

# The Stanton Reporter

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## \$1725 Is Church Quota Rural Route Expected Seventeen Busy Years

The Stanton Methodist church South, Rev. S. H. Young, pastor, has accepted \$1725 as a minimum quota to raise within five years for the cause of Superannuate Endowment of that denomination. The goal for the entire church of this movement is \$10,000,000, the income from which is to be used for the support of the aged and infirm ministers and widows and orphans ministers.

Postmaster Kelly and Judge Atchison last week drove over the proposed rural route. They found the route in tip top shape. Gates have been removed and the road conforming to requirements. A report has been made to the postal authorities and it is thought that the mail route will be in operation within a short time.

Monday of this week, J. L. Hall started on his 18th year in the drug business in Stanton. Mr. Hall bought the drug store in 1907. It was a small affair then. Joe's total resources was a \$10 bill, and the confidence of a good man who backed him. The little pharmacy grew. Old timers tell us that the proprietor was pharmacist, clerk and errand boy. Each passing year saw the establishment become more solidly established through the dispensation of the very best in the drug line with a service that made friends. Today this is one of the best stocked, best equipt drug stores in Western Texas. Vigilance has made it such. Joe Hall loves the pharmacy. It is his life work, and the impress of his influence has been felt in every good cause in Martin county. In good years as well as hard ones, Mr. Hall has proclaimed the merits of our county. His money was always ready to help any program of progress. He has served in all sorts of capacities in Stanton—as doctor, surgeon, school trustee, war worker, commercial club worker—and his services came from a willing heart. He has trained a number of young men for the business world, and is able today to see the benefit of wise counselling given to lads. From every standpoint we see it, Joe Hall is a success and his success has come because of the fact that he is a man with a big, sympathetic heart that is striving to make the world better. Mr. Hall has filled a sphere of usefulness in our county, and our people appreciate him. The Reporter has penned on the anniversary of the store, in review of his worth to our section, is but a profession of friendship.

## 17 Years Ago--

I started in the drug business in Stanton. The main idea was to give the people efficiency, service and satisfaction.

Success has rewarded this drug store. In fat years as well as lean ones, we have provided the best for our people, and because of loyal patrons, appreciative of quality and service, have we been enabled to give Stanton one of the best equipt drug stores in West Texas. Our plans of past years are being realized, and we are truly thankful. We have confidence in our section and its people, and our store will go forward with progress. Our customers must have the best—have builded on this foundation.

The dawn of our 18th year with a determination to serve better than ever. The patronage of the old-timer as well as the new-comer will be met with high class merchandise, service and appreciation.

J. L. HALL, the Druggist

## An Advance Spring Showing of Ladies Fine Tailored Coats and Dresses



Canton Crepe  
Moire Silk  
Flannel Crepe  
Taffeta

--popular colors.  
Prices \$15 to \$33.

Sport Coats in the new checks

Another new shipment of Hats this week

MRS. J. P. BOYD - At Carroll's

## The Famous Tailor Made Bob Caps Have Arrived!



All Sizes In Serges, Tweeds and Novelties  
Prices \$1 to \$2.50

Cleaning, Pressing and Ordering of Suits

**Joe Bell**

LADIES—Watch this space for announcement of prices of our line of the famous Stonehill Pattern and Dress Hats.

## Women's Spring Footwear



"Star Brand Shoes Are Better"



"Star Brand Shoes Are Better"

The particular woman, who is also economical, is careful in the choosing of her new Spring Footwear. Our selections of Oxfords, Slips and Sandals will afford everyone a satisfactory choice and at moderate price, too.

Style without extravagance is the distinctive feature of our shoes for present and summer wear. You'll not only procure the utmost in style when you choose shoes at Carroll's—but you'll secure a most satisfying portion of wearability and value as well.

Among fashion's latest is a "Bamboo" Suede, tan kid trim, with junior Spanish heel, with cut outs and double straps. Priced..... \$7.75

"Jack Rabbit" Grey Suede, trim of same, heel and straps as above. Priced..... \$7.75

"Nude" Black, trim of the same, heel and straps as above. Priced..... \$7.75

There is an irresistible style appeal to these smart Sandals—"The Movie" Bamboo Buck Sandal, close trim, flexible soles. Priced..... \$4.95

Patent, one strap, cut out in vamp, sizes 3 to 6, low heels. Priced..... \$3.95

Patent, green kid patent vamp strap and cut out effect, low heels, sizes 2 1/2 to 6. Priced..... \$4.85

CHILDREN'S SHOES—Our stock of children's Slippers, Sandals and Oxfords is complete. Grey kid oxfords with white trim, brown calf with suede trimming. Grey kid, patent trim, also a beautiful Black Satin 2 strap cut out, sizes from 6 to 2. Priced..... \$1.60 to \$3.95

Our Grocery department has installed an Electric Meat Chopper, so when you want sausage, chili or hamburger meat, we grind it while you wait—not from scraps, but from the cuts of your choice.

Try our Soup Bones, Rib Roasts or an order for Stew Meats. They will help cut the high cost of living, and satisfy the most fastidious appetite.

Phone No. 9--The Store Ahead

# CARROLL'S

Dry Goods, Furnishings--STANTON, TEXAS--Groceries and Meats



Do your overalls pull and bind when you stoop?

## Men's Work Clothing

Men's Blue Chambray Work Shirts, pearl buttons, one pocket, price each ..... 79c  
Boys Khaki Shirts, sizes 13 to 14, nicely made of good material. Each..... 80c  
Boys Blue Chevots, Interurban Specials, full made of the best materials and workmanship. Priced..... \$1.00  
Khaki Pants, either Rodeo or Interurban Specials, both guaranteed, full cut and best materials obtainable, priced from \$1.75 to ..... \$2.95

Moleskin and Corduroy Pants at special prices to close out for summer weights. Corduroys, \$4.25 and \$5.25 values reduced to \$2.95 and \$3.95. Moleskins, \$2.40, \$3.25 and \$3.75 and \$4.25 values reduced to \$1.85, \$2.25, \$2.85 and \$3.15. We are making a price that means a loss to us, but had rather do this than carry these until next fall.

All Men's Woolen Shirts and Leather Vests at below wholesale costs. Our loss is your gain—the prices will tell. This also includes Moleskin Shirts.



Take It at Night Makes Morning Bright

NEW VIM FOR WEAK, THIN, PALE WOMEN

To enjoy your work and have your share of the pleasures of life get rid of that run-down feeling and enrich your thin blood. Begin right now to take Gude's Pepto-Mangan. It will help you wonderfully. At your drug-gist's, in both liquid and tablets.

Free Trial Tablets To see for yourself the true value of Gude's Pepto-Mangan, write today for generous Trial Package of Tablets. Send no money—just name and address to M. J. Kreitzberg Co., 38 Warren St., N. Y.

Gude's Pepto-Mangan Tonic and Blood Enricher

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CASCARA QUININE

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PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM

HINDERCORNS

PATENTS

COUGHS

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"CASCARETS" FOR LIVER AND BOWELS—10c A BOX

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A Raw, Sore Throat

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To Mothers: Musterole is now made in milder form for babies and small children.

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER

Green's August Flower

MUSTEROLE

Green's August Flower

Green's August Flower

Texas News

An issue of \$75,000 Wise County road bonds of road district No. 3, bearing 5 1/2 per cent and maturing serially, has been approved by the attorney general's department.

Forty-nine persons were killed or injured in grade crossing accidents in November in Texas, according to a report of the state railroad commission.

For the first time in the history of Yoakum fertilizer is being bought in quantities. Eleven carloads have been received.

Farmers of San Augustine are busy terracing their land, under the supervision of County Agent Green, who has more of this work to do each year, as the farmers are seeing the need of it to keep down the erosion of their lands.

American Legion post No. 40 of Gonzales has just planted a number of pecan trees on the fair grounds at Gonzales. These trees were planted in commemoration of the boys of Gonzales county who lost their lives in the world war. When the trees grow to maturity they will be the property of the post.

The bond division of the attorney general's department has approved the records and transcripts in a proposed issue of \$125,000 of the Lomax, Dawson county, independent school district. The bonds will be approved upon presentation and bear 5 1/2 per cent interest, maturing serially.

At a meeting of the fig growers of Wharton county, held at the court house Saturday at Wharton, a Fig Growers association was organized and officers were elected as follows: W. M. Stafford, president; George Slaughter, vice president; J. O. Dockery, secretary and treasurer.

A material cut in rates, fidelity and insurance, particularly as to contractors, builders and bridge builders' bonds, has been ordered by John M. Scott, commissioner of insurance. The rate on three classifications has been reduced from 1 1/2 to 1 per cent, Commissioner Scott has announced.

An appropriation of \$7000 for additional improvements at the Texas Central Power company dam across the Guadalupe river just above Cuero has been made through the head office of the company in San Antonio. The dam, which since its erection has cost about \$200,000, is rated as the largest power dam in Texas.

The last obstacle in the way of the completion of the Corpus Christi deep water port project was removed. The \$100,000 issue of bonds for the project was sold in the city depository within a short time.

The state, which is the largest single buyer of dry goods in Texas, Friday began the tabulation of bids for furnishing the various institutions clothing and dry goods for the coming year. Contracts will be let as fast as the bids are tabulated and compared by the board of control. Approximately \$500,000 will be spent by the state in making these purchases.

Sale of stock in a proposed life insurance company does not come within the provisions of the Texas blue sky law and no permit is required under that act to sell shares of stock in a life insurance company proposed to be organized under the general insurance law. F. E. Johnson, chief of the blue sky division of the secretary of state's department, held in a ruling to Commissioner of Insurance John M. Scott.

Incorporation articles of the Rio Grande City Railway company were approved by the attorney general Saturday and filed in the state department. Headquarters of this line will be maintained at San Antonio and the organizers propose to construct a line 22 miles long connecting San Froydo, in Hidalgo county, with Rio Grande City, in Starr county. The company is capitalized for \$25,000.

A sufficient size a marker will be placed at the base of each tree bearing the name of the man in whose memory the tree was planted.

Tomatoes, the first East Texas money crop, and one of the principal ones of Cherokee county, is ready to go to the fields. Tomatoes are grown in Cherokee county by the hundreds of acres for the market in northern cities, and is one of the earliest crops of the South. This crop, which has brought East Texas rapidly to the front as a vegetable producing section, is now being cared for in hotbeds and over 500 acres in this part of Cherokee county will go to the cold frames within two weeks.

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R. L. Mohler, convict... at the killing of Hug... Rising Star, Eastland... 10, 1922, and given the... filed an appeal in t... inal Appeals.

