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LOCAL NEWS FROM ANTRIM

Aug. 7-There is lots of sickness in our community nowmostly chills and fevers. But some of them are better at this writing and we hope they will all be well in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Blackwell of Rock Hill and Mrs. Mary Blackwell visited Mr. and Mrs. John Martin and children Sunday.

Mr. Jim Taylor and family visited Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Durnell and family Sunday. Rev. Florence is conducting a

meeting at this place now assisted by Rev. Jessie Willis.

A large crowd from here accompanied Rev. W. R. Durnell to Rock Hill Sunday afternoon where he delivered a very interesting sermon. Among those who attended from here were: Mr. J. W. Taylor and family, Miss May Martin, Messrs. William Waddell and Jim Ritchie.

Mr. Otis Gibson and Miss Julia Brinson were quietly married last Sunday morning' at 9 o'clock, Rev. W. R. Durnell officiating. Both are prominent young people of this community and the writer joins their many friends in wishing them every joy and happiness in their future.

Miss Lula Belle Taylor spent Sunday with her friend, Miss May Martin.

Our singing school will close Friday night. We are going to have a nice program, also a box supper. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Parker of

serious an evil in crop growing

guez severed the tassels-the

Objects We Never See

A sheet from the bed of a river A tongue from the mouth of a stream A toe from the foot of a mountain And a page from a volume of steam.

A wink from the eye of a needle A nail from the finger of fate A plume from the wing of an army And a drink at the bar of a grate.

A hair from the head of a hammer A bite from the teeth of a saw A race on a course of study And a joint from the limb of the law.

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I asked him to show how this To test his discovery Senor the New Prospect community could be done.

For 25 years Senor Domin- granery seed and a row of the Sunday. Also Mr. and Mrs. A. guez, who owns extensive ranches ventilated grain side by side. in Pueblo, Coahuila, Milchoacan When the shoots were a foot and Guanjauto, has experiment- or so high he pulled them up. ed with corn production. He The granary seed plants came developed type, inbreeding is as has studied it from every the up easily, but the roots in the oretical and practical angle. row planted with the ventilated as in animal life. In a row of Sometime ago he came to the seed were firmly fastened in the one of his fields Senor Dominconclusion that faulty selection earth and required hard tugof seed corn was a serious cause ging to pull them out. of low production. He found a tion.

When the average farmer is six grains into a small cup of advice to the corn grower, howready to plant, says Senor Dom- galvanized iron, covers the seeds ever, is that this should be preinguez, he goes to the granery with soil and fastens the cup to vented until the seed grain is of and selects what appear to be the ear from which the seeds the most vital kind, easily ascerthe best ears. The outcome of have been taken. The tiny tained by the "cup" test. his crop is a matter of luck after shoots that spring from the cup The corn grower should pay that. He does not realize that will show the condition of the more attention to the soil. Plowwhile the grain is in a stuffy, un- ear. Numerous experiments ing for a certain period before ventilated crib a chemical de- with this device have shown the planting season will afford composition is taking place with. Senor Dominguez the stunted, so much plant food, and shorter in the kernel. About 30 per unhealthy condition of the gran- periods will proportionately dicent of a ripe ear of corn is ary seed and the vigorous, flour- minish this nourishment, but water. The heat brought about ishing state of the ventilated the average farmer does not unin the granery corn by absence grain.

The method Senor Dominguez test will show one to have much has worked out for preventing more vitality than the other.

males of the plant-from the Senor Dominguez has an exstalks, and in the next row the remedy for this. He then found cellent and very simple device silks-the females - continuing the majority of farmers knew for testing the producing possi- this alternation through several nothing about the breeding of bilities of an ear of corn. He rows. Thus one row was polcorn. He made numerous ex. divides the ear into six imagi- lenized by another and inbreed periments in this field, learning nary parts and selects a grain ing prevented. A small crop of much of value. Investigating from each, so as to be sure the excellent corn resulted. Using still further he saw that farm- results of his experiment will this grain as seed for further ers, in spite of constant advice show the strength of each sec- crops he continued to prevent as to proper caring for the soil, tion of the ear, which is pollen- inbreeding. After he had proowed their failure frequently to ized on various days of the pol-duced a high type of grain he insufficient and delayed cultiva- lenizing season and accordingly found inbreeding did not matter varies in vitality. He puts the and allowed it to continue. His

derstand the reason. "The far-

of ventilation causes a sort of The appearance of an ear of mer has been told time and motorcycle ridden by Dick Danfermentation in the seed, which corn is deceptive. Two ears again what he should do; he iel and an automobile driven by destroys its vitality and accounts may appear equally sound and should be told why now," says John Harris collided Sunday at his brother, T. S. Kent of this for the failure of the crop later. healthy, but the simple "cup" Senor Dominguez in conclusion. southwest corner of public city a few days this week. Senor Dominguez will shortly square. The motorcycle was paid the Messenger office a begin a lecture tour of the Unit- demolished and its rider drag- pleasant call and renewed his this decomposition is very sim. Unless the seed be of a highly ed States, on which he will ex- ged a distance of nearly twenty subscription.

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MOTORCYCLE RIDER HURT

Crockett, Texas, Aug. 7 .--- A

of corn culture, under the aus broken and he was injured in pices of the Texas department ternally. His condition is critical. The collision, said by eye witnesses to have been unavoidable, occured as both parties, going in opposite directions, turned a corner.

BOTH PHONES

W. H. Kent of Crockett visites

Dominguez planted a row of the attended church at this place U. Streetman of Rock Hill. Hiawatha.



tated."

want me?"

what we can."

seem to care what-"

"I do mean to."

Bob?" she gasped. "Not-now."

in the sight of God than-"

changed completely."

"I don't."

decency."

pleasant. At his first opportunity Bob

night when my income was ampu-

his wife interposed. "Do you still

"Why, of course. And you?"

would leave mother and me-"

"I offered Lorelei her freedom last

"You've had time to think it over."

She shrugged. "I don't change in

Bob acquiesced, glad to escape even

"He's a pleasant fellow, of course,

let's be sentimental. If there's no

we must get out of this mess and save

positively sick over the things he said.

"Was Mr. Wharton very angry?"

one night. Now-I wish you and Jim

CHAPTER I-Peter Knight, defeated for political office in his town, decides to venture New York in order that the fam-ily fortunes might benefit by the expected rise of his charming daughter, Lorelei. explained rather briefly:

CHAPTER II-A well-known critic in-terviews Lorelel Knight, now stage beau-ty with Bergman's Revue, for a special article. Her coin-hunting mother outlines Lorelei's ambitions, but Slosson, the press agent, later adds his information.

CHAPTER III-Lorelel attends Millionaire Hammon's gorgeous entertainment. She meets Merkle, a wealthy dyspeptic, who seems fond of scandal.

CHAPTER IV-Bob Wharton breaks inin company with his redoubtable brothto the ball in a novel way and wins a thousand dollars from his father. Merkle asks Lorclei to be his detective in an af-fair which he fears. The intoxicated Bob Wharton insults Lorelei and then jumps er-in-law. When he and Jim had gone Mrs. Knight addressed Lorelei with motherly candor. in the fountain.

CHAPTER V-Jim Knight's doings disgust Lorelel and arouse her suspicion. Her dressing room partner looms as a central figure in the blackmail scheme against Hammon. Mrs. Croft, the dresser, tells what she heard.

CHAPTER VI-Lorelei meets Merkle to warn him of the proposed trap for Ham-mon. They go for a long auto ride in the night.

CHAPTER VII-The auto is wrecked; Merkle and Lorelei are forced to walk to the Chateau. Arriving, they meet Jim Knight and suspicious companions who leave suddenly. Rammon appears from within and tells of being tricked in com-pany with Lilas Lynn.

CHAPTER VIII-Lorelei goes shopping and meets Mile. Demorest, notorious dancer, who takes her home to tea. Lorelei learns that the dancer is not what is said of her

CHAPTER IX-Lilas Lynn conferses to Lorelel her intentions as to Hammon. Jim Knight and his mother prepare to force money from Merkle, using Lorelei's ride with him as a weapon.

CHAPTER X-Jim takes Lorelei to sup-CHAFTER A shift that on, who, however, unexpectedly appears at their table. He pours out his apologies to Lorelei and tells her that her brother arranged the meet-ing for money. Lorelei saves the drunken Wharton from Jim and his gang.

CHAPTE? XI-Merkle calls on Lorelei at the theater and tells her of her moth-er's attempt to extract blackmail from him. Lorelei decides to leave home. Lilas Lynn tells of her past.

CHAPTER XII-Bergman forces Lorelei to dinner and promptly loses control of his conduct. Bob Wharton proves a friend in need, as well as dancing instructor to Bergman.

CHAPTER XIII-Jim Knight and Melher, with the help of Lilas Lynn force coposal of marriage from Bob a proposal of man dazed to resist the on-to Lorelel. Too dazed to resist the on-slaughts of the trio Lorelei passively sub-mits to an immediate marriage to the drunken Wharton

THE MESSENGER, GRAPELAND, TEXAS

Strangely enough, the news of Bob Wharton's marriage had not leaked into the papers up to this time, and Lorelel, having regard for the feelings of his parents, insisted that he help her to keep the matter secret as long as possible. Bob rebelled at first, for he adored publicity. He rejoiced in his newest exploit and desired his world to hear of it, while the prospect of further mortifying his father was so agreeable that it required much persuasion to make him relinquish it. With her own family Lorelei had less difficulty, for they were by no means eager to advertise their bad bargain and had withdrawn behind a stiff restraint, leaving the couple to their own devices. This attitude spared the bride much unpleasant notoriety, enabling her to pursue her work at the theater rival at Lorelei's home was far from without comment.

Bob's society proved in some ways a welcome change from the sordid drabness of her own relatives, for he was colorful, versatile, and nearly always good humored. Misfortune aroused in him a wild hilarity; cares excited mirth. Lorelei realized before long that this very jocundity of his, since it fed upon constant change and excitement, constituted the gravest menace to their happiness. The man lived entirely outside of himself; he utterly lacked the power of self-amusement. He refused to frequent the theater, ostensibly because of their secret, in reality because of his shame at allowing her to work. As Lorelei came to know him better and to understand the and he's crazy about you; but don't conflicting forces within him, she began to wonder how long he could hold chance to make it up with his family himself true to his bargain.

During the first week of their married life his system struggled to throw off the effects of his recent dissipa-

"Was he?" Mrs. Knight rolled her tions, and in consequence it craved eyes in mingled rage and despair. "I'm only rest. Greatly encouraged by this lack of desire, he boasted that the bat-Everybody seems to be against us, and the was already won, and Lorelei pre--I'm almost ready to give up. But at tended to agree with him.

least that old crank will surely stretch She did not deceive herself, however, his offer to keep his name off the bill- and a brief experience convinced her boards. Fifteen or twenty thousand is that to be merely a wife to one of better than-" Noting the shadow of a Bob's vagrant disposition was not smile upon her daughter's lips, she enough; that in order to keep his new checked her rush of words. "You don't self alive she must also be his sweetheart, his chum, and his partner. If she failed in any one of these roles dis-Mrs. Knight's face twisted into an aster was bound to follow. But to expression of pained incredulity, succeed in them all, when there was "Surely you don't mean to live with no love to strengthen her, was by no means easy. Always she felt a great emptiness, and a disappointment that The mother's lips parted, closed, her life had been so crookedly fashparted again-she seemed to taste loned; sometimes she even felt desomething unspeakably bitter. "My graded, and wondered if she were dodear! Why, my dear! He hasn't a ing right, after all.

cent. It's absurd. The marriage was In the course of a fortnight Bob beonly a form. You're no more his wife gan to grow restless. One evening when he came for her she saw that he "Let's not talk about God," cried was nervous; a strained, tired look had Lorelei. "That ceremony was scarce- crept into his eyes, and she thought ly legal, not to speak of religion or she understood. Nevertheless his spirits were ebullient. When they reached "You've lost your mind! You've home he ushered her into the apartment with a flourish, and Lorelei was

"Yes, I have. You see, I wasn't a amazed to find their table set with wife until yesterday-until Bob and I strange linen, silver and china and the passion in his endearments now.

But it was discouraging to the girl, who gained no strength from her penance and derived no satisfaction whatever in service for service's sake. The whole arrangement tried her patience desperately; she was weary in mind upon her former easy life. There was no time now for recreation-Bob had glad to escape from the room. to be amused. Salary day assumed a new importance, and she began to count the cost of every purchase.

So spring went and midsummer came. It was terribly hot in the city: the nights were breathless, the days were glaring, and this heat was espectally trying to one in Bob's condition. In his periods of gayety he showered his wife with attentions and squandered every dollar he could borrow in presents for her; in his hours of depression he was everything strange, morose and irritable.

Without her knowledge he applied to his old firm for a salaried position and was refused. He appealed to Merkle gratified to find that beer in moderawith the same result, but succeeded in borrowing a thousand dollars, with which he bought Lorelei a set of black power of restraint. opals, going into debt for half the price.

CHAPTER XX.

Lorelei's family continued to smart it with derisive enjoyment, predicting certain failure. After Hannibal Whar-



his sweetheart. There was more than appreciation as his brother-in-law filled a long glass and sipped it.

Bob had never been a whisky-drinker, yet the faint odor of the liquor tantalized him. When in the course of time he saw Jim preparing a second drink he stirred.

"Kind of itchy, eh? Let's whip and body, and looked back with regret across the street and have a game of pool," suggested Jim; and Bob was

An agreeable hour followed; but Bob played badly, and found that his eye had lost its sureness. His hand was uncertain, too, and this lack of co-ordination disgusted him. He was sure that with a steadying drink he could beat Jim, and eventually he proved it; but, mindful of his resolution, he compromised on beer, which, Jim agreed, could not reasonably be called an intoxicant.

On his way to the theater Bob chewed cinnamon bark, and when he kissed Lorelei he held his breath.

This was the first of several pool matches, and after a while Bob was tion left no disagreeable effect whatever upon him. He rejoiced in his

There came a night when he failed to meet his wife. After waiting nearly half an hour Lorelei went home, only to find the apartment deserted. She nibbled at a lonely lunch, trying to assure herself that nothing was seriously under a sense of bitter injustice, but amiss; but she could not make up her although they kept aloof they were by mind to go to bed. She tried to read, no means uninterested in her experi- and failed. An hour passed, then anment. On the contrary, they watched other; a thousand apprehensions crowded in upon her.

