

## 1924

is here. Resolve now to make it a banner year. A bank account goes hand-in-hand with financial success and independence. Bank your money—don't waste it.

We are anxious to aid and help you make this a prosperous and eventful year. We will be pleased to advise with you. Call and see us: we'll be glad to have you.

## Farmers National Bank



OF CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

"A Bank of Personal Service"

### BRUNK'S COMEDIANS HERE ALL NEXT WEEK

Owing to the weather conditions Mr. Glen D. Brunk decided to stay in the city they are now in for another week and come to Cross Plains the week of Jan 14th, which will be next week with all new plays and vaudeville.

Glen D. Brunk's Original Comedians, which will appear in Cross Plains for the entire week starting Monday, January 14th.

It is hardly necessary to say much about this attraction as it has played this city several times before and everyone knows its reputation and the only thing left to do is to satisfy the public with the news that this is the same attraction that Mr. Glen Brunk has always presented here only that it has been improved upon, made somewhat larger and at the same time presenting the very latest of the larger successes of the East. Many new plays will be seen and the up-to-date vaudeville are all special acts that never fail to give the best satisfaction. The Band and Orchestra is another big feature with this attraction rendering the best in music.

The Opening play, "The Law of the North" is one that is filled with many thrilling situations and as well having funny situations making it brimful of comedy. A Band concert will be given Monday afternoon at 4:00 p. m. and other concerts will be given every night at 7:00 p. m.

The expected to be "Gala Week" for Cross Plains as the cause which this is given is a worthy one and along with the class of shows given it cannot fail to give the best of satisfaction. The heating of the tent is another big feature of this attraction as they have six large stoves that furnish enough heat to make the Tent Theatre just as comfortable as at your home fireside.

#### Announcement

Rob P. Cochran is the first 1924 candidate to announce his candidacy in the Review. Mr. Cochran is in race for County Clerk of Calahan county. He was born and reared at Baird. For six years he served in the navy and went through the World War on a destroyer, and was only recently discharged, having served his full term on second enlistment. He states that if elected he will render efficient service, and asks that his candidacy be given liberal consideration.

#### I. O. O. F. Elect Officers

The following officers were elected last Friday night by the I. O. O. F. lodge, E. Patterson, N. G.; W. T. Wilson, V. G.; W. E. Butler, Sect.; R. B. McGowen, Treas.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom W. Flippen, of Pioneer, a fine boy, on 1-7-24.

Tom Anderson made a business trip to Tyler first of the week.

Mabel North of Dallas, visited a few days with relatives here this week.

Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. W. C. Wilkinson, visited in Cisco, Monday.

Gas Stoves Heating and Cooking, Hot Plates, Ovens, Tires, all sizes pipe, black and galvanized, all size fittings etc. Joe H. Shackelford Lumber Paint and Hardware Store.

### CRUDE OIL ADVANCES, LOCAL OPERATORS ARE OPTIMISTIC

Local operators were agreeably surprised this week to get a 25c advance in crude oil. Eob Cillman and associates will drill more wells in the Cross Cut section in the near future, the Review is informed. The Pennant Oil & Gas Co are talking of drilling other wells in the Cross Plains Pioneer field. Other operators also are planning to start new developments soon. The advance in the price of crude oil is sure to result in extensive activity here in 1924.

C. O. Moore Acker No. 4, is spudding at 100.

The Junior Oil Co. are shut down repairing boiler on their Thorne No. 1. They expect to drill into the Pioneer sand this week.

Pennant Oil & Gas Co's Strickland No. 1, is drilling at 2825 and should reach the black lime this week. Stone & Co and T. B. Slick will drill the Barr sand some time this week, on their well just south of townsite.

T. B. Slick Faulkner No. 1, east of town, came in a small producer this week, making around 40 barrels at the Pioneer sand.

Late Report: The Barr well just south of town came in a good gasser Wednesday night. A full report will be given next week. A test has not been made yet.

### PAPER PUBLISHED HERE 1902 IN HANDS OF REVIEW

"Uncle Jimmie" Coffman, pioneer citizen of this community, has just sent the Review a copy of "The Cross Plains Herald" published on July 4th 1902 by J. D. Gaines. Some of the news matter and advertisements would be very interesting reading especially to the old timers here, so each week we will extract some of the most interesting matter and reproduce it under the heading, "Reminiscences 22 years ago."

In this issue of the Herald which was published on the 4th of July, Beech's Saloon of Baird advertises whiskeys, brandies, wines, etc. with ice cold beer on draught.

A local news item states the coronation of King Edward has been postponed on account of his serious illness.

A half page ad on the front page was carried by John T. Gilbert & Son, in which ladies and childrens slippers were advertised at 35c to \$1.00.

Another ad reads: "Go to Harlow's when in Cross Plains and get a 10c chili for 5c."

"Them days is gone forever."

There will be other items to appear each week from the Cross Plains Herald which will cause you to recall earlier days in this community.

#### Announcement

In making my announcement to the voters of Calahan county, I wish to thank you for what you have done for me in the past, and hope that you have had the service rendered you that you expected from me when you elected me to this office, and furthermore I want to state that I am better qualified to serve you efficiently after having familiarized myself with the many details of this office, and if you will elect me to the office of County Clerk of your county another term I will promise you that I will attend strictly to the business of this office in a courteous manly and energetic manner.

I am sincerely your friend  
Grady G. Respass

## Spring Building Should Begin Now

Spring building really commences when people start planning what they shall build NEXT SPRING.

Modern, Attractive HOME PLANS, building service of a pleasing character, and satisfactory lumber and building material are the three things you should demand and expect.

Let us help you, by furnishing free plans and suggestions and showing you the different items or kinds of building material your building or improvement might require.

"Happy Homes for Happy People"

This will be our 1924 slogan.

## JOE H. SHACKELFORD'S Lumber, Paint and Hardware Store

The Home of Sherwin-Williams Paints

CROSS PLAINS

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### BAPTIST LADIES BANQUET MEN OF THE CHURCH

The ladies of the Baptist church banqueted the men of the church and a large number of visitors from other churches, Monday night. There were a number of interesting talks made. Judge Gilbert of Baird was the first speaker, and made a strong appeal for greater efforts and work upon the male members of the church, stressing the fact that the women are and have been very active in church work of various kinds. Tom Upton, Sunday School Supt. followed, with an outline of what his plans were for the Sunday School for 1924. Judge V. V. Hart then spoke on the subject of co-operation and the results of organized efforts of the men of the church. Then came the eats—a feast fit for the gods. Cross Plains women certainly are experts in the art of preparing eats for such an occasion.

After that part of the program was over, conversation and singing was resumed until a late hour. Every one present seemed to enjoy the affair very much—and expressed a hope that there would be other occasions of this kind in the near future.

### C. OF C. MEETS FRIDAY NIGHT TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR 1924

A special meeting of the C of C has been called for Friday night, and every member is urged to be present. A review of accomplishments of the past year will be made, and plans for the new year discussed. Those who attend this meeting will find that the C. of C. at Cross Plains is wide awake. The officials are live wires and have the interest of Cross Plains at heart. Join in on the 1924 program.

### THE GUARANTY STATE BANK ELECT OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Guaranty State Bank on Jan 8th elected the following officers and directors:

M. E. Wakefield, pres; J. A. Barr, vice pres; Geo. B. Scott, cashier; C. C. Neeb, John Newton, Noah Johnson and Tom Bryant, other directors.

The bank reports a successful year for 1923. Both banks here have total of over half million on deposit, last report.

It Pays to Advertise.

## KEEP WELL



You can't be happy unless you are well and, in order to keep well you will need medicinal properties now and then. There are a number of items in the drug line that you should always keep on your medicine shelf and we have what you need. So let us help you to promote healthier conditions in your home that you might be happier and more prosperous during the new year—1924

Pure Drugs Here

## The City Drug Store

### NEW BANDMASTER ARRIVES FROM WESTERN TOWN

Mr. Bruce MacQuaide of Lamesa, arrived in Cross Plains Sunday, to become director of the Municipal Band, Mr. Layton, former director, having returned to Dallas.

Mr. MacQuaide has a way of his own directing a band—and the band boys seem to like his way of doing things. He comes highly recommended, having been band director for about twenty years at other points. He plans to perfect an orchestra for church music.

Mr. MacQuaide states that he is a graduate of Keellar Hall, musical college of England.

Get acquainted with the new director—and you will note that likely be a good band bootster.

LOST—A Goodrich tire 34x4 1/2 on rim, Christmas Day, between Baird and Cross Plains. Think was picked up by party in Ford roadster who ate dinner in Cottonwood that day. Will pay reward for information leading to recovery. H. C. McGowen, Baird, Texas. 2c-mp

### FARMERS NATIONAL BANK ELECTS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

At the annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Farmers National Bank the following Directors were elected.

Chris Parsons, S. F. Bond, R. P. Odom, Taylor Bond, E. De-Busk, B. W. Webb and J. W. Westerman.

Officers elected were: Chris Parsons, pres; S. F. Bond, active vice pres; R. P. Odom, vice-pres; Taylor Bond, cashier; R. B. McGowen, ass't cashier; N. C. Mitchell, ass't cashier.

This bank paid 10 per cent dividend.

Mr. Zuckerman, converted Jew, of Fort Worth, who spoke at the Baptist church here Sunday night on the subject of Roman Catholicism as he saw it in Poland, will give a similar lecture at Dressy Saturday night, we are requested to announce. He spoke to a large audience here.

Later: Mr. Zuckerman will also speak at Posen, Sunday at 11 a. m.

## Pleasant Associations

As we reflect back over the year 1923, we are pleased with the friendly business associations and accomplishments of the year. Business relations with our customers and friends have been most pleasant, and we earnestly hope that such a friendly co-operative spirit may continue throughout this new year. Let's get better acquainted. We want to serve and assist you in any way consistent with sound banking. Visit us.