George W. Smith, an... Kinney, accompanied... of that city, con... Railroad Commission... in the ob... taining interpretations... in the in... liffs and concentration... interest of bringing... McKinney for warehou...

During 1923 there... deaths reported in Tex... 37,949 deaths in 1922... figures compiled by the... of Health. However... reports are admitted...

Gross receipts... the Comptroller... current quarter totaled... the final amount is... 200,000. In addition, t... ed \$32,876 quarterly... as Gulf Sulphur Compa... 233 ic gallonage gasolin... month of December.

In the transfer of State... the old to the new State... under the recent letti... necessary to extend... necessary to extend...

Wallace Hawkins, for... assistant attorney gen... assigned to engage in... law at Houston under... name of Campbell, Myer, Simm... Hawkins, and C. A. Whele... Texar... kana has been appointed attorney General Keeling to fill... ancy. The change to become... Feb. 15.

There has been subm... in the Third Court of Civil Appeals... of Dallas Gas Company v. State... of Texas from Travis County, wherein the gas company is attacking the gross receipts tax law in several counts and generally deny liability thereunder. The State obtained judgment in the trial court for some \$40,000 in taxes.

The State Banking Board... arguments in behalf of applications for eight charters for State banks and more probably will be heard. The board expects to grant two or more charters. In several cases there are protests against granting charters for new banks in certain towns Existing banks object to new banks.

Former Lieut. Gov. Lynch Davidson has been in Austin in the interest of his candidacy for Governor. He met several of his friends and conferred with them as to campaign plans. He is actively in the contest and says he has received much encouragement in his trips over the State. While here Mr. Davidson considered the matter of designating an active campaign manager and he has a live man in view who met him here.

The attractive painting... of George... walls of the executive of... since 1913, soon is to be removed. The artist, a woman, was never paid for the picture and she has... old it in New York. It was necessary for her to make affidavit to prove her ownership by a former Superintendent of Public Buildings and Gardens before her claim for the picture was recognized.

Railroad Commission... A. Na... has been in Dallas... official meeting... the meeting of the alumni of B... University, he being a graduate of that institution.

Several Texas warrants... to \$10,500 and paid... Carth and others, were... loot stolen from the State Trust Company at San... bank on Jan. 5. It was revealed by... revealed... re issued to replace those stolen.

REPORTER

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for February 24

THE PERIOD OF THE JUDGES

LESSON TEXT—Judg. 2:6-19; 7:1-23

1. A Synopsis of the Book of Judges. This book covers the period from the conquest of Canaan and the death of Joshua to the Judgeship of Samuel. The teacher should master the content of the book in order to teach this lesson, especially chapters 2-16.

1. The Sin of the People (Judg. 2:6-13). While Joshua and the elders of his generation lived, the people in some measure remained faithful to God, in obedience to His Word, but the very next generation went into apostasy. Their degradation may be accounted for as follows:

(1) Failure to drive out the Canaanites from their midst. They had gained the victory over them, but failed to exterminate them. Their mistaken tolerance became their undoing.

(2) Their amalgamation with the heathen. Tolerance of the enemy is closely followed by union therewith and quick disaster comes in the wake of such union.

(3) Idolatry. Intermarriage with the heathen was soon followed by the worship of the heathen's gods. God's people lose power over the world as soon as they make alliance with it.

2. God's Judgment for Their Sins (Judg. 2:14, 15). He delivered them into the hands of "the spoiler that spoiled them."

3. The Repentance of the People (Judg. 3:9). Under the yoke of their enemies they learned their folly and cried unto the Lord for deliverance.

4. God's Deliverance at the Hand of the Judges (Judg. 2:16-19). God heard their cries and by raising up military chieftains as Judges he saved them out of the hands of their enemies. A repetition of sin, oppression by the enemy, repentance on the part of the people and God's deliverance, constitute the story of the book of Judges.

Gideon was the most outstanding of the Judges. He came from an obscure and unimportant family (6:15). Before going forward he wishes to be doubly sure (6:36-40). When once he was convinced of duty, he was courageous and enthusiastic. This is characteristic of all truly great men.

1. The Opposing Army (v. 1). Gideon and his army rose early on that eventful day and they came by the spring of Harod. Over 200,000 men were the host of the Midianites in battle array.

2. The Sifting of Gideon's Army (vv. 2-8). At Gideon's call 32,000 men responded, ready for the struggle. This seemed a small army to go against the Midianite army, 135,000 strong, but God said this was too many, lest they be led to boasting and self-confidence. The real danger was not in their small army but in their pride. All that were afraid were allowed to go back, leaving only 10,000. Still this was too many. When God was through sifting, only 300 remained.

3. God Gives Encouragement to Gideon. He bade Gideon go down to the Midianite camp, where he would hear something that would cheer his heart and strengthen his hand. When he came near he heard a man telling a dream, which was that of a barley cake tumbling into the camp and smiting it. He also heard the interpretation given to the dream which made Gideon to be that cake.

4. God Gives Victory to Gideon (vv. 10-23). His attack was unique. The whole matter was of faith (Heb. 11:32). Gideon with his 300 men formed into three companies, each man being provided with a trumpet and a lamp concealed within a pitcher. Thus armed they surrounded the camp of the Midianites. They were all instructed to keep their eyes upon their leader and imitate him. At the proper moment they blew their trumpets and broke their pitchers, giving opportunity for the lamps to shine out. This awful crash of broken pitchers, following the sound of trumpets, accompanied by the shout, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon," threw the Midianites into a panic, causing them to fight among themselves. One hundred and twenty thousand were thus slain, leaving but 15,000 of that mighty army (Judg. 8:10).

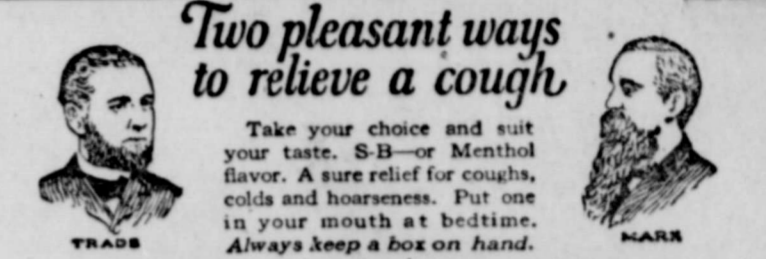
Dependency. "Dependency is the devil's triumph in the human mind. God is not the author of helplessness."—The Advocate.

Feelings. "Those who would make us feel must feel themselves."—Churchill.

CALUMET The Economy BAKING POWDER

Is truly the world's greatest baking powder

It has produced Pure Foods—Better Bakings—for over one third of a century



Two pleasant ways to relieve a cough

SMITH BROTHERS S.B. COUGH DROPS MENTHOL

Temple of Diana One of World's Seven Wonders

One of the seven wonders of the ancient world was the Temple of Diana at Ephesus, built in the Fourth century before Christ, and burned by the Goths in 262 A. D. But the temple was doomed to early destruction at the hands of a half-crazed Greek named Herostatus. In 356 B. C., on the night when Alexander the Great was born, he burned the temple to the ground. When he was arraigned for his crime he said he had done it to make an image for himself, and he had... Diana was the goddess of childbirth, and he believed that she would be in Macedonia to bless the little prince's arrival. A new temple, started in 350, became a storehouse for great gifts. In 202 A. D. Invading Goths destroyed the city and burned the temple. Only a few of the columns escaped, and they were used in the mosque of St. Sophia at Constantinople.—Detroit News.

An Amazing Fact

To many people it may seem incredible that a habit so common as coffee-drinking can be harmful. Yet if your doctor were to enumerate the common causes of indigestion, headache, and run-down condition, he would be likely to mention coffee.

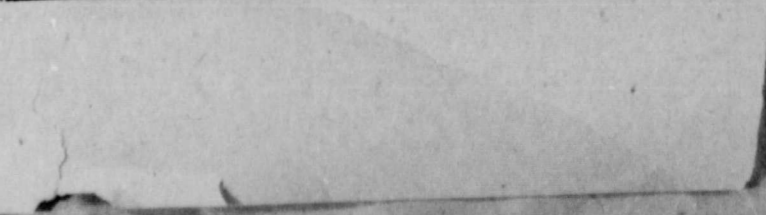
If you are troubled with insomnia, nervousness, or are inclined to be high-strung, try Postum in place of coffee for thirty days, and note the difference in the way you feel, and how much better you sleep.

Postum is a pure cereal beverage, absolutely free from caffeine, or any harmful drug.

Postum for Health

"There's a Reason"

Your grocer sells Postum in two forms. Instant Postum (in tins) prepared instantly in the cup by the addition of boiling water. Postum Cereal (in packages) for those who prefer the flavor brought out by boiling fully 20 minutes. The cost of either form is about one-half cent a cup.



CAPITAL \$25,000  
SURPLUS, \$75,000

# The First National Bank

Stanton, Texas



We Will Appreciate Your Business Large or Small

This Bank Offers Every Facility Commensurate With Safe Banking

May We Not Have The Pleasure of Serving You?

Stanton needs and should have Get busy gentlemen, and perfect a Retail Merchant's Association. an organization.

## Balloon Tires

Firestone Balloon Gum Dipped Cords are especially built for low air pressure. In action the tire folds and bends, yielding to the inequalities of the road without strain or deteriorating effect. The result is a cushion of air for each wheel that affords a revelation in comfort, safety and economy.

They are not only larger than regular tires having twice the usual air volume and operate on half the usual air pressure. Firestone pioneered the Balloon Tire, testing it for over two million miles before offering it for sale.

We are selling Balloon Gum Dipped Cords. We can tell you and show you what they are. Come and see.

### Morgan Motor Co.

STANTON, TEXAS

## HERE IT IS!

For Sale—Bronze Gobblers, 25 to 30 lbs. Hens, 16 to 18 lbs.—Mrs. C. L. Louder, phone 32.

For Sale—160 acres of land, 2 1/2 miles from Stanton, 7 acres of which has been cultivated.—Mrs. Mollie Robertson, Stanton, Texas. feb

Found—A lady's fur. Owner may have same upon identification and paying for this notice.

For Sale—Two or three fresh Jersey cows.—W. E. Hazlewood, Stanton, Texas.

For Sale—Two year old Jersey cow with heifer calf. Gentle. Price \$40. M. P. Baze

For Sale—Mebane Cotton Seed, pure. For price apply to C. L. Louder, Stanton, Texas.