Bob, when he did arrive, entered ton's insult Jim was all for a prompt with elaborate caution. He paused in revenge, but he could not determine the little hall, then tossed his hat into the living room, where his wife was waiting. After a moment his head came slowly into view, and he said:

> "When the hat stays in, go in; when it comes out, beat it."

> Lorelei saw that he was quite drunk. "I just came from the theater," he explained, "but it was dark. Has the show failed, dearie?" He tried to kiss her, but she turned her face away. "Come! Must have my little kiss," he insisted as she rose and moved away, leaving him swaying in his tracks.

> Studying Lorelei's unsmilling face his tone altered. "Oh, I know! I slipped, but it couldn't be helped. Nature insisted, and I yielded gracefully; but no harm done, none whatever. Life is a series of compromises. Moderation is the thing. Live and let live."

Lorelei nodded. "Exactly! We shall live as we choose, only, of course, we can't live together after this." Then her disgust burst its control, and she demanded, bitterly, "Haven't you any strength whatever? Haven't you any balance, Bob?"

He grinned at her cheerfully. "I should say I had. I walked a fence on the way home just to prove it; and I scarcely wabbled. Balance! Strength!, Why, you ought to see Jim. They had to carry him."

"Jim? Was-Jim with you?" "In spirit, yes; in body-only for a time. For a brief while we went gayly. hand in hand, then Jim lagged. He's a nice boy, but weak; he falters beneath a load." She questioned him searchingly and last she got Bob to bed, then lay His desire to make mischief arose in down beside him and stared into the In the morning he was not only con-

CHAPTER XIV - Hammon surprises CHAPTER ATV - Rannon surprises Lilas at her apartments and while enraged she tells him she has meant to ruin him in revenge for her father's death. She also tells him she is responsible for, his troubles and that she never intended to marry him. Hammon attacks Lilas: she marry him. Hammon attacks Lilas; sh shoots him as he advances toward her. she

CHAPTER XV-Hammon orders Whar-ton and Merkle to remove him quietly to his home. Merkle discovers Lilas in her room in a stupor from drugs. He tells Jim Knight to send her out of the coun-try. Bob Wharton hires a cab and drives Hammon home they leave him slone to they leave is library. He then calls his valet and ctor summoned

CHAPTER XVI-Wharton and Lorelei have their first home meal together: each invites a guest and bring about a meeting between the bitter enemies, Mile, Demothe dancer, and Campbell Pope, the dramatic critic.

CHAPTER XVII-Jarvis Hammon dies of his wound. Bob Wharton's father visits him and offers to buy Lorelei off the marriage deal. She refuses and Bob resents his father's statements. Mr. Wharton offers Bob the choice of divorce from Lorelei or withdrawal of financial support.

CHAPTER XVIII-Bob and Lorelei deide to continue together. Bob promises reform in his habits and gets a desire or work. Lorele's family, unconscious of he true state of affairs, congratulate the true state of affairs, congratulate themselves on Lorelel's catch.

CHAPTER XIX.

On the way to the Elegancia Mrs. Knight recounted to Jim in great detail and with numerous digressions and comments what Hannibal Wharton had said to her. Mrs. Knight herself he had called a blood-sucker, it seemed -the good woman shook with rage at the memory-and he had threatened her with the direst retribution if she persisted in attempting to fasten herself upon him. Bob, he had explained, was a loafer whom he had supported out of a sense of duty; if the idiot was had to leave Vale." ungrateful he would simply have to suffer the consequences. But Bob's mother felt the disgrace keenly, and on her account Hannibal had expressed himself as willing to ransom the young fool for, say, ten thousand dollars.

"I never was so insulted in my life," stormed Mrs. Knight. "You should would save his life. Think that over, have heard him!"

With a show of confidence not entirely real Jim rejoined: "Now, ma, don't heat up. Everybody forgets me, but pointment, Mrs. Knight whisked her-I'm going to draw cards in this game." | self_out of the apartment.

had an understanding. I've had a suspicion that my old ideas were wrong, and they were."

"Fiddle-de-dee! You're hysterical. You can't make me belleve you learned to love that man."

"I don't say I love him." Mrs. Knight snorted her triumph budly. "Then you mustn't live with

him another moment. My dear child, such a relationship is-well, think it out for yourself." Lorelel saw the futility of argument,

but certain thoughts demanded expression, and she voiced them, as much for her own sake as for her mother's. "I've learned that marriage is more than I considered it, mother. It's an obligation. I intend to live up to my part just as long as Bob lives up to his. If he complained of the fraud we practiced on him I'd be willing to leave him; but he doesn't-so the matter is out of our hands."

Mrs. Knight relieved her steadily increasing anger by a harsh outburst.

"I never thought you could be so silly, after the way you were raised. Didn't we give up everything for you? Didn't Peter sacrifice his life's work to give you an opportunity?"

"I'll keep on sharing my salary with you."

"Salary!" Mrs. Knight spat out the word. "After all our pains! Salary!" "You're probably just as honest in

your ideas as I am in mine," Lorelei told her. "I sha'n't allow you to want for-' "I should hope not, since you're to

blame for Peter's condition- Oh, you know you are! If you hadn't wanted a career he'd still be in Vale, a strong, healthy man instead of a cripple."

"I didn't want a career," Lorelei denied with heat. "And father almost

"Nothing of the sort. He was a big man there. 'Had to leave Vale,' eh? So you've turned against your own blood, and disparage your father- Anyhow, he was hurt while he was working to give you a start, and now he's helpless. Ten thousand dollars right now

gone. White with anger, sick with disap-

dining room decorated as if for a party.

"Who's coming? What on earth?" she exclaimed.

"A little surprise. A supper for just you and me, my dear."

It was one of his whims. During the meal he made elaborate speeches in the names of his friends. His imaginary guests congratulated him; in empty glasses they toasted the bride, they extolled her beauty, they praised his own gallantry, and vaunted his conquest of the demon rum. But when all traces of the feast had disappeared he swooped down out of the clouds and confessed miserably:

"I thought I could kid myself, but I can't. I want a drink. I-want-adrink! God! how I want it!"

Lorolei went swiftly to him. "The fight is just beginning, Bob. You're doing nobly."

"It isn't thirst," he explained, and she saw that same strained uneasiness in his bright eyes. "I'm not thirsty-I'm shaky inside. I get tired of fighting."

Lorelei nodded sympathetically. "That's why it's so hard to reform; one's conscience tires, but temptation is always fresh. You must keep busy." "I'm going to work."

"No, no! Not yet," she cried, quickhelp."

Bob smiled gratefully. "You're a if we lose the patient it will be a dandy operation."

really worked, and worked not for herself, but for another. Although the thirst. experience was interesting in its novelty, the result remained unsatisfactory, for not only did love fail to respond to these sacrifices, but she could see no improvement in Bob's condition. The thing she fought was impalpable. yet enormous; it was weak, yet strong; it seemed to sleep, yet it was ever awake.

Of necessity the two lived in the closest intimacy, than which nothing is human stomach?" Jim drew a flask ordinarily more fatal to domestic happiness. But Bob was unique; he did in doubt. not tire; he began to rely upon Lorelei as a sick man leans upon his nurse, hastily. "I'm strapped in the driver's tried to cheer-"

PLERER. .

"Death Valley Has Nothing on This Place," He Mourned.

just how to use his dangerous knowledge to the best advantage. He considered the advisability of enlisting the soon learned of Jim's visits, of the aid of Max Melcher; but, not liking the flask, of the pool games. When she thought of dividing the loot, he decided understood it all her eyes were glowprovisionally to engineer a separation ing, but she found nothing to say. At between Bob and Lorelei.

only a slight degree from resentment darkness through many wakeful hours. --.Jim's method of making a living had long since dulled the edge of feeling trite, but badly frightened, yet when -It was merely the first step in a com. he undertook to make his peace he prehensive scheme. With Bob and found her unexpectedly mild. Lorelei estranged, a divorce would fol- "If you're sorry, that's all I ask," she divorce, moreover, would open the night." way for a second inroad upon the Wharton wealth, for with Lorelei's ly. "I thought I had cured myself." skirts clear Jim could proceed with a larger scheme of extortion, based on "Cured! It took ten years to work the the Hammon murder.

One evening after Lorelei had gone years to repair it." to the theater Jim appeared at the Bob was aghast. "Good heavens! In apartment and found Bob in a mood so ten years I'll be too old to drink-I'd restless and irritable that he dared not tremble so that I'd spill it. But where go out.

"I had a hunch you were lonesome," the caller began, "so I came up to whittle and spit at the stove."

Now Jim could be agreeable when ly. "You must fight it out where I can he chose; his parasitic life had developed in him a certain worldly goodfellowship; he was frankly unregenerthoroughbred. I promised to let you ate, and he had sufficient tact never to have your way, and you shall. Even apologize nor to explain. Therefore he kept Bob entertained.

A few nights later he returned with For the first time in her life Lorelei a fund of new stories, and during the evening he confessed to a consuming ten years."

> "Death valley has nothing on this place," he mourned.

> Bob explained apologetically, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing in the house wetter than Croton water."

"I understand! Will you object if I sweeten a glass of it with some Scottish rites? I'm afraid of germs, and if water rots leather think what it must do to the sensitive lining of a from his pocket, then hesitated as if

"Don't mind me," Bob assured him, and to worship her as a man worships seat." But he looked on with eager

low, and divorces were profitable. A said. "I changed my mind during the

"Never again!" he promised, feeling-

Lorelei smiled at him faintly. damage-it will probably take ten

1id you get this dope?"

"I've been reading. I've been talking to a doctor, too. You see, I wanted to help."

"Let's change doctors. Ten years! It can't be done."

"I'm afraid you're right. There's no such thing as reformation. If you're a born alcoholic you'll probably die a drunkard. I'm hoping that you didn't inherit the taste."

"Well, whether it was left to me or whether I bought it, I can't go dry for

"Then our bargain is ended." He looked up sharply. "Oh no, it isn't!" "Yes."

He extended a shaking hand, and his volce was supplicating as he said: "I can't get along without you, kid. You're a part of me-the vital part. I'd go to pleces quick if you quit now."

"When we made our agreement I meant to live up to every bit of it." Lorelel told him, gently, "but we're going to try again, for this was Jim's fault."

"Jim? Jim was sorry for me. He

Lorelei's smile was bitter. "Jim was

when your own father is dead and

never sorry for anybody except himself. My family hate you just as your family hate me, and they'd like to separate us."

"Say, that's pretty rotten!" Bob exclaimed. "If he weren't your brother I'd-"

Lorelei laughed mirthlessly. "Go ahead! I wish you would. It might clear the atmosphere."

"Then I will." After a moment he continued, "I suppose you feel you ing: must go on supporting them?"

"Of course."

"Just as you feel you must support me. Is it entirely duty in my case?" there any love at all?"

"I'm afraid not, Bob."

The man pondered silently. "I suppose if I were the right sort," he said, at length, with some difficulty, "I'd let you go under these circumstances. Well, I'm not the right sort; I'm not big or noble. If Barleycorn brothers lick me I'll go under. But if I go under I'll take you with me. I won't give you up. I won't!"

"I sha'n't let you pull me down," she told him, soberly.

When Bob reached the financial district next day and resumed his quest for work he was ablaze with resentment at himself and at the world in general.

He took up the search with a dogged determination that was quite unlike him. One after another he canvassed his friends for a position, and finally, as if ill fortune could not withstand his fervor, he was successful. It was not much of a job that was offered him, but he snapped at it, and returned home that evening in the best of humor. Already the serious issues of the morning were but a memory; he burst in upon Lorelei like a gale, shouting:

"I'm chalk-boy at Crosset & Meyers, so you can give Bergman your notice tonight."

"What's the salary?"

"It isn't a salary; it's a humiliationtwenty-five a week is the total insult." "Why, Bob! That won't keep two

and the family-" "The family!" He quieted himself with an effort. "Well, you give your notice, anyhow. I'll spear the coin for both establishments somehow. Come! I insist. I want to be able to shave myself without blushing."

Lorelei's objections were not easily to antagonize the whole steel trust." overcome, but at last, in view of the fact that the summer run of the Revue own that father of mine." was drawing to a close and the show would soon take to the road, she allowed herself to be persuaded.

Wharton really tried to make good. He sorry I can't help you-" was enthusiastic; the excitement of

Early on Monday morning Bob reported for work, only to receive from Mr. Crosset, whom he had always regarded as a warm friend, the notice of his discharge.

"What's the matter? Didn't I make good?" he demanded.

Crosset was a young man; more than once he and Bob had scandalized Broadway; some of their exploits were epic. Now he shrugged carelessly, say-

"Oh, you made good, I guess; but we can't take a chance with you."

"I suppose you're afraid I'll steal some of your chalk. Now tell me, how seing her hesitate, he insisted, "Isn't did you wet your feet, and whence comes the icy draft?"

"Well, from the direction of Pittsburgh, if you must know. There's a



"We Can't Afford to Antagonize the Whole Steel Trust."

can tied to you, and we can't afford "I see. I'm afraid I'll have to dis-

"What's the trouble, anyhow?" At Bob's explanation Crosset whistled. "Funny I didn't hear about it. Throughout the next week Bob Married and happy, ch? Well, I'm

"You can. Lend me five hundred." actual accomplishment was so novel "Certainly!" Crosset lunged at his that he had not time to think of liquor. desk, scribbled a line to the cashier, When Saturday came and he found and handed it to Bob, then, in response himself in possession of honestly to a call from the customers' room, earned funds he felt a soul-satisfying dashed away with a hearty farewell. ease. He decided to invest his first As Bob passed through the outer ofsavings in a present for Lorelei, then fice he ran his eye over the opening a graver sense of responsibility seized prices, being half inclined to "scalp" him, and he sent them to Mrs. Knight. with his sudden wealth; but luck had Then he set out to find Jim. At Tony never run his way, and he reconsidthe Barber's shop, in the rear room, ered. Anyhow, there were more agree he found his brother-in-law playing able uses to which he could put this be able to buy with the least extravamoney; for one thing, he needed several suits, for another, it was high Bob's greeting was hearty. "Eve- time he gave Lorelei some little remembrance-he hadn't given her a present in nearly two weeks, and wom-"Eh? What's the matter?" Jim en set great store by such attentions. He decided to invest the money in Maiden lane and demand credit from his tailor. But a half-hour at a jewelry shop convinced him that nothing suitable to so splendid a creature as his wife could be purchased for a palapologized. "I'm sorry to spoll your try five hundred dollars, and he was upon the point of returning to Crosset with a request to double the loan when his common sense asserted itself. Poverty was odious, but not shameful, he reflected; ostentation, on the other hand, was vulgar. Would it not be in bad taste to squander this happy windfall upon jewelry when Lorelei needed practical things?

