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LOCAL TALENT PLAY ENJOYED

Presentation of Operetta at Opera House Witnessed by a Crowded House Saturday.

The production of the Operetta, "The Jap Girl," will go down in the history of Pecos as one of the most interesting and entertaining events ever staged by home talent.

The curtain rose on a scene of flowery beauty in old Japan. As the chorus mingled and swayed on their entrance one could well imagine that the faltering steps were caused by the fact of their feet being bound in childhood, in true aristocratic style. The opening chorus, with its bows and ceremony, gave a true illusion of the stately magnificence of Japan.

The entrance of Mrs. Means as O Hanu San was magnificent. She wore a gorgeous Japanese court robe loaned for the occasion by Mrs. Welborn. She was immediately attended by Miss McCarver and Miss Florence McCarver, as her cousins. The solos and trio which followed were appreciated by the audience. Miss Collings, as the servant, Chaya, was a most amusing character. The Sayonara, sung from behind the scenes was the most realistic song of sorrow.

The second act went as smoothly as though it were played by professionals. Mrs. W. H. Browning was a most convincing chaperon and her two charges, Miss Mace and Miss Davis, were the very spirit of mischievous young America. The play was produced under the direction of Mrs. Mace. Her skilful leadership was well rewarded by the captivating sureness of the 8 girls who danced the Japanese ceremonial dance. Mrs. Schermerhorn, as musical director, is to be congratulated on the fine blending of voices and the sweet harmony of the entertainment.

The hats used in the second act by Mrs. Browning, Misses Mace and Davis were loaned for the occasion by the Farnum Millinery, and certainly reflected the good taste of that establishment.

The stage setting for the Operetta was very beautiful and realistic with its profusion of flowers, its lights, its lanterns and blooming trees. The little garden fence, the trellises and the house entrance all added fitting touches to the entire scene. For this, much credit is due to Mrs. J. C. Wied and Mrs. J. W. Moore, for it was their artistic taste that designed the picture and their skillful hands that made possible the carrying out of the design. These ladies, assisted by others of the club, made the flowers, the wreaths and the lantern poles, the fence and trees, and arranged them all to make the garden which was the setting for the Japanese Girls entertainment.

Certainly the Euterpean club and the many who looked upon the beautiful secepe should thank Mrs.

PECOS CITY BRASS BAND

A Plea for the Maintenance of An Organization That No Thriving City Should Be Without.

A brass band is a valuable adjunct to any city, and no occasion is complete without music, and the Pecos City Brass Band is always ready to do their part for anything which is for the good, or upbuilding of Pecos. For years Pecos has had no band, and whenever an occasion required one, it necessitated the sending away for a band, which incurred an enormous expense, such as was experienced at the last Reeves County Fair. But now Pecos has a first-class band, and one that would do credit to any city. This band is composed of young men and young ladies of the city, and the director is fully capable in every respect and is doing hard grand work and deserves great credit for the splendid work which the band is doing. The boys and girls own their own instruments and are forced to take their own means to defray the expenses of the instructor, and to defray incidental expenses. To do this works a hardship and places obstacles in the way, and it is impossible to maintain a band under these conditions. Most of these young people are clerks and draw salaries which will not permit of their being able to keep up the band, and they are in a position that they cannot give of their time to make engagements to play at other places, thereby making money for the band in this way.

Every citizen appreciates what a good band means to any city and the citizens should come forward and assist the band by contributing every month, such a sum as would make the band self-sustaining. If this is done you would soon see as fine a band as any city has. This is truly a deserving appeal and in return for this assistance of the citizens the band will give weekly public concerts.

If you will come forward and help this good cause in this way, Pecos can have a band. Call on Mr. R. R. Smothers at the Pecos Mercantile Company's office, or see Van Camp, secretary and treasurer of the band and leave your contribution and subscription.

Who will head the list?
A FRIEND OF THE BAND.

Wied and Mrs. Moore for their untiring efforts and the pleasure derived from the result.

From a financial point the Euterpean should be well pleased with the reception of their labors, for they are richer by some \$95.00 for their effort.

H. L. Magee and wife, and Mrs. Ed Vickers autoed up to Toyah Tuesday morning, where Bro. Magee attended some business. Mrs. Vickers acted as "shoffer".

THE PECOS RIVER PROJECT

All Should Unite in Writing to the Various Representatives to Support This Bill.

Sedalia, Mo., Feb. 28.
E. D. Balcom, Pecos, Texas.

Dear Sir:
Reporting my interest in the Red Bluff Project, will say that I have letters from the following names: Senators Stone, Reed and Phelan of California; Congressman Hamlin, of Missouri; Church and Kettner of California, some of whom have pledged co-operation, and all, if the project seems feasible and efficient.

A friend in Iowa reports encouragement from members whom he has met. This party is familiar with the Pecos country, realizes its needs, has interests there and is influential and active and I believe will wield a great influence with representatives of that state.

J. H. Rhodes, 918 Wainwright Building, St. Louis, is writing to members whom he knows.

I would suggest that the necessity exists that some capable, active man be in Washington to impress members of the wisdom and the need of the appropriation.

Yours very truly,
E. B. BLAIR.

The above letter is in response to a letter sent out to different land owners in different states, requesting that they call the attention of their representatives in Congress to the Pecos River Project and ask that they co-operate with Congressman W. R. Smith and Senator Sheppard in their efforts to further legislation in support of this project. We would appreciate all land owners under any of the projects taking this opportunity through their friends and other means, or writing direct to representatives, and urge upon them to call upon Congressman Smith and Senator Sheppard and offer their services in this matter.

E. D. BALCOM,
Secretary of Water Users Ass'n.

STOCK SHIPMENTS MADE

Lack of Rain Slightly Retards the Movement of Stock, But Cattlemen are Optimistic.

Of late there has been a slight decline in the movement of cattle, both incoming and outgoing, which is attributed largely to the unfavorable condition of the ranges at present. No losses of importance have been reported, and the unusually mild winter, we have just passed through has indeed been the salvation of the stockman. Several are feeding small herds, but all are in an optimistic frame of mind regarding the conditions in general.

During the past week the following movements of livestock were noted:

Last Saturday F. W. Johnson shipped out from Pecos two carloads of choice hogs to the Fort Worth market.

H. T. Collier also shipped from the Collier-Love farm a carload of hogs, to the market at Fort Worth. Both the shipments brought good prices and these gentlemen were well pleased with the results.

Monday Henry Lavelle shipped out from Balmorhea over the Pecos Valley Southern and Texas & Pacific trains to the Fort Worth market two carloads of fine sheep.

Finley & Anderson received from Missouri, the first of the week, two fine two-year-old Hereford bulls. They are beauties and will add to the improvement of their already fine herd. Nothing is too good for these gentlemen when it comes to bettering their cattle. Let the good work go on.

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What is it.
Watch The Times.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS

Fair Secretaries Meet in Midland and Organize Association That Will Make Fairs Success.

The following secretaries of West Texas Fairs met at Midland Friday, February 25th, from 9 a. m. until 3 p. m., at the office of the Midland Commercial Club, with the following secretaries and Fair officials present: Fred T. Wood, Secretary of the West Texas Fair Association of Abilene; J. F. McGregor, Secretary of the Panhandle State Fair of Amarillo; W. B. Starr, Secretary of the Midland County Fair and Fat Stock Show of Midland; S. E. Eberstadt, Secretary Reeves County Fair Association of Pecos.

After much discussion as to the best plans, in which every secretary expressed himself freely, giving experiences of his fair, showing where successes and failures were made in the past, it was unanimously decided that for the best interests of all, that a Fair Circuit be organized and the following officers were elected: President, Fred T. Wood; Secretary, J. F. McGregor; Executive Board, S. E. Eberstadt, W. B. Starr, and W. P. Jones. The organization to be known as the Western Association of Fairs, and the following Fairs to be members of the circuit, with dates as follows:

Childress, September 5th to 10th; Amarillo, September 12th to 16th; Roswell, N. M., September 18th, to 23rd; Pecos, September 25th to 30th; Midland, October 2nd to 7th; Abilene, October 9th to 14th; and then follows the Dallas State Fair, October 14th to 29th.

This Fair Circuit will book all attractions, races, and induce live stock breeders to make the circuit with prize cattle.

The meeting adjourned to meet again in Fort Worth, Friday, March 17th, during the National Feeders and Breeders Show, where representatives of Carnival Companies and Race Horses will meet with the officials of the Western Association of Fairs. It was the opinion of every Fair Secretary that this circuit will be a big thing for all of the Fairs and will make each and every Fair bigger and better.

J. W. Anderson, representative of the Dallas State Fair, attended the meeting; also B. C. Girdley, President of the Midland County Fair and Fat Stock Show, and Henry M. Half, director of the same organization.

The Midland Commercial Club entertained the visiting Fair Secretaries with a banquet at the Llano Hotel at 8 o'clock Friday evening. All the secretaries had to leave with the exception of Mr. Fred T. Wood of Abilene and S. E. Eberstadt of Pecos, who were guests of honor, and were seated at the head of the tables to the right and left of the Toastmaster, Rev. J. M. Perry, Pastor of the Midland Methodist Church.

A magnificent course dinner was served, after which the Toastmaster called on nearly every guest present (Midland citizens) to respond to two-minute talks. Each and every talk was interspersed with bright, witty savings, and the optimistic spirit which permeated the entire atmosphere of the occasion made it one of the finest occasions which Midland has enjoyed for many years. The features of the occasion were the splendid talks of the guests of honor, Fred T. Woods and S. E. Eberstadt. These gentlemen were given all the time they wished and they entertained the banqueters with an hour's talk by each. These talks were good, sound, safe and practical, by secretaries who had made good and whose experiences were listened to by an appreciative gathering of the biggest and most influential business men of Midland, who liberally applauded both gentlemen, thereby showing their appreciation. The visits of Mr. Woods and Mr. Eberstadt will result in great good to the Midland Commercial Club.

J. W. and Oliver King were in Pecos from their ranch circulating among their friends here.

THE ROAD WORK WILL BE DIVIDED

Local Contractors Will Have Plenty to Do, Though Not Awarded Contract for Work.

Everyone seems to be perfectly satisfied over the disposition of the contract for the completion of the Roads in Road District No. One.

Mr. Hamilton, as stated elsewhere, was the lowest bidder and was awarded the contract. His bid was nearly \$4000.00 under any of the local bidders, and about \$1200 lower than any combination bid. He has sub-contracted all the grader and freso work to Clayton & Landrum, and all of the cement and concrete work to Hugh Roberson.

We feel sure that this puts all of the road work in the hands of men who are experts in the line of work each is to do, and we desire to say also that we are certain that if the work had been given to one of the contesting bidders that it would have been done right.

Clayton & Landrum are fine grader and freso men and fully understand what they are to do, and no man surpasses Hugh Roberson in his line of work. Mr. Hamilton is an experienced roadman, having built some of the graveled roads around Waco and other cities.

The above arrangement not only guarantees us good roads and full value for our money, but also assures us of the employment of every home man and all the home teams available.

The commissioners court and the road board have done the very best for the people, as they saw it, and were unanimous in awarding the contract, and all citizens should now doff their caps and do all in their power to help the good cause along.

As we have stated above, we are sure that had any of the other bidders been the lowest in their estimate on this work it would be done as well as by those who are to do it.

WEATHER REPORT

The following is the report of week beginning February 24, to March 1st, inclusive, 1916:

	Max. Tem.	Min. Tem.	Av. Rel. Hum.	Evap.	Precip.	Velocity
Thur	73.5	36	23	138	0	3.68
Fri	74	36	31	133	0	3.09
Sat	70	52	67	135	T	5.28
Sun	83	41	41	148	0	8.66
Mon	85	56	24	349	0	12.80
Tues	78	30	40	182	0	6.38
Wed	74.5	49	30	323	0	15.08

HIGH IN HIS PRAISE OF THIS SECTION.

F. A. Biggs, from Fort Bragg, California, was in Pecos the past week on a trading expedition for Reeves County soil. Unfortunately, as is often the case with prospectors to this section, he met up with some of our prize knockers before he had an opportunity of seeing the country, and the trend of their talks had him in the notion of taking the next train home, when luckily he fell into the hands of that optimistic hustler, a man that is a credit to any country, E. D. Balcom, who persuaded Biggs to look over the country with him, stating that he didn't care whether he bought, traded or not, that he simply wanted to put the country in right with him.

After looking over some of the places in cultivation, and also some uncultivated, he left with words of high praise for this section and will soon return with other prospectors.

If Pecos could only get rid of these everlasting busybodies, who are always attending to other people's affairs to the neglect of their own, and are too lazy and shiftless to do anything but knock the proposition of other people, it would certainly be a God send for all concerned.

The Pecos Times is BETTER Still \$1.00.

ROAD CONTRACT IS AWARDED

Commissioners Court in Special Session Dispose of Many Items Old Bids Re-Opened.

On Monday, February 28th, the Commissioners Court met in special session to receive and award bids on the new roads and also for a drain ditch in Road District No. 1.

The entire membership of the court was present, as follows: Ben Randals, County Judge; Commissioners R. N. Couch, Precinct No. 1 A. W. Hosig of No. 2, C. C. Kovntz of No. 3, and J. B. Sullivan of No. 4; Clerk, Willie-de Woods, and the Sheriff, Tom Harrison. L. W. Anderson and H. T. Collier, of the Road Board, were also present.

The following are the bids as presented to the court:

J. T. Smart, stations 52 to 105, embankment at 9c per cubic yard; grubbing, free.

Davis & Langham, stations 372 to 422, 9c; 422 to 481, 10c; grubbing, \$3.00 per acre.

Joe Langham & Bro., stations 17 to 37, 182 to 213 and 248 to 254, 9c; grubbing, \$3.00.

G. W. Barnett, stations 422 to 481, 8 9-10 c; grubbing, \$7.00.

R. N. Sewell, Road No. 3, 422 to 481, balance of freso work, embankment Salt Draw, 11c; embankment balance of no. 3, 10 1-4c. Road No. 5, all freso work, also freso work on Toyah road, 10 1-2c; grubbing, \$8.00.