### A GUARANTY FUND BANK

## The First Guaranty State Bank CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

M. E. Wakefield, President, Gen. B. Scott, Cashier  
J. A. Barr, vice-Pres. W. T. Forbes, Asst. Cashier  
John Newton, E. I. Vestal, Noah J. Hason, Tom Bryant and C. C. Neeb Directors

MOTHER! GIVE SICK BABY "CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP"

Harmless Laxative to Clean Liver and Bowels of Baby or Child.

Even constipated, bilious, feverish, or sick, colic Babies and Children love to take genuine "California Fig Syrup." No other laxative regulates the tender little bowels so nicely. It sweetens the stomach and starts the liver and bowels acting without griping. Contains no narcotics or soothing drugs. Say "California" to your druggist and avoid counterfeits! Insist upon genuine "California Fig Syrup" which contains directions.—Advertisement.



"Strada" Sold for \$50. The famous "Strad" violins, which today bring such fabulous prices, when they were made never brought their maker more than \$50. Antonio Stradivari who lived from 1700 to 1737, turned out 1,110 instruments. Of these 602 are known to be in existence.

GIRLS! HAIR GROWS THICK AND BEAUTIFUL

35-Cent "Dandarine" Does Wonders for Lifeless, Neglected Hair.



A gleamy mass of luxuriant hair full of gloss, luster and life shortly follows a genuine tanning of neglected scalps with dependable "Dandarine." 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. "Dandarine" is delightful on the hair; a refreshing, stimulating tonic—not sticky or greasy! Any drug store.—Advertisement.

"Contributed Naugessing." "That cut was caused by her ring, your honor. She struck me in the face with her clenched fist," complained the young husband. "Where did she get the ring?" questioned the magistrate. "I gave it to her. It was our engagement ring." "The priest is discharged," said the clerk. "I was a conductor here, your honor," returned the judge. "My baby's Magazine."

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 opiate. Millions use "Pape's Cold Compound." Price thirty-five cents. Druggists guarantee it.

Immense Dam. An immense dam is being thrown across the Dix river near Burgin, Ky., which, when completed, will be the highest dam east of the Rocky mountains. Two auxiliaries are now under construction which will generate more than 135,000 turbine horse power.

Don't Forget Gucicura Talcum When applying to your toilet requisites. An exquisite face, skin, baby and dusting powder and perfume, rendering other perfumes superfluous. You may rely on it because one of the Gucicura Trio (Soap, Ointment and Talcum), 25c each everywhere.—Advertisement.

Mutual. Pat—Oh wouldn't throw ye a rope if ye was drownin'. Mike—Oh wouldn't touch it if ye did.

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

Cures Biliousness, Constipation, Sick Headache, Indigestion, Drug stores, Adv.

Prescriptions Followed. Doctor—"Has your husband had any lucid intervals since my last visit, Mrs. Jinks?" Mrs. Jinks (with dignity)—"He's had nothing except what you ordered."—London Answers.

Always Keep Allcock's Plasters in your home. Available for all local aches and pains. Inexpensive, absolutely pure, safe and effective.—Adv.

A Society 1,000 Years Old. At Creil, near Paris, there is a society of archers, with an annual competition for the original trophy given at the first meet of the society, more than a thousand years ago.

If your eyes smart or feel sore, Roman Eye Balsam, applied on going to bed, will relieve them by morning. Adv.

Wives who struggle to keep up appearances usually have husbands who struggle to keep down expenses.

Any man who understands women is willing to admit that he doesn't understand them.

WEEKS ASKS FOR HELP FOR ARMY

HE MAY INDUCE CONGRESS TO STRENGTHEN SOME BRANCHES OF OUR POOR DEFENSES.

FALSE STATEMENTS BY REDS

By EDWARD B. CLARK

Washington.—Congress is to be asked to do something for the army. Secretary Weeks already has made the request that something be done, but the something which he has asked hardly can be looked upon as having in it the germ of a militaristic desire. The army and the navy today are shot to pieces. This apparently is as good many people would have it, but if Secretary Weeks has sensed the situation right it is not as the majority of the American people would have it.

So far as the army is concerned, there are not enough men in it today to do police duty, let alone to act as a proper defense for the United States in case of an offensive warfare against its wellbeing. The secretary has asked that the present limit of 125,000 men shall be raised to 150,000 men "at the earliest possible date."

Congress will not sanction the request for an additional 25,000 men. This much can be taken for granted. All, apparently, that the War department can hope for is that a few branches of the army, which today are pitifully weak, shall be so strengthened that they may approach if they do not reach the point of the demands of proper defense for the country.

Some time ago an organization which is in sympathy with Communism and which has been doing its best and is still doing its best totally to disarm the United States, printed and sent broadcast a statement to the effect that the machinery of war was costing the United States more money than all the machinery intended to run the works of peace. Of course the statement was not true, but a good many people believed it as some people seem to believe anything that they read.

Secretary Weeks has felt it necessary to issue what he calls a brief economical analysis of our national defense. He says among other things that military preparations cost us only one-eighth of what we spend for luxurious amusements and mild recreation. The majority adds that our defense measures have led to increased property and responsibility as a nation.

Army officers and enlisted men feel today that they have been placed on a defensive basis, not on a basis of proper defense against an alien enemy, but on a basis of the necessity of defending themselves against charges of being engaged in an ignoble profession. Men willing to fight in defense of American institutions for those who do not want to fight are today in a sense going about with their heads down.

Another who has been writing from Washington has had the courage to tell a few things about the attempts which today are being made to render the United States entirely defenseless. The present writer has written something on this subject himself, thereby reaping a harvest of abuse as a militarist. The total disarming folk have a big vocabulary of abuse. There is no good outside of their own headquarters.

One organization recently has enlarged its field of activities. It now is not content with efforts to prevent war in the future, but apparently is determined that if war shall come the United States shall not have a rifle or a doughboy to meet it.

"Slacker's Vote" is Being Signed. Women of the country are being asked to sign what decent folk call a "slacker's vote." Women who sign it pledge themselves to abstain from acts of mercy to the wounded in case their country shall become involved in war.

One trouble is that nobody can arouse any sentiment against this sort of yellowism. The inspiration for it, and one hates to use the word inspiration in this connection, is the heart desire to Communize the United States. Communism recently has given an exhibition or two of what it can do in the way of pressing its campaign. There have been some bomb throwings in the United States lately.

Congress is just getting into session. There are in the two houses of congress a good many men who willingly would vote for the complete destruction of the American army and navy. Nine-tenths of them were pro-German during the war and nine-tenths of them are pro-Russian today.

Not long ago it was believed that congress would sanction a loan of \$25,000,000 to feed the starving in Germany. Naturally enough all Americans want to feed the starving anywhere, but it now is said that the attempt to secure from the American congress an appropriation for food for the German foodless did not originate in any group of real Germans who knew the situation. Its origin was in a Communist camp.

To Protect Immigrants. A good many immigrants come to America to exploit this country, but it is also certain that some Americans succeed in exploiting some immigrants before they have been long on these shores.

The government's attention has been called to many cases of the swindling of immigrants which would be laughable if they were not in a way tragic. Means are to be taken to prevent the immigrants from becoming victims of Americans who know what they want and how to get it. It is only fair to say, however, that in some cases the swindlers are not Americans, but are natives of the country of the exploited, men who have been here long enough to learn a few tricks and who already know how best to attack the weak points of their fellow countrymen.

Not long ago a half interest in the Pennsylvania railroad was sold for \$500 to two ignorant immigrants who had not been long in this country before they were parted from their money. James J. Wilson, who is a deputy assistant district attorney in New York, has said that more than \$12,000,000 has been obtained from immigrants by what is called the "under water lots swindle." The immigrants are sold real estate which they are told is productive and finely located. When they go to look for their new bought possessions they have to wade for them some distance down under tide water.

Real Estate Swindlers. Many pieces of real estate are sold to immigrants who first are shown the property. The property is real, and the immigrants part with their money only to find later that the land belongs to somebody other than the man who sold it. Frequently, however, men who have an interest in property sell it to immigrants who later find out that the lots which they have bought are heavily mortgaged. In cases of this kind the sellers usually ask for comparatively small amounts of money, the reason being that they desire to keep the sum received under the grand larceny limit so if they are caught they cannot be sent to prison for felony.

Immigrants are not the only ones who are the easy victims of swindlers through games which it would seem that any person with a trifling amount of common sense would understand were frauds pure and simple. When the writer was a reporter on a Chicago daily he wrote a true story of a Michigan farmer who "bought" the Masonic temple in Chicago, valued at some millions of dollars, for \$13,000, making a \$5,000 cash payment for the building to two men whom he met on the street. He agreed to go back home to get the remaining \$8,000 which he was to pay for the structure and to report at the same street corner the next day. Somebody in his home village heard of it and communicated with the police. The Michigan man was saved. He got his \$13,000 back.

Paid to See Building Turn. Years ago in Chicago scores of visitors from here, there and elsewhere paid anywhere from 50 cents to \$1.50 each to see the Masonic temple "turn round." The twenty-story temple was at that time a show place. Men would approach obvious strangers on the street who happened to be looking at the building to tell them that it was a structure wonderfully contrived mechanically and that it would turn on a vertical axis at the touch of a button. They would collect the "sight fee," saying that they would go in and touch the button. That was the last seen of a while, but the victims would wait for a while to feast their eyes on the vision of a twenty-story structure making an "about face."

Everybody thought that this old game was a dead one, but within a week a visitor to the city of Philadelphia paid \$5 to see the city hall turn on its axis. Ben Franklin, however, who surmounts the structure, refused to turn his back on the visitor who, after watching for a while, told his woes to the police.

A good many of the men and women who swindle immigrants are persons who come from the same general locality in the old country as that from which the victims hail. It is very easy for them to get acquainted with the newcomers, asking as they do about certain places in the old land and occasionally about certain persons who happen to be known in common. Americans going to Paris fight shy of Americans who try to scrape their acquaintance. There are plenty of Americans in the city of Paris who make prey of their fellow citizens.

Disgraced. Mr. Wombat was well liked in the suburb where he lived. So when a neighbor saw a moving van backed up in front of the Wombat home he stopped to express genuine regret. "Why are you going to move?" "Have to get out of the neighborhood," explained Mr. Wombat. "My boy feels disgraced. He was licked by another kid on the block."