THE MESSENGER, GRAPELAND, TEXAS



MRS. CHRISTINE FREDERICK SAYS IT WILL AID CONSUMERS.

INSURES STANDARD QUALITY

Consumers in Small Towns and Rural Communities Are Victims of Discrimination by Big Store Methods, Which Encourage Substitution of Unidentified Goods at High Figures.

Mrs. Christine Frederick, household efficiency expert and consulting household editor of the Ladies' Home Journal, the New York Evening Sun, Succossful Farming, and various other publications, recently appeared before the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives in Washington in support of the Stephens-Ashurst bill. This measure, according to its title, is designed "To protect the public against dishonest advertising and false pretenses in merchandising."

The bill will legalize standard, uniform prices and prevent price cutting of trade marked goods by big city stores for the purpose of giving the false impression that all their other articles are proportionately low. Price cutting is merely balt to lure customers so that articles of inferior merit may be substituted at high prices.

"I appear before the committee purely in the interest of the consumer," said Mrs. Frederick, "and I do not care about the rights or wrongs



of retailer or manufacturer except as they affect the consumer. There is great need that the woman consumer. Juality if the price is constantly cut." who spends most of the family income for articles used in the home, should gance, the least inefficiency and the least waste. I believe that a uniform price on an identified article is one of the chief means by which this most desired end can be obtained." Mrs. Frederick declared that the passage of the Stephens-Ashurst bill will result in greater household efficlency in buying for the following reasons:

UNIFORM PRICES SAVE MONEY FOR WOMEN WHEN MARKETING

By MRS. JULIAN HEATH Founder and National President of Housewives League



In order to buy efficiently it is essential that the buyer should know what she is buying. She must be able to order by name and thus be certain that she is getting the quality she wants at the price she is willing to pay. Men buy cigars by name, they call for smoking tobacco by name. In this way they are certain of getting the quality they want. Women demand the same right to buy breakfast foods, canned fruits, household utensils, hose, gloves and the thousand and one articles bought and used every day in the same intelligent manner. We don't want to ask for "oatmeal" or "flour." We want to ask for the particular MRS. JULIAN HEATH. brand that we have tested and found satis-

factory. Buying food is certainly as important as buying tobacco and women buyers should be protected the same way.

Predatory price cutting-the offering of standard articles at less than cost as bait to hide the hook of higher prices on anonymous goods-tends to discourage manufacturers in branding their products and putting their names and addresses on them. That is the reason I favor the passage of the Stephens-Ashurst Bill. I want all the articles that women buy to be branded so that they can be identified.

Intelligent consumption is as important as intelligent production. They belong together and one is largely wasted without the other.

Women, especially residents of small cities and towns, are dependent on the small retail store. These retailers tell us-and they have learned by sad experience-that cut rate stores are driving them to the wall. We take their word for it and we also accept their statement that the Stephens-Ashurst Bill will stabilize business, will discourage substitution and will encourage the sale of branded, identified goods. That means increased production and a corresponding lower price. Therefore we members of the Housewives League favor legislation that will permit prices for uniform quality.

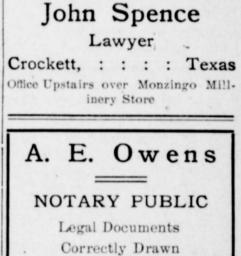
We want to treat the small merchant fairly because that is the way to enable him to treat us fairly. We want to buy intelligently, and economically and we want the merchant who serves us to do his business economically. He cannot do that if compelled all the time to meet the unfair and cut-throat competition of the big store intent on substituting its own brand of goods for the standard article that carries the name and address of the maker.

Uniform prices for uniform quality is in line with the American principle of a square deal for all. No buyer should demand more and no buyer should be compelled to accept less.

of getting the same thing again; and If it is unsatisfactory I can't be certain of avoiding it. I do not see how you can have a standard quality without a standard price. The trade mark on an article, the approved standard price and standard quality, protect he consumer because they are a guarantee that the manufacturer will continue that standard.

"Price juggling destroys the standard which manufacturers have set and tempts them-sometimes almost forces them-to lower the quality. What incentive can a manufacturer have to keep up a high standard of

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cards with a pop-eyed youth and a repellent person with a cauliflower ear.

ning, James," he cried. "Feel like taking your beating here?"

rose from his chair with a shocked intensity of gaze.

"I've come to return your last call. Alas, James, I am a weak vessel! Your work was coarse, but I fell for it." To the other occupants of the room he little game of authors, but necessity prods me." He extended a muscular hand for Jim's collar and found it.

Mr. Armistead was of the emotional kind; he went to the rescue of his friend; but when Bob's fist buried itself in the spongy region of Mr. Armistead's belt buckle that young man promptly lost all interest in Jimmy Knight's affairs. He sat down heavily, desperately concerned with a strange difficulty in breathing.

Alert, aggressive, Bob turned to face the man with the swollen ear; but young Sullivan, being a professional fighter, made no capital of amateur affairs, and declined the issue with an upraised palm.

It was no difficult matter to chastise Jim, whose spirit was as wretched as his strength; as the wind whips a flag, as a man flaps a dusty garment, so did Bob shake his victim. Jim strug- Ying. But here again Bob was handlgled, he clawed, he kicked, he yelled; his arms threshed loosely, like the IImber appendages to a stuffed figure.

When Bob emerged from the rear room he found the barber shop in confusiot.. Tony was leading a charge, that price. but he fell back at sight of the flushed victor.

"It was nothing but a little family affair," Bob reassured him, "Now, if bore the animal away in triumph. To you please, I'll borrow a hairbrush." In front of a mirror he tidled himself. to his shrewdness; to save two hunsettled his scarf with a deft jerk, then dred dollars on a single purchase was went out whistling. As it was nearly closing time for the matinees, he strolled toward the Circuit theater, full of business. of a satisfying contentment with the world. Now that he owed it nothing, he resolved to meet his future obligations as they arose.

Bob was cheered by the breadth of these sentiments; they showed that he was, beginning soberly to realize the leaden responsibilities of a family man. No, instead of a jewel he would buy his wife a dog.

At a fashionable uptown kennel he found exactly what he wanted, in the shape of a Pekingese-a playful, pedigreed pocket dog scarcely larger than his two fists. It was a creature to excite the admiration of any woman; its family tree was taller than that of a Spanish nobleman, and its name was capped by poverty, for sleeve dogs are expensive novelties, and the price of Ying was seven hundred dollarsmarked down from one thousand, and mitted that cut prices tend to drive evidently the bargain of a lifetime at

Bob hated to haggle, but he showed that his ability to drive a sharp bargain was merely latent, and he finally outgeneral a dog fancier was a tribute economy of a high order. Much elated, he set out briskly for his tailor's place

(To be Continued)

First, it will help the consumer establish a standard in all purchasing.

Second, it will guarantee to the consumer a continuance of those standards once they are established.

Third, it will give a wider distribution to more kinds of products that the consumer daily buys.

Fourth, it will save the consumer's money because the fixed price will guarantee a permanent, dependable supply of articles.

Fifth, it will be especially helpful to farm women and small town consumers who are now victims of discrimination.

Sixth, it will make it possible for the homemaker to practice more efficient and less wasteful buying methods.

Seventh, it will guarantee to the consumer that the goods which she buys are made under honorable standards of manufacture, fair pay and sanitary conditions.

In her argument for identified articles Mrs. Frederick said it was adsuch articles from the market and she was merely showing the interest that the consumer has in having articles she buys so marked and branded that they can be identified.

"Suppose, for the sake of argument, that there is no such thing as an identified article," said Mrs. Frederick. "If there is no means of identifying, say, a pound of butter or a pair of hosiery, then every purchase of one of those necessities becomes an experiment. In each case I must make a test which takes time, trouble and money and which is worthless in the end because, should I find the article satisfactory, I can't be certain

THIS WAS FINE DIPLOMACY.

Here is a story about a diplomatic negro waiter; also about two wellknown Kansas men, who can go by the names of Smith and Jones, just to tell the yarn.

Smith and Jones look much alike and are frequently taken for each other. One day Smith was in a certain big hotel not a thousand miles from Kansas City and went into the dining room for dinner. The negro waiter busily brushed off the crumbs and said, "Why, how is you, Mr. Jones; how is you? I's glad to see you. I hasn't seen you since I waited on your table when you-all used to have a little game upstaihs."

"I'm afraid you are mistaken," said Smith very quickly. "My name isn't Jones. You have the wrong man."

"Nuff said; nuff said," smiled the negro, with much bowing and scraping. "Ah knows all right when to keep mah mouf shut! Ah knows, all right, Mr. Jones." - Kansas City Journal.

THE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION

everything there is to know."

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "I shouldn't object to that if he would only spend as much time verifying sweet. his facts as he does in communicating them."

IMPOSSIBLE.

Bacon-I went up to your house to ask you a question, and you were not at home.

Egbert-Whom did you see?

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"Couldn't have been my wife!"

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rival at Lorelei's home was far from

"I offered Lorelei her freedom last

"You've had time to think it over."

She shrugged. "I don't change in

Bob acquiesced, glad to escape even

let's be sentimental. If there's no

we must get out of this mess and save

"Was Mr. Wharton very angry?"

what we can."

seem to care what-"

"I do mean to."

Bob?" she gasped. "Not-now."

in the sight of God than-"

changed completely."

"I don't."

decency."

night when my income was ampu-

"Why, of course. And you?"

would leave mother and me-"

CHAPTER I-Peter Knight, defeated for political office in his town, decides to venture New York in order that the fam-ily fortunes might benefit by the expected rise of his charming daughter, Lorelei. pleasant. At his first opportunity Bob explained rather briefly:

tated." CHAPTER II-A well-known critic in-terviews Lorelei Knight, now stage beau-ty with Bergman's Revue, for a special article. Her coin-hunting mother outlines Lorelei's ambitions, but Slosson, the press agent, later adds his information. his wife interposed. "Do you still want me?"

CHAPTER III-Lorelei attends Millionaire Hammon's gorgeous entertainment. She meets Merkle, a wealthy dyspeptic, who seems fond of scandal.

CHAPTER IV-Bob Wharton breaks into the ball in a novel way and wins a thousand dollars from his father. Merkle asks Lorelei to be his detective in an af-fair which he fears. The intoxicated Bob Mrs. Knight addressed Lorelei with motherly candor. insults Lorelei and then jumps in the fountain.

CHAPTER V-Jim Knight's doings disrust Lorelel and arouse her suspicion. Her dressing room partner looms as a central figure in the blackmail scheme against Hammon. Mrs. Croft, the dresser, tells what she heard.

CHAPTER VI-Lorelei meets Merkle to warn him of the proposed trap for Ham-mon. They go for a long auto ride in the night.

CHAPTER VII-The auto is wrecked; Merkle and Lorelei are forced to walk to the Chateau. Arriving, they meet Jim Knight and suspicious companions who leave suddenly. Azamon appears from within and tells of being tricked in com-pany with Lilas Lynn.

CHAPTER VIII-Lorelei goes shopping and meets Mile. Demorest, notorious dan-cer, who takes her home to tea. Lorelei cer, who takes her home to tea. Lorelei learns that the dancer is not what is said

CHAPTER IX-Lilas Lynn confesses to Lorelei her intentions as to Hammon. Jim Knight and his mother prepare to force money from Merkle, using Lorelei's force money from Merkle, u ride with him as a weapon.

CHAPTER X—Jim takes Lorelel to sup-per to avoid Bob Wharton, who, however, unexpectedly appears at their table. He pours out his apologies to Lorelei and tells her that her brother arranged the meet-ing for money. Lorelei saves the drunken Wherton from Jim and his gang Wharton from Jim and his gang.

CHAPTER XI-Merkle calls on Lorelei at the theater and tells her of her moth-er's attempt to extract blackmail from him. Lorelei decides to leave home. Lilas Lynn tells of her past.

CHAPTER XII-Bergman forces Lorelei to dinner and promptly loses control of his conduct. Bob Wharton proves a friend in need, as well as dancing instructor to Bergman.

CHAPTER XIII-Jim Knight and Mel-CHAPTER XIII-Jim Knight and Mel-"Yes, I have. You see, I wasn't a a proposal of marriage from Bob Wharton to Lorelel. Too dazed to resist the on-slaughts of the trio Lorelel passively sub-picion that my old ideas were wrong, mits to an immediate marriage to the wife until yesterday—until Bob and I had an understanding. I've had a sus-picion that my old ideas were wrong, "Who's coming? What on earth?" mits to an imme drunken Wharton.

THE MESSENGER, GRAPELAND, TEXAS

Strangely enough, the news of Bob Wharton's marriage had not leaked into the papers up to this time, and Lorelel, having regard for the feelings of his parents, insisted that he help her to keep the matter secret as long as possible. Bob rebelled at first, for he adored publicity. He rejoiced in his newest exploit and desired his world to hear of it, while the prospect of further mortifying his father was so agreeable that it required much persuasion to make him relinquish it. With her own family Lorelei had less difficulty, for they were by no means eager to advertise their bad bargain and had withdrawn behind a stiff restraint, leaving the couple to their own devices. This attitude spared the bride much unpleasant notoriety, enabling her to pursue her work at the theater without comment.

