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SHERIFF J. H. MARTIN RECEIVES \$120 REWARD AS CHRISTMAS GIFT

Parmer County Officer Gets Reward Paid by Panhandle Bankers Association for His Part in Arrest and Conviction of R. M. Cummins, Robber of the Friona Bank Last June. Given As Christmas Gift.

Sheriff J. H. Martin, of Parmer county, received a real Christmas present Christmas Eve when he was called to the Security State Bank of Farwell and handed a check for \$250 by G. D. Anderson, vice president. This sum was paid Sheriff Martin as a reward for his services in the capture of R. M. Cummins, confessed participant in the robbery of the Friona State Bank on June 3, 1927.

The reward was paid by the Panhandle Bankers Association and was authorized by F. M. Butler, president of the association, after a conference with association directors. In a long distance telephone call to Mr. Anderson, President Butler explained that time would not permit him to mail a check, so that Sheriff Martin would receive it for Christmas, so Mr. Anderson was authorized to pay the money himself.

Following the robbery in June, Sheriff Martin took up the trail of the two bandits and trailed them to Amarillo, where he secured additional information and decided upon the identity of the two robbers. Cummins was arrested later at his home in Uvalde, Texas, after having fled into Mexico and returned. Martin went to Uvalde and brought Cummins back to Farwell where he was tried and given fifteen years in the penitentiary.

MARKETING SCHOOL FOR THE FARMERS.

The annual directors school, conducted by the Texas Wheat Growers Association will be held in the Round-up room of the Amarillo Hotel January 2 to 6 inclusive. Three sessions will be held each day, forenoon, afternoon and night.

This school is open to the public and the course of study will be based on official records, official reports by government investigators and other marketing activities.

In the last five years Texas has advanced in the volume of farm crops marketed co-operatively from twenty-third place among the states until today she stands in seventh place.

Directors in charge of the school urge that bankers, merchants, representatives of the country press, educators and professional men join with the farmers in studying the marketing problems and its effect on the farm income.

A number of men prominent in the business and professional ranks in the Panhandle have been invited to speak at the different sessions. The entertainment features have not been overlooked and music and other entertainment has been provided for each session of the school.

STORK-O-GRAM.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Wade at their home near Homeland, a daughter, Annie Lois, Friday, December 23rd.

Farm Sale Dates

Announcement of the first farm sale for 1928 was made this week by E. L. Brooks, who says that on Friday, January 6, he will offer for sale most of his farming equipment, including farm implements, feed, hogs and cattle. Mr. Brooks' place is located sixteen miles northwest of Hereford.

Several inquiries have already been received about the big real estate auction sale to be held here on Thursday, January 19. On that date Col. Ray Barber will sell at auction the 160 acre farm belonging to W. F. Riddell, of Kidder, Mo., located one mile north and one-half mile east of the Hereford nursery. Several desirable city lots will also be offered in connection with this sale, it is understood.



SHERIFF J. H. MARTIN.

VISITED IN CANYON.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Galloway and daughter, Miss Edith, drove to Canyon Christmas afternoon and spent a few hours in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dunnaway. Later in the afternoon they returned to their home here, accompanied by Mrs. Dunnaway. Mrs. Dunnaway is Mrs. Galloway's sister, formerly Miss Allie Merle Wilson, who was at one time a teacher in our school.

WE THANK YOU.

The editor of the Star desires to extend his thanks to Mr. Southern, of Summerfield, for the box of delicious candy and the collection of literary gems contributed a few days before Christmas.

His thanks are also due to Rev. J. L. Beattie for the liberal amount of Christmas fruit cake and doughnuts which had traveled all the way from his home in Abingdon, Virginia.

We are deeply appreciative of the many beautiful Christmas cards bearing the season's greetings so beautifully expressed in words from many of our dear friends, both old and new.

CHRISTMAS IN FRIONA.

Christmas Day and the day and night preceding were spent very quietly by the people of Friona and vicinity and everybody seems to have fully enjoyed this great season of festivity.

School dismissed at noon Friday until Monday, January 2, and practically all the teachers departed to spend the week with their home folks.

Saturday night all the churches of the town celebrated the Yuletide with appropriate programs and Christmas trees with treats for the children. Sunday morning the Sunday school sessions were held as usual.

No boisterous or riotous conduct was reported throughout the day.

PLAYED SANTA CLAUS.

Members of the local organization of Boy Scouts, headed by their scoutmaster J. A. Blackwell, went late Saturday evening to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Barnes and left there a small Christmas tree and some good things to eat.

The visit was made at the time Mr. and Mrs. Barnes and their two small children were away seeing the Christmas tree at the Baptist church. Mr. Barnes operates a shoe repair shop in Friona. The treat of the Scouts was gratefully received by both the parents and children.

VENISON ROAST FOR CHRISTMAS.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sherrieb were rather unusually favored in their Christmas presents, as they received from one of their friends a choice venison roast.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETS MONDAY NIGHT

On Monday night of next week the regular monthly meeting of the local Chamber of Commerce convenes.

All members are urged to be present as there is some interesting business to be attended to. Among other things will be the annual election of officers for the ensuing year. Come out and assist in electing the man whom you believe will do the most toward advancing the interests of the town during the next twelve months.

LIKES COUNTY AND PEOPLE.

Rev. J. L. Beattie drove to the Spring Lake community last week where he attended the Christmas program at the church Saturday afternoon and filled his preaching appointment on Sunday. There was no preaching service, however, as most of the people had accepted invitations to eat Christmas dinner with relatives and friends at Plainview and other towns.

Mr. Beattie returned as far as Lazbuddie where he preached in the afternoon and spent the night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Treider and made several visits and made the acquaintance of many people in the Lazbuddie community and at Homeland where he stopped on his way to Friona Monday afternoon.

Rev. Beattie came here from Virginia and is well pleased with the Plains country and especially the people living here, of whom he hopes to make the acquaintance of many more as the days go by.

RAIN AND SNOW REPORTED SOUTHEAST

Reuben Gischler, who spent the Christmas season with friends at Crosbyton, returned Tuesday night having had to drive over muddy roads a good part of the way.

Mr. Gischler states that it rained the greater part of the time he was visiting at Crosbyton, the rain at times being quite heavy. He states that after getting on top of the cap rock the rain gradually grew lighter until he reached home.

Pearl Singleterry, who was visiting at the same time in Lubbock, stated that they had a three inch snow there last week, which was mostly gone when he arrived, but that it rained heavily most of the time during his stay. He returned Monday.

Mrs. M. E. Simpson and son, Logan, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred White and Clyde Goodwine ate Christmas dinner and supper at the John White home.

SHIPPING GOOD

More Cattle Shipped to and From Friona Than for Many Years, Report of the Railroad Shows.

During the stock shipping season for this year, which has practically closed, there has been more cattle shipped out of and into Friona than for many years.

The Santa Fe railroad on which Friona is located, is one of the best equipped roads in the country for handling stock and affords its patrons every convenience possible in the way of prompt and efficient service in the transportation of stock of all kinds.

According to a statement of employees of the road there has been, by a conservative estimate, 457 cars of cattle shipped out of the Friona pens this fall and about 230 cars shipped in. The cattle shipped out have been mostly delivered to the Kansas City markets, but many cars have been bought by buyers from the states to the north and east of here and shipped out as feeders.

The greater part of the cars shipped into Friona have been bought in other localities by local cattlemen to be grazed on the pastures to the north of town, being mostly calves. Many of the calves were bought over in New Mexico near Roswell and Carlisbad and lots of them were sold to other buyers as soon as they reached here at a broad margin of profit to the original buyers.

It is reported that the cattle market has come back with a "bang," and some of the cattlemen are gaining back some of the good cash they lost when the bottom fell out of the market several years ago.

In addition to the 680 or more cars of cattle that have been thru the Friona pens this season, there has been 20 cars of hogs and 10 cars of sheep shipped out.

TURKEY DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stanley entertained the following guests at a turkey dinner Monday: Mr. W. D. Knight, Orval Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stanley and children, Jack Stanley, Herbert James, Frank Stanley, Elroy Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hughes and small daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Delos Knight.

BUILDING A NEW HOME IN EAST PART OF TOWN

Work on the new residence of O. F. Lange is progressing nicely during the past week and from all appearances it will soon be ready for occupancy.

The building will be a modern style bungalow with all modern conveniences and is located three blocks east of Main Street near the Methodist church.

Mr. Lange recently sold his property where he has been living on Main Street to the Texas Utilities Company on which that company has erected its light and power plant. While his new home is being completed Mr. Lange will live in the house belonging to Mr. Key.

WERE GUESTS AT FORD HOME

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Miller and family of Clovis, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spohn and sons, Henry and Robert, took Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ford.

The Millers are relatives of the Ford and Spohn families, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Ford being sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Miller at their home in Clovis on Thursday.

LIGHT SHOWERS HERE ON TUESDAY MORNING

About five o'clock Tuesday morning this locality was visited by a light shower of rain, estimated at about a quarter of an inch.

While there is not a sufficient quantity to serve the wheat fields with all they should have, it will aid materially in keeping the crop freshened.

The weather has been cloudy, misty and threatening for several days and it is hoped a good soaker will result before fair weather again returns.

O. E. STEVICK TO TAKE UP TRADE AGAIN.

We are informed by O. E. Stevick that he has severed his connection with the local agency of the Magnolia Petroleum Company of which J. C. Wilkison is local agent.

Mr. Stevick has been in the oil business with Mr. Wilkison for over a year but feels that he can do better financially at his trade, which is that of plasterer and concrete worker, and proposes to begin that line of work at once.

F. W. Reeve and family and J. A. Guyer and family drove over to the home of Floyd T. Schlenker, fourteen miles west of town, Sunday and ate Christmas dinner there.

PRODUCE RAISERS HERE URGED TO CO-OPERATE WITH AMARILLO

Wholesale Egg Market in That City to Take Most of Eggs Produced in This County. Friona Poultryman Arranges to Transport Eggs to Amarillo by Truck to Take Advantages of New Higher Prices.

