

The Baird Star.

Our Motto: "Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But The Git-Up-And-Get That Makes Men Great."

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A NUMBER FROM CALLAHAN COUNTY TO ATTEND FARMERS SHORT COURSE

Mr. A. M. Cooper, our County Farm Agent announces that the seventeenth annual Farmers' Short Course will be held at the A. & M. College August 2nd to August 7th.

An excellent program for the week has been prepared. Some of the prominent people who will appear on the various program during the week are as follows: T. O. Walton, President of the A. & M. College of Texas; Dr. W. M. Splawn, of the University of Texas; C. A. Cobb, editor Southern Ruralist, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Florence Fields, President Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, Haskell, Texas; Mrs. S. M. N. Maers, Parent Teachers Association, Austin, Texas; Miss Susan Landon, Director Community Organization, North Carolina Cotton Growers Association; Mr. J. C. Halpin, Professor of Poultry Husbandry, University of Wisconsin.

Any man, woman, boy or girl who desires to study and learn more about the solution of farm and home problems is eligible to register for the Short Course and take advantage of the program which has been specially prepared, since the Short Course is planned to meet the needs of men, women, boys and girls who desire to make farm life more profitable and attractive.

Agriculture:—Work in Agriculture will be held in the following departments: Dairy Husbandry, Poultry Husbandry, Agronomy, Horticulture, Forestry and Agriculture Engineering. There will also be demonstrations in improved farm machinery and home equipment.

Home Demonstration Work:—Courses in home demonstration work especially adapted to the interest and needs of girls and women from rural communities will be given. These will consist of demonstrations in the improvement of self and the home, the care of food, the protection of the home and the ways of increasing the family efficiency and income. Pictures of Texas wild flowers in their natural colors will be shown and a demonstration library suitable for home, community and school will be in operation.

Entertainments:—The evening program will be devoted almost entirely to instructive lectures and entertainments. In addition, sometime during the day will be devoted to special forms of entertainment. In so far as possible the entertainment will be of educational value.

Lodging:—A charge of \$1.25 for the entire Short Course August 2nd to 6th inclusive, will be made for each person who occupies a room in a dormitory. (Room payment to be made in advance at time of registration.) Due to the small charge for rooms no refund will be made in case of departure before the close of the Short Course. Those who plan to stay in dormitories are requested to bring their towels.

Meals:—All meals will be obtained at the College Mess Hall at a nominal cost. Meals for breakfast Monday, August 2nd to supper August 6th inclusive may be obtained at a cost of 33 1/3 cents per meal by purchasing coupons book (15 meals for \$5.00.) All meals before and after the above specified period for those who do not purchase coupons books will be 50 cents each. No refund will be given on the coupon book.

Mr. Cooper states that there will be quite a few from Callahan County to attend the Short Course. The Railroad fare to College Station and return will be \$6.56 from Baird. The actual cost will be \$12.81 and should not exceed \$15.00.

We hope that the people of Callahan County will attend this Short Course in large numbers as we feel sure that they will derive a great deal of benefit from the course.

If you are interested in making this trip take the matter up with our County Agent, Mr. Cooper.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A. W. Yell, Minister.

Sunday School 10 A. M.
Remember little fellows 15 minutes will be given to you to sign just before preaching time.

Preaching, 11 O'clock. Subject: "What Will Justify A Sinner?"
Preaching for the evening hour will be announced later.

THE BAIRD CHICK HATCHERY, A GOOD INVESTMENT FINANCIALLY AND OTHERWISE

The Board of Directors of the Baird Chick Hatchery held a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Saturday. The Secretary of the Hatchery made his report of the financial condition of the company and his report shows that the Hatchery is out of debt and also that the directors can pay twenty-per-cent dividend. Checks will be sent out at an early date.

The hatchery was a success from the start as can be shown from the dividend that they will pay for the four months that it has been in operation. Approximately 30,000 chicks were hatched which is an average of 80 per-cent.

The directors decided to start the Hatchery again in August so that they can have an exhibition 500 or more baby chicks during the Callahan County Fair which will be held September 16, 17 and 18th.

The directors of the Hatchery are: Mrs. Al Young, President; F. D. Miller, Vice President; V. F. Jones, Aaron Bell and Joe Alexander. Lee Counts is Manager.

LYNCH DAVIDSON SPEECH

As per announcement Lynch Davidson spoke at Baird at 10 a. m. last Friday, July 2nd. The speaking was on market street and we noticed a number who stood out in the sun during the speaking. The crowd was estimated at 150 by a Moody man, a Ferguson man put it at 200, at any rate the audience paid close attention to the speech. The writer got to the speaking late but was unable to hear but a few words uttered by the speaker. Mr. Davidson's voice had left him, from much speaking in the week before. Running for governor must be tough on ones voice as most of them get hoarse long before the end.

We noticed a number of friends of Lynch Davidson from the country. The following took dinner with him: P. V. Harrell, S. C. Barr, J. A. Barr, Poly Williams, Taylor Bond, Geo. B. Scott, Cross Plains; Bob Stephens, Eula; Rod Kelton, Ace Hickman, Baird. Friday morning in not favorable for a crowd in town as Saturday.

BAIRD COYOTES TO PLAY LONGWORTH DYNAMITERS, SUNDAY

Next Sunday at our T-P Park, hostilities will be resumed, after a three weeks intermission; the Coyotes played on foreign fields two Sundays, and last Sunday, they celebrated the Glorious Fourth in a very safe and sane manner; part of the Players hiving themselves to the Golf-pasture to lambast the elusive pellet for a few rounds, while others took themselves to the adjoining Cities to view the wonders of West Texas.

The Dynamiters of Longworth will be the attraction at the T-P Park next Sunday, these players come with an enviable reputation; it is our understanding that they are undefeated for the season, and our Coyotes are determined to lay-hold of the enemy in such a manner that they will return to Longworth with the bitter taste of defeat lingering in their system.

The Following Sunday, another strong aggregation, the Buffalo Gap Team, will cross bats with the Coyotes at T-P Park; both of these teams are calculated to put up a terrific battle, and the Coyotes are going to strut their stuff and grab off the big end of the score in both battles, if at all possible.

Fans be there, and root for the Coyotes, cheer your home-boys and make them feel that their efforts are appreciated, and too, your shekels will be highly appreciated, since the Coyotes are in debt and need help. All-together, Lets Go.

J. C. Jones, of Alvarado, visited his mother, Mrs. J. C. Jones and other relatives of Baird. J. C. Jones it will be remembered, was in the grocery business in Baird many years ago. His place of business was the old Lea, rock building that was burned and stands to-day as a ghost of a once active business mart.

OIL FOUND IN NEW FIELD NEAR BAIRD

The Moutray Oil Company brought in their first well on the Ace Hickman ranch yesterday morning located six miles South-east of Baird. The gas sand was struck at 683 feet and after passing through 12 feet of this sand the oil sand was struck. The drill was sent down 13 feet into the oil sand when the well begin to flow. After running the bailer oil flowed ten feet above the derrick. It is impossible to estimate the amount of the flow as the oil is flowing through an eight inch pipe.

The well is a pure wild-cat, being twenty miles from the Cross Plains field and the miles from the Putnam field. The well will be drilled deeper and should make a good producer.

It is becoming more and more certain that oil is all around Baird, but striking the main pool is the problem. Here is hoping that the Hickman field will prove greater than the Moran shallow field, that comes within a few miles of Baird from the north-east. Oil business is picking up and naturally interest is increasing.

EASTERN STAR MEETING

Callahan Chapter No. 242 O. E. S. will meet in regular session Tuesday night July 13th. All officers of the Chapter are requested to meet Monday night at the Hall for practice.

Mrs. Olivia Schwartz,
W. M.
Eliza Gilliland, Sec.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to use this poor means to thank the good people for their kindness during our babies sickness and especially do we thank Dr. Griggs for his faithfulness and kindness. We also were made glad by the "Pounding" the church folks and others gave. My it's awful to be sick but it sure does make a fellow feel good when people remember them so nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Yell
and Little Yell's

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Reynolds of Amarillo, after spending a week with her parents, left Sunday to visit Mrs. Reynolds father and mother in Carona, N. M.

FURNISHED ROOMS for rent, first door west of Baptist Church. 32-2tpd

LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion will meet Monday night. All members requested to be present.

Mr. Phil Keelan, President.

BEAUTY SHOP

Miss Day's Beauty Shop is now open, under the supervision of Mrs. Aycock, an efficient operator, who will be glad to meet the ladies of Baird and surrounding towns.

Rates: Hair cut, 35 cents; Shampoo, 50 cents; Marcel, 75 cents. Special rates on Dying and Facials.

Mrs. Aycock arrived from Fort Worth Sunday and will be glad to meet the ladies at Miss Day's Shop, 32-1t.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Bob Swinson Barber Shop is now open for business, one door north of Sigal Theater. All work guaranteed.

Bob Swinson, Proprietor
32-1t.

Misses Lela and Golda Wristen are spending this month in California.

BAIRD HIGH SCHOOL WINS HONORS ENJOYED BY ONLY A FEW SCHOOLS

1058 Regent St. Boulder, Colorado
July 3, 1926

Dear Mr. Gilliland:

The Chief Superintendent of Texas High Schools in State Department of Education at Austin notified me to day that the Baird High School had been awarded the "fourth" unit of credit in English. This is an honor credit; a distinction enjoyed by only a few of the best high schools of the state.

The boys and girls of the Baird High School have worked hard for this honor, and they will be delighted to know that they have secured it.

Therefore, I wish you would please tell them of it in next week's issue of "The Baird Star."

We had a delightful drive from Baird to Boulder. Weather was ideal and roads were fine. We were four days on road but stopped a half-day at each of two places sight seeing.

The big annual July 4th shing tournament takes place in the mountains near here tomorrow. There are a large number of entries and some handsome prizes offered. It is even more thrilling that the auto races and radio contests at our State Fair.

Crops in this section are fine. Fruit and vegetables are plentiful. We got some of the largest strawberries I've ever seen. However, wheat, oats, beets, and apples are the principal crops here.

We certainly enjoy getting "The Baird Star" each week. It is like getting a letter from home.

With kindest personal regards, I am, your friend.

J. F. Boren.

A LETTER FROM JUDGE BLACK

Baird, Texas
Hon. Vitor B. Gilbert
Baird, Texas.

Dear Judge: Your letter in reference to my proposal to let our home people choose between us received and since you refuse the proposition I presume that the incident is closed. However since you stated that the proposition was assured as a legal proposition I desire to call your attention to the fact that the election of July 24th is only a nominating primary at which time we nominate candidates to run in the General Election in November. Whoever is elected in November will have no trouble in being seated in office. For your information I might state that any successful candidate in the July Primary could file his withdrawal and it would not be necessary to have a special election but the executive committee has the legal right and power to choose his successor. At no place does it call or provide for a special election. While I do not pretend to be a constitutional lawyer yet I feel sure that this is correct for it is in accordance with the Statutes of Texas.

I am sorry that you did not see fit to accept my challenge and let our home people decide between us for they are well acquainted with us and our records and also the Eastland County, people that I have discussed the proposition with tell me that it is a Callahan County fight and that they would be glad to accept Callahan County's choice. However since you prefer it we will fight it out among strangers as the bulk of the votes are in Eastland County.

As to rendering service—well I will leave that to my record in the past as to whether I will serve fairly and honestly the people who elect me to office. Let Callahan County people tell the tale.

I assure you that I appreciate the kind and courteous manner in which you have treated me during this campaign and am delighted that we have kept the campaign out of the dirt.

With kind personal regards, I am,
Very truly yours,
J. R. Black.

Mrs. Elmer Johnson and little daughters LaJuanda and Bonita, are visiting Mrs. Johnson's father, R. T. Lucas of Winters.

C. D. Jones and family and Mrs. W. L. Bowls spent the week-end in Big Springs the guests of Mrs. George Mims.

MISS BELVA EVANS, AS "MISS BAIRD" WINS FIRST PRIZE AT CISCO BATHING REVUE

Miss Belva Evans, of Baird won first prize at the Bathing Revue held at Lake Cisco on July 5th. She received a twenty dollar gold piece and a loving cup. Something like twenty five thousand people reviewed the scene. Mrs. Phil Keelan was chaperon for Miss Evans. Besides Mrs. Keelan there were others from Baird who attended the revue to encourage the Baird candidate every way possible.

Mrs. Gus Hall was chairman of a committee to select the young lady to represent Baird and this committee deserves a great deal of credit for selecting Miss Evans for she returned home with first honors.

