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The Baird Star.

Our Motto: "TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE; BUT THE GIT-UP-AND-GIT THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

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NO. 1

Part of our December Profits go to Red Cross

It has been our custom for good many years to give some little presents at Christmas time to the unfortunate of our city, but this year in addition to this we feel that it is our duty to make some donation to the "boys in the trenches" and have decided to give a certain percentage of our December profits to the Local Red Cross Chapter and will give them a check on January 10, 1918. Give us your December business and make this donation check to the Red Cross a big one. We will guarantee to give \$50. but would like to make it \$75. or \$100; your patronage can easily make it this amount. The Red Cross is doing a great work, let us help in every way possible

DRY GOODS

In this department we have a large stock of goods. Everything new and up-to-date. The latest styles in Men's, Women's and Children's Ready-to-Wears, Millinery, Shoes, etc. Many things in this department make useful and appropriate Christmas presents. Shop early.

MEAT MARKET

In connection with our Grocery Department we have opened a first-class Meat Market and are now prepared to furnish you with fresh meats of all kind. Order your meats with your groceries. Mr. C. E. Gann, an experienced meat cutter, has charge of this department and will take pleasure in serving you the very best to be had.

GROCERIES

This department is filled with everything that one could ask for in the way of "good eats." Our stock is kept fresh and clean. Here you will find everything needed for the Christmas baking. Give us your order. All orders are given careful attention. Prompt delivery

REMEMBER, a part of the profits you pay us for merchandise during this month goes to the "boys in the trenches," so do your "bit" and trade with us. Quality of goods is the best and prices as cheap as any one for goods of same quality.

B. L. BOYDSTUN

Stores at Baird, Clyde, Cross Plains and Denton

The Place Where Most People Trade

BAIRD, TEXAS

ROYAL THEATRE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT.

The Gem Theatre Co., of Abilene H. T. Hodge Manager, has bought the Royal Theatre and has closed for a few days for a thorough cleaning up and repairing. It is being renovated and a fresh coat of paint applied, both inside and out. All equipment from machines down to the piano is being overhauled and repaired and put in first class condition. The best service has been secured and the patrons can always be sure now of seeing a good show. Mr. Hodge is an experienced show man having operated the most successful show in Abilene for the last four years.

METHODIST SERVICES

Next Sunday at the Methodist Church the pastor will preach two sermons on the "Three Great questions of Life." The subject being 11 a. m. "What can I know?" 7 p. m. "What must I Do." Special music at both services. Sunday School 10 a. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

WANTED—A TRUNK

If you have a trunk with a good lock and key that you are not using, would you lend it to the Red Cross Chapter of Baird? It is needed to keep the materials in that are being made by this Chapter. Phone Mrs. F. S. Bell.

BROWN—EDINS MARRIAGE

Sunday afternoon, November 25, Miss Lillie Edins and Lieutenant Buster Brown were married in Fort Worth, at the Christian church, by Rev. Anderson.

The bride was accompanied to Ft. Worth by her aunt, Mrs. J. B. Shackelford. Lieutenant Brown had only a brief furlough, hence his bride met him in Fort Worth.

The bride wore a handsome beet-colored tailored suit, with hat to match and carried white chrysanthemums. The happy couple left immediately for Fort Sam Houston where the groom is stationed.

Mrs. Brown is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Edins, is an

Abilene reared young lady, and has endeared herself to a host of friends here by her lovely trait of character. She has been teaching in the Lamar school for four years. Lieutenant Brown is also well known here where he has many friends.—Abilene Reporter.

NEW MEAT MARKET

We have opened a Meat Market in connection with our Grocery Department, where we will carry all kinds of fresh meats. Mr. C. E. Gann, an experienced meat cutter, who will have charge of this department, and will take pleasure in serving the best. B. L. Boydston, 1-1f

Mrs. Jesse Walker and daughters, and Miss Pearce, of Admiral were Baird visitors Saturday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, Dec. 2, 1917.

Baptist Sunday School

Number present - 150
Collection - \$ 4.49

Methodist Sunday School

Number present - 118
Collection - \$ 6.51

Presbyterian Sunday School

Number present - 97
Collection - \$3.19

Christian Sunday School

Number present - 94
Collection - \$4.00
Chapters read - 400

Total Attendance - 459
Total Collection - \$18.19

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartiest thanks to all of our neighbors, and friends for their many kind deeds and all their acts of loving kindness shown us during the long illness and death of our beloved sister and daughter, Mrs. Kate Davison. May God's richest blessings rest on you all in our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. McCoy and family.

TIRE LOST—New Black clincher tire, lost between Union School House and Berry's Garage. Reward for return to Berry's Garage, Baird, Texas. 53.1t-adv-pd

THE TIFFANY OF WEST TEXAS

The largest and most complete stock of Solid Gold and Gold Filled Jewelry, Cut Glass, Silver and French Ivory West of Fort Worth

JUST A FEW OF OUR CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

Beautiful Birthstone Rings, a stone for every month in the year	\$2.50 and up
Solid Gold Rings for the Baby—plain or with sets	1.00 each
Solid Gold Rings, Ruby in center, encircled with genuine Pearls	3.50 and up
Dinner Rings in Garnet, Topaz, Amethyste, etc.	5.00 and up
Signet Rings, Solid Gold, nicely engraved	2.50 and up
A new line of Gentlemen's Emblem Rings, Solid Gold, Colored Enamel	4.50 and up
Solid Gold Cuff Links, Diamond set, plain or fancy	2.50 and up
Solid Gold and Gold filled Emblem Charms	1.50 and up
Solid Gold Tie Clasps, Diamond set, plain or engraved	1.25 and up
Cameo Scarf Pins, Solid Gold mountings	1.50 and up
Solid Gold or Gold filled Pocket Knives, with or without Waldemar Chains,	3.50 and up
Sterling Silver Belt Buckles, Plain, Engraved or Enameled	2.50 and up
Solid Gold Necklace for Children	1.50 and up

A beautiful Knife Edge Bar Pen set with 3 White Perfect Diamonds, Rose Setting	45.00
Large or small Cameos, Hand Carved, set in Solid Gold Brooches encircled with Genuine Pearls	4.50 and up
Solid Gold and Gold Filled Watch Fobs	1.50 and up
Some Solid Gold Brooches, just one mass of Pearl, center set with Diamonds	10.00 and up
Cameo Lavilliers Diamond set in Cameo with Ring to match	25.00
Bracelet Watches, a large assortment of Gold and Gold Filled, in plush box	16.00 and up
Elgin or Waltham Gold Filled Watches 12 size	15.00
Sterling Silver Tea Spoons	7.50 set
Silver Knives, Forks, Tea and Table Spoons, Sugar Shells, Sugar Tongs, Souvenir Spoons, Oyster Forks and many other Silver Pieces that space won't let us mention. Hawkes Cut Glass Water Sets, Bowls, Celery Trays, Cream and Sugar Nappys, Puff Boxes, Picture Frames, etc	
Call and select your Gifts and we will gladly set them away for you.	

J. H. TERRELL

JEWELER-OPTICIAN-DRUGGIST

Diamond Setting

Engraving

OLD SOLDIER WAS CONSTIPATED

Says Black-Draught Cured Him of His Troubles of 12 Years Standing.

Scottville, N. C.—Mr. James Dickson, an old resident of this place, and Civil War Veteran, recently made the following statement: "I am 87 years old, and am an old soldier of the war of '61. I had constipation for 12 years. The doctors said I would never be any better, but now I can tell them better. I had taken dollars and dollars' worth of blood tablets, but they got so they didn't do me much good."

Then I got to taking your Black-Draught, and I had not taken one full package until I found that it relieved the constipation. I took two or three packages, and it has cured me, and I praise it to all of my friends."

Thousands of people in the past 70 years have found help for constipation in the use of Theodor's Black-Draught. Many families keep Black-Draught in the house all the time, and use it at the least sign of constipation, indigestion, biliousness, or other liver troubles.

Black-Draught is purely vegetable reliable and without bad after-effects. Good for young and old. Get a package from your druggist today, and take a dose tonight. You will feel better tomorrow. Price 25c a package. Costs only one cent a dose.—Adv.

The Luxurious One.

"Does your husband complain of your economy?"

"No," she replied, "the trouble and expense arise from the fact that we have to arrange extra meals for the kitchen to keep the cook from leaving."

KIDNEY TROUBLE NOT EASILY RECOGNIZED

Applicants for Insurance Often Rejected

An examining physician for one of the prominent life insurance companies, in an interview of the subject, made the astonishing statement that one reason why so many applicants for insurance are rejected is because kidney trouble is so common to the American people, and the large majority of those whose applications are declined do not even suspect that they have the disease.

Judging from reports from druggists who are constantly in direct touch with the public, there is one preparation that has been very successful in overcoming these conditions. The mild and healing influence of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its remarkable record of success.

We find that Swamp-Root is strictly an herbal compound and we would advise our readers who feel in need of such a remedy to give it a trial. It is on sale at all drug stores in bottles of two sizes, medium and large.

However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention "this paper."—Adv.

Lots Yet to Be Done.

There may come a time when you'll be ashamed to admit that all you did in the great war was to buy a few Liberty bonds.—Exchange.

A BRIGHT, CLEAR COMPLEXION

is always admired, and it is the laudable ambition of every woman to do all she can to make herself attractive. Many of our southern women have found that Tetterine is invaluable for clearing up blotches, itchy patches, etc., and making the skin soft and velvety. The worst cases of eczema and other torturing skin diseases yield to Tetterine. Sold by druggists or sent by mail for 50c. by Shuprine Co., Savannah, Ga.—Adv.

A Russian Proverb.

With God go over the sea; without him, not over the threshold.

Some men frankly admit they can't sing, but the man never lived who didn't think he had a keen sense of humor.

Beautiful, clear white clothes delights the laundress who uses Red Cross Ball Blue All grocers. Adv.

Love is a malady of the mind that swells the heart and knocks the stuffing out of the pocketbook.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take LAXATIVE BROWN QUININE TABLETS. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 50c.

An Average Load.

"There goes what you might call the average suburbanite."

"How do you place him?"

"He's carrying home something his wife asked him to get at a department store, a steak, a head of lettuce and a new record for his phonograph."

An old bachelor says that the vocalizing at a wedding is even more depressing than the singing at a funeral.

New-York street railways will be forced to put on more cars.

BOARD OF CONTROL FOR PRISON SYSTEM

BILL BEING PREPARED BY CHAIRMAN FLY CREATES BUSINESS BODY.

BOARD WILL HIRE MANAGER

This Body Will Also Be Budget Commissioners and Have Much Power in State Business Affairs.

Austin.—One of the most far-reaching reforms to be recommended by any member of the legislative investigating committee to that committee for submission to the legislature is that which is being evolved by W. M. Fly, chairman of the house central committee, for the creation of a state board of control. Mr. Fly is framing a bill that will create a board of three who shall combine the functions of budget commissioners with those of a state board of control. He will propose that these commissioners be selected and employed by a board, of which the members shall be all the elective officers of the state created by the constitution and possibly one or two others, together with the speaker of the house and the president pro tem of the senate.

The commissioners are to be business men of the highest ability, selected for their fitness to manage large interests and will be paid adequate salaries. They will constitute an advisory board for the governor in all matters where he may desire their services and shall act as a board of control for the prison system and several other state agencies. In addition to these duties, the board of control will perform the functions of a budget commission, being clothed with power to make all necessary examinations into the needs and requirements of the several state departments and institutions.

To Replace Prison Commissioners.

It will be provided in the bill that the state board of control shall have control of the entire prison system, to be exercised through one manager. This manager will be appointed by the governor upon recommendation by the board. He will have entire supervision over the prison system under direction of the board of control.