SCHOOL IS TO RESUME WORK MONDAY MORNING

The Friona school, which has been dismissed this week for the mid-winter holidays, will be resumed again Monday.

All the teachers with the exception of Prof. Rose, departed for their homes in various parts of this state and New Mexico, to spend Christmas with home folks or other relatives and friends.

Owing to the week's dismissal we have no school news this week, but hope to have some splendid write ups from the school next week.

THIS IS THE SEASON OF GOOD RESOLUTIONS

January First, or New Year's Day, is generally conceded to be the proper time for forming good resolutions to be kept and observed throughout the entire twelve months.

It is a pitiable fact, however, that about ninety-nine and three-fourths per cent of these noble resolutions are considered after a few days trial as not worth their keep and are abandoned by their creators.

However, though the results are often pitiable, the effort is worthy of emulation, and it is no less worthy for the citizens of a town, as a whole, to form good resolutions for their town, then for the individual.

Although Friona is a small town at present and by some may be considered insignificant, there is no reason why it may not become one of the leading cities of the Plains country. It is well and favorably located as a trading center and is already in a fair way to grow and prosper accordingly.

Since a town is made by the people within it, why should we not all resolve to achieve some great and good things for Friona during the coming year? Why not aim high? If we miss the moon we may hit a star, but it is dead-ly sure we will reach no higher than we aim and we will never accomplish more than we want to. We can get these things if we want them bad enough.

In connection with this thought we wish to call attention of our readers to the thought expressed in our front page insert this week, by Berton Braley.

CHRISTMAS DAY ENJOYED IN THE FURLONG HOME

On Christmas morn as we peeped into the living room, we found a cozy fire and that Santa had left a well laden tree, which was enjoyed by both old and young alike.

Later friends began to arrive, each looking like a Santa himself. After exchanging greetings and gifts we found that dinner time was near. An old fashioned Yuletide dinner was served by Mrs. Furlong, assisted by Mmes. Hamlin, Cadell, J. and N. R. Gore.

The afternoon was spent in usual Christmas fashion. During this time Mrs. Cadell gave each another surprise by serving delicious home made candy.

Late shadows were falling when each declared they had spent a happy day and that their homes were calling.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Cadell, Albert Cadell, Mr. and Mrs. John Gore and children, Fields and John Lee, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Gore and little Bobbie, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hamlin and Bill Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Furlong and children, John Luther, Merrill, Maurene and Howell.

+ A Stunt for Friona Country: +
+ An Average of 500 Chickens +
+ and 100 Turkeys to the Farm. +

"IF YOU WANT IT BAD ENOUGH."

"If you want a thing bad enough
To go out and fight for it,
Work day and night for it,
To give up your time, and peace and your sleep;
If only desire of it
Makes you quite mad enough
Never tire of it;
Makes you hold all other things tawdry and cheap;
If life seems all useless and empty without it;
And all that you scheme and you dream is about it,
If gladly you'll sweat for it,
Fret for it,
Plan for it,
Lose all your terror of God or man for it,
If you'll simply go after that thing that you want,
With all your capacity,
Strength and sagacity,
Faith, hope and confidence, stern pertinacity,
If neither cold poverty, famished and gaunt,
Nor sickness, nor pain
Of body or brain
Can turn you away from the thing that you want,
If dogged and grim you besiege and beset it,
YOU'LL GET IT!

—Burton Braley.

(Good to use in connection with your New Year's resolution.)



NOT TOO GOOD FOR HER FAMILY

ELLEN TURNER brushed the cover of the beefsteak pie with milk and smiled at the other woman who stood watching her.

cakes in my lovely white and-blue kitchen, will you?" "No," Ellen promised.

"I've saved so hard to get my lovely things," Julia mourned. "It will kill me if, when I get up, I find them marred in any way."



AN IMITATIVE PET "Well, you have the house all to yourself while Mrs. Peckton is away."



He—She's so dumb she thinks the queerest thoughts. She—I thought she was too dumb to think at all.

A New Year's Conscience

SOME of us were born in New England and have that kind of a conscience. Why New England should produce a particular conscience different from any other's conscience seems a little difficult to explain.

A PSALM FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

A FRIEND stands at the door: In either tight-closed hand Hiding rich gifts, three hundred and three score;



THE window frame shivered, creaked and gave way under the prying force of the jimmy. The flat palm of a massive hand finished the raising process.

Well, then— We all rather like to think we obey our conscience: It gives us a faint glow of saintliness.



One of the New Year resolutions that would mean increase of happiness in many a family is this: Not to speak of mistakes which make no difference.

Yet hang some lamp-like hope Above this unknown way, Kind year, to give our spirits freer scope.

Comfort our souls with love— Love of all human kind; Love special, close-in which, like sheltered dove,

Every Year a Milestone Every year is a milestone. A stepping-stone or a stumbling block? Your life is a part of many lives and these many lives are a part of yours.

That's her, 'Pard!' I'd do anything on earth for that, and he slapped the picture vehemently, only to meet his "Pard's" sour looks.

As the Old Year Dies To most people the passing of the year, even though the new period holds hope of advance and greater happiness, has its sad aspect.

Every Year a Milestone (Continued) Every year is a milestone. A stepping-stone or a stumbling block? Your life is a part of many lives and these many lives are a part of yours.

Got the Name Wrong

A man traveling to New York by automobile, being near the state line between Virginia and North Carolina, wished to know exactly whether he had crossed.

"Antibodies" to Blame for Peculiar Dislikes

That one man's meat is another man's poison is more than a proverb. It's an age-old mystery to which medical science is only just finding the key, says Popular Science Monthly.

Place, Not Parent

An English motorist was touring Scotland. One day, not being sure of his location, he slowed down to question a girl he saw approaching.

DOESN'T READ NIGHTLY

He—Do you read nightly? She—I've never heard that author's name before.

New Parasite

Lady (to small boy with two dogs)—Have you licenses on both those dogs? Small Boy—No'm. The big one's all right, but the little one's just full of 'em.

For Chicken Thieves, T'co

"Do you think Liz minded that awful lawsuit she was mixed up in?" "Why, my dear, I think she rather enjoyed it—I know she told me they had a grand jury."

Feminine Logic

It was dusk as she stopped at the roadside garage. "I want a quart of red oil," she said.

Yep, It's Ended

"Don't you think, darling, it would spoil the curtains if I were to smoke in here?" asked Newlywed as he entered the drawing-room.

The Man of It

Mrs. Pryer—My husband has awful deaf spells at times. Mrs. Guyer—Oh, my husband does, especially when I try to call him on in the morning, or try to talk money matters to him.

How De-e-elightful!

Jerry—And when the boat sank I was forced to swim ten miles to shore. Marie—Splendid! I just love to swim.

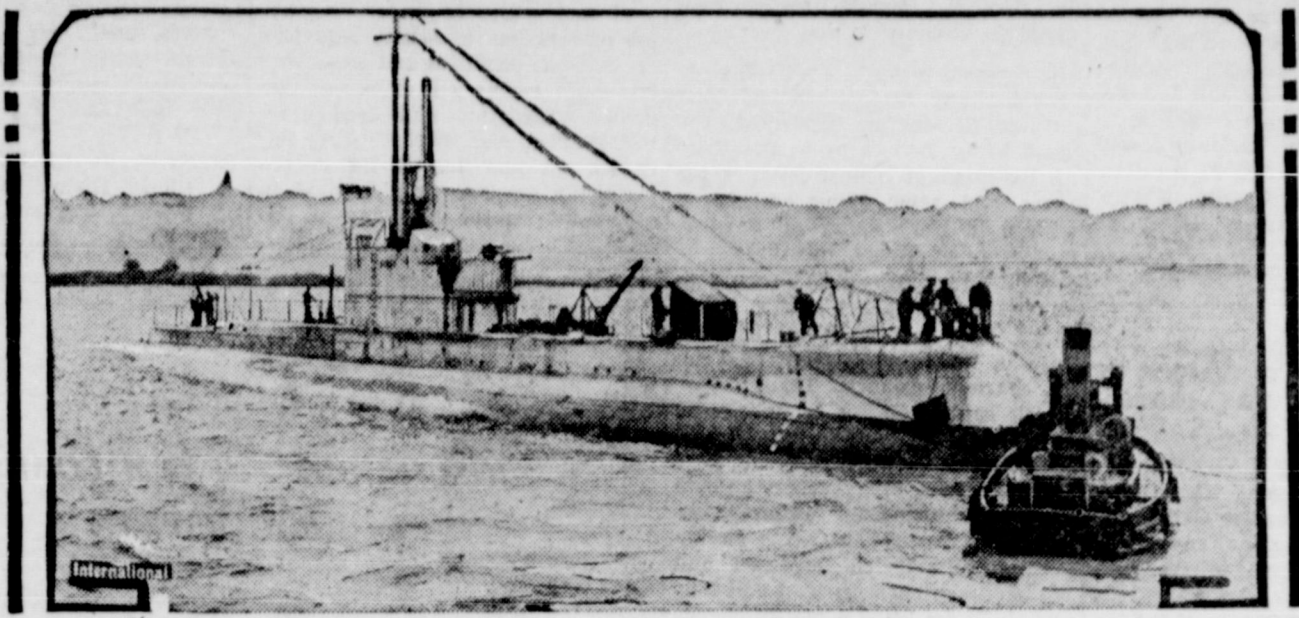
Shaving Long Practiced

The Romans commenced shaving in the Fifth century B. C., and Scipio Africanus is said to have been the first Roman to submit to the daily ministrations of the barber.

Shaving Long Practiced

Ellen saw Julia every day, although she was kept away from everybody else. "Doctor Jones cures because I am so thin," Julia cried.

Fine New Submarine for Australia's Navy



Australia is acquiring quite an efficient navy of its own, one of the latest additions being the submarine Otway, which was built in England. It has all the equipment of the best of the modern submarines.

Gen. Hugh Scott Was Real Pacifier

Aged Soldier and Famous Indian Fighter Guest at Peace Celebration.

