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The Marathon Mystery

A Story of Manhattan

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SYNOPSIS PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Godfrey, a newspaper reporter, is talking with his friend Simmonds, a detective, when the janitor of the Marathon, an apartment-house, comes in with the story that a murder has been committed. At the Marathon, Miss Croydon, an acquaintance of Godfrey, is found with a pistol in her hand in a room with a dead man. She denies being responsible for his death and claims that she came to his room to secure family papers which he claimed to possess. She alleges that the murder was committed by a stranger who came into the room, but states that she fired a shot at the assailant of the deceased. The bullet from her pistol was found imbedded in the wall.

Later, Jimmy, a well-known crook, is arrested for the murder, but he insists on his innocence until told that Miss Croydon will appear as a witness against him. Then he suddenly asks to be locked up.

Drysdale, fiancé of Miss Croydon, calls on Godfrey, who tells him the story of the murder. Drysdale explains that he called at the Delroy residence on the night of the crime and found Miss Croydon absent and her sister, Mrs. Delroy, greatly agitated. Miss Croydon returned suddenly and declined to explain her absence. Drysdale expresses faith in the innocence of Miss Croydon.

At the coroner's inquest Miss Croydon states positively that Jimmy, the Duke, is not the guilty man, and he is released.

Godfrey secures the record of the Croydon family, who formerly lived in France, but removed to England. Edith Croydon, eldest daughter, was educated in France; left school suddenly on account of ill health; subsequently married Richard Delroy of New York. Croydon and wife died in England, leaving fortune to daughter Grace.

Lester, an attorney, interested in the murderer, secures suite 14 in the Marathon as lodgings. He searches the rooms carefully and finds a diamond.

Tremaine, a promoter of a railway in Martinique, and his wife, Cecily, are lodgers at the Marathon. Lester meets them and suspects that they were acquaintances of Thompson, the murdered man. Godfrey observes Tremaine making a search for something in Lester's rooms.

The mate of a Martinique steamer recognizes a picture of the murdered man that of a common sailor who came to New York on his vessel.

Tremaine is invited to a house party of the Delroys and attempts to make love to Miss Croydon. Drysdale overhears a part of his conversation and a quarrel between the two men follows. The gems of Mrs. Delroy's pearl necklace are found to have lost their brilliance and a sea-bath to restore their lustre is decided on.

Graham, a gardener of Delroy's, and his son are set to guard the necklace which is suspended from a pier. Later, Graham is discovered dead, his skull crushed from a blow, and the necklace gone.

CHAPTER XVIII.

THE horizon was gray with the coming dawn, but it was still too dark on the pier to see anything distinctly, so they went slowly back to the boathouse, and Heffebower turned back to make a more detailed examination of the body. "Dr. Wise," he asked, after a moment, "from which direction should you say these blows were struck?"

"From directly in front," answered the doctor promptly.

"But I see he has a pistol at his belt. Why did he not defend himself? Why should he allow himself to be beaten down?"

As he spoke he lifted one of the muscular hands. Then, with a little exclamation of surprise, he bent and examined it more closely.

"Come nearer, gentlemen," he said, his face flushed with excitement. "I want you to witness 't'at he has some fling between his fingers."

They stopped and looked as he indicated. They could see that the hand clasped tightly some small, dark object.

"Let us see what it is," Heffebower continued, and bent back the stiffening fingers.

The object fell out into his hand. He

held it up in the glare of the light so that all might see. It was a button with a little shred of cloth attached.

"If we can find 'e garment 't'at 'tis came from," said the coroner triumphantly, turning it over and looking at it. "we shall probably find 'e murderer. It iss a good clew."

He placed the button carefully in his pocketbook and turned to the window.

"I think it iss light enough," he said, "to take a look at 'e scene of 'e crime. I shall 'en return to Babylon."

They went together down the pier to the spot where Graham had fallen. The rain had washed away nearly all the blood stains. His rifle lay on the pier beside the chair in which he had been sitting. The chair was overturned.

"But 'e wind may have done 't'at," said the coroner when Delroy pointed out that the overturned chair suggested a struggle, "or maybe he knocked it over when he fell. Let's have a look at 't'at little cage."

He pulled up the rope. The lid of the cage was open, but it did not seem to be injured.

"Maybe 'e waves proke it open," suggested Heffebower.

"They couldn't have done that," objected Delroy. "See; here's how it fastened."

He closed the lid and snapped into place three small but very strong hooks, which locked automatically.

Heffebower opened his lips to say something more; then changed his mind, closed them and turned away with a significant smile. He examined the knots in the rope, the pier, the wa-



Without answering, Graham sprang into the water.

ters of the bay, on which, just beyond the pier, a small boat was riding at anchor.