L. B. Westerman's bid on the entire work advertised was \$39,925.75, a certified check for \$2500.00 accompanied the bid.

W. E. Hamilton's bid on all work advertised for was \$37,201.25. This bid was corrected by the engineer to \$38,201.25. A certified check for \$2500.00 accompanied the bid.

Clayton & Landrum's bid covering all items, was \$46,663.29, corrected by engineer to \$42,192.12. Certified check for \$2500.00 accompanied the bid.

Sam Noling and V. D. Havis, Road No. 5, stations No. 53 to 158, 9 3-4c; certified check for \$100 with bid.

B. W. Boase, all freso work embankment, 8 4-10c; earth excavation, 10c; loose rock, 12 1-2c; solid rock, \$1.00; grubbing, \$6.00. Total bid, \$2640.00. Certified check for \$142.00 with bid.

T. M. Delaney bid on item No. 1, which includes the machine work, was \$3739.87. A check for \$190.00 accompanied his bid.

For the work on the Wilson ditch the following bids were reviewed: Perry Holdman, 9c; grubbing, \$3.00.

Sam Noling and V. D. Havis, 10c with the grubbing free of charge. E. W. Shepherd, 9c; the grubbing free.

All bids having been opened and read the court adjourned until 2 o'clock, p. m., to allow the engineer time to check up the bids and to make comparisons, etc., and ascertain the lowest bidder on the work.

Court convened at 2 o'clock, all members being again present. Upon examination and comparison the court found that the bid of W. E. Hamilton was the lowest one for the work as a whole, and it was moved by J. B. Sullivan and seconded by R. N. Couch, and unanimously voted that Mr. Hamilton's bid, as per the plans and specifications be accepted and the work awarded to him upon his making bond in the sum of \$10,000 in some good, solvent Surety Company, the said bid to be presented to the court, together with the contract covering the road work, at the March term, which convenes Monday March 13. The time limit for the completion of the work is 7 months and said time limit will be incorporated into and made a part of the contract.

Mr. Hamilton, in open court, accepted all conditions as set out above, and waived any written notice that might be incumbent on the court to send him at its March term.

It was also ordered by the court that the bid of W. E. Shepherd for digging the Wilson drain ditch be accepted.

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The BROKEN COIN

By EMERSON HOUGH
From the Scenario by GRACE CUNARD
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Serialized From the Motion Picture Drama of the Same Name. Produced by the Universal Film Manufacturing Company.

SYNOPSIS.

Kitty Gray, newspaper woman, finds in a curio shop half of a broken coin, the inscribed inscription on which arouses her curiosity and leads her, at the order of her managing editor, to go to the principality of Gretzhoffen to piece out the story suggested by the inscription. She is followed, and on arrival in Gretzhoffen her adventures while chasing the secret of the broken coin begin.

EIGHTEENTH INSTALLMENT

CHAPTER LXIV.

Sachio and Michael.

The two rival capitals of these warring lands still faced one another in a conflict as yet undecided. Which were deeper in duplicity it had been difficult to say, but as to which surpassed in active measures no doubt at all remained. Count Sachio, restless and energetic, already was taking further steps to enforce his own will and that of his sovereign upon the weaker mind which purported to govern at Gretzhoffen.

It was as Sachio had prophesied—the sloth of Michael left him open to any proposition which came couched in fair words and which offered no disturbing changes in his own personal plans. He acceded readily enough to the proposals of the Gretzhoffen courtier to lengthen the armistice between the two warring countries with a view to a formal and final peace. Readily enough also he admitted into his own household the architect of the forces of his hereditary enemy.

Unopposed, indeed invited, Sachio made his way much as he liked throughout the Gretzhoffen palace, with whose interior he already was more or less familiar. It was his plan in case of any challenge to refer to the royal ruler who was his host.

He paid special attention to that apartment where he had found the partially destroyed original script whose missing half he sought. Here minutely, patiently, like a hound running a difficult trail, he went over the place inch by inch, seeking to find some trace which would lead him to his quarry.

But success did not attend his efforts, though these he prosecuted even in those portions of the palace where he recently he and his troops had traced death when the levels were flooded by waters turned in from the castle moats. He was willing to despair, and in fact had turned away with the intention of giving up the search, when he met a subofficer of the guard who proved difficult to handle in his usual easy fashion.

"Halt! Who goes there?" challenged this guard as he saw Sachio emerge from one of the lower chambers.

"A friend!" rejoined Sachio promptly, in military formula.

"Advance, friend, and give the countersign!" came the gruff command.

"The countersign?" said Sachio. "Ah, well, my friend, now that I think of it, I have not had it given to me by my own neglect. But I am a friend of the king—twas he who gave me permission to explore these portions of the palace. I was curious to see the operations of this system of defense by water—it was something new to me."

"That is all very well," rejoined the soldier, "but explanations of that sort are scarcely good enough."

"Take me, then, to the king himself," said Sachio.

"Why should I?" rejoined the other. "What business is it of yours to know about the lower levels of our palace? These are ticklish times, and there have been such things as spies."

"Spies!" exclaimed Sachio, virtuous. "I, a spy—is that what you mean, fellow? If so, I command you to carry me forthwith to the presence of the king himself. He knows me well, and you should have a care not to offend one who is under the king's protection."

The sheer audacity of this intruder had its effect, even upon the blunt soldier who had accosted him. Sachio was indeed taken to the presence of Michael, and there his bold predictor proved true—Michael reprimanded publicly the officer who had done his duty, and showed his public favor to the man who was indeed a spy, although not suspected of being one.

"What, fellow?" exclaimed the king to the soldier, when Sachio had made his explanations—"what do you mean by offering indignity to my friend and future ally in this fashion? Away with you, and do you report at the guardhouse under arrest. Your trial shall come later."

"My dear Sachio," resumed Michael. "You see how prompt we are with our protection of our friends? Do not take it ill of us that one of our underlings has done what his superior officers or his sovereign would never think of countenancing. We trust you will accept this disclaimer."

"It was nothing, your majesty," replied the wily statesman, "and I assure your majesty the incident shall

not linger in my memory. May we perhaps venture to drown in a bumper to your majesty's good health all thought of this misunderstanding? I will drink to the health of Michael and the prosperity of his kingdom."

"Quite agreeable!" exclaimed Michael; "and let us follow that with another to the final and peaceful conclusion of that unhappy misunderstanding which has heretofore divided these two kingdoms."

They drank. The befuddled friends of Michael joined them in hilarity if not intelligent, at least vociferous.

"But, my good Sachio," resumed Michael after a time, "let me ask you a question. Yours was ever a keen eye for beauty, and a good scent on the trail of beauty itself. Tell me, then, what became of that beautiful young American who so lately was with us—and who, if you will allow me to say it, had so much to do with the late repulse of your forces? I have not seen her since that time—nor, now that I recall it, have I seen her friend, Count Frederick. They have been gone some days or hours. I cannot tell which measures their absence, whether clock or calendar, but I know she is not here, for every room of the palace has been searched for her, and she is not found."

"Your majesty," rejoined Sachio, "it is astonishing how a keen brain like your own can guess another's secrets! I also make a claim to humble intelligence enough to have guessed your wishes in this matter, but, alas, I can be of no service to your majesty. I grieve to add, neither can anyone else be of service."

"What? She is dead?"

"Oh, not so bad as that. But she is gone."

"Gone—where?"

"To her own country—back to that America of which your majesty has heard her boast so freely."

"How do you know this, my friend?" demanded Michael.

Sachio smiled. "Who should know better?" said he. "Let me confess. We took yonder young lady a prisoner and carried her away with us; but we could not hold her as such. Indeed, we no longer hold any quarrel with Gretzhoffen and there was no longer a question of prisoners as between the two kingdoms. This young lady was seen to take ship."

"At what port?"

"At ours, your majesty. Her astonishing ingenuity enabled her to escape from our guards. Like Catiline of old, she has broken forth! And a good riddance of her, so say we all!"

"All, my good Sachio? I am not so sure. How shall I rid my memory of her eyes so beautiful, her hair so lovely, her figure—her so charming and delicate figure? Fortune does not often repeat such favors. We may not expect to see her like again at any early date."

"That is as it is," said Sachio, pretending to heave a vast sigh of sympathy. "But what can we do? She took it all into her own hands, and by this time is well on her way to America. There is not the slightest doubt regarding either her departure or her destination—she was rather bold about it, in fact, and made no secret of her plans."

"Was she a spy, think you, Sachio?"

"Without doubt, your majesty, and I well rue it that she did not receive the punishment fit for a spy. True, she was beautiful—"

"Yes, yes!" assented Michael. "Such eyes, such a figure—think you that she will return?"

"I truly hope not, your majesty," returned Sachio fervently, and for once he spoke the truth, even on the chance of offending this amorous king.

CHAPTER LXV.

The Unknown Countries.

What now of those to whom Count Sachio had so lightly given carte blanche to oblivion? Certainly there was left behind them no trace or clue which could give a hint of the extraordinary circumstances now encompassing them. They might all of them, Kitty, Count Frederick, Roleau, as well have been dead indeed and sunk at sea, so far as any hint of their fate was concerned. They had vanished from the earth. The ship that bore them had vanished from the water as well.

It was a strange and unreal country which faced Count Frederick when he found solid land under foot once more. He turned to life and its happiness only with a dull apathy, a lagging interest.

Frederick did not note that the faithful Roleau had become separated from him in the confusion following the landing of the boat. In truth, Roleau, exhausted as he was, himself had noted but little of what had gone on. Finding himself finally left practically alone, he made off down the beach in search of food and water, while meantime Frederick was accompanied by a party of natives up the

beach and into the village which served as headquarters for that portion of the island. Here he was brought before the chief. From the look of him and his subjects, Count Frederick fancied himself to be on an island somewhere off the African coast.

Whether these people were friends or foes he could not tell at first, for he understood neither their language nor their gesticulations, but it occurred to him that whichever they might be it would not be amiss for him to impress them with a feeling of his own power. He could not tell whether or not they were familiar with the effect of firearms, but recalled all he had read of the terror inspired in savage minds by the use of such weapons. He drew from his pocket the pistol which he had carried, and looked about him for some object at which to aim.

A wild duck was floating in the lagoon not far away, and at this Count Frederick took careful aim, and fired—with the extraordinary good luck to kill it outright. This feat brought out a most ludicrous activity amongst the natives. In consternation they flung themselves before him, clasped his knees, and laid their foreheads upon the earth even as Man Friday had in the presence of Crusoe of old. Obviously they were not disposed to curry favor with him now, and not to attack him. As for himself, possessed only of such ammunition as remained in his single cartridge clip, he assumed such an attitude as he fancied would best display him as a conqueror—although in truth he felt himself far from such.

They led him through the village to a place where he was offered food and water—both now imperatively craved by his starved body.

Unable to understand what was desired of him, and indifferent as to the meaning of the colloquy going on about him, for some time his interest in life and its affairs was so lax that he paid no attention to anything that was happening. At length, however, he noticed something which caused him to take a sudden and eager interest in his surroundings.

Two men came running, evidently from a distant part of the island and evidently bearers of news of some importance, as could be proved by the reception given their hurried story. But what was that story?

There is a certain virtue in necessity itself. There is a certain common denominator in human emotions. There is perhaps a certain unrecognized common denominator in human expression of human emotion—some universal language, whether of word

or unspoken thought on the part of these others. The eye of the white man kindled, the figure of the white man straightened. He knew! They were trying to tell that they had found a woman shipwrecked and cast upon this island.

If so, who was it, who could it be? Was it she whom he sought? Was fate merely jesting with him once more, or mercifully intending to teach him the one truth he craved?

The chief himself somewhat confirmed Count Frederick's surmises. He came now and pointed to one of the women of his own tribe, then approaching Frederick, he pulled up his sleeve and ran his hand over the white man's skin, pointing again to the woman. Plainly, a white woman had been discovered! That itself was an extraordinary occurrence here. Admiration, wonder, in part consternation, existed among these simple-minded natives.

But, obviously, they intended themselves to go to see this strange creature. The chief called about him some of his men. Count Frederick saw his opportunity in this. He placed himself at the head of the little band, and patting his pistol, held it up, as showing that he himself, owner of this powerful weapon, was the one leader fit for this errand of discovery of this strange white woman.

CHAPTER LXVI.