Medicine Lodge, Kan.—Among the notables who gathered at Medicine Lodge, Kan., recently to celebrate the signing of the Indian peace treaty there, 60 years before, was Maj. Gen. Hugh Lenox Scott, whose diplomacy and tact brought him favorable recognition as a genuine fighter and student of the Indian mind. This former chief of staff of the United States army, now retired, was called Mole-Te-Gu-Op, "The Man Who Talks With His Hands," by the red men.

He came all the way from his home in New Jersey to participate in the celebration. His best years he has dedicated to the service of his country and he enjoys today the reputation of being the best authority on Indian affairs. He uses words sparingly and his tactfulness is said to be directly traceable to his proficiency in the universal Indian sign language. Recognizing his ability there, Chief Big Wolf called him Mole-Te-Gu-Op.

Planned Indians' Welfare.

Despite his seventy-four years, he has animation and yet is dignified. He was the ideal representative at the celebration of the conquering invaders who secured the West for a united America. He dealt with Indians many years and always planned their ultimate welfare in relation to the constantly expanding population.

General Scott began his career on graduation from West Point in 1876. That was in June, and in the same month Custer rode to his death at the battle of the Little Big Horn. The general had been popular in school. It is told that he rescued a companion for neglect of duty by assuming blame himself.

A great-great-grandson of Benjamin Franklin, Scott was moved by a pioneering instinct and it was natural that the West should demand his attention. He secured a command as second lieutenant in the Seventh cavalry which had been spared Custer's tragic fate, and engaged in the campaign against the rebellious Sioux. It was not a kindly environment for a "rookie" such as the young officer. Veterans of the Civil war, northerners and southerners, hardened by the shock of battle, were in his command.

But he resolved to master his position and his success is attested by history. As other tribes rose against the white father at Washington, Scott was given ample experiences. After the Sioux campaign, he went after the Nez Percés with Chief Joseph at their head. Almost all of them either were killed or captured. Returning to the post, the soldiers were told that Sitting Bull, instigator of Indian opposition and unrest, was in the vicinity and ready to aid the surviving Nez Percés.

Volunteers for Battle.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles, realizing this threat, sent eleven men under com-

mand of Lieut. Marion P. Maus. Maus was met by Scott near the Milk river. Not knowing the size of the Nez Percé force, Maus asked for volunteers and Scott with his six men joined him. After a sharp fight this small troop captured forty-two warriors. Maus then called Scott one of the most valuable soldiers in the service.

Crow Indians broke away from their reservation in southeastern Montana in 1883 and carried the horrors of Indian warfare into the sparse settlements. They were marauding for livestock and if necessary they would shoot settlers. Scott, then a first lieutenant stationed at Fort Meade, N. D., was directed to placate the Indians. He was in command of two junior officers, ninety men and fifty pack mules.

His command pushed on to the Little Missouri river which was raging with April freshets. Two men volunteered to take a line across the river so that a makeshift ferry could be rigged. They dived in, but came out quickly, explaining that the water was too cold to be endured.

Scott stripped off his uniform and tied a rope around his waist. Then he plunged in and struggled with the icy current more than five hundred feet. Gaining the opposite shore, he secured the rope to a tree and his men crossed safely on an old wagon bed which they used as a float.

Coming across the Indians, Scott showed no hostility. He talked to them in the sign language and assured them of his friendship. They submitted and returned to their reservation.

After this uprising of the Crows, there was comparative peace among the Indians until the Cheyennes under Big Wolf flared up in 1890 with their ghost dance activities. By this time Scott had gained a reputation as a pacifier, and the government assigned him to the Cheyennes. He succeeded again, and clever Big Wolf termed him Mole-Te-Gu-Op, "The Man Who Talks With His Hands."

Was Acting Governor of Cuba.

Then came the Spanish-American war. Scott was sent to Cuba as a captain and soon was made an adjutant general. After the Spaniards surrendered he acted as governor of the island while Gen. Leonard Wood was absent. Wood said to him: "He has always been successful in the work assigned to him and has always gained and retained the entire confidence and respect of the officers under whom he served."

After a five-year stay in Cuba, Scott went to the Philippines as governor of Sulu province and commander of the military post at Jolo. His efforts to halt the slave traffic aroused the enmity of the Moros who were armed with modern implements of warfare.

In a battle he was shot through both hands and had to be lifted to his saddle to direct operations. Ultimately the authority of the United States was established and slavery was abolished. Again Wood lauded him: "Scott had to deal with the most war-

like and most turbulent section of the Moro people. He accomplished a great work and his work in the abolition of slavery and suppression of the slave trade has effectually terminated these curses of the Moro people."

Pacifies Hopi Redskins.

In 1911 the Hopi Indians of Arizona notified authorities that they would no longer permit their children to attend a government school. The Indians preferred to keep their offspring at home and rear them according to tribal practices. President Taft was asked by the Department of the Interior to assign Scott as mediator.

Arriving at the reservation, Scott was met by a hostile group. Unarmed and unarmed, he advanced boldly. The Hopis perceived that his mission was peaceful, and approached him, throwing aside their arms. There was the following conversation in the sign language.

"Wagons will take your children away tomorrow," Scott signaled. "Have them ready. What have you to say?" "If you order the children to go, we have nothing to say. The children will be ready."

Settles Navajos' Troubles.

Nobody had ever placated the Navajos. So when they rebelled against federal agents in 1913 it was believed that Scott would have little success in arbitration. But he had methods of his own. He left his soldiers in Albuquerque, N. M., and rode, unarmed, 150 miles in a buckboard wagon. The chiefs were surprised to see him without weapons, and they discarded theirs. Quietly, he convinced the Indians that they were in error, and peace was arranged.

The Plute reservation in southern Utah teemed with dissatisfaction in 1914, and an outbreak was feared. Again Scott was called, and he brought peace out of the unrest.

Shortly after the World war broke he was made chief of staff. Not long afterward he retired because of advancing years.

As an astute Indian diplomat he is today without a living peer. His success undoubtedly was due to his fair-mindedness. He was conscious that the Indians had reason for opposition, and since he first entered the service he strove to arrive at a just solution of the problem. He realized that the Indians believed they were justified in attempting to block the encroachments of the white invaders.

Understood Indians' Ways.

"I have come to understand how their minds work and to comprehend their character," he once said. "Perhaps it is because I know them that I can do business with them. Nor could I describe Indian character offhand. I would want to sit down and think about it. I'll say, however, that the Indian always believed he was fighting for his liberty and to protect his property. White men, when the matter is put that way, will sympathize, I think, with the red men. Liberty and property are just as sacred to the Indian as to anyone else."

"The old warpath Indian was worthy of respect. He was accused of being treacherous. I never knew of but one Indian scout who deceived the white soldiers he was leading. Another thing: Give any Indian a task to perform, and he will stick to it until it is done—he won't lean on his shovel, look at the sun every five minutes, or kill time in other usual ways."

town, whether Detroit or any other city in the United States or Canada; the second third was to be contributed by his parents; and the remaining third was to be advanced by Buchanan to the boy, to be returned without interest when the lad was able to do so. Whenever a boy returned his one-third, this sum was to be reinvested to take another boy to Alaska.

"Any good healthy boy who will do his part may go," Mr. Buchanan declares. No security is taken for the \$125 advanced except honor. A doctor is taken along to safeguard the health of the party. Buchanan is willing to tell boys how they may earn their money provided they write to him in Detroit for details.

The boys see the scenic wonders of Banff, Lake Louise and the Canadian Rockies, the big trees of Vancouver, and the beauties of the inland passage from Vancouver to Skagway, Alaska, by "Princess" steamers. By rail they go to White Horse, Carcross and Atlin, pan for gold and see the glaciers and a thousand and one additional attractions on the way to and from Alaska.

A NEW YEAR — and a New Calendar?



By ELMO SCOTT WATSON
Drawing by Ray Walters.

AS THE New Year comes around and the world faces another 365 days of business and pleasure, there comes up again the question of into what units those 365 days are to be divided so as to give the most of us the opportunity to employ them the most profitably and pleasantly—in other words, the question of a new calendar. For centuries "calendar" has been subject to many changes and man has not yet obtained a satisfactory result. When the Gregorian calendar, now in use, was adopted, it was designed to conform to conditions of that period in history. But conditions have so changed that it is not best adapted to modern needs. Business, especially, complains that it is put out of step by the calendar's irregularities and business is demanding a more standardized system.

The resolution to do something definite about this matter dates from 1924 when the League of Nations appointed a committee of inquiry to go into the matter of reforming the calendar and making recommendations for its change. This committee sent questionnaires to 56 countries, which are members of the league, and to religious and business authorities throughout the world. Replies to the questionnaires have been received from 27 governments, 26 international organizations, 18 railroad administrations, the educational authorities of 23 countries and from a host of individuals.

The need of a reform, as pointed out by the committee, is that the Gregorian calendar has the defects of inequality of its months, quarters and half years and its lack of fixity. The result is confusion in economic relations, statistics, accounts and commercial transport figures. All calculations of salaries, interest, insurance, pensions, leases and rents which are fixed on a monthly, quarterly or half-yearly basis are inaccurate and do not correspond with one-twelfth, one-quarter or one-half of the year.

In order to make daily calculations in current accounts with comparative certainty and speed, banks have to make constant use of special tables. Moreover, the unequal length of the months has led financial concerns in most European countries to calculate deposit and current accounts on the basis of a year of 12 months of 30 days, or 360 days, whereas in the discounting of bills the year is still reckoned at its exact number of days.

Owing to the fact that the present calendar is not fixed, but changes from year to year, its exact reproduction takes place only once every 28 years. Hence the dates of periodical events can never be fixed with precision. And, perhaps the greatest drawback from a statistical and commercial point of view, no genuine statistical comparison between one year and another is possible, while the various subdivisions of the year itself are similarly incapable of comparison.

As the year consists of 52 weeks, or 364 days plus one extra day (two in leap year), the question confronting all schemes of reform is what to do with the extra day—the 365th.

The suggested reforms fall into three main groups. The first group tries to simplify the reform as much as possible and to cause the least possible disturbance to existing habits and customs. This they do by equalizing three of the four quarters of the

year. Thus, each of the first three quarters might consist of 91 days, or three months of 30, 30 and 31 days. The extra day, the 365th, would be added to the fourth quarter which might then consist of three months of 30, 31 and 31 days with 32 in leap years.

