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(Health Talk No. 9.)
BY C. A. SMITH, D. C.

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bind it and then half a glass of ammonia in the face. Two seconds later we three were a writhing strangling heap on the floor.

The next thing I remember, I was sitting on monsieur amidsthips and Billy was snapping a handcuff. I gasped and rolled off on the floor; picked myself up from the inelegant position by way of my hands and knees, got a wet towel and sopped monsieur's face as fast as I could—though why I performed this humane act so quickly, I can't say; and as soon as he stopped strangling—for a lot of the ammonia had gone into his mouth and very little in his eyes—Billy and I dragged him to the dining room, propped him against the sideboard and opened a window.

I believe that none of the three of us uttered a word during the entire performance—Billy says he can't remember any; but one of the strangest things was that the firing of the revolver elicited no investigation from the populous house. All this might have happened in the center of Laramie plains in a snowstorm the day after the fall roundup for the amount of notice man or beast took of it.

It was a faultless achievement.

And now we had monsieur—we had captured him, as Billy said we should, all by our little own selves. He and I silently regarded the crumpled creature sitting against the sideboard and then for the first time the idea came into our heads, "And now that we've got him, what are we going to do with him?"

I looked at Billy and he looked at me. We asked each other the question with our eyes. As for monsieur, his fears had swallowed up his chagrin at the indignities heaped upon him. Strange as it may seem, he was the first of the three that found his voice. "Zere has been a great mistake," he began, to which Billy retorted: "It looks that way."

"Ah—c'est vous!" breathed monsieur, suddenly recognizing Billy.

"Of course. Who did you think it was?" returned Billy with a tang of pertness, for which he might on that occasion be forgiven.

Monsieur repaid it by ignoring him and addressing himself to me.

"If madame will permit me a chair and allow me to explain—"

We couldn't very well refuse him that—particularly as we didn't know what to do with him anyway—so we helped him to a chair and when we'd set him in it, I took my turn to remark severely: "There's not much to explain. You were caught in the act of breaking and entering my flat—you may make your explanations to the police. We'll have them here in five minutes." That was a fine shot on my part, I felt.

Monsieur's face proved it. "Madame!" he cried. "Ze police—no! For your own sake—for ze avoidance of ze scandal. Madame, you tot be disunderstand ze so strange situation."

"It certainly is," commented Billy.

"—in which I am placed. But I can explain all—everything—why I am here. I have ze absolute proof zat madame has ze—ze jewels of my daughter—which do not belong to madame—in her apartment."

Billy and I couldn't help smiling at th's and monsieur seemed astonished. I sneered. "Indeed?" in the way that always set him on edge.

"Out—yes—madame. I have ze proof in your own words."

I gave him another "Indeed?" in the same tone. This was the moment I had been waiting for. I slipped a paper out from under a pile on the table—the carbon copy of the decoy letter.

"Is that it?" I sweetly asked, showing it to him. "Yes—I thought so."

And is this it, too? I handed him the copy of the decoy letter supposed to be from Mrs. Delario to himself. After that I said: "Really, monsieur," in an amused tone, and Billy waved his hand toward the typewriter and informed him blandly, "Home-made cake. Written here last evening just before I had the pleasure of making your acquaintance on the stairs. Mailed by me after I saw you to your hotel."

The poor man looked from one to the other of us—and actually I did feel sorry for him! He stammered: "I cannot understand—I recognize ze writing of Madame Delario—" He was silent a moment and then light

seemed suddenly to break on him and he launched an ultimatum of accusation at me: "If madame did not have ze stones—if she has not seen ze stones—how could she refer to zem? How could she have composed zis—to deceive me?" He nodded in a way that said: "Now answer that—if you can."

I had expected some such question and I was ready. "That's too simple," I assured him. "You remember you accused me of stealing jewels from your daughter; therefore I knew what you were after."

"But zis word 'gem-drops'—it refers most evidently to unset jewels—"

"Oh, I put that in," Billy interrupted. "It doesn't mean anything but what you make it mean. See?" He spoke in a tone that said: "You're giving yourself away."

Monsieur ignored him and looked at me as if expecting me to continue my explanation.

"The hyacinths," I went on—they lay, a dragged bunch on the floor, "you overlooked them in your search—it was the one thing you did not open, that bunch, so I knew you'd remember it when I called your attention to it. You see, monsieur," I added, "I knew you would remember the one thing you'd overlooked"—he bowed and a faint smile flitted across his face at the compliment I was paying his intelligence—"and come back to investigate—if you had the chance, I gave you the chance, that was all."

"But how do you know zat I can come back so easily as zat?" he asked, partly puzzled and partly to draw me out.

"You had a pass-key to the flat—you opened the door with it the other night and I stood behind it while you were working at the chain-bolt. I saw your hand—"

"And you said nossing—you do not scream when you see a man try to get into your apartment in ze middle of ze night?" he interrupted, his tone a mixture of incredulity and—I hope I'll be forgiven the apparent conceit—admiration for my bravery.

"Why should I say anything—or scream? I knew you couldn't get in, so what was there to be scared over?" He smiled then for the first time and said: "Madame, you are a brave woman."

Which I thought I was—considering; but I didn't mean to let him see I thought so. Without waiting for any more compliments I finished, "You see, you'd discovered you couldn't get in while I was in, so if you wished to get in, you had to come while I was out—and I gave you the chance. Perfectly simple."

"A mere decoy—such as anybody might use," Billy sneered at him.

"I hope you're convinced—it was a mere decoy," said I, pointing to the letter in his hand.

"You have convinced me," he replied bitterly, looking at his handcuffs. "Permit me to congratulate you, madame. You are ze first person—man or woman—in Europe or America—who has caught De Ravenol in a trap. Madame, you are clever—you are brave—you are a so sagacious intellect. And now, madame, permit me to ask you, what are you going to do wis me?"

It wasn't so much what he said as the way he said it that drove a sudden chill through my bones. I'd been asking myself that for several minutes; but as monsieur put it, it was—well—like pulling up a fishing line when you think you've got a bite and finding you've got a piece of a forest in tow. I had to say something, however, and this was the thing that seemed to do it.

"Give you up to ze police," he said, nodding solemnly to his feet and holding out his manacled hands to me—and he was really impressive in spite of his being so rumped and sloppy—he slowly uttered: "Madame, before you call in ze police, I have somesing of great importance to yourself to communicate."

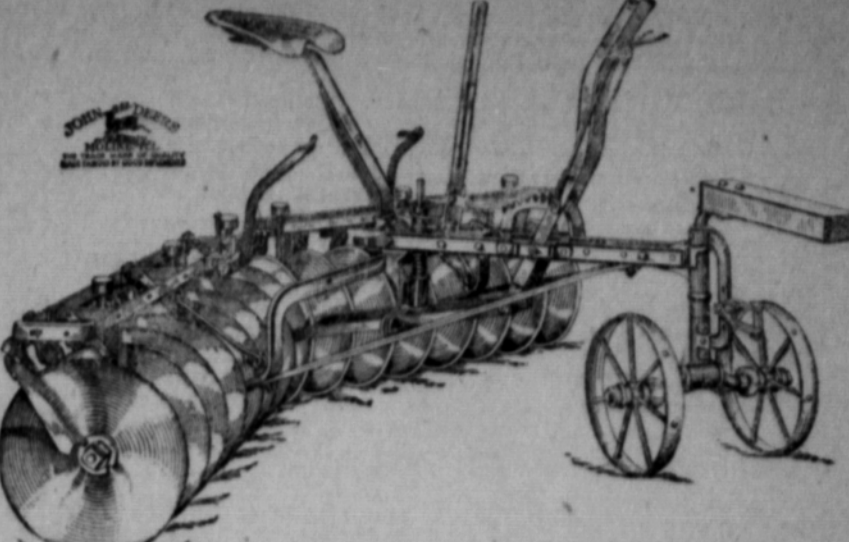
He paused. I nodded.

"ZOSE DIAMONDS WHICH HAVE BEEN STOLEN BELONG TO ZE EMPEROR OF GERMANY."

With those words monsieur actually turned the tables on us! It was at once his statement of our mistake and our misfortune. Billy says he "saw warships carving Atlantic waves." I saw an army with banners. And behind all their immediate significance, stood an ironclad background that spelled determination. A minute before we had been dealing with a man; now we were dealing with a power.