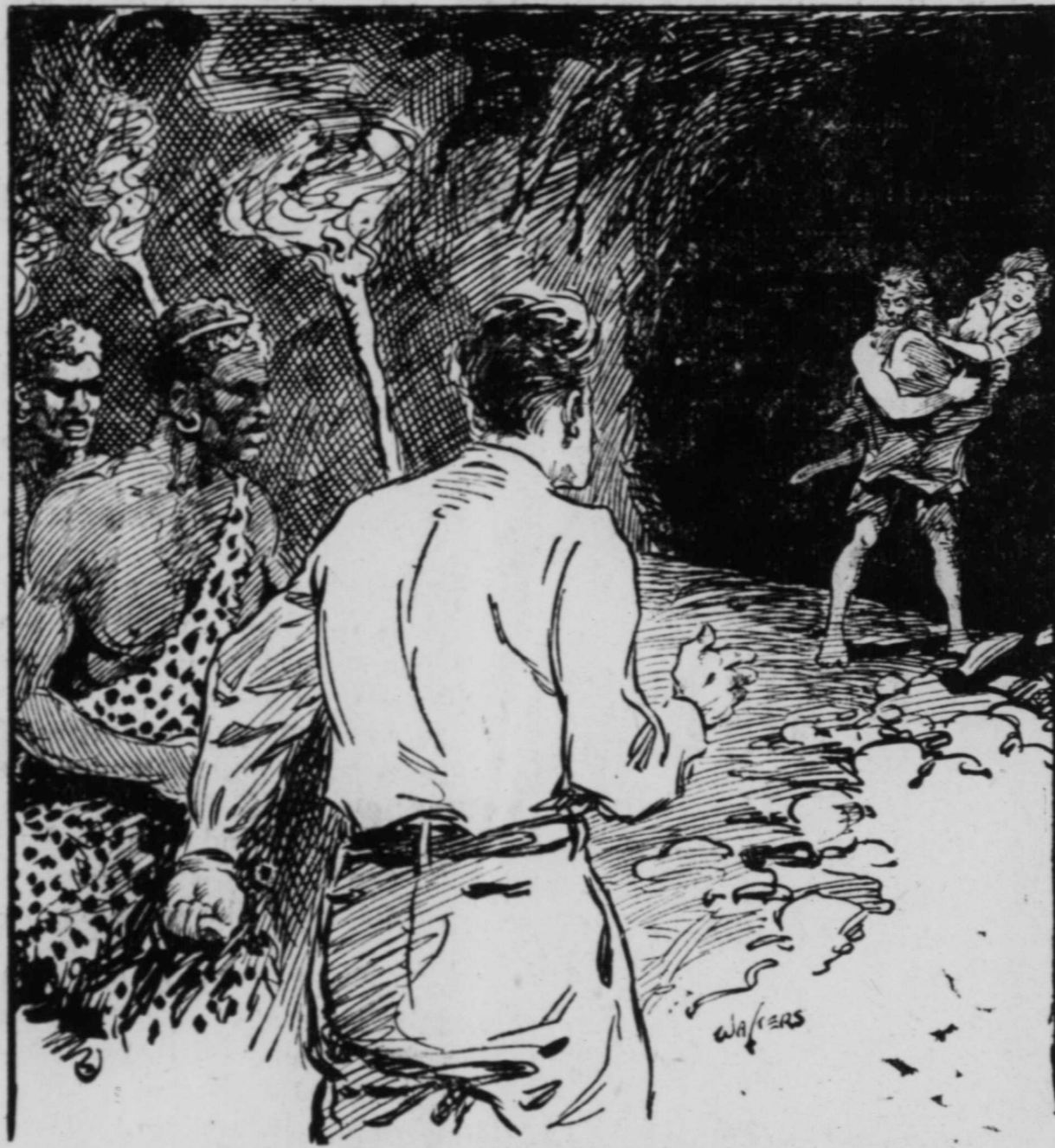
The Caverns.

When Kitty Gray awakened to consciousness upon the beach of a strange land whither she had been carried by no purpose of her own, she looked once more into the face of peril. The savages who surrounded her showed no sign of pity or kindness. Upon the contrary, whooping and yelling, they fell upon her and dragged her in spite of herself toward their own village.

This village had a ruler of its own, no doubt chief for that part of the country.

He was a savage of peculiarly fierce and forbidding visage, and Kitty felt her blood run cold as she faced his evil gaze. The natives, yelling in glee, practically cast her at his feet. Evidently they were giving to Caesar the things which they thought were Caesar's—in this case, woman, the spolia opima of all wars and all conquests. The evil face of the savage monarch relaxed into a grin which made Kitty shudder.

What woman was this now brought by chance to the presence of this ogre? Surely he had never seen her like before. Moreover, she was alone, a prisoner, helpless. The progress of reason hereabouts was swift and simple,



Kitty Was Held Suspended Above the Unknown Abyss

or gesture, or of the unspoken telepathic quality of the mind itself. Count Frederick understood not one word of this language which he heard, yet he knew—because he must know—something of the subject which these persons were discussing.

The men had come far—one could tell that, their looks proved it. They had seen something strange, something extraordinary had happened, some event of interest or importance had occurred, else they would not have come so fast and so far. This was easy enough to reason out.

What was that event? What could happen out of the ordinary on this desert island, unless it were something coming from beyond the narrow horizon of that island—say, a shipwreck, or the landing on these shores of some survivor such as he himself had been?

That would explain these hurried messengers. But if that were true, who or what was the survivor or adventurer discovered in a distant part of this same land? Was it a man or woman, was it a woman or woman? What was the meaning of these excited ejaculations, these gestures, these contortions?

Guessing, rather than knowing, Count Frederick fancied that these men were telling about a woman who like himself had been cast up by the waves.

The keen intentness of the white man's brain, for countless generations trained in logic and analysis, infinitely superior to the mentality of these half brutes about him, served to force itself into some comprehension of what might almost as well have been an

and the chief himself did not lack directness in his methods. He gave a sign to his men, and the girl was dragged away, struggling as best she might, and flung into a hut which she knew was to serve as a prison.

Here in a corner of the dark interior she cowered in terror before the apparitions conjured up by her own imagination. She had not long to wait. The chief himself came, little suspecting the resistance he was to meet—that of an enraged and despairing woman. So valiant did Kitty prove herself in repulsing his odious advances, that he was glad enough to give her up and make his way back to his hammock, leaving her to her own devices.

Outside the hut Kitty could now hear loud cries, orders, shouts, exclamations, all the sounds of a crowd gathering—for what purpose she could not guess. The meaning of this also was not long left in doubt for her. Again the door of her hut was darkened, and again the natives intruded upon her privacy. Forceful hands dragged her once more before the chief.

The latter, smiling his hideous purpose of vengeance, pointed to a pile of firewood burning at the brink of a deep pit in the ground. He made signs to Kitty which she could not fail to understand.

Yes, she saw it now—she was to suffer the most horrible of deaths, that by fire! These people either were cannibals or fiends. Perhaps they purposed for her some rite of a horrible religion.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas,)
County of Reeves.)

By virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable County Court of Reeves County, on the 3rd day of February, 1916, by the Clerk of said Court against G. W. Morris, W. P. Morris and R. D. Morris, jointly and severally, for the sum of Four Hundred Sixty-five and 42-100 (\$465.42) Dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 480 in said court, styled Pruet Lumber Company versus G. W. Morris, et al, and placed in my hands for service, I, Tom Harrison, as Sheriff of Reeves County, Texas, did, on the 3rd day of February, 1916, levy on certain real estate situated in Reeves County, described as follows, to-wit:

All of Block 9, of the Morris Addition to the town of Pecos City, Reeves County, Texas, as shown by the plat of said addition in the Deed Records of Reeves County, Texas; Also lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Block 10 of said Morris Addition to said town of Pecos City, in said County and State, as shown by the Deed Records aforesaid; all the above property being levied upon as the property of G. W. Morris. Also all of Block 15, in the Morris Addition to the town of Pecos City, Reeves County, Texas, as shown by the plat of said addition, recorded in the Deed Records of said County, levied upon as the property of defendant, W. P. Morris. Also all of Block 12, in said Morris Addition to said town of Pecos City, as shown by said plat, levied upon as the property of defendant, R. D. Morris, and levied upon as the property of said defendants, and on Tuesday the 7th day of March, 1916, at the Court House door of Reeves County, in the City of Pecos, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m., I will sell said property at public vendue, for cash to the highest bidder, as the property of said defendants, by virtue of said levy and said order of sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks, immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Pecos Times a newspaper published in Reeves County.

Witness my hand this 3rd day of February, 1916.

TOM HARRISON,
Sheriff, Reeves County, Texas.
11 Feb 7-3.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas,)
County of Reeves.)

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Reeves County on the 21st day of January, 1916, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of J. B. Wright versus O. M. Edwards, et al, No. 1551, and to me, as sheriff directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell Sheriff's sales, on the FIRST TUESDAY IN MARCH A. D. 1916, it being the Seventh day of said month, before the Court House door of said Reeves County, in the City of Pecos, the following described land situated in Reeves County, Texas, to-wit:

The North-east one-fourth (N E 1-4) and the South half of the South east one-fourth (S 1-2 of S E 1-4) of section Fourteen (14) in Block (5) H & G N Ry Co. survey in Reeves County, Texas.

Levied on, on the 27th day of January, 1916, as the property of John W. Edwards, Lewis H. Edwards, Henry Habben and O. M. Edwards, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$3627.33 in favor of J. B. Wright, with interest on said amount from November 23rd, 1915, at six per cent per annum, and cost of suit.

Given under my hand this 27th day of January, 1916.

TOM HARRISON,
Sheriff, Reeves County, Texas.
11 Feb 7-3.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas,)
County of Reeves.)

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Reeves County on the 21st day of January, 1916, by the clerk thereof, in the case of Citizens State Bank versus G. G. Nesbitt et al, No. 1536 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the FIRST TUESDAY IN MARCH, A. D., 1916, it being the Seventh day of said month, before the Court House door of said Reeves County,

in the City of Pecos, the following described land situated in Reeves County, Texas, to-wit:

Seventy acres of land out of Section No. Twenty-nine (29) in Block Seventy-two (72), Public School surveys, in Reeves County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows: From 36 stones set for the S. E. corner of survey 50, Block 71, Public School, thence East 400 feet with the South boundary line of survey Twenty-nine (29), Block 72, Public School for the beginning corner of this tract; Thence East 2116 feet with said South boundary line of Section 29 for a South-east corner; Thence North 1440.8 feet for a N. E. corner of this tract; Thence W. 2116 feet; Thence South 1440.8 feet to the place of beginning containing 70 acres of land, and being the West half of the tract of land described in said deed of trust.

Levied on, on the 27th day of January, 1916, as the property of G. G. Nesbitt, First National Bank of Las Cruces, N. M., E. E. King and Southwestern Paper Company, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$507.46 in favor of Citizens State Bank of Toyah, with interest on the said amount from November 23rd, 1915 at ten per cent per annum, and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 27th day of January, 1916.

TOM HARRISON,
Sheriff, Reeves County, Texas.
11 Feb 7-3.

If you want to know where to find something good to eat, look in the Pecos Times.

...since the end would be the same, matter what the reason for it.

But now they added the last touch of cruelty in their torture of her, that delay. They did not carry her, resigned to the worst, at once to meet her fate; but on the contrary led her away and left her alone for a time, a prey to her own reflections, the victim of her own imaginations.

Only at times her strong will, her strong body, rebelled at the thought of death. Then she would cry out, "Roleau! Roleau!" she would exclaim, "Help, help! Come, come!" But more often than his name, she invoked that of another. She heard her own voice, almost without her own will, calling aloud for Count Frederick, the man so late her enemy, yet so ready and so powerful any time of stress or danger!

"Frederick!" she moaned, again and again. "Where are you? Why do you not come?"

But to all this, only the howling vision of her captors made answer. She must, then, die!

In the last moment of their caprice, in the full time of their decision, they hailed her once more forth from the hut, up to the brink of the sacrificial pit itself, where now she saw the awakening flames.

Facing this culmination of their atthen rites, whatever were their poses, their innocent victim again made such battle as she could against her captors. Shrieking she called in and again upon those names which once she could conjure—led also upon the last name taken by human hearts in despair. She shall tell whether or not there are higher powers controlling circumstances such as these? At least, at a crucial moment there came a case, if rescue it might be called.

There burst from the corner of the rocky forest a strange, ill-shapen, clad figure, whether or not humanly scarce could tell. It was a man, white man, clad in tattered fragments of what once had been a white man's garment. Brawny, hairy, resistive indeed, of guttural and incoherent speech, he seemed like no white man Kitty Gray ever had seen. A swift conviction came to her that was untempered, that he was a lunatic—perhaps preserved from death by every reason of his lunacy.

Whoever or whatever he was, his sign now seemed not unfriendly to the victim of these savage ceremonies ready in progress. Sweeping aside the blows of his great arms the savages who clustered about her, he caught Kitty up in a gorilla-like embrace, and with hoarse cries of defiance made his way with her to the edge of the woods.

The natives did not pursue them—they could not tell why. Indeed, she had time to reason, in this terror at the formidable apparition, which now had her in charge.

When slowly, finding him not unsteady, she found time to ponder and plan. Certainly this being was, or been, a white man. Certainly he had or once could have employed intelligible speech—might again be able to speak of intelligible sort she could not hear. Only he bore her away some distance, until at length safe the cover of the forest, he set her down.

Kitty looked about her. She found herself in a situation which she could do nothing else in all her experience.

The steep trail led down the declivity, craterlike opening, evidently the mouth of a great cavern reaching under the hill. The opening did not easily have been guessed a stranger in those parts, even though passing close by in the forest. In short, the mouth of one of the vaultlike series of caverns formed the lava rock of what had once been a volcanic hill.

Below, within, all seemed dark, cold, and still. It was a refuge—though what refuge. She was rescued—but by what a rescuer!

She beckoned to her now, and she moved him down the steep slope. He then long stretches of underground passages, how many, how long, she could not tell.

At least she lived. In spite of all terrors, in spite of all these additional doubts, she still lived. She might have been more disposed to be some effort in her own behalf, she not felt full upon her that strange oppression always experienced by any human being finding himself deep beneath the surface of the earth upon which, and not under it, he was born to walk.

As far as she could see, her captor had no plan save that of safety from suit. And she still lived—she could do so much as that, if no more!

CHAPTER LXVII.

In the Bowels of the Earth.

Count Frederick and his little band of warriors did not at once arrive upon the solution of the mystery of the strange white woman. The childlike voice of the natives led him hither and thither, to this village and to that; that a considerable time had passed before at length he found himself upon the scene of the late fateful happenings, although himself at that time still ignorant alike of the occurrences and their cause. To him this was but one more savage village, one more set of difficulties, one more series of disappointments.

They brought him, guarded by his warriors, and hence for the time being, into the presence of the same man who had devoted Kitty Gray so bravely to the sacrifice. To Count Frederick he was only one more sav-

age with whom he could hold no converse.

But even as he stood before the hut of this old ruffian Count Frederick's eyes caught sight of something which caused his heart to leap.

It was a little object, an unimportant item which might have escaped any other eye than his. Yet his gaze was drawn to it irresistibly.

It was a bit of cloth, a torn trifle of soiled and sea-encrusted checkered cloth, a portion of a woman's garb. Count Frederick recognized it at once as a part of the dress skirt in which he had last seen Kitty Gray garbed. There was no mistaking it. He knew it as well as the pattern of his own apparel.

She had been here! The mysterious white woman was Kitty Gray!

Now indeed Count Frederick of Gretchhoffen became the man of action. Away now with doubt and despair—and welcome again the fierce resolve of a brave man determined to live and conquer, determined once more to achieve the dearest purpose of his life!