Bob's society proved in some ways a welcome change from the sordid drabness of her own relatives, for he was colorful, versatile, and nearly always good humored. Misfortune aroused in him a wild hilarity; cares excited mirth. Lorelet realized before long that this very jocundity of his, since it fed upon constant change and excitement, constituted the gravest menace one night. Now-I wish you and Jim to their happiness. The man lived entirely outside of himself; he utterly lacked the power of self-amusement. in company with his redoubtable broth- He refused to frequent the theater, oser-in-law. When he and Jim had gone tensibly because of their secret, in reality because of his shame at allowing her to work. As Lorelei came to "He's a pleasant fellow, of course, know him better and to understand the and he's crazy about you; but don't conflicting forces within him, she began to wonder how long he could hold

chance to make it up with his family himself true to his bargain. During the first week of their married life his system struggled to throw off the effects of his recent dissipa-"Was he?" Mrs. Knight rolled her tions, and in consequence it -craved eyes in mingled rage and despair. "I'm only rest. Greatly encouraged by this positively sick over the things he said. lack of desire, he boasted that the bat-Everybody seems to be against us, and the was already won, and Lorelei pre--I'm almost ready to give up. But at tended to agree with him.

least that old crank will surely stretch She did not deceive herself, however, his offer to keep his name off the bill- and a brief experience convinced her boards. Fifteen or twenty thousand is that to be merely a wife to one of better than-" Noting the shadow of a Bob's vagrant disposition was not smile upon her daughter's lips, she enough; that in order to keep his new checked her rush of words. "You don't self alive she must also be his sweetheart, his chum, and his partner. If she failed in any one of these roles dis-Mrs. Knight's face twisted into an aster was bound to follow. But to expression of pained increduilty, succeed in them all, when there was "Surely you don't mean to live with no love to strengthen her, was by no means easy. Always she felt a great emptiness, and a disappointment that The mother's lips parted, closed, her life had been so crookedly fashparted again-she seemed to taste ioned; sometimes she even felt desomething unspeakably bitter. "My graded, and wondered if she were dodear! Why, my dear! He hasn't a ing right, after all.

cent. It's absurd. The marriage was In the course of a fortnight Bob beonly a form. You're no more his wife gan to grow restless. One evening when he came for her she saw that he "Let's not talk about God," cried was nervous; a strained, tired look had Lorelei. "That ceremony was scarce, crept into his eyes, and she thought ly legal, not to speak of religion or she understood. Nevertheless his spirits were ebullient. When they reached "You've lost your mind! You've home he ushered her into the apartment with a flourish, and Lorelei was

"Yes, I have. You see, I wasn't a amazed to find their table set with

passion in his endearments now.

But it was discouraging to the girl, who gained no strength from her penever in service for service's sake. The whole arrangement tried her patience desperately; she was weary in mind and body, and looked back with regret upon her former easy life. There was no time now for recreation-Bob had glad to escape from the room. to be amused. Salary day assumed a new importance, and she began to count the cost of every purchase.

So spring went and midsummer came. It was terribly hot in the city: the nights were breathless, the days were glaring, and this heat was especially trying to one in Rob's condition. his wife with attentions and squandered every dollar he could borrow in presents for her; in his hours of depression he was everything strange, morose and irritable.

Without her knowledge he applied to his old firm for a salaried position and was refused. He appealed to Merkle with the same result, but succeeded in borrowing a thousand dollars, with which he bought Lorelei a set of black power of restraint. opals, going into debt for half the price.

CHAPTER XX.

it with derisive enjoyment, predicting certain failure. After Hannibal Wharton's insult Jim was all for a prompt



his sweetheart. There was more than appreciation as his brother-in-law filled a long glass and sipped it.

Bob had never been a whisky-drinker, yet the faint odor of the liquor tanance and derived no satisfaction what- talized him. When in the course of time he saw Jim preparing a second drink he stirred.

"Kind of itchy, eh? Let's whip across the street and have a game of pool," suggested Jim; and Bob was

An agreeable hour followed; but Bob played badly, and found that his eye had lost its sureness. His hand was uncertain, too, and this lack of co-ordination disgusted him. He was sure that with a steadying drink he could beat Jim, and eventually he proved it; but, mindful of his resolution, he com-In his periods of gayety he showered promised on beer, which, Jim agreed, could not reasonably be called an intoxleant.

On his way to the theater Bob chewed cinnamon bark, and when he kissed Lorelei he held his breath.

This was the first of several pool matches, and after a while Bob was gratified to find that beer in moderation left no disagreeable effect whatever upon him. He rejoiced in his

There came a night when he failed to meet his wife. After waiting nearly half an hour Lorelei went home, only to find the apartment deserted. She nibbled at a lonely lunch, trying to as-Loreled's family continued to smart sure herself that nothing was seriously under a sense of bitter injustice, but amiss; but she could not make up her although they kept aloof they were by mind to go to bed. She tried to read, no means uninterested in her experi- and failed. An hour passed, then anment. On the contrary, they watched other; a thousand apprehensions crowded in upon her.

Bob, when he did arrive, entered with elaborate caution. He paused in revenge, but he could not determine the little hall, then tossed his hat into the living room, where his wife was waiting. After a moment his head came slowly into view, and he said:

"When the hat stays in, go in; when It comes out, beat it."

Lorelei saw that he was quite drunk. "I just came from the theater," he explained, "but it was dark. Has the show failed, dearie?" He tried to kiss her, but she turned her face away. "Come! Must have my little klss," he insisted as she rose and moved away, leaving him swaying in his tracks.

Studying Lorelel's unsmilling face his tone altered. "Oh, I know! I slipped, but it couldn't be helped. Nature insisted, and I yielded gracefully: but no harm done, none whatever. Life is a series of compromises. Moderation is the thing. Live and let live."

Lorelei nodded. "Exactly! We shall live as we choose, only, of course, we can't live together after this." Then her disgust burst its control, and she demanded, bitterly, "Haven't you any strength whatever? Haven't you any balance, Bob?"

He grinned at her cheerfully. "I should say I had. I walked a fence on the way home just to prove it; and I scarcely wabbled. Balance! Strength! Why, you ought to see Jim. They had to carry him."

"Jim? Was-Jim with you?"

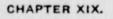
CHAPTER XIV - Hammon surprises CHAPTER XIV — Hammon surprises Lilas at her apartments and while enraged she tells him she has meant to ruin him in revenge for her father's death. She also tells him she is responsible for his troubles and that she never intended to marry him. Hammon attacks Lilas: she shoots him as he advances toward her.

CHAPTER XV-Hammon orders Whar-CHAPTER XV-Hammon orders Whar-ton and Merkle to remove him quietly to his home. Merkle discovers Lilas in her room in a stupor from drugs. He tells Jim Knight to send her out of the coun-try. Bob Wharton hires a cab and drives Hammon home; they leave him alone in his library. He then calls his valet and has berkle and the doctor summoned. ctor summ

CHAPTER XVI-Wharton and Lorelet have their first home meal together; each invites a guest and bring about a meeting between the bitter enemies. Mile, Demothe dancer, and Campbell Pope, the dramatic critic.

CHAPTER XVII-Jarvis Hammon dies of his wound. Bob Wharton's father visits him and offers to buy Lorelei off the marriage deal. She refuses and Bob resents his father's statements. Mr. Wharton offers Bob the choice of divorce from Lorelei or withdrawal of financial creasing anger by a harsh outburst.

CHAPTER XVIII-Bob and Lorelei decide to continue together. Bob promises a reform in his habits and gets a desire for work. Lorelei's family, unconscious of the true state of affairs, congratulate themselves on Lorelei's catch.



On the way to the Elegancia Mrs. Knight recounted to Jim in great detail and with numerous digressions and comments what Hannibal Wharton had said to her. Mrs. Knight herself he had called a blood-sucker, it seemed -the good woman shook with rage at the memory-and he had threatened her with the direst retribution if she persisted in attempting to fasten herself upon him. Bob, he had explained, was a loafer whom he had supported out of a sense of duty; if the idiot was ungrateful he would simply have to suffer the consequences. But Bob's mother felt the disgrace keenly, and on her account Hannibal had expressed himself as willing to ransom the young he was hurt while he was working to fool for, say, ten thousand dollars.

"I never was so insulted in my life," stormed Mrs. Knight. "You should would save his life. Think that over, have heard him!"

With a show of confidence not entirely real Jim rejoined: "Now, ma, don't heat up. Everybody forgets me, but pointment, Mrs. Knight whisked her-I'm going to draw cards in this game." | self_out_of the apartment.

and they were."

"Fiddle-de-dee! You're hysterical. You can't make me belleve you learned to love that man."

"I don't say I love him." Mrs. Knight snorted her triumph loudly. "Then you mustn't live with him another moment. My dear child, such a relationship is-well, think it out for yourself."

Lorelei saw the futility of argument. but certain thoughts demanded expression, and she voiced them, as much for her own sake as for her mother's. "I've learned that marriage is more than I considered it, mother. It's an obligation. I intend to live up to my part just as long as Bob lives up to his. If he complained of the fraud we practiced on him I'd be willing to leave him; but he doesn't-so the matter is out of our hands."

Mrs. Knight relieved her steadily in-"I never thought you could be so silly, after the way you were raised.

Didn't we give up everything for you? Didn't Peter sacrifice his life's work to give you an opportunity?"

"I'll keep on sharing my salary with you."

"Salary!" Mrs. Knight spat out the word. "After all our pains! Salary!" "You're probably just as honest in

your ideas as I am in mine," Lorelei told her. "I sha'n't allow you to want for-"

"I should hope not, since you're to blame for Peter's condition- Oh, you know you are! If you hadn't wanted a career he'd still be in Vale, a strong, healthy man instead of a cripple."

"I didn't want a career," Lorelei denied with heat. -"And father almost had to leave Vale."

"Nothing of the sort. He was a big man there. 'Had to leave Vale,' eh? So you've turned against your own blood. and disparage your father- Anyhow, give you a start, and now he's helpless. Ten thousand dollars right now when your own father is dead and

gone." White with anger, sick with disap-

"Who's coming? What on earth?" she exclaimed.

"A little surprise. A supper for just you and me, my dear."

It was one of his whims. During the meal he made elaborate speeches in the names of his friends. His imaginary guests congratulated him; in empty glasses they toasted the bride. they extolled her beauty, they praised his own gallantry, and vaunted his conquest of the demon rum. But when all traces of the feast had disappeared he swooped down out of the clouds and confessed miserably:

"I thought I could kid myself, but I can't. I want a drink. I-want-adrink! God! how I want it!"

Lorolei went swiftly to him. "The fight is just beginning, Bob. You're doing nobly."

"It isn't thirst," he explained, and she saw that same strained uneasiness in his bright eyes. "I'm not thirsty-I'm shaky inside. I get tired of fighting."

Lorelei nodded sympathetically. That's why it's so hard to reform; one's conscience tires, but temptation is always fresh. You must keep busy." "I'm going to work."

"No, no! Not yet," she cried, quickly. "You must fight it out where I can help."

Bob smiled gratefully. "You're a If we lose the patient it will be a dandy operation."

For the first time in her life Lorelei really worked, and worked not for herself, but for another. Although the experience was interesting in its novelty, the result remained unsatisfactory, for not only did love fail to respond to these sacrifices, but she could see no improvement in Bob's condition. The thing she fought was impalpable. yet enormous; it was weak, yet strong; it seemed to sleep, yet it was ever awake.

Of necessity the two lived in the closest intimacy, than which nothing is ordinarily more fatal to domestic happiness. But Bob was unique: he did in doubt. not tire; he began to rely upon Lorelei as a sick man leans upon his nurse, hastily. "I'm strapped in the driver's tried to cheer-"

"Death Valley Has Nothing on This Place," He Mourned.

just how to use his dangerous knowl. a load.' edge to the best advantage. He conbetween Bob and Lorelei.

-Jim's method of making a living had long since dulled the edge of feeling trite, but badly frightened, yet when prehensive scheme. With Bob and found her unexpectedly mild. divorce, moreover, would open the night." way for a second inroad upon the

skirts clear Jim could proceed with a the Hammon murder.

One evening after Lorelei had gone years to repair it." to the theater Jim appeared at the Bob was aghast. "Good heavens! In go out.

"I had a hunch you were lonesome." the caller began, "so I came up to whittle and spit at the stove."

Now Jim could be agreeable when he chose; his parasitic life had developed in him a certain worldly goodfellowship; he was frankly unregenerthoroughbred. I promised to let you ate, and he had sufficient tact never to have your way, and you shall. Even apologize nor to explain. Therefore drunkard. I'm hoping that you didn't he kept Bob entertained.

A few nights later he returned with a fund of new stories, and during the evening he confessed to a consuming thirst.

"Death valley has nothing on this place," he mourned.

Bob explained apologetically, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing in the house wetter than Croton water."

"I understand! Will you object if I sweeten a glass of it with some Scottish rites? I'm afraid of germs, and if water rots leather think what it must do to the sensitive lining of a human stomach?" Jim drew a flask

"Don't mind me." Bob assured him. and to worship her as a man worships seat." But he looked on with eager

"In spirit, yes; in body-only for a time. For a brief while we went gayly. hand in hand, then Jim lagged. He's a nice boy, but weak; he falters beneath

She questioned him searchingly and sidered the advisability of enlisting the soon learned of Jim's visits, of the aid of Max Melcher; but, not liking the flask, of the pool games. When she thought of dividing the loot, he decided understood it all her eyes were glowprovisionally to engineer a separation ing, but she found nothing to say. At last she got Bob to bed, then lay His desire to make mischief arose in down beside him and stared into the only a slight degree from resentment darkness through many wakeful hours. In the morning he was not only con-

-It was merely the first step in a com. he undertook to make his peace he Lorelei estranged, a divorce would fol- "If you're sorry, that's all I ask," she

low, and divorces were profitable. A said. "I changed my mind during the

"Never again!' he promised, feeling-Wharton wealth, for with Lorelei's ly. "I thought I had cured myself."

Lorelei smiled at him faintly. larger scheme of extortion, based on "Cured! It took ten years to work the damage-it will probably take ten

apartment and found Bob in a mood so ten years I'll be too old to drink-I'd restless and irritable that he dared not tremble so that I'd spill it. But where lid you get this dope?"

> "I've been reading. I've been talking to a doctor, too. You see, I wanted to help."

> "Let's change doctors. Ten years! It can't be done."

> "I'm afraid you're right. There's no such thing as reformation. If you're a born alcoholic you'll probably die a inherit the taste."

"Well, whether it was left to me or whether I bought it, I can't go dry for ten years."

"Then our bargain is ended." He looked up sharply. "Oh no, it isn't!" "Yes."

He extended a shaking hand, and his voice was supplicating as he said: "I can't get along without you, kid. You're a part of me-the vital part. I'd go to pieces quick if you quit now."

"When we made our agreement I meant to live up to every bit of it," from his pocket, then hesitated as if ing to try again, for this was Jim's Lorelei told him, gently, "but we're gofault."

"Jim? Jim was sorry for me. He

Lorelei's smile was bitter. "Jim was

never sorry for anybody except himself. My family hate you just as your family hate me, and they'd like to separate us."

"Say, that's pretty rotten!" Bob exclaimed. "If he weren't your brother I'd-"

Lorelei laughed mirthlessly. "Go ahead! I wish you would. It might clear the atmosphere."

"Then I will." After a moment he continued, "I suppose you feel you ing: must go on supporting them?" "Of course."