I am free to admit that neither Billy nor I doubted the truth of the statement once it was uttered—there was an atmosphere about monsieur and his manacled hands that carried conviction; and while many details were still unexplained, his statement did explain the diamonds. Which was the main thing, for I'd always said they never belonged to any but a crowned head. There are some things in this world much too large for private parties to carry the responsibility of. And so completely was I captured by an adequately explained ownership that I was almost ready to pull the diamonds from their hiding place at the bottom of the sideboard drawer and send them

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I recognized monsieur's voice!

I had the presence of mind to stifle my curiosity and slip back into my flat, noiselessly shutting the door. Was he merely coming to lock me in, or had he been listening? My forebodings every moment increased, for up to one o'clock—when I went to bed—he had failed to lock me in.

CHAPTER XII.

The Capture.

That night nothing happened—at least to me; but somehow the periods when nothing happened were more alarming than when he was boldly attacking. You may imagine, if you can, what I went through on Saturday! My one diversion was to rehide the diamonds. This time—after I had taken them out of the hyacinths and poked a thimble among the stems—I sealed them in an envelope and thumb-tacked it to the bottom of a sideboard drawer. The drawers slidded in and out on runners deep enough to allow the envelope to pass. All day long I kept thinking, "What will happen if monsieur doesn't take the bait?" It seems strange to me now, but I never once asked myself, "What will happen if he does?"

The last half hour before Billy came was positively the longest in my life, and when the bell did finally ring I was shot through the heart and ready to die.

I came to life immediately, whispered through the door, "Who's there?" and heard, "Ann Preswick"—the password we'd agreed on.

"Then he hasn't killed you?" were my first words.

"Who? Your 'mossoo? No—I killed him on the stairs last night—or pretty near!"

I didn't see why Billy should bestow the proprietorship on me—he wasn't my "mossoo," as I reminded Billy while he was pulling a pair of handkerchiefs out of his overcoat pocket.

"A mere detail," he returned. "He will be your own in an hour." He flung off his coat. "Where do we hide these togs?"

"My wardrobe. . . . But he won't come."

"Oh, yes, he will—he told me so." I thought Billy was joking and made no reply.

"Very interesting man," mused Billy. "Not at all the sort of person you'd expect to find in a diamond robbery. Wonderful knowledge of European politics—and American politics, too."

"Billy, what do you mean?" I demanded.

"Why, I took your 'mossoo' home to his hotel last night—and—"

"You didn't!" I gasped.

"Of course I did! Why not? You don't suppose I'd go off and leave him here to murder you, do you?" Billy was making the most out of his story, I could see.

"But—how—did—you—manage—it?" I was still gasping.

"I didn't. He did. He wasn't going to give himself away by going upstairs; he said he was going down. So we went down together, and I kept talking to him. When we got to the street we just kept on till I'd seen him home. We were thick as thieves by that time. I invited him to see Chinatown tonight and he accepted—"

"Billy! You never—"

"Yes, I did! And it's how I know he's coming tonight—see? I went round this morning in time for the first mail. He was waiting for it. Oh, he got the letter all right! And as soon as he read it he came over and told me he couldn't go to Chinatown tonight—he had diplomatic business that might take him to Washington—which means here. See?"

"Billy, you're the cleverest thing I ever saw!" I cried with real admiration.

"Thanks—coming from you I appreciate that." He said it in an offhand way, but I could see he was feeling very set up over himself. And I didn't blame him. He added, "What the 'mossoo' was really after—why he wouldn't let me go out in the dark alone—was to know who I was calling on. I told him it was the people in the front flat and I couldn't get in. I told him it was their cousin from Boston I was calling on and maybe they'd go to the theater. That led to our

talking about plays; that led to an inspiration of genius and I asked him if he'd seen Chinatown; that led to my invitation and—the rest you know."

"Billy, you are positively the cleverest man I know!"

"Didn't think I'd grow up like that, did you? And that's not all. As for the pretty daughter—your little Claire that you think so much of—don't faint now—well, she's in it up to the neck and over her ears. She's his accomplice, all right. Here's her cable message—" He drew out a bit of paper on which he'd copied it and read:

"Born a girl. Mother and child doing well. CLAIRE."

"But this is—this isn't—" I stammered.

"Quite so," agreed Billy. "It is and it isn't! It is a code. It isn't a piece of insanity. I've read it—or I think I have. Listen now: 'Born'—the precious thing that was expected has come to pass successfully; that is, 'the diamonds have arrived safe and sound.'"

He glanced at me for approval and then puckered up his brow while admitting, "This next—a girl"—puzzles me a bit. It's one of three things; just a filler, to make it read; or a code word with an agreed meaning; or it refers to Mrs. Delario—that is, she still has the diamonds—she hasn't passed them on to some man. But let that go. The next is too easy—'mother'—the owner, of course; 'child'—the precious things; 'doing well'—got through the customs without being separated. Plain as day—and when you and Mrs. Delario stepped out of the cable office your dear 'mossoo' stepped in and read it."

"Poor little Claire!"

"You don't need to waste any pain and tears on that outfit. They're slick. Well, let's work—'mossoo' is downstairs anxiously waiting for you to go out."

"How do you know?"

"Shadowed him. . . . My revolvers all right? And the red pepper?"

"Yes—but I've been thinking about that pepper and how about ammonia instead?"

"H'm-m," considered Billy. "What's the advantage?"

"It wears off quicker, and I think it's probably safer for us if he struggles and we have to hold him down."

"Guess it is," Billy agreed. "Got it ready?"

I took him to the kitchen and showed him half a glass of household ammonia diluted with water and covered with a saucer. Then I hung his coat and hat in my wardrobe. After that he looked at me and I looked at him—the fatal moment had arrived.

"Well?" said Billy. I seemed to know he'd say "well."

"Well?" I repeated after him, trying to pretend to myself I didn't know what he meant.

Billy glanced at the clock. "Your 'mossoo' is wondering why you don't come. By the way—there wasn't a soul in the lower hall when I sneaked in—he's sent his man off for fear you won't leave."

My knees were shaking under me. I was sure Billy knew it, but he affected not to notice. He took one of the revolvers and inserted a blank cartridge for the first shot, explaining that we couldn't have an omelet without breaking eggs. I was to jump out of my bedroom and fire this as soon as monsieur reached the dining room.

"I calculate we'll have him now in about fifteen minutes," was Billy's delicate hint to me to go on with my part, and with knees ready to close up under me like jackknives I rang for George.

I must say that George acquitted himself very creditably—as a spy. Instead of his usual inquisitive "Goin' to be out all the evening?" he put it in this way: "If somebody calls when shall I tell 'em you'll be home?"

"Tell them I won't be home—say I'm out for the evening." I returned promptly; and George's face wore the satisfied expression of a well-earned five-dollar bill.

By the time we reached the second floor Billy was ringing furiously from the sixth—this was to get George out of the way at once so I could slip upstairs—and when we reached the first



"Tell Them I Won't Be Home."

the luck that is said to favor natural-born idiots and such turned a trick for me by fetching little Mrs. Thing-downstairs slithering along the hall. She darted past me into the car, almost knocking me over in her desire to keep George from opening the front door for me, and she made sure of my defeat by uttering an acid, "Take me up immejetly." For which rudeness I have ever blessed her! In ten seconds I had gone along the hall to the front door, retraced my steps, and—thanks to her—was gliding up the stairs in her wake like a ghost. In less than two minutes from the time she trampled me under her feet I was safe in my own flat.

Whether Billy and I had five minutes or fifty to wait now we did not know, but we took it for granted that we should have the shortest possible time in which George could deliver the news of my departure "for the evening" and monsieur could creep upstairs, unseen by his all-seeing spy. We therefore took our prearranged places.

The flat was almost dark. One low gas jet lighted the dining room and showed the hyacinths on the table—so monsieur could see the moment he entered the front door; a low light in the bathroom I sneaked at a glance through the half-open door that nobody lurked within. The door to my bedroom stood flat against the wall; the kitchen door nearly so, and behind it Billy, jammed in between the refrigerator and the set tubs, was completely concealed unless one entered the room. A low light burned here, sufficient to show the room's apparent emptiness. We calculated that monsieur would make a dash for the fire

escape when I shot off the blank cartridge from my bedroom and Billy was then to greet him with the ammonia.

