock, of Inez, New Mexico; Lowell L. Spurlock, of Inez, New Mexico; Myrtle M. Spurlock, of Inez, New Mexico; and Charles W. Spurlock, of Inez, New Mexico; are the sole legatees and devisees, and the only persons named in said will; that said will of deceased be probated according to law.

You are further notified that Monday, the 4th day of March, 1918, the same being the 1st day of the regular March term of the Probate Court, has been fixed as the date for proving the said alleged last will and testament of said deceased; that said court will, at said time, examine witnesses, and hear testimony for or against said will, or any objections that may be made thereunto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Probate Court this 15th day of January, 1918.

(SEAL) SETH A. MORRISON, Clerk. 12-15 By A. J. GOODWIN, Deputy.

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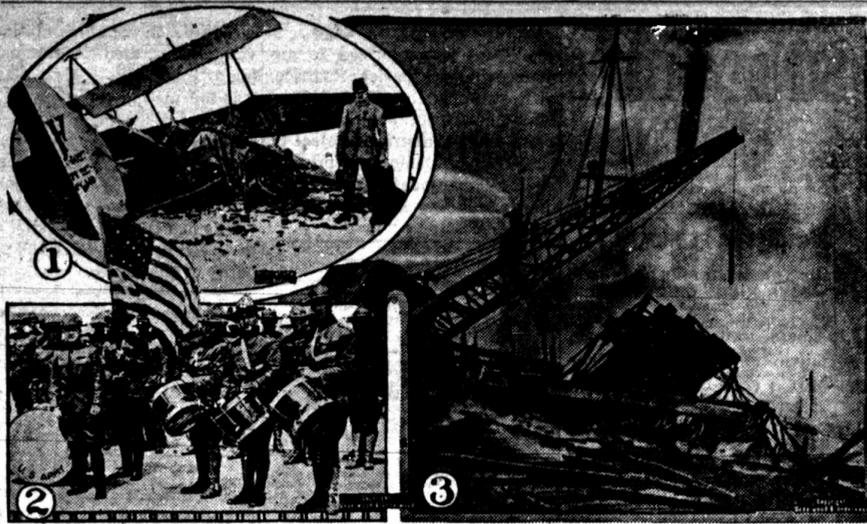
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NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

AMERICA AND ALLIES ARE LAYING PLANS FOR VICTORY BEFORE YEAR CLOSES.

GERMAN STRIKES SPREADING

Workmen of Empire Demand Peace—Civil War Rages in Finland—Italians Drive Back Austrians—Secretary Baker's Excellent Defense Checks Criticism.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

Washington correspondents were permitted to say, last Friday, that the United States and the entente allies are maturing plans of supreme importance which, it is hoped and believed, will bring the war to an end before the close of this year. What the project is, cannot be stated, but it is known that this country is about to use its men and resources on a far greater scale than has been considered possible, and that there will be close co-operation by all the opponents of the central powers.

In a message to American farmers, President Wilson declared the culminating crisis of the struggle has come, and that we must and shall win. He added that victory or defeat would be decided this year.

Industrial Germany at last seems to be rising in its strength, demanding that the war be ended without indemnities and annexations and that the condition of the proletariat be improved. This is really the big news of the past week, for if the hundreds of thousands of striking workmen, backed by the women of the country, can gain the support of a considerable part of the German army the autocrats and militarists may be driven from power or forced to recede greatly from their pan-German program in order to retain their hold on the reins of government. In Berlin, Hamburg, Kiel and the Chemnitz industrial district of Saxony work has come to a standstill and all over the empire there are strikes. According to the meager dispatches from Germany, the soldiers and strikers fought in the suburbs of Berlin and some deaths resulted, though in several instances the soldiers refused to fire on the people. The two socialist factions are conducting the great demonstration, and many of their leaders are said to have been arrested. Three important newspapers of Berlin were suppressed. Minister of the Interior Waltrauf refused to hold a conference with the delegates of the workmen.

Such was the condition of affairs, if surface indications meant anything. But the foreign correspondents in Holland and elsewhere were dubious. They more than half believed the imperial government had stirred up the strike movement in the hope that it would affect the entente countries and bring about peace, or that it intended to use the movement to break off negotiations with the Russian bolshevik.

There was much uncertainty as to what was going on in Austria, as the censorship was very active. Reports from Vienna were that the state granaries there were destroyed by a conflagration which the revolutionaries were accused of having started.

From Petrograd came the statement that the workmen of Warsaw had struck in protest against Von Kuehlmann's demand that Russia recognize a Polish government protected by Germany.

It is interesting to learn that William B. Thompson, formerly head of the American Red-Cross mission to Russia, contributed a million dollars or more to promote the spread of bolshevik propaganda in Germany and Austria, believing it would be the greatest instrument in the undermining of the militarist regimes in the central powers. This idea seems to be aviators have carried vast quantities fully justified by results. The Russian

of bolshevik literature across the lines, and this, together with the general publication of President Wilson's war aims address, has had immense influence.

The conflict in Finland between the government of that new republic and the revolutionists, who seek to follow the example of their brethren in Russia, has resulted in some sharp fighting. The so-called white guard, supporting the government in northern Finland, defeated the red guard despite the help given the latter by Russian soldiers, and then began a march on the southern part of the country, where the red guards were in control. A report that Sweden had intervened in behalf of the government was denied.

The Roumanians joined forces with the Ukrainians under the command of General Stecherbatheff, whom the bolshevik declared an outlaw, and invaded Bessarabia, partly to restore order there and especially to protect great stores of supplies belonging to Roumania that had been removed there at the time of the German invasion. This move, added to other sources of irritation, caused the Russian government to break off all relations with Roumania and to announce that it would fight the Ukraine. The troops of the rada got into action, and in Volhynia they defeated the bolsheviks, taking possession of Lutsk.

On the other hand, the Ukrainians were forced to surrender Kiev to the bolshevik troops.

The bolshevik seem not to have come to any agreement as to the peace negotiations with Germany, and it was reported the breach between the Lenin and the Trotsky factions was widening. The premier favored yielding to the German demands, as might be expected from him, while Trotsky firmly opposed such a course.

The negotiations at Brest-Litovsk were resumed on Tuesday, the Russian delegates returning as the "representatives of the world proletariat," for the pansoviet congress in Petrograd has declared for a holy war against all imperialists. Trotsky was given a free hand in dealing with the central powers.

Italy struck suddenly and hard last week at the Austrian line on the eastern Asiago plateau. The dashing Italians broke through the enemy's positions, took some 1,500 prisoners and repulsed all counter-attacks. A day or so later they attacked again, taking enemy positions on Col del Rosso and Col Dechele and finally pushing on to the capture of Monte di Val Bella, a dominating height. A thousand more prisoners, many guns and large quantities of supplies were taken. The Teutonic resistance to these attacks was strong, but the Italians, who had valuable assistance from the French and British batteries and aviators, were not to be withstood. This looked like the beginning of a real offensive that might develop into a drive of magnitude, the probable object being to drive the enemy back against the slopes of the snow-covered Alps.