Precautions for Health of Soldiers.

Fort Worth.—By order of Brigadier General George Blakely, acting divisional commander, Camp Bowie was placed under quarantine regulations to prevent the further spread of cerebro spinal meningitis, eight cases of which, it is officially announced, have developed there. The order directs that the quarantine continue for a period of two weeks, and during that time no soldiers will be permitted to come to the city except on official business and visiting the camp promiscuously will be prohibited except under restrictions.

Seek \$70,156 for Not Cultivating Farm

Austin.—Two suits to recover an aggregate of \$70,156 for alleged damages and losses by reason of the failure of the prison commission to cultivate and care for two farms in accordance with the provisions of the contract, were filed in the district court of Travis county against the state. D. D. Eastham and Luther Eastham are plaintiffs in one suit and seek to recover \$60,406. In the other suit B. A. Eastham is plaintiff, and he asks for \$9,750.

State Fair Earned \$86,926 This Year.

Dallas.—Showing the net earnings of the 1917 state fair of Texas to have been \$86,926.28, as against \$72,531.41 in 1916, or an increase in net profits of \$14,394.87, the annual financial report of Secretary Stratton was read before a meeting of the state fair directors. The bulk of this net profit was immediately invested in Liberty bonds, the directors voting unanimously to buy \$50,000 of these bonds. The total receipts of the 1917 fair amounted to \$264,930.88 as against \$247,016.79 in 1916, or an increase of \$17,914.18. The expenses of the 1917 fair totaled \$178,004.60, as against \$174,485.29 in 1916.

Million Dollar Ranch is Purchased.

Fort Worth.—For an aggregate consideration of \$1,026,250 over 66,000 acres in Garza and Crosby counties, the lease thereon for one year and 3,400 head of cattle were purchased by Frank Corn, well-known Fort Worth cattleman. The land, known as the Major W. W. Watts ranch, brought \$12.50 per acre, or a total of \$826,250. Mr. Corn states that he will unite the new tract with the 64,000 acres he already owns.

Houston to Close 285 Saloons Jan. 1.

Houston.—To facilitate the policing of the city and prevent bootlegging among the soldiers now stationed here, the city council has passed an emergency ordinance putting out of business about 225 beer saloons and between 50 and 60 saloons where whisky and other liquors are sold. The new ordinance becomes effective Jan. 1 and applies to all places where intoxicating liquors are sold except in the business district which is proscribed.

WICHITA FALLS GETS ASYLUM

Committee is Unanimous in Decision and Expects to Let Contract At Once.

Austin.—The board to locate the Northwest Texas Insane asylum, consisting of Governor Hobby, W. A. Johnson, president protem of the senate, and Attorney General B. F. Looney, after hearing the claims of the four cities seeking the location, unanimously selected Wichita Falls on the first ballot. The other applicants were Fort Worth, Mineral Wells and Sweetwater.

The board indicated that its intention is to have the contract let as soon as possible and to have work of construction begun early next spring the asylum to be completed and ready for occupancy by Jan. 1, 1919. The Thirty-fifth legislature appropriated \$400,000 for the establishment of this institution.

Wichita Falls offered a free site of 500 acres on Lake Wichita four miles from Wichita Falls, and on the car line and railroad.

TONS OF JUNK FOUND AT PRISON

Legislative Investigating Committee to Ask Why Scrap Iron is Not Sold.

Huntsville.—Great iron flywheels, old machines of many types and varying weights, 13 electric motors, ruined by fire, but with the copper wiring and armatures still in them, the running gear of a big locomotive, minus the boiler and the cab, steel sills for buildings, castiron grates for boilers, steel pipe, steel bars of multiple sizes, literally hundreds of tons of iron and steel of various ages and in many stages of rust and depreciation, were found in a tour of the penitentiary grounds here by Representative Frank Holiday of the legislative investigating committee.

Mr. Holiday was looking into the matter of waste from lack of storage and from failure to sell as scrap iron the old machinery that could not be repaired and put into use profitably.

VERDICT IN COURT MARTIAL.

Col. Dunn and Gen. Ruckman to Review Findings Before Making Announcement.

San Antonio.—A verdict has been reached in the court martial of the 63 negroes of the Twenty-fourth Infantry charged with murder, mutiny and rioting, as a result of the uprising at Houston Aug. 23, last. The verdict will be reviewed before being made public.

That a verdict had been reached was made known when the defendant negroes were brought to the post chapel at Fort Sam Houston, where the trial was held, after which the court martial formally adjourned.

This compliance with military rules was the only evidence of the verdict. Colonel Geo. Dunn, advocate general of the Southern department, will review the findings of the court martial. After that they will go to General J. W. Ruckman, commander of the department. If either disapproves they may be returned to the court for further consideration. The trial occupied exactly one month, beginning Nov. 1.

East and West Texas Utilities Merged

Austin.—The public utilities in five west Texas cities and three in east Texas are merged into two corporations, owned and controlled by the same parties, the charters of which have just been filed in the office of the secretary of state. The charters are: East Texas Utilities company, Marshall, capital stock \$300,000; West Texas Utilities company, Abilene, capital stock \$400,000.

American Cavalry Kill 35 Bandits.

Presidio.—In a battle at Buena Vista, Texas, between United States cavalrymen, under Lieut. Leonard F. Matlock, and Mexican thieves, one soldier was killed and another slightly wounded. Justo Gonzales, former of an American cattle ranch, who was acting as scout for the soldiers, was killed. Machine guns were used to drive the Mexicans from the houses of Buena Vista, in which they had taken refuge. The bandits numbered 209, of whom 35 were killed and many wounded.

Saloons Close in McLennan County.

Waco.—Saturday night at 9:30 prohibition became effective in McLennan county. The pros carried the county by a big majority in the local option election held Oct. 20. This is the first time that the county, in its entirety, has been dry. There were 93 places in McLennan county, wholesale and retail, where liquor was sold, and 68 of these were in Waco.

Temple Furnished 20 Recruits in Nov.

Temple.—During the past month 20 recruits for the army and navy were accepted from this immediate section through the agency of the local postoffice. Many were men subject to draft who were not willing to wait until their numbers were reached on the list and decided to beat the government to it. Since recruiting actively started some months ago over 400 volunteers have entered the army and navy through this agency alone.

HOG FEED PROBLEM

Most Satisfactory Ration Necessarily Is Wholesome.

MIXTURE TO PREVENT WORMS

Where Pastures Are Luxuriant It is Possible to Carry Breeding Sows on Pasture Alone—Best Age for Breeding.

The same good judgment required in the selection of stock is very necessary in the feeding and management. Good selection will be rendered ineffective if the feeding and management are not such that the animals will thrive and yield a good increase. The real problem in swine feeding is to supply sufficient nutritive material for building and repairing the body and furnishing sufficient energy to lay on fat. The most satisfactory ration must necessarily be made up of feeds which are wholesome, relished by the hog, and at the same time reasonable in cost.



CHEAP AND CONVENIENT WEANING TROUGH FOR PIGS.

It has been asserted by various experienced feeders of hogs that a mixture of charcoal, ashes, lime, salt sulphur and coppers kept where the hogs can eat it will tend to prevent worm infestation. There is no positive experimental evidence, however, in support of the idea that such a mixture will prevent worm infestation, and it is of value therefore as a source of mineral matter in the diet, and perhaps as an appetizer and tonic, rather than as a worm preventive. A balanced ration may furnish all the necessary feed nutrients, yet the system of the hog craves mineral matter. The mineral matter is not under control, and in order to make sure that the hogs have an abundant supply, free access should be given to a mineral mixture. The following is a formula for such a mixture:

Charcoal Mixture. Charcoal.....1 bushel Hardwood ashes.....1 bushel Salt.....8 pounds Air-slacked lime.....4 pounds Sulphur.....4 pounds Pulverized coppers.....2 pounds

Mix the lime, salt and sulphur thoroughly and then mix with the charcoal and ashes. Dissolve the coppers in one quart of hot water and sprinkle the solution over the whole mass, mixing it thoroughly. Keep some of this mixture in a box before the hogs at all times, or place in a self-feeder.

Dry sows can be placed in a pasture by themselves and given very little grain. Those which show an exceptionally run-down condition from suckling their pigs should be separated from the rest of the herd and fed grain until they regain breeding condition. Where pastures are very luxuriant it is possible to carry breeding sows on pasture alone, but in such case their condition must be studied closely by the breeder, in order to be sure that they are receiving enough nourishment from the pasture. Hogs require attention regardless of condition, age or sex, but the management of the brood sows is the surest test of the breeder's skill.

Age of Breeding.

The age at which a young sow is first bred will depend upon her development, but it is seldom advisable to breed her before she is eight months old. A very young sow seldom produces a large litter. Another objection to early breeding is that a young sow

Calendar Showing Dates of Breeding and Farrowing for Sows, Based on 112-Day Gestation Period.

Table with 12 columns representing months from January to December and rows showing dates for breeding and farrowing. The table is partially obscured but shows dates for various months.

is an increasing drain on her system. Feeding at this time should be liberal, although it need not be so heavy as after the pigs are farrowed. A very fat sow is apt to be clumsy with her pigs, and sometimes these are lacking in vitality. On the other hand, a very thin sow will either not do justice to her pigs or will become a mere wreck herself during the time she is nursing her litter, and the chances are that both these things will happen. The necessity of exercise must not be overlooked under any circumstances. This may be provided by a large lot or even by driving the hogs slowly for a short distance each day.

Corn should not be fed in large amounts to breeding stock, because it does not furnish enough bone and muscle-forming constituents to properly develop the unborn pigs.

has not the strength to stand the strain of nursing a litter of pigs, and her growth may be checked to such a degree that she never fully develops.

A sow farrows 112 to 115 days from the date of conception. By keeping a careful service record, the breeder is therefore able to determine accurately when to expect the pigs and to make his arrangements accordingly. For convenient reference the gestation table given herewith was arranged by Coburn to show the expected farrowing dates for service on any day of the year from January 1 to December 31. Calculations are based on a 112-day gestation period. The first line of dates in each column indicates the dates of breeding and directly opposite in the same column is the date on which the sow is due to farrow.

It is common practice among farmers to require their sows to produce two litters a year. Although the sows have had good care, they will naturally be run down somewhat in condition, because the greater portion of the food consumed has been utilized for the production of milk.

The sow needs a rest before she is bred again, and the time for this

rest is the weaning and breeding periods. Intelligent feeding will bring the sow from a thin condition into a good, strong, vigorous condition in a short time. When this is done she will be in proper condition to assume her duty when breeding time arrives.

If the sow is bred in a thin, run-down condition, she must resume work immediately, and she will naturally be weak and subject to the inroads of disease. A little cold contracted in this condition may cause death, while a strong healthy sow will resist such attacks. It is the general belief that sows in good vigorous breeding condition conceive more readily, thus shortening the farrowing period for the herd.

Two Litters a Year.

There is no good reason why a sow should not produce two litters a year when properly handled. To accomplish this the sow should be bred to farrow, say, for example, in March, and bred again to farrow the early part of September. A sow bred about November 15 will farrow about March 6 to 9. The pigs should nurse eight weeks. The sow should be rebred by May 20 so as to farrow on or after September 8. The pigs could then nurse until November 3. The chances for profitably rearing two crops of pigs from a sow annually are undoubtedly far better in regions of mild climate and short winters than where the winters are long and severe.

Management During Pregnancy.

During pregnancy two facts must be borne in mind. The first is that the sow is doing double duty. Not only is she keeping up her own bodily functions, but the development of the litter

Had To Give Up Was Almost Frantic With the Pain and Suffering of Kidney Complaint. Doan's Made Her Well.