In my own room I stood pressed against the wall just inside the doorway. In my right hand was the revolver.

Neither Billy nor I uttered a sound. The little metal clock echoed along the hall, horribly loud. It chimed the half after seven. I counted ticks—one minute gone. I counted and thought of hundreds of things I meant to do, or had forgotten to do, all the while counting mechanically. Three minutes gone—four—five—

A key slipped quickly, boldly, regardless of the noise it made—unlocked! No—it couldn't be! The lock turned. A quick illumination filled my hall from the gas jet outside; and was gone almost before I had realized it. The door closed. My heart jumped out and ran about the floor and tried to hide under the bureau.

I remember thinking, "Suppose it doesn't come back but stays away? Then poor Billy's done for—I can't move a muscle without my heart!" And all the time I was thinking these idiotic things, I heard the cautious in-domitible pad, pad, pad of whispered footsteps. They paused at the bedroom door for a glance within—nothing there; paused at the bathroom door—nothing in there; paused at the kitchen door—nothing in there; then made for the table.

The light blazed up in the dining room and my heart came back with a plop. Monsieur had turned up the light in order to remove the diamonds and leave me to discover it, as it might chance—tomorrow or a week from tomorrow.

With the light, all my fear left suddenly. I popped out of the bedroom—saw monsieur with the hyacinths in his hand—fired the blank cartridge and yelled, "Hands up!" and stood facing him and between him and the door with a smoking revolver in my hand.

He said, "Mon Dieu!"—took in the situation—and bolted for the fire escape—got a smashing blow from the kitchen door as Billy jumped from be-

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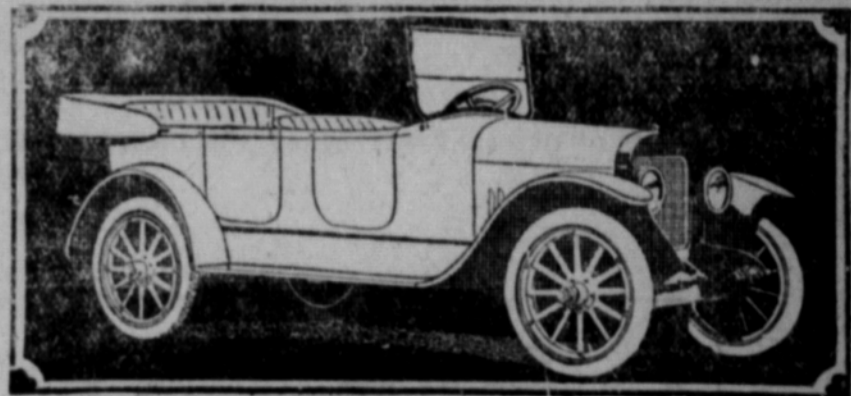
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WE CARRY A FULL LINE OF GENUINE FORD PARTS AT ALL TIMES AND CAN GIVE YOU THE QUICKEST SERVICE. WE ALSO CARRY PARTS FOR OTHER STANDARD CARS, AND OUR EXPERT MECHANICS ARE ALWAYS READY TO GIVE YOU COURTEOUS AND PROMPT SERVICE. AND OUR PRICES ARE NO MORE THAN OTHERS THAT GIVE EQUAL SERVICE.

Lee Green & Co.

THE SLATON GARAGE.

TELEPHONE 73

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Advertising readers among the locals 10c per line each insertion.

Col. L. A. H. Smith left Thursday for a visit to relatives in Amarillo.

HOT OR COLD DRINKS of every kind at Teague's Confectionery.

Mrs. L. C. Odom has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. P. Posey and family in Lubbock.

Get your SCHOOL SUPPLIES at Teague's Confectionery.

W. L. Calvery of Kerens, Texas, is here visiting his nephew, G. L. Sledge and family.

See F. V. Williams or J. C. Stewart and hand in your application to the Home Mutual.

F. E. Weaver and family have gone to Deademona, their former home, for a visit.

FOR SALE: One disc harrow, in good shape. Priced right.—H. G. WHITAKER.

A. J. Payne spent the week on a business trip to Amarillo, Wichita Falls and Fort Worth.

E. A. GALE, Painter and paper hanger; paper and paint ordered. Address P. O. Box 81, Slaton, Texas.

Miss Marie McDonald has returned from a visit in Abilene and has resumed her duties in the post office.

WILLARD Batteries, for any make of car, the best made for the money.—BIG STATE GARAGE.

S. L. Forrest was here from Ralls Wednesday attending to business and visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Forrest.

You can always get refreshed at our fountain with either hot or cold drinks. Teague's Confectionery.

Henry Anderson and family of Cottle county will arrive for a visit to the former's brother, W. J. Anderson and family next week.

"Every Tire a Good Tire." Racine Country Road and Horse Shoes. BIG STATE GARAGE.

Rev. A. R. Hendricks was a visitor in Lubbock Tuesday afternoon attending a meeting of the Inter-Church Movement.

Don't forget that the Hawkes' Optician will be at the Red Cross Pharmacy tomorrow, March 13th. If you glasses see him.

A. Townley has returned to his home after a visit to her son, Townley, editor of the Ward County News of Barstow, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Robinson have returned to Slaton after spending the winter at Marlin, for the benefit of Mrs. Robinson's health, and many friends will be glad to learn that she is much improved.

Rich-Tone Is a Friend of the Weak

"It Has Made Me Strong and Well Again."—Says J. R. Martinez.

He writes: "Rich-Tone is a wonderful remedy for people who are weak and lacking in vigor, and all those who desire to gain strength and energy should take this truly famous tonic. It has given me perfect health and cured me of ailments from which I have long suffered."

Take RICH-TONE and gain new energy

Not one penny will Rich-Tone cost you, if it doesn't prove of genuine worth in treating your case. You are to be the judge—try the famous tonic—if it doesn't bring to you new energy, a splendid appetite, restful sleep, peaceful and quiet nerves—if it doesn't destroy that tired feeling and build you up, then Rich-Tone will be free to you—it will not cost you anything—not one penny. You owe it to yourself to try this marvelous remedy. You owe it to your family and friends to be strong, well, happy, bright of eye, brisk of step, ruddy of cheek, able to go about your work with a smile on your lips! Try Rich-Tone entirely at our risk. Get a bottle today on our money-back guarantee. Sold and guaranteed locally by

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I HAVE BOUGHT THE TRUCK OF W. E. BUNCH AND WILL APPRECIATE THE BUSINESS OF HIS OLD PATRONS AS WELL AS OTHERS. WHEN YOU ARE IN A HURRY CALL ME FOR QUICK SERVICE.

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TELEPHONE NO. 16

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SLATON, TEXAS PAINTING AND PAPER HANGING PAPER ORDERED

All Work Guaranteed First Class

The Home Mutual is your Insurance Association. Get in on the low rate.

Get one of those Wool or Flannel Shirts or Wool Sweaters for winter wear at DeLONG'S.

The Rebekahs held an interesting meeting in Shoppell Hall Monday evening, and after the work was disposed of refreshments were served.

Wind Shield Glasses ground to fit your Ford, and the prices are right.—BIG STATE GARAGE.

Lee Green, who is just recovering from a severe attack of flu, has gone to Dallas to spend a couple of months visiting two married daughters in that city.

WILLARD Batteries, for any make of car, the best made for the money.—BIG STATE GARAGE.

J. H. Brewer, president of the First State Bank, left last Friday for a several days' business trip to Ft. Worth and Dallas. While away he also visited his mother at Arlington.

The Mutual rate never advances. Only a dollar when your neighbor dies.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ragsdale have returned from a several weeks' visit to friends and relatives at Fort Worth, Dallas, Greenville, different points in northern Arkansas and Oklahoma.

FOR SALE: Registered and pure-bred Duroc-Jersey gilts, bred. As good as can be had anywhere.—H. G. WHITAKER.

J. W. Hood, manager of the Pan-handle Lumber Co., has returned home from Comanche, where he was called on account of the serious illness of his parents, but who have both recovered.

ATTENTION Ladies: Schweizer imported embroidery, dress goods, draperies and novelties. See samples.—MRS. W. H. WEAVER.