He caught from the post of the door which had torn off this fragment of cloth, and held it before the gaze of the chief—before the eyes of all his men. They knew what he meant when he demanded to see the wearer of this bit of cloth. They dreaded the sight of his anger, fell back before the menace of the little steel tube, unfamiliar as it was to them. They knew that this man would kill unless he found that which he sought—the captive but now rescued from the doom of fire.

Frederick's own men fell in behind him, and a right lusty contest directly arose between these two factions or tribes, whichever they may have been. As for Frederick himself, he had not time for matters of this sort. He hurried to hut after hut, tore aside roof after roof, wall after wall, hunting for the woman whom above all things he most desired to see. He did not find her. His questions brought no response.

Drawn by a horrible suspicion of the meaning of this fire built at the brink of the pit, he hurried thither to join the group of lingers there, and now by mere chance found confirmation—and found hope as well.

He saw the print of a small boot heel in the sand, other footmarks just beyond—it was a trail. Yes, yes, she had been there. But the footprints ceased. The trail ended as though the maker of it had flown up into the air. Beyond, the imprint of large and misshapen feet still led.

Count Frederick now turned savagely upon these gibbering creatures about him, and the meaning of his demand was perfectly apparent to them. Threatening to throw them into the fire which they had prepared for another, he got from them shrieks of protest, much shaking of the head in denial, and much pointing on toward the forest which lay ahead. Some came to him and showed him the two lines of footprints, the one line continuing on, and pointed to the forest, although themselves not venturing to follow.

With a new terror in his heart, yet feeling a conviction that Kitty Gray still lived, he did not pause to wreak a present vengeance upon these creatures, but hurried on along the broken trail.

The doglike craft of one or two of his own band of savages aided him. Not slacking speed, they pointed out where the trail ran. Now and again Count Frederick could see on the earth the imprint of the woman's feet where for a time she had rested or been put down. At length, at the brink of the abyss before which Kitty Gray so recently had stood, he saw the double-imprint again—where both captive and captor had stood and looked down.

The trail led on, and down, whither none could guess. Frederick of Gretchhoffen did not stop to guess, but plunged forward impulsively. Whoever or whatever might be this creature which had carried her off, here at least was his lair.

The dusty floors of the cavern, lit by the flare of such torches as they found ready for such work, still retained the record. Captor and captive had walked here. Deeper and deeper into the caverns under the hill they followed the trail, until at length the distracted eyes of Count Frederick saw on ahead something to give him pause.

He saw Kitty Gray standing, alive, apparently unhurt, in a vast apartment of these subterranean vaults! Beyond, the floor seemed to break off—to what depth he could not guess. No egress at either extremity of the subterranean chamber could be seen from where he stood. The trail led thither, to where she stood—to where at her side stood also a strange misshapen figure of a man, or what had been a man.

"Mademoiselle!" cried Count Frederick, high and clear. "Courage!" and sprang forward.

Now this strange creature that had brought Kitty Gray hither seemed to fancy himself about to be robbed of his captive. For one moment he stood awaiting the onslaught of Count Frederick and his allies, then with a hoarse cry he caught Kitty Gray up in his arms again. A pace or so, and she was held suspended above the unknown abyss which lay below. Menacingly, her captor turned upon his assailant a face which at least offered one conclusion.

He made no coherent speech, but his attitude spoke loud.

Count Frederick halted. One step more, and the girl would be plunged into eternity.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas,)
County of Reeves.)

Notice is hereby given that on the first Tuesday in March, A. D. 1916, the same being the 7th day of said month, within lawful hours at the Court House door of Reeves County, Texas, as Sheriff of said County, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash those three (3) certain tracts or parcels of land situated in Reeves County, Texas, about 33 miles South, 30 West from the town of Pecos, the County Seat of said Reeves County, to-wit:

FIRST: All of survey or section No. 25 in Block No. 13, Certificate No. 81646, H. & G. N. R. R. Co., containing 640 acres, more or less.

SECOND: All of survey or section No. 31 in Block No. 13, Certificate 81649, H. & G. N. R. R. Co., containing 640 acres, more or less.

THIRD: All of survey or section No. 35, Block No. 13, Certificate 81651, H. & G. N. R. R. Co., containing 640 acres, more or less.

Said sale will be made by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Travis County, Texas, 53rd Judicial District, upon a judgment in favor of Thos. R. White, Jr., and against C. E. Thomas, rendered on the 8th day of January, A. D. 1916, for the aggregate sum of \$1363.26, with interest on \$1239.33 of said amount from date of said judgment at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, and interest on \$123.93 of said amount at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the date of said judgment, and for cost of suit, and foreclosing the plaintiff's Thos. R. White, Jr., vendor's lien on said three tracts of land as the same existed on the 2nd day of Jan., A. D. 1909, and as it has at all times since said date and now exists against the defendants in said suit, C. E. Thomas, R. F. Kelker, Jr., W. D. Cowan, T. H. Beauchamp and O. H. Beauchamp, and each of them, which said order of sale bears date February 1st, A. D. 1916, and the same was levied by me upon the above described lands on the 4th day of February, A. D. 1916.

Said three surveys of land will be separately sold, said survey No. 25 to satisfy the sum of \$462.89 with interest thereon from date of said judgment and for one-third of the cost of said suit; said survey No. 31 to satisfy the sum of \$514.19 with interest thereon from date of said judgment and for one-third of the cost of said suit; and said survey No. 35 to satisfy judgment for the sum of \$386.18 with interest thereon from the date of said judgment and for one-third of the cost of said suit.

Witness my hand, this the 4th day of February, A. D. 1916.

TOM HARRISON,
Sheriff, Reeves County, Texas.
11 Feb 7-3.

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County of Reeves.)

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable 65th Judicial District Court of El Paso County on the 22nd day of December, 1915, by the clerk thereof, in the case of E. Moye, et al., versus F. B. Guinn, et al., No. 11855, and to me, as sheriff directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the FIRST TUESDAY IN MARCH, A. D. 1916, it being the Seventh day of said month, before the Court House door of said Reeves County, in the City of Pecos, the following described land situated in Loving County, Texas, to-wit:

Sections Twenty-one (21) and Twenty-five (25) in Block C Twenty-six (26) of the Public School Survey, in Loving County, Texas.

Levied on, on the 31 day of January, 1916, as the property of F. B. Guinn and E. G. Tipton to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$2766.50 in favor of F. N. Hall and \$922.16 2-3 in favor of E. Moye, with interest on each of said amounts from September 20, 1915 at eight per cent per annum and cost of suit.

Given under my hand, this 31st day of January, 1916.

TOM HARRISON,
Sheriff, Reeves County, Texas.
By S. C. VAUGHAN, Deputy.
11 Feb 7-3.

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Also Surveys Nos. 1, 3, 5, and 19, fronting on the Pecos River, in Block 8, in the extreme northern portion of Pecos County, and partly in Reeves County.

Also 16 surveys in Block 10; 16 surveys in Block 11, and 3 surveys in Block 12; none of these river lands.

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Strangers visiting Pecos usually have some complimentary remarks to make in regard to the neat appearance of our streets in the business section of the town. Considering that these streets are not paved, the town deserves credit for their appearance. Of course, we do not mean to slight the services of Mr. Joplin, who is indeed a rare man for this particular work. His services were made possible through the action of the city dads, it must be remembered.

We are glad, indeed, to note that the people of Pecos are beginning to take a real pride in their city and homes. Going to and fro, we cannot help but notice the many good women toiling in the yards, preparatory to beautifying the premises with flowers, vines, etc. The sense of sight alone is not receiving all the attention, for many are tilling the soil of their back yards, and taste, we are sure will come in for its share later on.

The Times office has been going at full speed the past week, calling for the services of editor, devil, and one or two more had they been available. This accounts for the seeming dearth of personal matter in this issue. Several have handed in items, and we thank them and wish that others would follow their example. Grinding copy and trying to square off corners in the back end of a cuntry paper is no child's play, and when the news columns look slim, you'll know that he had a siege of real labor that week and, so, please have mercy on him.

GAT YAD

What is it,

SATURDAY MARCH 18, 1916.

Watch The Times.

OFF ON A BUSINESS TRIP INTO NEW MEXICO.

T. Y. Casey, Rev. G. O. Key, S. E. Eberstadt and Albert Sick left yesterday morning on a combined business and pleasure trip up to Jal. Eunice, and other points in New Mexico.

Mr. Eberstadt carried along a large bundle of bills advertising the Turkey Day in Pecos, which he will distribute along the route. The party will return via Kermit and Pyote.

NEW MANAGER FOR THE OPERA HOUSE.

On Saturday, about noon, the management of the Pecos Opera House underwent a very radical change, though the business will remain in the family as before.

The arrival of a ten-pound boy in the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Johnson at high noon, Saturday, February 26, 1916, is the reason, not only for this change but also for the expansive grin on the big boy's face. When you buy your ticket for the show to-night ask him how the boy is getting along, and watch him open up.

The mother and baby, we are glad to report, are doing nicely.

If you want to know the news, read the Pecos Times.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AT THE CHURCHES.

METHODIST.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. all work to have an attendance of two hundred next Sunday.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. The morning subject will be "Motive For Service." The evening subject will be "The Leadership of Jesus."

Junior Missionary Society at 3 p. m.

Young Peoples Missionary Society at 7 p. m.

Beginning with next Sunday the evening services at all the churches in the town will begin at 8:00 o'clock and continue until further notice.

A most cordial invitation is given to all to attend our services. Strangers are always welcome.

J. H. WALKER, pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

The morning services will held at the regular time. In the evening the services will begin 30 minutes later. That is, the C. E. meeting will begin at 7:15 and preaching at 8 o'clock.

It will be 11 years Sunday since we preached our first sermon in Pecos. There has been a great change in the town and country during that time,—a great change from a religious standpoint.

I would like to meet every member of the church who can possibly be present Sunday morning. Make a special effort to be with us.

HOMER L. MAGEE.

BIG WORK TO START SOON.

We are reliably informed by members of the Board of Directors of Reeves County Irrigation District No. One, that the work of grubbing out the site for the lower reservoir will start in a few days, and bids for the dirt work on the proposed Madera Diversion Dam will be opened at 1 o'clock Saturday, February 26th, when the contract will be let and the work started there as soon as possible.

This is good news and hailed with delight by every citizen of Toyah Valley, as it will give work to idle men and teams, and will make things lively.

When the big dams are completed and the necessary improvements made on the irrigation system, Toyah Valley will have one of the best irrigation plants in West Texas.

We are already by nature blest with the best soil and climate in the whole world, and all we need is the water to take care of the land, and this project promises to do this and more, and then it is you will see this soil produce as it never has before, and the whole Valley bloom as a rose in the springtime.

The above, taken from the Toyah Valley Herald, published in the heart of the Valley, is indeed, as editor Walker says, good news to the people in that section. His boast of the soil and climate is no idle one, and will be attested to by any who were ever fortunate visit the Toyah Valley. Its inhabitants, too, are, in the majority, first class farmers, and stockmen. For ages has the lands in this section been cultivated under circumstances unsatisfactory, but it seems that now their patience is to be rewarded. Under the proposed improved conditions we advise all to keep their eyes on the Toyah Valley of Texas.

ELECTION PROCLAMATION.

By order of the City Council, and by virtue of the authority in me vested, notice is hereby given, by publication hereof for thirty days prior to April 4th, 1916, that an election has been, and is hereby called to be had on the first Tuesday in April, 1916, being the 4th day of April, 1916, at the Fire Station in Pecos City, for the election of a Mayor, City Marshal, and three Aldermen or members of the City Council, to serve for a period of two years.

The polls shall be opened at 8 o'clock a. m., and closed at 6 o'clock p. m., at said election, and none but qualified voters within Pecos City are entitled to vote thereat. E. L. Collins is appointed Presiding Judge, J. W. Moore assistant, and A. S. McCresney, J. T. H. Lipscomb and Oram Green Clerks for said election; and said election shall be held, and due returns made thereof to the City Council as provided by law.

E. C. CANON,
9-4 Mayor of Pecos City, Texas.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The prices for the announcement of candidates for the coming Democratic primary will be as follows— invariably cash in advance:

State and District offices.....\$15.00
County officers..... 10.00
County District officers..... 5.00

This means that your name will be carried under this head until the primaries.

We are hereby authorized to announce the following named candidates for the office under which their names appear, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, to be held in July 1916.

For County Judge.
JAS. F. ROSS.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
TOM HARRISON (Re-election).
E. B. KISER.

For Tax Assessor:
W. W. CAMP, (Re-election).
J. W. B. WILLIAMS.

For County Treasurer:
MRS. MILDRED MIDDLETON, (Re-Election).

For County and District Clerk:
MISS MINNIE VICKERS.
SULLY VAUGHAN.

PECOS CITY OFFICERS.

We are authorized to announce the following as candidates for the respective offices, subject to the will of the qualified voters at the City election to be held Tuesday, April 4, 1916:

For Marshal and Tax Collector:
I. A. HANNA.
ED. LOPER.

R. E. LEE KITE.

CHANGE IN WELLS FARGO COMPANY DRIVERS.

"Buck" Buchanan, who for the past several months, has been driving the Wells Fargo Company's express wagon has resigned his position, which took effect March 1st. Will Prewit has succeeded him, and is now on the job. Will, or "Bet" as he is better known, is one of Pecos' most faithful and untiring workers, and, as in the past, will give perfect satisfaction.

"Buck" informed us that he did not know just what he would do, but we trust that he will stay in Pecos. He is a young man of ability, and will do his level best at whatever he goes into.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the many friends and neighbors who so freely offered their sympathy and help in time of the short illness and death of our husband and father, we wish to express our sincere gratitude and pray that the Heavenly Father may surround you with as kind friends and neighbors in time of such sorrow, which, we realize, must come to everyone.

Sincerely,
MRS. H. E. CURTIS,
O. O. CURTIS,
A. J. CURTIS.

TWO ARE INJURED IN RUNAWAYS.

Just as we are ready to go to press we learn that two men have been hurt, perhaps seriously, in runaways, but are not able to give full particulars as to the condition of either.

Last evening about 7 o'clock, Jim Bowlin, one of W. D. Hudson's men was run over at Porterville by a loaded wagon, it passing over his chest, breaking his lower jaw and otherwise injuring him. He was brought down to Mrs. Hudson's residence here in Pecos, where medical attention is being given him.