No disgrace in that. Boys will fight, and somebody must win. "But the kid that licked him wears curls."

Patriotic. "The rapidly increasing divorce rate," remarked the wit, "indicates that America is indeed becoming the land of the free."

"Yes," replied his prosaic friend, "but the continued marriage rate suggests that it is still the home of the brave."

All His Life. The reporter was interviewing the town's most prominent business man. "How long have you been in business?" he asked.

"Well," said Mr. Ironsmith, "I was born in 1880."

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR JANUARY 6

THE CHOSEN LEADER AND THE CHOSEN LAND

LESSON TEXT.—Gen. 12:1-7; 18:17-19. GOLDEN TEXT.—"In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed."—Gen. 12:3. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC.—Abraham, the Pioneer. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC.—Abraham and the Chosen Land.

Following Adam's sin and the consequent ruin thereof God gave a promise of a Redeemer (Gen. 3:15). In providing this redemption God used a leader and made him to be the head of the nation through whom the Redeemer was to come and chose a land in which that nation was to live. That leader was Abraham and the land was Palestine.

1. Abraham, the Chosen Leader (Gen. 12:1-3; cf. 18:17, 18).

1. His Ancestors (Josh. 24:2, 14). Abraham's people were idolaters. Very likely as a young man he himself worshiped idols. Tradition furnishes us with some interesting stories touching his struggle against idolatry. He knew how hopelessly disastrous idolatry was to the morals of the people and, therefore, would be able to lead them back to God.

2. His Call (Gen. 12:1; cf. Acts 7:2, 3). God came to him in Ur of the Chaldees and said unto him, (1) "Get thee out of thy country." Abraham had lived long enough to have formed strong attachments to his country. (2) "Get thee out from thy kindred." Abraham was not only to leave behind him his native land but his relatives as well, even his father's house. Since his kindred were idolaters, he must leave them. Abraham was to become a pilgrim, to be without a home. Even in Canaan, the only land he ever owned was a burial place. (3) "Into the land that I will show thee." He was not told what or where the land was. "He went out not knowing whither he went." (Heb. 11:8). While he dwelt in tents during his earthly sojourn, yet "he looked for a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God." (Heb. 11:10).

3. What God Promised Him (Gen. 12:7, 8). "I will show thee a great country." So far as the lineal descendants of Abraham are concerned, his posterity is great, but his spiritual seed is almost numberless. We are all children of Abraham by faith. (2). To Have a Great Name (v. 2). No name in all history equals that of Abraham in its honorable influence. His is the name of honor among Jews, Mohammedans and Christians. (3). A Blessing to Others (vv. 2, 3). He was not only to become great and share God's blessings, but to be a blessing to others. This is the prevailing law of the spiritual life—being blessed to be a blessing. He was not to go out primarily for what he could get but for what he could do. Those who respond to this law of the spiritual life become the very touchstone of God, so precious to Him that He will bless those who bless them and curse those who curse them. God makes common cause with His people. To mistreat God's children is to lift the hand against God. No one who goes against Him can prosper.

4. His Obedience (Gen. 12:4-6). Abraham fully obeyed God. At His call he departed, went out, not knowing whither he went. 11. Palestine, the Chosen Land. It is alleged that Abraham was a pilgrim and was permitted to sojourn in the land, the land itself was given to his seed, Israel, God's chosen and most favored nation, the nation to whom He came nearest and gave most, in order that they might pass on His goodness to the other nations of the world, was given the most strategic position in the earth. "Palestine was adapted as no other country to God's great purpose of establishing a pure religion and sending it to all the world. To this end a single nation was selected, trained and placed in the center of the world so that when the time came to publish the true religion all lands could be reached." Full peace and blessing can only come to the world when Israel, the priestly nation, shall come back to her own land.

God's Love. There are questions which nothing can answer but God's love, which nothing can meet but God's promise, which nothing can calm but a perfect trust in His goodness. There is shadow and mystery upon all the creation until we see God in it—there is trouble and fear until we see God's love in it.—Devey.

The Past. O, there are some who want to get away from all their past; who, if they could, would fain begin all over again. But you must learn, you must let God teach you, that the only way to get rid of your past is to get a future out of it. God will waste nothing.—Phillips Brooks.

Hatred. Hatred of a fellow-being is like a deadly cancer in the soul. It destroys all the finer sensibilities and nobler impulses.

Just for Curiosity. If you are curious about the results of using Calumet—bake a cake and use some other baking powder, then use the same recipe and employ CALUMET BAKING POWDER. Compare the texture of the two cakes—the way they look—the way they taste. The difference will make you join the millions who use Calumet daily. Sales 2 1/2 times as much as that of any other brand. THE WORLD'S GREATEST BAKING POWDER.

A woman's mission on earth is to convince some man that he ought to get married. Even a cheap man may be dear to some woman. Every department of housekeeping needs Red Cross Ball Blue. Equally good for kitchen towels, table linen, sheets and pillowcases, etc.—Advertisement. One of the cures for chronic down-in-the-mouth is going to live 1,000 miles away. Wise is the man who assists his wife in cleaning house by remaining downtown until the job is finished.

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. Genuinely—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 Monocrotic Acid Ester of Salicylic Acid.

Tree Was Functioning. She (seated in park)—"Oh, Harry, we'd better be going; I'm sure I felt a raindrop." He—"Nonsense, dear! We are under a weeping willow."—Answers. Retirement. It is in retirement that one feels the preciousness of genius and friendship, as one hears best in the silence of the night the sound of the sea or the song of the nightingale. A woman works almost as hard in buying things as her husband does in paying for them.

Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA. MOTHER:—Fletcher's Castoria is a pleasant, harmless Substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Teething Drops and Soothing Syrups, prepared for Infants in arms and Children all ages. To avoid imitations, always look for the signature of Dr. J. C. Fletcher. Proven directions on each package. Physicians everywhere recommend it.

Disordered Stomach. Take a good dose of Carter's Little Liver Pills—then take 2 or 3 for a few nights after. You will relish your meals without fear of trouble to follow. Millions of all ages take them for Biliousness, Dizziness, Sick Headache, Upset Stomach and for Sallow, Pimply, Bloated Skin. They end the misery of Constipation. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Genuine Westinghouse Brand. Small Pill; Small Dose; Small Price.

Two pleasant ways to relieve a cough. Take your choice and suit your taste. S-B—or Menthol flavor. A sure relief for coughs, colds and hoarseness. Put one in your mouth at bedtime. Always keep a box on hand. SMITH BROTHERS S.B. COUGH DROPS MENTHOL. Famous since 1847.

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\$15 (money order) buys 24-inch Tabiti Pearl Indestructible Necklaces, 1019 gold chain, with case, money-back guarantee. Pearl Rings, bracelets, scarf pins, earrings, necklaces, any length. Export to-stylishly never-break coat. Single pearls, 11. Agents wanted. Liberal proposition. SOUTH SEA PEARL CO., 604 Broadway Bldg., SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

**CURES COLDS IN 24 HOURS**  
WORLD'S STANDARD PRICE  
AT ALL STORES FOR TWO CENTS  
**CASCARA QUININE**  
CURES LAGRIFFE IN 3 DAYS  
DETROIT, W. M. HILL, CO., MICHIGAN.

**PARKER'S HAIR BALMS**  
Restores Color and Beauty to Gray and Faded Hair  
and 60¢ at all Druggists.  
Parker Bros. Co., Framingham, Mass., U.S.A.

**HINDER CORNS**  
Remove Corns, Calluses, Bunions, etc., with this Ointment. It is the best, makes walking easy. 10¢ at all Drug Stores. Hinder Chemical Works, Philadelphia, Pa., U.S.A.

**INFLAMED EYES**  
Don't stare soon. Inflamed eyes with watering, itching, "stinging" or "burning" are signs of a serious condition. A soothing, effective, safe remedy.  
In Bottles 25-cent and 50-cent.  
W. M. HILL & SIBBELL, New York City  
**MITCHELL EYE SALVE**

Fortune for Smiles.  
A Meriden (Conn.) factory superintendent's will was filed the other day, and discovery was made that he had left virtually his entire estate, valued at about \$50,000, to a young man who had helped to support himself by selling newspapers. The story is that this youth had never failed to give the "lonesome old man" a smile as he passed through the factory selling his papers, and the circumstance had so impressed the father that he has made the young man fairly independent through his will.

Indigestion produces disagreeable and sometimes alarming symptoms. Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills relieve symptoms and restore digestion. 312 Ford St., N. Y. Ave.

The lack of money is the root of much evil.  
Total horsepower of the steamer Majestic is 100,000.

## Mothers, Do This—

When the Children Cough, Rub Musterole on Throats and Chests  
No telling how soon the symptoms may develop into croup, or worse. And then when you're glad you have a jar of Musterole at hand to give prompt relief. It does not blister. As first aid, Musterole is excellent. Thousands of mothers know it. You should keep a jar ready for instant use. It is the remedy for adults, too. Relieves sore throat, bronchitis, tonsillitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, headache, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, chilblains, frosted feet and colds of the chest (it may prevent pneumonia).  
To Mothers: Musterole is now made in milder form for babies and small children. Ask for Children's Musterole. 35¢ and 65¢ jars and tubes.



A Splendid First Aid Remedy for Colds, Cuts, Burns, Wounds, Etc.  
Vaseline  
PETROLEUM JELLY  
W. N. U., DALLAS, NO. 1—1924.

## HYPNOTIC MURDER LEGAL QUESTION

Hauling Out His Own Revolver, The Policeman Started to Shoot Into the Audience

Vienna.—Can a man stand trial for a murder he committed when under a hypnotic spell? Is the mesmerist who hypnotized the slayer also a murderer?

The questions are raised by the extraordinary situation created in the Jugo-Slav city of Sebenico, where a policeman hypnotized by a stage mesmerist flew into a mad frenzy, shooting three people.