Miss Sallie Mathis left yesterday for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Mathis at Lockney. From there she will go to Clovis and Belen, N. M., for a visit to her brothers.

FOR SALE—1½ horse power engine and air compressor. Will sell separately or together at a genuine bargain. Green's Garage, Slaton, Tex.

Mrs. P. V. Burns and bright little son, Allan J., left Saturday for their home in Charles City, Iowa, after a several weeks' visit to Mrs. Burns' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan J. Payne, in this city.

GET MORE EGGS by feeding Martin's Egg Producer. Double your money back in eggs or your money back in CASH. Martin's White Diarrhoea Remedy CURES. Guaranteed by THE SLATON DRUG CO.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Wilson left this week for Sherman to reside in future. Mr. Wilson resigned his place as assistant cashier of the First State Bank in this city, and has accepted a similar position with the Merchants & Planters National Bank, the largest institution of its kind in Sherman.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For District Judge: GEO. R. BEAN

For County Judge: W. P. FLORENCE. CARROLL THOMPSON.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector: C. A. HOLCOMB. (For re-election second term.) F. K. MITCHELL. I. J. OSBORNE.

For Tax Assessor: R. C. BURNS. (Re-election.) A. J. CLARK.

County and District Clerk: SAM T. DAVIS. (Re-election.)

For County Treasurer: MRS. MARY F. HINTON. (For second term.)

For Commissioner Precinct 2: H. D. TALLEY. (Second Term.)

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Mayor: J. V. HOLLINGSWORTH.

Card of Thanks.

We want to express insofar as we can, our sincere thanks to those that did not forget us and our mother in her sickness and death. They shall be remembered with loving kindness. MR. AND MRS. T. W. COVINGTON, and MRS. R. T. RYAN.

KILLS RATS

and mice—that's RAT-SNAP, the old reliable rodent destroyer. Comes in cakes—no mixing with other food. Your money back if it fails.

25c size (1 cake) enough for pantry, kitchen or cellar.

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Lubbock's New \$100,000 Sanitarium

Messrs. Thomas and Sears of Lubbock were in Slaton Wednesday in the interest of a proposed new one hundred thousand dollar sanitarium for that city. A stock company is being organized with a minimum of \$100 a share and no limit is placed on the amount you may subscribe. Ura Embry, vice president and cashier of the Citizens National Bank of Lubbock has been selected as trustee for the fund until organization is perfected.

There seems to be a demand for such an institution at Lubbock which is attested by the fact that a meeting was held in that city one night this week and \$50,000 was subscribed in stock at that time.

It is proposed to make this sanitarium one not only for Lubbock, but for the entire Plains country, one where any physician from any town can take a patient, an institution that will not be controlled by any set of physicians. It will be operated by trustees who will be elected by the stockholders. Dr. C. J. Wagner, one of the best known surgeons in this section, will be house surgeon.

Messrs. Thomas and Sears stated that they had received much encouragement here, in fact one man gave them a stock subscription for \$1,000. They expect to return to Slaton early next week, and give everybody an opportunity to take stock in this institution, which should pay large dividends on the investment. In the meantime if you want to take stock they ask you to leave your subscription with the First State Bank of this city, or send it to Ura Embry, trustee, Lubbock.

ENFORCING TRAFFIC LAWS AND CITY ORDINANCES

It is noticed that the city officials of Lubbock are going to rigidly enforce the traffic laws of both the state and city. Why not, if they are laws? That is what they were passed for—everybody to obey.

The ordinances on the law books of Slaton are modeled after the best practices admitted for the government of towns with similar problems. They are not written for the practice of wording ordinances, but are written to govern and direct life in the town for the best interests of the community as a whole.

The hog ordinance is one of them. Your hog may be a perfectly sanitary hog that takes his bath every morning and eats with a napkin and all that—but some hogs are not so polished, hence are a nuisance to any town that is more than a village and it is necessary to the health and comfort of the majority that your pig move to the farm where hogs rightfully belong.

Your chickens may be perfectly nice chickens that catch bugs off of your neighbor's pea vines but never scratch a garden, flower bed or otherwise disturb the peace and sanity of their community. But some folks are not as careful in the training they give their chicks and hence it is necessary that we have an ordinance to keep chickens under adequate chicken fence—if for no other reason than to avoid neighborhood back-yard discussions.

Your car may be a flivver and you may intend to be in the store but a minute—so it would not matter if you left it standing in front of the store for a minute. But suppose everybody in town did the same thing. You know where to park that car—and if you were stuck \$9.70 for forgetting it a time or two you would almost remember it next time.

The city dads are just human, nor are many children named after a city marshal that does his duty—but it is rumored that we may see some night sessions of city court—for if all the violators of just the most important and necessary ordinances for one day were hauled into court it would take day and night sessions for a week to clear the docket. And the city needs the money. The city officials are your neighbors and friends, but if you violate the law you can't blame them for doing their duty.

And another ordinance or two needs attention just at this time of the year. Weeds, trash, old cans and what-not that collect throughout the year becomes not only an unsightly nuisance, but an unnecessary health hazard during the spring and summer months. Most folks clean things up in the early spring but a lot of them don't seem to have the necessary pride or pep and the city marshal can't call them out behind the barn and beat them up for it—hence we need some method to clean up the few exceptions.

Abilene has a model one. Notice is posted that trash will be collected at a given time. That is done and then an inspection is made. Those having unnecessary trash are notified to get same cleaned up within a certain time. If they fail to do so the city does it for them, charges them the full cost plus collection, and if collections are not forthcoming—the bill is added to the property tax and collection follows. Of course some of the Abilene folks howled about it—some folks are born that way.

This is Clean-Up Week in Slaton. The city officials have so notified you and will furnish wagons to haul your trash away. HAVE YOU CLEANED UP YET? If you haven't let's do a little planning—and raking along with the planning.

Large shipments of Overalls, and they are priced right. Get a pair before they are all gone. DeLONG.

School Board Decides 2 Months Pay School

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of Slaton Independent District, after reviewing the finances available for school purposes, it was found that they would not have sufficient funds to complete the present term, and they dislike very much to cut the term short as all the advantages thus far gained will be lost, and it will hurt the standing of the school, hence they decided that the last two months of school would be pay months for all pupils.

In speaking of the situation, W. H. McKirahan, secretary of the Board, stated that the teachers' salaries had not kept pace with the advanced cost of living, and it will be necessary to grant the teachers increased salaries for next term in order to secure a competent faculty, and to do this funds must be provided from the outside to run the school the remainder of the term. The Board had a deficit of over \$1500 at the beginning of the present term, and they want to get rid of it if possible.

The eighth school month begins on March 22, and the tuition agreed upon will be \$2.00 per school month for every pupil in school, except those now paying. The tuition for the eighth month may be paid on or before April 1st, and given to Supt. Hall or left at the First State Bank.

Quite a number of citizens have expressed themselves as entirely in accord with the program and feel that it is the only solution of the problem at this time. The Board feels like if they can get a clear start for next year it will not be necessary to have any tuition months during the coming term.

S. L. Rives, superintendent of the Snyder schools, has been elected as superintendent of Slaton schools for the coming year, and the people can feel proud of securing such an able man for this position, and it is assured that our school will continue in its progressive movement and become a school that the entire citizenship will refer to with a great deal of pride.

Mr. R. C. King Tell a Wonderful Story About Rats. Read It.

"For months my place was alive with rats. Losing chickens, eggs, feed. Friend told me to try RAT-SNAP. I did. Somewhat disappointed at first not seeing many dead rats, but in a few days didn't see a live one. What were not killed are not around my place. RAT-SNAP sure does the trick." Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by Forrest Hardware and Slaton Drug Co.

S. C. Black Minorca cockerels \$2.50 each.—F. V. WILLIAMS.

Nervous Indigestion

(Health Talk No. 10) BY C. A. SMITH, D. C.

This frequently begins with belching of gas, uneasiness and extreme nervousness, followed by nausea. There are several forms of indigestion, and nervous indigestion may also be accompanied by symptoms of these other forms. Adjustments of joints of the backbone affecting a release of pressure upon stomach nerves, is usually enough to arrest the progress of an attack midway. Sufferers from nervous indigestion, however, cannot expect quick correction by adjusting if the attack has been of long standing. Spinal adjusting is a perfectly logical and common-sense correction, as all stomach strength comes from spinal nerves.