Mr. Phil Keelan acted as one of the Judges of the revue and he stated that Miss Evans received four times as many votes as some of the other candidates.

The following, clipped from the Cisco Daily News:

At 9:50 crowds lined the lakeshore to view the bathing pageant. The contour of the shore line formed an ideal amphitheater for the spectators and the distance from the cliffs to the water gave just the right perspective to the colorful scene. Anchored 100 feet off shore, a floating rose-garden served as a stage for the parade of beauty. The brilliant decorations, brought out in detail by a powerful spotlight trained from the cliffs, mirrored themselves on the water, sparkling like jewels in a glinting and glittering dance. The reflection, with shadows cast by the vast crowd, had the appearance of a pantomime enacted on a large scale. Winners in the bathing revue were as follows:

first prize, Miss Belva Evans, as "Miss Baird" (representing the Baird Chamber of Commerce). Second prize, Miss Fanny Derrington, as "Miss Garner" (entered by John H. Garner & Co.). Third prize, Miss Theo Burkett, as "Miss Miller-Lauderdale" (entered by Miller-Lauderdale) men's store. Nine cities other than Cisco who notified the Cisco Chamber of Commerce that entries would be made in the bathing pageant failed to have their representatives on hand. Judges in the revue were W. D. Van Blareon of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Breck Walker, Breckenridge, Hon. M. H. Hagaman of Eastland, Judge Dyess, Shackelford county, and Hon. Phil Keelan of Baird.

Following the bathing revue, a gorgeous display of pyrotechnics formed a canopy of myriad colors over the sparkling water of the lake, vieing in brilliance with floating flames which plied the water in rainbow assortment. Star shells mounted to great heights and burst in sparkling showers. A dazzling finale to the day's program.

A ball at the country club, tendered the entries in the bathing pageant by Mrs. Guy Dabney and members of her committee, followed the fireworks display over the lake, with music by the Lobo band.

BOY SCOUTS

We want six boys from Troop 13 to attend the Leuder Encampment from July 13th to July 22nd. A mistaken idea has been circulated that we are selecting boys from a certain church. Regardless of church you may attend or if you are a Scout who care to go and have a vacation of nine days to the report to the Scoutmaster, may get your name into the head book at Abilene this week.

Please report immediately to Bro. Wright, Yell Mayes or Henderson. Jack Henderson, Scout Master.

THE METHODISE CHURCH Cal C. Wright, Pastor.

Sunday School at 9:45. We hope to meet you next Sunday.
Preaching at 11 A. M. Stay for Church.

You are invited to worship with us.

COW FOR SALE with young calf. See Mrs. D. R. Appleton, Baird, Rt. No. 1. 32-1t.

A. W. Johnson is visiting his daughter, Mrs. George Mims, of Big Springs, he will also visit in the Plains country before returning home.

Callahan County's Two Candidates For the Legislature



VICTOR B. GILBERT
County Judge of Callahan Co.



J. R. BLACK
Mayor of Baird

Callahan County has two candidates for Flotrial Representative from this the 107th Legislative District, composed of Callahan and Eastland counties. They are Judge Victor B. Gilbert, County Judge of Callahan County, and Judge J. R. Black, Mayor of Baird. They are both young men, and are native sons of Callahan county, Judge Black having been born and reared in the foothills of the Spring Gap mountains. Judge Gilbert was born and reared at Cross Plains, a few miles to the south-east of Judge Black's birthplace. The race is between the two Callahan men, as Eastland county has no candidate.

Judge Black studied law at Cumberland University and was admitted to the bar at 21 years of age. He served Callahan county one year as District Clerk; two terms as County Attorney and two terms as County Judge. He is now serving his second term as Mayor of Baird. He is a member of the Baptist Church and belongs to the W. O. W., Woodmen Circle and I. O. O. F.

Judge Gilbert is now serving his second term as County Judge of Callahan county. He was solicited by many friends to make the race for a third term, but decided to make the race for representative. During Judge Gilbert's term of office the Bankhead Highway bonds have been voted and sold, plans and surveys drawn and approved, and the road through the county is nearing completion. Judge Gilbert is a member of the Baptist Church, a Mason, a Shriner and we believe he belongs to the W. O. W. and I. O. O. F. He is also a World War Veteran, having served with distinction as an officer in the United States Navy during the war.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

A joint Resolution relating to the amending of Article 16, Section 58, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, abolishing the Board of Prison Commissioners; providing for the supervision and management of the Prison System, under such laws as may be provided for by the Legislature. Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 16, Section 58 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 58. The Legislature shall have full power and authority to provide by law for the management and control of the Prison System of Texas; and to this end shall have power and authority to place the Prison System under the supervision, management and control of such trained and experienced officer, or officers, as the Legislature may from time to time provide for by law.

Section 2. The above Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at a general election to be held November 3, 1926, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballot the words "For the amendment of Article 16, Section 58, of the Constitution, abolishing the Board of Prison Commissioners." And all those opposing said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words "Against the amendment of Article 16, Section 58, of the Constitution, abolishing the Board of Prison Commissioners."

Section 3. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by law.

Section 4. The sum of \$5,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the funds in the Treasury of the State, and not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

Approved: April 4, 1925.

EMMA GRIGSBY MEHARG, Secretary of State.

(A Correct Copy.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Senate Joint Resolution No. 10.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution providing for taxation of school land owned by counties. Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas shall be amended by adding after Section 6 thereof 6a, which shall read as follows:

Section 6a. All agriculture or grazing school land mentioned in Section 6 of this Article owned by any county shall be subject to taxation except for State purposes to the same extent as lands privately owned.

Section 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1926, at which all ballots shall have printed thereon "For the Constitutional amendment providing for taxation of all agriculture or grazing school land owned by any county to the same extent as land privately owned" and "Against the Constitutional amendment providing for taxation of all agriculture or grazing school land owned by any county to the same extent as land privately owned."

Section 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State. The expense of publication and election for such amendment shall be paid out of proper appropriation made by law.

Approved: April 4, 1925.

EMMA GRIGSBY MEHARG, Secretary of State.

(A Correct Copy.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

House Joint Resolution No. 9

A resolution proposing an amendment to Art. 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas by changing Section 3, eliminating the provision authorizing the Legislature to create special districts and making an appropriation therefor. Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution be so changed as to read as follows:

(creating new Section.)

Section 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State Occupation taxes and poll tax of one dollar on every inhabitant of the State, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools; and in addition thereto,

there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount not to exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) dollar valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and it shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to set aside a sufficient amount out of the said tax to provide free text books for the use of children attending the public free schools of this State; provided, however, that should the limit of taxation herein named be insufficient the deficit may be met by appropriation from the general funds of the State and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general laws; and all such school districts may embrace parts of two or more counties, and the Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such district whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties, and the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and for the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided that a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the district voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax not to exceed in any one year one (1.00) dollar on the hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns consisting separate and independent school districts, nor to independent or common school districts created by general or special law.

Section 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1926, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas eliminating the provision which authorizes the Legislature to create special school districts," and all those opposed shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas eliminating the provision which authorizes the Legislature to create special school districts."

Section 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Section 4. That the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

Approved: April 4, 1925.

EMMA GRIGSBY MEHARG, Secretary of State.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Senate Joint Resolution No. 7

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas by amending Section 33 and Section 30 of Article 16 of the Constitution of Texas so as to permit officers of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, and enlisted men of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Organized Reserves of the United States to hold public office in Texas. Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 33 of Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows:

"The accounting officers of this State shall neither draw nor pay a warrant upon the Treasury in favor of any person, for salary or compensation as agent, officer or appointee, who holds at the same time any other office or position of honor, trust or profit, under this State or the United States; except as prescribed in this Constitution. Provided, that this restriction as to the drawing and paying of warrants upon the Treasury shall not apply to officers of the National Guard of Texas, the National Guard Reserve, the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, and enlisted men of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Organized Reserves of the United States."

Section 2. That Section 30 of Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows:

"No person shall hold or exercise, at the same time, more than one civil office of emolument, except that of Justice of the Peace, County Commissioner, Notary Public and Postmaster, officer of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, and enlisted men of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Organized Reserves of the United States, unless otherwise specially provided herein. Provided, that nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit an officer, or enlisted man of the National Guard, and the National Guard Reserve, or an officer in the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, or an enlisted man in the Organized Reserve of the United States from holding in conjunction with such office any other office or position of honor, trust or profit, under this State or the United States."

Section 3. The foregoing Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday in November, A. D. 1926, at which all ballots shall have printed thereon:

"For the Constitutional amendment permitting officers and enlisted men of the National Guard, and the National Guard Reserve, and officers of the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, and enlisted men of the Organized Reserves of the United States, to hold other offices or positions of honor, trust or profit under this State or the United States," and:

"Against the Constitutional amendment permitting officers and enlisted men of the National Guard, and the National Guard Reserve, and officers of the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, and enlisted men of the Organized Reserves of the United States, to hold other offices or positions of honor, trust or profit under this State or the United States."

Each voter shall scratch out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed amendment.

Section 4. The Governor shall issue the necessary Proclamation for said election, and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State. The expense of publication and election for such amendment shall be paid out of proper appropriation made by law.

Approved March 16, 1925.

EMMA GRIGSBY MEHARG, Secretary of State.

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Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows:

"No person shall hold or exercise, at the same time, more than one civil office of emolument, except that of Justice of the Peace, County Commissioner, Notary Public and Postmaster, officer of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, and enlisted men of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Organized Reserves of the United States, unless otherwise specially provided herein. Provided, that nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit an officer, or enlisted man of the National Guard, and the National Guard Reserve, or an officer in the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, or an enlisted man in the Organized Reserve of the United States from holding in conjunction with such office any other office or position of honor, trust or profit, under this State or the United States."

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"Against the Constitutional amendment permitting officers and enlisted men of the National Guard, and the National Guard Reserve, and officers of the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, and enlisted men of the Organized Reserves of the United States, to hold other offices or positions of honor, trust or profit under this State or the United States."

Each voter shall scratch out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed amendment.

Section 4. The Governor shall issue the necessary Proclamation for said election, and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State. The expense of publication and election for such amendment shall be paid out of proper appropriation made by law.

Approved March 16, 1925.

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CITATION OF APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

The State of Texas

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting: You are Hereby Commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Callahan County, a copy of the following notice:

To all persons interested in the Estate of R. M. Grantham, Deceased, D. P. Pardue and George L. Grantham have filed in the County Court of Callahan County, an application for the Probate of the last Will and Testament of said R. M. Grantham Deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the First Monday in August A. D. 1926, the same being the Second day of August A. D. 1926, at the Court House thereof, in Baird, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Baird, Texas, this 7th day of June A. D. 1926.

S. E. Settle, Clerk, County Court Callahan County, Texas.

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CITATION OF APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY GUARDIAN

The State of Texas

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County Greeting: You are Hereby Commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Callahan County, a copy of the following notice:

The new owner tucked the deed away among his papers and proceeded to forget all about it. Recently he ran across it and found he held title to some sixteen acres of land that is easily worth \$100 an acre.

Boeton.—Sixteen years ago there was a man in Hyannis, Mass., who owed another man some money. It was only \$2.75, but since he didn't have the cash, he gave his creditor a deed to some wild land he owned to square the account.

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County, Texas, on the 14th day of June A. D. 1926, duly appointed Temporary Guardian of the estate of said Minor, which appointment will be permanent unless the same shall be successfully contested at the next term of said Court, commencing on the First Monday in August A. D. 1926, the same being the 2nd day of August A. D. 1926, at the Court House thereof, in Baird, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said Minor may appear and contest such appointment if they so desire.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, on said first day of next term thereof, this Writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Baird, Texas, this the 14th day of June A. D. 1926.

S. E. Settle, Clerk, County Court Callahan County, Texas. 30-3t.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION OF FINAL ACCOUNT

The State of Texas To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting:

In the matter of the Estate of Alton Reid, Delene Reid and Homer Reid, C. F. Reid, Guardian having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Minors, so far as same pertains to Alton Reid, (he now being twenty-one years of age) and for authority to file a new bond herein numbered 682 on the Probate Docket of Callahan Co., together with an application to be discharged from said Guardianship, as pertaining to said Alton Reid, Minor, and for authority to file a new Bond herein.