This morning about 10 o'clock, Frank Adams, at McKee Heights, was thrown from a load of hay, striking on his head. The physicians are unable to state at this writing just how badly he is hurt.

WHEN TO TAKE CHAMBERLAIN'S TABLETS.

When you feel dull and stupid after eating.
When constipated or bilious.
When you have a sick headache.
When you have a sour stomach.
When you belch after eating.
When you have indigestion.
When nervous or despondent.
When you have no relish for your meals.
When your liver is torpid.
Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

Puff your way into the joys of Prince Albert!

Go ahead, quick as you lay in a stock of the national joy smoke! Fire up a pipe or a makin's cigarette as though you never did know what tobacco bite and parch meant!

For Prince Albert is freed from bite and parch by a patented process controlled exclusively by us. You can smoke it without a comeback of any kind because P. A. is real tobacco delight.

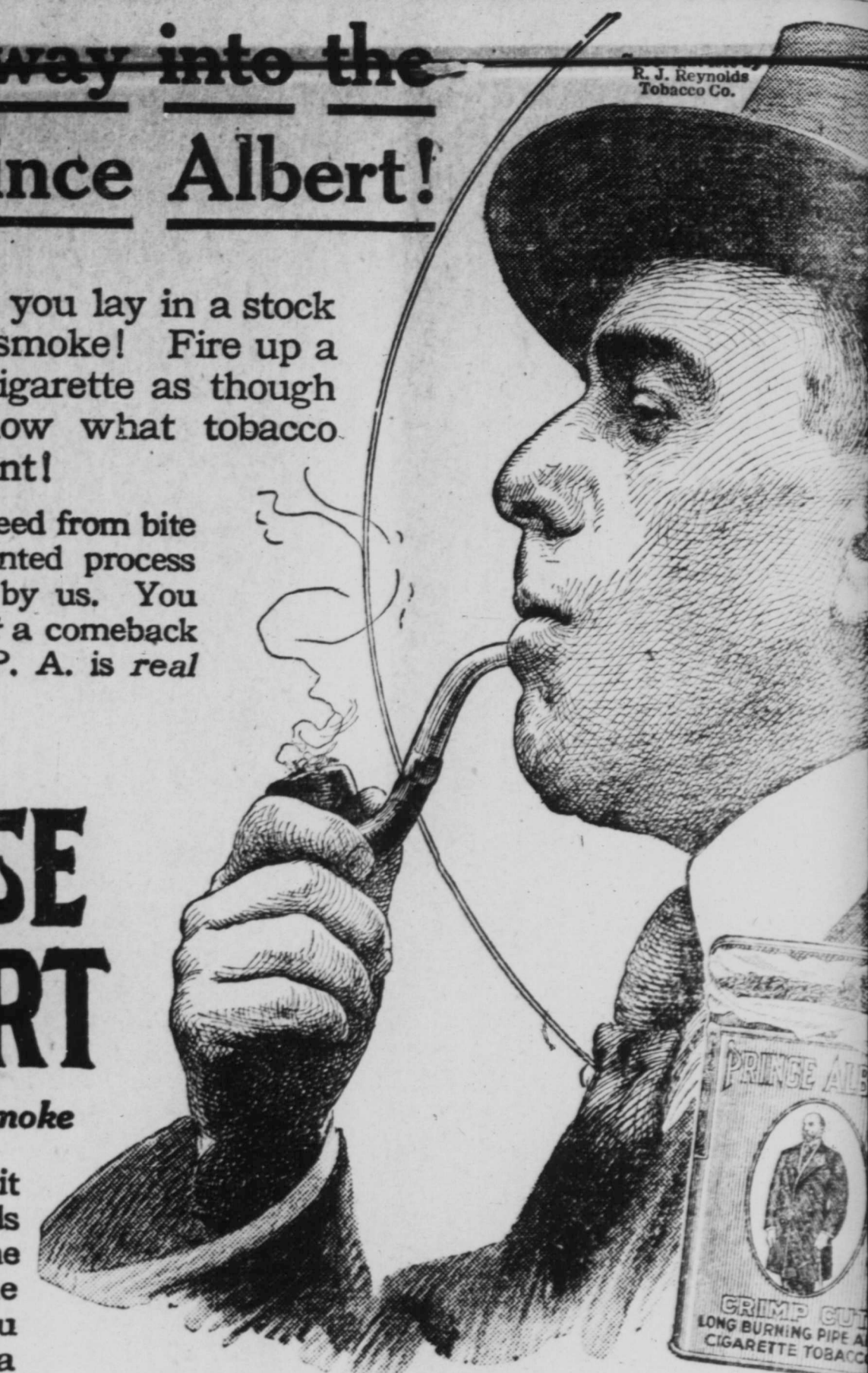
PRINCE ALBERT

the national joy smoke

will do for you what it has done for thousands of men, not only in the States but all over the world! It will give you a correct idea of what a pipe smoke or a home-rolled cigarette should be.

Get this Prince Albert pipe-peace and makin's-peace message, you men who have "retired" from pipe and cigarette-makin's pleasure; you who have never known its solace! Because you have a lot of smoke pleasure and make fire!

Buy Prince Albert everywhere tobacco is sold: in tippy red bags, 5c; tidy red tins, 10c; handsome pound and half-pound tin humidors and in that clever pound crystal-glass humidur with sponge-moistener top that keeps the tobacco in such fine shape.



On the reverse side of red tin you will read: Patented July 30th, 1913. Has made three million pipes where one smoke

R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO., Winston-Salem,

GONE TO EL PASO TO OPEN UP BUSINESS.

Lester Farber, who for the past month, has been here with the El Paso Store, left Wednesday for El Paso, where he will make arrangements for the opening up in the near future of a mail order business.

Ben Farber, manager and proprietor of the El Paso Store is still in the East purchasing a large stock of goods for his Pecos store as well as for the new business in El Paso. He is expected home in about a week or ten days.

The Times feels sure that these hustling business men will make a success in their new venture and we heartily wish them even a greater degree of success than they anticipate.

IMPROVING HER PLACE.

Mrs. Mildred Middleton has had considerable improvement made on her home place the past week.

A neat cement walk has been laid from the sidewalk up to the house, which was done under the supervision of our hustling cement man, Hugh Roberson.

The barn also has been remodeled and a nice board fence built from it on the alley to the house on the north side. Other items also add attraction to the changed appearance of the place.

CALOMEL DYNAMITES A SLUGGISH LIVER

Crashes into sour bile, making you sick and you lose a day's work.

Calomel salivates! It's mercury. Calomel acts like dynamite on a sluggish liver. When calomel comes into contact with sour bile it crashes into it, causing cramping and nausea. If you feel bilious, headachy, constipated and all knocked out, just go to your druggist and get a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tonic, which is a harmless vegetable substitute for dangerous calomel. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't start your liver and straighten you up better and quicker than nasty calomel and without making you sick, you just go back and get your money.

If you take calomel today you'll be sick and nauseated tomorrow; besides, it may salivate you, while if you take Dodson's Liver Tonic you will wake up feeling great, full of ambition and ready for work or play. It's harmless, pleasant and safe to give to children; they like it.—Adv.

Cures Old Sores. Other Remedies Won't Cure. The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Foster's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves pain and heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

Pecos Abstract Co

(R. C. Warn, Owner.)
Pecos City, Texas.

We know the title of every town lot and tract of land in Reeves and Loving counties.

Our abstracts are reliable.

Weekly report by the Pecos Abstract Co. of Pecos Texas of instruments filed for record with the County Clerk of Reeves County, Texas, from February 21 to 26:

- J F Biggerstaff to A H Roden sec 4 blk 55 PS. \$500.00
- Hattie M Douglas to F G Smith S 1-2 of NE 1-4 sec 154 blk 13 H&GN. \$1.00
- C D Rarey to Clara B Rarey E 1-2 of SW 1-4 sec 1, blk 13 H&GN and Sargent lots \$25.00
- J J Schnabel to Solon Crooks, trus, lots 32 & 32 blk 19 Turner Hghts. \$25.00
- J W Prewit et al to Anderson & Casey 553.9 acres sec 193 blk 13; 555.4 acres sec 197 blk 13 H&GN. Deed. \$16,639.50
- Jno DeRaey et al to Finley & Anderson sees 10, 12, 16, 18, 24, blk 2 H&GN; sees 12 & 14 blk C20 PS. Deed. \$6700.00
- J F Battle to A Klob et al sec 37 blk 51 tsp 7 T&P. Deed. \$250.00
- O H Beauchamp receiver to B H Birkett part of sec 46 blk 57 tsp 3 T&P; City add lot. \$300.00
- E B Kiser to T Y Casey lot 10 blk 34 Pecos. \$300.00
- Philip Rensch et ux to C B Hord sees 19 and 20 blk C18; sees 19 & 20 blk C 19 PS. \$4.00
- J M Tanner to J C Ware W 1-2 of SW 1-4 sec 4 blk 54 tsp 5 T&P. \$1500.00
- E O Olds to T A Martin part sec 42 blk 56; W 1-2 sec 40 blk 57 tsp 1, T & P. \$320.00
- W G Stahl to Jessie Bressler lots in Mont Clair. Deed. \$250.00
- Miscellaneous: State of Texas to John DeRaey sees 10, 12, 16, 18, blk 2, H&GN Certificate of Occupancy. To I G Troxel part sec 9 blk 59, PS. Mineral application. J L Tyler to Jno Z Means sees 42 and 44 blk 55 tsp 2 T&P. Lease. Lee Newberry to E Hall sees 44 and 46 blk 1, W&NW, Lease. H P N Gammel to E Hall sec 53 blk 1 W&NW. Lease. Jno F Barrett to E Hall sec 51, blk 1, W&NW. Lease.

W A Weston to E Hall blk 1, W&NW. Lease. H H & S Lockett to E Hall N 1-2 of E 1-2 sec 18 blk Mineral and Sulphur lease.

ACT QUICKLY.

Delay Has Been Dang Pecos.

Do the right thing at time. Act quickly in time of. In time of kidney danger Kidney Pills are most effective. Plenty of Pecos evidence worth.

Mrs. R. E. Miller, See Elm Sts., Pecos, says: "I was weak and lame, and the constant ache through my kidney secretions were too in passage and annoyed me. I did not take many boxes of Kidney Pills before I was and I have never found it to use any since. Another family has procured Doan's Pills at the Pecos Drug Co. also found good results." Price 50 cents at all dealers simply ask for a kidney get Doan's Kidney Pills—that cured Mrs. Miller. Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv.

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Via

For the Big FAT STOCK SHOW MARCH 11-

Rare Exhibits of Fine Stock List of Special Entertainment You Can't Afford to Miss It. Local Agent for Special Rates of Days, Train Service, etc.

Geo. D. H. Gen. Passenger A. D. Bell, Asst. Gen. Passenger Agent DALLAS

Saturday, March 18, has been designated as "California Orange Day" and will be celebrated throughout the country by the hotels, restaurants, railroad dining cars and dining stations, housewives, etc., as well as by all lovers of this justly famed product. It is planned to have every individual in the land eat at least one orange that day, and to have California oranges served in a thousand and one different appetizing ways.

—A pain in the side or back that catches you when you straighten up calls for a rubbing application of BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It relaxes the contracted muscles and permits ordinary bodily motion without suffering or inconvenience. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by City Pharmacy.—Adv't.

PECOS VALLEY SHEEP FEEDING PROFITABLE.

The industry of finishing lambs and muttons for killers is again being tried out in the Pecos Valley on a reasonably large scale by A. J. Crawford of Carlsbad, Mellville R. Summers at South Springs and by others. This test should be unnecessary as it was proven years ago by George H. Webster, now of Cimarron, and F. E. Bryant, now of Oak Park, Ill., that this was a profitable business. But this it neither here nor there.

Since their day many new settlers have come to the Pecos Valley. A fair proportion of these settlers were successful feeders in their former locations. But here they find strange feeds: alfalfa, kafir corn, milo maize, sorghum, and they hesitate. It takes men like Mr. Crawford and Mr. Summers to show them that the Pecos Valley forage and grains are just as economical in the feed lot as Indian corn, clover, and timothy hay.

The feeds here produced are used successfully in the feed lot in other parts of the Southwest. On February 23, W. M. Schneeman had on the Kansas City market from his farm on the Concho near San Angelo Mexican lambs, that sold at \$10.70, wethers at \$8.25, and ewes at \$7.60. The lambs brought the highest price ever paid for Texas lambs. Mr. Schneeman will finish 10,000 head this season. He is also wintering 5,000 ewes on his ranch on the Concho, of 6,000 acres.

He feeds kafir silage, alfalfa hay and cotton seed meal, starting the lambs on silage which is reduced as the alfalfa hay is increased. Mr. Schneeman has fed five seasons and finds that his sheep make rapid gain and are money makers. The Pecos Valley has the same advantage of home-grown feeds, mild climate, and dry feed lots.

A. M. HOVE.

BREEDER'S NOTICE.

My Jersey bull, "Manscoe," will be found this season at M. A. Davis' dairy farm, one-half mile north of Pecos. Telephone No. 280 for particulars. Walter F. Stephens. 7-1f

The success of our Classified column is wonderful. Ask those who have tried it.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Tuesday afternoon a crowd of little folks enjoyed a leap year birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Eisenwine, the occasion being the celebration of the birthday of their son, J. W., who, by the way, thinks that he is an unlucky boy, as he only gets to celebrate this important event once every four years.

Delightful refreshments were served, and all who attended report a very enjoyable time. Those who helped J. W. celebrate this important event were: James Hudsons, Louis Quick, A. J. Moran, Warren Clayton, Cap Weyer, Nathan Poer, Jasper and Willie McIvain.

MERRY WIVES CLUB MEETS.

The Merry Wives Club met with Mrs. W. A. Hudson Wednesday afternoon. All of the members were present and two guests, Mrs. Stine and Mrs. Johnson.

This was the first meeting of the Club in their new year work, and the presence of every member seems promising.

After the opening exercises, the outline for the year's work in American literature was given.