"'e boat iss yours, I suppose," Mr. Delroy? he asked.

"Yes; it has been there ready for use since Saturday."

As he spoke a gust of wind swung the boat toward them.

Young Graham, who was standing on the extreme edge of the pier, glanced down into it and uttered a sudden exclamation.

"What's that?" he cried, with arm outstretched.

The others followed the gesture, but a second gust swung the boat away.

Without answering, Graham sprang into the water and with a few strokes reached the boat. He climbed into it and untied it from the buoy. Then, at the instant another gust of wind came from the ocean, he released his hold. The boat was swept against the pier. He fended her off with the boat hook and made fast.

"This is what I meant," he said, and pointed to a pistol lying at his feet. They stared down at it, amazed. It was the coroner who spoke first.

"Pass it up," he said.

He turned it over carefully in his hand. It was a fine type of the Smith & Wesson. It was fully loaded. None of the chambers had been discharged.

"Ah," he said, "see here," and he pointed to a clot of blood on the butt. "And, see, here are some initials—J. T. D. Whose are they?"

"They are John Tolbert Drysdale's," answered Delroy in a low voice.

CHAPTER XIX.

FOR a full moment the coroner stood looking down at the pistol in his hand without speaking, but his face hardened and grew stern, so far as lay in the power of a countenance so rubi-

cund. "I think I shall have to see Mr. Drysdale before I go back to Babylon," he said. "But first let us try to account for 'e presence of 'is pistol in 't'at boat."

"How can it be accounted for?" demanded Delroy, impatiently. "Good heavens! I tell you Jack Drysdale never killed that man. Perhaps he was boating yesterday—well, Sunday, then—and had the pistol with him, and left it in the boat by mistake. How else could it have got there? The murderer wouldn't have put it there."

"Nobody's used 't' boat, sir," said William.

"How do you know 't'at?" asked the coroner sharply.

"Because, sir, I tied it 't' the buoy, an' I know my knot. It's 't' same one I jest unfastened."

"Nobody went out except Mr. Drysdale," spoke up Thomas. "I was in 't' vestibule till nearly midnight, when Mr. Delroy told me 't' go to bed."

"You saw Mr. Drysdale come in?"

"Yes, sir, an' I never saw anybody so worked up an' nervous-like."

"Do you remember what outer garment he wore?"

"He wore his raincoat, sir. I helped him on an' off with it."

"Where are 'e raincoats kept?"

"They usually hang on the rack in 't' vestibule, sir. That's Mr. Drysdale's coat that Mr. Delroy has on now."

"Yes," said Delroy, looking down at it; "I didn't notice. I snatched it down in such a hurry—"

He stopped, staring down at the coat, his face suddenly livid.

The others followed his glance. The top button of the coat was missing. It had evidently been wrenched away with violence, for the cloth was badly torn.

Amid a silence strained, absolute, the coroner took from his pocketbook the button he had found in Graham's hand.

"I believe Mr. Drysdale will find it difficult to explain 'is, gentlemen," he said, his face glowing more and more, and he held against the place the button he had found.

It fitted exactly; the button matched the others on the coat; the shred of cloth was of the same color and material as the remainder of the garment. It was a proof there could be no disputing.

"Let us go up to 'e house and have a talk with Mr. Drysdale," said the coroner.

They followed him in silence from the boathouse and up the broad gravel path.

"Shall I have Drysdale called down?" asked Delroy as they stepped inside.

"No," said the coroner; "I'd prefer to see him in his room."

"Very well," the other acquiesced, and led the way through the still deserted hall and up the stair.

At the top, Tremaine turned to the coroner.

"If you don't mind," he said, "I'll go on to my room. I'm feeling pretty well used up."

The others went on to the next door. Delroy knocked.

"Who's there?" queried Drysdale's voice.

"Open up, Jack," called Delroy. "We've got to see you on some rather important business."

"Important business!" Drysdale repeated, and they heard him cross the room. Then the door was flung open, "Come in—why, what the deuce is all this about, Dickie?"

"Come in and shut the door, Jack," replied Delroy quietly. "This gentle-

man is Coroner Heffebower of Babylon. He wishes to ask you a few questions."

Drysdale answered with a stare of amazement, but he stood aside and let them pass into the room.

"I was packing, Dickie," he said. "I've got to go back to New York today, to look after some investments. I'd like to stay, old man, but I really can't."

Something in the faces of his auditors stopped him, and he changed color.

"Sit down, Mr. Drysdale," said the coroner solemnly, himself taking a chair. "Our business may take some little time. You own a revolver, I believe."

"Yes," said Jack, "a Smith & Wesson. I was just looking for it. When I opened my trunk just now I missed it."

"How long has it been since you saw it?"