You are Hereby Commanded, That by publication of this Writ for twenty days in a Newspaper printed in the County of Callahan you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on or before the August Term, 1926, of said County Court, commencing and to be held at the Court House of said County, in the City of Baird, on the First Monday in August, A. D. 1926 the same being the 2nd day of August, 1926, when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said Court, and authority to file new Bond herein.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Baird, Texas this 7th day of June A. D. 1926.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a certain execution issued by the Clerk of the County Court of Shackelford County, on the 26th day of May 1926, in a certain cause wherein J. J. Fennessy is plaintiff, and M. E. Chapman et al are defendants, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 2nd day of June 1924 in favor of the said plaintiff J. J. Fennessy against said defendant M. E. Chapman for the sum of Eight Hundred Thirty One and 15-100 Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit, I have levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in July 1926, it being the 6th day of said month, at the home of Borden Heslip in the town of Putnam, in Callahan county, Texas within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of M. E. Chapman in and to the following described personal property, levied upon as the property of M. E. Chapman to-wit: One No. 41 Armstrong Drilling Machine; about 299 feet of drinling line for same and about 400 feet of sand line.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for Eight Hundred Thirty One and 15-100 Dollars, in favor of J. J. Fennessy, together with the cost of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

G. H. Corn, Sheriff, Callahan County, Texas.

By Bob Tallet, Deputy. Putnam, Texas, May 26, 1926, 28-3t.

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Spend a profitable half hour in looking over our stock

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R. B. Caldwell Receiver of First National Bank Ranger, Texas

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The Secretary of Commerce turns up first spadeful of dirt at ground breaking ceremonies for emergency hospital on the grounds of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia. The exposition will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of American Independence. At the cabinet member's right is Mayor Kendrick of Philadelphia. The hospital will be conducted by physicians and nurses from the Philadelphia General Hospital.

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GIANT FISH, 8,600,000 YEARS OLD, PRESERVED FOR SCIENCE

Belongs to Group Which Has Long Since Been Extinct and Is 12 Feet in Length.

Washington.—Seven or eight million years ago or thereabouts, when the present state of Kansas was an inland sea, a giant fish turned cannibal and swallowed what might easily have been one of his own progeny—head first, fins, tail and all. In all probability, however, he paid the price for his gluttony, for he died immediately after. Today scientists of the National Museum, under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution, prepared his fossilized skeleton, including that of his undigested last meal, for exhibition at the Sesqui-centennial exposition being held at Philadelphia. Portheus is the name of the giant fish and of the fish it swallowed and they belong to a group which has long since been extinct. The tarpon more nearly resembles this group than any other living species of fish, but even it is not considered to be very closely related.

The present specimen measured about twelve feet from tip to tail, and tarpons do not exceed half that length. The smaller fish which the giant swallowed whole reached nearly six feet. It is this fact which suggests that the giant might have died as the result of his gluttony.

The immediacy of death after eating is indicated, of course, by the almost undigested state of the skeleton of the smaller fish inside. The giant sank at once to the bottom, where through long centuries his bones were covered with the remains of minute sea organisms forming chalk. Other layers of shale-forming mud followed the chalk and on top of these sand was deposited until the skeleton was buried under 7,000 feet of rock-forming material. In course of geological processes the sea bottom was raised, the sea disappeared, erosion carried away most of the superimposed layers and the fish skeleton was finally uncovered by a modern scientist.

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Bank Commissioner "Dad" to Village Financiers

Topeka, Kans.—The role of father to the small-town banker has been assumed by Roy L. Bone, Kansas bank commissioner.

Mr. Bone has written a series of "Letters From a Banker to His Son," through which he has found a way to give fatherly advice to state bankers without appearing to meddle in the affairs of some particular bank.

One letter from the fictitious old banker tells the boy how to be diplomatic as well as cautious in lending money. Another takes the boy to task for letting fake stock promoters use him as a cat's-paw in preying on the bank's patrons. Still another letter scolds the young man for borrowing money from the bank of which he is cashier.

The commissioner incloses one of the letters with every communication to the state banks about the quarterly statement. He pays the cost of printing the letters, which he has protected by copyright.

Give 100-Course Dinner on Chinese Theater Site

Peking.—On the site of the historic theater where the empress dowager, Tzu Hsi, delighted in watching the pick of the nation's actors perform their endless plays, a 100-course dinner was served to the guests of Gen. and Mrs. William Crozier.

The fanciful cuisine, which included dishes prepared from lotus seeds, birds' nests, sharks' fins, fish sounds, and "lips," bone marrow, ducks' tongues and livers, chickens' windpipes, bamboo shoots, seaweed and sixty-year-old rice, was prepared by direction of a former imperial household cook. Service was on rare old porcelain.

Among the guests were three foreign ministers, and two explorers—Roy Chapman Andrews and W. Douglas Burden.

Glass Leads to Arrest of Two in Death Car

Sandusky, Mich.—A bit of glass from an automobile headlight, left in the road near Lexington after the car had struck and killed Maurice H. Read, twenty years old, Detroit, brought the arrest at Pontiac of William Winternute, twenty-eight, and "Frenchy" Huron, in connection with the accident.

Read was changing a tire on his car when he was run down. The driver of the automobile which killed him sped away without stopping to offer assistance. A bit of glass from the headlight of the automobile was left in the road and stamped on the glass was a serial number. Sheriff John A. Johnson traced the headlight to an automobile purchased some time ago by Guertin.

Hen Nears Record

Lincoln, Neb.—A white leghorn biddy, nine years old, which has laid 1,190 eggs, is well on the way to establishing a record. Available information shows 1,285 as the all-time record.

U. S. DOCUMENTS EAGERLY SOUGHT

Public Purchases 7,770,782 Government Publications in a Year.

Washington.—The document division of the government printing office, which, under the superintendent of documents, has charge of the distribution and sale of nearly all government publications, except those allotted to members of congress, last year made sales amounting to \$487,922.63, an increase of \$47,017.70 over the preceding year, and \$194,551 more than for the fiscal year 1921, according to George H. Carter, United States public printer.

In the fiscal year 1925 the document division sold 7,770,782 copies of various government publications, an increase of 526,041 over the sales for 1924. Most of these publications were ordered by letters, of which 375,571 were received during the year. A large number also were sold over the counter of the government bookstore on the ground floor of the Document building.

The increasing sale of government publications is especially noteworthy, says Mr. Carter, in view of the fact that the office has no funds for advertising its products and has to compete with free distribution by members of congress and other officers of the government.

The sale of government publications could be greatly increased, declares Mr. Carter, by ending the present wasteful method of free distribution which cannot supply all the demands and is therefore of benefit only to comparatively few persons. The charge for government publications, it is pointed out, is nominal, based upon reprint cost, plus 10 per cent. With this low cost no real reason is seen by the public printer why the distribution of practically all government publications should not be put on a sales basis and every one thus given equal consideration in the supply of public documents.

Would Help Pay for Printing.

"Increased sales would, of course, help compensate the government for the cost of printing," the report continues, "but a material growth in sales, unless accompanied by a reduction of the free copies, would necessitate an additional force and a larger building for the document division, which is already seriously overcrowded. Therefore, any plan for the increased sale and distribution of government publications should, of necessity, take into consideration additional facilities and larger quarters for the document division."

During the fiscal year 1925 the document division distributed 54,084,458 copies of publications. About 7,000,000 of these copies were purchased by the public. The distribution was made in 21,372,292 packages, filling 130,155 mail sacks. Periodical distribution for the various department and subscription lists requires the handling of 1,235 mailing lists containing approximately 835,000 names. From these mailing lists 22,712,964 machine-stencil impressions were made during the year.

"In order to meet the demand for government publications the document division has to carry a regular stock of fully 30,000,000 copies, including almost every publication issued by the government in the last half century. During the year the superintendent of documents received and stored 55,138,327 copies of the products of the government printing office.

"Not all of the copies printed annually ever reach the public. During the year 2,645,531 obsolete and useless copies, which had been ordered by the departments in former years, had to be disposed of as waste paper. Millions more of government publications will have to be consigned to the scrap heap year after year, if the present excess printing for free distribution continues and no additional space is provided for their storage.

"The superintendent of documents also conducts an extensive information service concerning government publications. Last year his office received and answered 161,852 letters of inquiry and aided several thousand other inquiring persons who visited the office. The fact that the document division possesses a remarkable library of government publications, consisting of 375,000 books, pamphlets and maps, for which there is a complete reference catalogue, makes it possible to furnish information which could not be obtained as readily and accurately from any other source.

Better Library Service.

"Better service is being rendered the depository libraries than ever before, as indicated by the increasing number of libraries that have found it advantageous to secure congressional designation as depositories of government publications. By the new law allowing depositories to select the class of publications to be furnished by the government, the depository libraries have been relieved of the unbearable burden heretofore imposed in having to receive and store copies of every publication printed by the government.

"Under the selection plan only 50 of the designated depository libraries elected to take copies of all government publications; 250 libraries receive more than 50 per cent of the list, and 173 of the smaller libraries less than 50 per cent, or only the

publications of special interest to their patrons. This plan has effected a saving in the printing of thousands of publications, which heretofore the libraries had to discard after a time owing to lack of space or usefulness.

"Another agreeable service to the depository libraries is the immediate delivery of all congressional documents and reports that are of sufficient size to be bound separately. Formerly it was necessary to hold all these publications until after the close of a session of congress so that they could be bound in sets. Many publications of congress were obsolete or useless before they were sent to the libraries. The more prompt delivery was made possible through the co-operation of the joint committee on printing in adopting the new method of distribution as proposed by this office."

Many obstacles are encountered by the document division which are unknown to most mail-order houses, it is pointed out by the superintendent of documents. The question of stock is always an uncertain quantity, he states, since, as a general rule very little information is had on which to base requirements. Publicity from unanticipated sources often exhausts the supply and aside from creating delays while reprints are made, if the publication was run from type and not plated, refunds have to be made. During the last fiscal year, he reports, \$10,631.11 was returned, representing either overpayments or supply exhausted.

Would Facilitate Payments.

"The adoption by the government of a legal tender of small amounts along the line of the Canadian postal note would be a great convenience, not only for the public in ordering government publications, but for any one patronizing a mail-order house where small remittances are involved," declares the superintendent in his report to the public printer.

"Although we advertise that postage stamps will not be accepted, last year more than \$12,000 worth were received as remittances. If we could not find an outlet for these stamps it would be necessary to return them as non-acceptable for the reason that they cannot be converted into cash. Fortunately our foreign business has grown to such an extent that we were able to use all of them. I am convinced that advertising of stamps as non-acceptable keeps a great many people from ordering publications, when the remittance is a small amount, because they consider it is too much trouble to obtain a money order.

"The generous policy of the United States government in its free distribution of publications has no doubt served to depreciate their value. Those opposed to a restricted free distribution might be interested in knowing that Great Britain since the war has discontinued even its pre-war limited free distribution, and now all libraries have to purchase their copies.

"The British government, recognizing the value of its publications, in 1887 passed a resolution permitting the reprinting of information contained in a majority of them. The policy is similar to ours, in that we do not allow copyrighting. The two countries also entertain similar views in their practice of charging the prime cost to the government, so that the public may purchase at a nominal cost for paper, presswork and binding."

Havoc Was Extensive in Krupp Dismantling

London.—Remarkable figures showing the havoc wrought at the Krupp works under the direction of the international control commission are given in the report presented at the annual meeting of the company, says a Berlin correspondent.

The machines destroyed numbered 9,300 and had a total weight of about 60,000 tons. The dies and tools sacrificed reached the prodigious total of 801,420; their aggregate weight being 9,588 tons.

Further, 379 presses, tempering furnaces, oil and water tanks, cooling plants and overhead travelers were scrapped on the commission demands. On the testing grounds 150 experimental guns and 1,100 tons of ammunition were destroyed. The replacement value of all this property is estimated at about 104,000,000 marks.

The report mentions that the concern is now permitted to make annually not more than four guns above seventeen inches.

Maiden's Modesty Halts Sword Duel With Man

Budapest.—A maiden's modesty has been the cause for the cancellation of a duel with swords between the girl and a man.

Because of what she regarded as unjust criticism of girls in a fencing school, the girl, eighteen years old, sent her seconds to the young man. He accepted the challenge.

The man appeared on the dueling grounds. When the maid arrived his seconds insisted that she should comply with the rules. The girl refused, and the man's seconds then declared the duel could not be fought.

Pinch Hitter

London.—If a pinch hitter is needed on the royal ball team, American hotel men are for the duke of York. Subbing for the prince of Wales, who is treating a convalescent ear by playing golf at Biarritz, the duke told the visitors to stimulate the spirit of love and make the world happier.