Mrs. Lydia Shuster, 1838 Margaret St., Frankford, Pa., says: "A cold started my kidney trouble. My back began to ache and got sore and lame. My joints and ankles became swollen and painful and it felt as if needles were sticking into them. I finally had to give up and went from bad to worse."

"My kidneys didn't act right and the secretion was scanty and distressing. I had awful dizzy spells when everything before me turned black; one time I couldn't see for twenty minutes. Awful pains in my head set me almost frantic and I was so nervous, I couldn't stand the least noise. How I suffered! Often I didn't care whether I lived or died."

"I couldn't sleep on account of the terrible pains in my back and head. Nothing seemed to do me a bit of good until I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills. I could soon see they were helping me; the backache stopped, my kidneys were regulated and I no longer had any dizzy spells or rheumatic pains. I still take Doan's occasionally and they keep my kidneys in good health."

"Sworn to before me. F. W. CASSIDY, JR., Notary Public.

Get Doan's at Any Store, 60c a Box DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS FOSTER-MILBURN CO., BUFFALO, N. Y.

St. John, N. B., is Canada's second city in volume of customs receipts.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County—ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1916.

(Seal) A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Druggists, etc., Testimonials from F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

An amateur is a very young person who believes he keeps all the professionals grieving.

The Quinine That Does Not Effect Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect. Laxative Bromo Quinine can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or dizziness. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." R. W. GHOVEY signature is on box. 50c.

Natural Affinity. Manager—Do you want this role? Actor—Is there any "dough" in it? —Baltimore American.

It Has All Been Said. "Are you getting ready to make a big speech in congress?" "No," answered Senator Sorghum; "not unless a new topic develops. I think I have offered or listened to every possible observation on every conceivable subject available up to this time."

Old Stuff. "What started this row?" inquired the judge. "Fighting talk. He called me a minion."

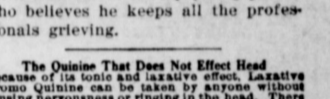
"What had you called him?" "A varlet."

"You're both about eight hundred years behind the times. That might have been fighting talk during the middle ages. It isn't now."

No Reason for Complaint. Sergeants are seldom at a loss for an apt remark. A raw recruit, the sleeves of whose tunic were six inches too long, and whose trousers sagged more than Charlie Chaplin's, presented himself before his noncommissioned officer and complained of the fit.

"Nonsense!" retorted the sergeant. "Why, it fits absolutely lovely. You look as if you'd been melted and poured in!"

Holland is short of coal.



Instant Postum

fits the spirit of the times perfectly. It is

Purely American Economical (with-out loss of pleasure)

Convenient (ready for instant use)

and is a pleasing, wholesome, drug-free drink good for both young and old.

"There's a Reason"

Always Have PERUNA

Mrs. L. A. Patterson, 1399 Kentucky St., Memphis, Tennessee, writes:

"I have been a friend of Peruna for many years. I have used it off and on for catarrhal complaints and found it a very excellent remedy. I have a small family of children. Times are hard with us, but I can scarcely afford to do without Peruna, especially during the season of the year when coughs and colds are prevalent. We always recommend Peruna to our neighbors, for the benefit it has been to us."

For Coughs and Colds in the Home. Recommend It to Our Neighbors.

Those who object to liquid medicines can procure Peruna Tablets.

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Or Distemper in stallions, brood mares, colts and all others is most destructive. The germ causing the disease must be removed from the body of the animal to prevent the trouble the same must be done.

SPOHN'S COMPOUND
Will do both—cure the sick and prevent those "exposed" from having the disease. 50 cents and \$1 a bottle; \$5 and \$10 the dozen. All druggists, harness houses, or manufacturers. SPOHN MEDICAL CO., Manufacturers, Goshen, Ind., U.S.A.



Carter's Little Liver Pills

Make you feel the joy of living. It is impossible to be happy or feel good when you are **CONSTIPATED**. This old remedy will set you right over night.

PALLID PEOPLE

Usually Need Iron in the Blood. Try **CARTER'S IRON PILLS**

General Tendency.
"It costs Algernon three cents to send you a letter now."
"Yes," replied Miss Carey; "as with most articles the prices goes up, but the quality does not improve."

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Wrong Home.
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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 9

EZRA AND NEHEMIAH TEACH THE LAW.

LESSON TEXT—Nehemiah 8:1, 4, 5, & 8-12. Read entire chapter.
GOLDEN TEXT—Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.—Ps. 119:106.

The first day of the seventh month (8:2) was about October 444 B. C. Seven days feast (vv. 15-18) was the feast of the Tabernacles beginning the 15th of the seventh month (October) and continuing for seven or eight days (Lev. 23). Nehemiah was the governor; Ezra the scribe, chief priest; and Artaxerxes, king of Persia, ruler over Palestine. It would be interesting to look up the sudden interjection of Ezra's name into this discourse; also the special reasons for teaching the Bible. There is in this chapter a record of a full week and of the daily events of that week.

I. The Preparation. Go back to verse 70 of the preceding chapter, and you will find that the temple had just been receiving some large gifts. The task of finishing the wall was also completed, all of which gives point to verse one, where it says that the people gathered themselves together as one man. This was an ancient open-air meeting, one we do well to study. The people requested Ezra to "bring the book." It needed no catch-penny operations to draw the crowd together. The writer of Nehemiah calls the book "the law which the Lord hath commanded unto Moses." (See v. 1 cf. v. 14.) This, of course, would include Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, an indication as to the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch, which is in line with the statement that Jesus Christ made that it was God who had written it as he had commanded Moses. It was not a mob; there was organization and equipment. (See v. 3 and 4.) The Bible was also read so that the people could understand it (v. 2); certainly something that is in demand in our present day. Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he stood on an elevation above them (v. 5) and read "distinctly."

II. The Reading of the Word. They read the book, not from some commentary or quarterly, though these have value in their place. The reading began with reverence. Reverence for but not a worship of the book. The Bible is not a fetish or a charm against sickness or accident. The verse "caused the people to understand the law." (v. 7) probably means that is was translated into the vernacular, the language of the common people. While God's word is a plain book and easy to read, nevertheless men of spiritual understanding are needed to "rightly divide" it unto the people (v. 7). However, the great interpreter of the Bible given by the Father is the Holy Spirit himself (John 16:12-15; I John 2:20-27). This method of beginning the study of the word and its continuance as presented in these verses is a good suggestion for modern Sunday school workers.

III. The Hearing of the Word. (vv. 9-17). As Ezra and Nehemiah and their associates and Levites taught the people, there was a five-fold result. First: There was conviction and mourning. The word of God always convicts of sin, but the people were told not to mourn over the past, nor were they to weep, for all the people wept (v. 9). When men hear the words of the law there will be conviction of sin. (See Eph. 6:7; Heb. 4:12.) Weeping may not, however, be conviction (2 Cor. 7:10). Weeping weakens, but that was not designed, rather the exhilaration of joy. Moreover, they were to seek the refreshment of food and drink. Indeed, the joy of the Lord was to be their strength (v. 10). "And there was very great gladness" (v. 17). In verse 11 we are told that the Levites exhorted the people to hold their peace, that the day was holy and that they should be grieved. To this the people responded (v. 12), and made great mirth, because they had understood the declaration of the word of the Lord. Notice that joy and gladness came after obedience, also that Nehemiah, the governor, had a part in the teaching. It is a great thing for any people when their civil rulers are genuine, intelligent, and spiritual leaders. The people were instructed to show their gratitude as well as their piety by remembering "those for whom nothing had been prepared" (v. 10). The fourth result was peace (v. 11)—the peace of right relation with God (Rom. 5:1; Phil. 4:7).

Fifth Result: Service.
Mourning can very easily be continued too long, and, therefore, it was necessary to employ the emotion of mirth and the exercise of work that the people might enter into this peace. The fifth result, therefore, was service (v. 12). Notice that their thanksgiving portions and their service were based upon an intelligent knowledge of God's word. If there is anything that present-day social service needs, it is the illumination which comes from a knowledge of God's word. Last of all, worship (vv. 13-18). Worship is a compound of "worth" and "ship."

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The statement is made that two million head of cattle are starving in West Texas.

Russia seems never to have heard of the old story about the danger of swapping horses while crossing a river.

By a surprise attack last week the British smashed the German lines at Gambrai and gained considerable territory. Three days later the Germans retaliative by a surprise attack and regained part of the ground lost.

A peanut boosting firm in an advertisement asks why the counties in the drouth-stricken west did not raise peanuts? and then have food for stock. This firm seems to be sadly lacking in information about a portion of West Texas.

Just why war has not been declared on Germany's allies the public does not know. There may be good reason for this delay but the public does not see it. We must of course leave such things to the President because he has information that the public is not aware of, but it looks rather odd to say least of it, that while we are at war with Germany's allies, to all intents and purposes, no declarations of war has been made.

We are not supposed to be at war with Austria, Bulgaria or Turkey and how could American troops be sent against the armies of nations with whom we are supposed to be at peace without violating international law?

Whatever the reasons may be for with holding a declaration of war against Germany's allies there seems to be more danger to our nation under present conditions than on an open declaration of war. We will soon know perhaps "where we are at."

INVOCATION

O Lord! In the olden time Thou gavest to Thy prophets to see visions! Help us, Lord! And so open our spiritual eyes that we, also, may behold visions of Thy kingdom here on earth! Let us behold the

emancipation of humanity from sin! Thou gavest Paul the apostle the vision of the Christ reigning in this world; Thou didst inspire the Wittenberg Monk to see visions of mankind justified by faith and regenerate into the perfect liberty of the gospel without the intercession or intermediation of any human hierarchy! Thou gavest the fathers of this republic the vision of a free, self-governing people and the manhood to fight for the establishment of that great Christian principle; founding the greatest nation on earth! Thou didst raise up to the father of his country to establish it, Lincoln to preserve its integrity from internal strife, and as we believe, our present God-fearing and God-loving President to preserve it from the external assaults of that time-honored heresy called the Divine right of kings. We thank Thee, Lord for these men of dreams and of visions! Give us the vision, Lord, not only our own country, but of the world of humanity rescued from this venomous and destructive lie! And for our great leader, we ask that Thou mayst give unto him that prescience which shall bring the great war to such a success as shall be to Thy holy name an everlasting glory—a success which shall realize the vision of the living Christ reigning over all nations in spirit and in truth. In His Name! Amen! —Comanche Vanguard.

LIFE HAS JUST BEGUN

The melancholy days have come the sunshine slants from the south—the nights grow colder and floral nature is getting ready for winter's long and silent slumber. The glorious dress of summer's green has given way to autumn's bright and gleaming garments. The harvest has come and the farmer rejoices in the jingle of the dollars that recall the toiling days and aching backs of summer when the harvest seems so far away. Bob White calls in the still and silent evening unmindful that he will soon be the principal personage in an Irish stew. Jack frost has nipped the growing flowers and the housewife views her dead garden and sees her year's work ended. Around the fireside chubby children will pop corn and crack nuts and father will tell again his aged and feeble jokes. The howling blasts will come and go, and then the sun will come back from the south, the fields will turn green again, the birds will mate, nature will shake off the lethargy of winter and the world will glow again with light and joy and beauty. And so we must believe it is with a human life. As the shadows lengthen and old age comes on, man goes to his still and quiet grave. Then the resurrection comes—and life has just begun.—Selected.