"I can't say—two or three days, perhaps."

"Did you have your revolver last night?"

"No; I haven't seen it for a day or two, I tell you."

"Iss 't'is your revolver?" asked the coroner, producing the weapon.

Drysdale took it and looked at it with an air of astonishment.

"Why, yes," he said. "Where did you get it?"

"And iss 't'is your raincoat?"

"Yes; but what?"

"You wore it when you went out last night?"

"Yes; but I insist—"

"Mr. Drysdale," asked the coroner sternly, "for what purpose did you go out last night, and where did you go?"

Drysdale sprang to his feet, his face red with anger.

"Why, you infernal busybody!" he cried. "It's none of your business."

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SOMETHIN' DOIN' ALL THE TIME

Our big sale grew in magnitude as the last days of January closed and we can truthfully say that this sale was in many points the most successful ever held by our store at this season of the year. We appreciate your share of the patronage which contributed to the success of the sale, and take this method of thanking you for it.

In the Wake of the Big Sale

will follow an endless profusion of dependable merchandise at prices that would make one think that a special sale was on every day--in fact there is always "somethin' doin'" at our store. We pride ourselves in the belief that we know how to treat people to make them feel satisfied and have found from experience that it takes not only the "just as good kind of merchandise" but a great deal of the kind that IS GENUINELY BETTER than our competitors can do in order to retain this enviable position in the confidence of our people.

Another Car of Globe Flour

Is now in our house, which is evidence within itself that the people are persistent in their demands for the highest excellence in a hard wheat flour. The ALBATROSS is taking its natural rank as the best soft wheat flour on earth. Along with this shipment of Globe flour arrived a large quantity of the very best MEAL which the Globe mills produce.

A Miniature Garden

Twice each week we receive from South Texas a fresh, clean shipment of VEGETABLES which adds variety to the many good things to eat in our grocery department. If you are not trading at our store we would be pleased to have you call and see if it would not be to your advantage to call and share it with us.

Respectfully,

CANYON MERCANTILE COMPANY.

To the Stockholders of the Pecos & Northern Texas Railway Co.

You are hereby advised that the Board of Directors have called a meeting of the stockholders, to be held in the city of Amarillo, county of Potter, State of Texas, at the principal office of the Company, on the 10th day of March, 1907, to consider and act on a proposition to authorize the execution by the Company of a mortgage on all of its railroad properties now owned and hereafter acquired; to secure bonds in the sum of \$15,000,000.00, such bonds to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, and to be payable thirty years from date thereof, so much of said bonds as may be required therefor to be used in retiring the bonds of the Company now outstanding, the balance of said bonds to be used for construction and extensions and such other purposes as may be determined by the Board of Directors, and that this notice is given to you by order of the Board of Directors.

DON A. SWEET,
Secretary.

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HOW ABOUT SANTA FE SHOPS?

Under this heading the Daily Panhandle of Saturday says:

Is it not possible that the citizens of Amarillo are overlooking the importance of the location of the Santa Fe shops at this point? These shops would mean a great deal to this city. They ought to be here. They are needed by the railroad here and if it is possible the railroad ought to be induced to locate them here. There should be no effort spared on the part of citizens of Amarillo and its commercial club to secure the location of this much desired addition to the business interests of Amarillo.

Amarillo citizens are not sparing effort. The shop outcome depends largely upon the success of their little scheme, now pending at Austin. This they know, and for its coming out to suit they are bending all their energies. Sunday night a delegation of some ten of her prominent citizens left for Austin and on Monday a lot more of her people were scattered over this representative district for the purpose of getting names to petitions which call upon the Legislature to pass the "Bowman bill."

This bill, which provides for the abandonment of that portion of the Southern Kansas lying between Washburn and Panhandle and building direct from the latter place to Amarillo, was, last week, killed by the House committee, and the present rush of Amarillo forces is on a call for a desperate attempt to have it reconsidered.

Yes, Amarillo is making a noble fight and if she fails it won't be for lack of effort, but for the want of a meritorious case—the law, equity and the facts are all against her.

RAILWAY EXTORTIONS.

On complaint to the Interstate Commerce Commission a court at Amarillo was opened Friday for the purpose of taking evidence offered by Roswell and Amarillo shippers touching rate injustice or extortion by the railroads on the commerce of the southwest.

Among the discriminations against Panhandle towns it was shown that coal from Colorado points was hauled past Amarillo and to Fort Worth for 35 cents per ton under the rate now charged Amarillo—over twice the distance for less money. Also that some other commodities, notably sugar, could be shipped from Denver to Fort Worth and thence west over the Texas Pacific to Big Springs for a lower rate than it could be stopped in Amarillo—over three times the distance—for less money. Other instances of like character were testified to and complainants also wanted to know why Amarillo, being considerably nearer the original shipping points than the majority of Texas common-point towns, couldn't have the same rates?