C. A. SMITH, Chiropractor. Phone 137, Slaton, Texas.

S. C. Black Minorca eggs \$1.50 setting.—F. V. WILLIAMS.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

A stranger judges this town mainly by its appearance.

If it is clean, sanitary and inviting, he carries the good word afar. But if it is dingy, and ill kept, he carries the word along.

We should have a reputation second to none in this section, but we will have only that which we carve out by our own efforts.

Let's all pitch in and make this the cleanest and the brightest and the most progressive year in our history. SPRING IS THE TIME TO BEGIN.

FOR SALE.

Two milch cows; one giving milk, and one to be fresh soon.

A double row sod planter, good shape; two sod plows.

Two wagons, one hack, all in very good shape.

Three colts, 1, 2 and 3 years.

Prices right; will give terms.

Also have about 5,000 bundles of maize that heads out 7 lbs. to the bundle. Will take 5c per bundle at farm. Also good maize heads; and some harness. See me.

F. V. WILLIAMS.

Church of Christ.

Rev. W. G. Cypert of Merkel will hold a revival meeting here starting Saturday night before the third Sunday in July, and will continue indefinitely.

Watch the date on the label of your paper. It tells when your subscription expires.

Mrs. Adaline Covington Gone to Final Reward

Mrs. Adaline Covington was born at Altoona, Georgia, Feb. 17, 1846; died March 3, 1920, aged 74 years, 14 days. She is survived by three sons and two daughters as follows:

Judge W. A. Covington of Moultrie, Georgia; H. C. Covington of Nacogdoches, Texas; Mrs. A. W. Harbin of Czevvo, N. M.; Mrs. R. T. Ryan of Lawton, Okla., and T. W. Covington of this city, with whom she had lived for the past five years.

She was a devoted Christian mother, loved and respected by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. She became a member of the Methodist church in 1860 and was active in all church affairs until three years ago, since which time she had been an invalid.

It will be recalled that she was the mother of W. F. Covington, who went down with the submarine F-4 in Honolulu Bay March 25, 1915. She never recovered from the shock of this tragedy, but bore her sorrow without complaint. She would always turn to Him to whom we all look in times of great distress and say, the Lord's will be done.

She was a great admirer of Bishop W. A. Candler of Georgia, one of the greatest men in the history of Methodism. She was a member of one of the churches under Bishop Candler's charge on his first year's work as a Methodist minister. In the mountains of North Georgia she loved to hear this man of true greatness talk as a lay preacher, as presiding elder, and as one of our greatest bishops.

She has fought the battle of life without fear. In other words, she has fought a good fight. She is gone, but not forgotten.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. R. Hendricks, pastor of the local Methodist church, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

SOME RAT STORIES.

Will Sisk was in town Wednesday and we overheard him when he was telling a huge rat story. He said that he and Hez McCaskill killed 400 rats one day this week. He said that some of the rats were whoppers. The truth of the matter was, we thought the whole story was a whopper until Uncle Pete Lamberson spoke up and said that several years ago he and his neighbors used to kill rats by the barrel, and that it was but little trouble to go out and kill a barrel full. We have a rat story that we usually like to tell, but decided that we would wait until we get into a different crowd, for this time were entirely outclassed.—Roysse City News-Times.

RATS DIE

so do mice, once they eat RAT-SNAP. And they leave no odor behind. Don't take our word for it—try a package. Cats and dogs won't touch it. Rats pass up all food to get RAT-SNAP. Three sizes.

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WANT ADS

Wanted, For Sale, Lost, Found, Etc. First insertion 2c per word, each subsequent insertion 1c per word.

STORAGE: If you have merchandise or household goods to store see me. My charges are reasonable. MRS. F. HIGBEE.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL at the old Caps' stand. Everything new and clean; house thoroughly renovated and refurnished. Rooms by the day, week, month, or furnished for light house-keeping. See MRS. F. HIGBEE.

DRUMMERS' SAMPLE ROOM: I have a nice, large sample room at the Commercial Hotel for use of traveling men. MRS. F. HIGBEE.

BUSINESS and residence lots in Slaton, will be sold in one or more sales. Easy terms if desired. HUGO SEABERG, Raton, N. M.

BRICK MASON: If in need of a brick mason apply at Howerton's. Ask for E. V. SEIDEMAN.

FOUND: Lap spread, near town. Owner can get same by calling at this office, describing it, and paying for ad.

LOST: Red pony mare, \$5 reward to finder. EARL LAVENDER, Lubbock, Motor Route A.

HEMSTITCHING and Picoting at my home. MRS. L. A. POSEY, phone 544, Lubbock, Texas.

FOR SALE: Good double-row Emerson lister, has been run one season; practically new. See A. R. WILD, Slaton, Texas.

LOST: Lady's black kid glove; winter lined. Finder please return to Slatonite

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Honoring Mrs. P. V. Burns.

Mrs. J. K. Rogers entertained the Bridge Club on Thursday afternoon of last week, honoring Mrs. P. V. Burns of Charles City, Iowa, who was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Payne, in this city. The afternoon was delightfully spent at Bridge with three tables. Refreshments consisting of a salad course were served.

On Thursday evening Mrs. Herbert A. Tait entertained a few friends at her home with Mrs. Burns as the honoree. A delightful musical program was carried out which was highly enjoyable. Mrs. Call rendered piano selections; Mesdames Burns and Tait delighted those present with beautiful vocal solos, and Mrs. Tait and sons Herbert and Garland rendered instrumental selections. Before leaving the guests were refreshed with cake, hot chocolate and divinity candy. The affair was a most enjoyable one and a fitting tribute to the esteem in which the honor guest is held by Slaton people.

Program for Missionary Society.

Topic, "Labor Reconstruction in America."
 Leader, Mrs. R. G. Shankle.
 Bible lesson.
 Missionary News, Mrs. W. H. Proctor.

Paper, "The New America in Labor Reconstruction," Mrs. M. A. Pember.
 Music.

Discussion, "Labor Conditions in Your Own Community," Mrs. Holland.
 Prayer, "That there may arise everywhere in our land an understanding between the great forces of capital and labor; that together they may strive for the final brotherhood of all men," Mrs. J. D. Butler.

"The Opportunity of a Wesley House in an Industrial Community," Mrs. S. H. Adams.

Readings, Selections from the "Toiling of Felix."
 "The Man With the Hoe," Mrs. Whitehead.

The cries of envy and anger will change to songs of cheer, the toiling age will forget its rage when the Prince of Peace draws near.

High School Notes.

The boys' basketball team went to Lockney to play that team last Friday, but sad to relate, they were defeated.

Work is progressing nicely on the high school Annual. A large number of photographs were mounted Monday preparatory to having the cuts made.

Don't forget that Mr. Lucy, the great impersonator, will be here the 22nd of this month, and the money goes to the Annual fund.

Friday the boys' ball team has a game scheduled with the Lubbock team on their grounds. All are urged to go and help the boys win.

Monday night the Preps had a party in the study hall. Much candy and possibly a few teeth were pulled. The romantic part of the affair was the keys were lost to the locked doors and the party had to adjourn through the windows.

Mr. Hall went to Floydada, where he formerly resided, on last Friday in response to an invitation to participate in the proceedings of a Parent-Teachers' Association which met at Lakeview, a prosperous rural school, on Saturday. Despite the extremely cold weather that was prevailing, a large crowd of people were present. Well filled baskets of edibles were brought for a free-for-all dinner spread. This school has a handsome two-story brick building with a spacious auditorium for community gatherings of all sorts. Mr. Hall says his speech last Saturday was a failure, as he was bidden to visit Floyd county again at the next Parent-Teachers' Association in the near future.

Baptist Ladies.

The B. W. M. W. met at the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon in their Bible study. The attendance was good and the lesson was an unusually interesting one. Each one present took part in the discussions, which made it most interesting.

Lesson subject for next Tuesday: "Veteran of the Cross."

Leader, Mrs. J. H. McCauley.
 An Old Testament Veteran, Mrs. C. F. Anderson.

A New Testament Veteran, Mrs. E. M. Lott.

A Nineteenth Century Veteran, Mrs. Greer.

The Twentieth Century Veteran, Mrs. C. V. Young.