On the west front there was ever-increasing artillery activity but no notable infantry movements. The much-advertised German offensive still was delayed, perhaps waiting for internal troubles to simmer down. The sector held by the Americans was subjected to frequent shelling, and one early morning trench raid was made there, so that General Pershing had to report a number of casualties.

Our government gave out the gratifying news that sixteen great transports, the biggest armada ever sent out by America, had arrived safely at French ports and unloaded thousands of soldiers and immense quantities of war material. The assembling of the men and the departure of the vessels were successfully kept secret, and all submarines were avoided. The transports were all formerly German or Austrian steamships that were seized by America, among them being the Leviathan, which was the Vaterland, largest of Atlantic liners. The German press had led the German people to believe that most of these ships had been damaged by their crews beyond repair.

According to Secretary of War

Baker, the United States now has nearly half a million men in France, and a million and a half more who will be ready to go whenever transportation is provided. Which does not accord with the opinion expressed by certain eminent Boches that the military power of America need give Germany no anxiety, because no great number of our troops can be taken over to Europe.

Stimulated, perhaps, by the successful attacks of allied aviators on Mannheim and other German cities, the kaiser's air forces made two big raids on successive nights on London and southeast England. The bombs dropped by the first expedition killed 27 persons, 12 women and children, and all but one in the metropolis, and injured a considerable number. The second bunch of raiders murdered only two.

For the first time in months Paris was raided by enemy aviators. They attacked the city in considerable numbers and killed 20 persons and wounded 50.

Secretary Baker, at his own request, appearing a second time before the senate committee on military affairs, made an address that created so excellent an impression that much of the criticism of him and his management of the war department was silenced. He spoke frankly and eloquently, no longer seeking to cover up the faults of the bureau, but asserting that his critics had made it appear that specific cases were characteristic of general conditions, which was not true, and that every mistake discovered had been rectified and none of them repeated. His explanation and defense of most of the criticized acts of his department sounded convincing, and he displayed no ill temper or animosity.

The immediate result was an amicable conference between Secretary Baker and Senator Chamberlain. The senator assured the secretary the urging of the munitions director and war cabinet bills was due only to patriotic desire to help win the war and in no way was intended to reflect on the administration. Mr. Baker finally agreed to reconsider his objections to the former measure, but asked that the latter be shelved. It was believed that if the position of munitions director is created it will be filled by Mr. Stettinius, who already, in the reorganization, has been made surveyor general of army supplies. His long experience as purchasing agent for the entente allies seems to fit him peculiarly for the place.

The good results of the senate investigation and of the general criticism directed against some features of the war department's management are apparent daily, and the improvement may go on until all the critics are satisfied except those who hold that a professed pacifist is not the man for secretary of war in war time.

Secretary Lansing announced Wednesday that an agreement had been arranged by the United States, Great Britain and Canada providing that subjects of each country in any of the others may return home within sixty days for military service, and if they do not they may be drafted where they are.

The British and Canadian recruiting missions in the United States, under the command of competent and experienced officers who have all done their bit at the front, have been getting reasonably good results in New York, New England, Chicago, and many other sections of the country, and they will hail with joy such a pact as is planned, for there are thousands of British subjects in the United States who only need to be pushed a little in order to get them into the armed service of their country.

Explosions and fires in plants that are making war material continue to be disgustingly frequent, despite the efforts of the secret service to catch the spies and agents responsible. One of the worst of these occurrences was a great explosion in the naval torpedo station at Newport News, Va. Another was a disastrous fire on oil barges that threatened the big government shipyard at Port Newark. Federal agents believe many of these outrages are the work of pacifists who call themselves Americans.

On "Cleaning Up."
Let's all appoint ourselves as a committee of one to help keep the town clean and healthy and let's make a good start by cleaning up our own premises, urges the Lake Charles, (La.) American Press. In other words, be consistent, let's all practice exactly what we preach. If every person will do this, we shall have one of the healthiest cities in the country. In no other way can this much-to-be-desired condition be obtained. By waiting for the other fellow to start first, nobody

starts, and we just go along in a perfunctory way from day to day and year to year. Lake Charles is already healthy and clean, but nobody will deny that the city could be made a whole lot healthier and cleaner, and the way to do it is for everybody to clean up their own premises and keep them clean, and this applies especially to the back yards and alleys where tin cans, empty boxes, discarded things and that accumulate from time to time.



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Notice To Taxpayers!

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, that the tax assessor or a deputy will visit the precincts of the county at the time and place designated below, for the purpose of making the assessments of all taxable property for the year 1918.

ASSESSOR'S NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

"The laws of the State of New Mexico require that every inhabitant of the State, of full age and sound mind, shall, in each year, make a list of all property subject to taxation of which he is the owner or has the control or management. Such list must be on the form prescribed by law by the State Tax Commission and must be made and filed in the office of the County Assessor on or after the first day of January and not later than the last business day of February of each year."

In compliance with law and for the convenience of taxpayers I will be at the various places in Roosevelt County on the respective dates as follows, for the purpose of taking lists of property:

Precinct No.	Name and Location	Date	Precinct No.	Name and Location	Date
1	Portales, Assessor's Office	Jan. 1 to Feb. 28	24	New Hope Postoffice	Jan. 30
13	Midway, Tom Davidson's Res.	Jan. 14	25	Delphos Postoffice	Feb. 1
7	Arch, Postoffice	Jan. 15	29	Kenna, Kenna Bank	Feb. 4
16	Inez, Postoffice	Jan. 16	10	Valley View Postoffice	Feb. 5
15	Cox's Store, 7 A. M. to 12 M.	Jan. 17	9	Eagle Hill Postoffice	Feb. 6
28	Emzy, Postoffice, 12:30 P.M. to 5 P.M.	Jan. 17	9	Milnesand Postoffice	Feb. 7
15	Garrison Postoffice	Jan. 18	28	Bluit Postoffice	Feb. 8
11	Rogers Postoffice	Jan. 21	3	Deren Postoffice	Feb. 11
6	Longs Postoffice	Jan. 22	21	Benson Postoffice	Feb. 12
30	Richland Postoffice	Jan. 23	20	Claudell Postoffice	Feb. 13
8	Cromer Postoffice	Jan. 24	18	Upton Postoffice	Feb. 14
14	Frank Parker Res. (Old Newcomb Place)	Jan. 25	5	Tolar Postoffice	Feb. 25-26
17	Redlake Postoffice	Jan. 28	22	Perry School House	Feb. 27
12	Dora Store	Jan. 29	2	Elida, 1st door south Postoffice	Feb. 18 to 23

Any person failing to meet me at these appointments may make return to my office in Portales at any time within the limits fixed by law as given above, or blank for making rendition will be sent upon application, by mail or in person, to my office.