"Just as you feel you must support me. Is it entirely duty in my case?" beirg: her hesitate, he insisted, "Isn't chere any love at all?"

"I'm afraid not, Bob."

The man pondered silently. "I suppose if I were the right sort," he said, at length, with some difficulty, "I'd let you go under these circumstances. Well, I'm not the right sort; I'm not big or noble. If Barleycorn brothers lick me I'll go under. But if I go under I'll take you with me. I won't give you up. I won't!"

"I sha'n't let you pull me down," she told him, soberly.

When Bob resched the financial district next day and resumed his quest for work he was ablaze with resentment at himself and at the world in general.

He took up the search with a dogged determination that was quite unlike him. One after another he canvassed his friends for a position, and finally, as if ill fortune could not withstand his fervor, he was successful. It was not much of a job that was offered him, but he snapped at it, and returned home that evening in the best of humor. Already the serious issues of the morning were but a memory; he burst in upon Lorelei like a gale, shouting:

"I'm chalk-boy at Crosset & Meyers, so you can give Bergman your notice tonight."

"What's the salary?"

"It isn't a salary; it's a humiliationtwenty-five a week is the total insult." "Why, Bob! That won't keep two and the family-"

"The family!" He quieted himself with an effort. "Well, you give your notice, anyhow. I'll spear the coin for both establishments somehow. Come! I insist. I want to be able to shave myself without blushing."

Lorelei's objections were not easily to antagonize the whole steel trust." overcome, but at last, in view of the fact that the summer run of the Revue own that father of mine." was drawing to a close and the show would soon take to the road, she allowed herself to be persuaded.

Wharton really tried to make good. He sorry I can't help you-" was enthusiastic; the excitement of actual accomplishment was so novel ease. He decided to invest his first As Bob passed through the outer ofthe Barber's shop, in the rear room, pellent person with a cauliflower ear.

Early on Monday morning Bob reported for work, only to receive from Mr. Crosset, whom he had always regarded as a warm friend, the notice of his discharge.

"What's the matter? Didn't I make good?" he demanded.

Crosset was a young man; more than once he and Bob had scandalized Broadway; some of their exploits were epic. Now he shrugged carelessly, say-

"Oh, you made good, I guess; but we can't take a chance with you."

"I suppose you're afraid I'll steal some of your chalk. Now tell me, how INSURES STANDARD QUALITY did you wet your feet, and whence comes the icy draft?"

"Well, from the direction of Pittsburgh, if you must know. There's a



"We Can't Afford to Antagonize the Whole Steel Trust."

can tied to you, and we can't afford "I see. I'm afraid I'll have to dis-

"What's the trouble, anyhow?" At Bob's explanation Crosset whistled. "Funny I didn't hear about it. Throughout the next week Bob Married and happy, ch? Well, I'm

"You can. Lend me five hundred." "Certainly!" Crosset lunged at his that he had not time to think of liquor. desk, scribbled a line to the cashier, When Saturday came and he found and handed it to Bob, then, in response himself in possession of honestly to a call from the customers' room, earned funds he felt a soul-satisfying dashed away with a hearty farewell.

savings in a present for Lorelei, then fice he ran his eye over the opening a graver sense of responsibility seized prices, being half inclined to "scalp" him, and he sent them to Mrs. Knight. with his sudden wealth; but luck had Then he set out to find Jim. At Tony never run his way, and he reconsidered. Anyhow, there were more agreehe found his brother-in-law playing able uses to which he could put this be able to buy with the least extravacards with a pop-eyed youth and a re- money; for one thing, he needed several suits, for another, it was high time he gave Lorelei some little rening, James," he cried. "Feel like tak- membrance-he hadn't given her a present in nearly two weeks, and women set great store by such attentions. He decided to invest the money in Maiden lane and demand credit from his tailor. But a half-hour at a jewelry shop convinced him that nothing suitable to so splendid a creature as his wife could be purchased for a palapologized. "I'm sorry to spoil your try five hundred dollars, and he was upon the point of returning to Crosset with a request to double the loan when his common sense asserted itself. Poverty was odious, but not shameful, he reflected; ostentation, on the other hand, was vulgar. Would it not be in bad taste to squander this happy windfall upon jewelry when Lorelei needed practical things?



MRS. CHRISTINE FREDERICK SAYS IT WILL AID CONSUMERS.

Consumers in Small Towns and Rural Communities Are Victims of Discrimination by Big Store Methods, Which Encourage Substitution of Unidentified Goods at High Figures.

Mrs. Christine Frederick, household efficiency expert and consulting household editor of the Ladies' Home Journal, the New York Evening Sun, Succossful Farming, and various other publications, recently appeared before the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives in Washington in support of the Stephens-Ashurst bill. This measure, according to its title, is designed "To protect the public against dishonest advertising and false pretenses in merchandising."

The bill will legalize standard, uniform prices and prevent price cutting of trade marked goods by big city stores for the purpose of giving the false impression that all their other articles are proportionately low. Price cutting is merely bait to lure customers so that articles of inferior merit may be substituted at high prices.

"I appear before the committee purely in the interest of the consumer," said Mrs. Frederick, "and I do not care about the rights or wrongs



of retailer or manufacturer except as they affect the consumer. There is great need that the woman consumer. quality if the price is constantly cut." who spends most of the family income for articles used in the home, should gance, the least inefliciency and the least waste. I believe that a uniform price on an identified article is one of the chief means by which this most desired end can be obtained." Mrs. Frederick declared that the passage of the Stephens-Ashurst bill will result in greater household efficlency in buying for the following reasons:

UNIFORM PRICES SAVE MONEY FOR WOMEN WHEN MARKETING

By MRS. JULIAN HEATH Founder and National President of Housewives League



In order to buy efficiently it is essential that the buyer should know what she is buying. She must be able to order by name and thus be certain that she is getting the quality she wants at the price she is willing to pay. Men buy cigars by name, they call for smoking tobacco by name. In this way they are certain of getting the quality they want. Women demand the same right to buy breakfast foods, canned fruits, household utensils, hose, gloves and the thousand and one articles bought and used every day in the same intelligent manner. We don't want to ask for "oatmeal" or "flour." We want to ask for the particular brand that we have tested and found satisfactory. Buying food is certainly as im-

MRS. JULIAN HEATH.

portant as buying tobacco and women buyers should be protected the same way.

Predatory price cutting-the offering of standard articles at less than cost as bait to hide the hook of higher prices on anonymous goods-tends to discourage manufacturers in branding their products and putting their names and addresses on them. That is the reason I favor the passage of the Stephens-Ashurst Bill. I want all the articles that women buy to be branded so that they can be identified.

Intelligent consumption is as important as intelligent production. They belong together and one is largely wasted without the other.

Women, especially residents of small cities and towns, are dependent on the small retail store. These retailers tell us-and they have learned by sad experience-that cut rate stores are driving them to the wall. We take their word for it and we also accept their statement that the Stephens-Ashurst Bill will stabilize business, will discourage substitution and will encourage the sale of branded, identified goods. That means increased production and a corresponding lower price. Therefore we members of the Housewives League favor legislation that will permit prices for uniform quality.

We want to treat the small merchant fairly because that is the way to enable him to treat us fairly. We want to buy intelligently and economically and we want the merchant who serves us to do his business economically. He cannot do that if compelled all the time, to meet the unfair and cut-throat competition of the big store intent on substituting its own brand of goods for the standard article that carries the name and address of the maker.

Uniform prices for uniform quality is in line with the American. principle of a square deal for all. No buyer should demand more and no buyer should be compelled to accept less.

of getting the same thing again; and If it is unsatisfactory I can't be certain of avoiding it. I do not see how you can have a standard quality without a standard price. The trade mark on an article, the approved standard price and standard quality, protect the consumer because they are a guarantee that the manufacturer will continue that standard.

"Price juggling destroys the standard which manufacturers have set and tempts them-sometimes almost forces them-to lower the quality. What incentive can a manufacturer have to keep up a high standard of



John Spence

Lawyer

Crockett, : : : : Texas

Bob's greeting was hearty, "Eveing your beating here?"

"Eh? What's the matter?" Jim rose from his chair with a shocked intensity of gaze.

"I've come to return your last call. Alas, James, I am a weak vessel! Your work was coarse, but I fell for it." To the other occupants of the room he little game of authors, but necessity prods me." He extended a muscular hand for Jim's collar and found it.

Mr. Armistead was of the emotional kind: he went to the rescue of his friend; but when Bob's fist buried itself in the spongy region of Mr. Armistead's belt buckle that young man promptly lost all interest in Jimmy Knight's affairs. He sat down heavily, desperately concerned with a strange difficulty in breathing.

Alert, aggressive, Bob turned to face the man with the swollen ear; but young Sullivan, being a professional fighter, made no capital of amateur affairs, and declined the issue with an upraised palm.

It was no difficult matter to chastise Jim, whose spirit was as wretched as his strength; as the wind whips a flag, as a man flaps a dusty garment, so did Bob shake his victim. Jim struggled, he clawed, he kicked, he yelled; his arms threshed loosely, like the limber appendages to a stuffed figure.

When Bob emerged from the rear room he found the barber shop in confusiot .. Tony was leading a charge, but he fell back at sight of the flushed victor.

"It was nothing but a little family you please, I'll borrow a hairbrush." settled his scarf with a deft jerk, then went out whistling. As it was nearly closing time for the matinees, he strolled toward the Circuit theater, full of a satisfying contentment with the world. Now that he owed it nothing, he resolved to meet his future obligations as they arose.

Bob was cheered by the breadth of these sentiments; they showed that he was, beginning soberly to realize the leaden responsibilities of a family man. No, instead of a jewel he would buy his wife a dog.

At a fashionable uptown kennel he found exactly what he wanted, in the shape of a Pekingese-a playful, pedigreed pocket dog scarcely larger than his two fists. It was a creature to excite the admiration of any woman; its family tree was taller than that of a Spanish nobleman, and its name was Ying. But here again Bob was handlcapped by poverty, for sleeve dogs are expensive novelties, and the price of Ying was seven hundred dollarsmarked down from one thousand, and evidently the bargain of a lifetime at that price.

Bob hated to haggle, but he showed that his ability to drive a sharp bargain was merely latent, and he finally affair," Bob reassured him. "Now, if bore the animal away in triumph. To outgeneral a dog fancier was a tribute In front of a mirror he tidled himself. to his shrewdness; to save two hundred dollars on a single purchase was economy of a high order. Much elated, he set out briskly for his tailor's place of business.

(To be Continued)

First, it will help the consumer establish a standard in all purchasing.

Second, it will guarantee to the consumer a continuance of those standards once they are established.

Third, it will give a wider distribution to more kinds of products that the consumer daily buys.

Fourth, it will save the consumer's money because the fixed price will guarantee a permanent, dependable supply of articles.

Fifth, it will be especially helpful to farm women and small town consumers who are now victims of discrimination.

Sixth, it will make it possible for the homemaker to practice more efficient and less wasteful buying methods.

Seventh, it will guarantee to the consumer that the goods which she buys are made under honorable standards of manufacture, fair pay and sanitary conditions.

In her argument for identified articles Mrs. Frederick said it was admitted that cut prices tend to drive such articles from the market and she was merely showing the interest that the consumer has in having articles she buys so marked and branded that they can be identified.

"Suppose, for the sake of argument, that there is no such thing as an identified article," said Mrs. Frederick. "If there is no means of identifying, say, a pound of butter or a pair of hosiery, then every purchase of one of those necessities becomes an experiment. In each case I must make a test which takes time, trouble and money and which is worthless in the end because, should I find the article satisfactory, I can't be certain

THIS WAS FINE DIPLOMACY.

Here is a story about a diplomatic negro waiter; also about two wellknown Kansas men, who can go by the names of Smith and Jones, just to tell the varn.

Smith and Jones look much alike and are frequently taken for each other. One day Smith was in a certain big hotel not a thousand miles from Kansas City and went into the dining room for dinner. The negro waiter busily brushed off the crumbs and said, "Why, how is you, Mr. Jones; how is you? I's glad to see you. I hasn't seen you since I waited on your table when you-all used to have a little game upstaihs."

"I'm afraid you are mistaken," said Smith very quickly. "My name isn't Jones. You have the wrong man."

"Nuff said; nuff said," smiled the negro, with much bowing and scraping. "Ah knows all right when to keep mah mouf shut! Ah knows, all right, Mr. Jones." - Kansas City Journal.

THE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION

everything there is to know."

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "I shouldn't object to that if he would only spend as much time verifying sweet. his facts as he does in communicating them."

IMPOSSIBLE.

Bacon--- I went up to your house to ask you a question, and you were not at home.

Egbert-Whom did you see?

"I saw your wife at the door, and she answered me very short."

"Couldn't have been my wife!"

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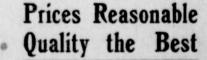
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Doesn't this appeal to you as being about the truth?

The fact that Colquitt lead in the cace for the Senatorship was heralded thruout the north and east as a repudiation by Texas of the Wilson administration. A wate for Colquitt in the "run off" om Aug. 26 would put Texas, the arreatest democratic state in the union, on record as repudiating nutional democracy as it is targht and practiced by Woodraw Wilson. A vote for Culbersum will be an endorsement of Welson and democracy. Texas is not ready to put a club into time hands of the republicans .-Troup Banner.

est intellectual minds of the future. Let us conserve the interests of our public schools of today, for the instruction and control of our children in their young days will bespeak their standing, efficiency and success in the later years of life. If there is one single thing that can be done to improve educational conditions locally, that thing should be done promptly, cheerfully and without quibble. Half measures today will not

When the war in Europe is

tomorrow.

over there will be one great scramble by the nations at strife in an effort to regain the commerce of the world which they have lost to the United States while engaged in the doubtful pastime of slitting each other's throats. Desperate measures will be devised by the shrewdest

make whole men and women of

minds of the old world in their If your neighbor offered you a campaign for commercial self powers of the business interests of our country should be even In the subscription price of now entrenching themselves and tion which even time itself will find indestructible. We cannot

> we have gained unless extraordiany relaxation of vigilance now or in the future will result in commercial loss and eventual

STATE TAX **RATE IS REDUCED**

The state advalorem tax rate was reduced last Monday from 30 to 20 cents on the \$100 property valuation at a meeting of the state automatic tax board. This means that the total taxes for 1916 is 45 instead of 55 cents, unless there is a change in the state school tax rate. The state board of education fixes the school tax rate, the rate now being 20 cents and the Confederate pension tax remains the same, that is, 5 cents on the \$100 property valuation. This new 20 cents tax rate was based on a total estimated property valuation in Texas of \$2,754,313.022, and is calculated to cover all appropriations which become available on September



If you haven't the time to stop and examine the wonderful showing of seasonable merchandise we are making, we want you to stay long enough and "look in" even if just for a moment. We are making a special effort to clear out our shelves of summer goods to make room for our big fall stocks that are beginning to arrive, and if you are interested in summer wearing apparel, we can save you money. Our line of low quarter shoes is getting smaller every day and if you must have a pair to finish out the season with, come in and let us fit you. We guarantee fit, style, comfort and quality.