The retiring president, Mrs. S. G. Douglas, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the members for their co-operation in the past and prophesied a successful year under the guidance of the competent officers for 1916-17.

The president-elect, Mrs. Lewis, then addressed the Club, showing the aims and aspirations of true club members, her remarks were timely, to the point and an inspiration for better work along all lines.

The executive board reported that the 500 crysanthemum plants ordered, arrived in perfect condition and were all disposed of at once.

We urge that everyone give these plants special care and all work for a crysanthemum show this fall that will make Pecos proud.

JOETTA COWAN ENTERTAINS LITTLE FRIENDS.

On Tuesday, February 29th, little Joetta Cowan, celebrated her third birthday, by giving a party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cowan, inviting her little girl friends.

Though she only gets to enjoy this function but once in four years, Miss Joetta, pondering on the glorious time she enjoyed with her friends, says it worth waiting for.

Various games were indulged in, after which refreshments of ice cream cake and other dainties dear to the child heart and taste were served, and on leaving each little guest was presented with a folder, a hand painted flower on the front cover, and inside this legend: "May your birthday be as happy as you have made mine."

Miss Joetta was the recipient of many nice tokens of friendship from her little friends, a list of whose names we were unable to secure, though we are informed there were in the neighborhood of forty-five.

GAT YAD

What is it.

SATURDAY MARCH 18, 1916. Watch The Times.

CAT—YAD is something that is going to be given on this day, and we want everyone to read this space every week.

MR. STAMPER IS QUITE SERIOUSLY HURT.

Tuesday while working around a gasoline engine near Hoban, Mr. Stamper in some way got his foot caught, and the heel and bottom part of the foot to the ball wrenched off.

It is a very painful and serious injury but, as we understand, he is resting well as could be expected and no serious consequences expected to arise. His numerous friends extend sympathy and trust that he may soon fully recover.

ABLE TO BE IN HIS OFFICE AGAIN.

M. H. Schermerhorn, who for the past several weeks has been confined to his home on account of an operation, is again able to be at the office and give his personal attention to business affairs.

His many friends are certainly glad that he has thus far recovered and trust that he may fast regain his former strength and good health.

ROAD CONTRACT IS AWARDED

(Continued from page one.)

Before the opening of the bids at this session, a letter from John Mulligan was presented to the court. Mr. Mulligan was one of the bidders for the work at a former term of this court, and his bid, together with all other bids, was rejected. This letter was read by the Court, and contained reasons, in full, why he did not make any bid on the work at this session.

We reproduce here the letter in full, copied from the original, as follows:

Pecos, Tex., Feb. 28, 1916.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Gentlemen:—I am handing you this letter with the request that it be read before the Commissioners Court before the bids for the County road work are opened, so that my reasons for refusing to bid on this work may be made public.

This work was advertised in the El Paso papers and I naturally supposed that outside contractors would have the same chances as local men, but even before my bid was submitted I heard that local men would get the work even if they were not the low bidders. If this was the case why did Mr. Randall not state in the advertisement that only local bids would be considered, and thus save busy men time and expense when they had little or no chance of getting the work?

As to the criticism made on my bid, I will challenge any reasonable man to say why I should not have bid on the Fort Stockton road: the items appear as follows in the specifications:

Sullivan Bridge Road, 12 Gravel Surfacing, 500 c. y. Ft. Stockton-Pecos Road gravel surfacing, 4000 c. y.

Why should a man bidding on these specifications, bid on one and leave out the other, as they appear under exactly the same conditions in the specifications?

Another reason for my bidding on the Fort Stockton road was that I was bidding on all the work or none, and naturally thought that if I did not bid on all my bid would be thrown out.

I came here again with the intention of putting in a bona-fide bid on this work, but after reading the articles in the local papers, decided that even if I were the low bidder and was awarded the work, that the County Judge would be fighting me throughout the whole job, and life is too short to work under those conditions even if were possible to do a good job and make something out of it.

I have therefore decided not to bid on this work at all, and I hope that the local men, with the aid of the County Judge, will do a good job for the tax payers and give them their money's worth.

Yours truly, JNO. MULLIGAN.

The letter was received without comment or action by the court, but was filed as part of the proceedings.

Along the line of its regular business the court disposed of the following:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hsie, which was seconded by C. C. Kountz, and unanimously voted by the court, that the order entered on February 21, allowing J. N. Levin, or the Crystal Water Ranch Company, the sum of \$900.00 for the interest owned by them in a bridge across the Pecos River, be hereby revoked. The said order was then duly set aside and held at naught.

T. J. Sisk appeared before the court and asked that the sum of \$150.00 be advanced him on right of way through his land in the vicinity of Hoban, the total amount to be paid for said right of way for road being \$325.00. After considering this claim, the court found it a just and reasonable one, and allowed same, ordering the clerk to draw a warrant for the amount upon the funds of Road District No. 1, the remainder to be paid when the road is accepted, after an inspection by the Jury of View.

Several other claims against the Road District were examined, and allowed before the adjournment of the session.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

NO FORFEITURE UNTIL AUGUST

The Following Communication to the County Clerk Will be of Interest to Land Owners.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 28th, 1916.

Miss Willie-de Woods, Pecos, Texas.

Dear Miss Willie:

Answering yours of the 23rd inst., relative to the matter of forfeiture of land for non-payment of interest, I beg to say that no forfeitures will be declared before August 15th, but such as may be forfeited will be brought on the market the first of September, or at least that is the present plan, hence it will be necessary to send the list to the printer in May and that will include all that are delinquent.

Those who do not want their lands to appear delinquent in the list should pay up by the first or middle of May. Though, of course, if land does appear in the list the parties can pay the interest at any time and redeem the land. It is necessary to do this, Miss Willie, in order to prevent people having to pay two years interest, as some had to do last year. I am enclosing you a card which is being sent out with blanks properly filled in. The card states the facts as stated in this letter.

Very kindest regards for yourself and Mr. King.

Your friend,

J. T. ROBISON,

Commissioner.

OUT OF THE RACE.

When one wakes with stiff back, pains in muscles, aches in joints, or rheumatic twinges, he cannot do his best. If you feel out of the race, tired, languid, or have symptoms of kidney trouble act prompt Foley Kidney Pills help the kidneys get rid of poisonous waste matter that causes trouble.—Adv't.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.



BAKING POWDER

Made from cream of tartar derived from grapes.

NO ALUM

OBITUARY.

The following short sketch of the life of Mrs. J. A. Steen, who, during 1912, was a resident of this place, was handed to us for publication that her friends Pecos may learn the sad tidings of her death, which occurred in El Paso while undergoing an operation.

Mrs. J. A. Steen (nee Rebecca Francis Manning), was born in Springfield, Mo., March 4th, 1847, and died at El Paso, February 19th, 1916.

She came to Dallas, Texas, in the Spring of 1865, and married J. A. Steen on January 18, 1871, at Denton, Texas. They located at Fort Worth, Texas, and to their union were born 8 children, of whom 5 survive her, 4 sons and a daughter.

They moved to Paint Rock, Texas, in 1884, where her husband died in October, 1899. She lived there until 1907 when she moved to Midland, Texas, and in 1912 went to reside at Pecos. From there she moved to White Oaks, N. M. in 1915 and resided at that place until her death.

She joined the Southern Presbyterian Church when but 16 years of age and lived a devoted Christian through life, and was a true, kind and loving mother. She had many friends, young and old. To know her was to love her.

She took sick and died in a short time that, with the exception of Bob Steen, none of the children were with her. She was buried at El Paso, Texas.

If you want to buy anything, read the Pecos Times.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

I have purchased the REEVES AND LOVING COUNTY ABSTRACT PLANT—Successors to the McKenzie & Brady Abstract Company. I am also agent for some of the strongest FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES doing business in the State, and represent one of the strongest BONDING COMPANIES in the United States. I want to figure with you on your Abstract Work, Fire Insurance and write your Bond.

J. W. MOORE, PECOS, TEXAS

Slover Brothers, Pecos, Texas

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FOR SALE—A one-horse buggy and single harness for sale, or will consider trade. J. A. Miller. 10-2

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Clouderoft, Otero County, N. M. Summer Cottages a Specialty. 10-13

NOTICE.

To the creditors of the Estate of W. L. Ross, deceased:

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of W. L. Ross, deceased, were granted to me, Callie Tempie Ross, as administratrix, with the will annexed, and on the 23rd day of February, A. D., 1916, said letters issued to me, by the County Court of Reeves County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time required by law.

My residence and Post Office address are Pecos, Reeves County, Texas.

CALLIE TEMPIE ROSS.

Administratrix with the Will Annexed, of the Estate of W. L. Ross, deceased. 9-4

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ANNUAL EXHIBIT

And Financial Statement of Reeves and Loving Counties, For the Year Beginning February 8, 1915, and Ending February 14, 1916.

Showing the aggregate amount received and paid out of each fund and balance to their credit of debit.

Also amount to the debit and credit of each officer. Also amount of indebtedness of Counties, to whom and for what due, with dates of issue.

The following amounts have been received and paid out of each fund, leaving balances on hand or overpaid at the close of the year, viz:

REEVES COUNTY.

Jury Fund—First Class.

Table with columns Dr. and Cr. for Jury Fund—First Class. Includes items like To Balance, To Amount received, To Amount transferred from other funds, By Amount paid out, By Amount transferred to other funds, and Balance on hand Feb. 14, 1916.

Road and Bridge Fund—Second Class.

Table with columns Dr. and Cr. for Road and Bridge Fund—Second Class. Includes items like By Balance, To Amount received, To Amount transferred from other funds, By Amount paid out, and Balance on hand Feb. 14, 1916.

General County Fund—Third Class.

Table with columns Dr. and Cr. for General County Fund—Third Class. Includes items like To Balance, To Amount received, To Amount transferred to other funds, By Amount paid out, By Amount transferred to other funds, and Balance on hand Feb. 14, 1916.

Bridge No. Two Fund.—Second Class.

Table with columns Dr. and Cr. for Bridge No. Two Fund.—Second Class. Includes items like To Balance, To Amount received, By Amount paid out, and Balance on hand Feb. 14, 1916.

Court House and Jail Fund.—Fifth Class.

Table with columns Dr. and Cr. for Court House and Jail Fund.—Fifth Class. Includes items like By Balance and To Amount transferred from other funds.

Jail Warrant Fund.—Sixth Class.

Table with columns Dr. and Cr. for Jail Warrant Fund.—Sixth Class. Includes items like To Balance, To Amount received, By Amount paid out, and Balance on hand Feb. 14, 1916.

Road District No. Three Fund.—Second Class.

Table with columns Dr. and Cr. for Road District No. Three Fund.—Second Class. Includes items like To Amount received, By Amount paid out, and Balance on hand Feb. 14, 1916.

Road District No. One (Sinking Fund).—Second Class.

Table with columns Dr. and Cr. for Road District No. One (Sinking Fund).—Second Class. Includes items like To Amount received, By Amount paid out, and Balance on hand Feb. 14, 1916.

Road District No. One (Bond Fund).—Second Class.

Table with columns Dr. and Cr. for Road District No. One (Bond Fund).—Second Class. Includes items like To Amount received for road bonds, To Amount received since sale on bonds on Nov. 2, 1915, To Amount transferred from sinking fund, By commission paid on sale of bonds, By Amount paid out since sale of bonds, and Balance on hand Feb. 14, 1916.

LOVING COUNTY.

General County Fund.—Third Class.

Table with columns Dr. and Cr. for General County Fund.—Third Class. Includes items like To Balance, To Amount received, To Amount transferred from other funds, By Amount paid out, By Amount transferred to other funds, and Balance on hand Feb. 14, 1916.

Jury Fund.—First Class.

Table with columns Dr. and Cr. for Jury Fund.—First Class. Includes items like To Balance, To Amount received, By Amount paid out, and Balance on hand Feb. 14, 1916.

Road and Bridge Fund.—Second Class.

Table with columns Dr. and Cr. for Road and Bridge Fund.—Second Class. Includes items like To Balance, To Amount received, To Amount transferred from other funds, By Amount paid out, By Amount transferred to other funds, and Balance on hand Feb. 14, 1916.

Special Fund.—Fourth Class.

Table with columns Dr. and Cr. for Special Fund.—Fourth Class. Includes items like To Balance and Balance on hand Feb. 14, 1916.

SCALP BOUNTY ACCOUNT.

Table showing Scalp Bounty Account. Amount paid out of Reeves County funds for scalp bounty \$5949.35. Amount paid out of Loving County funds for scalp bounty 1097.60. Total paid out of both counties \$7046.95. Refund from State for Loving County \$ 388.26. Refund from the State for Reeves County 2172.52. Total received from State \$2560.78. Balance due from State 962.67. 1-2 of scalp bounty to be paid by County 3523.48. Total \$7046.95 \$7046.95.

The following balances appear to the debit or credit of the several officers of the county at the close of the year:

TAX COLLECTOR

Table showing Tax Collector balances. General County Fund \$ 12,994.27. Road and Bridge Fund 1,695.61. Bridge No. Two Fund 847.61. Jail Warrant Fund 1,694.61. Jury Fund 4,236.00. Road District No. One 8,815.20. Road District No. Three 1,530.81. District School No. One 61,183.00. District School No. One (Bond) 7.20. District School No. Two (Main) 3,664.08. District School No. Two (Bond) 2,198.44. District School No. Three (Main) 2,292.81. District School No. Four (Main) 1,518.75. District School No. Four (Bond) 1,124.01. Com. Co. Line 1,168.75.

LOVING COUNTY.

Table showing Loving County balances. General County Fund 429.66. Jury Fund 211.70. Bridge Fund 423.36. Special 529.24. Com. Co. Line School District 44.40.

SHERIFF.

Table showing Sheriff balances. Occupation Tax 474.50. Fines and Judgments 208.50.

COUNTY TREASURER.

Table showing County Treasurer balances. Jury Fund 3,322.01. Road and Bridge Fund 1,112.97. General County Fund 7,040.97. Bridge No. Two 5,544.65. Court House and Jail Closed. Jail Warrant Fund 2,289.15. Road District No. Three 1,016.64. Road Dist. No. 1 (Sinking Fund) 6,787.83. Road District No. One (Bond) 88,470.62.