"A penalty of twenty-five per cent in addition to the regular valuation, must be added to the value of all property not listed for assessment within the time and in the form prescribed by law. No exceptions can be made to this law."

Respectfully yours,
BURL JOHNSON, Assessor
Roosevelt County, New Mexico

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Political Announcements

The News is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, Roosevelt County:

FOR JUDGE, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT:

J. G. OSBURN
SAM G. BRATTON
CHARLES R. BRICE.

FOR PROBATE JUDGE:

CLEVE COMPTON (re-election)
F. G. CALLAWAY

FOR SHERIFF:

A. L. (ARCH) GREGG (re-election)
W. E. (EMZY) ROBERTS.

FOR COUNTY CLERK:

SETH A. MORRISON (re-election)

FOR COUNTY TREASURER:

JOHN W. BALLOW (re-election)

FOR TAX ASSESSOR:

BURL JOHNSON (re-election)
J. N. (NOLAN) McCALL
JOSH. E. MORRISON

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT:

SAM J. STINNETT (re-election)

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1:

DR. J. S. PEARCE (re-election)

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2:

ED. WALL (re-election)

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3:

CHARLES S. TOLAR.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Acting Director of the Sunday School Course of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.)
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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 17

JESUS TEACHING FIVE PARABLES—FOUR KINDS OF GROUND.

LESSON TEXT—Mark 4:1-20.
GOLDEN TEXT—Take heed therefore how ye hear.—Luke 8:18.
ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FOR TEACHERS—Matt. 13:1-30; 36-42.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus telling a story about sowing seed.
PRIMARY MEMORY VERSE—Be ye doers of the word.—James 1:22.

Jesus tells us plainly why he taught so much by means of parables (Matt. 13:10-13). The truth had to be taught; hence the parable, that those to whom it was given to know the messages of the kingdom, those who sought it, might know and understand, and that to the others it might be hidden (Mark 4:11, 12). Like all his parables, Jesus draws his pictures from the common experiences of life—the field, the home, etc. Paul draws his illustrations chiefly from the city, the army, the market. In studying this lesson we must turn to the parallel account as given by Luke and Matthew to get the full and complete picture.

What is the seed? Luke says that Jesus told his disciples that the seed was the Word of God (Luke 18:11). We get the same thought in verse fourteen of the lesson. A great deal is being made today of seed selection. Some wonderful results have been obtained. How much more important for those of us who deal with immortal souls that we select the best seed, i. e., the Word of God.

The second consideration is the sower (v. 14). Notice he went forth not to "sow," not is it recorded that he was "sore" because the people did not all receive the seed alike. He did not have a grouse; he did not enter into his work that he might receive the adulation of men (Matt. 6:2). It is, however, the "soil" that seems to be most emphasized in both the direct teaching and also the explanation of the parable. There are four kinds of soil. The manner by which the seed came into contact with each kind of soil is significant. Some fell "by" the wayside; the path was well trodden; the ground was preoccupied; e. g., it was used for other purposes than to yield a harvest; it was hard to be broken, and hence it was an easy matter for the birds of the air (v. 15) to come and pluck it away. We need to remember that if men receive with meekness the implanted word, there will, of course, be no such opportunity for the evil one. The trouble in this case was that the Word was not implanted. Thus it is that one-fourth of the seed is lost. The result is a deplorable one as we see from Heb. 2:1-4. Is the soil of our life so hard that God must drive the plowshare clean through it ere there is a chance for the seed to take root? (Ps. 129:3).

The next fell "on" the rocky ground. The first is a picture of the hardened, and this is a picture of the superficial hearer. For a time they did run well. They even received the Word with gladness (v. 16), but they had no stability because they had no root. They were superficial. There was no chance for the seed to get a real grip on their lives. The earth yields its increase though we do not understand. So God will add his 95 per cent to our 5 per cent. The oak tree comes from small seed.

In the third place Jesus speaks of the seed that fell "among" the thorns. Here is the worldly soil. It is not so much the character of the soil, it is the character of that which already occupied the soil ere the sower sowed the seed. The cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches and "other things" had so entered in that the good seed never had a chance in the soil of the human heart. It was choked and yielded no fruit. There was no real grip of the will, no whole-hearted surrender. The cares of life that keep the housewife or the business man; the deceitfulness of riches that snare men and choke the word which at the time gave such promise in their lives; the lusts and other things which the evil one knows so well how to use keep us from the Word, for Satan knows that by it we are to be saved (Luke 18:12). Are we impulsive? Do we make vows soon forgotten, ties that soon fade away or fall beneath the temptations for lack of root? May God blast and turn up the subsoil of our hearts by strong convictions of sin, and so occupy the soil that there is no opportunity for other things.

We have thus seen three-fourths of the seed lost. Of the remaining fourth, that which fell "into" (R. V.) the good soil, not all yielded the same return. It all brought forth (v. 7); it all yielded; it all sprang up, but not all in the same ratio.

There are three distinguishing features of this last kind of hearers: (1) They hear the Word. These are the ones who appreciate its value and give good heed to its precepts. (2) They accept it e. g. they understand its teachings. They take it into good and honest hearts. (3) They hold it fast (Luke 8:15 R. V.) These are the ones of which martyrs are made.

Jesus was a great open-air preacher (vv. 1-2) and like all others he has various kinds of hearers the half-hearted hearer the shallow-hearted hearer. The way to reach the masses is to go where the masses are.

Brice for District Judge

The News is authorized to announce Judge Charles R. Brice, of Roswell, as a candidate for the office of District Judge for the Fifth Judicial-district, subject to the action of Democratic primaries. Further mention of his candidacy will appear in the News next week.

NOTICE OF SUIT

In the District Court of Roosevelt County, State of New Mexico.
James F. Garmann, Administrator of the estate of Edraza Pincine, Deceased, Plaintiff.
vs.
The Unknown Heirs-at-Law and all unknown persons having or claiming any interest in the property and estate of Edraza Pincine, deceased, Defendants.

The State of New Mexico to the unknown heirs-at-law and all unknown persons having or claiming any interest in the property and estate of Edraza Pincine, deceased, Greeting: You and each of you are hereby notified that suit has been instituted in the district court of Roosevelt county, New Mexico, entitled as above, wherein James F. Garmann as administrator of the estate of Edraza Pincine, is the plaintiff, and you are the defendants; that the general objects of said suit are to secure an order from the district court directing that in the absence of a personal estate, the real estate of the said deceased, to-wit: The lots three and four of block number two of the Benson Addition to the Town of Portales, and the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto belonging, be sold for the purpose of making payment of the claims that have been allowed by the Probate Court of Roosevelt county, New Mexico.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 25th day of March, 1918, you will be adjudged in default and plaintiff will be granted the relief that he prays.