Strayed Or Stolen—From my place 15 miles north of Stanton, one bluish horse mule, 5 years old, 14 1/2 hands high branded bar Y bar on left thigh. Also one dark brown horse, 5 years old, 14 1/2 hands high. Reward of \$10 for return or information leading to their recovery.—G. W. Webb. feb22

We have a sure shot dandruff cure, guaranteed. Woody & Watson.

NOTICE—Those who are indebted to the Stanton Grocery Co. are urged to call and settle their accounts. We must close the books in order to make our income tax report. If your account is unpaid, it will prevent making this report which the government demands. Won't you kindly do your part?—R. L. Henson, Mrs. C. A. Henson.

Hogs for sale. See J. E. Henson.

For Sale—Ford coupe, new. Price is right. Cecil Hagler.

Pure bred S. C. Brown Leghorns, March and April hatch. Cockerels and pullets \$1 each. Satisfaction guaranteed. Mrs. R. B. Smith, Stanton. M1

NOTICE—I will stand my thoroughbred black Spanish dog "Stonewall Jackson," known as the Frank Willingham dog.

Stanton, the Nelson place, from this date on. Terms: \$15 with insurance. I take all responsibility of my jack, and reserve right of protection. Your patronage solicited.—John Robinson, Stanton, Texas. feb

Morgan Hall arrived Monday m Loraine and will be with J. Hall, the druggist. Morgan's many friends will be glad to see he is to be here permanently.

First class filling station—Good Gulf Gas and Lube—J. E. Henson.

E. Jones and family were visitors Saturday at the homes of Harry Jones and R. L. Crudwick who reside five miles north of Wing City. Sam reports a good crop, and says grass and weeds are green in that section.

Miss Lallene Rogers, who is teaching in the Big Spring city schools, spent last week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Rogers.

W. T. Caldwell, J. D. Chesser and R. M. Davenport are this week visiting towns in the Rio Grande Valley.

Misses Mattie Zimmerman and Etha Ray Wilkinson, teachers at Sparenburg, are at home for a few days, the school having been closed on account of an epidemic of measles.

Prof. J. W. Fletcher, a former citizen, was here last week for a visit with W. A. Cornelius and D. E. Cross. Mr. Fletcher is superintendent of the O'Donnell schools, and with an opening enrollment of 198, he reports an increase of around 200. His many friends here were glad to meet him again.

S. D. McWhorter was in Alban Tuesday night, where he had the especial privilege of visiting his son, W. D. McWhorter, a Master Mason. Mr. McWhorter is master of the Stanton Masonic lodge, is one of West Texas' brightest Masons, and his brethren throughout this section will read with pleasure the occasion of his visit to the Albany lodge.

### SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas, County of Martin. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Alias Execution issued out of the Honorable Justice Court, Precinct No. 1, of Martin county, on the 17th day of January, 1924, by Hon. Adam Konz, Justice of the Peace of Precinct 2, acting as Justice of Precinct No. 1, the Justice of Precinct No. 1 having vacated his office, and Adam Konz being the nearest Justice, for the sum of \$95.43, with interest at 10 per cent from March 5th, 1917, and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of Stanton Mercantile Company in a certain cause in said Court, No. 332 and styled Stanton Mercantile Company vs. R. B. Odom, placed in my hands for service, I, J. H. Zimmerman, Sheriff of Martin county, Texas, did on the 17th day of January, 1924, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Martin County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Lots Nos. Nine (9) and Ten (10) in Block Number Seventy (70) in the town of Stanton, Martin County, Texas.

And levied upon as the property of R. B. Odom, and that on the first Tuesday in March 1924, the same being the 4th day of said month, at the court house door of Martin county, in the town of Stanton, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. by virtue of said levy and said Alias Execution, I will sell said above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said R. B. Odom.

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 Stanton Reporter, a newspaper published in Martin county.

Witness my hand, this 17th day of January, 1924.

J. H. Zimmerman, Sheriff, Martin county, Texas.

### NOTICE IN PROBATE

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Martin county—greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week, for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year

# The Home National Bank

Appreciates your account and is always ready to extend every accommodation. Make this bank your bank.

Member Federal Reserve Banking System

in said Martin county, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas. To all persons interested in the estate of A. J. Alvis, deceased.

W. P. Alvis and Mrs. J. A. Long, wife of G. M. Long, have filed an application in the County Court of Martin county on the 13th day of February, 1924, for Probate of the Last Will and Testament of said A. J. Alvis, deceased; for Letters Testamentary to issue to them as Executor and Executrix, respectively, with prayer to the court to interpret and construe said will in accordance with the meaning of the Testator in every instance, which said application will be

heard by said court on the 3rd day of March 1924, at the court house of said county, in Stanton Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and answer said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Stanton, Texas, this 13th day of February, 1924.

Jno. F. Epley, Clerk, County Court, Martin county, Texas.

### BUNGALOW BAKERY

MRS. W. B. RODGERS, PROP'R.

BREAD, CAKES, PIES, COOKIES, JELLY ROLLS, ETC.

Hot Bread and Rolls Every Afternoon From 4 to 6

Coffee, Cocoa and Milk Served

TELEPHONE 58 STANTON, TEXAS

### NEW SHOE ARRIVALS

Just received a shipment of Men's, Women's and Children's Spring Shoes—the famous Peters brand—the newest and latest styles in calf, kangaroo and vic, in brown and black.

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| Ladies Shoes     | \$4.50 to \$6.00 |
| Children's Shoes | \$1.20 to \$3.00 |
| Men's Shoes      | \$4.25 to \$8.50 |

### C. L. Brandon Store

EVERYONE SHOULD TRY EATING SOME

### Commercial Steak

# 15c a lb.

## ESTES BROS.

### MOVING MARKET

## Some of the New Improved Features That Have Been Added to the New Perfection Oil Range

Cooking speed of the Giant Superflex burner equals that of the giant g-s burner. The cooking speed of the Little Giant Superflex burner equals that of the standard gas burner.

No smoke. Clean and odorless. Easier to light and to rewick. Visible flame. Automatic wick stop. Greater oil economy. Brass burners. Absolutely reliable.

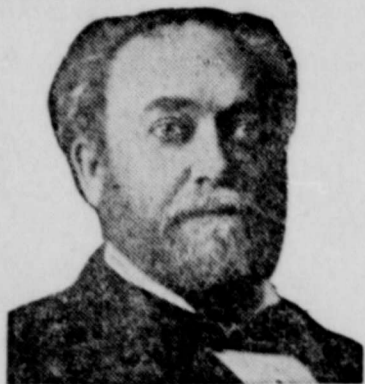
Porcelain enameled cooking top. White porcelain warming cabinet. Full width base shelf. Square grates. Legs won't scratch floor. Patented reversible glass oil reservoir.

Let us show you the New Range. It is the finest you ever saw. Others who have bought are delighted with it. See this stove today.

New Style Ranges, \$84.90 and \$125.00  
Old Style Stoves \$45.50 to \$85.00

## Stanton Hardware & Furniture Company

J. H. BURNAM, Mgr.



CHARACTER TELLS THE STORY!

People throughout this country are giving more thought to hygiene and to the purity of remedies on the market...

Advertisement for 'NR To-Night' medicine, featuring an illustration of a person and the product box.

If you work hard for your money, why fool it away?

Diminished vitality, nervousness, etc.

Girls and boys, too, who are subject to disfiguring skin blemishes...

The worst fault it leads to is using just anything which promises them relief from their condition...

Black and White Ointment is economically priced, in liberal size packages...

To win a man's regard is impossible if that man's bump of selfishness is large.

DEMAND "BAYER" ASPIRIN. Take Tablets Without Fear if You See the Safety "Bayer Cross."

Warning! Unless you see the name "Bayer" on package or on tablets you are not getting the genuine Bayer Aspirin...

Strong Number. Latest Song Hit—Chemistry Blues.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine will do what we claim for it—rid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh.

Sold by druggists for over 40 years. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio

DON'T TRY THE DO THIS WATCH TEST

Advertisement for 'Leonard Ear Oil' featuring an illustration of a person's head and the product bottle.

AIRSHIP PERSONNEL ORDERED CHANGED

Entire Officers' Staff of Giant Blimp and Air Station is Affected

Washington.—Air orders to officers involved in the wholesale transfer of commissioned personnel at the Lakehurst, N. J. naval air station...

Commander McCrory was ordered to line duty as commanding officer of the submarine tender Canopus...

The orders further instructed Commander E. B. Weyerbacher, engineer officer of the Shenandoah...

Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of the bureau of naval aeronautics, on whose recommendations Secretary Denby acted in approving the orders...

Other officials at the Navy Department make no attempt to conceal the fact that friction among the officers at Lakehurst...

Admiral Moffett characterized reports that the enlisted personnel of the Shenandoah expressed an unwillingness to make the polar flight...

CABINET WILL REMAIN INTACT SAYS WEEKS

Intimates President Not to Conform to Senate Desire to Oust Denby.

Washington.—Secretary Weeks, after a luncheon conference with President Coolidge, during which they discussed the Robinson resolution...

"So far as I know the Cabinet will remain intact."

"Adoption by the Senate of the Robinson resignation bill, in my opinion, effect no change in the situation," Mr. Weeks said.

Three Sportsmen Killed by Train. Glenn Cliff, New Hampshire.—A special train on the Boston and Maine Railroad bearing Henry Ford...

School Bond Issue Carries. Cooper, Texas.—The election on the \$8,000 bond issue for a new high school building...

Sinclair Confers With Stinnes. Paris.—Harry Sinclair, oil magnate is scheduled to sail for the United States Tuesday...

Seventeen Drown at Sea. London.—Seventeen of the crew including the captain, have been drowned in the wreck of the British ship Mora...

Orphans to Tour State for Funds. Waco, Texas.—Money for the erection of one of the fireproof cottages at the Methodist Orphan's Home...

Camps for Training Women. Washington.—To prepare Republican women for work in the campaign next fall "political Plattsburgs"...

FEDERAL TAX BILL WILL BE UP SOON

A Maximum Surtax Rate Between 25 and 40 Per Cent Would Be Agreeable.

Washington.—The revenue bill providing for complete revision of Federal taxes and for a 25 per cent reduction in 1923 personal taxes...

Leaders predict the measure will be before the House at least two weeks and possibly four. An indication of the fight which will be made on the bill...

There will be three reports from the Republican members and one signed by the eleven Democrats of the committee...

The Democratic report will demand lower tax rates and higher tax rates than carried by the bill and additional exemptions.

Republicans, through Representative Longworth, the floor leader, have admitted the Mellon surtax rate are doomed. Mr. Longworth conveyed this message to President Coolidge...

THE HIDDEN CAPITAL BOARD IS RESTING

Experts Committee Seeking German Assets Return to Paris Temporarily.