Such leveling up of the quarters, would, it is declared, be of real advantage from the point of view of quarterly statistics, stock exchange transactions, banking accounts, and meteorological averages. Furthermore calculations for finding the day of the week on which any given date falls would be considerably simplified. Thus, if January 1 fell on a Sunday, February 1 would be a Tuesday and March 1 a Thursday and so on. This group interferes less with tradition than any other. The issue raised, however, is whether its advantages, which are considerably less than those of the other two groups of suggested reform, are sufficient to warrant a change.

The second and third main groups not only possess all the advantages of the first group in equalizing the divisions of the year, but in addition, that of establishing a perpetual calendar and completely rectifying the existing calendar. The result is obtained by making the extra day of the year—the 365th—a blank day, namely placing it outside the week, as for instance, between December 31 and January 1. The introduction of the blank day, however, breaks the perpetuity of the cycle of weeks, and raises certain religious difficulties mainly in Jewish circles.

Under the second plan, the year would be divided into four equal quarters of 91 days, each quarter consisting of three months of 30, 30, 31 days (as with the first three quarters of the first group). Then the extra day of the year would be counted as outside the week. It might be called New Year's day and precede January 1. In this way all the quarters and half years would be equal. Each month could contain the same number of working days. On the other hand, the months are not equal, and could not be made to contain a complete number of weeks. Dates would not fall on the same day of the week in each month, while the comparison of future dates or statistics with past dates is less complicated than in the 13-month group, but more complicated than in the first group.

The third group is the one which advocates the most radical reform. Typical of this group is the proposal sponsored by George Eastman, the Rochester (N. Y.) manufacturer, and supported by a large group of business men in this country. By this plan the year would be divided into 13 months, the extra month being inserted between June and July. Each

month would have 28 days, the first of the month always being Sunday. The extra 365th day would be known as Year day and would be inserted between December 28 and January 1; in leap years the 366th day would be inserted between June 28 and July 1.

Some of the advantages claimed are that clock and watch dials could record day and date, that the four weeks would quarter each month, harmonizing weekly and monthly receipts and disbursements, that pay days would recur on the same monthly date, that periods of earning and spending would all be equal or exact multiples, that holidays and permanent monthly dates would always occur on the same days, that all months would be comparable without adjustments, that all holidays could be placed on Monday, and that there would be a faster turnover of money with 13 months instead of 12.

While business would find many of these points advantageous, it has been pointed out that the 13-month year would present certain objections, due to the fact that 13 is not divisible by two, four and six. So the quarters of the year, although they are equal, would not correspond in months or contain a whole number of months. Advocates of the plan reply that quarterly and semi-annual transactions could be worked out on a basis of 13 or 26 weeks and that many large firms in this country already are using 13 28-day periods in their accounting systems. One objection to this plan, and it is one which probably will be hardest to overcome, is that the 13-month year would upset customs thousands of years old.

There is one particular reason why 1928 may see a definite step taken toward reforming the calendar. If the committee can present to the League of Nations a satisfactory plan which it can recommend to the world for adoption, it should be done by December, 1929, since that is the last date when changes may be made for 1933 by the Greenwich and United States naval observatories. Calculations for the astronomical, tide and other tables are made about six years in advance by the British, American, French, German and Spanish governments, and scientists already have begun their calculations for 1933.

The year 1933 is a particularly important one for those whose reformation of the calendar calls for beginning the year on Sunday, since the first available Sunday on New Year's day comes in 1933, after which none is available until 1939. Therefore, if the League of Nations committee can decide a plan which the league will adopt before December, 1929, the simplified calendar can go into effect most easily in 1933 and the coming year probably will see some strenuous efforts made to bring that about.

DETROIT PHILANTHROPIST HAS ODD WAY TO HELP BOYS

Extends Aid in Financing Them in Personally Conducted Trip to Alaska.

Detroit, Mich.—There are many so-called odd people in the world who are intensely interested in doing something that few other people strive to do. If they were not considered odd, with their various hobbies, the world would be at a standstill. They go out and achieve; they go out and die; and all the while the world applauds if they win, and throws a wreath on the waters if they lose. One of these odd people with an idea of value to the human race is George E. Buchanan, a Detroit bachelor, who has no sons of his own, but who is so much interested in the rising generation that already he has personally conducted journeys to Alaska for 217 boys, and will take 50 or 60 on the next cruise to Alaska the last week in

June, 1928. He is not a tourist agent. Buchanan went to Detroit from Canada, a poor boy, and he is now very prosperous. Detroit has helped to make a lot of rich men and Buchanan is one of them. When he was a boy in Canada he saved his pennies so that he could go to Europe. Lacking the full amount, a kindly Scotch shipmaster advanced the remaining funds needed. Buchanan had a fine trip to Europe, and he then declared that if he ever became prosperous he would encourage boys to earn and save money for things worth while, including a trip to Alaska. Remembering the Scotch shipmaster's friendly advance, Buchanan laid out a trip to Alaska and formulated the following plan to give the boys a very useful business training and an Alaskan trip which they would enjoy:

The boy must earn one-third of the cost of the trip (\$125) in his home

Being on Time

It has been said that punctuality is the politeness of princes. Have you thought of your failure to be punctual as a discourtesy? You may excuse yourself most talkatively, but the discourtesy is there. You have imposed upon others. You have been rankly selfish in not considering their time of value. You have kept men waiting. That is pure selfishness. The writer has heard men say that they waste

hours of time waiting for others to keep appointments. Courtesy has fallen to low estate when we can't at least be prompt.—Grove Patterson, in Mobile Register.

Her Triumph

Little Audrey had just completed her first motion picture play. "The name of it," she told her father, "is 'The Hours of Hell.' It is about a young inventor who has stolen from him a device for silencing the clatter of airplanes and at the same

time detect counterfeit money. There is not in it a suggestive situation to do with the title. It will therefore draw crowds to witness it."

And her papa exclaimed with delight at his little daughter's amazing genius.—Kansas City Times.

Unruly Tongues

In the relationship between thought and its utterance, why should the tongue seem so eager to give away the secrets of the mind?—American Magazine.

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THIS WEEK

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

VALUE OF BREVITY.
G. O. P. CONVENTION.
COLDEST SPOT ON EARTH.
MARRIAGE STILL BEST.

President: Coolidge, a man of few words, regrets that his message to Congress could not be shorter. Madame de Sevigne wrote to her daughter, "If I had had more time I should have written you a shorter letter." Considering the field covered the President's message will be found shorter than most men could have made it. His "I do not choose" proves ability to say much in few words.

In Australia workers, unemployed, tried to force their way into the Treasury Building. The rioting was suppressed.

Australia is severe in its immigration limitations, and rioting here by the unemployed reminds American workers that what a country NEEDS is population.

A monument to Theodore Roosevelt will be erected above the Culebra Cut overlooking the Panama Canal. Roosevelt deserves the honor; the monument should be a fine one.

All his interesting talk, advising women to have nineteen children, etc., will be forgotten. But the fact that he put through the Panama Canal will NOT be forgotten. In that he rendered his country great service.

Old age is the night of life. "Work, for the night is coming when man's work is done," says the old hymn. For those that have not saved, age is a dreary sight.

San Francisco is expected to get the Republican convention next year, with twenty-three national committeemen now pledged. That is the place for the convention. Many important Republicans need to visit San Francisco, learn something about the United States on the way and something about national development after they get there.

STAR THEATRE

HEREFORD, TEXAS

Saturday Afternoon and Night
 DECEMBER 31
 ZANE GREY'S

"Forlorn River"
 with
JACK HOLT AND RAYMOND HATTON.

Monday and Tuesday
 JANUARY 2-3

"A Harp In Hock"
 with
RUDOLPH SCHILDKRAUT, JUNIOR COGHAN and BESSIE LOVE.

Wednesday and Thursday
 JANUARY 4-5

"Annie Laurie"
 with
LILLIAN GISH AND NORMAN KERRY.

Friday Night Only
 JANUARY 6
JOHNNIE HINES
 in

"White Pants Willie"

Saturday Afternoon and Night
 JANUARY 7
RICHARD DIX
 in

"The Quarterback"

Coming:
 Charlie Murray in
 "THE GORILLA"
 Mary Pickford in
 "MY BEST GIRL"
 Will Rogers in
 "A TEXAS STEER"
 Douglas Fairbanks in
 "THE GAUCHO."

Time of Shows:
 Evening Shows 6:45-8:25
 Saturday Matinee 2:00-3:30

Chicago has found in Detroit a blonde beauty with long hair and positively arranged yesterday to show a Lady Godiva at last night's Arts Ball. Rosalind Hightower, who will be Lady Godiva without horse, rode to Chicago from Detroit in an airplane and will pose in a picture frame, hair and all. She sees nothing immodest in a beautiful lady dressed only in her hair, and says: "To me a short fat woman in an abbreviated skirt is vulgar; the human body is a thing of beauty."

Berlin scientists have created the coldest spot on earth, producing in laboratory experiments a temperature 459 degrees below zero.

Outside our atmosphere, in mysterious spaces separating solar systems from each other, there exists "absolute zero." On our Fahrenheit thermometer that would be 461 degrees below zero, space without heat.

At such a temperature the properties of nature change. Metals lose resistance to electricity and become supra-conductors. A thin thread of mercury will carry enough electricity to light several hundred lamps. Helium gas, the gas used in our dirigibles, become liquid a few degrees above absolute zero. In that terrible cold molecules in matter lose their motion, which may account for their greater electric conductivity.

First abstract science, then useful application. Practical men may find a way to create in metals, apart from any absolute zero temperature, conditions similar to those that absolute zero creates. That would make possible transportation of electric current without cost or loss, and solve the problem of cheap power.

Mr. Haldeman-Julius of Kansas, whose daughter is just trying a "companionable marriage" experiment, tells the world that his daughter was born six years before he, Haldeman-Julius, her father, was married. He didn't have money to set up housekeeping, but the dear little girl was born anyhow.