Love and Letter Writing

By JANE OSBORN

(Copyright.)

NO MATTER how well he might train his private secretary, Jerry Dawe always had a good-sized pile of letters on his desk at his office that needed personal attention. So an hour or more of every day's time was devoted to letter writing. And as a writer of forceful and unusual business letters Jerry Dawe enjoyed quite a wide reputation. These business letters were a nuisance but they could be got through. Personal letters, however, in Jerry's opinion were a deadly plague.

Of course Jerry knew that to reply to purely social correspondence with a typewritten letter was decidedly bad manners. Still it seemed to Jerry that his mother and sister ought not to object to letters dictated to his stenographer.

Jerry's invitations were numerous. Moreover on birthdays and holidays Jerry's friends had a disconcerting way of sending him presents. And always Jerry would have to sit home in his apartment miserably writing notes of acknowledgment. Once it occurred to him that to persons who were not familiar with his handwriting his stenographer might write some of the formal social notes.

Once Jerry asked his partner how he managed with his personal and social correspondence.

"You mean letters to the folks at home, and answers to invitations and all that sort of thing? Why, bless your heart, I haven't thought of such matters for many a year. My wife attends to all that. And of course 'thank you' letters and answers to invitations—I suppose a man's wife always attends to such matters."

Presently Jerry was absorbed in business concerns, but later he found himself recalling what his partner had said on the matter.

Jerry had to admit that such thoughts were rather dangerous. They might so far dominate him that he would end by asking some girl to marry him. Probably—ninety-nine chances out of a hundred—thought the modest bachelor, the girl would reject him, but there was the chance. Besides, having proposed once he would probably be willing to propose again.

One evening snugly home in his bachelor apartment he surveyed six letters and notes, all needing personal replies. He felt sure that no one else in his acquaintance had relatives with such a taste and talent for writing letters. In a mood like this Jerry toyed with the idea of marrying. He went so far as to list over to himself the names of the young women of his acquaintance whom he might consider as possibilities. Six or seven occurred to him, yet so far as he knew not one of them cared a snap of her finger for him, and he cared little more than that for any one of them. Still there were the letters—he hunted to answer them.

It was the next day that Jerry walked into the office of Patricia Collins, employment agent—walked in with his eyes wide open. At a glance he saw how very pretty was Patricia as she sat at her well-arranged desk, dictating to two stenographers at once and giving directions to an office boy without apparently being the least bit confused. Jerry would have telephoned only that he wanted to maintain perfect secrecy in the matter.

Patricia finished with her assistants and then gave her undivided attention to Jerry. He explained without any embarrassment his predicament and asked Patricia to put him in touch with some young woman with a good strong handwriting and a knowledge of the conventions who would attend to his correspondence.

"Of course," said Patricia, looking a little reprovingly at him, "of course I could probably find some young woman of that sort. Still, it seems a shame—she'd have to counterfeits your handwriting—and the relatives who like hearing from you wouldn't really be hearing from you at all. It's too bad you haven't a sister or some one who could write to your relatives and attend to your social correspondence. Then there wouldn't have to be any deception about it. Usually a man's wife does those things—" Patricia stopped short and looked a trifle embarrassed.

"I know," said Jerry, "and that's the trouble. I'm not married—never shall be married. And I detest writing letters—"

Two months thereafter a devoted aunt of Jerry received this letter written in a well-formed feminine hand that was unfamiliar to her.

"Dear Aunt Mary—" the letter ran, "Jerry has asked me to write this letter to you and I'll have to introduce myself to you to start with as Jerry's new wife. Jerry met me only a little while ago and after the shortest time we became engaged and then as I was quite alone in the world and almost twenty-eight we were married without delay. From what Jerry says, you and he have always been great friends—and I'm hoping for a share in that friendship. I was in business before I married Jerry and I asked Jerry if I couldn't answer his letters for him just to keep myself from being idle. So I'm going to tell you everything that Jerry has been doing—"

And so the letter progressed over eight pages of note paper full of the doings and thoughts of Jerry.

The Baird Star.

BAIRD, TEXAS

FRIDAY, JULY 9, 1926

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Entered as Second Class Matter, Dec. 8, 1887 at the Post Office at Baird, Texas, under Act of 1879.

W. E. GILLILAND,
Editor and Proprietor

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

IN CALLAHAN COUNTY

One Year	\$1.50
Six Months	.80
Three Months	.50

OUTSIDE OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

One Year	\$2.00
Six Months	1.25
Three Months	.75

(Payable in Advance)

ADVERTISING RATES

Display Advertising, per inch.....25c
Local Advertising, per line.....5c (Minimum Charge 25)
Legal Advertising, per line.....5c
All Advertising Charged by the week

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

To the officers and members of Baird Rebekah Lodge No. 112.

We, your committee on resolutions on the death of Sister Arminta France Johnson beg to submit the following:

Whereas, it has been the will of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to remove from this life a true and devoted wife, mother and sister.

Be it resolved that the members of this lodge express their sorrow, that we cherish a living recollection of the many virtues and womanhood of our departed sister and we pray Gods guidance and richest blessings to be upon those who are left to mourn her loss, then on the Last Great Day may we all meet her at the Throne of God to share the Blessings of Life Eternal.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our lodge, a copy tendered the family of our deceased Sister and a copy sent The Baird Star for publication.

Faternally Submitted,
B. H. Hornsby
Mrs. O. E. Eastham
Mrs. H. Schwartz,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

To the officers and members of Baird Rebekah Lodge No. 112.

We, your committee appointed to adapt a letter of condolence in behalf of Sister Josephine Cowan on account of the death of her father, Mr. V. H. Cowan, beg to submit the following:

Whereas, it has been the will of our Heavenly Father to remove from this life a devoted father, a loyal citizen and a Christian Gentleman, be it resolved that our lodge extend to the bereaved family our heart felt sympathy and commend them to Him who can heal all wounds and dry all tears and fit us for better and more noble lives.

Be it further, resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this lodge, a copy tendered the family and a copy sent The Baird Star for publication.

Respectfully Submitted,
B. H. Hornsby
Mrs. O. E. Eastham
Mrs. H. Schwartz,
Committee.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF GUARDIANSHIP

In re Guardianship of the Estate of Fay Rylee, Alvin Rylee, Avis Rylee, Nina Belle Rylee, and Evalyn Rylee, Minors. No. 696 in the County Court of Callahan County, Texas.

Notice is here-by given, that I, Eva L. Rylee, Guardian of the estate of Fay, Alvin, Avis, Nina Belle and Evalyn Rylee, minors, have this day filed my application in the above entitled and numbered cause, for an order of the County Judge of Callahan County, Texas, authorizing me as the Guardian of the estate of said wards, to make a mineral lease upon such terms as the court may order and direct of the following real estate belonging to the estate of said wards to-wit: an undivided ¹/₂ interest in and to 156.12 acres out of the Geo. Hancock Survey No. 346, Abstract No. 232, situated in Callahan County, Texas, said application will be heard by the County Judge at the Courthouse in the City of Baird, Callahan County, Texas, on the 17th day of July, 1926.

Eva L. Rylee, Guardian of the Estate of E. Fay, Alvin, Avis, Nina Belle and Evalyn Rylee. 32-1t.



WILLIE T. WILCOXEN

Candidate for Tax Collector of Callahan County, subject to action of Democratic Primary to held Saturday July 24, 1926



EVERETT HUGHES

Candidate for Sheriff of Callahan County, subject to action of Democratic Primary to held Saturday, July 24, 1926

SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice by publication for three consecutive weeks is hereby given, that by virtue of a Justice of Peace Court order of a certain execution at Putnam in Precinct No. 8 Callahan Co., Texas on the 3rd day of July A. D. 1926 in a certain cause wherein Joe E. Green is Plaintiff and P. E. Sherset and H. H. Hill is defendants, in which cause a judgment on the 3rd day of July in favor of Joe E. Green plaintiff against said defendants, P. E. Sherset and H. H. Hill for \$79.00 with interest thereon at the rate of 6 percent per annum from date of judgment together with all costs of suit and attorney's fee.

I have levied upon and will on the 1st Tuesday in August, 1926 the same being the 3rd day of said month at the home of Bob Tollett in the town of Putnam in Callahan County, Texas within the legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right title and interest of P. E. Sherset and H. H. Hill in and to the following described property levied upon as the property of P. E. Sherset and H. H. Hill, to-wit: One model 3 Spudder, one Foxson Tractor, about 120 feet 2 in. line pipe; about 30 feet of 1 1/4 inch pipe about reamer bit and 12 1/2 in. drill bit; 10 in. drill bit; 18 in. drill stem.

The above sale to be made by me, to satisfy the above described judgment for \$79.00 in favor of Joe E. Green, with the cost of suit and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

G. H. Corn, Sheriff,
Callahan County, Texas.
By Bob Tollett, Deputy. 32-3t.

BE A COTTON BUYER LEARN IN A BIG COTTON SCHOOL

Cotton Graduates of the Byrne Commercial College, last year, drew beginning salaries ranging from \$125 to \$175 per month and expenses. Those who bought on their own account made good money. You can do the same this year if you will only prepare. You can master our cotton course in five to six weeks and be practically assured of a position.

Our training puts it "up to you" as to advancement. Federal jobs pay \$2100 to \$6000 per year. In our school, you will handle more bales and learn more about the grade, staple and marketing of cotton in these few weeks than you would learn in street buying in years. This course will only cost you \$55.00 Your first month's salary should repay your expenses, board included. Young men, how, when or where can you beat it?

Write Byrne Commercial College, 1924 1/2 Main St., Dallas, Texas, for catalogue and full information. 31-1t.

Official Ballot of the Democratic Primary

The following is the order in which the Ticket in Callahan County will be printed for the Democratic Primary, July 24, 1926.

- For Governor:
Lynch Davidson of Harrison County
Miriam A. Ferguson of Bell County
Edith E. Wilmans of Dallas County
O. F. Zimmerman of Morris County
Kate Miller Johnston of Bexar County
Dan Moody of Williamson County
- For Lieutenant Governor:
Barry Miller of Dallas County
- For Attorney General:
Chas. L. Brachfield of Rusk County
Thomas Simpson Christopher of Dallas County
Claud Pollard of Harris County
T. K. Irwin of Dallas County
Jno. W. Hornsby of Travis County
James V. Allred of Wichita County
- For Comptroller of Public Accounts:
S. H. Terrell of McLennan County
- For State Treasurer:
Lon Garner of Stephens County
Grover Cleveland Harris of Dallas County
Ed A. Christian, Jr., of Bexar County
G. E. Johnson of Jones County
W. Gregory Hatcher of Dallas County
J. R. Ball of Fannin County
George G. Garrett of Dallas County
- For State Superintendent of Public Institution:
S. M. N. Marrs of Travis County
W. W. Bennett of Dallas County
J. A. Humphries of Hockley County
- For Commissioner of Agriculture:
George B. Terrell of Cherokee County
T. R. Bolin of Morris County
- For Land Commissioner:
J. T. Robinson of Morris County
P. B. Terrell of Titus County
- For Railroad Commissioner:
C. V. Terrell of Wise County
Robt. E. Speer of Dallas County
Charles E. Baugham of Brown County
- For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court:
William Pierson of Hunt County
- For Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals:
Lee P. Pierson of Dallas County
F. L. Hawkins of Ellis County
- For Chief Justice Court of Civil Appeals, 11th Judicial District:
William Pannill of Erath County
- For Associate Justice Court Civil Appeals, 11th District, Place, No. 1
W. P. Leslie of Mitchell County
Jno. B. Littler of Eastland County
- For Associate Justice Court Civil Appeals, 11th District No. 2
Tom B. Ridgell of Stephens County
J. E. Hickman of Stephens County
Geo. L. Davenport of Eastland County
- For Representative for 17th Congressional District:
Thomas L. Blanton of Taylor County
J. R. Smith of Burnet County
- For State Representative, 107th Legislature District:
Victor B. Gilbert of Callahan County
J. R. Black of Callahan County
- For District Attorney, 42nd Judicial District:
Milburn S. Long of Taylor County
- For County Judge:
W. C. White
J. S. Yeager
- For District Clerk:
Mrs. Kate Hearn
- For County Attorney:
B. F. Russell
- For County Treasurer:
Mrs. Roy Jackson
- For County Clerk:
S. E. Settle
- For County Superintendent:
B. C. Christian
Felix E. Mitchell
- For Sheriff:
G. H. Corn
C. E. Bray
R. L. (Bob) Dillard
Everett (Ev) Hughes
- For Tax Collector:
Wm. J. Evans
W. T. (Willie) Wilcoxon
- For Tax Assessor:
W. Y. Cleveland
H. A. Warren
C. W. Conner
R. J. (Ray) Boen
- For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Virgil F. Jones
M. A. (Lon) Shelton
- For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
J. H. Hughes
J. H. Carpenter
- For County Commissionses, Precinct No. 3
W. A. Everett
- For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
M. R. Lovell
G. H. Clifton
- For Public Weigher, Oplin Precinct No. 2
J. N. Tyson
- For Public Weigher, Clyde Precinct No. 5
T. R. Barker
Edd L. Carperton

- Austin Bouchette
L. M. Coward
J. M. (Mack) Davis
- For Public Weigher, Cross Plains Precinct No. 6
J. W. Payne
John Holder
- For Public Weigher, Putnam Precinct No. 8
W. C. Teague
- For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5
M. G. Carperton
- For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 6
W. C. Adams
- For Constable, Precinct No. 1
E. L. Counts
W. L. Ashton
- For Constable, Precinct No. 5
J. F. Hampton
Lee J. Good



JUDGE THOMAS B. RIDGELL

Judge Thomas B. Ridgell, candidate for Associate Justice, Court of Civil Appeals 11th District, Located at Eastland, Texas.