Paris.—Most of the members of the second expert committee, which has been in Berlin endeavoring to ascertain the whereabouts of German "hidden" capital and methods to secure its return...

The committee, which is headed by Reginald McKenna, former secretary of the British exchequer, will spend the coming week digesting numerous written answers from German officials to questions covering its field of inquiry.

The unanimous adoption by the first committee of experts now in Berlin, of the plan of the creation of a gold bank, has been well received by the French newspapers...

OFFICER SHOT SIX TIMES

St. Louis.—The body of William H. Anderson, 54 years old, patrolman, was found here lying in a pool of blood, pierced by six bullets in the neck and body...

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RENTS OVER NATION SHOW INCREASES

New York Emergency Rent Laws React Only Slightly to Advantage of Tenants.

New York.—Rents for low and medium-priced houses and apartments throughout the United States now average approximately 80 per cent higher than before the World War...

The board's estimates, the result of a survey made in connection with its investigation of living costs, are based on reports from 181 cities, including most of the municipalities having a population of 50,000 or more...

Tenants of Springfield, Mass., benefited to the extent of a small cut, but in Boston, Buffalo, Jersey City, Newark, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Washington there was slight increase.

In Flint, Mich., Oklahoma City, Toledo, and Waterloo, Iowa, the average increase was between 11 and 29 per cent; in Omaha between 21 and 30 per cent; in Clinton, Iowa, and Danville, Ill., between 31 and 40 per cent.

Two-fifths of the decreases for the four-month period were in Southern cities, the board's survey revealed. Rents increased in Birmingham, Memphis and San Antonio, but declined in Atlanta, Fort Worth and New Orleans.

Among the larger cities of the Pacific States there were small increases, in Portland, Ore., San Francisco and Seattle. The board's statement said that New York's emergency rent laws which expire next Friday, but which are expected to be renewed for two years, have "reacted only slightly to the advantage of tenants in this State."

Although the largest rent increases reported within the closing quarter of 1922 were in Middle Western cities, the highest percentage increase in the survey was 19 per cent or less.

WILSON'S CHURCH PAYS HIM HIGH TRIBUTE

"A Great Man Has Fallen" is Subject of Sermon by Taylor.

Washington.—Tribute was paid Sunday to the memory of Woodrow Wilson in the Presbyterian Church here, where he had worshipped in his vigorous days. President and Mrs. Coolidge, and many high government officials were present to hear the Rev. Dr. James H. Taylor, deliver his sermon: "A Great Man Has Fallen" and to listen to those hymns the dead President loved.

Intimate glimpses into the life of the war President were given by Dr. Taylor.

"He has paid the price of greatness by his devotion and loyalty to the vision of peace," he said, "but this great sacrifice will not be in vain. The generations that are to come will rise up and call him blessed."

"We can say of him in all due reverence that God sent a man into the world; a man of great spirit and purpose; a man of great intellectual power and moral idealism; a man who was a seer and a prophet of peace; to be a leader of his people and a friend of the world, whose name is Woodrow Wilson."

Bolivian Police Seize Revolvers. Buenos Aires.—The Bolivian police, have discovered a revolutionary conspiracy and arrested the instigators. The revolution was set to begin in the early days of February, with the assassination of the Bolivian president, Bautista Saavedra, and other officials.

Editors to Witness Maneuvers. Charleston, S. C.—Editors and publishers from all sections of the United States have departed aboard the transport Henderson from Charleston for the Caribbean Sea to witness the Atlantic fleet winter maneuvers. The newspaper contingent are guests of Secretary of the Navy Denby, who was unable to accompany them on the voyage because of the Teapot Dome investigation now in progress. His place is being taken by Rear Admiral Scofield.

NERVOUS & HALF-SICK WOMEN

Relieved by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

These Three Letters Prove It

Lowell, Mass.—"I am sending you a few lines to let you know what good your medicine has done for me. I want you to let every one know that it has helped me in nervous troubles. I have four children and you know there is a lot to do where children are. They would come in from school and they would start telling me about their little troubles but I could not stand it. I had to send them away. I could not even walk on the street alone I was so nervous. I found one of your books and read it and then I saw in the paper about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I got it and had taken one bottle when I saw a change in myself. I was surprised. The children can talk all they want to now and it does not bother me. I am still taking the Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. JOSEPH LEMERE, 34 South Street, Lowell, Mass.

most no time. I had hardly been able to do my own work and after taking the Vegetable Compound I felt like a new woman. I recommend it to my friends who have troubles like I did, and hope they will find the same relief."—Mrs. M. CARPENTER, 607 W. Chase Street, Springfield, Missouri.

40 Years Old, Feels Like 20. Hagerstown, Md.—"I was very bad off with backache, a bearing-down feeling in my body and a pain in my left side. I could not be on my feet at times and once I was so bad I walked bent over to one side for three weeks. My sister read of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and got me a bottle. I got so much relief that I took more until I was well. I am 40 years old and feel like 20. I am sure this medicine will help all women."—Mrs. MARY E. SANDY, 436 W. Franklin Street, Hagerstown, Md.

Felt Like A New Woman. Springfield, Missouri.—"For four or five months I was run-down, nervous, my back ached and I did not feel like doing a thing. Sometimes my legs ached and felt like they would break and I had a hurting in my sides. I had been reading in the newspapers the letters of other women who had taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and the advertising of it appealed to me so I bought some and saw results in a-

Over 100,000 women have so far replied to our question. "Have you received benefit from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound?" 98 per cent of these replies are "Yes." That means that 98 out of every 100 women who take this medicine for the ailments for which it is recommended are benefited by it. All druggists are having increased sales of this medicine.

Advertisement for 'Disordered Stomach' featuring 'Carter's Little Liver Pills' and an illustration of a person.

Exposure. Doctor—How did your husband take pneumonia? Dovey Dawson—Doctah, he bought himself a diamond shirt stud!—Montreal Gazette.

Largest Oil Carrier. British builders have completed what is claimed to be the largest oil carrying steamship in the world, being equipped with pumps that can load or unload 1,200 tons of oil hourly.

Children Cry for

Advertisement for 'Fletcher's Castoria' featuring an illustration of a baby and the product box.

Laxatives do not overcome constipation

LAXATIVES and cathartics provide temporary relief only, at the expense of permanent injury. In time, says an eminent physician, an almost incalculable amount of harm is done by the use of pills, salts, mineral waters, castor oil and the like.

Medical science, through knowledge of the intestinal tract gained by X-ray observation, has found at last in lubrication a means of overcoming constipation. The gentle lubricant, Nujol, penetrates and softens the hard food waste and thus hastens its passage through and out of the body. Thus Nujol brings internal cleanliness.

Not a Medicine. Nujol is used in leading hospitals and is prescribed by physicians throughout the world. Nujol is not a medicine or laxative and cannot gripe. Like pure water it is harmless.

Get rid of constipation and avoid disease by adopting the habit of internal cleanliness. Take Nujol as regularly as you brush your teeth or wash your face. For sale by all druggists.

Advertisement for 'Nujol' featuring an illustration of the product bottle and the text 'For Internal Cleanliness'.

# WRIGLEYS

After Every Meal  
It's the longest-lasting confection you can buy—and it's a help to digestion and a cleanser for the mouth and teeth.



**Cuticura Talcum is Fragrant and Very Healthful**  
Soap 25c, Ointment 25 and 50c, Talcum 25c.

**ITCH!**  
Money back without question if HUNT'S SALVE fails in the treatment of ITCH, ECZEMA, RINGWORM, FETTER or other itching skin diseases. Price 25c at drug stores, or direct from A. S. Roberts Medicine Co., Sherman, Va.

Estimate carefully how little happiness you can get along on and you are likely to have more.  
A simple, old-fashioned medicine, as good today as in 1837, is compounded in Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills. They regulate the stomach, liver and bowels. Adv.

If one has a temperament, one should make sure he has genius to go with it.

The housewife smiles with satisfaction as she looks at the basket of clear, white clothes and thanks Red Cross Ball Blue. At all grocers.—Advertisement.

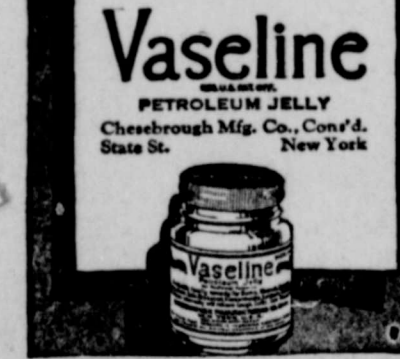
A funny story gets more applause than sensible talk.

## Sure Relief FOR INDIGESTION



**BELL-ANS**  
25¢ AND 75¢ PACKAGES EVERYWHERE

**Always**  
A safe and soothing remedy for cuts, burns, or skin troubles. Protects, relieves and heals. Take internally for coughs and sore throats.



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**WINTERSMITH'S CHILL TONIC**  
It is a Reliable General Invigorating Tonic

# COLDS

"Pape's Cold Compound" Breaks a Cold Right Up

Take two tablets every three hours until three doses are taken. The first dose always gives relief. The second and third doses completely break up the cold. Pleasant and safe to take. Contains no quinine or opiates. Millions use "Pape's Cold Compound." Price thirty-five cents. Druggists guarantee it!

W. N. U., DALLAS, NO. 7-1924.

## MOTHER!

Child's Best Laxative is "California Fig Syrup"



Hurry Mother! A teaspoonful of "California Fig Syrup" now will thoroughly clean the little bowels and in a few hours you have a well, playful child again. Even if cross, feverish, bilious, constipated or full of cold, children love its pleasant taste. Tell your druggist you want only the genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother, you must say "California." Refuse any imitation.

A baby's first attempt to walk is a trial balance.

## GIRLS! A GLEAMY MASS OF BEAUTIFUL HAIR

55-Cent "Danderine" So Improves Lifeless, Neglected Hair.

An abundance of luxuriant hair full of gloss, gleams and life shortly follows a genuine toning up of neglected scalps with dependable "Danderine."

Falling hair, itching scalp and the dandruff is corrected immediately. Thin, dry, wispy or fading hair is quickly invigorated, taking on new strength, color and youthful beauty. "Danderine" is delightful on the hair; a refreshing, stimulating tonic—not sticky or greasy! Any drug store.—Advertisement.

If a man is brought up right his prejudices will be as worthy as his good principles.

**Cuticura for Sore Hands.**  
Soak hands on retiring in the hot water of Cuticura Soap, dry and rub in Cuticura Ointment. Remove surplus Ointment with tissue paper. This is only one of the things Cuticura will do for all toilet purposes.—Advertisement.