That is interesting, not unusual. Leonardo da Vinci, second in greatness among all artists, was born outside of marriage, his father and mother never married. He supported his "legitimate," respectable high born half brothers and sisters.

William the Conqueror was born before his father married the interesting girl whom he first saw washing clothes in a brook as he rode past with his warriors.

But all that doesn't change the fact that marriage is better than lack of marriage. Marriage will not go out of fashion. It will persist until men become worthy of an institution at present too good for many of them.

 Things You Should Know
 About Your
HEALTH
 Jno. Jos. Gaines, M. D. *****
THE RIGHT KIND OF PATRIOTISM.

By DR. FRANK CRANE.
 A patriotic deed is one which reflects honor and glory upon one's country.

We recognize General Grant, the Duke of Wellington and Napoleon as patriots because they led armed forces of their respective countries.

The exploits of Colonel Lindbergh together with that of Chamberlain and Levine, have glorified the United States. But this glory was not offset by any rancor incurred by other countries. France and Germany were just as enthusiastic in acclaiming the exploits of our fliers as we were. This is the right kind of patriotism and patriotic action, for it is one which exalts one's native country and at the same time does not awaken animosity in other peoples.

Undoubtedly Thomas Edison has glorified his own country quite as much as General Grant. On a vote taken in Europe recently the most popular Frenchman discovered to be not Napoleon, but Louis Pasteur.

So Darwin and Jenner have done more to exalt the prestige of England than Drake and Wellington. Koch and Goethe have spread the fame of Germany far more than Von Moltke and Ludenburgh, and Marconi and Bellanca have made Italy famous and are entitled to the gratitude of their country quite as much as Garibaldi.

Tolstoy has done more to spread the renown of Russia than all her warriors.

This throws a welcome light upon true patriotism which is found in that harmless rivalry of achievement by the members of the various national groups.

There is no bad blood in this competition. There is nothing gained for one country which is not equally valuable for the whole world.

We are learning that to be a good national is to be a good world

citizen, and the applause of mankind is quite as valuable as the applause of one's fellow citizens.

In order to elevate our country and to magnify it, it is no longer necessary to go out and kill somebody to annex some other territory; it is better to do something that shall excite both the emulation and the applause of the whole world.

True patriotism consists in making our country stronger and better and not necessarily belittling another country.

Interferes With Officer, New Mexico Man Killed

Interference with an officer in pursuit of his duty proved costly to an Elida, New Mexico, man Monday night when he was shot in the stomach, dying the next afternoon in a hospital at Clovis. Jim Johnson, Indian, was alleged to have been scuffling with City Marshal Rufe Walker, to prevent the arrest of a comrade and in the scuffle he was accidentally shot by the officer.

No arrests were made in the case and the trial which was set for the hearing was regarded merely as a legal formality as the man was shot while interfering with the law. It is probable that no action will be taken against Marshal Walker.

BOND ELECTION FAILS.

Citizens of the Black community voted "No" by a large majority on the election held there last Thursday for the purpose of authorizing bonds in the sum of \$30,000 for the erection of a new two-story school building there. If authorized, the Black school district would have built one of the finest small school buildings in the Panhandle.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN DELINQUENT TAX SUIT.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, AND COUNTY OF FARMER.

To F. P. Wilhelm, Residence, Atchola, South Dakota: all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the land or lots hereinafter described, the same being delinquent to the Friona Independent School District for taxes and same lying and being situate in the County of Farmer, and State of Texas, to-wit:

North-east one quarter (NE 1-4) Section 10, League 461, State Abstract No. 14, containing 160 acres of land more or less, situated in Farmer County, Texas; which said property is delinquent to the Friona Independent School District for taxes for the year 1925 and 1926, aggregating the sum of \$76.88, including interest, penalties and costs, said taxes having been legally levied, assessed and rendered against said land and lots, and the same being a lawful charge and constituting a prior lien against the same in favor of the Friona Independent School District to secure the payment thereof;

And you are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Honorable District Court of Farmer County, Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the Courthouse of said County, in the city of Farwell on the 2nd Monday in January, A. D. 1928, the same being the 9th day of January, A. D. 1928, then and there to show cause why judgment should not be rendered against you and the said land and lots sold under foreclosure of said lien to satisfy said taxes, interest, penalties and costs, and all court costs; all of which, together with other and further relief, general and special, being fully set out and prayed for in the plaintiff's original petition filed in said court on the 13th day of December, and appearing on the docket thereof as Suit No. 1006, where-in the Friona Independent School District is plaintiff and B. R. Smiley, and all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in said land or lots, defendants.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in the City of Farwell, in the County of Farmer, this 14th day of December A. D. 1927.

(SEAL) GORDON McCUAN, Clerk, District Court, Farmer County, Texas.

OUR 1928 WISH

Although a comparatively new institution here our Friona store is very well pleased with the reception you have accorded us here, and we believe that our relations in 1928 will be even more friendly.

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relief, general and special, being fully set out and prayed for in the plaintiff's original petition filed in said court on the 13th day of December, and appearing on the docket thereof as suit No. 1007, where-in the Friona Independent School District is plaintiff, and F. P. Wilhelm, is all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in said land or lots, defendants.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in the City of Farwell, in the County of Farmer, this 13th day of December A. D. 1927.

(SEAL) GORDON McCUAN, Clerk, District Court, Farmer County, Texas.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN DELINQUENT TAX SUIT.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, AND COUNTY OF FARMER.

To B. R. Smiley, and whose residence is in Los Angeles, California, all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the land or lots hereinafter described, the same being delinquent to the Friona Independent School District for taxes and same lying and being situate in the County of Farmer, and State of Texas, to-wit:

All of Blocks 1 to 14 inclusive; Lots 1 to 4 and 7 to 12 Block 15; all of blocks 16 to 23 inclusive; lots 1 to 6 block 24; all of block 25; and lots 1 to 14 and 16 to 21, block 26; all of block 27; and lots 1 to 7 and 9 and 11 to 12 block 28; lots 1 to 4 and 7 to 12 block 29; all of blocks 30 to 42 inclusive; lots 2 to 12 block 43; all of block 44; lots 1 to 11 and 13 to 21 block forty-five; all of Block forty-six except lot No. four; all of blocks 47 to 57; all of block 58 except lot No. 4; all of block No. 59 except lots No. 1 and 2; all of blocks No. 60 to 66 inclusive; all of blocks No. 68 to 74 inclusive; situated in the original town of Parmerton, Farmer County, Texas; which said property is delinquent to the Friona Independent School District for taxes for the year 1925 and 1926, aggregating the sum of \$279.81, including interest, penalties and costs, said taxes having been legally levied, assessed and rendered against said land and lots, and the same being a lawful charge and constituting a prior lien against the same in favor of the Friona Independent School District to secure the payment thereof;

And you are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Honorable District Court of Farmer County, Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the Courthouse of said County, in the city of Farwell on the 2nd Monday in January, A. D. 1928, the same being the 9th day of January, A. D. 1928, then and there to show cause why judgment should not be rendered against you and the said land and lots sold under foreclosure of said lien to satisfy said taxes, interest, penalties and costs, and all court costs; all of which, together with other and further relief, general and special, being fully set out and prayed for in the plaintiff's original petition filed in said court on the 13th day of December, and appearing on the docket thereof as Suit No. 1006, where-in the Friona Independent School District is plaintiff and B. R. Smiley, and all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in said land or lots, defendants.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in the City of Farwell, in the County of Farmer, this 14th day of December A. D. 1927.

(SEAL) GORDON McCUAN, Clerk, District Court, Farmer County, Texas.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN DELINQUENT TAX SUIT.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, AND COUNTY OF FARMER.

To Geo. S. Demots, whose residence is unknown:

all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the land or lots hereinafter described, the same being delinquent to the Friona Independent School District for taxes and same lying and being situate in the County of Farmer, and State of Texas, to-wit:

Lots 1 to 6, Block 89; Lots 1 to 12, Block 90; Lots 1 and 2, Block 91; Lots 1 and 2, Block 92; situate in the original town of Friona, Farmer County, Texas; which said property is delinquent to the Friona Independent School District for taxes for the year 1925 and 1926, aggregating the sum of \$53.34, including interest, penalties and costs, said taxes having been legally levied, assessed and rendered against said land and lots, and the same being a lawful charge and constituting a prior lien against the same in favor of the Friona Independent School District to secure the payment thereof;

And you are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Honorable District Court of Farmer County, Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the Courthouse of said County, in the

city of Farwell on the 2nd Monday in January, A. D. 1928, the same being the 9th day of January, A. D. 1928, then and there to show cause why judgment should not be rendered against you and the said land and lots sold under foreclosure of said lien to satisfy said taxes, interest, penalties and costs, and all court costs; all of which, together with other and further relief, general and special, being fully set out and prayed for in the plaintiff's original petition filed in said court on the 13th day of De-

ember, and appearing on the docket thereof as suit No. 1008, where-in the Friona Independent School District is plaintiff and Geo. S. Demots, is all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in said land or lots, defendants.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in the City of Farwell, in the County of Farmer, this 13th day of December A. D. 1927.

(SEAL) GORDON McCUAN, Clerk, District Court, Farmer County, Texas.

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Read the advertisements in this paper regularly. The big ones and the little ones. Search them through for values you might otherwise never know about.

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FOR SALE—Five pure bred Barred Plymouth Rock cockerels. See Mrs. M. E. Sherrieb, three miles northeast of Friona.

For Sale—1 John Deere tractor, used only one season; in good condition. One Emerson disc tiller and one John Deere six-disc brooding plow and one 20-disc Peoria grain drill. All this machinery is in first class condition. SCHULER BROTHERS, Route A, Texico, New Mexico.

WANTED—Public plowing to do. Before you make a contract with anyone else, see J. E. WARE & SONS, Friona, Texas.

FOR SALE—160 acres of land, unimproved, lying one mile from Friona, Texas. See Star Office, or address J. E. SHAFFER, Douds, Iowa.