Witness my hand and the seal of our district court at Portales, New Mexico, this 9th day of February, 1918.

Attest (seal) SETH A. MORRISON, County Clerk

Clean cotton rags wanted at the News office.

Mrs. J. M. Shafer, of Plainview, Texas, died Friday morning of this week. Mrs. Shafer was the mother of Mrs. S. E. Moore of this place, who was with her at the time of her death. Mrs. Shafer will be remembered by many Portales citizens as she and her husband spent several weeks in Portales last fall. The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of the entire community.

Scottish Rite Reunion, Santa Fe, N. M.
February 18-20, 1918

For above occasion tickets will be on sale February 16, 17, 18 and 19, at rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, good for return February 22nd, 1918.

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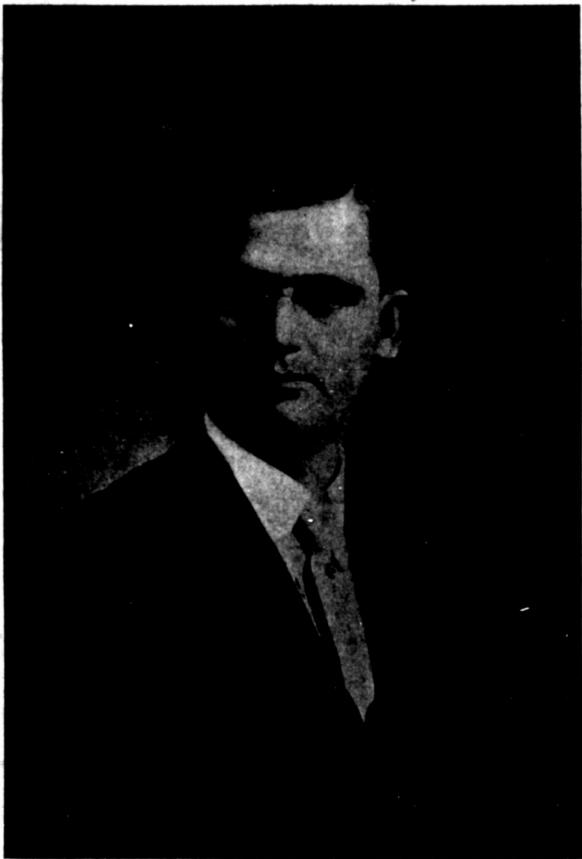
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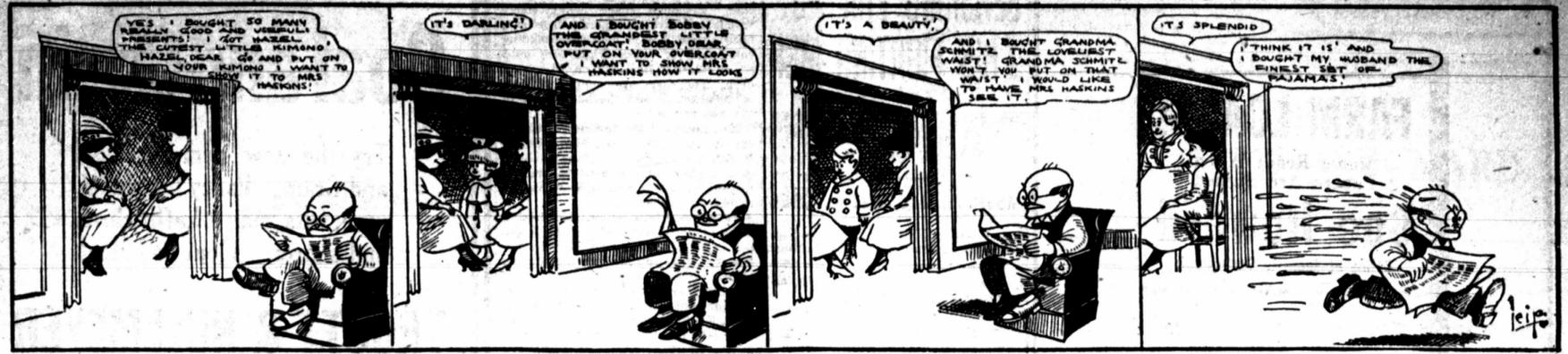
Indications are that there will be two vacancies on the Fifth Judicial bench. With Judge John T. McClure running for the office of Supreme Judge, and Judge Granville A. Richardson in the race for the United States Senate, why shouldn't Roosevelt county have one of the judges?

Roosevelt county has always done her part in producing the Democratic vote and helping the other fellow win, so why not Roosevelt county assert her rights? And why not the other counties in the district stand by Roosevelt county's candidate for this important office, Judge of the Fifth Judicial District?

Wake up and speak up and let's elect James A. Hall, of Portales, Roosevelt county, New Mexico to the office of District Judge.

DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS

You can hardly blame Father for getting nervous



NEW MEXICO STATE NEWS

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
COMING EVENTS.
 Feb. 11-12—New Mexico Electrical Association meeting at Silver City.
 March 4-6—Stockmen's convention at Roswell.
 March 12-14—Annual meeting New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers' Association at Las Vegas.
 March, 1918—Wool Growers' convention at Roswell.
 Clayton is boring for artesian water. Deming has ordered a \$7,400 fire truck.
 It is stated that Clayton is to have a third bank.
 Mrs. V. K. Reynolds, postmistress at Springer, has been re-appointed.
 State retailers met at Albuquerque and formed a strong organization.
 The home of Mr. Locke, railroad maintainer at Corona, was destroyed by fire.
 Tucumcari is organizing a band under the leadership of a musician from Amarillo.
 Plans are being made by the Springer Red Cross Society to take a surgical work.
 The New Mexico Bankers' Association will hold its annual convention in Santa Fe, Sept. 9-10.
 The Farmers and Homeseekers' week at State College was profitable to all who attended.
 Dr. Craig of Fort Sumner has received a captain's commission in the reserve medical corps.
 Steps have been taken by farmers of Colfax county for the organization of a county farm bureau.
 Construction work on the \$300,000 postoffice at Santa Fe, will be started within the next six weeks.
 Gilbert Espinosa of Albuquerque has been appointed to West Point by Congressman W. B. Walton.
 The county commissioners have voted \$1,000 toward the expense of repaving the streets of Carrizozo.
 Santa Fe county during the past fiscal year collected in taxes \$162,072.96. Payments were \$201,456.46.
 Walter Ross caught an immense eagle in a trap near Roy. He measured more than seven feet from tip to tip.
 Harvey B. Taylor of Farmington has been appointed by Congressman W. B. Walton to a cadetship at Annapolis.
 The Colfax county chapter of the Red Cross is making weekly shipments of knitted garments to the Denver headquarters.
 A permanent organization of the Dona Ana Poultry Association was perfected at a meeting held at the farm bureau at Las Cruces.
 "Porkless Saturday" offers a new opportunity for patriotic conservers of the meat which must go to America's associates in the war.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Newsom's home on their homestead three miles southeast of Hagerman, together with practically all of their possessions, was destroyed by fire.
 William J. Cone, a wagoner in the supply company of the 134th infantry, was struck by a service car on West Pine street in Deming, and died within ten minutes.
 The Year Book of the New Mexico Federation of Women's Clubs has been mailed out to the club members of the state; also a number of copies were sent to other states.
 That the children of New Mexico can send a carload of sugar to France is the idea of State Food Administrator R. C. Ely, presented to the people of Clayton during the "Conservation Day" meeting.
 The production for the Mogollon mining district for 1917 was 12,590 ounces gold and 723,581 ounces silver, at present prices \$903,000.
 Improvements of highways throughout the state which may be used for the transportation of freight and produce which otherwise must be carried by the railroads is being urged by the New Mexico Council of Defense.
 In the first fourteen working days of January the office of Secretary of State Lucero mailed to 9,301 owners of automobiles and motorcycles the new licenses and tags. This is an average of nearly 700 per day.
 Reports from Camp Funston at Fort Riley, Kan., where many of the New Mexico soldier boys have been