The drouth that began away west of us is slowly going east. It is very dry in this tier of counties and even east of us, though we made fairly good crops this year but what of the future? Hundreds of acres of wheat sown many weeks ago is lying in the ground as dry as powder, but it is going to rain, we verily believe, so that crops will be made even in the most drouthy portion of West Texas. Cheer up; conditions might be worse for us.

ADMIRAL NEWS

Well it looks as though we may have some rain this morning and we are hoping that it will come as we need it.

The health of our community is good at present.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Pearce and little son, Jollie were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Jack Flores at Belle Plain Sunday.

Miss Ruby McClendon spent a few days in Baird last week, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Tots Wriston.

Walter Williams and family, of Oplia, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. G. W. Weeks.

Mrs. Bessie Black and children are spending a few days in Baird with her mother, Mrs. Jerry Williams.

Misses Jennie Harris and Lillie Robinson were Baird visitors Friday

afternoon. Mr. S. Street, of Abilene, visited his son's family here a few days last week.

L. Crutchfield, S. C. Brallford and G. W. Weeks went to Baird Saturday.

Oscar Eastham and family, of Baird, were the guests of Uncle Jack Eastham and family Sunday.

Jess Walker wife and daughters, Maggie and Nina spent Sunday with Tom Anderson and family at Cedar Grove.

Mrs. Sanders and daughter, Miss Sallie spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. S. N. Dunlap at Belle Plain.

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She is not dead—but sleepeth, and some beautiful day in God's own time, we shall meet her where death, pain and sorrow shall be no more. To the bereaved family, parents, brothers and sisters, we would say God is our refuge and strength—a very present help in trouble and again, my Grace is sufficient for you.

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Committee.

In all my troubles sharp and strong My soul to Jesus flies, My anchor hold is firm in him When swelling billows rise. His comforts bear my spirit up. I trust a faithful God, The sure foundation of my hope Is in my Savior's blood. Loud Hallelujah's sing my soul, In joy and sorrow, life and death His love is still the same.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF CALLAHAN

On this the 15th day of November A. D. 1917, This Court being in regular session, came on to be considered the petition of J. H. Bailey and more than Fifty others, qualified property tax-paying voters, resident citizens of Road District No. One of Callahan County, Texas, praying that bonds be issued by said Road District in the sum of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars, bearing Five per cent interest per annum, maturing Forty Years from date, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating Macadamized graveled and paved roads and turnpikes or in aid thereof.

And it appearing to the Court that the said petition is signed by more than Fifty of the resident property tax-paying voters of said Road District No. One, Callahan County, Texas, and that the amount of said Bonds to be issued will not exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of said Road District No. One, of Callahan County, Texas.

It is therefore considered and ordered by the Court that an election be held in said Road District No. One, Callahan County, Texas on the 21st day of December A. D. 1917, which is not less than 30 days from the date of this order to determine whether or not the bonds of said District No. One of Callahan County Texas shall be issued in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum from date thereof, and maturing Forty years from date of said bonds, and whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the property of said District No. One, Callahan County Texas, subject to Taxation for the purpose of paying the interests on said Bonds and provide a sinking fund for the purpose of the redemption thereof at maturity.

Said Road District No. One being described as follows: Beginning on the W. boundary line of Callahan county, at the S. W. Cor. of the Anthony Bates Sur. No. 9 (Abst. No. 12) for the N. W. cor. of this District. Thence E. with the S. boundary line of said Anthony Bates Sur. to the most northerly N. E. cor. of Sec. No. 29, S. P. Ry. Co., land in Block No. 8, at a point on the W. boundary line of Sur. No. 80, B. B. & C. Ry. Co. lands (Abst. No. 1182.) Thence S. to the S. W. cor. of said Sec. No. 80. Thence E. with the S. boundary line of said Sec. No. 80. (Abst. No. 1182) and Secs. Nos. 57, (Abst. No. 61) 56, (Abst. No. 1241) B. B. & C. Ry. Co. Surs. to the S. E. cor. of said Sec. No. 56. Thence N. with the E. boundary line of said Sec. No. 66 (Abst. No. 944) to the N. W. cor. of Sec. No. 56, (Abst. No. 944) B. B. & C. Ry. Co. land. Thence E. with the N. boundary line of Sur. No. 56 (Abst. No. 944) the N. boundary lines of Sec. No. 57, (Abst. No. 32) Secs. 70, 71, 84, 85, 98, 99, 114 and 115 of the B. B. & C. Ry. Co. lands to the N. E. cor. said Sur. No. 115, B. B. & C. Ry. Co. land. Thence S. with the E. boundary lines of said Surs. Nos. 115 and 116 B. B. & C. Ry. Co. lands to the S. E. cor. of said Sur. No. 116. Thence E. with the N. boundary lines of Sur. Nos. 138, 143, of said B. B. & C. Ry. Co. Survey to the N. E. of said Sur. 143. Thence E. across the J. Pointevent Sur. and Sur. No. 1, T. & N. O. Ry. Co. lands to the center of the W. B. lines of Sur. No. 63 B. O. H. lands. Thence E. with the center lines of said Surs. Nos. 63, 64, 65, B. O. H. land and the center lines of Secs. Nos. 7 and 8, D. & D. Asy. land. Thence E. with the S. lines of Sur. 133 University lands to the S. W. cor. T. E. & L. Sur. No. 2041. Thence E. with S. B. line Sur. No. 2041 to the S. E. cor. of same. Thence S. to the S. W. cor. Sur. 2972, T. E. & L. Co. land. Thence E. with the S. B. lines of said Surs. Nos. 2972 and 2299 T. E. & L. Co. lands, to the S. E. cor. of Sur. No. 2299. Thence S. with the E. B. lines of T. E. & L. Co. Sur. No. 2298 to the S. E. cor. of same. Thence E. with the S. B. lines of Surveys Nos. 2272, 2288, 2280, 3151 T. E. & L. Co. lands to the S. E. cor. of said Sur. No. 3151. Thence S. with the E. B. lines of sur. No. 3152, T. E. & L. Co. land to the S. E. cor. of same. Thence E. with the W. B. line of surveys Nos. 3158, 3166, and 3171, T. E. & Co. lands to a point on the E. boundary line of Callahan

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county. Thence S. with E. boundary line of Callahan county, to the S. E. cor. of sur. No. 129 H. & T. C. Ry. Co. land. Thence W. with the W. B. line of sur. No. 128 H. & T. C. Ry. Co. land to the N. W. cor. of the M. Cherry sur. (Abst. No. —) Thence W. with the N. B. lines of surs. Nos. 21, 19, and 18, B. O. H. lands, and N. B. lines of surs. Nos. 21, 19 and 18 B. O. H. lands, and N. B. lines of sur. Nos. 315, 316, 317 S. P. Ry. Co. land and N. B. lines of surveys Nos. 36, 37, 38 and 39 of the D. & D. Asylum land to the N. W. cor. of said sur. No. 39. Thence North to the N. E. cor. of sur. No. 40 D. & D. A. land. Thence W. with the W. B. line of said sur. No. 40 to the N. W. cor. of same. Thence W. to the N. E. cor. of sur. No. 148 B. B. & C. Ry. Co. Thence W. with N. B. line of surveys Nos. 148, 130 and 125 to the N. W. cor. of said sur. No. 125 B. B. & C. Ry. Co. lands. Thence S. with the W. B. lines of said sur. No. 125 to the S. E. cor. of the Thomas Ashur sur. Thence W with S B line of said Ashur sur to the S W cor of the W Gatlin sur Thence N to the N E cor of the J D Gibbs sur Thence W with the N B line of the said Gibbs sur to the N E cor of sur No. 1 B B B & C Ry Co land, containing W with the N B lines of said surs No. 1, 4, 9, 14, 19 to N W cor of said sur No 19 B B B & C Ry Co land Thence N with the W B line of sur No 20, to the center of the W B line of sur No 21, B B B & C Ry Co lands. Thence W. with the center line of surveys Nos 22 and 31 to the W B lines of sur. No 31 B B B & C Ry Co lands. Thence N to the N W cor said Sur. No. 31. Thence W across survey No 35 S P Ry land to the N E cor of survey No 13 S P Ry Co land. (Block 8) Thence W with the N B line of said sec No 13 and the N B line of surveys Nos 32 and 31 Lunatic Asylum land to the intersection of the W B line of Callahan county. Thence North with the W. boundary line of Callahan county to the place of beginning.

The establishment of said Road District being for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled and paved roads and turnpikes or in aid thereof, in said District.

Notice of said election shall be given by publication in a newspaper

published in said County and in said Road District No One of Callahan county, Texas, for four successive weeks before the date of said election, and in addition thereto shall be posted notices of said Election at three public places in said Road District No One, Callahan county, Texas one of which shall be at the Court House door of Callahan county, Texas, for three weeks prior to said election.

Said election shall be held at Eula Pre No 10, Clyde Pre. No 5, Baird Pre No One and Putnam Pre No 8, of Callahan county, Texas, And the following persons are hereby appointed managers of said Election, to-wit:

- Henry Jones, Eula
B. C. Clemer, Clyde
F. S. Bell, Baird
L. J. Cook, Putnam

Said Election shall be held under the Road District Act passed at the first Called session of the 31st Legislature, and only qualified voters who are property tax payers of said road District No One, Callahan county, Texas, shall be allowed to vote, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"For the issuance of Bonds and levying of the tax in payment thereof" and those opposed shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "Against the issuance of Bonds and the levying of the tax in payment thereof."

The manager holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas, governing General Elections.

A copy of this order signed by the County Judge of Callahan County, Texas, shall serve as a proper notice of said election and the County Judge is hereby directed to cause said notice to be published in a newspaper published in said Road District No One of Callahan county, Texas, in said County and State for four successive weeks next preceding said election, and cause to be posted a notice thereof at three public places in said Road District No One, Callahan county, Texas, one of which shall be at the Court House door of said County, at Baird Texas, for three weeks prior to said election.

W. R. Ely, Co. Judge,
51-4t. Callahan County, Texas.

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SOLDIERS' LETTER

Camp Travis, Texas.
Nov. 20, 1917.

Editor of Baird Star:
Dear Sir:

I read The Baird Star yesterday for the first time since I have been in Camp Travis and I can say I was so glad to get it that I put all the other papers aside. Nothing will cheer a fellow up as much as good news from his home town, although we have plenty of amusement to keep anyone from having the blues. We have the best Athletic Club in Camp Travis, and the best football team in the Sunny South. We went over to Ft. Sam Houston and took the game, 14 to nothing.

We are going to have a big day Thanksgiving, if we all haven't got the measles, have been quarantined for the last two weeks.

I have read several letters from the boys in army and navy, and some of them are having lots of joy and living a jolly good life.

But I want to tell you about the Army Engineer.

Come all you gallant fellows, and a story you shall hear, Of the trials and tribulations of an Army Engineer.

Like every honest fellow he took his liquor clear, Till Uncle Sam said, you shall not touch whiskey, wine or beer.

He's a hellura—hellura—hellura hellura Army Engineer.

A wondering sport from Texas, and nothing does he fear, He always does his duty, and he always does it well,

While the Captain, Sergeants and Corporals gives him hell.

The Surgeon looked him over and the Surgeon grinned with glee,

A shot in the arm, will do no harm, bring out my long squeegee. With fifty million typhoid bugs patrolling through his blood, They shoot him fifty million more and then his name is mud, He's a soldier keen from 315 an Army Engineer.

He's going to France, to shoot the pants from off the Germans rear, When he gets back from Germany the people will say, It doesn't pay to get in the way, of an Army Engineer.

It is time for the snatching contest, guess you will know what I mean by that, time for mess, so I will close, hoping you a good Thanksgiving and the best of health.