LOVING COUNTY.

Table showing Loving County balances. General County Fund 172.82. Jury Fund 336.14. Bridge Fund 345.92. Special Fund 57.32.

Total money in hand of County Treasurer on Feb. 14, 1916 \$116,507.04

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE COUNTY AND ROAD DISTRICT.

Table showing Bonded Indebtedness. March 1, 1907, Reeves County School Fund, Bridge Bonds \$ 12,000.00. July, 1911, Bruce, Walker, Jail Building Warrants 11,000.00. April 1, 1914, Road District No. One 100,000.00.

OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS OF THE COUNTY AT THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR 1915.

Table showing Outstanding Indebtedness. Columns: Date, No., To Whom issued, For What due, Am't. Includes entries for Geo Mansfield, A H Phillips, L H Boyce, A H Phillips, T E Gibbons, Walter Bolton, F E Kistler, Mr Dawson, P A Harbert, Dorsey P'tg Co., J T Lewis, D A Gathings, F P Richburg, B T Biggs, J W Skelton, H A Wren, W F Alexander, C C Cargill, W H East, C W Swope, H L Derrick, J W Hudgens, Pruet Lbr Co, L Brvant, J K Webb, H C Meier, J B Sullivan, C C Kountz, Otto Hinkle, D T Johnson, Lee Barlow, Chas E Peck, J V Daughette, R S Burchard, M D Cowan, C J Donoho, Van Camp, Jas W Kennedy, R C Moore, Jas Waller, Glen Stancliffe, Henry Rhodes, S K Lewis, Rem'gton Typ Co, R N McCarthy, Pecos Dry G. Co., Max Krauskopf, J B Sullivan, R N Couch, Miller Bros, F Goodrich, O J Green, Bur. Add Ma Co, R T Biggs, Dee Davis.

Table showing other accounts. 1-25-16 99 F Goodrich Road work 6.00. 1-15-16 101 F. Ind Can. Co. Bridge 22.50. Total \$943.38.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,) COUNTY OF REEVES.) I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report for the year ending February 14, 1916, as required by Article 935A General Laws of Texas, Approved May 11th, 1893.

To certify which witness my hand and seal of office on this the 15th day of February, A. D. 1916.

WILLIE-DE WOODS, County Clerk of Reeves County, Texas, and also Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court.

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LODGE MEETINGS.

KNIGHTS OF Pecos Valley Lodge No. 101
A. F. and A. M. Hall corner of
and Oak streets. Regular
meetings second Saturday night in
month. Visiting brethren cordially
invited. **E. C. CANON, W. M.**

KNIGHTS OF Pecos Chapter No. 218
M. Hall corner Second and Oak
streets. Stated convocations on first
Friday night in each month. Visiting
companions cordially invited. **E. C. COLLINGS, H. P.**

KNIGHTS OF Pecos Chapter No. 51
Regular meetings second Monday in
month. Members urged to attend
and visiting members cordially
invited. **F. E. Marshall, Secretary,**
Nannie Couch, Worthy Matron.

KNIGHTS OF Pecos Chapter No. 208
Regular meetings second and fourth
Friday night in each month. Visiting
companions cordially invited. **H. C. Chamber, Counsel Commander, O. H. Schamp, Clerk.**

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KNIGHTS OF Pecos City Lodge No. 101
meets every Thursday night at
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With Our Exchanges.

BY D. J. M.

If the Advocate fails to make mention of any of your visitors, do not place the wrong construction upon it; remember that we have a telephone hanging on the wall.—Van Horn Advocate.

Many times, week after week, the editor hears: "Why I had So and So, from Such and Such a place, visiting me last —day, and not a word in your paper." Now, let us tell you something: An editor is not omnipresent. He would be tickled to death, and ever count you among his friends if you phone, or otherwise advise him of these comings and goings of yourself or your friends. Try it.

It is announced that there is to be a rise in hosiery. There will necessarily have to be something done if they keep on cutting off skirts at the bottom.—Foard County News.

From our exchanges we glean the intelligence that road building is the main issue, before the people. Every town of noticeable size, with reasonable pride, backed by a progressive citizenship, are bending their energies to the building and maintaining of good roads. Why not? We realize that there are other things that a community may need, and that some will argue that the roads are good enough for ordinary purposes. But all must admit that each additional enterprise brings with it an increased burden to the tax payers. Settlement, it seems to us, is the first logical step in securing the many things needed to make life worth the living. Another thing, the greater the number of settlers the lighter the burden will be. Again, automobiles are taking, or, we should say have taken the day, and though we may never be able to sport even a modest Ford, we cannot afford to take the position of the dog in the manger, but help develop as custom demands.

And what office do you want.—Stanton Reporter.

Quien sabe, Brother. There is two we don't want, namely: Judge of this county, and commissioner of the same institution until these roads are finished.

As if war, fire, flood, and unrest were not doing their worst, an avalanche in the Alps tore down the mountain side carrying away a shelter, killing 55, wounding 49, and leaving 30 still missing.—El Paso Herald.

Man seems to be doing his share, in war-stricken Europe, trying to out-rival nature. But the centuries bear witness that 'tis futile, so she bobs up occasionally just to let us know she is still on the job.

Why worry about the knockers? Every country has them, just as every rose has a thorn.—Fort Stockton Pioneer.

Pick up the rose, and enter upon a delineation of its charms. You

BILL SMITH'S WAY.

I don't think much of Bill Smith's way; he never sells a bale hay. He even keeps his cottonseed, I find shucks is cheaper feed. Bill stuffs his cow on good corn meal; if mine get corn they have to steal. He paid a hundred for a calf; the things folks do would make you laugh. I wish some one would tell me, please, what good Bill gets from sowing peas. He's always amassing with manure, while I find fertilizer's surer. To hunt and fish Bill has no time; he's busy putting out more lime. Burning off don't do no harm, and I've lived on many a farm. The county agent can talk and snort, you can't keep land from wearing out. Bill's boys gets ten bucks for a pig; for folks that have to sweat and dig, there's some can surely play the fool; no, sir, my boys don't go to school. What? out of meat and flour low? Then to the store I'll have to go. There ain't a bank will take my note, old Wilson'll never get my vote. The whole administration's rotten; we'll all just have to plant more cotton.

—Take HERBINE for indigestion. It relieves the pain in a few minutes and forces the fermented matter which causes the misery into the bowels where it is expelled. Price 50c. For sale by City Pharmacy.

mention the flower, its leaves, color, etc., but are strangely reticent about the thorns. So with the knocker. In reviewing any town, its citizens, its industries, or other assets, you seldom hear mention of the knocker, and were it not for the editorial columns of our papers, he would pass quietly, gently into oblivion.

W. W. Jackson, the hustling representative for the Goggins Marble Company, of Canton, Ga., was in town this week and says he is glad to see that the tombstone business is picking up right along, and hopes that it will continue so.—Pensacola Journal.

"Here's a cheerful guy," says the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Quote we, quite so. Such optimism is indeed refreshing.

There will be seasons of rejoicing in West Texas when the big rains come again. When?—Big Springs Herald.

Yes, echo answers when? With a representative-at-large, hating the sight of water as does Jeff: McLe-more, we opine that our apportionment of dampness will be dolefully minus. He was, according to his own statement, born in a storm in the year (? B. C.), and has hated the sight of water ever since.

Only two kind of people in the world, the man whose troubles are bigger than he, and the man who is bigger than his troubles.—Minneapolis Journal.

And its a very poor philosopher that cannot choose the better man.

Some long haired pessimistic anchorite suggested that the words appearing on the marriage ceremony: "Love, honor and obey," be changed to: "Stop, look, listen."—Mineral Wells Index.

Ridiculous! When getting married (the first time) we're deaf, dumb and blind.

This office is in receipt of numerous packages of various and sundry seeds—flower and vegetable—from our representatives at large in Washington. We wonder if the same methods in cultivating the seeds from Jeff: would apply to those from Cy? We shy of these free seeds anyhow. A friend of ours once received a package, innocently labeled "Lettuce." He planted these in his back yard and patiently waited, dreaming of succulent later on. It came up all right. The best stand of Johnson grass we ever had the pleasure to behold. Couldn't stop it a-fall. Covered the whole yard, blocked the front gate and came up between the cracks in the floor, until his wife, in disgust said: "Lettuce move out." Some lettuce. It could be that friend got the seeds mixed in some way, but we have, since that time given the benefit of the doubt to the seeds.

CHANGEABLE WEATHER BRINGS SICKNESS.

The changeable weather of the month of March causes colds, cough croup and lagrippe. There is no such thing as a "light cold"—none that a person can safely neglect. Foley's Honey and Tar is a safe and reliable family medicine that heals inflamed, congested air passages, stops colds and eases breathing.—Adv't.

Children should at an early age be interested in the garden. The work they will do when interested will afford exercise in the fresh air, give them a knowledge of plant growth and soil fertility and perhaps stimulate greater interest in farm life.

CANNOT PRAISE THEM ENOUGH.

Many sick and tired Women with aches and pains, sore muscles and stiff joints, do not know that their kidneys are out of order. Mrs. A. G. Wells, Box 90, Route 5, Bocky Mount, N. C., writes: "I am taking Foley Kidney Pills and cannot praise them enough for the wonderful benefit I derived in such a short time." For sale at Pecos Drug Co.—Adv't.

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Talks With the Boys

By J. L. HARBOUR, IN THE VISITOR.

THE BOY WHO IS LONGING FOR A "PULL."

There are mighty few boys who have no chance in our country. I think that I could count all of them on one hand. I could do that. I am sure, if I counted only the normal boys, those who are in good health and in full possession of all their faculties. Nor would I have to omit some boys whom nature has handicapped physically. It is wonderful what boys deprived of sight and hearing are achieving. It is largely a matter of will. There is a chance of some kind for every boy, even though he is partly defective.

Not long ago I overheard a boy standing on a platform of a street car say a very foolish thing to another boy. It was this: "I just tell you that there isn't any kind of a show for a fellow nowadays unless he has a pull of some kind somewhere. You have to have backing in the way of influential friends or a pull of some kind, or there's no show for you. You take it where I am, in a bank. It's only the sons of the directors or heavy stockholders that get the good places. Their dads have a pull, and mine hasn't. I'll never get much farther along than I am now if I stay all of my life in that bank."

He never will as long as he feels that way about it. He lacks a certain kind of backing that only he can supply. All of the pull in the world would not advance a boy who is as pessimistic as he and who puts so little heart into his work. I happen to know a young fellow of but thirty years who is today the vice-president of a large bank, and he entered that bank as a messenger boy when he was sixteen years old. He is not the son of one of the directors or of one of the stockholders. He had no "pull" of any kind excepting the "pull" he had in himself in his determination to get on in that bank. As a bank messenger boy he began to read up on everything pertaining to banks and banking. He was absolutely faithful to his duties. He was keenly alert while on duty, and he now and then asked questions that proved to the bank officials that he was interested in his work. He was always neat and clean in his personal appearance. He was wise enough to know that this in itself was a valuable asset, particularly when one is in a bank. He had a certain manliness of bearing, combined with a certain modesty, that is always of value to a boy. He was aware of his own ignorance and inexperience. He was ready and eager to learn. He was cheered up by the fact that many of the most successful men in the world began life as poor boys and with no "pull" at all. He was able to give himself. What kind of

when he was a boy? What kind of a pull did Abraham Lincoln and most of the other presidents of the United States have when they were boys? What kind of a pull did John Wanamaker have when he was walking four miles to Philadelphia every day and working in a book store at a wage of a dollar and a quarter a week? Do you wish that you were the son of a rich man, so that you could begin life for yourself with a pull that you have not earned gives? When I hear a boy wishing that this might be his portion, I always wish myself that he would read and assimilate these lines by James Russell Lowell: "The rich man's son inherits lands

And piles of bricks and stones and gold,
And he inherits soft white hands
And tender flesh that fears the cold,
Nor dare he wear a garment old:
A heritage, it seems to me,
One scarce would wish to hold in fee.

The rich man's son inherits cares—
The bank may break, the factory burn,
A breath may burst his bubble shares:
Then soft white hand could hardly earn
A living that would serve his turn.

What doth the poor man's son inherit?
Stout muscles, and a sinewy heart,
A hardy frame, a hardier spirit!
King of two hands, he does his part
In every useful toil and art:
A heritage, it seems to me,
A king might wish to hold in fee."

The boy looking for a pull ignores his own heritage and is looking out on life through glasses that gives him a wrong perspective. He seems to see nothing in its right proportion. He is not entirely honest to himself; and he is afflicted with a note of pessimism, he cannot do his work as he should do it. A noted New England writer once received a letter from an aspirant for literary honors and in his letter the young man wrote: "Would you mind telling me, confidentially, what is your pull? I take it that every writer that succeeds as you have must have one. I would regard it as a great favor if you would tell me just what your pull is."

The successful author said in his reply to the letter, kindly ignoring its impertinence, "You ask me what my pull is and has been. I can tell you in these two words: Hard work and a great deal of it."

There is no other pull by which a boy or a man can achieve the highest success in life; and the sooner a boy discovers this fact the

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ECONOMICS ARE CHANGED.

I want to say that before the whole face of affairs was changed in the economics of the world by the war, I was not in favor of a tariff board because the purpose of it then was apparently to keep alive an unprofitable controversy. I am not interested in the doctrines of protection; I am interested in the doctrine of free trade. I have been a college professor and know why I am not, because there is nothing in either doctrine. The only thing that is interesting is the fact of commerce and industry and the only thing that it is fight to deduce from the facts is something that has nothing properly to do with party politics at all.—President Woodrow Wilson.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

For Eclipse Wind Mills and repairs for same see the Groves Lumber Company.

H. N. McKellar returned home Tuesday from an "auto" business trip to El Paso, and reports a successful trip.

Jim Frame went up to El Paso Saturday to be in attendance upon a Staff meeting of the Texas & Pacific officers.