New Ribbons

Right here in the beginning of a big ribbon season, we are showing some of the finest importations in staple and fancy ribbons.

If you need hair ribbons, sash ribbons or ribbons for any purpose, you will find all of the newest patterns and designs in our case. And the price is exceptionally low, 1c to-- 50C

We have a big lot of val laces 50 and embroideries at-----

Crochet and Embroidery Thread

We received this week a big shipment of San Silk and other mercerized cotton threads in white and colors. We also have a big lot of darning cottons, slipper cottons, H. & B. turkey red, rope floss and embroidery silks. A big line of sizes and a big range of colors makes this an ideal line to select from. 10c 5c and - -----

DO IT NOW -- Start those Christmas Things Early

Men's Hats and Caps

We have received an advance shipment of the newest styles in men's hats and boys' caps. This line is right from the eastern markets and the styles are the newest going. If you need a hat or cap we will be glad to show you this line.

Men's hats \$1.50 \$2.00 and \$3.00 Men's caps 25c 50c and \$1.00 Boys' caps 25c and 50c Children's Rah Rahs 25c and 50c We have a complete line of hosiery, underwear, neckwear, etc.

Trunks and Suit Cases

The time for "moving about" is at hand and whether you are going away on a pleasure or business trip, we have a carrier that will fit your purpose. Perhaps you just a good place to store clothing-if so, one of our cheaper trunks will make an ideal moth proof box. Come in and look at our lihe-it cheaper to buy than to borrow.

Trunks \$1.75 to \$15.00 Bags 25c to \$10.00 Suit cases \$1.00 and up. We make a specialty of ordering goods in this line we do not have in stock. Come in and look through the catalog.

There are Many Things You Will be Interested in at Our Store

Did you ever stop to think in these days when the sun is 1, the total appropriations being beinging forth perspiration to \$7,299,788. wilt your collar that Christmas iscoming? Are you making any provision to have anything laid by for that usually happy ocerreion? Are you in debt? Why met begin the wearisome task of scetting out right now and have secrething to spare for the holithe state are coming? Most the recent primary. While mesole forget about Christmas amountial it is right at hand-and it startys "pinches" them .- Fort Worth News.

We are a firm believer in eduendion. We believe in the erec- as glad to take each of you by tion of buildings that will not the hand now as I was before only afford the necessary opporthe election.

turities for instruction, but that will be strictly modern in sani- adv. tary measures. We believe in employing the best of instructexes for the guidance of our childres in their schoolhood days, from Grapeland to all points. and we believe in the election of Night trips a specialty. Reasfor stees and other public school onable charges on all trips. cofficials who will give their best Round trip fare to Crockett \$1 thought, energy and action to per head whether there is one this end. The right kind of a passenger or four. Your patschool board will emyloy the ronage appreciated. Phone or right kind of teachers, and they call at Goodson Hotel. is their turn will produce from

WORD OF APPRECIATION

I desire to take this means of thanking the good people of Houston county for their very generous support given me in did not receive the nomination, I am no less thankful for the support of my friends.

For those who did not see fit to support me, I have only the kindliest feeling and would be

> Yours very truly, Ed Holcomb.

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in the county who may hold the

election on the 26th inst. It is

estimated that four (4) officers

made because of the belief by

some that there are no funds

with which to pay these ex-

SOME GOOD CORN

penses.

corn was grown without fertil We are informed by Mr. J. W. izer of any kind, and many of the stalks have two well develop-Madden that County Chairman Cecil Allen says he has in his ed ears. It was planted in 7 hands the sum of \$7.00 to pay foot rows, well cultivated, and the election officers of each box the fine season did the rest.

TWO WEDDINGS

at each box will be sufficient for Married-At the home of W holding this election. This will H. Kolb, Saturday, August 5, at give each officer \$1.50 and will 8:30 p. m., Mr. Walter Mosley leave another dollar for the per- and Miss Rhodie Cherry, Rev. son who may bring the returns W. H. Kolb officiating. to Crockett. This statement is

Married-At the home of Ben Brown, Sunday, August 6, at 8:30 p. m., Mr. Ervin Smith and Miss Corda Powell, Rev. W. H. Kolb officiating.

BOX SUPPER

We are requested to state being personal friends. of town on the Doty farm, was that the box supper at Antrim in town Tuesday exhibiting some will be held Wednesday night, very fine corn, which he grew on August 16, instead of Friday

cultivation about 40 years. The TO THE PEOPLE OF HOUSTON COUNTY

In the campaign for District Attorney just closed, I was defeated by a small majority, yet I would have you know that in my heart I am just as grateful as I can be to those who in the slightest way assisted me.

Defeat was robbed of most of its sting by the vote the people of Houston County gave me. After having served six years as county attorney, I can but feel proud of the vote I received at your hands.

To those who voted for my opponent I shall cherish no ill feeling, and I trust that this slight difference will not keep us from

Now, again assuring you of my warmest gratitude, I remain

Yours very respectfully, Adv B. F. Dent.

Ira Walling, who lives north sandy up-land that has been in night.

LOCAL NEWS

See the new ties at McLean & Riall's.

Miss Sallie Mae Kent visited in Palestine this week.

8 ounce duck at Darsey's. None better.

Houston is the guest of Mr. and pretty patterns. Clewis. Mrs. T. H. Leaverton.

Clewis will give you good ser vice when it comes to cleaning and pressing clothes.

Miss Mae Sanders of Magnolia is here visiting her sister, Mrs. W. P. Traylor.

Mrs. J. S. Weisinger, Route 1, has our thanks for subscription renewal.

FOR SALE

A good milch cow, or will trade for stock cattle. Apply to Dr. Stafford.

Arthur Owens attended the county clerk's convention, which met in Houston the first part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Zimmerman of Dallas are here on a visit and give good service. to Mrs. Zimmerman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Davis.

Mrs. C. H. Jones and children of Denton are here on a visit to improved lots in Grapeland for the family of her brother, Wade sale or rent. If interested we L. Smith.

Misses Thelma Lee and Dot Clewis have gone to Houston to visit their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Johnson.

Mrs. P. H. Blalock and son, Phil Horace, of Livingston, are visiting relatives and friends in Grapeland.

NOTICE

Cost R O H, Sell \$3. Please re-

Darsey buys black eye peas. Best grade 8 ounce duck at Darsey's.

Mrs. Maggie Chance of Huntsville is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. U. M. Brock.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dailey were visitors to Houston the first part of the week.

New fall samples are now on Miss Jennie McMasters of display. Call and see the many

> Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Davis announce the birth of a son, born last Thursday.

> Tucker Campbell of Weches spent a day or two this week visiting his parents near Salmon.

> Make your cotton and pea picking sacks out of the good 8 oz. duck at Darsey's.

> Roy Brewton is off on his vacation and is visiting his brother at Brenham.

> Miss Moselle Martin spent several days with friends and relatives in Palestine this week.

> Ben Frisby left Friday, for a visit with relatives in Jacksonville.

Hats cleaned and re-blocked at a small cost. Made to look new

M. L. Clewis.

In addition to the farms that we are offering for sale, we have three residences and a few unwill be glad to figure with you. Geo. E. Darsey.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Luker and son, Mrs. C. E. Dockery and Jas. Ellis motored to Houston last Thursday, returning Sunday. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Howard Anthony. who will spend some time visit ing relatives and friends.

Keep your vital organs in good condition if you would have Taken from Cash Grocery health through the malarial sea-Store, pants 36x34. Lot No. 630. son. Prickly Ash Bitters cleanses and strengthens the stomach, liver and bowels and helps the system to resist disease germs. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.



MRS. WOODROW WILSON.

THEIR EFFECT.

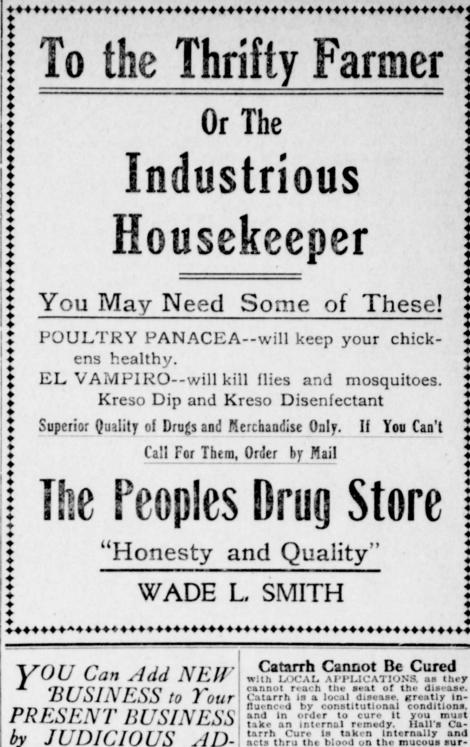
"Prize fights are injurious in their "I suppose they are more or less

WISDOM OF EXPERIENCE.

Messenger-Here's a package for you, sir.

Wederly-What is it? Messenger-I'm not sure, sir, but I think it is a birthday present from your wife.

Wederly-Oh, very well. Just leave the bill and I'll send a check for the amount next week.



with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly in-fluenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Ca-tarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous sur-faces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Cure was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect com-bination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Cure is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal condi-tions. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. All Druggists, 75c. Will cure Rheumatism, Neu-

All Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Yes, you will find syrup buck. ets at Darsey's.



RUB-MY-TISM

ralgia, Headaches, Cramps, Colic

Sprains, Bruises, Cuts, Burns, Old Sores, Tetter, Ring-Worm, Ec-

zema, etc. Antiseptic Anodyne,

used internally or externally. 25c

VERTISING

moral tene."

knocks-ious."

turn to S. E. Howard's store.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hooper and children of Lorena are visiting the family of N. H. Montgomery, east of town.

LOST .- BIRD DOG

notify Dr. Stafford.

Miss Ruby Harrington of Verna McKee of Mabank, were pleasant callers at the Messenger office last Monday.

Church Directory

The following is the directory Schools of Grapeland:

METHODIST:

Services every Second and Fourth Sunday. Prayer Meeting Wednesday night.

Rev. B. C. Ansley, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 a. m. M. E. Darsey, Superintendent.

CHRISTIAN:

Services every First Sunday. Rev. J. W. Shockley, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 a. m. T. H. Leaverton, Superintendent.

BAPTIST:

night.

Rev. S. W. Edge, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 a. m. W. D. Granberry, Superintendent.

OLD TIMER HERE

Mr. James Martin of Grapeland is in the city, the guest of Liver colored setter, little Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Eden, Mrs. white around neck. If found Eden being his niece. Mr. Martin was a pioneer settler of Brazos County, coming here in 1854, and continuing his resi-Waneta, accompanied by Miss dence here until 1877, except the four years he was away in the war. Mr. Martin stated to the Editor today there were 110 men in his company when they left

Brazos County for the war, but

only 31 came home. Of these 31 he has been unable to find but one of his old comrades since he of the churches and Sunday has been here, and that is Mr. J. H. Ferguson of Harvey. The late J. M. Zimmerman, Bester South, Bill Bowman and others were in his company, but they have answered the final roll call. Mr. Martin was a printer and editor before the war, and for a number of years published a paper at old San Augustine. He is now 77, but is in reasonably good health and quite active for a man of his age .-- Bryan Daily Eagle.

HORSES AND MULES WANTED

Mules from 13 hands and one Services every First and Third inch up. Horses from 14 1-2 Sunday. Prayer Meeting Thursday hands up. There will be a man here Saturday to buy. I will buy all the time. See me if you have anything to sell or trade. Lenard Sullivan.

YOU WILL PROFIT BY BECOMING

A PATRON OF THIS STORE

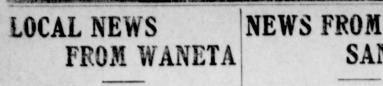
It is not our policy to boast or to make extravagant statements that we cannot back up. But we do make it our business to sell goods just as cheap or cheaper than any other firm from whom you can buy. And in addition to this

THE QUALITY OF OUR GOODS IS ALWAYS HIGH

That is Where Your PROFIT as a Patron Comes in.

KENNEDY BROTHERS

THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY



Aug. 7 .- Crops are looking well, but too much rain for cotton. If it continues raining the crowd of jolly young people general, editor or someone said: worms will destroy much of the from Crockett this week. They "If I owned Texas and purgayoung squares and bolls.

W. F. McKee and grand daughter, Miss Verna McKee, who have been visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Harrington, left Monday for their home at Mabank.

There is still a good deal of sickness in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Hulan of Slocum were in our midst from Friday until Monday.

Mr. Wallace Franks and wife of Corpus Christi arrived here Thursday for an extended visit with his sister, Mrs. Edmond-300.

Miss Mary Lively was the gnest of Miss Leta Lively Satwrday.

daughter, Susie, spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Harrington Sunday.

Mr. Ross Fortson and family spent the day with Mr. Shoemaker near Percilla Sunday.

Miss Leta Lively spent the day with Miss Cloie Scarbrough Sunday.

Misses Ella Ward and Elizabeth Kennedy, who have been visiting relatives here the past week, returned to their home in Grapeland Sunday.

Mr. Chas. Tims and family visited near Slocum the latter part of last week.

Liver Trouble

"I am bothered with liver trouble about twice a year," writes Joe Dingman, Webster Thy, Iowa. "I have pains in my side and back and awful soreness in my stomach. I heard of Chamberlain's Tablets and tried them. By the time I had abundantly blessed. She had chance was charged. There used half a bottle of them I was feeling fine and had no signs of min." Obtainable everywhere.

Aug. 7 .- Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Editor Messenger: Kleckley are entertaining a Some eminent, divine, doctor,

SAN PEDRO

and drinking ice water.

baby girl this week. the third Saturday night and 1871, and last Sunday, July 30th, Sunday and Sunday night by was the hottest day in the his Rev. Ed Leediker of Crockett. tory of Chicago. Everyone is invited to attend.

friends came over and went fish- it is hot and dry here. If we ing one day last week.