Respectfully,
Sam P. Ellis
Co. F. 315th, Engineers,
Camp Travis, Texas.

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PERSONALS

A. P. Martian, of Tullis, Swisher county, came in yesterday and went out to Admiral to visit the home folks.

Ellis Dicky, brother of C. L. Dicky has come to make his home with his brother and working in the Dicky blacksmith shop.

Mrs. Harry Berry went to Sweetwater this week to visit her sister, Miss Bobbie Hamilton who is quite ill.

You'll need a car for the holidays. Buy a Buick.
1-2t-adv. B. L. Boydston.

Ernest Winbham, who is attending school here, spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Windham at Oplin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lamar were to leave yesterday for Strawn to make their home. The best wishes of their many friends follow them

Order fresh meats and Oysters with your groceries, or dry goods orders.
1-2t-adv B. L. Boydston.

Mrs. M. C. Berry and son, Grover, and Morgan Stokes have returned from Throckmorton, where they visited Mrs. Berry's daughter, Mrs. Willie Gaines.

Miss Winnie Windham and little brother, Tom, and Mr. and Mrs. Charley Straley and little daughter, Frankie Lee, of Oplin, were Baird visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Russell Hart and children, Mrs. Geo. B. Scott and Mrs. John Estes spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Phillips at Big Springs.

Mr. Ace Hickman and family living near Belle Plain attended church in Baird Sunday. The auto has brought the country and town very much closer together and good roads will help still more in that way.

Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell left this week for Houston where their will make their home. Mr. Caldwell has been working in Fulton's Barber Shop for sometime where he made many friends whose best wishes follow him and his wife to their new home.

One order from the new market will convince you that we handle the best.
1-2t-adv B. L. Boydston.

Mrs. M. G. Williams, of Fairfield, Iowa, is the guest of Mrs. Wm McManis and will spend the winter here.

New shipment of silks in plaids and stripes, silk poplins, all colors.
52-2t-adv B. L. Boydston.

Mrs. S. W. Hart and children left the first of this week for Sweetwater to join Mr. Hart and where they will make their home.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS

Wishing to buy explosives of any kind, or to sell the same, are hereby directed to apply at the Office of County Clerk, Chas. Nordyke, to obtain license for same.

Under the new regulations of the War Measure, all persons wishing to buy, sell or use explosives, must obtain a license to buy, sell or use same; and I Chas. Nordyke, have been appointed and Commissioned by the Government to issue these license.

Small arms, shot gun shell, and such like are not included; but all ingredients to mix to compose explosives, are included.

Yours Very Truly,
Chas. Nordyke, County Clerk,
Callahan County, Texas.
53-2-adv.

STOMACH TROUBLE

"Before I used Chamberlain's Tablets I doctored a great deal for stomach trouble and felt nervous and tired all the time. These tablets helped me from the first, and inside

of week's time I had improved in every way," writes Mrs. L. A. Drinkard, Jefferson City, Mo.
53-4t-adv.

ANNUAL REPORT METHODIST CHURCH.

The following is the Annual Report of the Methodist Church at this place which was rendered to the Annual Conference which was in session at Memphis by the pastor, Rev. W. Y. Switzer.

There have been 45 conversions and 47 additions to the church during the year, 25 have been dismissed by certificate and 2 have died, leaving a net increase of 19, the total number of members being 241. Notwithstanding the large loss of membership by removables from town during the past two years there is now a net increase for the two years of ten.

The report of the Sunday School shows a healthy growth. It has a total enrollment for the year of 320 with an average attendance of 122 and an average collection of \$5.56. The total collection for the year is \$289.00 of which \$100.00 has been given to Missions, \$7.50 to Education and the remainder \$181.50 for Literature and other objects. Mr. J. W. Turner who has served so acceptably as Superintendent this year has been re-elected for next year. Mr. J. E. Alexander is Secretary.

The Woman's Missionary Society has a membership of 24 active members and has raised during the year the sum of \$146.00

The following is the financial budget raised for the year, not including above:

Salary of Pastor,	\$1000.00
Salary, Presiding Elder,	180.00
Incidental Expenses,	200.00
Bishop's Fund	13.00
Superannated Preachers	53.00
Foreign Missions	69.00
Home & Conference missions	102.00
Church Extension,	36.00
Education,	65.00
Theological Department	
S. M. U.	28.00
American Bible Society,	4.00
Gen. Conference expenses,	5.00
Texas Methodist Orphanage,	71.00
District Parsonage,	12.00
Church and Parsonage,	
repair, etc.,	85.00
Other purposes,	545.00
Total raised, all purposes,	\$2468.00

The following are the officers of the Church for the ensuing year: Trustees: T. E. Powell, W. R. Ely, B. L. Boydston, H. W. Ross, J. B. Cutbirth. Stewards: W. R. Ely, J. B. Cutbirth, W. E. Gilliland, J. W. Turner, S. E. Webb, J. H. Grimes, J. F. Boren, W. S. Hinds. Lay Leader: J. F. Boren. Sunday School Advisory Committee: J. F. Boren, T. E. Powell, Mrs. H. W. Ross. Sunday School Supt., J. W. Turner.

THE HICKS 1918 ALMANAC.

For more than 25 years the Hicks Almanac has had a world-wide reputation. The 1918 Almanac has been prepared by Irl R. Hicks Jr., assisted by Rev. John B. Noyes, for many years, the assistant editor associated with Rev. Irl R. Hicks. Bigger, brighter, better than ever is a concise description of the 1918 Almanac. It is now ready and is sold as before for 35cts post paid. Word and Works is the name of the monthly family magazine founded by Rev. Irl R. Hicks. The subscription price is \$1.00 a year, including a copy of The Hicks Almanac to the subscriber. Send 5c for sample copy. Write Word and Works Publishing Co., 3401 Franklin Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION CALENDAR FOR 1918

The Youth's Companion Practical Home Calendar combines the beautiful with the useful. It is especially sought for by busy people, because it gives at one glance not only the days of the current month, but those of the month preceding and the month following, all on the one leaf. At the same time the calendar is decorative in design and suitable for a place in the best room in the house. It is given to all readers of The Youth's Companion who have paid their subscriptions for 1918.

Holiday Boxes and Holly Paper

We have just received a large assortment of Holiday Boxes, Holly Paper and Christmas Seals, with a beautiful lot of presents to go with them. Remember the place.

"The Same Goods for Less Money"

THE COMADOT

"More Goods for Same Money"
W. D. BOYDSTUN, Mgr.

Closing Out Millinery

Remember there is just a few more days until December 22, when this sale will close. The hats are going in a hurry, only a few being left. You will have to hurry if you want an up-to-date hat for \$1.00. Here is the place to get your hat. Remember the sale ends on Dec. 22d.

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40 Watts	.23	.27
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75 Watts	\$.55	\$.65
100 Watts	.85	1.00
100 Watts	1.00	1.50
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40-3m-p Baird, Texas

Abilene Daily Reporter from now until Jan. 1st, 1919 for only \$3.15. For only a short time I can club The Reporter and The Baird Star for \$4.00.—Miss John Gilliland, Baird

NOTICE

I have opened a first-class Bakery in connection with my Cafe and now have bread for sale at all grocers. Try one of my "Mothers of Cream" loaves and if you are not already a customer you will be for this bread is free from all adulterations and is absolutely pure and wholesome. Phone your grocer or get it at the T. P. Cafe and be convinced

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NEW GERMAN DRIVE ON BRITISH FAILS

GREAT WAVES OF INFANTRY USED IN EFFORT TO RETAKE LOST TERRITORY.

FIGHTING AGAIN NEAR YPRES

British Line Advanced Slightly as Result of Activity on North End of Front.

London.—"From Gonnelleu to Marcoing," Field Marshall Haig's report from France Mondays says, "the enemy delivered attacks in great strength with large forces and has been repulsed with heavy losses. "The enemy resumed the offensive on the Cambrai battlefield with great violence," says the statement. "Fighting of an exceptionally severe nature has taken place. Our positions have been maintained everywhere except at La Vacquerie and east of Marcoing, where our line has been slightly withdrawn.

"South of Marcoing, the enemy broke through at one point, but the situation was restored by an immediate counter-attack.

"On the Ypres battlefield there was local fighting southeast of Polygon wood. As a result we advanced our line slightly and secured prisoners."

Make Effort to Force British Back.

The enemy employed great forces of infantry which were sent forward under terrific artillery bombardment. The British infantry and artillery met the shock brilliantly and were holding their own strongly through the grim hours of fighting.

There appeared to be no doubt that the enemy intended to break through the British front if possible, regardless of cost. The Germans were flinging infantry into the assault in heavy waves and their losses have already been great, as must necessarily result from this method of warfare.

British Forces Quit British Salient.

London.—The British troops withdrew from the village of Masnières, according to the official report from British headquarters in France "without molestation from the enemy." Prior to this, heavy assaults by the Germans against this front were repulsed.

Many Germans Killed.

London.—The correspondent at the British headquarters in France sends the following: "During Saturday the Germans delivered no less than 15 attacks against our positions in La Vacquerie. Those in a position to know say that we killed more Germans opposite La Vacquerie in 12 hours than in any other spot in the same time during the whole course of the war. It is understood that many of the troops engaged on the railway near Gouzeaucourt were American engineers."

\$112,500 OFFERED FOR FOUNDRY

Col. L. P. Featherstone Makes Highest Bid for State Property at Rusk.

Huntsville.—Bids were opened at the offices of the prison commission for the sale of the iron foundry, blast furnace and pipe plant at Rusk belonging to the state penitentiary system. Col. L. P. Featherstone of Beaumont, president of the Texas Steel company, was the highest bidder, making an offer as an individual of \$112,500 for the equipment and 136 acres upon which it is located. He also offered to pay to the state 50c a ton for iron ore on the state's land there.

The next highest bid was \$100,100 offered by James H. Edmonds of Houston, for the property and all the ore upon the state's lands there. The third and low bid was \$15,000 for property and ore, offered by G. W. Armstrong & Co. of Fort Worth. The prison system owns upward of 4,000 acres, mostly iron ore lands, in the vicinity of Rusk.

Army Balloon Breaks Away at Omaha

Wichita, Kan.—A huge United States army balloon of the new French type, inflated with 35,000 cubic feet of gas, broke away in a high wind late Sunday at Fort Omaha, Neb., and trailing 6,000 feet of steel cable, was carried rapidly south through Kansas. The cable ploughed havoc with telephone and telegraph wires, tearing down long stretches at a time and uprooting or breaking off poles. The balloon carried five tons of steel as ballast.

U. S. Troops Kill 12 Mexican Bandits

Indio, Texas.—Mexican outlaws opened fire on one of the American cavalry patrols five miles from here Monday, wounding Private Keist in the thigh and leg. The American troops immediately crossed the river into Mexico, opened fire on the little settlement of shacks and killed 12 of the bandits, including Felipe Romero and Rafael Venasido. The shacks where the outlaws sought shelter were burned after the occupants had been driven out.

MISS HELEN H. SQUIER



Miss Helen H. Squier of Washington, whose engagement is announced to Maj. Gen. Joseph E. Kuhn, now in command of Camp Meade, Md.

AMERICANS KILLED BY CHANCE BOCHE SHELL

Soldiers Described as Game to Core and Intent Upon Giving Germans Good Beating.

With American Army in France.—The killing of two American soldiers and the wounding of five others several days ago, already reported, was due to a heavy German shell which hit a loaded ammunition wagon. Some of the men were on the wagon and others were near by when the shell, which was a chance shot, struck. The wagon with its cargo was blown up. Some of the wounded are in a serious condition and all of them are in a hospital.