A megalomaniac, properly coached, can be persuaded to do a great deal of disagreeable work.

## "DANDELION BUTTER COLOR"

A harmless vegetable butter color used by millions for 50 years. Drug stores and general stores sell bottles of "Dandelion" for 35 cents.—Adv.

In a war, both nations suffer; though the winner pays for the loss more cheerfully than the loser.

Snowy linens are the pride of every housewife. Keep them in that condition by using Red Cross Ball Blue in your laundry. At all grocers.—Advertisement.

## Isn't It Awful?

After life's first thirty years so much of the moonlight has to be allowed to go to waste. It's awful.

Keep Well! Avoid Sickness. Take Brandreth Pills. One or two at bed time will cleanse the system, purify the blood and keep you well.—Adv.

## Up Against It

Customer—Oh, dear! There's three things I always forget when ordering, and I forget what the third one is.

# Itching PILES

PAZO OINTMENT instantly Relieves ITCHING PILES and you can get restful sleep after the first application.

All druggists are authorized to refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of ITCHING, BLIND, BLEEDING or PROTRUDING PILES. Cures ordinary cases in 6 days, the worst cases in 14 days. 60c.

21 an Hour to Man or Woman to Distribute

McNess line of quality extracts, spices, pharmaceutical remedies, toilet articles, stock and poultry tonics, etc. Write for free samples. First & Thomas, Dept. 2A, Freeport, Ill.

**SWEATING FEET**—Talkalo, guaranteed to deodorize and stop sweating of feet. Postpaid \$1. Send order today. Free literature. Talkalo Co., 235 W. 57th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

**DON'T NEGLECT**  
Inflamed eyelids or other eye irritations. You will find a soothing and safe remedy in MITCHELL EYE SALVE.  
25¢  
HALL & BUCKELL at all New York City druggists

## A PLAN WHEREBY GERMANY CAN PAY

PROPOSAL EVOLVED BY BODY OF FOREIGN EXPERTS IN EUROPE.

## THINK GERMANY TO ACCEPT

Establishment of Sound German Currency and Unity of the Reich Urged.

Berlin.—A scheme whereby Germany can pay reparations—and will pay them—has been evolved by the committee of foreign finance experts. From authoritative sources, it is understood that the experts, who have been here investigating German finances, have created machinery, which, if it can be adapted to the domestic political considerations of Premier Poincare, will provide a satisfactory basis for reparations payments.

It is indicated that the Germans will accept the plan. A great deal depends, of course, on how France receives the proposals.

In the meantime, it is stated that the scheme provides a system whereby Poincare can readily surrender his present "bird-in-the-hand" namely, the Ruhr and Rhineland securities, for a new arrangement which would assure reimbursement from Germany.

The plan is based on establishment of a sound German currency and the economic unity of the Reich, which means German economic control of the Ruhr and Rhineland.

Under this idea, the maximum of reparations to be determined by the extent to which the world absorbs German products. Not only the American members of the committee, but also the French and Belgian members have approved it.

The experts hope that their arguments will be presented to the Reparations Commission so lucidly and convincingly that the plan will result in clearing up the reparations mess.

In the first place, the experts believe that a new gold-backed currency must be introduced, replacing the Rentenmark, which are backed land mortgages. It is estimated a total circulation approaching 600,000 marks must eventually be provided, although a small, perhaps 3,000,000,000 marks, suffice temporarily.

This currency must be backed about 50 per cent gold, or an equivalent.

The budget must also be balanced. The experts consider that this probably not be easy, but that Germany should be able to manage it herself through adjusted taxation. If it can not be achieved in this way, however, the experts believe Germany must have outside loans. It is thought that a large part of the stock of the new bank would be subscribed in the United States.

Under the plan Germany would be free from the restrictions now hampering her production and exports. The experts believe that trade restoration is necessary if reparations are to be paid.

## U. S. SELLS RUSSIA TEXTILE SUPPLIES

Agent Returns After Purchase of Cotton in Southern States.

Moscow.—Victor P. Nugin, head of the Russian textile industry, has returned to Moscow after a two months' stay in the United States where he successfully arranged credit for the purchase of cotton, cotton seed, dyes, textile machinery and supplies.

In an interview here he reported that he was satisfied with the results of his trip, having established good relations with American business houses. He reported that the American business world strongly favors recognition of Russia by the United States.

While in New York Nugin established a company which will act as purchasing agent in America for the textile industry. Previously Russia has bought much of her cotton and textile machinery through European firms. Nugin toured the Southern States, making arrangements for the purchase of 10,000 bales of cotton which have just been shipped to Russia.

## World-Famed Scientist.

New York.—Jacques Loeb, dead at Hamilton, Bermuda, was named head of the division of general physiology of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in 1910. He recently was declared to be one of the world's ten greatest living scientists.

## Railroad is Allowed Extension.

Washington.—The Interstate Commerce Commission granted authority to the Marshall, Elysian Fields & Southern Railway to construct an extension of its line from Elysian Fields to Lorraine, a distance of about ten miles. The extension will connect with a branch of the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific at Lorraine and connecting with Vicksburg territory. A short time ago the commission gave authority for operation of the line between Marshall and Elysian Fields.

# What 40 years have taught.

On February 12, 1924, Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen celebrates its Fortieth Birthday and Forty Years of continuous leadership in prestige and sales.

The first Waterman's Ideal had a rubber barrel and every Waterman's Ideal made today has a rubber barrel.

40 years of experience has proven that rubber is the only proper material for the purpose.

80 separate operations are required to make a perfect gold point.

40 years of experience confirms that it cannot be done in less and that more are unnecessary.

To fit every individual preference in points, it requires over 1000 different styles, shapes, sizes and tempers.

40 years of experience has demanded that we make them in this wide variety.

No one can write comfortably with a barrel that is too large or too small to be a perfect fit for the hand.

40 years of experience has enabled us to produce the variety of sizes necessary to fit any hand comfortably.

Waterman dealers the world over have learned these facts also, and will gladly aid you in selecting a

# Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen

"The Daddy of Them All"



No. 0952 1/2 V \$4.00  
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Pen illustrations 1/4 actual size  
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Chronic complaining doesn't make a lot any softer.

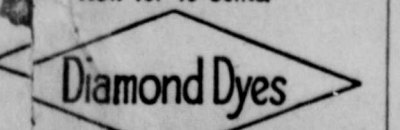
## STOMACH UPSET, GAS, ACIDITY, INDIGESTION

"Pape's Diapepsin" is the quickest, flattest relief for indigestion, gases, stomach, heartburn, sourness or few such distress caused by acidity. A stomach tablets give almost immediate relief. Correct your stomach indigestion now for a few cents. Druggists sell millions of packages of Pape's Diapepsin.—Adv.

Each delay member of congress blames its of and mistakes on the multitude of members.

## WOMEN CAN DYE ANY GARMENT, DRAPERY

Dye or Tint Worn, Faded Things New for 15 Cents.



Don't wonder whether you can dye home successfully, because perfect home dyeing is guaranteed with "Diamond Dyes" even if you have never dyed before. Druggists have all colors. Directions in each package.—Advertisement.

Being grave consistent is one of life's agonies.

## Their Finish

She—Do you think kissing is dangerous?  
He—Well, it has put an end to many bachelors.—Lemon Punch.

Only a fool will pay twice for the same experience.

## The Cue

Ann—Were you shocked when Jim gave you lingerie for a present?  
Nan—I tried to be.—New York Sun and Globe.

Some silence may be golden, but much of it is ironical.

# Demand BAYER ASPIRIN

SAY "BAYER" when you buy—Genuine

Proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians for

Colds Headache Neuralgia Lumbago  
Pain Toothache Neuritis Rheumatism

Genuine Accept only "Bayer" package which contains proven directions. Handy "Bayer" boxes of 12 tablets. Also bottles of 24 and 100—Druggists.  
Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monocrotonolactone of Salicylic Acid

# Power

That strapping big new Overland engine has everybody talking. It is all sinew and power. It sends you zooming up the steepest climbs as nimbly as you please. This is Overland Power Demonstration week. Come in—take an Overland out and prove to yourself that it is the most automobile in the world for the money. Champion \$695; Sedan \$795, f. o. b. Toledo.

**Overland**  
Touring \$495

## Build Well--

Ancient builders believed their gods scrutinized their workmanship, and so they wrought with greatest care. The pride of conscientious workmanship is age old in building well and permanently.

To build well we must provide the workman good material with which to work. The lumber we handle is good lumber--the kind a workman

We invite comparison and will cheerfully estimate the cost of any of your building needs.

## Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.

## Did You Say Meats?

If so we suggest a nice tender, home grown Porter House Steak, a T Bone or Tenderloin Steak, a nice Pot Roast, a Veal Stew or an order of Boiled or Baked Ham. The price you will find reasonable, and as we raise our live stock we know you will find our meats tender. Honest weights always to young and old.

## Did You Say Groceries?

We also suggest that our stock is fresh and embraces all of the high class brands. Whether it is Canned Goods, Coffee, Fruits or Vegetables, be sure of this one thing--the groceries you buy of us are FRESH. The price is right. Your phone orders will have prompt attention and free delivery, and your trade will be appreciated.

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## The Stanton Reporter

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Entered as second-class matter January 6, 1922, at the post office at Stanton, Texas, under the Act of March 3, 1879.

ADVERTISING RATES: Local readers seven cents per line. Display advertising rates on application.

Rowdy dancers in a public place don't get very far along in Stanton. One night last week Sheriff Zimmerman, we are told, used plain English to a young man from a neighboring town about his method of dancing at a dance here, with wholesome results. We want to compliment Mr. Zimmerman and his deputies for their watchfulness along all lines, and in this instance, we have heard many express approval of Mr. Zimmerman's action of putting a stop to that sort of dancing.

Rev. J. T. Nicholson and family moved to Hamlin last Friday, where they will reside. Bro. Nicholson has been a resident of Stanton five or six years, was pastor of the Baptist church, and was a tireless worker for the advancement of Stanton and the development of Martin county. Bro. Nicholson is one of the strongest doctrinal preachers in the Southern Baptist Convention and has an acquaintanceship that is nationwide in scope. A man of convictions, honest and conscientious, kind and charitable, a gifted expounder of the doctrines of his church, and a sterling citizen. He was our neighbor; a half century ago he was our father's neighbor. We have a tender regard for him and our best wishes go with him to his new home.

### NOTICE

I will sell some of my land 3 to 9 miles due north of Stanton. Cash payment to suit purchaser.