Houston is visiting her father this week. We are all delighted Mr. N. B. Hendricks, wife and to have her in our community.

expected soon to visit her father.



A lady with a little baby in her arms came to town not long ago to seek help. She was home-

less and poorly clad. She had tried to get work in somebody's home, but no one wanted her, and she was forced to beg. She was fighting the battle that is fought by many and won by few.

There were lots of "christian' people passing and repassing her, the most of whom turned a deaf ear to her plea. Some were in cars, some on foot and some Then a wheel of fortune was set in buggies, all showing signs of prosperity, and of having been see at the circus [and 5c per been less fortunate than these were ten chances each time begood (?) people from whom she fore the wheel would be turned.

LETTER FROM **ALBERT TYER**

are: Misses Zollie and Hattie tory I would rent Texas and Kleckley, Katherine and Mable live in purgatory." Now, I Hassell and Laura Sexton. Mrs. would be willing for him to do Kleckley's brother, Walter Haz- that but if he would be trying to lett, is also with them. Mr. and get away from heat it would Mrs. Kleckley promised them a have done him no good to come good time eating watermelons to Illinois, at least the last three weeks. I never saw it so hot-Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gainey an- yes, hot is the word, in Texas as nounce the arrival of a sweet it has been here since July 10. The Chicago papers state it has There will be preaching here been the hottest summer since

The farmers have their small A number of Mr. Jake Cutler's grain cut and are threshing, and do not get a rain soon the corn Miss Mary Lou Brown of crop is going to be cut short.

I have heard my father say many many times "it all depends upon how one is raised," but Mrs. Richard Pennington is I wish to tell this little story:

One night this week I had an invitation to a church social. I accepted the invitation and went. It was in a city and an elegant home, spacious grounds, fine lawn and everything was up-to date, it being a church affair. You can imagine my surprise when I got there to find a dancing platform erected ready for use. Soon here came the orchestra and a good one. Here came people, young and old, including the preacher. Soon the music started and the dancing began. Admittance to the platform for dancing was 10c per couple for each dance, and let me mention right here, the 10c was paid readily and often. The preacher did not dance. I suppose it was because he did not care to, and by way of self defense, let me say, neither did I. up, just the same as we used to

As the Tree Leans So It Grows



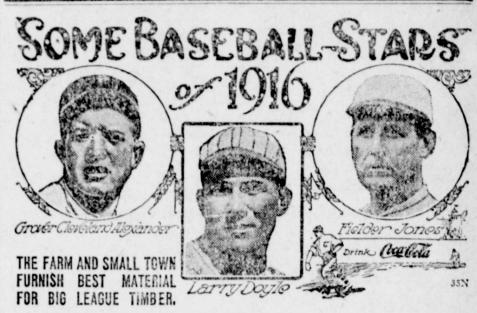
You cannot grow a straight tree from a crooked twig. Teach the child in youth as you want him to grow to manhood.

The Child Who Learns early to Save

Has learned a good lesson. Help him by giving him the proper start, and let us help you both.

GIVE US HIS ACCOUNT.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank A GUARANTY FUND BANK



after name of men who only recently as a drink for athletes. were boys on the farm or in the village DOYLE, Lawrence, Captain New York or small town. On the other hand, surprisingly few hail from the big cities. And yet, this is not so surprising after all. Even laying aside our knowledge of the big part that the so-called country boy has always played in the great affairs of business and the nation, the country is the place to lay the foundation necessary for athletes.

The photographs shown are familiar to all lovers of the great National game. In addition to their being representatives these stalwart athletes are great endorsso well-Coca-Cola.

Short Histories of the Players.

Looking over the roster of the big ust, 1910, with whom he has since league ball teams you will find name played. He warmly endorses Coca-Cola

> National League Club. Born at Caseyville, Ill., July 31, 1886. Second baseman.

> He has played with the New York Nationals since 1907, and was appointed Captain in 1912, which position he has since held with them. Leading hitter of the National League for the season of 1915. Like all the best of them he is a staunch believer in Coca-Cola.

There is, by the way, a wonderful similarity between the origin of these ball of their type in the baseball world, all of players and that of the beverage which they endorse. Coca-Cola might be called ers of that beverage you know and like an agricultural drink, both from the materials it is made of and because of its arity in JONES, Fielder Allison, Manager of St. there was a natural, wholesome bevas in the city. For Coca-Cola, if ever erage, is such-it itself is a gift from Nature. Made from Nature's pure water. flavored with the juices of fine fruits and things that grow and sweetened please particularly remember this last-Coca-Cola contains no artificial sweetening matter but just the best of pure cane ALEXANDER, Grover Cleveland, Pitcher sugar. It is this fine combination that Philadelphia Nationals. Born in St. gives Coca-Cola its deliciousness of Paul, Nebraska, February 26, 1887, and flavor, its distinctively refreshing and thirst-quenching qualities and great wholesomeness. That's why ball players, ers in the game today, being practically athletes, fans-all classes and kinds of men and women drink and endorse Coca-League team winning the pennant last Cola. Drink a glass or a bottle and you

BATHING BEST AT GALVES. TON. LOW EXCURSION RATES VIA I. & G. N.

Teckets on sale for trains arriv plea would work weeks to raise etc., call on I. & G. N. Ticket instead of the charity that should Agent.

Cure For Cholera Morbus

Sidney Simmons, Fair Haven, isfaction and I gladly endorse it them right. as a remedy of exceptional merit. Obtainable everywhere.

Rev. C. A. Campbell closed a very successful revival at Weches Sonday night. Thirteen new members were received into the shorch by baptism. Bro. Campbell is engaged in a meeting at Latexo this week.

Look out for malaria. It is seasonable now. A few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters is a sure been visiting her sister, Mrs. having had a good school and the preventive. Sold by D. N. Leav- Owen Johnson, has returned to prospects are better for a good lish a regular habit and be sure erton.

sought aid. She had relatives in and near the town, who could

not afford to acknowledge the social prestige. One or two grudgingly gave her a few pennies to keep her from starving. Varied attractions-fun for all. Some of those who heard not her

ing Galveston Saturday p. m., a collection to send a Bible to Azg. 12 and Sunday a. m., 13; China, and they never read it Emit Monday 14. For rates to themselves. The inconsistency Treasure Island;" schedules, of some people is appalling and

be in their hearts, there is cold indifference to the homeless and hungry. Some have hearts that "When our little boy, now 7 will allow them to "feel sorry" years old, was a baby he was for the needy, but sympathy will cured of cholera morbus by not appease the appetite of a Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and hungry person or clothe the Darrhoea Remedy," writes Mrs. back of a naked one. If these people don't change their policy X.Y. "Since then other mem- they too will get left here on bers of my family have used earth with the Devil to enjoy (?) this valuable medicine for colic the torments of hell, and I don't and bowel trouble with good sat- know but what it would serve

CALL THE ICE MAN

gelo Thursday, was held from He is the essence of economy. the residence of an aunt, Mrs. L. He is your best friend in the hot, Long, Saturday evening. He sweltering days of summer. A few pounds of ice a day will prewas for years in the drug busiserve many times its cost in ness in this city, retiring about perishable goods. It costs but two years ago on account of ill a few cents a day and will save health. A widow survives. you many dollars. Call the ice man and save your dollars.

J. W. Howard

Mrs. O. T. Adams, who has her home in Palestine.

I took five chances and for the first time in life I won out. I got a bag of oranges. Everyrelation for fear of injuring their body seemed to enjoy themselves. The affair must have brought in \$25 or more, and it is to help build a new church.

> I am not finding fault with the method of raising money. I do not say it was wrong, but as above stated: "It all depends upon how one is raised."

> Long live the Messenger and its many readers.

Hot weather saps the vital en-

ergy and makes the hardest

workers feel lazy. To maintain

strength and energy, use Prick-

ly Ash Bitters. It is the friend

of industry. Sold by D. N.

FUNERAL OF I. W. SWEET

Crockett, Texas, August 6 .--

L. N. Laseter is at home after

school next summer.

The funeral of I. W. Sweet, who

died in a sanitarium at San An-

Leaverton.

H. A. Tyer.

Louis Browns. Born August 13, 1871, at Shingle House, Pa. Last season he came within one-half game of winning Federal League pennant, finishing nearer the top than any team in major leagues since with Nature's purest, finest sugar-and the Browns in 1889.

He says Coca-Cola is his favorite beverage.

lives on a farm there now.

Alexander is one of the greatest pitchsponsible for the Philadelphia National year. Drafted by Philadelphia in Aug- will be just as enthusiastic about it.

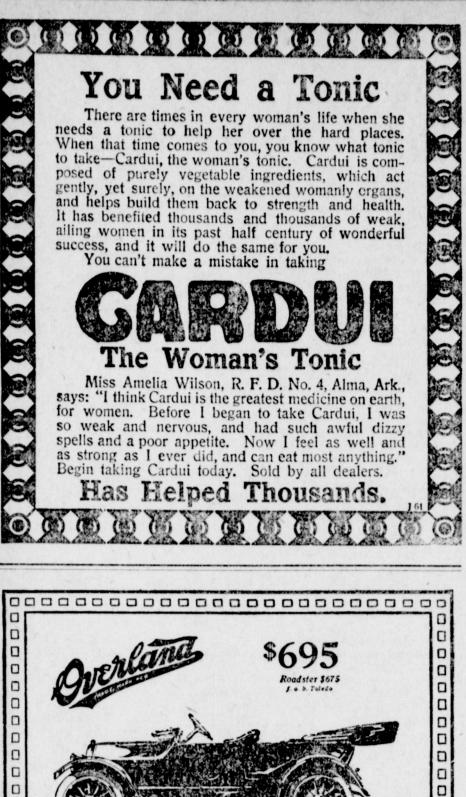


The Best Laxative

spending ten days in a music water half an hour before break- erywhere. school at Weches. He reports fast and eat an abundance of fruit and vegetables, also estabyour bowels move once each day.

When a medicine is needed take To keep the bowels regular Chamberlain's Tablets. They're the best laxative is outdoor ex- pleasant to take and mild and ercise. Drink a full glass of gentle in effect. Obtainable ev-





Five-Passenger Touring **Order Your Overland Now** Last season it was impossible to fill the demand for the four-cylinder, five passenger Overland - the \$750 car. There was a demand for this car never before equalled in automobile history.

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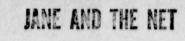
This justified the purchase of raw materials at

before-the-war prices. So now you can get the same car-with improve-

ments-for \$55 less The price will not be lower, for cost of materials

is rising.

There is an enormous demand for this car, 60,000 have already been sold, so order your car now, to make sure of getting it.



By MOLLY M'MASTER.

It was not until John Guthrie entered her life that Jane's heart was seriously affected. All unconsciously, while luring the big Scotchman into her net, Jane tripped and fell headlong into it herself. The sensation was at first startling and finally most alarming, for the Scotchman seemed perfectly oblivious to the fact that Jane was his for the asking.

Old-fashioned Polly sitting back completely enveloped in the love of Willard Wright watched the proceedings with infinite enjoyment. She and Jane had never broken the silence that spanned an interval of three months, yet Polly was perfectly aware of all that transpired in the life of her erstwhile intimate friend.

The two girls were often in the same ballroom attending the same dances, yet neither seemed so much as to know that the other was there and never by word or look conveyed the secret knowledge that each bore a gnawing pain-the pain of severed friendship.

Jane tried desperately to conceal her interest in John Guthrie, but her eyes followed his every movement. He fiirted lazily and mildly with most of the girls, but most of all he hovered over the old-fashioned, soft-eyed Polly.

And Polly, looking swiftly across at Jane, smiled in such a way as to make Jane's blood stand still. Polly was going to break her lifelong habit of demure, maidenly modesty and firt openly and shamelessly with the Scotchman.

Jane's lips curled in scorn in spite of the fear and pain that was gripping her. She knew that Polly with her absurdly trusting eyes of blue and her gentle, persuasive manner, together with the touch of alluring coquetry she was now employing, would break the heart of any man.

However, Jane had sufficient of pride and self-control to carry on her own flirtations with a very apparent supply of blindness to Polly's maneuver. Her smiles were plentiful, and no one in the ballroom suspected that her heart was well-nigh breaking. She not only regretted the fact that Guthrie found interest in other women, but more than that she lamented the fallen idol that Polly represented.

"It is all right for me to-to flirt," Jane told herself. "But Polly is different. Polly is far too precious a type nowadays to lose sight of. She simply must not be allowed to smear her beauty with such modern characteristics." Jane smiled wistfully at of the bench upon which those conher own shortcomings, and sent a swift glance of something akin to love into Polly's eyes.

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blush that flew without shame into Jane's cheeks brought a swift hug from Polly's arms.

She looked happily over Jane's head and out along the path where two stalwart men were swinging toward the cottage.

"It means an early double wedding," she told Jane. "Isn't it wonderfulto be friends again."

"We were never anything else, really," Jane made answer, and they went to the cottage door to meet Willard and the Scotchman. (Copyright, 1915, by the McClure News-paper Syndicate.)

CODFISH ARE RAPID GROWERS

Norwegian Director of Fisheries Tries Some Interesting Experiments With Finny Revenue Producers.

The Norwegian director of fisheries, Dr. Johan Hjorst, has just concluded some interesting experiments designed to ascertain the extent of the migrations of the cod and the rate of its growth, as well as the probable rate at which the supply is being exhausted.

Last year he caught 2,400 of the fish, and after marking them, returned them to the sea. Two hundred and seventy-nine of these were caught again the same season, which shows, of course, that the drain upon the supply of cod is even larger than has been popularly supposed.

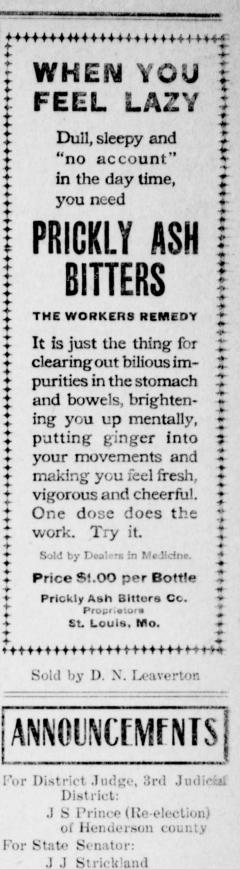
The increase in the length of a fish marked on May 26 and caught on the 19th of the following February was considerably over 100 per cent. It was shown, too, that during the period named the fish had traveled fully 1,700 kilometers.