Prof. Maximilian Langsner, a professional mesmerist, was exhibiting his arts in a theatre in the little Adriatic town. A policeman responded to his call for volunteers from the audience.

The man fell under the hypnotist's spell immediately and the audience was soon reeling with laughter as the humbled officer was put through a series of funny tricks. Finally Langsner handed the policeman a block of wood and said:

"This is a revolver, shoot."  
Moving as if in a daze, the officer took the block. Then it dropped from his fingers.

Hauling out his own revolver, the policeman started to shoot into the audience. Three persons were killed and a number wounded before his revolver magazine was exhausted. Then he attacked the crowd, seizing several people and driving them before him to the police station, telling them they were under arrest.

At the station house Langsner finally awakened his victim. Both the policeman and the mesmerist were then placed under arrest charged with murder.

## LETTER WARNS SON AGAINST DISHONESTY

Words of Missing Promoter Read in Bankruptcy Court in Chicago

Chicago, Ill.—Warning against dishonesty and weakness was issued to his son by Leo Koretz, missing promoter, who is alleged to have swindled his customers out of \$5,000,000, two days before he disappeared in New York. Dr. Milton Mandel, Koretz's family physician, testified at the bankruptcy hearing to determine Koretz's assets.

The warning was contained in a letter postmarked New York, Dec. 10, in which the promoter declared he was a "victim of selfishness and desire to receive the acclaim of the world," and in which he asked that the father's fate be a warning to his son, Dr. Mandel testified. The letter he said, read as follows:

"My dear son: This is probably the last communication you will have from me. I am a fugitive without family or friends. I am a victim of selfishness, idleness and my desire to receive the acclaim and applause of the world. You have an adorable sister and mother. Be good to them. Be honest and strong. If you are ever tempted, or feel yourself slipping, think of the fate which awaits me. Your father, Leo, Koretz."

Dr. Mandel said the letter was inclosed in an envelope accompanied with a note which read: "If you think my son should have this letter, give it to him." He said that he had conferred with the boy's mother, who after reading the letter, tore it up without giving it to her son.

## To Resign as Shipping Board Head

Washington.—Edward P. Farley, chairman of the Shipping Board, announced after a conference with President Coolidge that he had requested the executive to withdraw his nomination as a commissioner of the board now pending before the Senate and that upon its withdrawal he would resign as chairman of the board, which office he now fills by recess appointment. Mr. Farley indicated that the President would accede to his request for withdrawal of his nomination, upon which an adverse report recently was voted by the Senate Commerce Commission.

Evans to Visit Ohio Cities  
Youngstown, Ohio.—W. H. Evans, Imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, will visit several Ohio cities next month in an effort to reconcile secession movements, according to a statement given newspaper men by a recognized Klan spokesman. The statement said that Dr. Evans will visit Cleveland Jan. 2 and thereafter will go to Youngstown, Sandusky, Lorain and Elyria.

## Venezolos Risks Life to Visit Greece

Paris.—Ex-Premier Venezolos planned to leave Paris for Athens some time Friday night. Risking assassination by political opponents and overruling the objections of his wife, who remains here, the aged statesman is going back to make one more effort to lead Greece out of the chaos that has followed the World War. His secretary refused to announce the time of the ex-Premier's departure, saying that secrecy was necessary "for reasons of safety."

## 17 LOSE LIVES IN INSANE HOSPITAL

Man on Knees in Prayer Discovers Flames and Gives Alarm, Saving Many Lives

Chicago, Ill.—Seventeen persons are known to have perished in a fire which destroyed a part of one section of one of the frame structures of the Chicago State Hospital for the Insane at Dunning, on the north-west edge of Chicago.

Hospital officials said twenty-nine patients were unaccounted for. This included the unidentified dead and the patients who escaped from the institution and had not been returned.

A search of the ruins is still in progress and other bodies may be lying in the ruins. Six hundred men patients, who were inmates of the partly destroyed structure were rushed out into a drizzling rain by guards as the fire spread. About fifty of them, confused by the darkness and rain, escaped or wandered away from the hospital grounds. Some of them were rounded up later by the police and motorists, but no check on the number of missing had been made.

One of the victims of the fire was a woman attendant, who had rushed into the building to rescue some of the patients.

She was identified by a son as Mrs. Mary Caraker, an attendant. Her husband, Elijah Caraker, and a second son, Lowell, 11 years old, are also missing and were partly identified by the son as among the bodies recovered.

The only patient whose body was partly identified was Michael Ledwich, 23, of Chicago. A coat belonging to him was found beside a charred body.

The patients were seated at supper in the large dormitory comprising one section of the story and a half structure when the fire gong sounded, the alarm being transmitted to about a dozen frame and brick structures composing the institution, which is uninclosed and includes about twenty-five acres of ground.

Attendants, nurses and doctors hurried to the burning building to assist the attendants in charge of the patients, all of whom were victims of only mild forms of insanity and many of whom were soon to be discharged.

The patients were hurried from the burning building and at first it was thought that all had been rescued from the structure, known among the patients as the "death house," because some sections of it had been utilized to house incurables.

Heroic acts of both attendants and patients were responsible for the fact that there was not a larger loss of life. Many patients assisted their more unfortunate companions who became confused. Some of the patients are believed to have perished when they tried to save Christmas trinkets.

## MUST GO TO JAIL IN CONTEMPT C/S.E

Federal Court of Appeals Decides Against Fort Worth Attorney

New Orleans, La.—Clay Cooke, an attorney of Fort Worth, Texas, must go to jail for thirty days at Fort Worth and J. L. Walker, his client, must stand trial once more for contempt of court, the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals has decided.

The decision resulted from an incident in Federal District Court at Fort Worth last February, Cooke at that time, was representing Walker in a bankruptcy case.

During a short recess and while Judge James C. Wilson was in his chambers, Cooke is said to have written a letter declaring that "in his opinion Judge Wilson was too biased to act on the case equitably," and asked that the Judge excuse himself from its further trial.

This letter was signed by Walker and delivered by him to the Judge in his chambers. Immediately at the conclusion of the recess Judge Wilson summoned attorney and client before him and sentenced both to thirty days in jail for contempt of court. Walker declared he did not know what was in the letter, having signed it as he would have any other legal document prepared by his attorney.

## \$150,000 Fire in Kansas City

Kansas City, Mo.—Fire swept through thirteen small shops and destroyed the old Coliseum Building, a two-story structure at Thirty-Ninth and Main streets, with an estimated loss of between \$150,000 and \$225,000. The stocks of six of the business places were destroyed.

## Neff Remits Fine Given Ranger

San Antonio, Texas.—Governor Neff has remitted the \$25 fine imposed upon Ranger A. Boyd by Justice of the Peace Campbell on Dec. 14. A proclamation remitting the fine has been filed here. The Governor says: "In the proper administration of justice and for other satisfactory reasons this fine should be remitted." The proclamation came to San Antonio addressed to Ranger Captain R. C. Baldwin, head of the ranger forces here, with an accompanying letter of personal esteem.



Winter Find You Tired and Achy? Do You Suffer Constant Backache—Feel Old and Worn Out? Then Follow the Advice of These Good Folks!

DO YOU get up these winter mornings feeling tired, weak—achy all over? Are you so lame, stiff and miserable it seems you can never get back in trim? Does your back ache with a dull, constant throb? Sharp, rheumatic pains torture you at every step?

to fall behind in keeping the blood-stream pure, and poisons accumulate that well kidneys would have filtered off.

Racking backaches come with stabbing pains; muscles and joints ache constantly; there are headaches, too, with dizziness and distressing kidney irregularities. Nerves are "jumpy"; one feels old—all worn out.

Give your weakened kidneys the help they need. Use Doan's Pills—a stimulant diuretic to the kidneys. Doan's have helped thousands. They are recommended by grateful users everywhere. Ask your neighbor!

Then you should be giving some attention to your kidneys!

Winter, you know, is danger time for the kidneys. That's because exposure to colds and chills wears down body resistance and throws an unusually heavy strain on the hard-working kidneys. The kidneys are apt

"Use Doan's," Say These Good Folks:

MRS. C. H. McHUGH, Electra, Tex., says: "My back was sore and lame and mornings, when I first got up, I could hardly straighten. There was a steady pain across the small of my back and in my hips and when I stooped over I would become so dizzy and weak I would almost fall over. I was tired and all worn out. My head ached and I was bothered by the irregular action of my kidneys. I used one box of Doan's Pills and they put me in line shape again."

W. P. DORRIS, 1005 Twelfth St., Corpus Christi, Tex., says: "I was taken with backache which was caused from a cold settling on my kidneys. I had sharp pains in my kidneys that felt as if a knife were being run into me and I had to get up often at night to pass the kidney secretions, which were highly colored and burned in passage. I bought a couple boxes of Doan's Pills and they cured me. I think the world of Doan's."

# DOAN'S PILLS

Stimulant Diuretic to the Kidneys  
At all dealers, 60c a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfg. Chemists, Buffalo, N. Y.

The Airveyor.  
The "airveyor" is a pipe-line system which conveys grain from an elevator to a vessel at the water front without the use of the familiar beltting. Operated by a hurricane of wind forced through a pipe by giant fans, it will load 4,000 bushels an hour.

Looked Like It.  
An old gentleman went into a 10-cent store and strolled around from counter to counter in a somewhat dejected manner. He bought some bolts, some cardboard, some wire, and then went over and began to rattle the tinware.  
"What on earth is he up to?" whispered a girl customer.  
"I think," responded her chum, "he has a scheme he doesn't want anybody to get onto."  
"Scheme?"  
"Looks to me like he is buying the parts and is going to assemble an automobile."

The Laugh's the Thing.  
Dull people are just as good company as anybody, if they laugh generously at the others' jokes.

Helping Things Along.  
Patient—Oh, doctor, if I could only die!  
Doctor—I'm doing my best for you.

## Teach your child internal cleanliness

THE mother who permits constipation in her baby or older child is risking the health, even the life of her little one.