8 years time on balance. First house north of court house. I have no agent. Respectfully, Mrs. Mollie Robertson, Stanton.

B. F. McCullough announces this week as a candidate for reelection to the office of Public Weigher. He is serving his first term, and with the experience of the past, he feels that he will be better qualified to serve the public in this capacity. He has served faithfully, and has kept the yard open after dark for the convenience of those needing his services. Mr. McCullough asks for and will appreciate your vote. If elected, he promises efficient service throughout his term.

Rev. O. S. Melver and family leave this week for Gail, where Bro. Melver has been assigned the pastorate of the Methodist church. Bro. Melver has many warm friends in our county who will wish for him and his estimable family all prosperity in their new Borden county home. Bro. Melver will continue his real estate business here. His partner, Mr. Starling, will be in charge.

Dr. C. H. Tigner, dentist, will be in Stanton, Feb. 23rd. Those needing dental work should see him on this date.

For five hours Sunday afternoon and night, a slow rain fell in this vicinity. We still maintain that this is to be a bumper crop year.

B. F. Smith last Saturday sold to B. F. Petty of Big Spring, the frame building and lot across the street from the Standard Garage. Consideration private.

Our good friend, J. L. Warf has our thanks for a fine mess of greens last Saturday. We like greens--yessiree! Mess of greens cooked with hog jowl can not be surpassed. And our good ole Georgia friend is of the same opinion.

### Furs Wanted

Will pay the highest prices for furs. W. F. Walker, Stanton.

## For Sale

New 100 acre tracts of land for quick sale. \$1.00 per acre down if you go on land, long terms on balance.

Address  
Martin County  
Development Co.  
Stanton, Texas

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## Farms, Ranches and City Property

Can fit you up with any size tract of land in Martin county. Small payment down, long time on balance, low interest. We have a large list. Let us show you any time.

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I will handle Coal this fall and winter. Will be glad to sell you a part of your winter's supply. Will save you money. Phone 104.

## JONES

## E. Moffett

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# VIOLA GWYN

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### "SHE'S GONE!"

SYNOPSIS.—Kenneth Gwynne was five years old in the spring of 1812 when his father ran away from Kentucky with Rachel Carter, a widow. They took with them Minda Carter, Rachel's baby daughter. In the fall Kenneth's mother died of a broken heart. His grandparents brought him up to hate the name of Rachel Carter, "an evil woman." Kenneth, now a young lawyer, seeks lodging for the night at the farm of Phineas Striker, near Lafayette, Ind. It appears that Kenneth's father has recently died and that he is on his way to take possession of extensive lands he has inherited. The Strikers bought their farm of Kenneth's father and a mortgage runs to his father's widow—the Rachel Carter. A beautiful nineteen-year-old girl, who says she knew his father well and refuses to give her name, is visiting the Strikers. Kenneth is much interested in her.

### CHAPTER II—Continued.

He pried open the tight little window, letting a draft of fresh air rush into the stifling attic. Then he sat on the edge of the tick for a few minutes, ruminating, his gaze fixed thoughtfully on the spluttering, imperiled candle. He said his prayers—he never forgot to say the prayer his mother had taught him—blew out the candle, pulled the blankets up to his chin, and was soon fast asleep.

He did not know what time it was when he was aroused by the barking of Striker's dogs, loud, furious barking and ugly growls, signifying the presence in the immediate neighborhood of a house of some intruder, man or beast. Shaking off the sleep that held him, he crept to the window and looked out. The moon was gone and the stars had almost faded from the inky black dome.

Suddenly his gaze fell upon a light moving among the trees a distance from the cabin. As he watched he heard some one stirring in the room below. Then the cabin door creaked on its rusty hinges and almost immediately a jumble of subdued horse voices came up to him. He felt for his pistols and realized with something of a shock that he had left them in the kitchen with Zachariah.

The dogs, admonished by a sharp word or two, ceased their barking. This reassured him, for they would obey no one except Phineas Striker. Whoever was at the cabin door, there was no longer any question in his mind as to the peaceful nature of the visit. He crept over to the trapdoor and cautiously attempted to lift it an inch or so, the better to hear what was going on, but try as he would he could not budge the covering. The murmur of voices went on for a few minutes longer, and then he heard the soft, light pad of feet on the floor below; sibilant, penetrating whispers; a suppressed feminine ejaculation followed by the low laugh of a man, a laugh that might well have been described as a chuckle.

For a long time he lay there listening to the confused sound of whispers, the stealthy shuffling of feet, the quiet opening and closing of a door, and then there was silence.

Several minutes passed. He stole back to the window. The light in the forest had vanished. Just as he was on the point of crawling into bed again, another sound struck his ear: the unmistakable rattle of wagon wheels on their axles, the straining of harness, the rasp of tug chains—quite near at hand. Presently the front door of the cabin squealed on its hinges, the latch snapped and the bolt fell carefully into place.

He could not go to sleep again. His brain was awake and active, filled with unanswered questions, beset by endless speculation. The first faint sign of dawn, creeping through the window, found him watching eagerly, impatiently for its appearance.

The square little aperture was clearly defined against the gray sky before he distinguished signs of activity in the room below. Striker was up and moving about.

Kenneth, despite his longing for this very hour to come, now perversely wished to sleep. A belated but beneficent drowsiness seized him. He was only half-conscious of the noise that attended the lifting of the trapdoor.

"Wake up! Time to get up," a distant voice was calling, and he suddenly opened his eyes very wide and found himself staring at a shaggy, unkempt head sticking up out of the door.

"That you, Striker?" he mumbled. "Yep—it's me. Time to get up. Five o'clock. Sleep well?"

"Passably. I was awakened some time in the night by your visitors."

out Striker and Zachariah moving about the barnlot. A rough but clean towel was across the board wall of the well. A fresh bucket of water stood on the shelf inside, its chain hanging limply from the towering end of the "histing pole."

They ate breakfast by candle light, Striker and Eliza and Kenneth. There was no sign of the beautiful and exasperating girl. Phineas was strangely glum and preoccupied, his wife too busy with her flapjacks to take even the slightest interest in the desultory conversation.

"A little too early for my fellow-guest to be up and about, I see," ventured Kenneth at last, taking the hull by the horns. His curiosity had to be satisfied.

Striker did not look up from his plate. "She's gone. She ain't here."

"Gone?"

"Yep. Left jist a little while 'fore sun-up."

"Her ma sent for her," volunteered Eliza.

"Sent for her to come in a hurry," added Striker, trying to be casual.

"Then it was she who went away in the wagon last night," said the young man, a note of disappointment in his voice. "I trust her mother is not ill."

"No tellin'," was Striker's non-committal response.

It was quite apparent to Kenneth that they did not wish to discuss the matter. He waited a few moments before remarking:

"I saw a light moving through the woods above here—a lantern. I took it to be—just after I was awakened by the barking of the dogs. I thought at first it was that which set the dogs off on a rampage."

Striker was looking at him intently under his bushy eyebrows, his knife poised halfway to his lips.

"Hunters, I reckon, gon' down stream for wild duck and geese this mornin'. There's a heap 'o' ducks an' geese passin' over—"

"See here, Phineas," broke in his wife suddenly, "what's the sense of sayin' that? You know it wasn't ducks hunters. Nobody's out shootin' ducks with the river as high as it is down this way, an' Mr. Gwynne knows it, if he's got half as much sense as I think he has."

"When I heard people out in front of the cabin shortly afterward, I naturally concluded that the lantern belonged to them," remarked the young man.

"Well, it didn't," said Striker, laying down his knife. "I guess it won't hurt you to know now somethin' that will be of considerable interest to you later on. I ain't betrayin' nobody's secret, 'cause I said I was gon' to tell you the whole story."

"Don't you think you'd better let it come from somebody else, Phin?" interposed his wife nervously.

"No, I don't, Eliza. 'Cause why? 'Cause I think he'd ort to know. Maybe he'll be able to put a stop to her foolishness. We didn't know until long after you went to bed that her real reason for comin' here yesterday was to run off an' get married to Barry Lapelle. She didn't tell you no lies about her clothes an' all that 'cause her ma had put her foot down on her takin' off black. They had it all planned out beforehand, her an' this Lapelle. He was to come for her some time before daybreak with a couple of hosses an' they was to be off before the sun was up, on their way to Attica where they was to be married, an' then go on down the river to his home in Terry Hut. Me an' Eliza set up all night in that bedroom, tryin' to coax her out of it. I don't like this Lapelle feller. He's a handsome cuss, but he's as wild as all get out—drinks, gambles, an' all setch. Well, to make a long story short, her ma must have found out about their plans, 'cause she come here herself with two of her hired men an' old Cap'n Scott, a friend of the family, an' took her daughter right out from under Barry's nose. It was them you heard down here last night. I will say this for the girl, she kinder made up her mind 'long about midnight that it was a foolish thing to do, runnin' off like this with Barry, an' like as not when the time come she'd have backed out."

"Her mother don't want her to marry Barry Lapelle. She's dead set ag'inst it. It's a mighty funny way for the girl to act, when she's so fond of her mother. All the more reason for her to stick to her mother when it's a fact that the old woman ain't got what you'd call a friend in the whole district. She's a queer sort of woman—close an' stingy as all get out, an' as hard as a hickory log. 'Course, I understand why she's so set ag'inst Barry. She's purty well off an' the girl will be rich some day."

"Shucks!" exclaimed Eliza. "Barry Lapelle's after her 'cause she's the prettiest girl him or anybody else has ever seen. He's got plenty of money himself," so they say, so why—"

en, so good lookin' an' all, an' so different from the farm boys around here. Allus got good clothes on, an' they say he has fit a couple of dubs down the river. Somehow that allus appeals to young girls."

Gwynne was decidedly upset by the revelations; a vague dream, barely begun, came to a sharp and disagreeable end.

"She actually had planned to run away with this man Lapelle?" he exclaimed, frowning. "It was all arranged?"

"So I take it," said Striker. "The fellow must be an arrant scoundrel," declared the young man angrily. "No gentleman would subject an innocent girl to such—"

"All's well that ends well, as the feller says," interrupted Striker, arising from the table. "At least for the present. She seemed sort of willin' to go home with her ma, so I guess her heart ain't everlastingly busted. I thought it was best to tell you all this, Mr. Gwynne, 'cause I got a sneakin' idee you're gon' to see a lot of that girl, an' maybe you'll turn out to be a source of help in time 'o' trouble to her."

"I fail to understand just what you mean, Striker. She is an absolute stranger to me."

"Well, we'll see what we shall see," said Striker, cryptically.

Half an hour later Kenneth and his servant mounted their horses in the barnyard and prepared to depart.