Member of the court by Gov. Ferguson when the court was created last year. Judge Ridgell has served faithfully and efficiently and justly feels that he is entitled to election to a full term.

Judge Ridgell was appointed a member of the court by Gov. Ferguson when the court was created last year. Judge Ridgell has served faithfully and efficiently and justly feels that he is entitled to election to a full term.

ADVERTISING-PAYS...

STATEMENT

The First National Bank

At Close of Business June 30, 1926

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts.....	\$400,392.71
Call Loans.....	109,613.59
Stocks and Other Securities.....	10,249.94
Other Real Estate.....	15,000.00
Banking House and Fixtures.....	8,500.00
U. S. Bonds.....	26,650.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank.....	2,250.00
CASH AND DUE FROM BANKS.....	367,446.08
Due From U. S. Treasurer.....	1,250.00
Total	\$941,352.32

LIABILITIES

Capital.....	\$50,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	34,026.41
Circulation.....	25,000.00
Deposits.....	830,033.41
Dividends Unpaid.....	2,238.50
REDCOUNTS.....	NONE
BILLS PAYABLE.....	NONE
Total	\$941,352.32

The above Statement is correct.

W. S. HINDS, Cashier.



Dr. Chas. E. Harrison

of the West Texas Optical Clinic, Abilene, Texas, has opened an office in Baird. Why neglect your eyes? I can take care of your eye troubles. Practice limited to Refracting, Eyes Examined and Glasses Fitted. Will be in

Baird Every Monday

Office with Dr. R. L. Griggs, over the First State Bank

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the following persons as candidates for County and District offices, subject to action of the Democratic Primary Election for 1926:

For County Judge:

J. S. YEAGER,
of Putnam.
W. C. WHITE,
of Baird.

For County Treasurer:

MRS. ROY JACKSON,
Re-election.

For District Clerk:

MRS. KATE HEARN,
Re-election.

For County Superintendent:

F. E. MITCHELL,
Atwell.
B. C. CHRISMAN,
Re-election.

For Tax Assessor:

W. Y. CLEVELAND,
Baird.
C. W. CONNER,
Baird.
H. A. (Hub) WARREN,
Baird.
R. J. (Ray) BOEN,
Rowden.

For Tax Collector:

W. T. (Willie) WILCOXEN,
Cottonwood.
W. J. EVANS.

For Sheriff:

G. H. CORN,
Re-election.
R. L. (Bob) DILLARD,
of Clyde.
EVERETT (Ev) HUGHES.

C. E. BRAY,
Putnam.

For County Clerk:

S. ERNEST SETTLE,
Re-election.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1:

VIRGIL F. JONES,
Baird.
M. A. SHELTON,
Route No. 2, Clyde.

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

J. H. CARPENTER,
Re-election.
J. H. HUGHES.

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 3:

W. A. EVERETT,
Putnam.

Statement of the Condition of

The First State Bank

At Close of Business June 30, 1926

Resources

Loans and Discounts	\$385,257.03
Banking House	14,772.56
Other Real Estate Owned	1,644.54
Furniture and Fixtures	4,924.80
Depositors Guaranty Fund	4,301.20
Assessment Guaranty Fund	5,825.18
U. S. Bonds	1,500.00
Cash and Exchange	68,797.32
Total	\$487,022.73

Liabilities

Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Undivided Profits	5,807.33
Deposits	428,215.35
Total	\$487,022.73

The above statement is correct

F. L. DRISKILL, Cashier.

PERSONALS

Mrs. W. O. Miller is visiting in Midland.

Mrs. Gabe Gibson and little son, are visiting in California.

Miss John Gilliland spent Monday with friends in Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Price left a few days ago for a visit to points in California and Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Powell, of Cross Plains spent Monday with relatives in Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Young and daughter, Margaret, of the Bayou, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. I. McWhorter.

Jack Lambert, of Houston, came in Wednesday to spend a few days with the home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ferguson, of Breckenridge, spent Sunday with Mrs. Ferguson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boydston.

Mrs. F. M. Coats, who was operated on for appendicitis some two weeks ago, is doing nicely and will be able to be in a few days.

Mrs. Claud Gates and little son, Jim, of Texarkana, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sam Black and other friends in Baird.

Connie Brown and E. W. Bowen, of Adair were in Baird this morning and called at The Star office and renewed their subscription to The Star.

Miss Ada Powell has returned to Washington D. C. after a month's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell. She visited in Fort Worth and Dallas enroute home.

We met Gus Foy in town this week, who is visiting his brother, H. F. Foy. Mr. Foy lived at Putnam formerly but for the last eighteen years has resided at Lorain, Mitchell County.

T. K. Irwin, of Dallas spoke on the street here Wednesday night. He called at The Star office but the writer had gone home and failed to meet him. Mr. Irwin is a member of the Legislature from Dallas County.

Mrs. Capers and daughter, of Ft. Worth, came in the first of the week on a visit to Mrs. Capers sister, Mrs. Ella Foster, and accompanied by Mrs. Foster and little grand-son, J. L. Walker, they are visiting relatives in Post City.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Anderson, of San Antonio came in the latter part of last week on a visit to relatives here. Mr. Anderson returned home Monday but Mrs. Anderson will remain a few days longer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boydston and daughter, Miss Dorothy, returned home Saturday from a two week's auto trip. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Lanham Stokes and little son, Sam Boydston, at Kingsville. They also visited San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Austin, Waco and Fort Worth. They report a delightful trip.

Joe V. (Jimmie) Allred, former District Attorney of Wichita Falls and candidate for Attorney General was a pleasant caller at The Star office Tuesday. Mr. Allred is a pleasant affable gentleman, says that he was the youngest District Attorney in Texas and has an ambition to be the youngest Attorney General of the state.

GOOD RAIN

A good rain fell at Baird Wednesday night, accompanied by some wind and heavy crashes of thunder.

STAR ENLARGED

After several years The Baird Star this week returns to former size, 6 col. 8 pages. The change necessitate a considerable amount of work on the news press and folder and practically all the editorial work the writer engaged in this week has been mechanical and not with a pencil. Natural local items are scarce. The change required quite a bit of tedious work, besides the expense that was necessary. Naturally we had difficulty in getting things to work right and the print is not to our liking but hope to have things working smooth next week.

The Star Print shop always gives Service That Pleases. Phone 8 and have us call.

Mr. Harry Taylor, of Clyde was in town last week on business. Mr. Taylor has recently moved into the Clyde community from Clifton Texas.

Baird, since yesterday morning has had a second class post office, for the first time in the history of Baird-fine.

Jumble of Treasures

in Persian Treasury

The imperial treasury of Teheran, Persia, in which is kept the peacock throne, once the property of the grand mogul, is an enormous room on the upper floor of the shah's palace. The room is lined with mirrors and probably contains the most heterogeneous collection of articles ever assembled. It is literally crammed with the objects of one sort or another which have been acquired by Persian monarchs on their visits to Europe. Also, there are many articles which have been presented to these monarchs by contemporary rulers.

The collection includes pieces of Sevres and Dresden porcelain, inlaid furniture, elephant tusks, Spanish shawls, Italian mosaic work, a variety of walking sticks, embroidered sofa pillows, steamship models, talking dolls, mechanical toys, a set of solid gold cuspidors, jeweled weapons and even a life-size marble copy of the Venus de Milo with a large gilt clock set in her abdomen. There are hundreds of other unusual and commonplace articles.

The peacock throne, which was taken to Teheran from Delhi by the Persian conqueror, is estimated to be worth \$20,000,000 though its canopy long since disappeared. It resembles a four-post bed and every inch of its surface is encrusted with diamonds, emeralds and rubies.—E. Alexander Powell, in American Magazine.

Philadelphia Home of

First American Bible

The first Bible printed in America came from the press of Robert Aiken, a Philadelphia patriot who emigrated from Scotland in 1763. The original issue appeared in 1777 and consisted of the books of the New Testament. At that time there was a scarcity of Bibles in the Colonies due to the break with Great Britain. Subsequent issues of the edition were made in 1779 and 1781, and in the latter year Aiken referred it to congress in the hope that that body, moved by the feeling of patriotism which was high during the Revolution, would buy the printed Bibles and distribute them among the soldiers.

Congress approved the idea and agreed to buy a quantity of the Testaments, and also recommended their purchase to the citizens of the United States. Aiken, however, never received a cent from the government, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger, and although he lost considerable money on his undertaking, never pressed his claim, believing that as long as the treasury was in such a condition that the government could not afford even to clothe its soldiers properly, he should not insist on payment.

Little Thrift Sermon

Misfortune finds it hard to spank the man with money in the bank, and thus it's well to cultivate and carry out the saving trait.

A habit is a cinch to make and very difficult to shake; so pick one that is sure to pay—and start to save—begin today.

He has of sense a good amount who banks upon a bank account, for dollars wisely laid away increase in value every day.

To bank your cash is very wise, for then it grows and multiplies; your balance ever is at best, when boosted up by interest.

The man who never saves a cent is always broke, or badly bent; and then he's up against it right whenever trouble looms in sight.—By the Columnist of the Tifton (Ga.) Gazette.

Mind is a Garden

Your mind is not at all like a machine—all ready-made and automatic. Ask any doctor and he will make this plain to you.

No, your mind is more like a garden. It is the use you make of it that counts.

You can grow these fine plants in your mind-garden—courage, initiative, imagination, will-power, kindness, knowledge.

You can have a garden of ideas and skills and efficiencies. What a garden Newton must have had! Or Darwin, or Huxley, or Leverhulme, or Pasteur, or Carnegie!

If you let your garden alone it will go to weeds and grass. That is the usual crop.—Efficiency Magazine.

Friendship

Perfect friendship is that of good men who resemble each other in virtue; for these, as good themselves, are equal in their desire of good things for one another, and they who desire good things for their friends, love them especially for the sake of these things. For they value them for what they are and not for something accidental. The friendship, therefore, of these men endures as long as they are good, for virtue is something stable. And each of them is good in himself and also in relation to his friend, for good men are both good absolutely and useful to each other.—Aristotle.

Qualified

The animal trainer having been taken ill, his wife reported for duty in his stead.

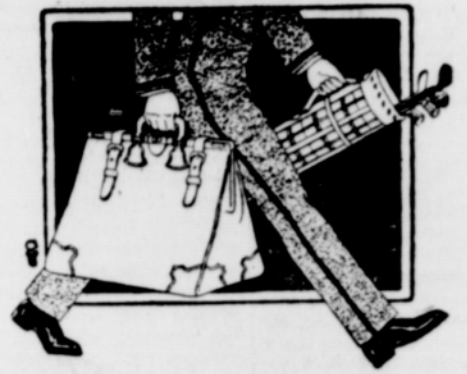
"Have you had any experience in this line?" asked the proprietor of the circus, doubtfully.

"Not exactly in this line," replied the woman; "but my husband manages the beasts all right, doesn't he?"

"He certainly does."

"Well, you ought to see how easily I manage him!"

Vacation Time is Here



and you will need a good Trunk, Suit Case, Handbag or Hat Box, but before buying anything in this line, be sure to see what we have.

We also have Khaki Nickers for Ladies

If you need a Folding Cot, we have it.