WANTED—Stalk or wheat field pasture for cattle grazing. Let me know how many you can handle. O. G. HILL, Hereford, Tex. 15-10

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Canaler and children, Frankie and Max, were dinner guests in the Furlong home Monday.

Peal Singleterry and Johnnie Raybon spent Christmas in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Curry and daughter, Edna Earl, spent Christmas with relatives and friends in Floydada.

Jackman's Women's Wear Exclusively

Mr. and Mrs. Beazley and children were seen in Clovis Saturday.

Leo McLellan who formerly lived here but is now making his home at Shawnee, Oklahoma, spent a part of last week here.

Herbert James visited relatives in Clovis this week.

Ray Singleterry of Amarillo and Glenn Singleterry, of Pleasant Hill, New Mexico, visited friends and relatives here last week.

Miss Mary Brookfield who has been attending college at Canyon, arrived here last week to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hamlin and son, Bill, were week end guests of Mrs. Hamlin's sister, Mrs. E. R. Furlong.

H. E. Marbaugh and family, of Pampa, were over Christmas as guests at the E. M. Sherrieb home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Warren entertained with a Christmas dinner Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilkison and daughter, Jacqueline, and Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Warren and daughter, Jane Ann.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Duke, Tuesday morning, a daughter, Laverne, at their home southeast of town.

Jackman's Women's Wear Exclusively

Prof. and Mrs. Brothers of Dallas, are guests at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Lillard this week.

Miss Gladys Ealem of this place spending the Christmas holidays with old friends and relatives at her home in Wichita Falls.

Miss Ruby Haynes is spending this week in the home of her cousin, Mr. Turner, south of Friona.

Nat Jones was seen in Farwell Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Landrum and children are spending this week with old friends and relatives in Floydada.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Buchanan and small son, Billie Gene were in town Wednesday.

G. Jones is spending this week in Dallas, Fort Worth and Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilkison and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Maurer left Tuesday for El Paso. They expect to be gone about a week.

Jacqueline Wilkison is spending this week with her cousin, Jane Ann Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Raymond of Higgins visited friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pope and children spent Saturday in Clovis.

Mr. Sparks was a business visitor in Clovis Saturday.

Ray Singleterry and George Keith returned to Amarillo Tuesday.

Neva Jones entertained the following guests with a 42 party Tuesday night: Edith Galloway, Faye Singleterry, Pearl Singleterry, Elroy Wilson and Johnnie Raybon.

M. A. Crum spent Christmas with friends and relatives in Floydada.

PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MEETS JANUARY 6

The Friona Parent-Teachers Association will meet on Friday, January 6th.

Every mother and father is expected to be present and enjoy the program, which will be both interesting and instructive. Come. PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

SPENT CHRISTMAS HERE.

Ray Singleterry and George Keith of Amarillo spent Saturday here visiting friends and relatives and, accompanied by Misses Faye Singleterry, Pearl Singleterry, Elroy Wilson and Johnnie Raybon, motored to Clovis Sunday and ate dinner with R. H. Rutledge, when about twenty-five guests were present at the dinner. Monday they took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Singleterry at Pleasant Hill.

PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Cason Jones very delightfully entertained a number of young folks at the A. S. Curry home on December 26 when the evening was spent in playing games and music. Refreshments of cocoa and cake were served to Misses Lucille Schultz, Vivian Jones, Alice Baker, Opal Baker, Bonnie Curry, Edith Galloway and Juanita Curry; Messrs. Clarence Day, Arthur Baker, Frank Baker, Clifford Schultz, Pearl Singleterry, Oliver Baker, Johnnie Raybon and Floyd Johnson. At a late hour all departed, declaring Mr. and Mrs. Jones real entertainers.

The principal of a New Jersey high school recently told the girls in his school that smoking is a man's sport and should remain so, which causes us to wonder if he doesn't have in mind a certain brand of cigarettes people walk miles for.

Lubbock—Representatives from fifteen South Plains towns attended the secretaries association meeting here December 6. Manager Wade of the West Texas Chamber, Joseph Leopold, manager of the Southern Central Division of the United States Chamber of Commerce, and John Boswell, manager of the Extension Bureau of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, were principal speakers. Ralls won the prize for having the largest delegation of chamber officials present.

So many hammer murders are being committed these days that if Congress keeps up with the crime news, the country can expect a law forbidding the sale of hammers any day now.

Shuffle 'em Up. "That sailor's a card." "Yeh, that comes from his association with decks."

FRIONA WOMANS' CLUB MET WEDNESDAY THE 14TH

The Friona Womens' Club met in regular session on Wednesday, December 14th at the home of Mrs. C. L. Lillard, with Mrs. Lillard as hostess and Mrs. O. L. Lange as assistant.

The subject for the afternoon was Motion Pictures. Members responded to roll call by answering "Why I like the movies." A brief history of motion pictures—Mrs. J. C. Wilkison. Violin Solo—Miss Virginia Crawford.

Review of Federation News—Mrs. T. J. Crawford.

A ten minutes contest of naming movie actors and actresses was a very interesting feature. Misses Carl Maurer and Scott Weir won first, and Misses J. G. Weir and J. L. Sears won second.

During the social hour the hostess and assistant served a delicious plate luncheon consisting of cheese straws, candle-stick salad, fruit cake and coffee. Plate favors were sprigs of real mistletoe and a small artificial poinsettia. Mrs. Lange's sister was very thoughtful to send the mistletoe for the occasion. Mrs. Barrett was a very welcome guest.

The next meeting will be with Misses T. J. Crawford and F. W. Reeve on December 28.

What's Doing In WEST TEXAS

Canadian—A new 240 horsepower unit has been purchased by the city to be installed about January first.

Stinnett—Building under way for the new year includes a \$75,000 school building and a \$300,000 new court house.

Stamford—The season's greetings are extended to all West Texas by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in the December issue of West Texas Today, just off the press.

Peecos—Hotel Peecos has all been leased and is to be opened to the public as soon as it is complete and furnished. The building has twenty rooms with hot and cold running water and circulating heat.

Turkey—The first car load of flour to a point on the new line of the Fort Worth and Denver South Plains has been received by a local groceryman. Turkey and Quitaque are the first towns on the new line to receive train service.

Sagerton—A new house of worship together with a new parsonage has been completed here. Visitors from Albany, Abilene and Loraine came here on the occasion of the dedication services.

Alpine—Alpine has been placed before the Texas Women's Press Association as the 1929 convention city. Mrs. W. B. Hamilton of this city is treasurer of the organization.

Crowell—Work is being rushed to completion on Crowell's new school which is expected to be ready for occupancy by Christmas.

Groom—J. E. Biggs, field representative of the W. T. C. of C. will leave here Christmas week for Stamford to attend the annual New Year's state meeting of the regional organization.

Dumas—Dumas and Moore county are going to be put on the map. The Dumas Chamber of Commerce recently organized and is at work on a program to promote real ag-

ricultural diversification and prepare the city for all development.

Baird—A home market for dairy products and cream has been established here.

Carlsbad, N. M.—The regular irrigation season in this sector has been closed for some time and water deliveries from the storage reservoir have been discontinued.

Chillicothe—C. S. Holland, formerly of this city is now editing the Muleshoe Journal, owned for the past two years by R. B. Boyle, now of Plainview.

San Angelo—This city will be host to representatives of the W. T. C. of C. oil and gas bureau January 25.

Brady—An article giving publicity to Texas and West Texans' turkey industry in general and to Brady's Turkey Trot in particular, released by the publicity department of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, was given good play in the December issue of the National Republic Magazine, a Washington, D. C. publication. Two pages were devoted to reading matter and illustrations, besides editorial mention made of the article, and besides the pictures on other pages directing attention to the story.

Copperas Cove—Small grain in this section is thriving. The cotton crop was completely picked by the last of November as there was no top crop this year. Turkeys in this section have been particularly profitable and the holiday markets are being supplied with many birds from here.

Big Lake—A systematic tree planting program has been underway here by the commissioners' court. Much improvement on the Reagan county court house lawn has been made by sodding grass, setting evergreens and flowers.

Plainview—A two hundred and fifty thousand dollar paving program in Plainview for 1927 was completed December 1, which gives the city twenty additional blocks of high type brick on concrete pavement, making a total of seventy-five blocks of pavement in the city at this time.

Cooling Off.

"Why are your socks on wrong side out, Bob?" "My feet were hot and I turned the hose on them."

Yep—First Aid.

"What must a man be to be buried with military honors?" "Dead."

We sometimes wonder if the reason Adam broke with Lilith wasn't that Christmas was drawing near.

Short Course Is Offered By A. & M. College

Special livestock short course for farmers, ranchers and others interested will be held at the A. & M. College of Texas January 9 to 13 inclusive. This course will be offered by the extension service in co-operation with the animal husbandry department of the college and the Texas agricultural experiment station. It will be the first course of the sort offered in the college in several years.

The program for the course, just issued, shows three divisions, dealing respectively with beef cattle, hogs and sheep and goats. Lecture programs for these three divisions will proceed during the same hours but in different sections during the five-day period. The short course is designed to give livestock farmers and ranchers an opportunity to study problems of the industry more extensively than is possible in either county meetings or during the summer short course.

F. C. Bishop, bureau of entomology, U. S. department of agriculture, will be one of the outstanding lecturers for the course. He will give special attention to discussion of screw worm control and the ox warble and other external parasites. Subject matter on the program covers a wide range of topics, including among others judging, marketing, feeding, market classes and grades, range management, diseases, parasites, management, sanitation, record keeping, wool and mohair grading.

Olton—The Olton Chamber of Commerce was recently host to a Father and Son Banquet, honoring the local stock judging team of Olton high school which won premier honors in stock judging at Texas Tech College in a recent competition.

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An orang-utang can sing, says a German biologist, and that statement clears up the mystery of where the weird noises heard over the radio originate. Hotel Manager—You must please lay in advance sir. Your luggage is too emotional. Guest—Emotional? Yes—easily moved. Mrs. Youngbride—I don't want to have any trouble with you, Bridget. Cook—Then, bedad, ma'am, let me hear no complaints!