"Follow this road back to the crossin' an' turn to your left," directed Striker, "an' 'fore you know it you'll be in Lay-flat, as they call it down in Crawfordsville. Remember, you're allus most welcome here. I reckon we'll see somethin' of each other as time goes on."

He walked alongside Gwynne's stirrup as they moved down toward the road.

"Some day," said the young man, "I should like to have a long talk with you about my father. You know him well and I—by the way, your lovelorn friend knew him also."

"He was silent for half a dozen paces, looking straight ahead."

"Yes," said he, with curious deliberation. "She was sayin' as how she told you a lot about him last night—what sort of a man he was, an' all that."

"She told me nothing that—"

"Jist a moment, Mr. Gwynne," said Striker, laying his hand on the rider's knee. "Kenneth drew rein. "I guess maybe you didn't know who she was talkin' about at the time, but it was your father she was describin'. We



"We All Three Knewed Somethin' That You Didn't Know."

all three knowed somethin' that you didn't know, an' it's only fair for me to tell you the truth, now that she's out of the way. That girl was Viola Gwyn, an' she's your half-sister."

### CHAPTER III

#### Reflections and an Encounter.

The sun was barely above the eastward wall of trees when Kenneth and his man rode away from the home of Phineas Striker.

The master was in a thoughtful, troubled mood. What he had just heard from the lips of the settler disturbed him greatly. That beautiful girl his half-sister! The child of his own father and the hated Rachel Carter! Rachel Carter, the woman he had brought up to despise, the harlot who had stolen his father away, the scarlet wanton at whose door the death of his mother was laid! That evil woman, Rachel Carter!

Could she, this vilest of thieves, be the mother of so lovely, so sensitive, so perfect a creature as Viola Gwyn?

He revisualized the woman he had known in his earliest childhood. Strangely enough, the face of Rachel Carter had always remained more firmly, more indelibly impressed upon his memory than that of his own mother.

queer, unusual circumstance that he easily, reasonably accounted for. His grandfather's dogged, almost dazed forgetfulness had not for one instant. Always she was kept before his eyes by that bitter, vindictive old man who was his mother's father—over up to the day that he lay on his back. Small wonder, then, that his grandfather's face had faded from his mind while that of Rachel Carter remained clear and vivid, as he had known it now for twenty years.

"There had been little Minda—the little girl who existed vaguely as a name, nothing more. He had a dim recollection of hearing his elders say that she had been drowned when a boat turned overboard far away in the big brown river. So, as one had come to his grandfather's house with the news, he recalled hearing the talk about the accident and his grandfather lifting his head toward the sky and actually blamming God for something! He never forgot that. His grandfather had blamed

God had explained the somewhat useful scrutiny to which he had subjected the night before. All he knew, knowing him to be Viola's father, were studying his likeness with interest, seeking for a family resemblance, not alone to her father but to the girl herself.

That set him thinking. There was something far as he could determine, the not dissimilarity between him and his slight half-sister; there was absolutely nothing to indicate that their lineages were one and the same man.

Being, he now understood what the moment in declaring that he would know the truth about the frustated elopement.

Kenneth felt a new weight of responsibility as unwelcome to him as any that had been laid upon him to ascertain to be Viola; for, when all was said and done, she was her mother's daughter, and as such, doubtless rested upon him through the mother's eyes, seeing a common enemy.

Still, he was his half-sister, and whether he liked it or not, he was morally bound to stand between her and disaster. And if Striker was right, marriage with the wild Lapelle spelled disaster of the worst kind. He had

to recall, however, the unaccountable display of hostility with which she had greeted him more than once during the long mooning to realize that he was not to be called upon for either advice or protection.

He paced along, with the shrug of a philosopher. "Helch-ho! I fear me I shall be a small say as to the conduct of this newly-found relation. The only thing to bound us is gone. She is not a child of my father, whom she feared and perhaps hated, but of mine—whom she loves—so the case is clear: there is a wall between us, and I shall not attempt to surmount it. When my demotion mess it has turned out to be, I came prepared to find only the nature I have scorned and despised, and I discovered that not knowing her at all my eyes are dazzled and my heart's breaking to thumping like any silly schoolboy's. Aye, 'tis a very sorry pass, where it is not so demned upsetting, it would be amusing. Fate never played a wilder prank. What, ho, Zachariah! Where are we now? Whose farm 'that upon the ridge'?"

Zachariah, urging his horse forward, consulted his memory. Striker had mentioned the farms they were to pass en route, and the features by which they were to be identified.

"Well, Marse Kenneth, ef hit ain't de Sherr place hit shorely ain't de Sherr place, an' ef hit ain't nether one o' dem hit mus' belong to Marse Dimple. 'Is you gwine to stop dere, Marse Kenneth?"

"No, I shall ride out from town some day soon to look the place over," said he master, with a hardonable tolling of mien, becoming to a landed gentleman. "Our affairs at present lie in the town, for there is much to be settled before I take charge. Striker tells me the man who is farming the place is an able, honest fellow. I shall disturb him. From what he says of property is more desirable in every way than the land that fell off to our lord, it seems, and reaches almost to the Stromlands of the river. We, Zachariah, are out here in the fertile prairie land. Our west line extends along the full length of her property. So, you see, the only thing that separates the two farms is an imaginary line no wider than your little finger, drawn by a surveyor and established by law."

They passed log cabins and here and there pretentious frame houses standing back from the road in the shelter of oak and locust groves. Their passing was watched by curious women and children in dooryards and porches, while from the fields men waved greetings and farewell with the single sweep of a hat. On every barn door the pelts of foxes and raccoons were stretched and dried.

Presently they drew near to a lane reaching off to the west, and apparently ending in a wooded knoll, a quarter of a mile away.

"That's it," said Kenneth, with a wave

of his hand. "Is where I shall some day erect a mansion, Zachariah, that will be the wonder and the envy of all the people in the country. For unless I am mistaken, that is the grove of oaks that Striker mentioned. Behold, Zachariah, all that is mine. Four hundred acres of as fine farm land as there is in all the world, and timber unparalleled. Yes, I am right. There is the house that Striker described, the place where my father lived when he first came to the Wea. Egad, 'tis not a regal palace, is it, Zachariah? The most imposing thing about it is the chimney."

They were gazing at a cabin that squatted meekly over against the wall of oaks. It was, in truth, the most primitive and insignificant house they had seen that day.

"He was one of the first to build in this virgin waste," mused the young man aloud. "Rough and parlous were the days when he came to this land, Zachariah. There was no town of Lafayette, no neighbors save the rude, uncultured trappers. Now see how the times have changed. And, mark my guess, Zachariah, there will be still greater changes before we are laid away. There will be cities and—Ha! Look, Zachariah, to the right of the grove. It is all as Striker said. There is the other house—two miles or more to the westward. That is her house."

He drew rein and gazed at the distant house. His face clouded, his jaw was set, and his eyes were hard.

"Yes, that would be Rachel Carter's house," he continued, harshly. "Her land and my land lying side by side, with only a fence between. Her grain and my grain growing out of the same soil. What an unholy trick for fate to play. Perhaps she is over there, even now. She and Viola. It is not likely that they would have started for town at an earlier hour than this. And to think of the damnable situation I shall find in town."

And so they rode again, at times breaking into a smart canter where the road was solid, but for the most part proceeding with irksome slowness through the evil slough. Ahead lay the dense wood they were to traverse before coming to the town.

Suddenly Zachariah called his master's attention to a horseman who rode swiftly, even recklessly, across the fields to their left and well ahead of them. They watched the rider with interest, struck by the furious pace he was holding, regardless of consequences either to himself or his steed.

"Mus' be somebody pow'ful sick, Marse Kenneth, fo' dat man to be ridin' so fast," remarked Zachariah.

"Going for a doctor, I sup—Begad, he must have come from Rachel Carter's farm! There is no other house in sight over in that direction. I wonder if—"

He did not complete the sentence, but frowned anxiously as he looked over his shoulder at the distant house.

Judging by the manner and the direction in which he was galloping, the rider would reach the main road a quarter of a mile ahead of them, about at the point where it entered the wood. Kenneth now made out an unfenced wagon road through the field, evidently a short cut from Rachel Carter's farm to the highway. He permitted himself a faint, sardonic smile. This, then, was to be her means of reaching the highway rather than to use the lane that ran past his house and, no doubt, crossed a section of his farm.

Sure enough, the horseman turned into the road some distance ahead of them and rode straight for the forest. Then, for the first time, Gwynne observed a second rider, motionless at the roadside, and in the shadow of the towering, leafless trees that marked the portal through which they must enter the forest. The flying horseman slowed down as he neared this solitary figure, coming to a standstill when he reached his side. A moment later, both riders were cantering toward the wood, apparently in excited, earnest conversation. A few rods farther on, both turned to look over their shoulders at the slow-moving travelers. Then they stopped, wheeled about and stood still, awaiting their approach.

Kenneth experienced a poignant thrill of apprehension. What was he to expect: a friendly or a sanguinary encounter? He slipped his right hand into the saddle pocket and drew forth a pistol which he shoved hastily into his waistcoat, covering the stock with the folds of his cape.

"Keep a little way behind me," he said to his servant, a trace of excitement in his voice.

"Yes, suh," said Zachariah, with more alacrity than valor, the whites of his eyes betraying something more than a readiness to obey this conservative order. It was a foregone conclusion that Zachariah would turn tail and flee the instant there was a sign of danger.

When not more than fifty yards separated the two parties, one of the men, with a word and an imperative jerk of the head to his companion, advanced slowly to meet Kenneth. This man was the one who had waited for the other at the edge of the wood.

Gwynne beheld a tall, strongly-built young man, who rode his horse with the matchless grace of an Indian. Although his companion was roughly dressed and wore a coonskin cap, this man was unmistakably a dandy. His high beaver hat observed a jaunty, rakish tilt; his brass-buttoned coat was the color of wine and of the latest fashion, while his snug-fitting pantaloons were the shade of the mouse. There were silver spurs on his stout riding boots, and the wide cuffs of his gauntlets were embroidered in silver.

He was a handsome fellow of the type described as dashing. Dark, gleaming eyes peered out beneath thick, black eyebrows, which met in an unbroken line above his nose. Set in a face of unusual pallor, they were no doubt rendered superlatively brilliant by contrast. His skin was sinuarily

white above the bluish, freckly-shaven cheeks and chin. His hair was black and long and curling. The thin lips, set and unsmiling, were nevertheless drawn up slightly at one corner of the mouth in what appeared to be a permanent stamp of superiority and disdain, or even contempt. Altogether, a most striking face, thought Gwynne, and the man himself a person of importance.