Now you can get 100per ct. Worsted Cadet Bathing Suit and many other items you will want

Stevens' Strong Work Shoes for Men and Boys



Don't forget when you buy your next pair of Work Shoes to call for Steven's Strong. These people only make Work Shoes and they claim, and we claim that the Stevens Strong Shoes are the longest wearing and the most comfortable work shoe made in the United States today. This is a nationally advertised and sold shoe, and is guaranteed to give complete satisfaction. We back the guarantee of this reliable manufacturer with our own. No risk when you buy Steven Strong Shoes.

Bear---the---Wear

B. L. BOYDSTUN

The Place Where It Pays You to Trade

AIR MAIL MAKES RAPID STRIDES

Private Lines Now Connect at Many Points With Government Planes.

Washington.—Recently the first east-bound flight of the latest air mail route, linking New York to Texas, was completed in 26 hours, clipping a full day from the fastest rail service. After connecting at Chicago the route includes Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and finally the terminal at Dallas, Texas. This air mail service has been called the latest, but reports from Hartford, Conn., already announce a still newer effort, this time to link aerially the cities of Boston and Bangor, Maine.

At the rate air mail services are springing up all over the country—and all over several other countries—the honor of being the "latest" is indeed an insecure and impermanent one. Some of these lines spring up so quickly and are so readily accepted by the public that they attract scant attention outside of the immediate locality of their operation. Thus an air mail service has been in full swing for more than two months between Elko, Nev.; Boise, Idaho, and Pasco, Wash.; and another line operates between Miami, Fort Myers, Tampa and Jacksonville.

The Colonial Air Transport operates a postal and express service between Boston and New Jersey, giving Boston the benefit of the New Jersey and New York-Chicago service, just as St. Louis already enjoys it by a branch line through Peoria and Springfield. The government, through the Post Office department, has so far been responsible for the amazing growth of air mail trunk lines throughout the country; but in future it will be the privately owned lines that will take the initiative in building subsidiary branches extending to every part of the country.

Fresh Impetus Last Summer.

A great impetus was given to the air mail service last summer when the government let contracts for four feeders to the transcontinental route, including three north-south trunks and over-night service between New York and Chicago. The north-south extensions included routes between New York and Boston, Chicago and St. Louis, Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, Elko and Pasco, Minneapolis-St. Paul and New Orleans via St. Louis and Memphis; Pittsburgh and New Orleans via Indianapolis, Louisville, Nashville and Birmingham.

More and more cities of all sizes are being put on the transcontinental route, New York to San Francisco. These cities connect by plane with some point on the transcontinental route or else forward their letter and parcel post mails by train for connection at some center on the route. Last June Des Moines, Iowa, and Sacramento, Calif., were placed on the route. Both east-bound and west-bound planes stop at these points to take on and leave mail, and these cities in turn become centers for other cities outside the air mail route.

Late last year 17 bids were received by the Post Office department for the operation of eight routes, including the Los Angeles-Seattle route, the Salt Lake City, the New York-Boston route and four others. It was said that the new air service would directly connect 29 important cities by air mail routes with the 16 cities which have been receiving similar service on the transcontinental air mail route for more than a year. In addition to these, it was believed that many other cities would enjoy the advantage of speedy transmission of mails by combining the air routes and the railway mail services. The contracts for the eight new routes called for an extension of the air mail service of 4,692 miles, and require about 390,000 miles of flying yearly on the six round trips per week scheduled for each route.

Following the lead of the government in extending air mail connections on a nation-wide scale several private owners have already started private air mail, passenger and freight lines, and this development is looked forward to with unfeigned enthusiasm by those who have the interest of commercial aviation at heart.

Aviation as an Industry.

Both Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, and Harry S. New, postmaster general, have expressed the opinion that it was the proper function of the government to aid in the development of aviation as an industry. With a view to encouragement of the flying art Secretary Hoover last year recommended the establishment of a bureau of civil aviation in the Department of Commerce, to be charged with the duty of providing services for commercial aviation comparable to those afforded in the field of commercial navigation.

This proposed bureau received warm commendation from Mr. New when he appeared before President Coolidge's air board of inquiry last September. The postmaster general brought out that in the last fiscal year air mail planes had flown more than two and one-half million miles, of which more than half a million miles were night flights. Great as had been the growth in efficiency of the government-operated air mail service, Mr. New contended, however, that the government should not permanently administer the service under its own auspices. He favored assigning the service to private agencies under contract, just as is done in the transportation of the mail by railroads and water carriers.

Already some private concerns have entered the new field outlined by Hoover and New. The Eastern Air Transport, Inc., linking New England with the West by means of the Federal line, was organized late last year. Shortly afterward the Western Air Express, Inc., with main offices in Los Angeles, began operation of an air mail and freight service between Chicago and California.

Besides these, several other lines are contemplated in St. Louis, Boston, Hartford, Des Moines and other points. So far, due to the fact that the amount of freight must be limited, private commercial aviation has not developed at the rate that some of its ardent advocates would like; but this phase of the matter is receiving serious study all over the country, and it is believed that the day is not far off when planes will be able to carry more freight, thus being of greater industrial use.

Early this year Henry Ford entered the ranks of the pioneers in commercial aviation when he started to operate a private line between Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit. The first definite adventure of financial men into the field of commercial aviation, with the avowed intention of extending their activities to all parts of the country, was announced in December, 1925, with the formation of the Colonial Air Transport, Inc. This "adventure" was hailed as the first great step toward making commercial aviation practical and profitable on a large scale. It was predicted that should the first efforts be successful, the backers of the scheme would next attempt to carry passengers on a commercial basis.

Postmaster General New explained recently that it was the intention of the government to turn the air mail over to private interests. "The time is at hand when the government can step out of the air mail business and let private interests gradually take over the service," he said. "I don't think that the handling of mail alone will pay on air lines. The successful lines must be prepared to carry not only mail but high-class express, and eventually passengers. That will come when the American public has been trained to realize that airways have business possibilities."

It is readily granted both here and abroad that in its air mail service the United States ranks first. But, according to a review made recently by the New York Trust company, in passenger and freight service Europe is far ahead of the United States. Aviation lines, most of them privately owned with government subsidies, are an established part of the transportation service on the continent.

France's Air Transportation.

This review further states that in France, now maintaining the strongest military air service with the largest number of planes, the operation of the thirteen commercial lines has been consolidated into five heavily subsidized companies. Punctuality is rated as high as 90 per cent, with the same degree of safety as on the railroads. Efforts are being made to establish connections between Paris and the main capitals of the world, and to organize a Mediterranean aerial system connecting France with the Near East and South America.

The German lines, although not as fully developed, have shown less deficit than the French and are less dependent upon government subsidy, according to the review. Their activity has been concentrated into three great trunk lines, the Europe System being the most powerful. This system controls most of the "strategic" air routes in middle Europe, comprising airplane service in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, Danzig, Latvia, Estonia, Finland and Russia.

In the development of commercial aviation abroad Turkey fills a novel chapter. When, late in 1925, the enthusiasm over aviation became nationwide a committee composed of deputies, army officers and professional men made a house-to-house canvass seeking a contribution from each family according to the income. Balls and fetes were given to swell the fund for the establishment of a passenger, commercial and mail service between Constantinople and Ankara.

Thus commercial aviation is progressing all over the world. In England a new organization became effective in April, 1924, when the existing companies were consolidated into the Imperial Air Transport company, Ltd., which has a monopoly of commercial aeronautical operations. In Mexico, the governor of the state of Tabasco last year requested permission to establish a hydroplane service between Villahermosa, capital of the state, and Puerto Mexico and Vera Cruz. Air service between the United States and Cuba, via Key West and Havana, was resumed last year. In Canada commercial aviation, according to reports, is progressing at an amazing rate. Plans to link Europe with South American countries have repeatedly been considered, both in Paris and Berlin.

Down at the other end of the world, in Cape Town, the first South African air mail flight was completed successfully in February, 1925, when airmen flew the 900 miles between Cape Town and Durban in eleven hours.

EXPLORE GREAT FALLS FROM AIR

Cataract in Inaccessible Northeastern Quebec Said to Rival Niagara.

Toronto, Ont.—For almost a hundred years the existence in northeastern Quebec, near Labrador, of a waterfall and cataract rivaling Niagara has been known. But so inaccessible is the location, lying as it does some 400 miles northeast of Lake St. John, that only the most intrepid adventurers have ever set eyes on it.

This summer the Quebec government is sending out an expedition of 50 men, in three airplanes, to explore the locality and report on the commercial possibilities of the waterfall as a power development.

On Hamilton River.

The falls are situated on Hamilton river, which finds its outlet in the Atlantic through Labrador. The river is about as large as the Ottawa, so that the flow of water is less than at Niagara, but there is a perpendicular drop of about 300 feet, compared with Niagara's 160, and including a series of smaller falls and rapids above and below, extending over a distance of 12 miles. The total fall of the Hamilton river is 790 feet. The canyon below the falls is said to be unique.

The falls and canyon are sometimes described as McLean's falls and McLean canyon, after John McLean, a Hudson's Bay company employee who visited them in 1829 and afterward lived in Florida, Ont. According to the geographic board of Canada the correct name of the falls is Hamilton, after the river, though they sometimes go by the name of Grand Falls, Pateschewan falls, Pitschetonna falls or Mistapowistock falls.

The Hamilton river is about 700 miles long and has a drainage area of 29,100 square miles.

Described as Phenomenal.

Describing the falls Dr. A. P. Low of the department of mines of the Canadian government, says: "Such a fall (790 feet) would not be extraordinary for a small stream in a mountainous country, but is phenomenal in a great river like the Hamilton. The basin into which it precipitates itself at this point is nearly circular and about 200 yards in diameter. It is surrounded on all sides by nearly perpendicular rocky walls, 500 feet high, except at the narrow cut at the head of the falls and where the river issues from the basin. The noise of the fall has a stunning effect, and although damped because of its inclosed situation can be heard for more than ten miles away as a deep, booming sound. The cloud of mist is also visible from any eminence within a radius of 20 miles."

It is estimated that there is 300,000 electric horse power in the falls.

THE FORTUNE TELLER

By CYNTHIA BLAIR

(Copyright.)

THE lawn of the Kirbys' beautiful home was gay with colored tents, banners and flags. A charity bazaar was in progress. People had come from all the nearby towns and even from the city 50 miles away.

Millicent Kirby came hurrying over to little Kate Adams, the daughter of the woman who ran the village tea room.

"I'm sorry, Kate," she began abruptly, "but I'll have to change you from the candy table to something else. Harriet Nielson wants it."

Kate said nothing, but her blue eyes filled with tears. Of course, Harriet would have to have what she wanted; her father was one of the wealthiest men in town, and she and Millicent were great friends. But Kate had planned for the candy table and, in fact, had made a great deal of the candy herself.

"You can have the fortune wheel," Millicent went on, after a moment's thought. "The Greer twins were going to, but they've changed their minds. It's over in that corner—you'll manage it beautifully."

Kate said nothing, merely picked up her big, flower-trimmed hat and went off to the secluded corner where the fortune wheel had been placed.

Nobody would care much about the fortune wheel, she had gone to enough fairs and bazaars to know that. You paid ten cents for a number, and then got the printed slip that corresponded to it, and when there was a celebrated palmist telling fortunes, nobody would bother with a silly thing like the fortune wheel.

She walked toward it slowly, trying to conquer her feeling of resentment toward the other girls, trying to tell herself that she must do the best she could, wherever she happened to be. But it was so hard. The other girls, Millicent and the Greer twins and Harriet, all had so much; they traveled in winter, went to parties, and had such a good time. And she lived the year round in the village, never had much excitement or many good times. The charity bazaar was one of the big events of her year, and it had been a real adventure to have the candy table.

She set the fortune wheel and began to spin it, wishing that she could call out funny things, as circus barkers did.

A young man who was sauntering past stopped, glanced at her, then came over.

"You don't remember me, but we used to play together when we were little bits of tots," he told her. "My people lived here then—the Orcotts." "Oh—and you're Billy Orcott!" she cried eagerly. "I do remember you, of course; I've never had so much fun as I did when you lived here, and we used to slide down hill in winter, and play in the sand in summer—"

"And I used to study with your father. I heard that he is dead, Kate—I was so sorry, and wanted to write to you, only I didn't know what to say," he told her sympathetically. Then trying to be more cheerful, "I wanted to see your mother; do let me come down soon. And now spin the wheel and tell my fortune."

But before she could turn it Millicent came running up.