sent, show the lowest number of rejections for physical defects on final examinations. The percentage is 72.
 Major Webb, assistant adjutant general of New Mexico, wired from Denver that he was successful in passing the examination for a commission in the aviation section of the signal corps, non-flying, and has been recommended for a captaincy in the regular army.
 Wild animals and rodents annually destroy thousands of dollars worth of cattle range and cattle, and the Cattle Association should cooperate with the federal and state governments to exterminate these pests, former Governor W. C. McDonald told the executive committee of the New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers' Association during its quarterly session at Tucumcari.
 The officials of the United Mine Workers of America have officially called off the strike in the Gallup fields.
 While searching for 21 head of registered thoroughbred White face heifers which had been stolen from his pastures, T. E. Mitchell of Roy found a pile of hides in a ravine. The hides were found to be from animals belonging to Emilio Gonzales, indicating that thieves are engaged in killing range stock.

At the meeting of the New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers' Association in Las Vegas in March, Governor Lindsey will deliver the address of welcome for the state. Former Governor W. C. McDonald will make the response, as a member of the Livestock Men's Association.
 From Frost, Quay county, comes the story of a cattle-killing burro. Asa Horn, a farmer, discovered a fine Jersey heifer so badly hurt that it died. He kept watch and before long saw his pet burro killing a calf. A shotgun ended the burro's sport for all time.
 One hundred twenty-four alien soldiers of the Thirty-fourth National Guard division, comprising former National Guardsmen of Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska, were ordered discharged from the army at Deming "for the good of the service."
 Miss Isabel Eckles, president of the New Mexico Educational Association, has been honored on the program of the National Association of State Supervisors and Inspectors of Rural Schools which is to meet the end of the month in Atlantic City.
 The executive committee of the New Mexico Wool Growers' Association met in Albuquerque and completed plans for the annual convention which is to be held in Albuquerque

March 18 and 19.
 Roswell is making extensive preparations to care for the cattle men and other visitors attending the Panhandle & Southwestern Stockmen's convention which meets in that city March 5, 6 and 7.
 More than a half million acres of land in eastern Chaves county, and including a portion of the Roswell land district have been designated for entry March 11 under the stock raising homestead laws.
 The New Mexico educators have been invited to attend a conference in Chicago on Feb. 21 to 23, in connection with the Congress of National Service.
 Harry James of Chloride, Sierra county, was appointed a county commissioner by Governor Lindsey to succeed Frank A. Calhoun, resigned.
 Governor Lindsey has granted a pardon and has restored to citizenship A. L. Kabon, of Quay county, who served a two year's sentence for burglary.
 Warden Thomas Hughes of the state penitentiary left Santa Fe with 33 convicts who will be used on road work near Alamogordo.
 On the mesa in the Roy vicinity 61, 128 acres were planted to wheat last fall, and 101,160 acres, all told, are under cultivation.

Sale Bills

If you need some come in and see US
 In the District Court of Roosevelt County, New Mexico.
 J. H. Wadlington and F. W. Faxon, Trustee, and Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. of Memphis, Tenn., Receiver of Speedway Land Co., of Memphis, Tenn., Plaintiffs.
 vs.
 Jas. D. Lester and Elizabeth S. Lester, Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment rendered in the district court of Roosevelt county, New Mexico, on the 6th day of December, A. D. 1917, wherein the above-named plaintiffs obtained judgment against said named defendants James D. Lester and Elizabeth S. Lester, his wife, for the sum of \$767.90, and all cost of suit, and in which said final judgment the undersigned was appointed Special Master and empowered to advertise and sell the lands and property described in said decree, to-wit: Southeast quarter section 26, township 3 south of range 31 east, New Mexico principal meridian, said tract to be sold containing 160 acres of land, according to the government survey thereof, and all the improvements thereon and all the appurtenances thereto belonging.
 Therefore, I will at the front door of the court house in Portales, New Mexico, at the hour of ten o'clock, in the forenoon of the 16th day of March, 1918, offer for sale and sell at public auction and vendue to the highest bidder for cash in accordance with the decree of the court, the said lands and apply the proceeds thereof in satisfaction of said judgment, interest and costs.
 Witness my hand this 15th day of February, 1918.
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United States Food Administration
 RALPH C. ELY, FEDERAL FOOD ADMINISTRATOR FOR NEW MEXICO

PUBLICITY DIVISION
 E. Dana Johnson, Director

Santa Fe, New Mexico, February 6, 1918.

To Millers, Wholesale and Retail Grocers and Dealers in Wheat Flour:
 On January 30, 1918, this office issued a modification of the fifty-fifty rule requiring wholesalers to sell to retailers in the proportion of one pound of wheat flour to one pound of other named cereal substitutes, and the retailer sell on the same basis to consumer. Manufacturers of flour also come under the rule. This modification of the above rule is hereby revoked and, after this date, all persons effected or coming within the Wheat Conservation rules, as issued by the Food Administration, Washington, shall comply with the rule absolutely and in each sale of wheat flour shall require purchaser to take an equal amount in pounds of wheat substitutes.

The only authorized wheat substitutes under this rule are: Hominy, Corn Grits, Corn Meal, Corn Flour, Oatmeal, Rolled Oats, Corn Starch, Rice Flour, Buckwheat Flour, Potato Flour, Sweet Potato Flour, Soy Bean Flour, Barley Flour, and Feterita Flour and Meals. Potatoes, Beans and Rice are not authorized substitutes. A corrected message from Food Administration states that rice can be shipped to Allies.