"Good morning," said this lordly gentleman, bringing his horse to a standstill and raising his "gad" to the brim of his hat in a graceful salute.

Gwynne drew rein alongside. He had observed in a swift glance that the stranger was apparently unarmed, except for the short, leather gad.

"Good morning," he returned. "I am on the right road to Lafayette, I take it?"

"You are," said the other. "From Crawfordsville way?"

"Yes. I left that place yesterday. I come from afar, however. This is a strange country to me."

"It is strange to most of us. Unless I am mistaken, sir, you are Mr. Kenneth Gwynne."

The other smiled. "My approach appears to be fairly well heralded. Were



"I Am on the Right Road to Lafayette, I Take It!"

"I am a vain person I should feel highly complimented."

"Then you are Kenneth Gwynne?" said the stranger, rather curtly.

"Yes. That is my name."

"Permit me to make myself known to you. My name is Lapelle—Barry Lapelle. While mine no doubt is unfamiliar to you, yours is well known to me. In fact, it is known to every one in these parts. You have long been expected. You will find the town anxiously awaiting your appearance. I am on my way to town, Mr. Gwynne, so if you do not mind, I shall give myself the pleasure of riding along with you for a short distance. I shall have to leave you soon, however, as I am due in the town by ten o'clock. You are too heavily laden, I see, to travel at top speed—and that is the way I am obliged to ride, curse the luck. When I have set you straight at the branch of the roads a little way ahead, I shall use the spurs—and see you later on."

"You are very kind. I will be pleased to have you jog along with me."

### CHAPTER IV

#### Barry Lapelle.

So this was Barry Lapelle. This was the wild rake who might yet become his brother-in-law, and whose spirited enterprise had been frustrated by a woman who had, herself, stolen away in the dark of a far-off night.

As they rode slowly along, side by side, into the thicket of the forest, Kenneth found himself studying the lover's face. He looked for signs of the reckless, dissipated life he was supposed to have led—and found them not. Lapelle's eyes were bright and clear, his skin unblemished, his hand steady, his inflexible smile distinctly engaging. The slight, disdainful twist never left the corner of his mouth, however. It lurked there as a constant reminder to all the world that he, Barry Lapelle, was a devil of a fellow and was proud of it. While he was affable, there was no disguising the fact that he was also condescending. Unquestionably he was arrogant, domineering, even pompous at times, absolutely sure of himself.

A lordly fellow, decided Kenneth, and forthwith took a definite dislike for him. Nevertheless, it was not difficult to account for Viola's interest in him; nor, to a certain extent, the folly which led her to undertake the exploit of the night before. Barry Lapelle would have his way with women.

"You come from Kentucky, Mr. Gwynne," Lapelle was saying. "I am from Louisiana. My father came up to St. Louis a few years ago after establishing a line of steamboats between Terre Haute and the gulf. Two of our company's boats come as far north as Lafayette, so I spend considerable of my time there at this season of the year. I understand you have spent several years in the East, at college and in pursuit of your study of the law."

"A tall woman in black appeared in the doorway."

TO BE CONTINUED  
GILLES SELVIN ARRIVES TO VISIT VIOLA  
LESS TRACKED BY CONJURED SPIRITS.

## Smart Styles in Spring Footwear

We're now showing a very attractive selection of the newest styles in Footwear for spring; styles are different and you'll like the new shades of grey and beige that are so popular. We describe a few of the many styles:

**THE EUNICE**—A smart two-strap dress slipper with turn soles and Spanish heels. Shown in jack rabbit grey suede with grey kid trimming at \$11.50 pair, and in black satin with black suede trimming at \$10 pair.

**THE GRECIAN**—A new box heel slipper in a one strap, cut out pattern. In beige nubuck with tan calf trimming and black satin with black suede trimming. Both styles priced \$10 pair.

**THE PEKIN**—This is one of the season's newest styles; it's tongueless, lace slipper in cut out pattern. Has turn soles and covered box heels. Shown in jack rabbit grey suede with kid trimming to match and in Airedale (a new beige shade) suede with golden brown kid trimming. Both styles priced \$11 pair.

**THE BERWIN**—High grade black glazed kid one strap slipper in an attractive cut out pattern. Turn soles and modified Spanish heels. Priced \$10 pair.

**THE LOTUS**—A new one strap sandal of beige nubuck with fieldmouse kid trimming; low rubber capped heels. Priced \$7.50 pair.

**THE DART**—Another new sandal; its of fine black patent with grey binding. Low rubber capped heels and turn soles. Priced \$6 pair.

There are quite a few other styles in both slippers and oxfords and sandals in all the newest styles and colors.

### In Our Ready-to-Wear Department

You will find a wonderful collection of smart new styles in Frocks, Afternoon Gowns, Suits, Sport Suits, Wraps and Capes. We'd like to have the pleasure of showing you these new things before you select your spring costume.

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### POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rates: County offices, \$15.  
Precinct offices, \$7.50

The Reporter is authorized to announce the following as candidates, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in June:

For Tax Assessor  
K. J. (KENO) DAVIS  
For Sheriff and Tax Collector  
J. H. ZIMMERMAN  
For Clerk  
JNO. F. EPLEY  
For County Judge  
JOHN ATCHISON  
For Public Weigher  
B. F. MCCULLOUGH

Bring me your eggs. Top price J. E. Henson.

Rev. H. C. Slaughter and family were the guests of Dr. B. Bristow and family Sunday at a sumptuous turkey dinner.

Come and buy your gas oils from me, where service counts. Free air and water a man to wait on you while talk to your friends. J. Henson.

Wanted—To plow your spr garden. M. P. Baze.

Secretary of the Navy Department has given to President Coolidge his resignation, effective March 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Woodward of Santa Anna, Mr. and Mrs. C. Woodward and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Woodward of Lamesa were the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Morrow, and Mrs. J. E. Millhollon.

In the sale of tickets for the Lucey entertainment last night, the 5th grade pupil, Miss Kirk and the 6th grade, Miss Miss Eikin, put on a contest. The teams tied, selling \$44.25 worth of tickets. A \$50 guarantee was given the lecturer, and \$38.50 was raised for the School Improvement Fund.

A small building has been erected north of Red's barber shop by J. D. Lavender.

THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Clerk of Martin county, Texas:

You are hereby commanded to summon Wm. Brown, and the unknown persons who became owners of Lot No. 29, in the Block No. 29, in the town of Stanton, formerly Marienfeld, in Martin county, Texas, through deed by P. A. Peters to Wm. Brown, Trustee, Nov. 4, 1887, by making publication of the same once each week for consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Martin county to be held in the court house thereof in Stanton, on the 7th, Monday after the first Monday in February, 1924, same being the 24th day of March, 1924, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on 19th day of February, 1924, in suit numbered 57 on the docket of said court wherein C. Tom is plaintiff, and Wm. Brown, Trustee and unknown persons who became owners of Lot No. 13 in Block No. 29, in the town of Stanton, formerly Marienfeld, in Martin county, Texas, through deed by P. A. Peters to Wm. Brown, Trustee, dated Nov. 4, 1887, are defendants, said petition alleging that subsequent to the execution of the deed aforesaid, plaintiff, about the year 1902, came into possession of the lot aforesaid and held same in peaceable and adverse possession, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for more



**Black Minorca Eggs**  
(Pape Strain)  
\$1.50 for Setting of 15  
\$8.00 per 100

W. A. Douglas, Stanton, Texas

Barber Work

Red McClone

## NEW ARRIVALS IN Spring Merchandise

9 Excellent Values For This Week



Tissue Gingham, 35 inch, fiber and fine sheer cotton mixture in assorted woven colored checks and plaids. An elegant range of this season's patterns, 49c yd.

Transparent Organdie--the original finish and transparency of this cloth is retained after washing; 40 inches wide, 7 popular colors, 49c yard.

All Pure Irish Linen, 36 inches wide, in blue, maize, brown and rust, \$1 yard.

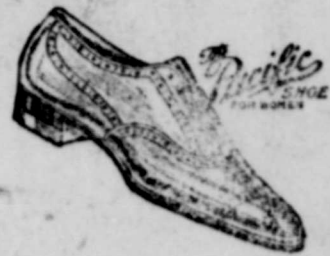


Ratine, 36 inches wide, the season's popular colors, 75c yard.



YOKOHOMA CREPE--something new in Lingeries. Six beautiful colors, in orchid, white, pink, maize, blue, salmon, 36 in. wide. Regular price 50c yard. SPECIAL 35c yard

Plisse Crepe, 32 in. wide, in maize and blue, regular 35c yard. Special 3 yards for 69c.



Girl's Patent Leather Oxfords, 9-8 heel Regular price \$4.50, Special \$2.98.

Girl's Patent, 2 strap, red trim front strap; regular price \$3.50, special \$2.98

Girl's Black Satin, gunmetal trim, one strap, low heel, regular price \$4.50. Special \$2.98

Pure Thread Silk Hose, colors sand, beige, French tan, airedale--\$1 a pair.

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than a period of ten years, his possession and claim being adverse to all and every claim of right, title or interest by said defendants or any of them, paying all taxes thereon, during which time none of the defendants asserted claim of right, title or interest in said premises, except as same is evidenced through the deed aforesaid. He

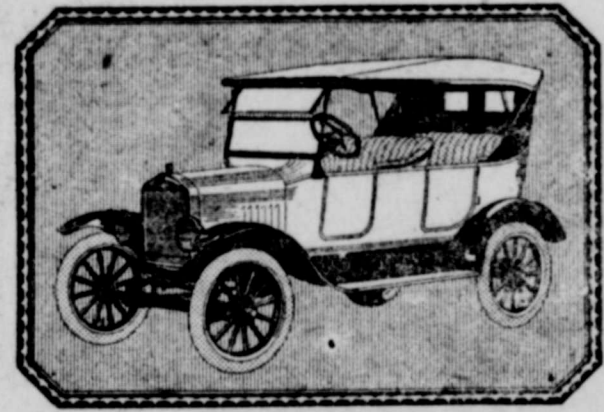
prays for divestiture of title out of defendants and vestiture thereof in plaintiff; that cloud cast upon plaintiff's title by the deed aforesaid to Wm Brown, Trustee, be removed and set aside, and plaintiff forever quieted in title and possession of said premises, freed from every claim of right, title or interest by defendants

Herein fail not but have before said Court on first day of the next term thereof this writ with your return thereof showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 19th day of February, A. D. 1924

M14 Jno F Epley, Clerk, District Court, Martin County, Texas.

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