The development of the men of the first American contingent in France in the science of war is described as truly remarkable by the general commanding the division who has been in the service for years.

"I have been in the army since I was a boy," he said. "During that time I have observed many American and many foreign soldiers, but never in my life have I seen anything equaling the men now here. When my division landed they had shock-headed boys—I call them shock-headed because they were just that—by the hundreds. They were clerks, mechanics, day laborers, farmer boys, old and young from every walk of life. Some spoke English, and some did not. There were Poles, Bohemians, Russians, Jews, Gentiles. But in this short time they have all become first-class soldiers, energetic to the extreme and have fallen into the ways of army life as I never thought possible.

"They are game to the core and their one idea is to beat the Germans, and give them a good beating."

Dissolve News Print Manufacturers.

New York.—With the assent of the government, the News Print Manufacturers' association, which represents about 85 per cent of the paper production of the United States and Canada, was dissolved here as an unlawful combination in restraint of trade in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. Under this decree, which counsel said was accepted by the accused men because of patriotic motives, evidence will be adduced before the federal trade commission with a view to paper prices being fixed by the commission.

Germany Stirring Up Hostility to U. S.

Washington.—Information revealing the extent of misrepresentation employed by Germany in an effort to inflame public opinion against the United States in neutral as well as hostile countries is reaching Washington. The propagandists have been especially active in Switzerland and Sweden and newspapers in each country have been used for the spread of anti-American doctrine. One of the reports in Switzerland is that an American army will pass through that country in the spring of 1918.

Gen. Byng Aided by U. S. Engineers.

British Army Headquarters in France.—American troops have played an important part in General Byng's drive before Cambrai. It is now possible to tell the people of the United States for the first time that American army engineers have had a large hand in the marvelous work which has been accomplished in way of pushing the vital railways up to the front.

Bank Earnings Greatest in History.

Washington.—Earnings of national banks for the fiscal year ending last June 30 were \$667,406,000, the greatest in their history, and \$76,764,000, or 13 per cent more than for the previous year, according to compilations made public by the comptroller of the currency. Net earnings were \$194,321,000, an increase over the preceding year of \$36,778,000, or 23 per cent. On their capital stock the banks report net earnings of 17.96 per cent, the highest ever reported.

GUARDSMEN OF EVERY STATE NOW AT FRONT

ALL TROOPS SAILING FROM UNITED STATES HAVE ARRIVED SAFELY IN FRANCE.

WITHIN SOUND OF THE GUNS

Units Undergoing Final Course of Training Draw High Praise From French Instructors.

With American Army in France.—National guardsmen from every state in the union have arrived in France and it is permitted to be announced they are among the troops now training or lately arrived.

While it is not permitted to disclose the identity of units, it may be said that all those which sailed from the United States have arrived safely and that some already are in training within sound of the guns on the battle front.

They are showing a spirit in keeping with the purpose of all concerned to make the American expeditionary force a homogeneous American army in which each division, whether regular, National guard or National army, can not be distinguished in efficiency from the others.

Arriving for Many Weeks.

The guardsmen have been arriving in the American zone for many weeks. They are scattered somewhat, but as far as possible the units from the same state have been kept close together, except in one case. They found the regular army had made good preparations for them and while many are billeted in French towns, others have been quartered in low wooden barracks specially erected.

The troops from the various states have been recognized by the French population and have been welcomed enthusiastically. After a sufficient time to rest from the journey, which in some cases has been extremely tiresome, the troops have been set to work training for actual service at the front. In all quarters they are declared to be the most enthusiastic and their soldierly qualities have drawn high praise from the French instructors.

The guardsmen are all in good health. The reason why it is not permitted to mention units by name is that if one is mentioned the way is open to mention all others, which means the revealing of identification numbers and other information that is of importance to the enemy. But for the information of the relatives and families of the men, every one who sailed from the United States has arrived safely in France.

French Destroy 1,030 Enemy Planes.

Grand Headquarters of the French Army.—The brilliant record of the French aviators, including the Lafayette escadrille, for the ten months ending in October, shows that they destroyed 120 German airplanes over the French lines and 397 over the German lines. There also were 151 others over the German lines which probably were destroyed, but confirmation was not obtainable. This made a grand total of 1,030. Twenty-two German captive balloons also were destroyed.

Find Anarchistic Plot to Seize Food.

Seattle, Wash.—Commissioner of Immigration White asserted that literature seized at the headquarters of Italian plotters under arrest here indicated that the men planned to seize foodstuffs in various parts of the United States. The alleged anarchistic society laid plans, Mr. White said, to make Boston the center of food riots and, assisted by I. W. W.'s encourage uprisings throughout the nation. "The people will rise up and take the food where they can find it," one of the seized pamphlets read.

Biggest Arsenal in World Being Built

New York.—An American city in France, surrounding and operating the largest munitions manufacturing plant in the world, is being constructed by the United States army at a point back of the battle line. From it railroads will radiate to every part of the western fighting line, supplying all kinds of munitions to the fighting forces. As those forces drive the Germans back the railroads will be extended, always keeping up with the advance. The arsenal proper will comprise 48 buildings, each larger than a New York city block.

President Cleveland's Daughter Weds

Princeton, N. J.—Miss Marion Cleveland, daughter of former President Grover Cleveland, was married to William Stanley Dell of Morristown, N. J., a graduate of Princeton in the class of 1916. The ceremony was a very quiet one.

War and Excess Profits Quarterly.

Washington.—In response to appeals by business interests, an order will be issued by Secretary McAdoo authorizing payment of war and excess profits taxes in quarterly periods. This action, it was learned, is to be taken without delay so that corporations and other business concerns whose fiscal year ends Dec. 31 can arrange for making their reports to the treasury department and paying their taxes at regular intervals during the coming year.

ADMIRAL MAYO



New photograph of Admiral Mayo of the United States navy made on his recent arrival at an Atlantic port after a trip to the scene of war in Europe.

TRAINMEN DEMAND 40 PER CENT MORE

Joint Session of Representatives of Employes and Railroad Managers Will Be Held Soon.

Cleveland.—Demands have been presented to practically every railroad in the country for increase in wages for trainmen and conductors, which are approximately 40 per cent higher than the present scale. The general chairmen of the two labor organizations presented the wage scale to the general managers of the railroads throughout the country. The railroads are asked to make answer demands by Dec. 31 at the latest.

The railroad managers are requested to enter into a collective movement for the purpose of handling the proposition at one and the same time through a joint committee representing all railroads concerned, and the two labor organizations stand ready to do likewise.

It is expected that the railroad managers and the representatives of the employes will meet in a joint session in a few weeks, probably in the East, in an effort to reach an agreement on the wage question.

RUSS OFFER QUICKLY ACCEPTED

Germans, Given Twenty-Four Hours, Delivered Answer in Ninety Minutes.

Petrograd.—The report of the representatives sent through the German lines by Ensign Krylenko, the Bolshevik commander in chief, to begin negotiations for an armistice, was given out here Sunday. It shows that the agreement to take up the negotiations was made on behalf of the Germans by their commander in chief, and while the Germans were given 24 hours to make reply, they delivered their answer in 90 minutes. It was agreed that the conference should be held Sunday, Dec. 2, at German headquarters in Brest-Litovsk.

95 Per Cent Naval Militia on Duty.

Washington.—Approximately 95 per cent of the 852 officers and 17,000 enlisted men of the National naval volunteers, composed of the naval militia of several states, are on active sea duty. When war was declared, the department announced the militia was fully equipped and prepared for service, its training at home stations having been supplemented by cruises on warships. When called into service the volunteers had a strength of 60 officers and 9,500 men.

Mrs. De Saullies Acquitted by Jury.

Mineola, N. Y.—It required but one hour and forty-three minutes for a jury in supreme court here to reach a verdict of not guilty in the trial of Mrs. Blanca De Saullies for the murder of her divorced husband, John L. De Saullies, former Yale football star and clubman, at his home near Westbury, Long Island, on the night of Aug. 3. Mrs. De Saullies' acquittal automatically establishes her as the legal custodian of her son, John L. De Saullies Jr., according to her attorney.

Russ Peace Plan Accepted by Austria

Amsterdam.—The Austro-Hungarian government, according to a dispatch from Vienna, has sent an official reply accepting the Russian government's wireless proposal to enter into negotiations for an armistice and a general peace treaty.

Sale of War Saving Stamps Begins.

Washington.—America's newest plan for raising war funds and encouraging habits of thrift went into operation Monday with the opening of sales of war savings stamps and certificates at postoffices and banks. The campaign is to continue for a year in expectation of receiving the \$2,000,000,000 maximum authorized. The smallest unit in the plan is the thrift stamp, which costs 25c; the largest is the war savings certificate, which costs \$2.40, and is redeemable in five years at \$100.

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King of the Khyber Rifles

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The Most Picturesque Romance of the Decade

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CHAPTER XIV—Continued.

Rewa Gunga spoke truth in Delhi when he assured King he should some day wonder at Yasmini's dancing.

She became joy and bravery and youth! She danced a story for them of the things they knew. She was the dawn light, touching the distant peaks. She was the wind that follows it, sweeping among the junipers and kissing each as she came. She was laughter, as the little children laugh when the cattle are loosed from the byres at last to feed in the valleys. She was the scent of spring uprising. She was blossom. She was fruit! Very daughter of the sparkle of warm sun on snow, she was the "Heart of the Hills" herself!

Never was such dancing! Never such an audience! Never such mad applause! She danced until the great rough guards had to run round the arena with clubbed butts and beat back trespassers who would have mobbed her. And every movement—every gracious wonder-curve and step with which she told her tale was as purely Greek as the handle on King's knife and the figures on the lamp-bowls and as the bracelets on her arm. Greek!

And she half-modern Russian, ex-girl-wife of a semi-civilized hill rajah! Who taught her? There is nothing new, even in Khinjan, in the "Hills!"

And when the crowd defeated the arena guards at last and burst through the swinging butts to seize her and fling her high, and worship her with mad barbaric rite, she ran toward the shield. The four men raised it shoulder high again. She went to it like a leaf in the wind—sprang on it as if wings had lifted her, scarce touching it with naked toes—and leapt to the bridge with a laugh.

She went over the bridge on tiptoes, like nothing else under heaven but Yasmini at her bewitchingest. And without pausing on the far side she danced up the hewn stone stairs, dived into the dark hole and was gone!

"Come!" yelled Ismail in King's ear. He could have heard nothing less, for the cavern was like to burst apart from the tumult.

"Whither?" the Afridi shouted in disgust. "Does the wind ask whither? Come like the wind and see! They will remember next that they have a bone to pick with thee! Come away!" That seemed good enough advice. He followed as fast as Ismail could shoulder a way out between the frantic hill-men, deafened, stupefied, numbed, almost cowed by the ovation they were giving the "Heart of their Hills."

CHAPTER XV.

As they disappeared after a scramble through the mouth of the same tunnel they had entered by, a roar went up behind them like the birth of earthquakes. Looking back over his shoulder, King saw Yasmini come back into the hole's mouth, to stand framed in it and bow acknowledgment. For the space of five minutes she stood in the



Never Was Such Dancing.

great hole, smiling and watching the crowd below. Then she went, and the guards began to loose random volleys at the roof and brought down hundredweights of splintered stalactite.

Within a minute there were a hundred men busy sweeping up the splinters. In another minute twenty Zakka Khels had begun a sword dance, yelling like demons. A hundred joined them. In three minutes more the whole arena was a dawning whirlpool, and the river's voice was drowned in shouting and the stamping of naked feet on stone.

"Come!" urged Ismail, and led the way. King's last impression was of earth's

womb on fire and of hellions brewing wrath. The stalactites and the hurrying river multiplied the dancing lights into a million, and the great roof hurled the din down again to make confusion with the new din coming up.