The Veteran's Hymn.

Don't forget that the Hawkes' Optician will be at the Red Cross Pharmacy tomorrow, March 13th. If you need glasses see him.

THE FIRST STATE BANK.

No. 754.

Official statement of the financial condition of the First State Bank at Slaton, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 28th day of February, 1920, published in The Slatonite, a newspaper printed and published at Slaton, State of Texas, on the 12th day of March, 1920.

Resources.

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral	\$238,218.46
Warrants, School	1,701.31
Overdrafts	2,182.52
Liberty Bonds	3,747.63
Real estate (banking house)	3,600.00
Cash collections	2,331.36
Furniture and fixtures	2,300.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	116,591.41
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	26,977.63
Cash Items	2,897.67
Currency	13,310.00
Specie	1,860.75
Int. and Asst. Dep. Gty. Fund	1,691.52
Acceptances, Cotton	51,342.33
Revenue Stamps	55.00
TOTAL	\$483,357.59

Liabilities.

Capital Stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus fund	3,200.00
Undivided profits, net	11,168.92
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check, net	22.75
Individual Deposits, subject to check	409,059.05
Time certificates of deposit	12,475.00
Cashier's Checks	7,881.87
Bonds deposited	14,550.00
TOTAL	\$483,357.59

State of Texas, County of Lubbock.
 We, J. H. Brewer, as president, and H. C. Jones, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. H. BREWER, President.
 H. C. JONES, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of March, A. D. 1920.

(Seal) H. D. TALLEY,
 Notary Public, Lubbock Co., Texas.
 Correct-Attest: C. F. Anderson, A. C. Benton, C. C. Hoffman, Directors.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION.

The State of Texas
 County of Lubbock.

Notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held in the Town of Slaton, Lubbock County, Texas, on the first Tuesday in April, 1920, same being the sixth day of April, A. D. 1920, at the office of the Mayor of said Town, located near the southwest corner of the Public Square in said Town of Slaton, for the purpose of determining whether or not said Town of Slaton, Texas, shall adopt the terms and benefits of CHAPTER (11) ELEVEN OF TITLE TWENTY-TWO (22) OF THE REVISED CIVIL STATUTES OF TEXAS OF 1911, and being Articles 1006 to 1017, both Articles inclusive, of said Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, relating to the construction of permanent street improvements.

All resident property tax payers, who are qualified voters of said Town of Slaton, Texas, under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Those favoring said proposition shall have written or printed on their ballots the following:

"For the Adoption of Chapter 11 of Title 22 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, relating to the construction of permanent street improvements."

Those opposing said proposition shall have written or printed on their ballots the following:

"Against the Adoption of Chapter 11 of Title 22 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, relating to the construction of permanent street improvements."

Said election shall be held for one day only, and the polls at said election shall open on said day from the hour of eight o'clock in the forenoon to the hour of seven o'clock in the afternoon, and said election shall be held as nearly as may be in conformity with the general election laws of the State of Texas.

L. A. H. Smith is hereby appointed Manager of said Election, and he shall select two judges and two clerks to assist him in holding said election.

The foregoing notice of special election is given in pursuance of a resolution duly proposed and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Slaton, Texas, at a meeting of said Town Council held on the 14th day of January, A. D. 1920.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused the Seal of the Town of Slaton, Texas, to be hereunto affixed at my office in said Town of Slaton, this 10th day of March, A. D. 1920.

W. E. OLIVE,
 Mayor, Town of Slaton, Texas.
 Attest: J. H. TEAGUE, JR., Secretary, Town of Slaton, Texas.

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DON SUNG

Makes Hens Lay

Gets the eggs in any weather. It is easily given in the feed and doesn't force or hurt the hen in any way. Don Sung is a real tonic. Try it—if it doesn't pay for itself and pay you a good profit besides, your money will be promptly refunded. Trial size 50 cents.

SLATON DRUG COMPANY

THE SLATON SLATONITE

THE SLATON STATE BANK.

No. 1065

Official statement of the financial condition of the Slaton State Bank at Slaton, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 28th day of February, 1920, published in The Slatonite, a newspaper printed and published at Slaton, State of Texas, on the 12th day of March, 1920.

Resources.

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral	\$102,429.35
Overdrafts	1,071.37
Bonds and W. S. S.	2,940.24
Real estate (banking house)	2,800.00
Furniture and fixtures	2,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	48,520.82
Cash Items	32.00
Currency	10,181.00
Specie	3,154.25
Int. and Asst. Dep. Gty. Fund	1,358.94
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange	50,295.87
Cash collections	3,536.54
TOTAL	\$228,320.38

Liabilities.

Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus fund	3,000.00
Undivided profits, net	1,353.61
Individual deposits, subject to check, net	176,815.52
Time certificates of deposit	22,151.25
TOTAL	\$228,320.38

State of Texas, County of Lubbock.

We, A. L. Robertson, as president, and Ray Stephenson, as asst. cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

A. L. ROBERTSON, President.
 RAY STEPHENSON, Asst. Cashier
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of March, A. D. 1920.

(Seal) R. A. BALDWIN,
 Notary Public, Lubbock Co., Texas.
 Correct-Attest: C. M. McCullough, E. N. Twaddle, B. M. Holland, Directors.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

The State of Texas
 County of Lubbock.

Notice is hereby given that a regular election will be held in the Town of Slaton, Lubbock County, Texas, on the first Tuesday in April, 1920, same being the sixth day of April, A. D. 1920, at the office of the Mayor of said Town, located near the southwest corner of the Public Square in said Town of Slaton, for the purpose of electing one Mayor, one Marshal and five (5) Councilmen, to serve for the period of one year and until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified according to law.

All male persons who shall have resided within the State of Texas for a period of one year, and within the corporate limits of said Town of Slaton, Texas, for a period of six months next preceding the date of said election, and who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years on the date of said election, and who are qualified electors under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, shall be qualified to vote at said election.

Said election shall be held for one day only, and the polls shall be open on said day from the hour of eight o'clock in the forenoon to the hour of seven o'clock in the afternoon, and said election shall be held as nearly as may be in conformity with the general election laws of the State of Texas.

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W. E. OLIVE,
 Mayor, Town of Slaton, Texas.
 Attest: J. H. TEAGUE, JR., Secretary, Town of Slaton, Texas.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the Slaton Independent School District that there will be held at Slaton, in the County of Lubbock, State of Texas, an election on Saturday, the third day of April, A. D. 1920, for the purpose of electing four members of the Board of Trustees for the Slaton Independent School District for a term of two years each or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands officially and caused the seal to be hereunto affixed, this 10th day of March A. D. 1920.

ALLAN J. PAYNE,
 President Board of Trustees.
 W. H. MCKIRAHAN,
 Secretary Board of Trustees.

W. E. Bunch has sold his truck to G. L. Sledge, and with his family will leave early next week for Dodge City, Kansas, to reside in future. He will be auditor of the car department for a large railroad system there. These good people have many warm friends here who will regret to see them leave.

Luke Reilly Says, "The Rat Died Before Reaching the River."

"Since moving near the river 2 years ago, we've always used RAT-SNAP. Watched a vicious water rat, nibbling at RAT-SNAP outside the house. About 15 minutes later he darted off for the water, to cool his burning stomach, but he died before reaching it." Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by Forrest Hardware and Slaton Drug Co.

TEAGUE'S CONFECTIONERY for Candies that are THE BEST.

Prof. Hall Will Go to Snyder Next Year

Prof. Claude V. Hall has been tendered the position of superintendent of Snyder public schools at a salary of \$2250 per year, and has decided to accept the place.

Mr. Hall has attended the Texas University during his vacations and has done work equivalent to five full years during that time, which he has done in order to better equip himself for meeting the problems of modern day school work, and had planned to quit the school room for the next two years and attend the University, but the temptation was too great to resist such a flattering offer, and especially from a school town like Snyder, that has such a bright future, and where the possibilities are so great for building up a really efficient school system.

Mr. Hall has been superintendent here for three years, and under his administration the schools have been admitted to the first class by the State Department of Education, and are now in line for affiliation. Our system of schools are a source of great pride to the citizenship of Slaton Independent District, and Mr. Hall deserves much credit for the progress they have made.