President Avery Turner of the Pecos Valley, examined as a witness for defendant roads, stated that he didn't understand "the mysteries of rate making" but was opposed to any reduction in this territory. In giving his reasons for this position Mr. Turner said that the cost of rebuilding the Pecos Valley from Amarillo to Texico "will be over \$6000 per mile more than the original road-bed cost;" that "improvements at the Canadian river would cost upwards of \$500,000," and further, that it always "costs more to haul freight to Amarillo than

it does to Fort Worth on account of the greater altitude."

In the light of the preceding testimony, as detailed by the Daily Panhandle, the position of President Turner is merely laughable and nothing more. The facts disclosed in this hearing were decidedly against the roads.

Amarillo vs. Washburn.

Referring to the Amarillo proposition now pending before the Legislature to take up the railroad track between Washburn and Panhandle the Claude News of last Friday says:

The News did not appear last week on account of the absence of the editor, who was at Austin endeavoring to assist the citizens of Washburn and our county in general in holding what justly belongs to us. Some two weeks ago the citizens of the Washburn community—the community most directly interested—selected a committee to go to Austin and present a remonstrance to the Legislature. This committee consisted of H. W. Shuey, Stephen Bishop and G. M. James of Washburn, Judge R. D. Deak and J. H. Hamger of Claude, Chas. Goodnight of Goodnight, and T. S. Bugbee of Clarendon. Tuesday afternoon a telegram was received from Austin stating that the Senate committee to which the measure had been referred would hold a meeting Thursday for the purpose of hearing argument on the merits of the question. When the delegation reached Austin it was soon discovered there would be no committee meeting until the question of the United States Senatorship was settled. The delegation could only talk to the Representatives and present their side, but in a very unsatisfactory way. The delegation was given an audience by Gov. Campbell, who listened patiently and tried to reach the merits of the matter, but of course gave no intimation of what he would do in the event action was required on his. The question of justice being so clearly on the side of the citizens of Washburn it is difficult to conceive of a favorable report from either the Senate or House committee. It is class legislation pure and simple—a large town trying to destroy a small one—and we will not believe that a Democratic legislature will pass it or a Democratic governor approve such a monstrosity.

As Hereford Sees It.

The Hereford Brand of last Friday takes the "Amarillo proposition" as follows:

"There will be a contest in the present Legislature between the Santa Fe railroad and the citizens of Armstrong and Randall counties which is of great interest to the citizens of Hereford. The Southern Kansas and Pecos Valley will soon be the main line of the Santa Fe and Hereford will be on the main line from the Pacific slope to the east. The Santa Fe owns both the Southern Kansas and the Pecos Valley roads, and is endeavoring to have passed by the present Legislature a bill allowing them to take up and abandon the Southern Kansas track from Panhandle City in Carson county to Washburn in Armstrong county, and in lieu thereof build a new road from Panhandle to Amarillo. If the Legislature passes such a bill then the Santa Fe company will build a new line from Amarillo to a connection with the Pecos Valley, this side of Canyon City. Thereby missing Armstrong county altogether and leaving Canyon City off the main line. The Southern Kansas gets into Amarillo now from Washburn over the Denver tracks. Should the Legislature refuse to allow the railroad to be taken up and abandoned from Panhandle to Washburn, then Amarillo will be left off the main line, for the Santa Fe will build direct from Washburn to Canyon City. By referring to the map one can readily see the absolute necessity in order to shorten distance and save time. Our Senator, Judge Veale, and our Representative, Dick Bowman, each live at Amarillo, and among the first bills introduced in each branch of the Legislature were by each of them to allow the Santa Fe to take up the track as above indicated in order that Amarillo would be on the main line. Furthermore, Amarillo has another strong incentive in favor of being on the main line; that is the Pe-

cos Valley shops are now located there and in the event the bills as introduced by Messrs. Veale and Bowman allowing the track to Washburn to be abandoned be defeated, then Amarillo will lose the shops, and Hereford would have the best chance to get them. The citizens of Armstrong and Randall counties are lobbying against the bills with all their might and main; should the citizens of Deaf Smith join them? As yet, nothing whatever has been done by our people on either side. Amarillo is without the water and drainage facilities to maintain even second class shops. To the contrary with Hereford, she has the best of water and an abundance of it, in fact, an inexhaustible supply, together with as good a location for drainage as any town in Texas."

THE AMARILLO PROPOSITION

The Bowman bill, to take up the railroad from Washburn to Panhandle and build a new one from the latter place to Amarillo, was turned down by the House Committee of twenty-one members with but one dissenting vote.