Ismail went like a rat down a run, and it became so dark that King had to follow by ear. He imagined they were running back toward the ledge under the waterfall; yet, when Ismail called a halt at last, panting, groped behind a great rock for a lamp and lit the wick with a common safety match, they were in a cave he had never seen before.

"Where are we?" King asked. "Where none dare seek us. Art thou afraid?" asked Ismail, holding the lamp to King's face.

"Kuch dar nabin hai!" he answered. "There is no such thing as fear!"

Suddenly the Afridi blew the lamp out, and then the darkness became solid. Thought itself left off less than a yard away.

"Ismail!" he whispered. But Ismail did not answer him.

He faced about, leaning against the rock, with the flat of both hands pressed tight against it for the sake of its company; and almost at once he saw a little bright red light glowing in the distance. It might have been below him; it was perfectly impossible to judge, for the darkness was not measurable.

"Flowers turn to the light!" droned Ismail's voice above sententiously, and turning, he thought he could see red eyes peering over the rock. He jumped, and made a grab for the flowing beard that surely must be below them, but he missed.

"Little fish swim to the light!" droned Ismail. "Moths fly to the light! Who is a man that he should know less than they?"

He turned again and stared at the light. Dimly, very vaguely he could make out that a causeway led downward from almost where he stood. He was convinced that should he try to climb back Ismail would merely reach out a hand and shove him down again, and there was no sense in being put to that indignity. He decided to go forward, for there was even less sense in standing still. So he stooped to feel the floor with his hand before deciding to go forward. There was no mistaking the finish given by the tread of countless feet. He was on a highway, and there are not often pitfalls where so many feet have been.

For all that he went forward as a certain Agag once did, and it was many minutes before he could see a certain glowing blood-red in the light behind two lamps, at the top of a flight of ten stone steps. When he went quite close he saw carpet down the middle of the steps, so ancient that the stone showed through in places; all the pattern, supposing it ever had any, was worn or faded away. Carpet and steps gloved red too. His own face, and the hands he held in front of him were red-hot-poker color. Yet outside the little ellipse of light the darkness looked like a thing to lean against, and the silence was so intense that he could hear the arteries singing by his ears.

He saw the curtains move slightly, apparently in a little puff of wind that made the lamps waver. Then he walked up the steps and at the top he stooped to examine the lamps.

They were bronze, cast, polished and graven. All round the circumference of each bowl were figures in half-relief, representing a woman dancing. She was the woman of the knife-hilt, and of the lamps in the arena! But no two figures of the dance were alike. It was the same woman dancing, but the artist had chosen twenty different poses with which to immortalize his skill, and hers. Both lamps burned sweet oil with a wick, and each had a chimney of horn, not at all unlike a modern lamp chimney. The horn was stained red.

As he set the second lamp down he became aware of a subtle, interesting smell, and memory took him back at once to Yasmini's room in the Chandni Chowk in Delhi where he had smelled it first. It was the peculiar scent he had been told was Yasmini's own—a blend of scents, like a chord of music, in which musk did not predominate.

He took three strides and touched the curtains, discovering now for the first time that there were two of them, divided down the middle. They were of leather, and though they looked old as the "Hills" themselves, the leather was supple as good cloth.

"Kurram Khan hai!" he announced. But the echo was the only answer. There was no sound beyond the curtains. With his heart in his mouth he parted them with both hands, startled by the sharp jangle of metal rings on a rod.

So he stood, with arms outstretched, staring—staring—staring—with eyes skilled swiftly to take in details, but with a blank mind. He tried to explain—formed a hundred wild suggestions—and then reeled. He was face to face with the unexplainable—the riddle of Khinjan caves.

The leather curtains slipped through his fingers and closed behind him with

the clash of rings on a rod. But he was beyond being startled. He was not really sure he was in the world. He was not certain whether it was the twentieth century, or 55 B. C., or earlier yet; or whether time had ceased.

The place where he was did not look like a cave, but a palace chamber, for the rock walls had been trimmed square and polished smooth; then they had been painted pure white, except for a wide blue frieze, with a line of gold leaf drawn underneath it. And on the frieze, done in gold-leaf too, was the Grecian lady of the lamps, always dancing. There were fifty or sixty figures of her, no two alike.

A dozen lamps were burning, set in niches cut in the walls at measured intervals. They were exactly like the two outside, except that their horn chimneys were stained yellow instead of red, suffusing everything in a golden glow.

Opposite him was a curtain, rather like that through which he had entered. Near to the curtain was a bed, whose great wooden posts were cracked with age. In spite of its age it was spread with fine new linen.



On It, Above the Linen, a Man and a Woman Lay Hand in Hand.

Richly embroidered, not very ancient Indian draperies hung down from it to the floor on either side. On it, above the linen, a man and a woman lay hand in hand, and the woman was so exactly like Yasmini, even to her clothing and her naked feet, that it was not possible for a man to be self-possessed.

They both seemed asleep. It was minutes before he satisfied himself that the man's breast did not rise and fall under the bronze Roman armor and that the woman's jeweled gauzy stuff was still. Imagination played such tricks with him that in the stillness he imagined he heard breathing.

After he was sure they were both dead, he went nearer, but it was a minute yet before he knew the woman was not she. At first a wild thought possessed him that she had killed herself.

The only thing to show who he had been were the letters S. P. Q. R. on a great plumed helmet, on a little table by the bed. But she was the woman of the lamp-bowls and the frieze. A life-size stone statue in a corner was so like her, and like Yasmini too, that it was difficult to decide which of the two it represented.

She had lived when he did, for her fingers were locked in his. And he had lived two thousand years ago, because his armor was about as old as that, and for proof that he had died in it part of his breast had turned to powder inside the breastplate. The rest of his body was whole and perfectly preserved.

Stern, handsome in a high-banked Roman way, gray on the temples, firm-lipped, he lay like an emperor in harness. But the pride and resolution on his face were outdone by the serenity of hers. Very surely those two had been lovers.

Both of them looked young and healthy—the woman younger than thirty—twenty-five at a guess—and the man perhaps forty, perhaps forty-five. Every stitch of the man's clothing had decayed, so that his armor rested on the naked skin, except for a dressed leather kilt about his middle. The leather was as old as the curtains at the entrance, and as well preserved. But the woman's silken clothing was as new as the bedding. Yet, they both died about the same time, or how could their fingers have been interlaced? And some of the jewelry on the woman's clothes was very ancient as well as priceless.

He looked closer at the fingers for signs of force and suddenly caught his breath. Under the woman's flimsy sleeve was a wrought gold bracelet, smaller than that one he himself had worn in Delhi and up the Khyber. He raised the loose sleeve to look more closely at it, and the movement laid

bare another bracelet, on the man's right wrist. Size for size, this was the same as the one that had been stolen from himself.

Memory prompted him. He felt its outer edge with a finger nail. There was the little nick that he had made in the soft gold when he struck it against the cell bars in the jail at the Mir Khan palace! He touched the gold. It was warm. He repeated the test on the woman's wrists. Hers were warm, too. Both bracelets had been worn by a living being within an hour—

He muttered and frowned in thought, and then suddenly jumped backward. The leather curtain near the bed had moved on its bronze rod.

"Aren't they dears?" a voice said in English behind him. "Aren't they sweet?"

Yasmini stood not two arms' lengths away, lovelier than the dead woman because of the merry life in her, young and warm, aglow, but looking like the dead woman and the woman of the frieze—the woman of the lamp-bowls—the statue—come to life, speaking to him in English more sweetly than if it had been her mother tongue. The English abuse their language. Yasmini caressed it and made it do its work twice over.

Being dressed as a native, he salaamed low. Knowing him for what he was, she gave him the senna-stained tips of her warm fingers to kiss, and he thought she trembled when he touched them. But a second later she had snatched them away and was treating him to rallery.

"Man of pills and blisters!" she said. "tell me how those bodies are preserved! Spill knowledge from that learned skull of thine!"

He did not answer. He never shone in conversation at any time, having made as many friends as enemies by saying nothing until the spirit moves him. But she did not know that yet.

"If I knew for certain why those two did not turn to worms," she went on, "almost I would choose to die now, while I am beautiful! What would they say, think you, King sahib, if they found us two dead beside those two? Speak, man, speak! Has Khinjan struck you dumb?"

But he did not speak. He was staring at her arm, where two whitish marks on the skin betrayed that bracelets had been.

"Oh, those! They are theirs. I would not rob the dead, or the gods would turn on me. I robbed you, instead, while you slept. Fie, King sahib, while you slept!"

But her steel did not strike on flint. It was her eyes that flashed. He would have done better to have seemed ashamed, for then he might have fooled her, at least for a while. But having judged himself, he did not care a fig for her judgment of him. She realized that instantly and having found a tool that would not work, discarded it for a better one. She grew confidential.

"I borrow them," she explained. "but I put them back. I take them for so many days, and when the day comes—the gods like us to be exact! You were near death when I took the bracelet last night. The time was up. I would have stabbed you if you had tried to prevent me!"

Now he spoke at last and gave her a first glimpse of an angle of his mind she had not suspected.

"Princess," he said. He used the word with the deference some men can combine with effrontery, so that very tenderness has bars. "You might have had that thing back if you had sent a messenger for it at any time. A word by a servant would have been enough."

"You could never have reached Khinjan then!" she retorted. Her eyes flashed again, but his did not waver.

"Princess," he said, "why speak of what you don't know?"

He thought she would strike like a snake, but she smiled at him instead. And when Yasmini has smiled on a man he has never been just the same man afterward. He knows more, for one thing. He has had a lesson in one of the finer arts.

"I will speak of what I do know," she said. "No, there is no need. Look! Look!"

She pointed at the bed—at the man on the bed—fingers locked in those of a woman who looked so like herself.

He looked, knowing well there was something to be understood, that stared him in the face. But for the life of him he could not determine question or answer.

"What is in your bosom?" she asked him.

He put his hand to his shirt. "Draw it out!" she said, as a teacher drills a child.

He drew out the gold-hilted knife with the bronze blade, with which a man had meant to murder him. He let it lie on the palm of his hand and looked from it to her and back again. The hilt might have been a portrait of her modeled from the life.

"Here is another like it," she said, stepping to the bedside. She drew back the woman's dress at the bosom and showed a knife exactly like that in

King's hand. "One lay on her bosom and one on his when I found them!" she said. "Now, think again!"

He did think, of thirty thousand possibilities, and of one impossible idea that stood up prominent among them all and insisted on seeming the only likely one.

"I saw the knife in your bosom last night," she said, "and laughed so that I nearly awakened you."

"Why didn't you take it with the bracelet?" King asked her, holding it out. "Take it now. I don't want it."

She accepted it and laid it on the man's bronze armor. Then, however, she resumed it and played with it.

"Look again!" she said. "Think and look again!"

He looked, and he knew now. But he still preferred that she should tell him, and his lips shut tight.

"Can you guess why I changed my mind about you—wise man?"

She looked from him to the man on the bed and back to him again. Having solved the riddle, King had leisure to be interested in her eyes, and watched them analytically, like a jeweler appraising diamonds. They were strangely reminiscent, but much more changeable and colorful than any he had ever seen. They had the baffling trick of changing while he watched them.