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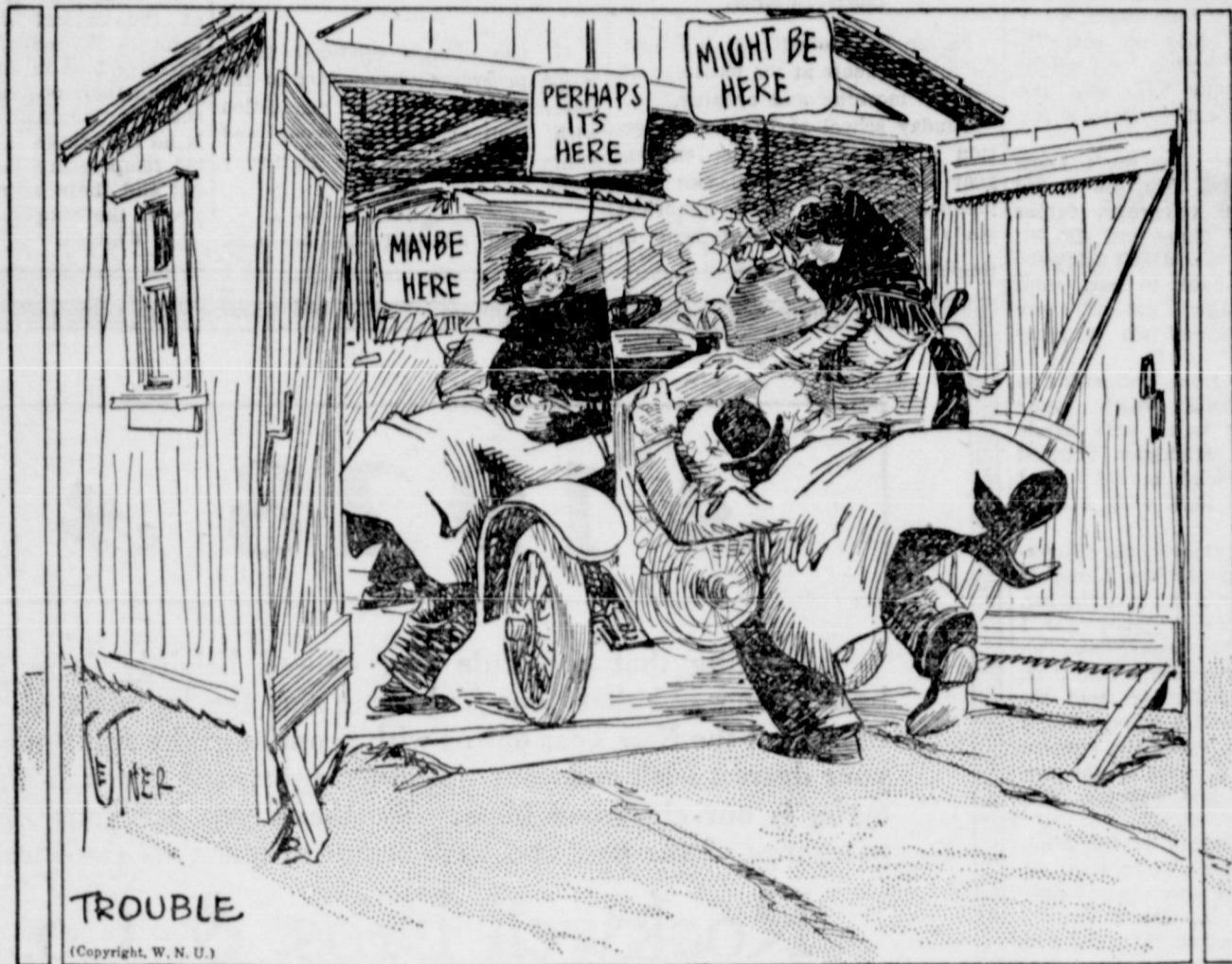
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Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER
WESTERN NEWSPAPER UNION

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Mr. Rooster crowed ahead of time. "Well," said Pinky Pig, "why are you waking us up at this hour? That is what I'd like to know."

"Because it's a day they call Christmas," said Mr. Rooster.

"Well," grunted Pinky Pig again, "why does a day that is named Christmas mean anything more to us than any other day?"

"Of course winter is different from summer."

"Oh, is it, indeed?" chuckled Mrs. Hen, "how extremely bright of you, Pinky?"

"Now, don't be rude," said Pinky. "You don't know much more yourself."

"Yes, I do," said Mrs. Hen, "I know when the sun shines and when it rains."

"There is a great deal of difference in days."

"But still," said the goat, "Mr. Rooster hasn't told us about Christmas."

"It's a day when all the world gets up early," said Mr. Rooster.

"And what have we to do with the world?" asked the little chickens.

"We care for the barnyard—not for the world."

"But the world cares for the barnyards," said Mr. Rooster.

"Nonsense," said Pinky Pig. "Only tell us your reason for waking us up."

"Because of Christmas morning the farmer feels so happy, and the chil-

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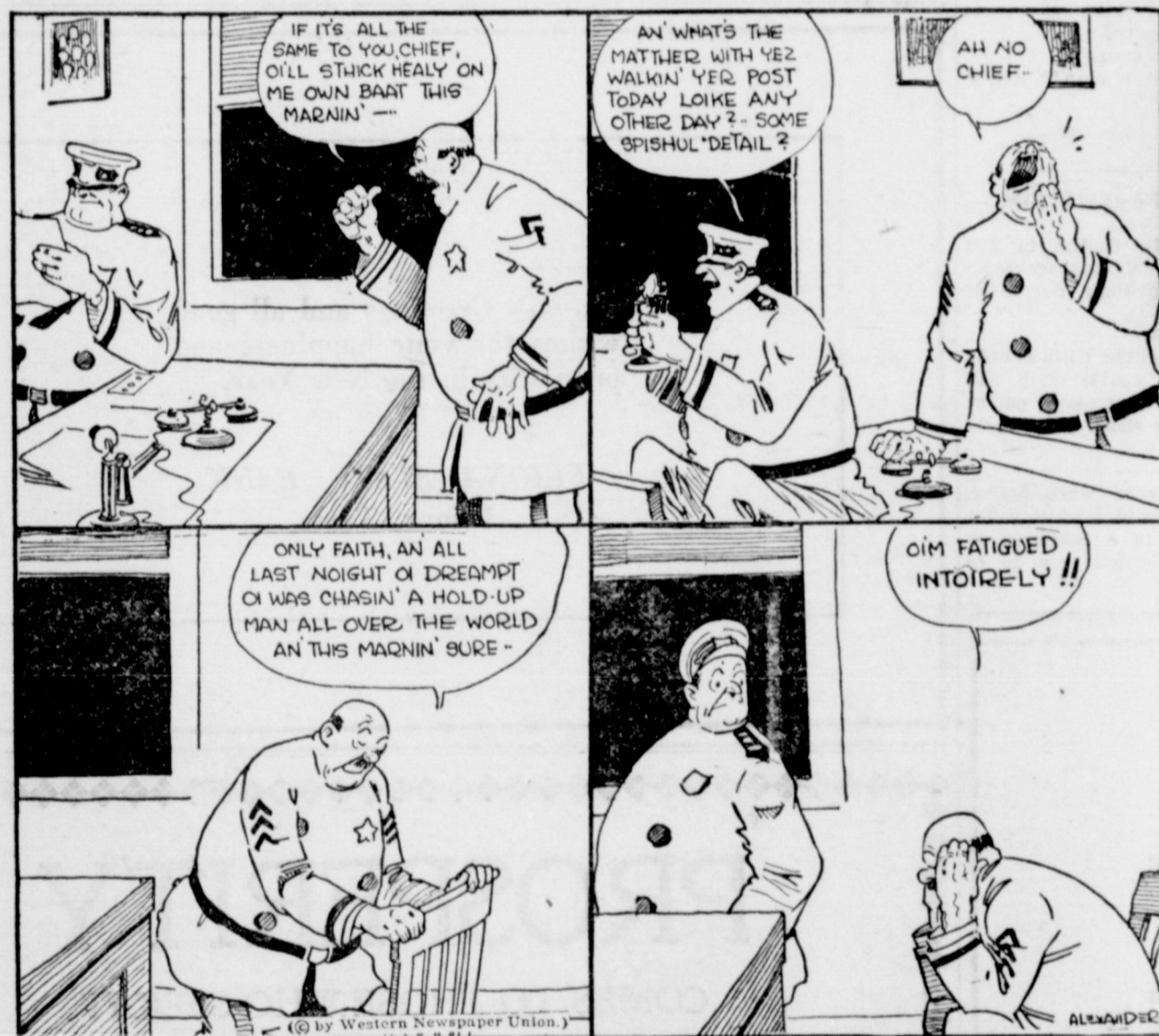


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FINNEY OF THE FORCE

A Very Realistic Dream



"Don't Be Rude," said Pinky.

dren feel so happy that they give us an extra breakfast."

"Oh," said Pinky Pig, squealing happily, "now that is different, quite different."

"You see," continued Mr. Rooster, "an old man by the name of Santa Claus calls on the children and fills their stockings."

"What has that to do with us?" said Mrs. Cow. "We don't wear stockings—we don't even own them—so that wouldn't help us."

"But," said Mr. Rooster, "they are so pleased at getting so many goodies themselves that they give us some."

"I wonder if that is so," said Pinky Pig.

But before they had talked much more the farmer came out with the grain and seed for their breakfast.

And he gave them some special food, and such good things to eat that they knew it must be because it was Christmas day—some very particular sort of a day when everybody was kind and gave presents.

"Merry Christmas, animals," said the farmer, as he showered their pens and stalls and homes with a fine breakfast.

The animals were delighted! Pinky Pig tried to squeal "A Merry Christmas," the rooster crowed his delight, the cows gave a moo, and the noise in the barnyard meant they were all enjoying Christmas morning!

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Second Same—Yes, I remember he went to your funeral last Wednesday. —Montreal Star.

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Storm Clouds in the West



Can You Spell Well?