The smile on the face of our office cat, here reproduced, expresses our feelings on this as well as other news to date.

WHEN?

"When will Amarillo have a permanent supply of water?"

So read the legend in "box car" letters printed clear across the front page of the Daily Panhandle of Thursday, January 24.

When? To sensible people with a knowledge of Amarillo natural water supply the answer is plain—pipe it from Canyon City.

In leaving the newspapers off the exchange list and still continuing the practice of issuing free passes to legislators, city and county officers, the railroads paid a very high tribute to the newspaper folks.

T. H. Rowan and A. B. Axtell were in Tulsa Monday working for the defense in the Amarillo proposition and they hid it over the other fellows—several Amarillo lawyers—in the ratio of 71 to nothing.

Neglected Colds Threaten Life.

(From the Chicago Tribune.)
"Don't trifle with a cold," is good advice for prudent men and women. It may be vital in the case of a child. Proper food, good ventilation, and dry, warm clothing are the proper safeguards against colds. If they are maintained through the changeable weather of autumn, winter and spring, the chances of a surprise from ordinary colds will be slight. But the ordinary light cold will become severe if neglected, and a well established ripe cold is to the germs of diphtheria what honey is to the bee. The greatest menace to child life at this season of the year is the neglected cold. Whether it is a child or adult, the cold slight or severe, the very best remedy that can be adopted is to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is safe and sure. The great popularity and immense sale of this preparation has been attained by its remarkable cures of this ailment. A cold never results in pneumonia when it is given. For sale by S. V. Wirt.

FARM IMPLEMENTS

EXPECTING a big business for 1907 we have stocked up with the very best to be had in the way of Plows, riding and walking; Planters, Cultivators, and almost everything you can think of in this line needed upon the farm.

Some of those plow bargains recently advertised by us may still be had. Be sure and see what we have before you buy.

No trouble to show you through our big stock in all our lines, and we take pleasure in answering questions and quoting prices.

JOHNSON, GARY HARDWARE CO.

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Equip Your Home
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AT REASONABLE PRICES.

Our chief thought in buying is to select goods we know to be honestly made at fair prices. We do not seek for the product of factories that make prices so low that quality must suffer accordingly. We buy standard made goods produced by factories that have reputation and are able to guarantee their product. It's economy to buy this class of furniture.

THOMAS BROS., THE QUALITY HOUSE

Watches, Clocks

AND JEWELRY

MY LINE IS OF THE BEST QUALITY AND WILL BE MAINTAINED THE YEAR ROUND. WATCH US GROW.

J. W. HOWELL, The Jeweler,
At Wirt's Drug Store, North Side Square.

News Roll of Honor

Under this heading will be found the amounts received on subscription to the News, since last report, and names of the parties paying. This will serve as a receipt to those of our subscribers forwarding money by mail.

J. W. Turner	\$1 00
Wm Perkins	50
Willie Wills	50
Wm Shaw	50
John Markham	50
Annie L. Crinkshank	50
Walter Griffin	50
Joe Watson	50
George Harper	50
Wm Crinkshank	50
Mrs. Tom Crinkshank	50
Wm. Atcheson	50
Martha Wardell	50
E. W. Reynolds	1 00
Ed. Hopkins	25
James Allen	50
S. C. Whitman	1 00

Fred Nowlin, traveling representative of the Fort Worth Record, was in town Tuesday and Wednesday. It's a good time to push the Record now as many of the pro-Bailey men are mad at the News and Fred is doing a good business.

District court next week.

Amarillo Business College.

A discount of twenty five per cent is offered any young lady or gentleman who registers from Randall county before Mar. 1, '07.

G. J. Nunn, Pres.,
Amarillo, Texas.

H. E. Hume, coming here from Amarillo in a buggy late Monday evening had a close call about the new railroad dump. His horses, one in the buggy and one led behind, got scared at a passing engine and overturning the vehicle all Mr. Hume included, rolled over the embankment some eight feet down. Mr. Hume was shaken up considerably and is sore yet over it, though able to get about alright. Hard to kill a man like Hume anyway. The other damage consisted in broken shafts, etc.

Be a News subscriber.

HOFFMAN PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. Frank Buckner of Auvasse, Mo., came in last week on legal business concerning the Swan estate and paid a short visit to her sister, Mrs. H. S. Burnham.

L. A. Pierce says he only saw the sun three times during the month he spent in Tennessee, while we were having the brightest open weather ever experienced on the Plains in winter.

B. T. Johnson and Douglass left Friday for Goodnight, where Douglass will enter school.

Ed. Hoffman has gone way down east "dear" hunting. Hope he will be successful as such property on the Plains is very scarce and precious.