Washing Child's Face Only The Skin

It must be remembered that an infant is helpless, unable to tell that constipation is making its life miserable. Consequently the mother must be able to recognize signs of constipation in her baby. Convulsions, night terrors, grinding the teeth in sleep, feverishness, fretfulness and such symptoms—any of these may indicate that poisons from baby's stagnant intestine are flooding the little body.

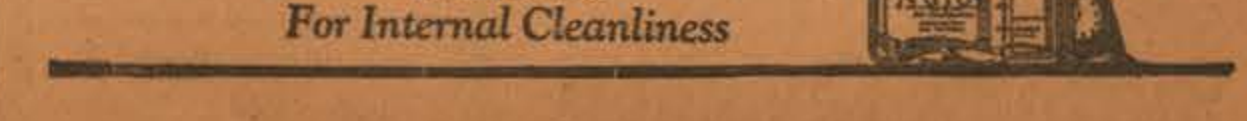
In older children biliousness, coated tongue, loss of appetite warn the mother that constipation is present. Constipation, unchecked in youth, may lead to serious consequences. In constipation, according to intestinal specialists, lies the primary cause of more than three-quarters of all illness, including the gravest diseases of life.

Laxatives Only Aggravate Constipation  
The mother should not resort to laxatives. A noted authority says that laxatives and cathartics do not overcome constipation but by their continued use tend only to aggravate the condition and often lead to permanent injury.

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

Not a Medicine  
Nujol is used in children's and general 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. Let your infant or child have Nujol regularly—and see rosy cheeks, clear eyes and happiness return once more.

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



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Earnest Smith left this week for Lamesa, where he has accepted a position with Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co.

Dr. Mary Grayes, went to Rising Star Monday to look after her city property.

Miss Eunice Hembree of Cottonwood, was visiting here this week.

Tom Bryant visited at Moran this week.

Mrs. Tom Bryant and son, Tom Jr. are visiting Mrs. Bryant's sister, Mrs. Kaykendall, of Deadmonia this week.

Mesdames Crabb and Dozier of Cut were shopping here

Ms. Jim Lawrence returned to Wichita Falls this week, after an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. Alice Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Haley motored to Baird Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Parson visited at Coleman this week.

New crop Garden Seed at Clark's Grocery

Mrs. Hester and baby, have been visiting in DeLeon. Mr. Hester motored over Sunday, and they returned with him.

Fairbanks-Morse engines are the best—2 in stock—quick delivery—any size you want. Joe H. Shackelford's Lumber, Paint and Hardware Store.

**Political Announcements**

The following announce themselves as candidates for the offices stated, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary election, to be held Saturday, July 26th, 1924.

**County Judge**  
Victor B. Gilbert

**For County Clerk**  
Rob P. Cochran  
Grady G. Respass

**ROOMS**

You can get nice clean rooms, very reasonable at the Cross Plains Hotel. Call and see us. Mrs. Geo. Scott, Manager

Slip on Ford Roadster bodies, at Williams Planing Mill.  
W. T. Wilson

A second-hand double disc plow for sale, worth the money.

Write Draughton's College, Abilene or Wichita Falls, for Special Holiday Offer and Guarantee—Position Contract.

Bring your gas stoves down and have them adjusted to make more heat, 50c each. J. E. Henkel  
Second Hand and Repairs

Incubator time is right here—come down and let us fix you up in a Buckeye, any size, the best one made—big stock. Joe H. Shackelford Lumber Paint and Hardware Store.

Miss Carrie Gaines, who teaches in the school here, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gaines.

Blacksmiths, tools, coal, carpenter tools. Let us quote you. Leather goods, Harness. Joe H. Shackelford Lumber Paint and Hardware Store.

**The Star Laundry,**

The Star Laundry of Rising Star, solicits your laundry work. We make a specialty of family laundry. All work guaranteed. Leave at Young's Barber Shop, Star Laundry, Rising Star, Texas.

For Ford Truck bodies & cabs See Williams Planing Mill.

**Higginbotham Bros. & Co.**

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**ELECTRIC THEATRE**

Tuesday 15th  
**Johnny Walker**  
IN  
**The 4th Musketeer**

Wednesday 16th  
**George Malone**  
IN  
**"A Western Musketeer"**

Thursday 17th  
**"Gold Madness"**  
with  
Guy Bates Post, Grace Darmond

Friday 18th  
Herbert Rawlinson  
in  
**"His Whispered Name"**

Saturday 19th  
**Harry Carey**  
in  
**"Miracle Baby"**

Monday 21st  
**Owen Moore and Marjorie Daw**  
in  
**"Love is an Awful Thing"**

Tuesday 22nd  
**Roy Stewart**  
in  
**"Pure Grit"**

Wednesday 23rd  
**Gladys Walton**  
in  
**"A Lady Name"**

**Coming Soon**  
**"Forgive and Forget"**

Rev. Brabham and L. A. Jervis motored to Brownwood Monday.

Matt Browning and family motored to Brownwood Sunday, and Mrs. Dennis, mother of Mrs. Browning, who has been in Brownwood for several days, returned with them.

Mrs. Eddington and daughter, of Route 2, were shopping here Tuesday.

**LOTHER THOMASON**

DENTIST  
Office Over Guaranty State Bank  
Cross Plains  
Operations done under nerve blockin

For Insurance See  
**Barr & Hart**

Over Farmers National Bank

**Notice**

Dr. Vaughn, Veterinary Surgeon of Eastland, will be in Cross Plains each Third Monday, to treat all curable disease. Bring your horses and mules and have them examined for bad teeth. Remember the dates, on Third Monday. Dr. Vaughn.

Try the new LAXATIVE  
**LIVERGARD**  
for ordinary and chronic constipation, inactive liver. Though in its action does not gripe; safe for babies, children and grown-ups. Sample on request.  
**LUNGARDIA**  
for quickly breaking up dangerous colds; removing the most stubborn Coughs; healing to sore throat.  
Lungardia Co., Dallas, Texas.  
For sale by John Tyson

**DR. HENDERSON**

Manager Coleman Optical Co. Will be at Dr. Price office Burkett, Texas, Jan. 6th

**Virgil Hart**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
Office Over Farmers Nat. Bank  
Cross Plains, Texas

**We Welcome**

the New Year with its attendant possibilities and opportunities of serving our friends and customers in a bigger and better way. We have enjoyed a splendid business the past year and we anticipate a fine year for 1924 as so many of our friends and customers have expressed themselves as being well pleased with the service and quality of goods they received here during year just closed. We appreciate the business given us in the past and hope to merit your future patronage by giving you Service and Satisfaction.

**B.L. BOYDSTUN**

"Where it Pays to Trade"

For cheap loans on farms and ranches, or sale of vendor lien notes, see Mrs. R. V. Muse, Room 14, Rogers Building, Brownwood, Tex. 4-1-1p

Dr. Howard returned from the sanitarium Sunday, much improved, after taking special treatment, and he states that he is able to resume his practice again. He looks much better.

Mrs. J.P. Newton was shopping here Tuesday.

C. O. Moore, oil operator had business here this week.

Window glass, putty Building paper, tax, Rubber roofing, Beaver Board. Keep out the cold. Joe H. Shackelford Lumber Paint and Hardware Store. 2r

M. Polishuk and wife left this week for markets in St. Louis and Chicago. H. Bielmon of Breckenridge, a relative will be in charge of the store while they are away.

Paints, Stains, Linseed oil, pure turpentine, artist colors, any kind of a brush you might want. Joe H. Shackelford Lumber Paint and Hardware Store. 2r

**The Racket Store's CLEAN UP SALE**

We are arranging our store with price Tickets marked in plain figures. You won't have to ask the price.

**The Sale is Now Going On**

- |                                     |              |   |            |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---|------------|
| Men's all-wool Shirts, \$5 value    | ..... \$3-69 | 10 qt. Aluminum Pail  | ..... 1-00 |
| Men's Union Suits, \$2 value        | ..... 1-49   | Large Aluminum Stewer   | ..... 1-00 |
| Outing Flannel, 25c value           | ..... 19c    | Handled and covered Aluminum Stewers, 38 of them, While they last, at | 49c        |
| Children's Union Suits              | ..... 59c    | 25 per cent off on cost of all Shoes                                  |            |
| Brooms, \$1 value (one to family)   | .... 69c     | Men's full Leather Coats, a \$15 val.                                 | 11-95      |
| Brooms, \$1.25 " " "                | .... 98c     | Ladies Silk Hose, \$1 value   | ..... 49c  |
| Blue Bird Plates, worth \$2, set    | .... 1-39    | Ladies Silk Hose, \$2 value   | ..... 1-49 |
| Gold Band Plates, " " "             | .... 1-39    | Ladies Silk Hose, \$3 val.  | ..... 2-19 |
| Cups & Saucers, Gold Band, \$2 val. | 1-49         | Silk and Wool Hose, \$2 50 val. at                                    | .....      |
| " " Blue Bird " "                   | 1-49         |   |            |

This is Not a Mark-up and Mark-down Proposition.

It's a Real Cut Price Clean Up Sale

**The Racket Store**

**LISTEN**

When you get through paying your Income Tax, State Tax, County Tax, Road Tax, School Tax, City Tax, Dog Tax, Poll Tax, Car Tax, Water Tax, Fuel Tax, Light Tax, Advalorem Tax and AdvaHighram Tax, if you have anything left and still think life is worth living we would sure appreciate a part of your business.