This office will assist our merchants in every way possible to procure the authorized substitutes and priority in shipments. We ask our mills in New Mexico, if they are not already equipped to do so, to provide the necessary means of grinding corn and barley especially. If they have any difficulty in securing corn or barley we will assist them in procuring it. The fifty-fifty rule is a war measure. It is not an arbitrary rule but one of necessity.

RALPH C. ELY, Federal Food Administrator for New Mexico.

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Feed Manufacturers and Dealers Must
Secure Licenses by February 15—
New Courses Added to Medical
Training Camps.

(From Committee on Public Information.)

Washington.—In a recent communication to Secretary of War Baker, the commander of the American expeditionary forces said:

"There has never been a similar body of men to lead as clean lives as our American soldiers in France. They have entered this war with the highest devotion to duty and with no other idea than to perform these duties in most efficient manner possible. They fully realize their obligation to their own people, their friends, and the country. A rigid program of instruction is carried out daily with traditional American enthusiasm. Engaged in healthy, interesting exercises in the open air, with simple diets, officers and men, like trained athletes, are ready for their tasks. Forbidden the use of strong drink and protected by stringent regulations against sexual evils, and supported by their own moral courage, their good behavior is the subject of most favorable comments, especially by our allies. American mothers may rest assured that their sons are a credit to them and to the nation, and they may well look forward to the proud day when on the battlefield these splendid men will shed a new luster on American manhood."

Manufacturers of and dealers in commercial feeds for live stock, cattle and hogs must secure licenses under the food administration by February 15. This covers baled hay, shelled and ear corn and many other commodities intended for use as feeds or as ingredients in mixed feeds. The only exceptions are for millers manufacturing bran and dealers in coarse grains who have already been placed under food administration licenses.

Applications for license should be addressed to the license division, Food Administration, Washington, D. C., specifying the nature of the business to be licensed.

Ten new sections are included in the courses for officers in medical training camps at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and Fort Riley, Kan. Fort Riley has a capacity of 7,000 men, and enlargement of the school at Fort Oglethorpe to the same size has been authorized, its present capacity being 5,500. The ultimate needs of the medical department of the army look to training camps with capacities totaling 35,000 to 40,000 officers and men.

There have been graduated from medical training camps since June 1, or are now under instruction, about 9,000 officers and 20,000 enlisted men. Various groups now in active service have been trained, including officers and men, to operate ambulance companies, field hospitals, evacuation hospitals, base hospitals, and hospital trains.

For work in the enlisted Veterinary corps, 2,000 men not subject to call under the selective-service law, are wanted. They will be assigned to duty in veterinary hospitals and for other purposes in the corps. Service overseas can be expected shortly.

There is particular demand for veterinary and agricultural students, farmers, stablemen and others accustomed to handling horses. A few men of the following occupations will also be accepted: Horseshoers, saddlers, pharmacists, cooks, typists and stenographers.

Pay for enlisted men and noncommissioned officers ranges from \$30 to \$56 a month, food, clothing, and quarters. Applications for enlistment can be made at any army recruiting office.

One of the functions of the newly established war service exchange will be to answer inquiries of persons desiring to serve in the army. It will also keep informed of needs of the various branches of the service as to personnel, and direct suitable persons as to where and how to apply, and will co-operate with the department of labor and other agencies in locating and supplying men needed for special purposes by various branches of the service.

Inquiries regarding enlistment opportunities, etc., should be addressed to the War Service Exchange, room 529, State, War, and Navy Building, Washington, D. C.

To conserve tin, linseed oil, and other ingredients of paint and paint containers necessary for war use, manufacture will be limited to 32 shades of house paint after July 1. Some firms are now making 100 shades of this class of paint.

Enamels will be restricted by the manufacturers to eight shades, floor paint to eight, roof and barn paint to two, shingle stains to 12, carriage paint to eight, architectural varnishes to ten. Half-gallon cans will not be used, and some other sizes will be discontinued.

The overseas service of the American Library association is in operation. Although space is extremely valuable aboard transports, they have been provided with bookcases holding collections of books which are used as circulating libraries on the way over. The cases are emptied at port of debarkation and the books sent to the men in the field.

As a means of further increasing the supply of books among the overseas forces, the association plans to have each soldier carry a book in his kit, to be put in circulation when he reaches the other side.

Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture has set forth the policy which he thinks should be followed in highway construction during the war:

"So far as it is practicable to do so, this department will urge the maintenance of the highways already constructed; the construction and completion of those highways which are vitally important because of their bearing upon the war situation or for the movement of commodities; the postponement of all highway construction relatively less essential or not based upon important military or economic needs. The department is preparing to suggest to the state highway departments the preparation of a schedule of work for the federal aid projects for 1918 in line with this policy."

Road construction and maintenance in the United States involve an annual expenditure of about \$300,000,000.

The department of labor is arranging to bring into the United States 110,000 laborers for railroad and farm work, from Porto Rico and the Virgin islands, according to Louis F. Post, assistant secretary of the department of labor.

Mr. Post declares there is no necessity for importing common labor from Mexico or China. Porto Rico is an agricultural territory and yet has a density of population exceeded by only three states. A considerable surplus of workers exists on the island. It can furnish 100,000 laborers, and the Virgin islands can send 10,000 more. Arrangements are being made to bring over 50,000 men as soon as tonnage is available.

A recent report made by the United States consul in Tasmania, an island state of Australia, includes the following:

"The general scheme for the repatriation of returned soldiers contemplates placing them upon the land. At a recent conference between the commonwealth and the state authorities, it was decided that each state would have to find the land, while the commonwealth government would advance up to \$2,433 to improve the holding of each returned soldier and to procure the necessary stock and implements. In this state it was deemed that the crown lands would prove too difficult to improve to attract returned soldiers, and it was decided to purchase large estates and divide them up into small farms and to use the money advanced by the commonwealth government for buildings, fences and tools. The money expended by the state in purchasing the land, as well as the money advanced by the commonwealth for improvements, is a lien upon the property and must be repaid in small annual payments. It was also decided by the commonwealth to advance money to returned soldiers who may desire to rent land. Bills will be introduced into the various parliaments at once so that this scheme can be put into operation throughout Australia."

For purposes of operation railroads of the United States have been placed in three divisions, as follows:

Eastern Railroads.—The railroads in that portion of the United States north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers and east of Lake Michigan and the Indiana-Illinois state line; also those railroads in Illinois extending into it from points east of the Indiana-Illinois state line; also the Chesapeake & Ohio, the Norfolk & Western, and the Virginian railroads.

Southern Railroads.—All railroads in that portion of the United States south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers and east of the Mississippi river, except the Chesapeake & Ohio, Norfolk & Western, and the Virginian railroads, and also those railroads in Illinois and Indiana extending into those states from points south of the Ohio river.