Everybody invited to attend church next Sunday at Paladuro.

Sunday school is moving along nicely.

Thanks to Mr. Kesse of Umbarger, for the nice music on phonograph he rendered over phone line during the cold spell.

L. A. Pierce, Miss Mollie Hitchcock and Mary Cago have been on the sick list.

C. H. Hitchcock, L. A. and Jessie Pierce, Will and Roy Cage and B. T. Johnson went to Canyon Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Johnson attended the Eastern Star at Canyon last Saturday.

TASSIE.

The Bates Addition.

I have sub-divided this addition of land into tracts of—from one block, containing 3 1-8 acres, to blocks containing as much as 100 acres. All blocks except one will front the street. Some of these blocks have alfalfa land on them and living water. For further particulars call on or address

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Specialist.

I treat all diseases of eye, ear, nose and throat, also have glasses and pay special attention to fitting them. Fifteen years' experience in special practice. Consultation and examination free. Canyon City Feb. 6 and 7.

I. E. SMITH, M. D.
Weatherford, Texas.

Some talk of a steam laundry in town.

Christmas Has Past

And now is the time to clean up all of the odds and ends of the fall stock. Our custom in the future will be as it has been in the past, not to cut the price on one article and make it up on another. When a merchant makes a special price on one thing, no matter what that price may be or how it may relate to the original cost of the article, he binds himself to take all of the losses connected with its selling and he who attempts to "make up" the loss through some other deal deserves the fate which generally overtakes him—*falling business.* We are making—

Special Prices

For the next two weeks on
Men's and Boys' Clothing, also Ladies' and Children's Cloaks.

Below are a few of them—

One lot Boys' Clothing	25 per cent off
One lot Children's Clothing	25 per cent off
Men's Suits, worth \$22.50, at	\$18.00
Men's Suits, worth \$20.00, at	16.00
Men's Suits, worth \$16.50, at	13.50
Men's Suits, worth \$12.50, at	9.75
Men's Suits, worth \$8.50, at	6.75
Men's Overcoats, good value at \$12.50, at	9.75
Men's Overcoats, good value at \$6.00, at	4.25

We have a few LADIES' CLOAKS left that we will close out at 25 PER CENT DISCOUNT.

CHILDREN'S CLOAKS AT 25 PER CENT DISCOUNT. These are good values at the original price, but we don't want to carry them over, so give you the benefit.

With best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year, we are

Canyon City Supply Co.

(INCORPORATED)

No Good For Us.

The Star Mill and Elevator Co., a corporation with headquarters at Amarillo, has expressed a purpose of establishing branch elevators at several Plains towns, including Canyon City, and a representative was here Monday soliciting stock subscriptions.

It is no good for us. We need an elevator, 'tis true, but we need one with headquarters here; one that is owned by Canyon City residents and run by them. We have promise of just such a one, and by responsible parties, in the near future, and to now consent to become a tail to the Amarillo kite along this as well as along any tributary line is to aim a serious blow at our own permanent upbuilding.

The News is under obligations to J. G. Cruikshank for twelve new subscribers, all in a bunch, last Friday. They are all his relatives and reside in the province of Ontario, Canada, and he would have them get additional light from what he furnished them, when up there recently, concerning the resources and doings of this portion of the Texas Panhandle. Mr. Cruikshank has made good money in Randall county since the editor of The News landed here, some four years ago. Selling his ranch in this county last year Mr. Cruikshank bought nine sections in Yoakum county and could, if he would, now make some \$2.50 per acre on his last purchase. What he has done others have and still Plains dirt is paying and will continue so to do for many years hence unless the record of the country is reversed.

Rheumatic Sufferers:

The quick relief from pain afforded by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm makes it a favorite with sufferers from rheumatism, sciatica, lame back, lumbago, and deep seated muscular pains. For sale by S. V. Wirt.

Plains Products.

Mr. F. O. Wilson has so far made the best showing with a sorghum crop. She threshed 1015 bushels from 40 acres and sold the entire lot at 62 1/2c per bushel.

J. T. Baker finished gathering his corn crop last week. On his land planted to white corn he gathered an average of forty-five bushels per acre and on that planted to yellow corn the yield was fifty bushels.

Professed dentists are common enough anywhere; those who thoroughly understand the business and practice it on any and all occasions are rare in any country, and in this connection it affords The News pleasure to state that our local man, Dr. Ingham, is one of this last named class. No need to go elsewhere for work of this character, at least such is the candid opinion of The News editor.

County Judge Henson was sitting as examining court Wednesday and Thursday in the case of the State vs. T. I. Logan, formerly cashier at the railroad depot, who is charged with embezzlement. Otis Truelove of Amarillo, assisted the county attorney and B. Frank Buie, Esq., defended. The decision of the court, rendered this morning, was: That defendant be bound over to district court.