**Butler's Grocery**

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of

**The First Guaranty State Bank**

Of Cross Plains, Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of Dec., 1923, published in the Cross Plains Review, a newspaper printed and published at Cross Plains, Texas, on the 11th day of Jan., 1924

**RESOURCES**

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$170,036.77
Loans, Real Estate.....	None
Overdrafts.....	None
Bonds and stocks, stock in Fed. Int. Banking Co. and Live Stock.....	1,545.00
Real estate, banking house.....	10,000.00
Other real estate.....	2,531.84
Furniture and Fixtures.....	5,947.94
Due from other banks & bankers, and cash on hand.....	115,280.27
Interest in depositors' guar. fund.....	3,605.42
Assessment Depositors Guaranty Fund.....	5,637.38
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange.....	2,229.17
Other Resources.....	None
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$316,813.79</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock, paid in.....	\$30,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	4,500.00
Undivided profits, net.....	None
Due to banks and bankers, sub. to check, net.....	705.31
Individual Deposits, subject to check.....	271,701.84
Time certificates of Deposit.....	1,000.00
Demand Certificates of Deposits.....	None
Bills Payable and Rediscounts.....	None
Cashier's checks.....	8,906.64
Saving Deposits.....	None
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$316,813.79</b>

State of Texas, Co. of Callahan, We, J. A. Barr as President, and Geo. B. Scott, as Cashier of said bank each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. A. Barr, President.  
Geo. B. Scott, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day Jan., A. D. 1924 S. C. Barr Notary Public Callahan Co. Tex. Correct—Attest: C. C. Neeb, E. I. Vestal, John Newton, Directors.

**No. 8583 REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FARMERS NATIONAL BANK**

of Cross Plains in the State of Texas at the close of business, Dec. 31, 1923

**RESOURCES**

Loans and Discounts.....	\$215,968.88
Overdrafts unsecured.....	277.96
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	6,300.00
All other Government securities.....	7,620.00
Other stocks, bonds, securities, etc.....	1,875.00
Banking House \$6,513.60 Furniture and Fixtures 3,478.17.....	9,991.77
Real estate owned other than banking house.....	7,250.00
Legal reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	27,024.99
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks.....	102,757.71
Amount due from State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States.....	10,059.00
Checks on banks in same city as reporting bank.....	524.77
Miscellaneous cash items.....	732.09
Check or drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank).....	49.91
Redemption fund with U.S. Treasurer and due from U.S. Treasurer.....	315.00
Other Assets, if any.....	118.70
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$390,865.78</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital stock paid in.....	\$25,000.00
Surplus fund.....	15,000.00
Undivided profits.....	13,528.17
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid,.....	8,610.15
Circulating notes outstanding.....	6,300.00
Certified checks outstanding.....	1,583.36
Cashier's checks on banks outstanding.....	328,592.38
Individual deposits subject to check.....	756.33
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days, other than for money borrowed.....	8,715.69
State, county or other municipal deposit, secured.....	
Certificates of deposits (other than for money borrowed).....	
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$390,865.78</b>

State of Texas, County of Callahan, SS. I, Taylor Bond, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Taylor Bond, Cashier.

Correct—Attest: S. F. Bond, J. W. Westerman, R. P. Odom Directors

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of Jan., 1924.

Virgil Hart Notary Public.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**

Lets start the new year right. By placing God and His Kingdom first—we want you to come and take part in all our services.

**"THEMES FOR SUNDAY"**

Sunday Morning "Great Commission"

Sunday Night "The Biggest Fool in Cross Plains"

If you wish to know who the "fool" is, come and hear Brabham Sunday night

Preaching twice each Sunday.

The Home Like Church

Tom W. Brabham, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Adams and Write Draughton's College, Abilene or Wichita Falls, for Special Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams visit- ed Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Adams, on Holiday Offer and Guarantee the Webb ranch, Jan. Tuesday. Position Co. contract.

**Announcement**

Judge Victor B. Gilbert announces as candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge. Judge Gilbert was reared in this community, and is favorably known. In his opening announcement he states:

In announcing myself as a candidate for County Judge for the second term, I am pursuing my announced intention during the first campaign. I desire to express my appreciation and gratitude to all my friends, not only those who actively supported my candidacy, but to those who have been sympathetic to my administration as well. My record is before the people. We have not accomplished all we hoped for, but plans are formulated and we hope to render better and more economical service, should you honor me as your choice for the office to which I aspire for a second term.

Again thanking you and soliciting your favorable consideration, I remain, Faithfully yours, Victor B. Gilbert

**M. E. Church**

The W. M. S. met at the home of our President Mrs. Ralph Chandler, packed a box for the M. E. Orphanage at Waco. The box valued at \$104. We take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who contributed to generously to this offering.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. John 15-12

The Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Jack Aiken Jan. 14th.

**Mrs. E. L. Stork**

Mrs. E. L. Stork, age 86 years, died Jan 2nd, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Cathey, east of town. She leaves a son and two daughters. Rev. Richbourg conducted the funeral services. Interment was made in the Pioneer cemetery.

**An Auto Social**

The Christian Endeavor Society met with Mr and Mrs. John Barr Monday evening, in their regular monthly social meeting. The different rooms were appropriately decorated with old tires, signs and filling station.

The contests were entered into with zest and accompanied by outburst of laughter from the very beginning. The "filling of the radiator" the changing of the tire (attire) "taking a drive" "backing up" Solo, a parody on America, "My Autotis of Thee" and the final march to "filling station" where each were served with "gas and Goodrich tires." (chocolate and doughnuts) completed one of the most enjoyable occasions of the Society.

Mr. and Mrs. John Westerman and Mr. and Mrs. Gwin visited the Harrell ranch Sunday.

Miss Ruby Henderson, who is teaching in the Dressy school, spent the week-end at home, here.

Hobert Hanke, J. W. Audus, Geo. Baum, R. A. Watson, Earl Gray, Dovie Neeb of route 2, were recent visitors here.

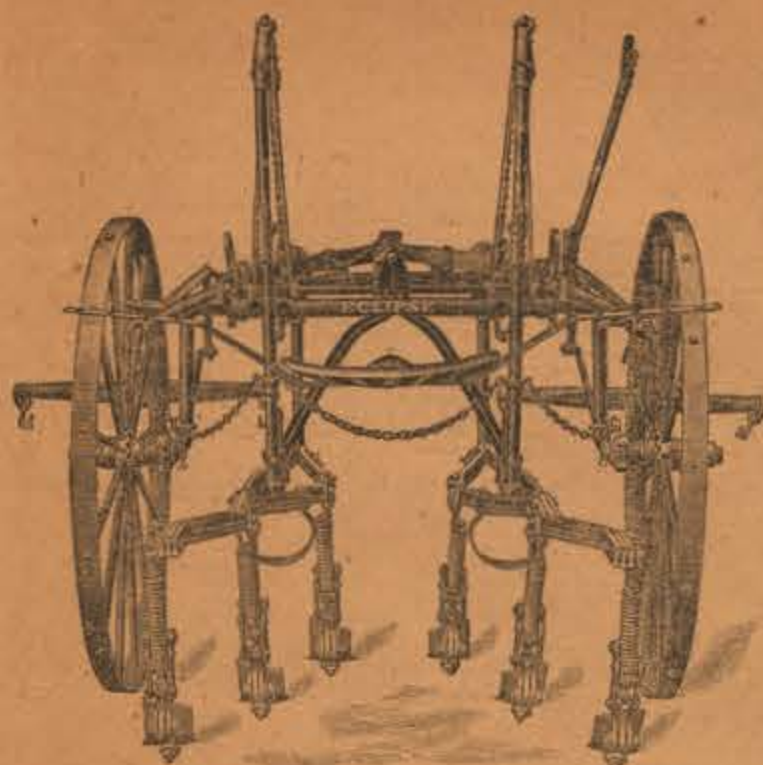
W. R. Reeder and family are moving to Stanton this week, where they will make their home. They have resided here many years and have made many warm friends, who will regret to see them go. But will join in wishing them well in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baum visited at Cisco recently.

W. C. Perry, J. E. Austin, W. A. Gatlin, H. L. Breeding, G. W. McLean and G. H. Clifton had business here this week.

Mr. Hemphill, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Gebrett and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Chandler enjoyed turkey dinner with Rev. Brabham and family Monday.

**J. I. Case Planters, Plows**



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The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church of Cross Plains met in their regular monthly business session on the night of Jan. 2nd and elected the following officers to serve them thru the year of 1924.

- Miss Aleta Walker, President.
- Mrs. Orby Derrington, Vice Pres.
- Miss Virgie Eager, Recording Secy.
- Mrs. Claud Star, Corresponding
- Carl Eager, Treasurer.
- Eldon Walker, Program Com.
- Oren Barr, Publicity Chairman
- Mrs. Jim Barr, Quiet Hour.
- Mrs. S. P. Collins, Missionary Chairman

This endeavor has done a great work in 1923 and with this staff of efficient workers for officers we predict a successful years work for 1924.

The Parents Teachers Association will meet Friday, Jan. 11th 1924, at 3 o'clock. All parents are requested to be present.

Reporter, Mrs. Martin Neeb

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church of Cross Plains will render the following program on Sunday evening, Jan. 13 at 6:45.

Topic: "In His Steps" 1. "How and When Jesus Prayed."

Song, No. 75  
Scripture Reading: John 17 1-26  
Chas. F. Hemppill

Prayer: Rev. Collins  
Leader's Address: Merlin Garrett  
Recitations, by Mrs. G. L. Eager, James Collins, Mabel Derrington, Olney Walker, Veta Derrington, Gladys Adams, Seaborn Collins, Mrs. John Barr, Olive Harlow, Lester Barr.

Question Box: Mr. Sam Barr.  
Announcements  
Mizpah Benediction

N. J. Keith of Brownwood is now cutting most most for Coydstun

Mrs. Lamar has returned home after a months visit with her daughter at Spur.

Mrs. S. K. Newton of Bakersville, Calif, who is visiting relatives at Cottonwood, spent several days with mother Kenedy, this week.

J. D. Mitchell of Cottonwood was here Monday shopping.

G. E. Nicholson and family of Stamford, have moved to our city, and Mr. Nicholson has accepted position as manager of the Hardware department at Higginbotham Bros. & Co. The first Sunday they were here, they united with the church, which in itself is a commendation for them.

Mrs. Hemphill and children are visiting with relatives in Gainesville.