He and family have many friends here who will regret to see them leave our city, but will congratulate Snyder upon securing them.

Sold and guaranteed by Forrest Hardware in the truest sense of the word, and uses his best efforts to keep abreast of the times in his chosen profession, and were it not a fact that many years ago he was engaged in the newspaper business, there would not be a blemish on his record.

In addition to his profession of teaching Mr. Hall is a graduate of the law department of the State University and was engaged in active practice for three years.

"The Rats Around My Place Were Wise," Says John Tuthill.

"Tried everything to kill them. Mixed poison with meal, meat, cheese, etc. Wouldn't touch it. Tried RAT-SNAP, inside of ten days got rid of all rats." You don't have to mix RAT-SNAP with food. Saves fussing, bother. Break a cake of RAT-SNAP, lay it where rats scamper. You will see no more. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by Forrest Hardware and Slaton Drug Co.

Tractor Demonstration Here Saturday, Mar. 13

A. L. Brannon, implement dealer, announces that Mr. G. C. Harris of the Emerson-Brantingham Co's. factory will be here Saturday and will hold a tractor demonstration that afternoon in the field of Clarence Johnson, in the southeast part of town. He will use a 12-20 Model AA Tractor, pulling single and double row listers, showing how practical they are for that class of work.

Mr. Brannon extends a cordial invitation to every one to come out to the demonstration Saturday afternoon.

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WHEN YOU ARE BUYING A SUIT HERE YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT SATISFACTION WILL BE ABSOLUTE—FOR WE ARE NOT SATISFIED IF YOU ARE NOT. WE HAVE SUITS FOR EVERY DAY, FOR TOWN OR TRAVEL WEAR OR FOR ANY PURPOSE.

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Young men and women who are ambitious to achieve success should not waste the summer months. One vacation properly spent will prepare you for a profitable life. Many who at the close of school last year entered the

Tyler Commercial College to spend the summer months are now holding splendid positions or attending a University, paying their way with the commercial training they received. Every year we have hundreds of students who finish during the summer months to take good positions during the big fall business. It is useless to idle away the summer months. Would not you rather be with a large enthusiastic student body in a big school building under electric fans mastering Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Telegraphy, Business Administration and Finance, Penmanship or Cotton Classing, preparing yourself for future success, than to be idle and wasting your time?

Write for a large illustrated free catalogue of the Tyler Commercial College. Read of the advantages of our splendid courses of instruction, and of those who have graduated and are now holding good positions and what they say of our college, and what their employers think of their efficient training. Read how some have worked their way thru school, how others borrowed the money to pay board and gave the college their note for tuition, and made it pay them big dividends. How others quit jobs at small salaries, completed courses with us and went back to the same firm at two or three times their previous salary. Some who were unable to come to our school finished our Home Study course and never quit drawing their salary. Make arrangements to enter as soon as your school closes. You will enjoy your stay with us.

The demand for trained office help is urgent. Salaries are high. Business is growing by leaps and bounds; the next five years will be the most progressive, prosperous and successful in our history. Now is the time to prepare yourself, while the opportunities are most promising. A course of business training in the largest commercial training school in America will enable you to take an office position at a splendid salary and will insure your promotion if you are ambitious. Prepare yourself to be a leader in business.

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or mice, after you use RAT-SNAP. It's a sure rodent killer. Try it and prove it. RAT-SNAP leave no smell. Cats or dogs won't touch it. Guaranteed.

25c size (1 cake) enough for pantry, kitchen or cellar.

50c size (2 cakes) for chicken house, coops, or small buildings.

\$1.00 size (5 cakes) enough for all farm and out-buildings, storage buildings, or factory buildings.

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Jump from Bed in Morning and Drink Hot Water

Tells why everyone should drink hot water each morning before breakfast.

Why is man and woman, half the time, feeling nervous, despondent, worried; some days headachy, dull and unstrung; some days really incapacitated by illness.

If we all would practice inside-bathing, what a gratifying change would take place. Instead of thousands of half-sick, anemic-looking souls with pasty, muddied complexions we should see crowds of happy, healthy, rosy-cheeked people everywhere. The reason is that the human system does not rid itself each day of all the waste which it accumulates under our present mode of living. For every ounce of food and drink taken into the system nearly an ounce of waste material must be carried out, else it ferments and forms ptomaine-like poisons which are absorbed into the blood.

Just as necessary as it is to clean the ashes from the furnace each day, before the fire will burn bright and hot, so we must each morning clear the inside organs of the previous day's accumulation of indigestible waste and body toxins. Men and women, whether sick or well, are advised to drink each morning, before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, as a harmless means of washing out of the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels the indigestible material, waste, sour bile and toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

Millions of people who had their turn at constipation, bilious attacks, acid stomach, nervous days and sleepless nights have become real cranks about the morning inside-bath. A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will not cost much at the drug store, but is sufficient to demonstrate to anyone, its cleansing, sweetening and freshening-effect upon the system.

Diamond Cut Diamond



"Madame, You Are a Brave Woman."

back—per monsieur—to the Emperor William with my compliments, when Billy burst out, "Where's your proof?" in a way that struck me as irreverent, not to say rude.

Monsieur repressed a sneer and replied that certain proofs would be forthcoming at the proper moment; and that meanwhile, throwing himself upon our mercy and to illuminate the mistake we'd made, he would tell us everything—and would start with the legend of the so precious stones.

Once upon a time, about the fourteenth century, or so, there lived in one of the states comprising the now United Fatherland, a very powerful grand duke or kinglet, with two grown sons; and in another neighboring province the size of Greater New York lived another very powerful duke, who boasted a beautiful daughter.

Those were the days when war was cheaper than peace. But since a war between these two kinglets would inevitably lead to the total extermination of both parties and leave nothing to show for their prowess but heaps of fire-scorched stones and a few half-witted peasants—who had no right to be alive, anyway—these wise kinglets bethought them that by uniting their forces—and incidentally a son and a daughter—they could together conquer the surrounding territory for as much as ten square miles.

Now, Oscar, the prospective bridegroom, was busily engaged in a dramatic border war with a powerful

duchy the size of Nantucket, so there was naught for it but to dispatch the handsome younger brother, Fritz, to plight his brother's troth by proxy.

The dates were set, and all seemed moving along its appointed course, when post-haste comes a trusty messenger and delivers himself of the tale he has ridden all day to bring—that Oscar has been smitten through the helmet, thereby losing a nose, an upper lip and a chin; and was now in the throes of dissolution.

Consternation reigned in the castle, broken by the sobs of the fair Elfreda, the shy glances of the bereaved brother—who would become the heir apparent—and the wise silence of the old kinglet.

It was not long before a decision was reached satisfactory to all persons—except Oscar, lying in his tent comforting himself with thoughts of the grief of his beautiful betrothed, whom he had never set eyes on; for the two young people, Fritz and Elfreda, knowing that a marriage between the families was greatly to be desired, and warmed with a high sense of duty to the fast-departing Oscar—and it may be, a natural shrinking on the part of the lady from the embraces of a husband minus an upper lip, a nose and a chin, and plus some sixty various and sundry other wounds and scars to boot—hastened the ceremony and were united by the castle priest in the bonds of holy matrimony before the sun rose.

Imagine the messenger's feelings on arriving at the castle and finding Oscar, instead of lying at peace in the family chapel with solemn candles at his head and his heels, making a fast recovery by the aid of his devoted mother in spite of his nose and his chin and his lip!

Still, the news of the unpremeditated marriage was a tonic all around—especially to the messenger. Oscar cut off his head and hung it out of the window to air and then promptly got well in a way that gave him grim satisfaction and his mother considerable uneasiness for her darling; and no sooner was Oscar able to sit his horse than he directed his attention and his army against her whom he was pleased to call "faithless" and the brother whom he designated as "an unholy bandit."

Then did the fair lady call unto her her own private scribe and she indited a beautiful letter in her own hired handwriting, and in it she told the noble warrior that the mistake was hers—as she saw by his gloriously scarred face—and she took all the blame and offered herself and her blood as a sacrifice in the appeasing of his righteous wrath. Then she called her most faithful maid-of-all-work and said: "Lady-in-waiting, I deliver this into thy keeping. Now fetch me my golden goblet, lock the door and ask no questions."