Western Railroads.—All railroads not included in the above definitions and, broadly speaking, all railroads in the territory west of Lake Michigan and of the Indiana-Illinois state line to the Ohio river and west of the Mississippi river from the Ohio river to the Gulf of Mexico, excepting those railroads in Illinois included in eastern territory and those railroads in Illinois and Indiana included in southern territory, as above stated.

According to information received in Washington, butter is selling in Berlin at \$2.25 a pound, sugar at 56 cents a pound, lard and bacon at \$2.11 a pound, and white soap at five bars for \$1.12.

For the unit of women telephone operators to be sent to France a distinctive uniform is being provided. Salaries range from \$60 to \$125 a month, with allowance for rations and quarters. Successful applicants must speak both French and English with ease.

The department of agriculture estimates that only one-third of the marketable surplus of the potato crop had been moved by January 1, 1918. Last year's potato crop was the largest ever produced in the United States.

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Avoid Horticultural Museums. Nearly all gardens have too many sorts of plants. Do not strive for a horticultural museum, advises a landscape gardener. Try to build a picture and pray to remember that plants are as much raw material as bricks in a garden wall. They are to be used for collective or composite effect, not for individual beauty or effectiveness.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ROOSEVELT COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

In the Matter of the Estate of C. H. Partin, deceased No. 132

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Mrs. E. M. Partin, has filed her final report in the matter of the estate of C. H. Partin, deceased, and that Monday, the 4th day of March, 1918, has been set by the Court for hearing of such final report and account and the settlement thereof. Therefore, any heir, creditor, or other person interested in the said estate, may on or before the day appointed for said hearing and settlement on the said final report, file objections thereto, or to any particular item thereof, specifying the particulars of such objections.

Mrs. E. M. PARTIN, Administratrix.

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North of Fifty-Three

By **Bertrand W. Sinclair**

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(Continued from page 2) level-bottomed valley three miles or more in width. Roaring Bill halted on the river bank and stripped his horses clean, though it was but two in the afternoon and their midday fire less than an hour extinguished. She watched him curiously. When his packs were off he beckoned to her. "Hold them a minute," he said, and put the lead ropes in her hand. Then he went up the bank into a thicket of saskatoons. Out of this he presently emerged, bearing on his



Bearing on His Shoulders a Canoe. shoulders a canoe, old and weather-beaten, but staunch, for it rode light as a feather on the stream. Bill seated himself in the canoe, holding to Silk's lead rope. The other two he left free. "Now," he directed, "when I start

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scross, you drive Nigger and Satin in if they show signs of hanging back. Bounce a rock or two off them if they lag." Her task was an easy one, for Satin and Nigger followed Silk unhesitatingly. The river lapped along the sleek sides of them for fifty yards. Then they dropped suddenly into swimming water, and the current swept them downstream slantwise for the opposite shore, only their heads showing above the surface. Hazel wondered what river it might be. It was a good quarter of a mile wide, and swift. Roaring Bill did not trouble to enlighten her as to the locality. When he got back he stowed the saddle and pack equipment in the canoe. "All aboard for the north side," he said boyishly. And Hazel climbed obediently amidships.

On the farther side, Bill emptied the canoe, and stowed it out of sight in a convenient thicket, repacked his horses and struck out again. Hazel drew upon her knowledge of British Columbia geography, and decided that the big river where Bill hid his canoe must be the Fraser where it debouched from the mountains. And in that case she was far north, and in a wilderness indeed.

Her muscles gradually hardened to the saddle and to walking. Her appetite grew in proportion. The small supply of eatable dainties that Roaring Bill had brought from the Meadows dwindled and disappeared, until they were living on bannocks baked in a frontier in his frying pan, on beans and coffee, and venison killed by the way. Yet she relished the coarse fare even while she rebelled against the circumstances of its partaking.

"Do you realize," she broke out one evening over the fire, "that this is simply abduction?" "Not at all," Bill answered promptly. "Abduction means to take away surreptitiously by force, to carry away wrongfully and by violence any human being, to kidnap. Now, you can't by any stretch of the imagination accuse me of force, violence or kidnaping—not by a long shot. You merely wandered into my camp, and it wasn't convenient for me to turn back. Therefore circumstances—not my act, remember—made it advisable for you to accompany me. Of course I'll admit that, according to custom and usage, you would expect me to do the polite thing and restore you to your own stamping ground. But there's no law making it mandatory for a fellow to pilot home a lady in distress. Isn't that right?"

"Anyhow," he went on, when she remained silent, "I didn't. And you'll have to lay the blame on nature for making you a wonderfully attractive woman. I did honestly try to find the way to Cariboo Meadows that first night. It was only when I found myself thinking how fine it would be to pike through these old woods and mountains with a partner like you that I decided—as I did. I'm human—the woman, she tempted me. And aren't you better off? Do you know that you look fifty per cent better for these few days of living in the open—the way every normal being likes to live? You're getting some color in your cheeks, and you're losing that worried, archangel look. Honest, if I were a physician, I'd have only one prescription: Get out into the wild country, and live off the country as your primitive forefathers did. Of course, you can't do that alone. I know because I've tried it. We humans don't differ so greatly from the other animals. We're made to hunt in couples or packs. There's a purpose, a law you might say, behind that, too; only it's terribly obscured by a lot of other non-essentials in this day and age."

But she would not take up the cudgels against him, would not seem to countenance or condone his offense by discussing it from any angle whatsoever. And she was more determined to allow no degree of friendliness, even in conversation, because she recognized the masterful quality of the man.

After a lapse of time they dropped into another valley, and faced westward to a mountain range which Bill told her was the Rockies. The next day a snowstorm struck them. It was not particularly cold. Bill wrapped her in a heavy canvas coat, and plodded on. Noon passed, and he made no stop. If anything, he increased his pace.

Suddenly, in the late afternoon, they stepped out of the timber into a little clearing, in which the blurred outline of a cabin showed under the wide arms of a leafless tree.

The melting snow had soaked through the coat; her feet were wet with the clinging flakes, and the chill of a lowering temperature had set Hazel shivering.

Roaring Bill halted at the door and lifted her down from Silk's back without the formality of asking her leave. He pulled the latchstring, and led her in. Beside the rude stone fireplace wood and kindling were piled in readiness for use. Bill kicked the door shut, dropped on his knees and started the fire. In five minutes a great blaze

leaped and crackled into the wide throat of the chimney. Then he piled on more wood, and turned to her. "This is the house that Jack built," he said, with a sober face and a wrinkle in his gray eyes. "This is the man that lives in the house that Jack built. And this"—he pointed mischievously at her—"is the woman who's going to love the man that lives in the house that Jack built."

who's going to love the man that lives in the house that Jack built." "That's a lie!" she flashed stormily through her chattering teeth. "Well, we'll see," he answered cheerfully. "Get up here close to the fire and take off those wet things while I put away the horses." And with that he went out whistling.