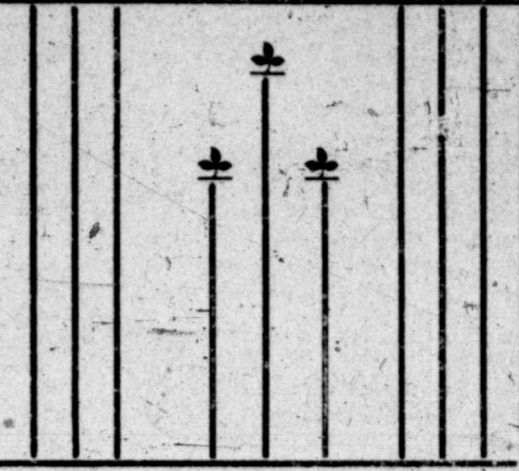
Fred Edwards, a partner with Louis Hart in the new restaurant enterprise, upon hearing that his father was seriously ill at his old home, Mason, Mo., left for that point Sunday evening. Mr. Hart, however, says he will go it alone and open up near the depot early in this month.

This office will pay 3 cents per pound for a limited quantity of clean, white cotton rags.

Canyon Hardware Co.

J. C. PIPKIN

R. G. OLDSMAN



INVITATION!

WE invite you to call and inspect our extensive line of VELIE VEHICLES, a full car of which we have just received, and now have on the floor for your inspection and AD-MI-RA-TION. The accompanying cut will bring before the mind of the reader this celebrated line manufactured by the John Deere Plow Co., and embracing all the latest and most up-to-date styles that time, talent, money and skill can offer. Every job is sold under a strict guarantee as to SUPERIORITY of quality and workmanship, thus relieving the purchaser of the possibility of getting inferior goods.

Canyon Hardware Co.

If it is a crop you want I will give you all you can make to break the sod; two miles east of town. I am also wanting 500 young hens.

"FARMER" COLEMAN.

Bank Election.

On January 29th the First National Bank re-elected its same officers, adding J. Frank Smith as second vice president. It has the same directors also with the addition of J. Frank Smith and D. A. Park.

A. C. Treadway, a consul of the Modern Woodmen of America, who has been here for several weeks, left Monday for Hereford. His many friends here cordially recommend him to the fraternity at Hereford.

Weddings.

Tuesday evening at C. T. DeGraffenried's Joe Mayo of Ceta, and Miss Ira Brooks of Beverly, were lawfully united as man and wife by Rev. A. B. Haynes. The following young people from Ceta came in with the contracting parties and witnessed the ceremony: Misses Lena Walters, Addie Dobbs, Ethar Wesley, Lizzie James and May Wesley; Messrs. Mark Wesley, White Curry, Charlie James, Ben Wesley and Elzo Guess.

The News extends congratulations. J. K. Drinnon, with the Fulton Lumber Co., has been acting rather mysteriously the last few days. He promises an explanation next week.

Local Weather Record.

Last Friday and Saturday were cloudy, cold, disagreeable days. Sunday was much better as the sun was visible most all day. From then on to this morning the days have been bright and pleasant. A good shower of rain fell Wednesday night.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a Favorite.

"We prefer Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to any other for our children," says Mr. L. J. Woodbury of Twining, Mich. "It has also done the work for us in hard colds and croup, and we take pleasure in recommending it." For sale by S. V. Wirt.

To the Teachers of Randall County.

I hereby request all of the teachers of Randall county, whether actively engaged in teaching or not, and the trustees of the different schools as well as all other active friends of education, to meet at the public school building in Canyon on Friday, March the 1st, 1907, for the purpose of organizing and holding a two days' County Teachers' Institute.

The program has been arranged and parts assigned to the various teachers.

I must respectfully insist on all the country teachers attending, in compliance with the law on the subject.

The roll will be called twice each day and each teacher will be expected to respond.

Come let us work together in this noble undertaking, that the educational interests of our county may be advanced and humanity bettered. Respectfully,

A. N. HENSON,
Ex-Officio Sup't of Schools,
Program next week.

A. S. Rollins returned from Austin Friday and Judge J. C. Hunt on Wednesday evening. Judge Eckman is still there.

Miss Annie Buie, who is attending Polytechnic College at Fort Worth, is reported quite sick.

Miss Frances Buie entertained twelve of her little friends Wednesday in honor of her twelfth birthday.

Rev. M. E. Hawkins is seriously ill with erysipelas.

TOWN & COUNTY

PERSONAL AND OTHER MATTERS THAT CONCERN OUR CITIZENS.

Fine Candies—Best in town at Wilson's.

Wanted—A dining room girl. Apply to Louis Hart.