"Oh, Billy, everyone's been watching for you," she cried. "You're town's most famous man, since you've won that competition in Paris. Everybody's heard of what an artist you are. Come with me; the girls all want to meet you."

"Just a minute," he answered. "Kate's going to tell my fortune."

"Come over to the palmist if you want your fortune told," Millicent urged, but Billy shook his head.

"No, Kate's going to tell it," he insisted. "Come, Kate; I've drawn my number—twelve."

Kate spun the wheel and drew out a printed slip of paper.

"I'm going to marry a blond girl," Billy answered, "and travel over the seas, and a dark girl may try to make trouble—"

He went away then, after telling Kate good-by, and she watched him go a little sadly. Millicent always got what she wanted, even if she had to take it from other people. Would she take Billy's friendship in that same way? Kate asked herself.

There was a dance that evening at the Kirbys', to which Kate had not been asked. She tried not to feel left out of things, but she could not help being lonely.

Billy came across the grass so quickly that she had hardly heard his footsteps before he was at her side.

"I missed you at the dance," he told her, "so I slipped away, thinking maybe I'd be lucky enough to find you. I wanted to say hello to your mother and to—well, to talk over old times."

It got to be a habit, that talking over of old times. Millicent Kirby complained that she hardly ever saw Billy; he had so many engagements that he never could accept her invitations.

Even so, she was surprised when she heard of the engagement that was all-important to Billy and Kate—their own.

"I can't understand it," she told Harriet Nielson. "She's such a quiet little thing—and he's a famous artist!"

But Billy understood—though he always insisted that Fate had settled things for him the day Kate told him his fortune with the fortune wheel.

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Wyoming Pioneer State in 'Petticoat Government'

Cheyenne, Wyo.—"Petticoat government" has had a long way in Wyoming. From the time Wyoming, then a territory, in 1899 blazed the way for woman's suffrage by enacting an equal suffrage law, which later was enacted into a state statute, women have played many varied roles in its government.

The appointment of Mrs. Esther Morris in 1899 by the territorial government as the first woman justice of the peace in the United States culminated in 1924 with the election of Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, the first woman governor.

Other milestones in woman's progress in public life have been marked in Wyoming by the selection of the first jury on which women served at Laramie, Wyo., in 1870; the election of Mrs. Estelle Reed Meyer in 1894 as state superintendent of public instruction, who is now the general superintendent of Indian schools, and the operation of the entire municipal governments by women of Jackson in 1920 and Colesville in 1922.

Talk With Tramp Brings Discovery of Grant's Desk

Eureka, Calif.—A chance conversation with a tramp led an antique dealer to the discovery of a desk he identified as one used by General Ulysses S. Grant, while stationed at Fort Humboldt, near here, during 1853-54.

"You should have seen the old desk in the building I slept in last night," the hobo told the antique dealer. "The dealer found it in an abandoned building and identified it as Grant's by a diagram obtained from another antique dealer during the Panama-Pacific exposition in 1915."

The desk had been thought burned in a building which was destroyed by fire many years ago. A search is now being conducted for a locker, also said to have been used by the Civil war general.

\$98,800,000 in Furs Sent From Alaska Since 1867

Seattle, Wash.—Furs shipped from Alaska to the United States since its purchase in 1867 have been appraised at \$98,800,000. The value of last year's output was \$5,000,000. Ninety per cent of the world's fur seals are in a herd owned by the United States government in the Pribiloff Islands, off the coast of Alaska. The herd numbers approximately 700,000. Government sales of fur seal skins during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, totaled \$528,823.

Important Discovery

Washington.—Discovery of an important archeological site indicating the oldest center of Maya civilization thus far known in Yucatan is announced. The site is known as Moa-noc, which means "You cannot read it."

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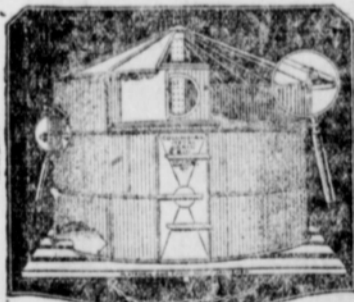
QUALITY AT LOW COST

Manners Queer

New York.—The manners of youth today are queer, but their morals are no worse than those of their predecessors, writes Charles W. Elliot in Collier's. He has seen children grow into men and women during four generations.

Court Danger

Catania, Sicily.—The slopes of Mount Etna, famous volcano, are more thickly populated than any other region in the world, according to surveyors. The average population of each of the 800 habitable square miles is 800.



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You are hereby Comanded, That by publication of this writ for twenty days in a Newspaper printed in the County of Callahan, State of Texas, you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on or before the August Term, A. D. 1926, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the Court House of said County, in the City of Baird, Texas, on the First Monday in August, A. D. 1926, the same being the 2nd day of August, A. D. 1926, when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said Court.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Baird, this the 30th day of June A. D. 1926.

S. E. Settle, Clerk,
County Court Callahan County, Texas. 31-4t.

CITATION ON APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP

No. 794.

The State of Texas

To the Sheriff or and Constable of Callahan County Greeting:
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for a period of ten days before the regular day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Callahan County, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas
To all Persons Interested in the Welfare of Pauline Dungan, J. T. Dungan, Revis Dungan, Tressie Dungan and Milton Dungan, Minors.

P. E. Dungan has filed in the County Court of Callahan County, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the Estate and Persons of said Minors which said application will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the First Monday in August A. D. 1926, the same being the 2nd day of August A. D. 1926, at the Court House thereof, in Baird, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the Welfare of such Minors, may appear and contest said application, if they see proper to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Baird, Texas, this the 26th day of June A. D. 1926.

S. E. Settle, Clerk,
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Bull Starts It

Pueblo, Colo.—"A bull in a china closet" burlesque was broken up by a police riot squad after a large bull appeared at a cafe door and charged across the room scattering tables, dishes and patrons.

Want Tougher Bill

Washington.—The life of the \$1 bill has decreased to six months and the bureau of standards "doctors" have been called into consultation.

GHOST CITY, ONCE THRIVING METROPOLIS, TO BE JUNKED

Midco Built Up Around Great Steel Plant in Missouri During the World War.

Kansas City, Mo.—Nestling in the hills of southern Missouri lies Midco, a mushroom town that thrived in the war, but now a "ghost city," with only nineteen families living there with free rent, waiting for the crane, crow-bar and sledge hammers of the junk dealer. The thriving metropolis of Carter county eight years ago figured in one of the most unusual transactions in America, growing out of the World war.

The entire city, 350 houses, a great steel plant, water works system, electric light plant, motion picture show, gymnasium and executive building of 18 rooms, streets and all improvements, has been sold to the Sonken & Galamba Iron and Metal company of Kansas City as junk.

The nineteen families that live there by virtue of the free rent are wondering what the Kansas City concern will do with the homes. Many of the buildings, seven and eight-room structures, are strictly modern.

Herman Sonken of the iron company says he is in a quandary as to what to do with the fine homes. It would be a crime to tear them down, he feels. There are more than two hundred houses.

Midco has 294 acres of land in the townsite. The same owners also have a lease on 23,000 acres of timber land. In close proximity to the town are several iron mines which produced metal for military uses in the war, but are idle now.

When the great demand for iron came in the World war the Mid-Continent Iron corporation built a huge iron plant and pig iron plant there and imported the materials to build the town.

About \$4,000,000 was spent on the plant. Workers hurried in and built the homes and buildings. The hum of the powerful machinery in the great plant was heard night and day during the war and the workers went to the new city in great numbers. As many as 3,000 once occupied the town. After the war, the plant was shut down. The population, jobless, departed, leaving the city in the hills deserted.

Most of the machinery in the big steel plant is intact and will be reclaimed by the iron company.

Philadelphia Pays Tribute to Morris



Scene at the unveiling of the heroic statue of Robert Morris, which stands on the steps of the customs house in Chestnut street, Philadelphia. Three generations of the Morris family were at the unveiling ceremonies. They are Robert Morris, IV; Robert Morris, V, and Robert Morris, VI, all descendants of the Patriot Robert Morris who financed the colonies during the Revolution.

Concrete Ship to Be Sunk for Ferry Landing

Cape May, N. J.—Thousands of persons from all parts of New Jersey have visited Cape May to view the bulk of the steamship Atlantis, one of four concrete ships built at the time of the war, which have been brought here to serve as a ferry ship between Cape May and Lewes, Del.

The New Jersey-Delaware Ferry company, which purchased the Atlantis, plans to sink her at the end of Sunset boulevard. The vessel is 250 feet long and 40 feet wide and draws 16 feet of water. A dredge will dig a channel close to the shore. The Atlantis will be pushed, head on, into the channel and sunk.

Big Demand in Britain for U. S. Safety Razors

Washington.—The growing popularity of the American safety razor and its indispensable blade was evidenced in a Commerce department report showing that such blades accounted for approximately two-thirds of this county's \$13,000,000 cutlery export trade in 1925, while the old-fashioned "sax" razor made up one-tenth. The little whisker eliminator found more customers in the British Isles than in any other country.

REVIEW CHANGES IN PHILIPPINES

Proposed New Survey Again Focuses Attention on the Islands.

Washington.—The commission for investigation of the Philippine Islands appointed by President Coolidge has sailed to make a new survey of the United States' territory in the Far East.

"With the commission's departure the spotlight of public interest again turns to the Philippines," says a bulletin of the National Geographic society from its Washington headquarters.

"The quarter century since the first Philippine commission finished its work in 1901, has seen vast changes in the Islands. An inventory of Philippine trade, of education, and general welfare shows advances all along the line.

"Scratch off coffee, insert embroideries, then the list of the islands' five chief products for export remains the same. But the order of their importance and most of all the rolled-up total of their importance to the Philippines has changed. For years Manila hemp was the leader. The most valuable export today is sugar and the next most valuable is the coconut. Then follows hemp. Tobacco is in fourth place just as it was during the latter years of Spanish control. Philippine embroidery is the new entry.

"The year 1901 was the first normal year for the Philippines after they became United States territory. Aguinaldo's insurrection had been suppressed. The soldier made way for the civilian. That year Philippine trade, exports and imports doubled the Spanish average for many years. Today Philippine trade exceeds the quarter-billion mark, which makes it more than four times as much as in the first peace year under the American flag.

A College Older Than Harvard.
"If age were the only test, the Filipino could call the American school system mere mushroom growth. A graduate of the University of Santo Tomas in Manila can refer to Harvard as a young upstart college because Santo Tomas opened its doors in 1607, the same year John Smith and his hundred colonists began their trials with mosquitoes and malaria at Jamestown. The Philippine school system, however, is almost entirely American made. Spanish law required that there be two teachers, one for instruction of boys and one for instruction of girls to each 5,000 people. Actually it worked out to one teacher to more than 4,000 people.

"Today there are more than 25,000 teachers in Philippine public schools. These teachers, 98 per cent of whom are Filipinos, are training 1,132,000 pupils.

"Although there are 87 dialects spoken in the islands, English has become the national language in 25 years. There is not a town or remote village now where some children at least do not speak English. Spanish is spoken but not nearly as much as English.

"Probably the most significant detail in an inventory of the state of the Philippines is the decrease in the number of white residents. The census of 1903 showed 14,000 white people, most of them American, while the last authoritative census, 1918, showed 12,000. Meantime the population of the whole archipelago had increased by 3,000,000.

"Straws in the wind are probably more important than the tablets of 25 years of progress in the Philippines. These are some of the straws. Plans are under way for planting 30,000,000 Para rubber seedlings during the current year. A new profitable export has been discovered in buntal or Bangkok straw hats which has leaped in four years from the \$200,000 peg to \$2,000,000. Although tenth among the world's sugar producers, the Philippines are first in area of land available for cultivation. Before 1900 there was not a single modern mill. Now there are 31 producing centrifugal sugar while the muscovado sugar hollered out by the rough and wasteful methods of Vermont maple sugar making is decreasing in proportion.

Canning Industry Growing.
"The world is waking up to an appetite for delicious tropical fruit and the Philippines are waking up to the fact that the islands are eminently fitted to grow such fruit. The Filipinos look with envious eyes on the profits of Hawaiian pineapple and now claim they can raise even better pineapples. Mango, lanzon, chico and pomelo are strange names to the American housewife, but they may not long remain so if the Philippines are successful in canning and marketing their fruit products.