Geo. D. Coon, proprietor of the City Bakery, where "Coon's Satisfactory Loaf", which is fast becoming so famous in West and Central Texas and lower New Mexico, is made, returned home Monday from a business trip to El Paso and up into New Mexico.

E. W. Hoiler, the Zimmer Hardware Company's hustling clerk, was in El Paso the past few days on business.

Mackerel are famous as a breakfast dish. Fresh ones at Green's Grocery.

Mrs. Joe Hollebeke and children left Tuesday for an extended visit with the home folks at Thomaston, and Joe is correspondingly dejected.

Clay Cooke, one of the leading attorneys of this city, left Tuesday for a visit with Mrs. Cooke and other relatives in Dallas.

Ross Carr, one of Barstow's prominent citizens was a business visitor in Pecos Wednesday afternoon having come over on No. 5.

Charley Heard left Wednesday on No. 5, for Eagle Flat, where he and a friend went on a prospecting trip.

Before buying cream separators see me. Am agent for the best make. See one in operation. W. H. Irvine, Barstow, Texas.

John B. Howard, the Texas and Pacific's special attorney, went over to Odessa Wednesday on business.

GROCERY PERFECTION, best for the money, courteous treatment, prompt delivery. You get these at Green's Grocery.

Mrs. Pat Fulger returned home Thursday afternoon from her visit of three weeks with relatives and friends at San Angelo. Pat's face which has been long and getting longer, now wears a broad smile.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buck left Thursday on a pleasure trip to New Orleans, at which place the Mardi Gras will be in full blast next week.

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What is it.

SATURDAY MARCH 18, 1916. Watch The Times.

Mrs. Keith and Miss Lena Strickland went over to Barstow yesterday for a short visit with numerous friends.

D. Aronson, the eye specialist, was here several days this week, looking after his patients, fitting glasses, etc.

Ben Lewis and wife are now located in the Mrs. Middleton rent house, next to her residence. Ben has resigned his position at the Sid Cowan ranch.

We have it on good authority that negotiations are under way for a return performance in our city about March 23rd, by the solo artists of the Schubert Symphony Club of Chicago. Many of our readers have heard these superb musicians and no doubt everyone knows of the high favor in which their many years of success has placed them. The great variety and excellence of this company's program has endeared it to the hearts of American music lovers, until today it stands undoubtedly first in their affections. Their new program is said to be the best they have ever presented, and no doubt their house will be large if they are secured for an entertainment here.

A good treatment for a cold settled on the lungs is a HERRICK'S RED PEPPER POROUS PLASTER applied to the chest to draw out inflammation and BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP to relax tightness. You get the two remedies for the price of one by buying the dollar size Horehound syrup; there is a porous plaster free with each bottle. For sale by City Pharmacy.—Adv.

Tell us your grocery troubles. It will ease your mind and we will solve your troubles. Green's Grocery

Mr. and Mrs. Will Cowan were down from their Culberson County ranch from Monday until Thursday, and visited with relatives in Pecos. They left for Toyah yesterday. Will says that the range is dry in his section and that he has a good sized herd on feed.

Bob Couch and H. L. Magee autoed over to Barstow Tuesday afternoon where Bro. Magee talked over the prospects of members of the Christian church at that place having preaching occasionally. A final adjustment of the matter has not been reached as yet.

Dr. Aronson has had such a rush of business while here that he has decided to remain in Pecos until next week, Wednesday, so call upon him at the Orient Hotel and he will render you his services. The Dr. has been doing work for Pecos people for many years and still has a large patronage, which is one of the best recommendations a person can have. Remember the date and call early, before next Wednesday.

Learn by doing. Start trading at Green's and see that it means money to you. Start now.

Richard L. Pleasants of El Paso was a visitor in Pecos Wednesday, and went out to Balmorhea Thursday morning on the Pecos Valley Southern train. He represents the Bankers Life Insurance Company, of Des Moines, Iowa. He is an active, energetic worker and will undoubtedly secure some business in Reeves and adjoining counties.

Miss Bernice Richburg left on Tuesday for Monahans where she will display her fine line of millinery for the ladies of that city. She will go from there to Grandfalls with her display, and we trust that she will be amply repaid for the trip.

Flowing Wells Country Sausage, Hams and Bacon are famous. Ask your grocer, or phone 96-3 rings. tf

Mrs. Jim Frame went over to Monahans Tuesday and visited a short time with relatives and other friends, returning home Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Tom Quebedeux and baby, of Gallup, N. M., left Wednesday for Midland for a visit with relatives and friends. She had been here visiting her aunt, Mrs. Sid Kyle and family.

I WILL PAY a good price for your milk pen calves. See me before selling. Phone 195. tf

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Sisk were in Pecos a few days the first of the week from their Valley Farm, and report that everything out their way in fine shape.

Mrs. Will Glasscock went out to Balmorhea yesterday on the Pecos Valley Southern train and will display her choice line of Spring and Summer millinery to the ladies of the Valley.

For Eclipse Wind Mills and repairs for same, see Groves Lumber Company.

Miss Lilly Pearl Buchholz arrived home Wednesday afternoon after a month's visit with her sister, Mrs. Addison Wadley and family at Midland, and her numerous Pecos friends are glad that she is among them again.

F. B. Williams of Alpine was a Sunday visitor in Pecos.

G. N. Sitton one of Pyote's prominent citizens was a business visitor in Pecos one day this week.

F. W. Johnson went over to Odessa Thursday on a business trip.

New shipment of fresh keg pickles at Green's Grocery.

T. A. Ezell was down from his ranch near Angelo several days the first of the week transacting business in Pecos. Mr. Ezell is one of our strongest advocates for the Government reservoir project on the Pecos River, and is an untiring worker in the good cause. When he went home he carried some neat stationery with him, which he had the Times get out for him.

H. A. Bly was in Tuesday and Wednesday from his "Minnietonka" Farm near Sargent, greeting his many Pecos friends. Mr. Bly is a believer in neat, tasty stationery, on high class paper, so he left a substantial order at the Times office to get him out some.

THE CATTLEMEN'S TRUST CO. of Fort Worth. R. D. GAGE, President. Will consider applications for cattle loans and invites correspondence. Address P. O. Box 1012, Fort Worth, Texas. 10ff

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B. D. Smith of Balmorhea was among the numerous visitors in Pecos Wednesday.

P. B. Rodgers, the Texas & Pacific's hustling Immigration Agent, was in Pecos Tuesday circulating among our merchants, business men and citizens. He is a gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet and converse with, is untiring in his work to better conditions all along this road in every way possible.

John Hibdon, editor of the Enterprise returned Wednesday from a business trip over east of the Pecos.

J. W. B. Williams, candidate for Tax Assessor of Reeves and Loving counties, was in Pecos Monday and Tuesday circulating among our citizens and extending the glad hand.

Do not forget that we are fully prepared to do all kinds of pipe perforating. We know how and do it right. Slover Bros. 7-ff

J. H. Walker, editor of the Toyah Valley Herald at Balmorhea, and Edgar Patterson, candidate for the office of County and District Clerk were Pecos visitors for a short time Thursday afternoon. They were called in upon business connected with the Head bankruptcy case.

Henry Lavelle was in Pecos yesterday on his return trip from Fort Worth with a couple of cars of fat sheep, and reports that he struck a receptive market, and that he is well pleased with the result of the sales.

For Eclipse Wind Mills and repairs for same, see Groves Lumber Company.

LIST OF SCHOOL LANDS IN CLERK'S OFFICE.

County Clerk, Miss Willie-de Woods, informs us that she has some land lists at her office for land coming on the market May 1st, 1916, which interested parties may get by calling for them.

A. P. CUMMINS HAS GONE TO SNYDER.

Prof. A. P. Cummins, who for the past six months, has been the Principal of the Pecos High School, severed his connection with the institution, and left yesterday afternoon for Snyder, Texas.

During Prof. Cummins' residence in Pecos he has proven to be a young man of unusual ability, a splendid, upright Christian gentleman, and has won the respect and friendship of nearly everyone in Pecos. He will be greatly missed from the ranks of those who are working for the advancement of the Master's cause as well as in many other ways.

Nearly every scholar of the school was present at the train when he left, and they gave him the glad hand, wishing him the best of success wherever he may locate.

JOHN W. CURTIS PASSES AWAY.

The town was shocked to learn early Saturday morning that John W. Curtis, one of its oldest citizens had died suddenly.

Mr. Curtis was as well as usual Friday, and spent the morning on the streets visiting his friends. Late in the afternoon he suffered a stroke of paralysis from which he never rallied, dying at 7 o'clock the next morning.

John W. Curtis was born in Western North Carolina, on December 18, 1841. He was married to Mrs. Harriet E. Brown, January 18, 1886. To their union was born three sons, L. A., O. O. and A. J., who with their mother, survive him. At the time of his death he was in his 76th year.

Mr. Curtis came to Pecos about six years ago and at once established himself in the confidence of all the good people of the community. They at once recognized him as an honorable, upright Christian gentleman, and a useful citizen.

The funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, Rev. J. H. Walker, his pastor, conducting the services, assisted by Revs. C. S. McCarver and S. E. Allison, after which the remains were conducted to the Fairview Cemetery for interment, followed by a large concourse of sympathizing friends.

The Times wishes to join the entire community in an expression of sympathy to the grief-stricken family in this hour of great sorrow.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

On a motion in the Quarterly Conference, assembled in the Methodist church on the evening of February 27th, Rev. C. S. McCarver, Rev. J. H. Walker and Bro. C. K. McKnight, were appointed to prepare suitable resolutions expressing sympathy and condolence for A. J. Curtis, mother and all the family in the loss of their husband and father, Bro. John W. Curtis, who died suddenly and in great peace at his home, February 26th, 1916.

Resolved: That we extend to Sister Curtis and to every member of the bereaved families our sincere and heartiest sympathy in this great loss. Also we pledge ourselves to remember them at the throne of Divine grace.

- J. H. WALKER,
C. K. McKNIGHT,
C. S. McCARVER,
Committee.

CLOSING OUT BUSINESSES.

Prewit & Wadley, livery, and wholesale and retail grain and hay, have closed their business, stating that the livery business is no longer a paying proposition since the advent of the automobile and Ford cars.

On the heels of this announcement comes a similar one from Jno. Y. Lilley, grocer, that his business will close out on March 1st, giving no particular reason for the action.

These gentlemen are reticent in regard to what they will do in the future, but we are safe in saying that Pecos will not lose them.

ORIENT HOTEL ARRIVALS.

- Thursday, February 17
R E Beaty, Ranch.
C P Stallings and wife, Grandfalls.
Richard Burgess, El Paso.
W H Dolls, Denver.
E E Dooley, Ranch.
T A Ezell and son, Ranch.
H R Chancv, Odessa.
Miss Ruth Brock, Odessa.
Friday, February 18.
T L Crum, Ranch.
Gordon Witherspoon, Crowell.
F G Manson, Dallas.
Mrs Hunter, Roswell.
C W Walker, Roswell.
W M Hodges Roswell.

S S Harrison and wife, Fort Stockton.

- Miss Sadie Collings, City.
Saturday, February 19.
J A Stroud, Alpine.
P G Lane, Quito Wells.
J W Ridge, Louisville, Ky.
F M Short, Dallas.
J F Green, Dallas.
S R Henigan, Midland.
J J Koster, El Paso.
W S Sleon, El Paso.
E B Ross, Grandfalls.
Sunday, February 20.
C L Wright and wife, Waco.
M T Wright, San Angelo.
N A Brown, El Paso.
E M McCord, St. Louis.
V Davis, Brownwood.
W S Merrick, Waco.
H H Lacy, Dallas.

- Monday, February 21
G M Hall, Baird.
F W Battle, Big Springs.
R G Fisher, Denver.
Marcus Snyder, City.
C L Barrow, Houston.
W L Culbertson, Carthage, Mo.
Frank B Gunn, Rusk.
Raymond Johnson, Kent.

- Tuesday, February 22
Theo Andrews, Toyah.
D H McNary, Colprado.
W R Stubbs, Carlsbad.
R L Howell, El Paso.
J C Gaither, Abilene.
R L McCamant, Marfa.
T E Day, Abilene.

- Wednesday, February 23.
Albert Kyle, Ranch.
H Marx, Fort Worth.
Katherine G Kelly, El Paso.
Capt. E. P. Bujac, Carlsbad.
Manse Wood, Sweetwater.
D D Wink, San Angelo.
L D Morton, Kansas City.
Chas Ferrow, Kansas City.

- Thursday, February 24.
E H Purcell, Chicago.
Toyah.

- C C Wallace, and W B C Lee L Russell, Fort Worth.
W H Butler, Higgins, Tex.
M C Funderbank, New York.
J G Crick, Washington, D. C.
J H Boogher and wife, St. Louis.
Friday, February 25.
R C McConnell, Dallas.
Mark Williams, San Angelo.
Pearl Fridley, El Paso.
Wm. Mallane, Carlsbad.
W G Woerner, Carlsbad.
G M Cook, Carlsbad.
F A Bates, Fort Bragg, Ga.
W W Urquhart, St. Louis.
Oliver King, Ranch.

- Saturday, February 26.
W B Thorp and wife, Baltimore.
Thelma Balem, Balmorhea.
W E Hamilton, and L B W man, Fort Stockton.
G B Goode, and C N Good Angelo.

- E K Cannon, Dallas.
W E Reader, Pote.
Sunday, February 27.
F B Williams, Alpine.
John Mulligan, El Paso.
F F Dodds, Kansas City.
Ben F Smith, Lockney, Tex.
S K Lewis and family, City.
Monday, February 28.
T H Barefield, Fort Worth.
G F Buchanan, St. Louis.
G N Sitton, Pyote.
Geo A Tumlin, Fort Worth.
E J O'Brien, New York.
A Richards, El Paso.
T A Ezell, Ranch.
H C Eggleston, St. Louis.
Tuesday, February 29.
H A Bly, Sargent.
P B Rodgers, Fort Worth.
Chas Talleson, Fort Worth.
B C Sargent, El Paso.
Geo. Vigus, El Paso.
J B Land, El Paso.
Lee Lassetter, Dallas.
J F McKenzie, El Paso.
J T Bullard, Kalamazoo, Mich.

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