Here's one for you to figure out: What does ghonghphthlighten spell? Give it up? No such word, you say? Well, you're about right, yet it spells potato.

gh is for p, as in the last two letters of hiccough; ough is o, as in dough; phth, t, as in phthisis; eigh, a, as in neighbor; tte, t, as in gazette; and eau, o, as in beau.

And there you are, p-o-t-a-t-o!

Something Lacking

It was little Tommy's first visit to the farm, and he was taken around to see the pigs, horses, cows, chickens, etc. On his return to the house his grandmother said, "Well, Tommy, how do you like the farm?"

"All right," said Tom, "but I think I would like it better if you had some elephants and some lions and some tigers."

Modern

Father—Er—come, son, and I will tell you a story about—er—little Red Riding Hood.

Child—Awfully sorry, dad, but I'm busy. Tell mother.

Obviously

Teacher—Tommy, are the skins of cats of any use?

Tommy—Yes, sir.

Teacher—Well, what are they used for?

"For keeping cats warm."

"A Student and a Teacher"

John (explainingly)—I'm slow and sure.

Teacher—Yes, slow to learn and sure to forget.

BLACKSHEEP!

By Meredith Nicholson

Illustrations by Henry Jay Lee



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(Continued from Last Week.)

Reaching town with an hour to spare he got his bag from the station and bought a ticket. He spent half an hour at a hotel cleaning up and changing to the clothing he had discarded at Cleveland.

Grubbs carried Putney's luggage across the platform, passing Archie without a sign of recognition. He was followed by a tall man in a gray suit whose left arm was supported by a stick. Grubbs took hasty leave and the two travelers were left alone.

"A warm night," Congdon remarked. "No red caps here, I suppose?"

"I fancy not," Archie replied. "I'll be glad to help you with your bags."

"Oh, thank you. I have a game shoulder, nearly well now, but it gives me a twinge occasionally."

A blast from the locomotive and the humming of the rails woke the station to life. Archie grabbed the larger of Congdon's bags and led the way toward a voice bawling "Chicago sleeper." Congdon showed his ticket for lower three and climbed in.

"I've got the upper half of the section," said Archie, "but I promise not to be a nuisance to you."

The glint of pain in Congdon's eyes sent a wave of remorse through Archie's soul. Congdon bore his affliction manfully. As he played nervously with his watch chain, he inspected Archie with quick, furtive glances.

"I'm all banged up—nerves shot to pieces," he said abruptly, turning his gaze intently upon Archie. "That's rough. Used to be a troubled a good deal myself."

Congdon drew out his watch, said that he had been sleeping badly and hated to go to bed. He sat erect and tried to reach his coat pocket. His face twitched with the pain of his effort.

"I had a bottle of dope I'm supposed to take to help me sleep; must have left it in my bag. Will you poke the button, please?"

"Can't I help get it for you?" Archie asked.

"You are very kind. It's the small satchel—a bottle about as long as your hand."

Opening the bag in Congdon's

berth, Archie's hand fell upon a photograph that lay on top. The face swam before his eyes and he pitched forward in his agitation, bumping his head viciously against the window. It was a photograph of Isabel Perry. He groped for the bottle and crept back to the smoking compartment.

Congdon the custodian of a photograph of Isabel Perry, demanded a more careful inspection, and Archie studied him with renewed interest. Isabel was hardly a girl to bestow her photograph upon a married man. Congdon had no business with the photograph and Archie bitterly resented its presence in the man's luggage. He jumped when Congdon announced that he was ready to turn in, following him to the berth, and helped him to undress.

"Whistle if you need anything in the night," said Archie, and allowed the porter to push him into the upper berth, the first he had ever occupied.

When they were aroused by the porter he helped Congdon into his clothes, chose a clean shirt for him and laughingly offered to shave him.

"You're a mighty good fellow! It's about time I was introducing myself. My name is Congdon. I live in New York, just making a little trip for my health. Going up into the lakes."

Comey's my name. No particular plans myself. Just knocking about a bit."

By the time Archie had made his toilet they were running into the Chicago station.

"Suppose we have breakfast in the station restaurant? And see here, old man; I don't want to force myself on you, but if a poor neurasthenic won't bore you too much I wish you'd let me tag you till my train leaves tonight. I hate to be alone."

They not only breakfasted together but after motoring through the parks they spent an hour at an art institute and then Archie acted as host to luncheon. By this time Archie was fully committed to the further journey into Michigan. On a bench in Grant Park Congdon swung himself into a confidential attitude.

"Life's the devil's own business," he said with a sigh. "I've got to a place where I don't care what happens—everything black anywhere I look. I was happily married; two beautiful children; none finer, but I'll shorten up the story so you can see what a monkey fate has made of me. My father's a crank, a genius in his way, but decidedly eccentric. My mother died when I was a youngster, and father tried all sorts of schemes of educating me, whimsical notions one after another. The result was I've never got a look in anywhere; unfitted for everything. After I married he still tried to hold the rein on me, wanted to put me into business, I hated and kept meddling with my domestic affairs. All this made me weak and irresolute."

"Well, I was about to offer myself as exhibit A on a slab in the nearest morgue," Congdon continued, when I met a young woman who seemed to understand me, and right there's where I made the greatest mistake of my life. She made a fool of me—that's the short of it. I took her to dinner at the house of some friends right here in Chicago—and she diagnosed my case with marvelous penetration. She said I faced life with the soul of a coward and suggested that I go armed and shoot anyone who stepped on my toes. She recited a piece of verse to the effect that a man fears his fate too much if he won't put his life to the test."

"I was fool enough to believe it. I tried to follow her advice. It ended in my having a row with my father that beat all the other rows I ever had with him and he turned against my wife—and she was trying to estrange us. And when I ran away to escape from the nasty mess he sent her telegrams in my name threatening to kidnap the children and he did in fact kidnap my little daughter. Snatched her away from her mother and carried her out to one of his farms in Ohio. But my wife played a clever trick on the old gentleman and got the child back again and I'm damned glad of it. I got a message that the little girl is up in Michigan, so

that's really where I'm headed for."

Archie had suffered a blow but he was meeting it bravely. Having believed that Isabel had given him this same advice quite spontaneously it was with a shock that he realized that she had offered it in similar terms to Congdon. There was no question as to the identity of the girl—who had bidden Congdon plant his back to the wall and defy the world; no one but Isabel would ever have done that.

"About your child up there in Michigan," said Archie, "it's wholly possible that your wife sent you the wire as an approach to a reconciliation."

"Oh lord, no! You don't know my wife, Comly. You see I got answers to the telegrams father sent her in my name and she hit right back at me. Don't think she is coaxing me back to her. And here's the message I got out there in Ohio that caused me to jump for the train."

He produced from his pocket a crumpled telegram which read: "Your daughter is in safe hands at Huddleston, Michigan. Proceed to that point with serenity and contemplate the stars with a tranquil spirit."

"This was so clearly the Governor's work that Archie found it difficult to refrain from laughing.

"You may think it queer that I set off," Congdon remarked, "on the strength of a message like that. But ever since that girl told me I oughtn't to hesitate when I heard the bugle I can't resist the temptation to act on the spur of the moment. I'm a fool, I suppose. Tell me I'm a fool Comly."

"I shall do nothing of the kind. There's always the chance that the girl had sized you up right and gave you sound advice. Don't answer if you don't want to but have you really done anything you wouldn't have done if that girl hadn't told you to step on the world a little harder?"

Congdon's free hand worked convulsively; he bent closer to Archie and whispered:

"I've killed a man!"

"You murdered a man!" Archie gasped.

Continued Next Week

"INSIDE" INFORMATION.

Rabbits can be cooked in any of the ways of chickens are cooked, according to their degree of tenderness.

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WITH THE CHURCHES.

Methodist.

There will be the regular preaching services next Sunday by the pastor, Rev. Gilliam, both morning and evening, and other services of the church will be held at the usual hour.

Congregational.

Pastor Beattie will fill his regular appointments at the local church Sunday morning and evening.

Sunday school at 10:00 and election of officers for the ensuing year and three of the classes have planned to take up a historical study of the New Testament in

connection with the regular international lessons.

Baptist.

Rev. Jones preached here last Sunday, both morning and evening and Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. were held at the regular hours. Rev. Jones will preach next Sunday at Homeland.

All the church rendered interesting programs appropriate to the Christmas season in connection with their Christmas trees and Santa Claus treats on Saturday night.

Star want ads get the business.

HOUSING THE DAIRY COWS.

The main essentials in housing dairy cows in the winter seems to be to keep them dry and out of the wind and drafts and to provide plenty of fresh air and sunlight. Apparently the matter of temperature in itself is not a vital consideration, except perhaps in the most severe portions of the United States. It has been noted at the federal dairy experiment farm at Beltsville, Md., that cows do their best in the coldest weather and their poorest during the hot summer months. Probably there is no advantage in keeping the stable temperature much above freezing and there may be a disadvantage if the temperature rises above sixty degrees.

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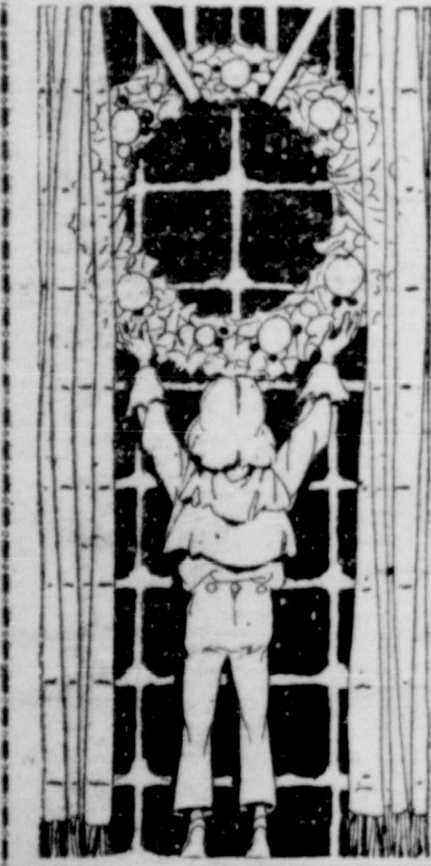
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