Spiltz Seed For Sale.—R. A. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Mulkey from Happy, were in town Tuesday.

Frank Smith is having his new brick buildings fitted for electric lights.

All kinds of Racket Goods School supplies and Confectionery at Wilson's. Try us.

Read our ad on first page—*somethin' doin'!*

CANYON MERCANTILE CO.
If you have something of value for sale at a fair price try an ad in The News.

Claude has recently organized a fire company with nineteen members.

The new brick Masonic hall will be ready for lodge-night in February.

W. C. Kenyon has sold his interests in the business of Gober, Hume & Kenyon to H. E. Hume.

H. S. Parks returned last week from his visit to the old home back in the states.

Vegetables twice a week at the Canyon Mercantile Co's., fresh and dandy. Try an order.

W. B. Scott's little boy, about three years old, has been sick for several days with fever.

J. W. Prichard found a small sum of money Saturday and desires the owner to get it.

J. S. Harrison on Monday sold some residence lots in Amarillo at \$175. He paid \$75 for them some two years ago.

Rev. Robeson, by request, preached for the Methodist brethren at Hereford Saturday and Sunday.

Cashier Park has added a wood Star windmill outfit to his new residence property this week.

Land For Sale—One-half section near the station Happy in Randall county. Address John A. Benson, New Windsor, Ill. -444

Mrs. Bogar has J. S. Harrison and several others remodeling and adding to the residence on the ranch place she bought from Fd. Harrell.

Blank deeds in any quantity at this office. Also Vendor's Lien notes, either plain or lithographed.

I. W. McClure is building a smoke house. A year or so further residence in town and, like the balance of us, he will get down to a paper sack.

C. P. Hutching of the Canyon City Supply Co., spent last week and this in the St. Louis markets buying the spring stock for his house.

J. I. Phillips, photographer, now of Texico, was in town Wednesday. He says his town, in the opinion of its people, has almost a dead cinch on the Santa Fe shops.

Another car of Globe flour in this week. It seems to be just what the people are looking for.

CANYON MERCANTILE CO.
—Sheriff Hughes of Amarillo, was in town Monday looking after his case in the district court, transferred here from Potter county.

T. H. Morris of Cedar Hill, Dallas county, arrived yesterday evening on a visit to his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Smith.

Word was received Monday that Geo. H. Crider, who left here on January 14 for Kentucky on real estate business, was seriously ill at his old home it that state.

Geo. W. Conner, here visiting his cousin, L. G. Conner, getting word from his home, Booneville, Mo., that heavy rains and high water were playing havoc up there, returned Monday.

J. W. Ballard was on the streets Monday with plans for his new residence which he is going to have erected as soon as possible on his lots in the west end. Unless changed considerably it will cost something over \$3000.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

D. M. STEWART, Physician and Surgeon, Office—Thompson Drug Store.

GEO. J. PARSONS, M. D. PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

DR. S. L. INGHAM -DENTIST-

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JASPER N. HANEY - LAWYER -

R. A. SOWDER, LAWYER. PRACTICE IN ALL COURTS.

B. FRANK BUIE, LAWYER. CANYON CITY, TEXAS.

Rollins-Cranford Abstract Co. Abstracts of Title to Randall Equity Lands and Canyon City Lots.

M. P. BROWN, Shoe Repairing. Promptly and Neatly done at the Old Meisterhan's Shop.

The Marathon Mystery A Story of Manhattan By BURTON E. STEVENSON

Continued text for 'The Marathon Mystery' including dialogue between characters.

into the hall. Suddenly from the farther end came the swish of skirts, and Grace Croydon appeared, radiant as the new day.

CHAPTER XX. It was not until the Sunday evening following Tremaine's departure that I found myself alone with Cecily and in a position to begin that conversation from which I hoped so much.

Suddenly there came a soft hissing from the little cage over the radiator. "Ah, I must feed Fe Fe; she is calling me!" she cried, and she sprang up, ran to the next room and came back with a little wine in a glass.

CHAPTER XXI. It seemed that my sudden departure had offended Cecily more deeply than I imagined, for when I knocked at her door next evening she told me curtly that she was not feeling well and intended going early to bed.

Clippings from a newspaper! Here was a coincidence. But I cudged my brain vainly; I could form no theory as to why a clipping should cause those fits of rage.

Fourth.—That Thompson had joined him as soon as released from jail. On paper, I had to admit, the chain appeared a good deal weaker than I had thought it. There were many gaps; indeed, now that I looked at it, it seemed to consist largely of gaps.



I unwrapped the little brilliant and applied it to the break in the circle. "I have a diamond," I said, getting out my pocketbook, "that might do to replace it. Let us see if it will fit."

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