As a result of his studies Doctor Hjorst is not inclined to pessimism as to the outlook for the industry. While admitting that the proportion of fish caught every year is extremely large, he feels certain that the rapidity of their growth and the extent of their migrations are factors that will prevent a too serious drain upon the supply, especially when the fisheries are properly regulated by law.

LIVED BECAUSE IT WAS PAT

Like Many Another Americanism, "Anxious Seat" Needs No Apology for its Use Anywhere.

We are indebted to a contemporary for the information that an American preacher named Finney invented the term "anxious seat" as the name For County Clerk: victed of sin at revivals might sit to signify their desire for prayers. The



of Anderson County For District Attorney, 3rd Jadicial District.

J J. Bishop of Henderson county For County Treasurer: Ney Sheridan (Re-election) For County Attorney: J F Mangum Arthur Owens For Tax Collector:



John H Ellis (Re-election) For County Superintendent: J N Snell (re-election) For Constable Prec't. No. 2: For Commissioner Prec't. No. 1 E E Holcomb (Re-election) For Commissioner Prec't. No. 2: R T (Riley) Murchison For Justice Peace Prec't. No. 5: Jno A Davis (Re-election) Clyde Story, (re-election) For Constable Prc't. No. 5:

C. R. Taylor (re-election)

Just the Thing for Diarrhoea

"About two years ago I had a severe attack of diarrhoea which lasted over a week," writes W. C. Jones, Buford, N. D. "I became so weak that I could not stand upright. A druggist recommended Chamberlain's Colic. Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The first dose relieved me and within two days I was as well as ever." Many druggists recommend this remedy because they know that it is reliable. Obtain

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER Price \$1 Per Yr.

Thursday, Aug. 10

BATTLES RAGE ON ALL **EUROPEAN WAR FRONTS**

MANY VILLAGES TAKEN BY THE RUSSIANS IN DRIVE AGAINST AUSTRO-GERMANS.

THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE

French Have Taken Additional Works and Consolidated Them-British and Australians Take Second Line Defenses

Latest News From War Fronts. In Northern Galicia the Russians have struck another hard blow at the Teutonic allies and occupied along the Sereth and Graberka rivers south of Brody, six villages and the entire ridge on which they are located.

Furious fighting marked the engagement, the Russians being forced in the villages to drive their adversaries from house to house. The Austro-Germans, at last reports, were bombarding violently their lost positions.

In the fighting the Russians captured a regimental commander and 140 other officers and more than 5,000 men, and also took numerous machine guns and bomb throwers.

Berlin admits that the Russians have gained the left bank of the Sereth river, but asserts that the Germans have made progress against the French in the Chapitre wood near Verdun and in mining operations against them in the Argonne: that the Russians have been driven from positions along the Stokhod river south of Zarecze, and that in the Carpthians the Germans are still operating successfully.

Slight advances for the British at High wood and east of Pozieres, on the Somme front, and for the French southwest of Estrees, south of the Somme and to the northwest of the Thiaumont work near Verdun, are recorded in the Britich and French communications.

In the sector north of Pozleres the Germans, in an attack in which liquid fire was used, forced the British back along one of their trenches, but later the British regained the ground lost.

The Germans are heavily bombarding the Thiaumont work and Fleury positions of the French.

In Asiatic Turkey the Russians report the capture at various places of new Turkish positions. In the Kialkit-Chia river basin positions protected by five lines of trenches were wrested from the Turks, while south of Erzingan and west of the villa of Ognut additional trenches and two heights were captured. In the region of Mush and Bitlis the Turks have assumed the offensive, but Petrograd says they are being held by the Russian fire. The 14,000 Turkish troops operating on a seven-mile front from the east against the Suez canal also met with defeat at the hands of the British and have been forced to flee, leaving more than 2.500 prisoners behind them, including some Germans, says London. In addition the Ottomans suffered heavy casualties. Australian and New valued at \$30,000. Zealand cavalry took an important part in the fighting. The Italian steamship Re d'Italia, with three American passengers on board, from Genoa, Italy, was chased for seven hours by three submarines while in the Mediterranean and was saved from capture or destruction by use of defense guns mounted aft, according to the report of her master, Captain Amedeo Pinceti, on the arrival of the ship at New York Sunday. The captain said he believed one of dering Milam and Bell counties, held the submersibles was hit by a shell, although his only evidence was the column of water which arose. Unofficial advices from Saloniki say the Serlians have taken from the Bulgarians the village of Remli, on the Macedonian front. In the Austro-Italian theater the Austrians are heavily bombarding the Italian lines between the Adige and upper Isonzo rivers and the Pasubio area, while in the Sugana valley and the upper Cordevole valley they launched infantry attacks against the Italians. These attacks, according to Rome, were repulsed.

ference. Whether that will be regarded as sufficient to warrant proceeding with the negotiations by naming the American commissioners and without further correspondence will be determined by President Wilson.

Millionaire Lumberman Killed. Houston, Tex.-George C. Locke, millionaire lumberman and banker of Lake Charles, La., was instantly killed when his automobile cverturned on the shell road a mile south of League City, Texas, Sunday. Olin Moss, a brother-in-law, also of Lake Charles, and Charles Schlom of Houston were badly injured.

Baron Wimborne has been reap pointed lord lieutenant of Ireland.

TEXAS GUARDSMEN PRAISED BY MAJOR GENERAL FUNSTON

He States Best Record Is Shown In Mobilization and Spirit of Service by Them.

San Antonio, Tex.-Major General Frederick Funston accorded the Texas militia high praise Saturday in a statement in which he said that they had made the best record in the national guard, both as to mobilization and uncomplaining service.

"Texas is the only state in the union," said the department commander, "that answered the president's call with a strength in men greater than was shown on paper." States that "threw bricks of criticism at the Texas militia," he declared, "had better look to their laurels, for the Lone Star State does not have to take off its hat to any of them."

General Funston expressed his appreciation of the conduct of the Tex as guardsmen since their distribution along the border. They are performing their duties without a whimper, he said, not one man having registered a complaint of any kind. The number of Texans who have applied for re lease from the service is exceedingly small, while many guardsmen from other states have sought and are still seeking to be excused from the work of patrolling the border.

General Funston's statement shows that the Texas guardsmen not only outdid the guardsmen from other states in responding to the president's call and have served without complaint, but have also done their work "like real soldiers." Regarding the 116 Texas militiamen who originally refused to take the federal oath, General Funston said that criticism of them had been too severe, as all of

edging the receipt of the bale, and killed in the infantile paralysis epipromised it would notify the compress of its safe arrival in Germany.

Detroit Is K. P. Meeting Place. Portland, Ore .- Detroit was selected Saturday as the convention city for 1918 by the supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias.

Crops Best in Ten Years.

Broaddus, Tex .-- Corn crops are 10 to 20 per cent above an average. The best all-round crops of the past ten years are found in the county this year. Corn, sweet potatoes, peanuts, hay, field peas, melons, etc., are unusually good.

Port Arthur Shipped Much Oil.

Port Arthur, Tex .- Petroleum products shipped out of Port Arthur harbor in the month of July amounted to 2,169,020 barrels of 42 gallons each.

Gould Heads Cotton Belt.

St. Louis, Mo .- Edwin Gould Wednesday was elected by the directors of the St. Louis Southwestern (Cotton Belt) railroad to the presidency of the road, to succeed F. H. Britton, who fied last week. The election was held in New York.

Takes Oath of Supreme Court.

Washington .- John H. Clarke of Cleveland, Ohio, Tuesday took the oath as associate justice of the suprome court of the United States.



NEWS THAT IS NEWS, WHEN IT IS NEW'S, FOR ALL.

STATE, NATIONAL, FOREIGN

Happenings the Wide World Over of Important Events Condensed to Good Reading.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

No formal action will be taken by the federal authorities to avert the great railway brotherhoods' strike until after a conference between the railroad officials and employes has been held, is given out at Washington.

General Carranza, in his last note to the United States, has agreed to a commission to consider differences between Mexico and this country, but failed to make any mention of broadening the scope of the conferences.

Secretary Tumulty, in a letter Saturday to Commissioner Hague at Jer-

than 5,000 cases reported. The death toll Saturday was 45, with 175 new cases. A complete list of dead from the recent cloudburst in Northeast Tennes-

demic in New York city and more

lives. Net revenues of 93 large railroad systems over the United States for the year ending with June showed ap increase over the same period in 1915 of almost \$190,000,000.

Surprising guards in an automobile carrying \$50,000 pay roll of a manufacturing concern, five masked men in \$37,000.

A hardware, furniture and lumber concern at Skidmore, Texas, was destroyed by fire Thursday with a loss of \$30,000.

The garment workers' strike, which virtually has paralyzed the woman's suit and cloak industry in New York for nearly four months, was declared settled Friday.

New high records for United States shipping were set during the past year, according to the report issued in Washington Thursday. The total tonnage was given at 25,500,000 tons

A close race between John E. Swanger and Henry Lamm for the republif they wanted to. lican nomination for governor of Mis souri developed in the primaries held in that state Tuesday. F. D. Gardner of St. Louis won the democratic nomi nation.

"Armed peace protecting genius," an allegorical group in marble, was unveiled in Washington Wednesday with Congressman Slayden of Texas one of the chief speakers.

The state board of education at Auspupil.

Newspaper publishers and printers were given a hearing before the federal trade commission Wednesday at Washington in its investigation of the high cost of print paper and shortage.

COTTON IS SCARING

Cotton has been doing the aviation act the past few days and less son. Monday reached the high level

when 500 bales were sold in

"JENTLE JABS"

By Jno. R. Owens

The grouch and the loafer are see shows that 28 persons lost their to be pitied for being in the world.

> If the dreams of men came true, this old world would be a circus.

The gnats are so bad in Grapeland that it is dangerous to yawn Detroit, Mich., Friday escaped with unless provided with a screen for the mouth.

Cotton has reached 15 cents, We think that is a plenty: But the cotton raisin' gents

May hold their'n for twenty.

News comes that "Ladies' skirts will come higher," which will necessitate more stringent laws on street corner oglers in Dallas and Houston.

A news dispatch says the Germans are raising potatoes on the housetops. Yes, and those Germans could preserve ice in hell

We notice that Culberson clubs are getting almost as numerous as "fly-swatters." No doubt these clubs; will be used to swat Colquitt. Mer-ri-ly we roll along.

A lady on route one wants to know if a wife must beg her tin, Texas, fixed the school apportion husband for spending money. ment for the coming year at \$7 per Yes'm, we guess so, if he sleeps with his trousers under his pil-

> It is asked "How much a mother must suffer to reform her thoughtless daughter." If the amount of her suffering is gauged according to precedent. it is about twice as much as she suffers to reform her thought.

"Does Wife-Beating Prove a

The Mexican Situation.

Washington .- The reply to General Carranza's note regarding the proposed joint commission to settle border difficulties will be formulated this week. It is indicated that while not entirely satisfactory, General Carranza's note is viewed as opening the way for broadening the scope of discussions by the commissioners, as is desired by the president, and information has reached department officials that the note was intended to cover that possibility, although it does not mention the suggestion except by in-

them reconsidered their refusal and joined their comrades before the troops were sent to the border.

This state has reason to be mighty proud of the manner in which its members of the national guard have acquitted themselves," General Funston concluded.

\$30,000 Fire at Skidmore.

Skidmore, Tex .-- Fire destroyed the immense stock of hardware, furniture and lumber belonging to H. R. Michelke Thursday. The stock was

Sheriff Killed by Prisoner.

Seymour, Tex .- Sheriff W. L. Ellis of Baylor county was shot Sunday by Stephen Brown, a negro prisoner. Brown was rounded up by a posse near town and killed.

Milam County Precinct Goes Dry.

Cameron, Tex .-- In the prohibition election in school district No. 54, bor-Saturday, the election resulted in favor of prohibition by fourteen votes.

Blue to Command the Texas.

Washington .- President Wilson has accepted the resignation of Captain Victor Blue as chief of the bureau of navigation. He has been assigned to command the battleship Texas.

Famous German Professor Is Dead. Berlin .- Professor L. Albert Neiser of Breslau University, the famous dermatologist, died Tuesday.

Celina Postmaster Nominated. Washington .-- J. L. Wilson was Saturday nominated to be postmaster at Celina, Texas.

Farmers Filling Sllos for Winter.

Flatonia, Tex .- Farmers and dairymen in the Flatonia section who have silos now are busy filling them.

Sends Deutschland New Bale.

Cameron, Tex .- The Cameron Compress Company sent the German submarine Deutschland a souvenir bale of cotton and received a note acknowl-

sey City, declared that no evidence of plosives had been found in the investigation of the Black Tom Island explosion.

Appropriations in the present congress have passed the \$1,500,000,000 expenditures voted.

Germany has informed the United weevils will die. States that on "account of the impracticable conditions imposed by Great Britain upon the shipments of foodstuffs from America into Poland" further negotiations for co-operation in Polish relief work are devoid of purpose.

Major General Funston Wednesday sent to the war department at Washington a telegram announcing his intention to rid the various guardsmen camps on the border of newspaper correspondents who send out false accounts of conditions in the camp.

The senate Wednesday adopted Senator Underwood's resolution to appropriate \$540,000 for the relief of flood sufferers in the South.

Officials of the federal government, including, President Wilson, are closely watching developments in the controversy between the twenty-five railroad systems and their 400,000 employes and are preparing to offer every possible aid to effect an agreement and avoid a strike.

STATE AND DOMESTIC NEWS.

George C. Locke, millionaire banker and lumberman of Lake Charles, La., was killed in an auto accident on the Houston and Galveston (Texas) road Sunday.

W. L. Ellis, sheriff of Baylor county. Texas, was killed by a negro prisoner Sunday who had gone with him to a secluded spot near the town to show him some stolen goods that were said to be hidden there.

O. A. Samuels was chosen head of the Walker County Farmers' Co-operative league at Huntsville, Texas, Saturday.

More than 1,000 infants have been

Houston for 15c. The outlook Husband's Love?" reads a head violation of federal laws regarding ex- for prosperity among the farm- ing on an article written by a ers of Texas grows brighter lady. Such might be true, lady. each day, as the cotton market but the courts do not think this has been gradually going up. a suitable way for a husband to Let us hope that the market will prove to his wife that he loves mark, setting a new high record for continue good, that we will get a her, and he receives very little bale to the acre and all the boll reward for such enthusiastic efforts of "love-making."

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