(Continued next week)

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Beginning at 11 O'clock. Free Lunch and Hot Coffee

Owing to my health am leaving New Mexico, I will sell without reserve or by-bid, beginning at 11 o'clock a. m. on Thursday, Feb. 21st, 1918, at my brother, H. W. Smithee's farm, 4 miles north and 8 miles west of Portales; 1 mile west and 2 miles north of Bethel school house; 4 miles east and 3 north of Floyd, New Mexico, the following livestock and property, to-wit:

70 Head of Cattle

- 8 heifer and steer calves, good ones.
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- 6 milch cows with calves by side.
- 10 milch cows, be fresh soon.
- 34 stock cows.
- 5 coming 2-year old Hereford bulls, subject to registration.



2 Horses and 5 Mules

- 1 black horse, 10 years old.
- 1 bay horse, 8 years old.
- 2 bay mare mules, 6 and 7 yr. old.
- 1 bay mare mule, 10 years old.
- 2 black mare mules, 10 or 11 yr. old.

Other Livestock

- 36 chickens. 6 turkeys.
- 3 Pekin ducks. 2 guineas.
- 3 brood sows. 1 Poland China boar.
- 12 good shoats, weight about 75 lb.

Farm Implements

- 1 single buggy and harness.
- 1 farm wagon. 2 saddles.

- 1 set leather wagon harness.
- 1 set hack harness.
- 4 sets chain harness.
- 150 rods hog wire.
- 1 John Deere lister. 1 P & O lister.
- 3 walking turning plows.
- 2 sulky plows. 1 hay press.
- 1 John Deere cultivator and other implements too numerous to list.

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- 1 sewing machine.
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TERMS:—All sums of \$10.00 and under, cash in hand. All sums over \$10.00 a credit of nine months will be given purchaser on bankable note, 10 per cent interest from date. Five per cent discount for cash.

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Nugent Spurlock was seen going to Mr. Boggs' the other night in a buggy.

J. W. Slone has purchased a second hand Dodge car and is handling it well.

Pete Croft has purchased a second hand R. C. H. car.

Everybody is enjoying themselves around Roebuck and Inez and Redland hunting.

Pete Croft is trying to sell out and if he can he is going to leave in his R. C. H.

Jim Price, the rabbit buyer of New Mexico, pays two and one-half cents each for cotton tails and seven cents for jack rabbits.

Henry Price goes to Mr. Riley's

every once in a while.

E. C. Robinson is back from Roswell.

Pete Croft has a brand new 22 gun. If you don't believe it's a good one ask him. He shot 50 shells and killed 5 rabbits.

Mr. Robinson is pasturing Miss Spurlock's burros free.

Pete Croft, the champion rabbit shooter of Roebuck, is "there".

Mr. Boggs is trying to sell his land at ten dollars per acre.

Dr. Croft went out to kill rabbits for profit: Value of rabbits killed, 49c; cost of ammunition used, 48c; profit 1c.

Buel Harding is "tinner" singer of Roebuck School.

Assignment of Mortgage - News

Letter from Old Sour Dough

Kenna, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Editor:

Enclosed find one dollar for which please send me your paper one year. I have been intending to subscribe for a county paper ever since the state legislature picked me up and moved me over into Roosevelt County. The first thing that caught my eye was the picture of an old boy that I have slept and eaten with for more than twenty years on the plains of eastern New Mexico. He was a boy that always carried his end of the work and was always the first to lend a helping hand to a pal in hard luck and, by hard work and faithfulness to business, has built a reputation for that rugged honesty that was ever an asset of the western pioneer. I have known him from a ten year old boy and watched him grow to a manhood that is worthy of emulation, and if the Democrats of Roosevelt County see fit to nominate and elect him to the office of sheriff I believe that Emzy Roberts will fill the position with the fairness and fearlessness that has always characterized his actions toward his fellow man. I am glad to have lived long enough to have the privilege of supporting him for this office. Yours,

SOUR DOUGH BILL.

W. E. (EMZY) ROBERTS
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Candidate for Sheriff of Roosevelt county, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the coming primary.

Dissolution Notice

By mutual consent the Jaynes, Dyer Company, contractors, of Amarillo, Texas, have dissolved partnership and Mr. Jaynes will be responsible for all the work done on the First National building at this place and also all work contracted by him in the future. Signed, ART JAYNES

Card of Thanks

We have no words to express our heartfelt gratitude to our many friends for their kind sympathy and untiring help in the saddest hours of our home. We sincerely hope they will be rewarded beyond what we can give. We are satisfied that our loss is Heaven's gain.

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Notice of Meeting of Democratic County Committee.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Democratic County Committee of Roosevelt county, New Mexico, is hereby called to meet at the court house in the Town of Portales, New Mexico, on the 23rd day of February, 1918, at one o'clock p. m. for the purpose of determining the date for the primaries for said county, and for such further business as may come before said committee.

All precinct committeemen are urged to be present at said meeting.

Dated this the 7th day of February, 1918.

GEORGE L. REESE,
 Chairman Said Co. Committee.
 Attest: - W. H. BRALEY,
 Secretary.

WANTS

For Sale - Northwest quarter sec. 11, Twp. 2 south, range 35 east, adjoining Mrs. Lizzie Burrows place, in proven water belt. Reasonable price and terms on part. Address E. S. Anderson, 212 Main St., Denison, Texas. 40-tf

LAND LOANS - See W. O. Oldham or W. B. Oldham. 49-tf

SIXTEEN acres shallow water land near town, for sale or trade, a bargain. Apply at this office. 1-tf

For Sale or Trade - Good Dodge Car, See S. H. Hancock, Portales, New Mexico. 2tf

IF you have any land for sale or trade near Portales, write direct to Joe Howard, Box 83, Portales, N. M.

BUFF ROCK EGGS - From excellent layers. \$1.00 and \$1.25 per setting. Mrs. W. M. Wilson, Portales, N. M. 11-tf

TWO or three rooms for rent; see Miss Carr. 15-2tp

SEED for sale: Cane, higar, broom corn, Schrock's kafir, sorghum, yellow maize, white maize; navy, California pink, Tepary, and pinto beans. All hand threshed and cleaned with fan. Also a few cattle, colts, and bourbon red turkeys. R. B. Cooverso, Portales, N. M. 15-3t

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ABOUT March 1st I expect to drive through to the northwest, where there is plenty of homestead land to be had, water 8 to 12 feet. If there is anyone here wanting to go that way, I would be glad to have company. D. D. Wintamute, Portales, N. M. 1ty

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Ladies spring hats at one half price. The People's Store. 1t

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