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# Diamonds of Malopo

By VICTOR ROUSSEAU

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## "NO, MR. GARRETT"

**SYNOPSIS**—Winton Garrett, twenty-five and just out of college, sails by appointment on Archie Garrett, his New York cousin and executor, to receive his inheritance of \$100,000. Archie, honest, as easy mark and a fool for luck, assures Winton that he is practically a millionaire, as he has inherited all but \$10,000 in a rubber plantation in either the East or West Indies and in a controlling interest in the Big Malopo diamond mine, somewhere or other in South Africa, sold him as a special favor by a Dutch promoter named De Witt. Winton, en route to his mine, finds the town of Taanga wildly excited over a big strike at Malopo, including the 35-cent "De Witt diamond." Two coach passengers are a disreputable old prospector, Daddy Seaton, and his daughter Sheila. On the journey a passenger, who turns out to be De Witt himself, insults Sheila. Winton fights De Witt and knocks him out. Sheila tells him to turn back. She says that her father is a broken English army officer, who has killed a man and is therefore in De Witt's power, that De Witt is all-powerful, being backed by Judge Davis, president of the diamond syndicate and also the resident magistrate and judge of the native protectorate. Winton finds Malopo in a turmoil, both over the strike and the theft of the De Witt diamond. He discovers his identity. He finds Sheila in a restaurant.

## CHAPTER IV

### Framed.

He saw her start, and then bend hastily over the money she was reckoning. But the flush that overspread her face showed her confusion, and when, compelled by Winton's presence, she raised her head, her mortification was too evident for Winton's feelings.

Suddenly he understood the meaning of her self-deprecating words in the coach. A glance at the snarling waitresses, who were plainly of a class that had drifted to the fields for adventure and predatory purposes showed him the humiliation of the girl's position. He remembered what she had told him about two kinds of women; and in a flash he understood more than he could have learned in the course of a detailed explanation.

He saw the invisible class barrier that recognized two and only two conditions. On one side you were of the chosen; on the other, you shared the circumstances of the most vile. There were no subtle nuances of station here, nothing by which a decent woman was recognized as such, unless she came to Malopo in the care of some man of independent means.

And a flood of pity surged over the young man. He strode impulsively toward the desk.

"Miss Seaton!" he exclaimed. "I—"

She shook her head in vexation. "You must go away, Mr. Garrett," she said.

"I want to see you, to speak with you."

"I dare not. Please go away!"

Her distress was so evident that Winton could do nothing but obey. "At least let me meet you afterward," he pleaded. "Let me walk home with you. I shall wait for you on the stoop."

"If only you'll go away now—" begged Sheila.

Winton went to a table. As he sat down he was conscious of the glance of the hotel proprietor, who stood near the entrance. The fellow was watching Winton and appraising him. Winton saw the waitresses glancing at him and smiling. And then he understood still more than before.

The flashy women in the Continental dining room were there much less for their ability to wait than to draw customers. And Sheila, in the cashier's seat, was the particular magnet of the place. And Winton might be a "find." The proprietor was sliding him up as a potential captive of his cashier. He was estimating him in terms of pounds and shillings brought to the bar of the Continental. The waitresses, always alert for new victims with money, were watching him, too.

Winton understood Sheila's shame to the full. It was his now, and it overwhelmed him. He must get the girl away from that place. Not for an instant did it occur to him to doubt her. He saw the desperation that had driven her to her employment, tied to a drunken, good-for-nothing father, in a land where women were of two kinds alone, the parasites and the house-makers.

He did not raise his eyes to the desk again, but ate his meal hurriedly, ignoring the friendly approaches of his waitress, and went out upon the stoop. He sat down, looking across the market square. The sun had set, and darkness was coming on with the swiftness of those low latitudes. He began pining busily for Sheila and her father.

He must discover what hold De Witt had over Daddy Seaton. If he could break that bond and restore the old man's self-respect the beginning would have been made.

"Well, it's a fine evening, ain't it," said a voice beside him.

Winton swung round, to see the little man whom he had noticed before supper standing against the wall of the hotel. He started. How long the man had been there he could not imagine, but he felt almost as if his thoughts had been laid bare.

The man dropped into the chair beside him. "And what do you think of this country?" he continued, fixing Winton with his black eyes. "Stranger, ain't you? I spotted you as soon as you came in this afternoon."

"Yes, I'm a stranger," answered Winton curtly.

"There ain't many Americans in this country yet, but they won't be long coming. You always find 'em where the money is," said the little man. "Interested in a claim?"

"I might be," answered Winton. "As a rule I keep my affairs to myself."

"Oh, no offense," said the little man hastily. "We're all here for the money, ain't we? Of course, you're dead right to take that stand. You don't know me and I don't know you. Town's full of rogues and I. D. B. men, anyway. That was a smart trick getting away with the De Witt stone, eh? But the police will prove too smart for those fellows—if it ain't a lie."

Winton said nothing. He disliked the little man intensely. He felt an atmosphere of stealth and moral uncertainty extending from him, and the little man was getting on Winton's nerves by the way he fidgeted, first with one arm and then with the other; then with one leg and then with the other.

"This I. D. B. game now—you've heard of it, I suppose, even though you are a stranger? Illicit diamond buying—it's as old as the first diamond claim pegged out in Kimberley. Seven years on the breakwater at Cape Town to buy diamonds that way, and most of the big men in this country started in that game. Perfectly respectable now, and they ought to have the convict brand stamped all over them. But it's a temptation, when a Kaffir laborer knows more ways of hiding a stone than any white man could think of. Takes a shrewd compound manager to keep tab on them. They used to swallow them, but we counseled that. Then they'd cut holes in their skin and bury them, till we started the medical examination as well as the daily search. Then they hid them in their dogs, and we shut the dogs out of the compounds. There was one fellow, a dentist, used to stop their teeth with them. And that game wasn't worked out before they had a new trick."

"Yes, Malopo's a queer place," he continued. "Between you and me, I don't believe that De Witt stone was picked up here at all. De Witt brought it up from Kimberley and planted it on the Big Malopo claim. That's what most people are saying. Just an advertising trick to boom his stock, and the same with the stealing. That stone wasn't stolen."

"See here!" cried Winton, goaded to exasperation. "What is the name of the flounder do you mean by calling the Big Malopo Mr. De Witt's? What has Mr. De Witt to do with it?"

The little man laughed and nudged Winton jocularly in the side. The touch of his fingers against Winton's coat was almost intolerable. Winton moved his chair away.

"Now it's you who are asking questions," said the little man. "You know what you know and I know what I know, eh?"

He chuckled, rose up, and walked away. Whatever the object of his address might have been, it had succeeded in stinging Winton in his tenderest place. Everybody in Malopo seemed to take it for granted that De Witt already owned the Big Malopo. Even Ned Burns had taken the stone to De Witt. And it had been placed on exhibition in the Syndicate bank.

Winton was raging. He meant to show Malopo who owned the claim, and he had forgotten all his warnings about being cautious.

A mob of men from the dining room came out upon the porch, laughing and joking. Inside the hotel Winton heard two in altercation, the subject of their dispute being, apparently, one of the waitresses. The meal was over. Winton rose and looked through the doorway. Then he saw Sheila putting on her hat beside the cashier's desk.

A man spoke to her as she left the room, but she walked past him, and went down the steps before Winton could intercept her. He followed her, and as he did so he heard one of the men on the porch make a jesting remark about him to a companion.

Winton did not heed it. He caught up with the girl at the corner of the block. "Miss Seaton!" he began.

She turned and stopped. "Mr. Garrett—" she began.

"You asked me to go away, and I did so. I thought you would allow me—"

"What is it that you want?" asked Sheila.

"I want to help you. I know that you are friendly here, that you are doing work which is unsuited to you. I know that you were not born for this sort of life. I want to be your friend, and your father's."

"A hundred men have said that to

me since I came to Malopo," answered the girl bitterly.

"I mean it."

"You mean that you are quixotic enough to wish to do a kindness without any return. No, Mr. Garrett, and I want you to forget that you ever met me."

She turned again and began walking quickly along the dark street, but Winton kept at her side.

"But you are unreasonable," he cried.

"Miss Seaton, surely you are not so rich in friendships that you can reject one which is disinterested."

"Mr. Garrett," she answered, stopping once more and looking him squarely in the face. "I am not so friendless as you think. And I do not accept friends out of pity. If you are a gentleman, you will not speak to me again, nor notice me, in the Continental, or anywhere. Good night; and let this be good-by."

He watched her until her figure was lost in the murky mazes of the foul streets that stretched toward the desert. His heart sank. There was nothing more that he could do, then. He hated Malopo now; he wished he had never come.

Looking back toward the single electric light that stood at the corner of the market square, he fancied that he perceived the figure of the little man who had talked with him upon the stoop of the hotel. He was standing with another, pointing after him.

Winton strode away. He had entirely forgotten Burns' warning; and if he had remembered it would not have made any difference. He wanted to get out toward the desert again, to be alone.

Old clothes shops, which thrived upon the wages of the native gangs brought to work in the compounds, booths of Greek, Syrian, and Indian peddlers, alternating with vacant lots, lined the sandy track. There were mean little alleys that extended at right angles, terminating in shadows. The moonlight, straggling fitfully through a bank of clouds, something rarely seen in the dry season, disclosed the desert beyond.

Near the outskirts of the town was a new structure consisting of about a score of brick houses of uniform height and a single story each, joined to form two sides of a square. On the third side was another street, with vacant lots fronting it; on the fourth barred



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wire, and the desert beyond. In the center was a well. These houses, which were of the crudest construction, contained apparently but two rooms apiece, and the aspect of the whole construction was dismal beyond imagination. Only two or three seemed to be inhabited, and this fact was to be learned by the tin cans and other refuse that had been thrown out from the doors.

Winton turned from the place in disgust and made his way toward the end of the street, looking upon the desert. Then he perceived two men close behind him. Since the little man was not one of them, however, he thought little of the matter, and, as they came quickly toward him, he stepped aside to let them take the harder center of the road.

When they were almost abreast of him they separated, with the evident intention of passing on either side. For the first time Winton scented mischief. He put his hand to his pocket, where lay Ned Burns' revolver. He had half drawn it when it was dashed to the ground, and the two leaped at him.