And with this attended to, Elfreda, stationing the lady-of-all-work in the proper attitude with the goblet in readiness to catch her heart's blood, plunged a dagger in her bosom and died.

The faithful lady-in-waiting obediently caught the blood as it fell—seven great drops. But, oh, miracle—when she looked into the golden goblet what did she behold? Seven drops, unmixed as when they fell from the gaping wound of her beloved mistress—seven glorious blood-red diamonds!

But she was strictly honest. The letter and the diamonds, still in the golden goblet, were conveyed to Oscar at the appointed hour, and at sunset the two brothers united their tears above the bier of the beautiful Elfreda.

Such was the legendary origin of the most wonderful diamonds in the world—a collection created by miracle; and thenceforth, in keeping with their mystic origin, they assumed a peculiar role in the history of nations, binding bargains and sealing treaties of peace.

But now the later legends had endowed the stones with occult powers which were imparted to their possessors—the renewal of youth, wealth, untold energy of mind and spirit.

A century after the stones were taken to Venice and cut and their real glory was revealed to the world; and at last they excited the envy of Bismarck and came into the possession of the emperor, grandfather to the present William, thence to William the present.

To this legend Billy and I had listened with unblinking interest. Monsieur told it in the sustained manner of one immured to secrets of state. It

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LIKE I TELL HENRY, I DONT MIND COOKIN' IF I HAVE SOMETHIN' TO COOK WITH. I'M REALLY PROUDER OF MY KITCHEN THAN ANY OTHER PART OF THE HOUSE

IT'S A PLEASURE TO COOK WITH NICE NEW PANS

WHEN WE MOVE INTO OUR NEW HOME, I'M GOING TO HAVE EVERYTHING NEW IN MY KITCHEN. I LIKE THIS GRANITE WARE SO MUCH

THE HEART OF THE HOME

THIS HAS OFTEN BEEN SAID ABOUT THE KITCHEN AND THERE IS NO DOUBT THIS IS THE ROOM IN THE HOUSE NEAREST TO THE HEART OF EVERY TRUE HOUSEWIFE. THEN WHY DEPRIVE YOURSELF OF THE ACTUAL NECESSITIES OR CONVENIENCES THAT MAKE COOKING A PLEASURE? MAKE A LIST OF THE THINGS YOU NEED AND THEN COME AND SEE HOW WE HAVE ANTICIPATED YOUR WANTS AND DESIRES.

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Who would fill your shoes as an income earner for your family if you were totally disabled by accident or illness or were to die? If you were forced to bed tomorrow by total disability, to remain there indefinitely, would your income continue to maintain your home or would it stop?

The safest and surest answers to these questions is a policy in THE HOME MUTUAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION of Slaton. Then in the event of total disability or death your family will have something to take of them. STOP A MINUTE AND THINK!

This Association is purely a home company, managed by home men, and not a single dollar of the money paid into it will be sent away to the North and East, but every dollar will be kept at home and distributed among your neighbors for the payment of death and disability claims.

This insurance is practically inexpensive. As an illustration, the Plainview Mutual Home Insurance Association has been in existence for several years, now having a membership of about 2800, and the cost per \$1,000 insurance carried has been less than \$8.00 per year. Can you find any other class of insurance that will give you the same protection for that small amount each year? STOP A MINUTE AND THINK!

SPECIAL RATE OF \$3.00

The membership fee is \$5.00, but in order to fill up the first number rapidly a special rate of \$3.00 for the first 250 members is made. We are taking many applications daily and if you want to take advantage of this low rate you had better hurry.

The age limit is from 18 to 50 years, for either men or women, and no medical examination is required. In view of this fact there are many people who can obtain insurance in this association that would be excluded by other companies on account of being crippled, etc., but who are just as good risks from a physical standpoint as any.

For further information call on or address—

J. C. STEWART, Secretary

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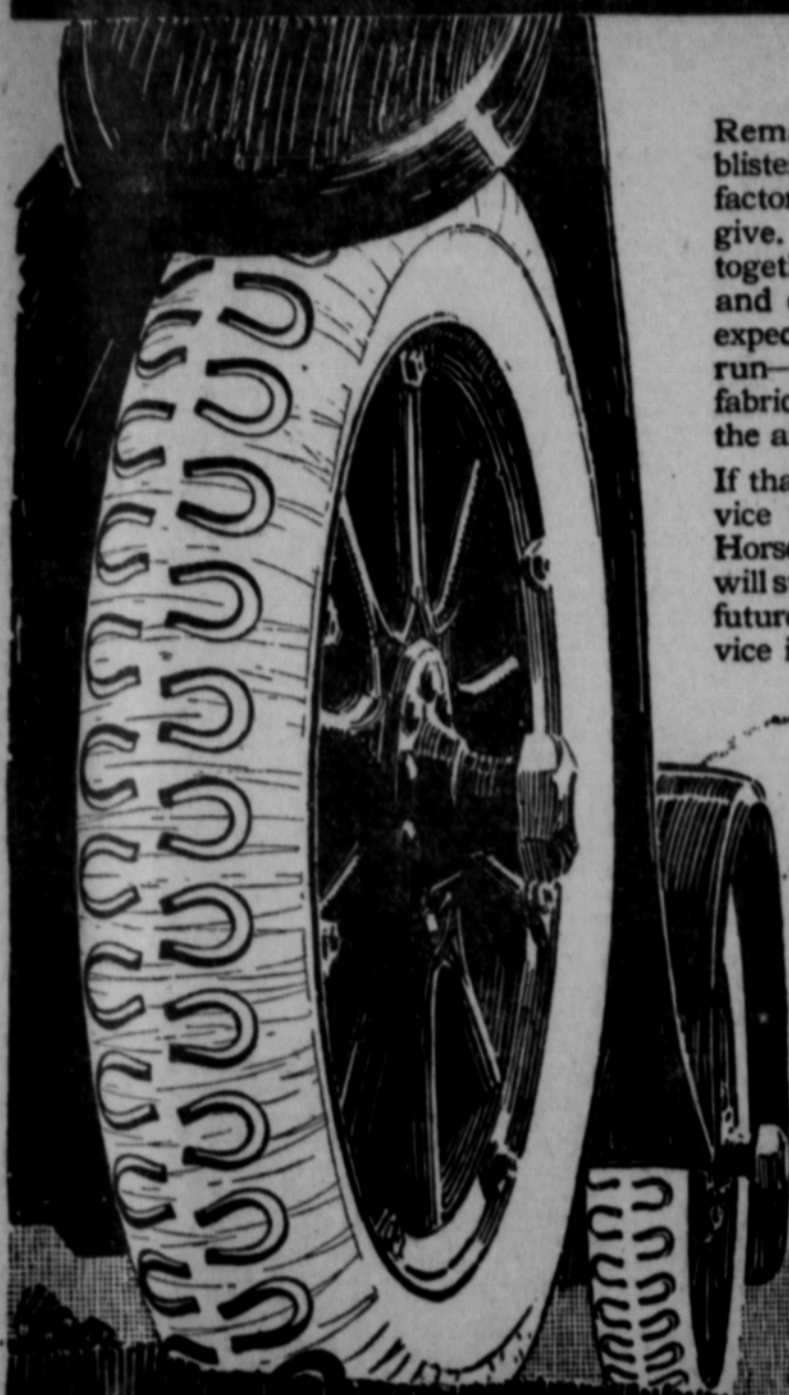
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CORNER BRYAN AND MASTEN STREET DALLAS, TEXAS

DROP IN AND "POSE" FOR A SUIT YOU'LL BE PROUD TO PUT YOURSELF IN THIS SPRING. AND, BY THE WAY, A "READY-MADE" WOULD HAVE NO MORE CHANCE WHEN STACKED UP AGAINST ONE OF OUR HAND TAILORED GARMENTS THAN A CRIPPLED CANARY IN A CAT SHOW! DROP IN AND BE SUITED—SUITED, A BIT BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE IN FIT, FASHION, FABRIC AND VALUE. WILL WE SEE YOU TODAY?

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THE MERCHANT TAILOR

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SWIPED.

The Mullin Enterprise says it met a man the other day who lives down in the sticks and says he does not subscribe for or read a single newspaper, and he said, "We are going to elect Joe Bailey for governor."

Ask Your Soldier Boy How "Cooties" Got Such a Hold.

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