"Having sent a man to kill you, why did I cease to want to kill you? Instead of losing you on the way to Khinjan, why did I run risks to protect you after you reached here? Why did I save your life in the Cavern of Earth's Drink tonight? You do not know yet? Then I will tell you something else you do not know. I was in Delhi when you were! I watched and listened while you and Rewa Gunga talked in my house! I was in Rewa Gunga's carriage on the train that he took and you did not! I have learned at first hand that you are not a fool. But that was not enough! You had to be three things—clever and brave and one other. The one other you are! Brave you have proved yourself to be! Clever you must be, to trick your way into Khinjan caves, even with Ismail at your elbow! That is why I saved your life—because you are those two things and — and — one other!"

She snatched a mirror from a little ivory table—a modern mirror—bad glass, bad art, bad workmanship, but silver warranted.

"Look in it and then at him!" she ordered.

But he did not need to look. The man on the bed was not so much like himself as the woman was like her, but the resemblance seemed to grow under his eyes. King was the taller and the younger by several years, but the noses were the same, and the wrinkled foreheads; both men had the same firm mouth; both looked like Romans.

CHAPTER XVI.

"Athelstan!" She pronounced his given name as if she loved the word, standing straight again and looking into his eyes. There were high lights in hers that out-gleamed the diamonds on her dress.

"Your gods and mine have done this, Athelstan. When the gods combine they lay plans well indeed!"

"I only know one God," he answered simply, as a man speaks of the deep things in his heart.

"I know of many! They love me! They shall love you, too! Many are better than one! You shall learn to know my gods, for we are to be partners, you and I!"

She took his hand again, her eyes burning with excitement and mysticism and ambition like a fever. She seemed to take more than physical possession of him.

"What brought them here? Tell me that!" she demanded, pointing to the bed. "You think he brought her? I



"Can You Guess Why I Changed My Mind About You—Wise Man?"

tell you she was the spur that drove him! Is it a wonder that men called her the "Heart of the Hills"? I found them ten years ago and clothed her and put new linen on their bed, for the old was all rags and dust. There have always been hundreds—and sometimes thousands—who knew the secret of Khinjan caves, but this has been a secret within a secret. Someone, who knew the secret before I, saw those bracelets through and fitted hinges and clasps. The men you saw in the Cavern of Earth's Drink have no doubt I am the "Heart of the Hills" come to life! They shall know thee as him within a little while!"

She held his hand a little tighter and pressed closer to him, laughing softly. He stood as if made of iron, and that only made her laugh the more.

"Tales of the 'Heart of the Hills' have puzzled the raj, haven't they, these many years? They sent me to find the source of them. Me! They chose well! There are not many like me! I have found this one dead woman who was like me. And in ten years, until you came, I have found no man like him!"

She tried to look into his eyes, but he frowned straight in front of him. His native costume and Rangar turban did not make him seem any less a man. His jaw, that was beginning to need shaving, was as grim and as satisfying as the dead Roman's. She stroked his left hand with soft fingers.

"I used to think I knew how to dance!" she laughed. "For ten years I have taken those pictures of her for my model and have striven to learn what she knew. I have surpassed her! I used to think I knew how to amuse myself with men's dreams—until I found this! Then I dreamed on my own account! My dream was true, my warrior! You have come! Our hour has come!"

She tugged at his hand. He was hers, soul and harness, if outward signs could prove it.

"Come!" she said. "Is this my hospitality? You are weary and hungry. Come!"

She led him by the hand, for it would have needed brute force to pry her fingers loose. She drew aside the leather curtain that hung on a bronze rod near the bed, led him through it, and let it clash to again behind them.

Now they were in the dark together, and it was not comprehended in her scheme of things to let circumstance lie fallow. She pressed his hand, and sighed, and then hurried, whispering tender words he could scarcely catch. When they burst together through a curtain at the other end of a passage in the rock, his skin was red under the tan and for the first time her eyes refused to meet his.

"Why did they choose that cave to sleep in?" she asked him. "Is not this a better one? Who laid them there?"

He stared about. They were in a great room far more splendid than the first. There was a great fountain in the center splashing in the midst of flowers. They were cut flowers. The "Hills" must have been scoured for them within a day.

There were great cushioned couches all about and two thrones made of ivory and gold. Between two couches was a table, laden with golden plates and a golden jug, on pure white linen. There were two goblets of beaten gold and knives with golden handles and bronze blades. The whole room seemed to be drenched in the scent Yasmini favored, and there was the same frieze running round all four walls, with the woman depicted on it dancing.

"Come, we shall eat!" she said, leading him by the hand to a couch. She took the one facing him, and they lay like two Romans of the empire with the table in between.

She struck a golden gong then, and a native woman came in, who stared at King as if she had seen him before and did not like him. Yasmini nodded to the servant, who clapped her hands. At once came a stream of hillmen, robed in white, who carried sherbet in bottles cooled in snow and dishes fragrant with hot food. He recognized his own prisoners from the Mir Khan Palace jail, and nodded to them as they set the things down under the maid's direction. When they had finished eating Yasmini drove the maid away with a sharp word; he brought an ivory footstool and set it about a yard away from her waxen toes. And she, watching him with burning eyes, wound tresses of her hair around the golden dagger handle, making her jewels glitter with each movement.

"The gods of India, who are the only real gods, what do they think of it all! They have been good to the English, but they have had no thanks. They will stand aside now and watch a greater jihad than the world has ever seen! I love them, and they love me—as you shall love me, too! If they did not love both of us, we would not both be here! We must obey them!"

None of the East's amazing ways of courtship are ever tedious. Love springs into being on an instant and lives a thousand years inside an hour. She left no doubt as to her meaning. She and King were to love, as the East knows love, and then the world might have just what they two did not care to take from it.

His only possible course as yet was the defensive, and there is no defense like silence. He was still.

"The sirkar," she went on, "the silly sirkar fears that perhaps Turkey may enter the war. Perhaps a jihad may be proclaimed. So much for fear! I know! I have known for a very long time! And I have not let fear trouble me at all!"

Her eyes were on his steadily, and she read no fear in his, either, for none was there. In hers he saw ambition—triumph already—an excitement—the gambler's love of all the hugest risks. Behind them burned genius and the devilry that would stop at nothing. As the general had told him in Peshawar, she would dare open hades gate and ride the devil down the Khyber for the fun of it.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Crushed Possibilities. Jones, the sub-reporter, was fat, but he looked as melancholy as a fat man can when he entered the city editor's office.

"Why was my story killed?" he asked gloomily.

"An act of mercy," said the editor. "You fell down on it hard."

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 Notary Public, Callahan Co., Texas

S. R. WINDHAM DEAD

S. R. Windham, one of the early settlers of Brown county died at his home in Brown county near Byrd, last Friday night and was buried at Byrd, near the old Windham school house, Saturday.

Samuel Robert Windham was the eldest son of the late Dr. J. D. Windham, of Tecumseh. He was born in East Texas, Angelina county, I believe, Sept., 10, 1842. Served with two brothers, Jas. L. and Eli Windham four years in the Confederate Army, Green's regiment. He was with the regiment in Arizona and New Mexico, and later in the Louisiana campaign, against Gen. Banks' army. He was buried in a Confederate gray uniform.

After the war, in 1865, he came with his father to Brown county who settled on the Bayou at the mouth of Hogg Creek, and at his death owned the old place settled by his father and several other adjoining tracts of land.

In 1872 he was married to Mrs. Amy Cox, Nee Baugh sister of the late Lev Baugh. To them were born 5 sons: Dave, Thomas, Hillery, Lev and William and three girls, Manda, Mary and Elza, all married except Miss Mary.

All the children including a step-son, Marion Cox, except the oldest daughter and one son, Hillery, were present at the funeral. Besides his children he leaves two brothers, County Commissioner H. Windham and Tom Windham, of Oplin, and two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Jones, of Clear Creek and Mrs. W. E. Gilliland, of Baird. The two sisters were with their brother when he died and the following relatives from this county went down Saturday to attend the funeral. Tom Windham and two sons, John and Sam; Capt. J. W. Jones, Larmer Henry, wife and little son; W. E. Gilliland and daughter and son, Miss Eliza and Haynie Gilliland and granddaughter, Miss Nell Price. The parties made the trip in autos.

The funeral was attended by a large concourse of friends and relatives at the beautiful spot on the banks of the Pecan Bayou. He was buried beside his wife who died over three years ago and near his oldest son Dave who died last year. The services were conducted by a preacher whose name I did not learn. It was intended for the Masons of Brownwood Lodge of which he had been a member for over forty years, to bury him but owing to a misunderstanding they did not get notice in time to attend the funeral in a body. Hon. T. C. Yantis, of Brownwood, past Grand Master of the Texas Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. was present and made a brief talk explaining why the Masons did not conduct the funeral.

As I stood in the cemetery looking around memories of the long ago came back to me. Over there just west of the cemetery once stood the old log school house that I helped build in 1871, and was used for church purposes also. There in 1874 I joined the church with Mrs. S. R. Windham who sleeps in the

cemetery besides her husband. Over there in the Bayou 43 years ago I was baptised by immersion by a Methodist preacher, Rev. H. J. McQuary, circuit rider for that district. At the same time Amy Windham was baptised by sprinkling. Down there about a hundred yards east under the large elm and pecan trees, in the early frontier days were conducted some of the greatest camp meetings ever held on the Texas frontier. Some of the well known Methodist and other ministers of that day, preached there among them Presiding Elder H. K. Little, one of the most brilliant pulpit orators we ever heard, Rev. B. T. McClelland, Presbyterian minister of Brownwood one of the most profound scholars and deepest thinkers that ever preached in Texas. Then there was the old diamond in the rough, Rev. Hugh M. Childres who roared the frontier from Austin west with his trusted Henry rifle and Colt six shooter. Grand Pa Seay, well known to many in this county, Dr. May a Baptist Minister, Methodist Circuit riders: Chamberlain, McQuary and Bond, and names we cannot now recall all helped in these Methodist camp meetings. While they were called Methodist meetings people of all denominations came and helped. Some times there appeared to be as many Baptist as Methodist and they all worked together.

Over there about three miles west I first met Sam Windham in 1866, 51 years ago. Over there half a mile away at the old Windham home I married his youngest sister, forty-five years ago.

Around the grave I met many old friends, many of whom I had not seen in 35 yrs, among them Morgan and Oscar Baugh, Sam McInnis Mrs. Ellen Gee, nee Anderson; John Spence, Henry Nichols and wife, Jim Byrd, whom we ought to have known from the likeness of his father, Mart Byrd one of the best friends I ever had, Tom Yantis, of Brownwood, who used to grind our wheat at Sipe Springs, now a prominent banker, J. N. Womack and wife, nee Josie Anderson and George Plummer. People whom we left in the full flush of young manhood and young woman hood, thirty-five years ago, we found many of them old and gray headed. Many who married after I left there have grown sons in the army now.

Had it not been on the sad mission to bury a friend and relative, I would have enjoyed the trip. The whole trip reminded me what changes that are going on everywhere. I did not see but little country that looked natural. The roads do not run where they did, all being changed to conform to section lines. The country once mostly open post oak timber is grown up with under brush. When I left Brown County thirty-five years ago the auto and telephone were unknown to these people. Now phone wires run everywhere. In the funeral procession were only autos, probably forty or fifty and many more had gathered at the cemetery from Brownwood and other places waiting for the funeral procession. Even the hearse was an auto hearse. The horse was conspicuous by his absence.

Nothing else could so fully bring out the change in the country. A funeral of this size, forty-five years ago would have had two or three hundred horses and if a vehicle was used it would have been a two horse wagon, most people in these days rode horse back, their descendants ride in \$500 to \$2000 autos. Well we are not sorry for the change. The world moves along and he that does not move is left behind.
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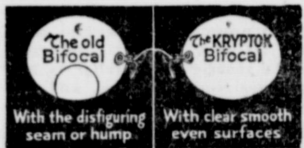


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