"But if the custom of pigeonholing a nation or a district by its product, such as Illinois, the corn-belt state; Sao Paulo, the coffee country; the South, the land of cotton, is accepted, then the Philippines should be known as the land of fiber. From a banana plant Filipinos obtain probably the strongest known plant fiber, Manila hemp; from the fibrous stalk of the cane they produce sugar; the long hairs on the husks of the bilion and a half coconuts are now put to many uses; the fiber of the magney, a member of the amaryllis family and close relative of the century plant, is an important export. Buntal hats are made from the buri palm, and then there is the wood and rattan from the forest. Finally their embroidery industry depends on the imported fibers of silk, cotton and flax."

Her Romantic Engagement

By H. LOUIS RAYBOLD

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EVERYONE used to remark to the Chisholm girls, "How lovely it must be to be twins!"

But Janice Chisholm always had to stifle the impulse to add, "Lovely for which twin?"

Janice was so quiet, so retiring, so unaggressive that she was invariably eclipsed in a crowd by her livelier sister Jean.

It was perhaps but natural that by the time the girls had reached twenty, Janice had had but one proposal—and that just a blunt "Let's get married some day" from Bill Davis, who lived next door—while Jean had had three honest-to-goodness name-the-day offers from really eligible young men.

As it happened, the last one of the trio, a handsome young doctor by the name of Elliot Shepard, had met Janice through Janice, who had brought him home to supper one night after a football game. He had developed into a sort of friend of the family and then, from that advantageous springboard, had leaped into love with Jean.

But Jean did not accept him. On the contrary she assumed an indifference of attitude which piqued Elliot and puzzled everybody else.

In desperation Janice evoked a scheme whereby Jean should feel free to "be nice to Elliot." But in order to carry out her idea, she found it necessary to take into confidence and convince the youth who had wanted to be married some day.

"Billy," she broached the subject as they sat on the veranda steps in the twilight, "do you remember asking me to marry you some time, and what I said?"

"Of course," said Bill. "You said the idea was nonsense. That you wanted true romance in your life. That nothing ordinary and everyday would satisfy you. That—"

"All right," broke in Janice. "I still feel the same way. But I'd like to pretend to be engaged. Not publicly. But just to the family. If Jean thinks I'm engaged to you, she'll be engaged to Elliot."

"I don't know," objected Billy. "It sounds to me more like a scheme to make young Shepard jealous."

"Nonsense," said Janice. "Of course, if you won't do it, you won't. But I did think, just as a favor to me, you'd agree," she finally finished plaintively.

"I will," said Bill, after a moment. "Just when does the arrangement start?"

"Now," returned Janice promptly, but when Bill, with a grin, started to put his arm about her slender waist, she wriggled from the embrace like a young eel. It was evident she wanted the name without the game.

Janice told her sister right away. "I'm engaged to Billy," she said. "Congratulate me."

For a second Jean looked doubtful as one who hears something quite too good to be true. Then she flew to Janice. "You darling! I just can't believe it, but we know Bill adores the ground you tread on, and he's a perfect old dear, anyhow!"

Three days later, the announcement of the engagement of Miss Jean Chisholm to the rising young physician Elliot Shepard, was spread through the community. Jean herself went about with an expression of bliss upon her pretty face that was lovely to see. Janice watching her, wondered how it would seem to be so utterly sure of herself, and of the man she was going to marry.

She had seen very little of Bill. An occasional call to help out the fiction of their betrothal, but that was all. He had not tried again to presume upon their temporary relationship and had treated her indifferently, if not coldly.

But on the afternoon following the announcement of her twin's engagement, Bill hunted up Janice deliberately and found her cooling off after a strenuous game of tennis, her hair clinging to her forehead in damp little tendrils.

"Come for a walk," he begged. "I've just got to see you."

Curious, Janice yielded, and they strolled from the courts down along the winding river whose surface sparkled in the afternoon sun.

At a bend in the road where they were screened from observers, Bill stopped short. "Look here, Janice," he said abruptly. "We've got to end this farce right away, now that it's accomplished what you wished. I am sick of it."

"Why—why—Billy?" cried the girl. Then, quietly, "Somebody else?"

"Of course not," snapped Bill. "I simply won't play as a joke that which I would give my soul to have real!"

Janice drew in her breath. "Oh-o-o-oh," she said. "I—I see. But—couldn't it be real?"

Bill looked for a moment as if suddenly bereft of his senses. "But you said—" he began.

"That I wanted romance," said Janice. "Well, I did. And don't you think it has been romantic? To get engaged without really being engaged to help somebody else get engaged?" Her tone was triumphant.

"What I think," said Bill joyfully, "is that you're a fraud and a goose. And I don't suppose I'll ever know whether you had this in mind from the beginning, or whether you're using it now as a hole to crawl out of!"

"No," said Janice impulsively, "you never will!"

But this time, when he slipped his arm about her, she let it stay there and lifted her lips to meet his kiss.

Trace "Teetotaler" to Top Used in Gambling

Perhaps you have seen the little "put-or-take" tops for purposes of petty gambling. They are not new, for they used to be called "teetotums." A teetotum had four sides, and each side had a letter to signify the disposition of the gambling stakes should this side fall upward—"A" for aufer, meaning to take away; "D" for depone, meaning to put down; "N" for nihil, meaning nothing; and, the most important of the four symbols, "T" for totum, meaning all (that is, take all). The top thus took its name, "teetotum," from the most coveted side upon it.

It is an easy transition from "teetotum" to "teetotaler," for the latter word may have been influenced by the form of "teetotum." "Teetotaler" has "total" for its basic element, and was expanded to "teetotal" by a "playful elaboration"—that is, by repeating the initial letter for emphasis.

The original phrase, in an anti-alcoholic sense, was "total abstainer," and this was given the nickname of "teetotaler" by one Preston, an agitator for the temperance workingmen in 1833, when he spoke of "tee-teetotal" abstinence from intoxicating beverages. Of course the expression was probably colloquial before he so used it, but he may be said to have established its significance permanently.—The Mentor Magazine.

Cycle of Collecting From Cradle to Grave

The first seven years of his life he collected noise, scarlatina, measles, abrasions, freckles, the fidgets, curiosity, vitality and dirt.

At the age of eight he collected beetles, spiders, locusts, a hoot owl, a live eel, a garter snake and a remonstrative family.

At ten he collected climbable trees, falls, assorted lumber, the neighbors' ill-will, a gang, black eyes, a bicycle, poison ivy, his father's pipe and a sudden nausea.

At twelve he collected a broken leg, a sweetheart, and a suspicion that all was not well with the universe.

From thirteen to eighteen he collected other countries, obscure dreams, and two prep schools with all appurtenances and adjuncts.

The next four years he collected a college, friendships, autographed champagne bottles, headaches, romantic moments, a heart broken in four places, and a certainty that something was wrong with the universe.

At thirty-one he collected himself, not enough money and a wife.

A few minutes ago he collected alphabet blocks, parts of mechanical toys, rubber balls, a bear, a duck, a monkey, and a dollar watch, and piled them in the corner for the night.—Kansas City Times.

From a West Window

"We have a liking for a house that faces the west," says E. E. Kelly, in the Garden City (Ga.) Herald, and he gives his reasons, as follows:

"East fronts may have their advantages, but with the coming of twilight there is a feeling that a happy or a contented day has ended all too soon. To sit on an east porch in the twilight is for those to enjoy who live in memories; but the home that faces the sunset has about it a pervading atmosphere of youth and hope. The fading sunset light and the slow coming night shortens the hours of darkness for one who is full of the joy of living. And, too, however prosaic or even sordid the events of the day have been, almost any evening the soul may be exalted as nature paints her cloud pictures above the western horizon."

Founder of Quebec

A beautiful monument to Samuel De Champlain, the French navigator who founded Quebec in 1608, has been erected on the shore of Lake Couchiching at Orillia, Ont. That town is near the site of Cahlague, the village of the Huron Indians, where the great explorer passed the fall and winter of 1615. The monument is erected to mark the spot where the white race first entered what is now the province of Ontario, and to serve as a "symbol of good will between the French and English-speaking people of Canada."

It was not many years ago that another memorial to De Champlain was erected on the shore of the beautiful lake that bears his name, at Crown Point, N. Y.

Familiar Line

Just a short time ago they put a new warden into San Quentin and on almost his first day on the job one of the prisoners extended him a slight courtesy which quite delighted the newcomer.

The prisoner happened to be 1899, but when the warden said, "What's your number, my man?" the answer was:

"I never can get it right. It's either 1899, 1898 or 1899."

"My goodness!" exclaimed the warden, "you must have been a telephone operator."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

His Belief

"Ah, doctor!" greeted Mrs. Piffle-glider. "I should like to ask you a question."

"As many as you like, my dear madame!" gallantly replied old Doctor Pillsbury.

"Well, then, doctor, is profanity equal to medicine for the treatment of rheumatism? My husband seems to think it is."—Kansas City Star.

North Pole Sees Only One Sunrise Each Year

At the North pole there is but one sunrise and one sunset a year, says the San Francisco Chronicle, using data from the United States naval observatory.

"Within a distance of about four minutes of arc from the North pole the sun rises and sets once a year. At a slightly greater distance the sun's upper line can be seen to rise above the horizon and then shortly disappear before it rises to stay up for six months, and at a distance of about 22 minutes of arc from the pole the entire sun can be seen to rise above the horizon and then entirely disappear below it 12 hours later, before rising to stay."

"The number of sunrises in a year varies from 365 at a short distance south of the Arctic circle to one at the pole, increasing with the distance from the pole. At the pole there is twilight from sunset at the autumnal equinox to about November 14, and again from January 29 to sunrise at the vernal equinox.

"At a short distance from the pole there are a number of days between the continuous darkness and the continuous twilight on which there is twilight for part of each 24 hours, the number of such days increasing with the distance from the pole."

Rich Quartz Crystals Found in California

Transparent rock crystals are highly valued, and Riverside county, California, gives us some very fine ones, usually from its gem mines. Formerly the world's demand for these "pure crystals was supplied mainly from Brazil and Madagascar, until a large and fine supply of them was discovered in the Golden state. In the old Green Mountain mine, in Calaveras county, amidst the gold-bearing gravel of its ancient lava-capped river bed, were found in 1897 a huge lot of enormous quartz crystals, 12 tons of which were sold in one year alone. One gigantic crystal found here was surrounded with 47 smaller crystals and weighed over a ton. Some weighed 90 pounds each, and one was 19 by 15 by 14 inches. Most of the larger ones were sent to New York and there cut by special machinery. One of them, cut into a perfect sphere, without a flaw in it, is valued at \$3,000. Another is in the Morgan collection in that city. Those from El Dorado county are sometimes prized more highly because they have "phantoms" in them—various enclosed minerals, often of fantastic form.

Test of Environment

A scientific professor, seeking to satisfy himself as to how much monkeys are affected by their environment, placed a monkey in a children's hospital, not allowing it to associate with other monkeys until it was four years old. This monkey, isolated from its kind, cannot laugh or cry. Even when freshly cut onions are held under his nose he will not cry. Neither can he scream, as wild monkeys do. Nevertheless, he has all the movements and gestures of the ordinary monkey, and also the same disposition to cut capers, such as ringing bells, tearing things to pieces and generally making a nuisance of himself. This monkey sucks his thumb, just as many children do, and scientists say wild monkeys never have been known to do this.

Trail of Small Change

A Westerner recently spent a week in a New York hotel. He tipped the boy who carried in his grips; then tipped the elevator man, then the water boy, then the chambermaid, then the head waiter for getting him a table, then the waiter who took his order. He paid the hat girl a dime for his hat three times a day after meals; he tipped the bell boy who brought him a paper, the barber who shaved him, the shoe artist who gave a lick and a promise to his shoes, the boy who helped him put on his coat and handed him his hat, and the doorman who called a taxi for him. He wound up by tipping the scales and found he had lost five pounds.—Capper's Weekly.

Properly Placed

Miss Eliza Leslie, the sister of the noted artist, had a relative who was a sea captain. He was on his way to the Orient, and suggested to Miss Leslie that he should bring her back a dinner service, painted to her design. She agreed with pleasure, and proceeded to draw a magnificent coat of arms to go on every piece. In order that there should be no mistake, under the design she printed in large letters, "This goes in the middle."

Eighteen months later the captain sailed into port with the dinner service. And on every piece, below the gorgeous crest was printed indelibly: "This goes in the middle."

Cave Men's Arsenal

In the neighborhood of the great naval port of Chatham, England, cave-men, millions of years ago, had an arsenal on the Medway, when that river's course ran close to where Frindsbury is now.

Two local men made the discovery about 16 months ago, and since then about 4,000 hammer stones, flint axes and scrapers, and other worked flints, have been taken out of the dump.

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