A stunning blow upon the head from a wooden baton sent Winton reeling. He gained his feet just in time, and sent the men staggering back with a couple of blows in the face. They came at him again. A second blow on the head felled Winton to the ground. His assailants were upon him, kicking and pounding him.

One of them put his hand into his pocket and drew something forth, holding it up to his companion with an exultant cry. It seemed to be a small stone, wrapped in tissue paper. An instant later it lay in the man's palm, an irregularly shaped pebble, of no particular luster.

"It's the De Witt!" yelled the other, and, turning to Winton, kicked him again.

"The game's up, my lad," he shouted. "We were tipped off about you, and we've got you fair. Are you coming quietly?"

At first bewildered, Winton now discerned that the men wore the uniform of the town police. He saw the trap into which he had fallen. The little man had placed the stone in his pocket while they sat side by side on the stoop of the hotel, an hour before.

He saw the consequences. He would be flung into jail, held there, and, if not ransomed to the breakwater by Judge Davis, at least prevented from attending the meeting in the Chamber of Commerce the following morning. De Witt had laid his scheme well.

The fury that filled him at the realization of his predicament momentarily paralyzed him. He lay perfectly still. One of his assailants stooped over him and looked into his face.

"You knocked him out for fair, Roberts," he said. "This will mean promotion for us."

"And De Witt'll pay through the nose. He'll have to," answered the other meaningly.

"There was some papers we was to look for," said his companion.

The two were off their guard as Winton sprang. But he rather seemed to fly from his supine position to his feet with an instantaneous co-ordination of movements. Before the amazed police could meet his onslaught he had snatched the baton from the one who had struck him down, and brought it crashing down on his skull. The man dropped upon his hands and knees, moaning, and began crawling with apparently aimless movements, this way and that.

The second policeman, who did not lack pluck, had time to draw his truncheon and attack Winton, who dodged in under a blow which glanced harmlessly off his arm, and landed his fist full on his mouth. The man stumbled and fell, and Winton turned and ran like the wind, making for one of the dark alleys that led out to the road. As he ran he heard the crack of revolver shots behind him, followed by the police whistle, and cries for help.

The man had picked up Ned Burns' revolver and fired, but the bullets did not go anywhere near Winton, and the policeman's act in firing, and his delaying the pursuit to summon assistance gave the fugitive time to dart out of sight around the corner.

Winton had been something of a sprinter at college. He knew he could probably outdistance the best of the police force. But he heard answering whistles before him and shouting. He inferred that he was running toward the police station. He saw another alley mouth open beside an empty peddler's wagon, and darted down.

The street was empty, but the moon now rode high in the sky, lighting up the town more brightly than an installation of electric lights might have done. Winton had baffled his pursuers for the moment, but they were all about him; the trap had been well set, and in fact pairs of police had been stationed at the ends of all the streets leading into the desert. He was like a trapped rat, rushing blindly from alley to alley, and, what was worse, the foreign population of the district was waking from the early sleep induced by its activities of the day. As Winton ran an Indian fired deliberately at him from a window. The wind of the bullet whistled upon his neck. And the shouts were growing louder on all sides.

Winton was reeling from weakness as he ran. He had not realized how strong an effort he had made to pull himself together after the two stunning blows. Something was dripping into his eyes; he put his hand up and was amazed to find it covered with blood.

At last he halted, breathless. He was in an alley blocked now at the end behind him by his pursuers. They had not seen him as he ran in the shadow of some booths, but the yells of the Indians apprised Winton that his course was accurately known. Before him a street ran at right angles, and somewhere in this another group was racing to cut him off.

He looked up in despair, and then discovered that he had run round the circumference of a large circle. In front of him was the square which he had passed immediately before the attack on him. He was approaching from the third side of it, and his only chance of escape lay into the desert, bright as day under the hard moonlight.

"I am the president of the Big Malopo company."

## (TO BE CONTINUED)

### Life in China.

In nearly all Chinese cities a large percentage of the inhabitants live in a sort of hand-to-mouth fashion, buying food from restaurants. Hot water is sold from stands by people who make a business of providing it. The great necessity for economy in fuel seems to be the primary cause of this mode of living.

### Flop of Star Fish.

If a starfish is turned over upon its upper surface it rights itself by bending two arms backward until they are beneath the disc and then lifting until it falls on its lower surface, says Nature Magazine. If the nerve-ring, which encircles the mouth, is severed, the animal cannot right itself.

### Vanity.

What renders the vanity of others insupportable is that it wounds our own.

## AFTER 45 YEARS SCIENCE FREES MAN

PROTESTING INNOCENCE OF KILLING WIFE, HE NOTES MEDICAL PROGRESS.

## READS LIKE PAGE OF FICTION

Forgotten by World, Louis Danval Has Hopes Revived by Discoveries and is Released.

Paris.—By virtue of the medical science, Louis Danval, convict, has won a 45-year fight for freedom and cleared himself of the accusation that he killed his wife.

In 1878 doctors, performing an autopsy on the dead body of Mrs. Danval, discovered arsenic. Danval was a druggist. The conclusion was obvious. Protesting innocence, he was sent to prison.

The world forgot Danval as he served the long years of his sentence.

But beyond the prison walls scientists were making swift progress in knowledge of the human machine. They had discovered that arsenic exists in the body of every normal human being.

Meanwhile Danval had appealed his sentence.

Recently judges of the high Court of Appeals pored over dusty documents of the old conviction and received the testimony of five scientists. The scientists declared that the two milligrams of arsenic found in the woman's body was not sufficient to cause death. Danval's release was ordered. The court annulled the decree of 1878 and granted the prisoner an indemnity of 20,000 francs and annual pension of 12,000 francs to compensate for his years in prison.

The strange tragedy and stranger vindication of the aged man reads like a page of Guy de Maupassant.

For 45 years Danval, behind bars, has stubbornly and motionously told his jailers, fellow-prisoners and all who would listen that he had not given arsenic to his wife.

After he had served 24 years he saw in French newspapers that scientists had discovered that arsenic is always present in the human body. He appealed for a retrial of the case, but the appeal failed.

Danval, sweeping prison corridors, marching in line to the mess tables, pondering in his cell at night, became an amateur of medicine. He subscribed to medical journals, reading every line.

No man, perhaps, watched the march of science more eagerly. Two years ago Danval's faith was rewarded. Scientists, he read, had succeeded in measuring the amount of arsenic in the normal human body. Again he appealed.

The case has dragged through endless red tape of the courts. Old evidence has been reviewed. The judges have studied testimony of doctors long since dead. Today, in the light of new knowledge, the pronouncement of the forgotten medical men seemed medieval. Modern experts were called in. It became apparent that Danval might possibly have a reasonable case. Now the testimony of five scientists has brought his freedom.

## GARNER PLANNING NEW TAX MEASURE

Levy on Stock Dividends Said to Be Embraced in Texans' Program.

Washington.—Democrats are going to force the tax fight on the floor of the House before the administration bill, now being carefully planned, completes its tedious way through the House Ways and Means Committee.

This is revealed in the announcement of Representative Jack Garner of Texas, ranking Democratic member of the committee that he will introduce a tax measure of his own after the House reconvenes.

Declining to discuss the details of the measure, which he is now preparing, he said it will provide \$500,000,000 in new taxes, to be distributed upon "those who can best bear the burden," and will allow tax reductions of \$270,000,000.

Though Mr. Garner is opposed to a bonus, he is confident that a bonus bill will be enacted, and is preparing his tax measure with that in view. When a bonus is passed, and the administrative leaders prepare to call off their tax program, in accordance with the opinion expressed by Secretary Mellon that both can not be enacted, Mr. Garner will then lay his tax measure before the House, which is not dependent upon shelving the bonus. This is the plan now being contrived.

### Amnesty to Mexican Generals.

Austin, Texas.—J. L. Schleimer, Official representative of President Oregon of Mexico, has been in conference with Gov. Neff. Gov. Neff announced that the matters discussed would be disclosed in a prepared statement, which he expected to give out soon. The envoy, however, said that President Oregon had offered amnesty to the generals in the rebel army if they will lay down arms within 15 days. The envoy said they would be granted pardons by the president.

## FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Mrs. Bradford Recommends Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound



Phoebus, Virginia.—"Having this opportunity I just cannot refrain from saying a word of praise for the Lydia E. Pinkham medicines. I have used them on occasion required for twenty years, and mytheosters have also used them, and always with the most gratifying results. During the Change of Life I had the usual distressing symptoms—hot flashes, insomnia, etc.—and I am pleased to testify to the wonderful results I obtained from the Vegetable Compound. I heartily recommend it to any woman and I will be pleased to answer any inquiries that might be sent to me through the publication of my testimonial."—Mrs. H. L. BRADFORD, 109 Armistead Street, Phoebus, Virginia.

Consider carefully Mrs. Bradford's letter. Her experience ought to help you. She mentions the trials of middle age and the wonderful results she obtained from Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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Is You, Judge?  
Judge—"Now, I don't expect to see you here again. Hastus? Hastus—"Not see me here again, Judge? Why, you ain't again to resign your job, is you, judge?"—Pittsburgh Post.

Red Cross Band Blue is the finest product of its kind in the world. Every woman who has used it knows this statement to be true.—Advertisement.

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Mrs. Tom Anderson is with her children, Weidon and Virginia in Denver, Colo.

Messrs W. E. Butler, J. C. Morris, Mart Harlow and Saunders, motored to Lawn, Tuesday.

H. P. Faulkner of Dublin, has been recently looking after his interest here.

T. B. Slick, of San Antonio, was here this week looking after local interest.

Sherman Gehrett visited last week with his father, at Canyon City Colo, and returning by way of Wichita Kansas where he visited relatives.

Mrs. Buatt returned to Abilene Sunday, after spending a week with her mother, Mrs. Kenedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carey and children, visited at Merkel last Sunday.

Miss Eva Parsons has returned from an extended visit with relatives in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Clark, W. C. Adams, S. L. Teague and Harvey Dennis motored to Brownwood Wednesday night to hear Dr. Truett preach.

R. W. Higginbotham, president of Higginbotham Bros. & Co. and Mr. Williams, general manager, were here this week.

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