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McLEAN, GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1917

NO. 1

Buick-Buick Buick

Yes, we are still pushing the BUICK, for we believe in them and everyone that has one believes in them, too. It is impossible to operate one of them and not believe in them.

It is indeed gratifying to notice a Buick owner quietly motoring along the highway with an air of ease and comfort that is not found anywhere except in the driving of a Buick. At the same time the other fellow is heaving along exceeding the speed limit, but he is not to blame, for his buss wagon will not take high gear without exceeding limit. So think kindly of the fellow who is not so fortunate as your self.

We are trying to run a first class garage and want your patronage

Bentley & Grigsby

Go West.

"Go west, and get rich," has been the cry since the days of the discovery of the "New World." Still the appeal is being made. "Go west." The west country has proven itself proving to be the great metropolitan of the world. The advantages are beyond a doubt. In any, where through diversified industries, one may acquire, or at least, will accumulate enough property to be at ease, and still have some to spare.

The East does not offer the incentives to the poor man, as the West. Land is cheaper in the West, and yet the grass is as nutritious and cattle will grow as fast or faster than in the East. The water is as pure and the health is better. In the West is the noted country for wheat and grain, hogs, poultry and cattle. Then, is it a wonder why the West has prospered, or is there a hindering

cause why it should not continue to grow? Our forefathers have paved the way, and we are reaping the fruits. In the course of a few years, the rich, fertile land in Swisher county will bring the price of the land "back east." The time is coming, as it is bound to come in every country that will produce the agriculture and stock, as is produced here. Land is in keeping with everything else in this "high cost of living," and is advancing rapidly. You are now in the rich west; get a home while it is within easy reach. Soon another mile post of history in the Twentieth century will be past. Before ten of these mileposts have been passed, unless you get a home now, you will likely feel called upon to go "further west."

For Sale or Trade—Second hand Veile surrey. John Carpenter. 23

For any kind of insurance or indemnity bonds see M D Bentley.

A BANK

Prosper when the people prosper. On the other hand the people prosper when the bank prospers. Neither is independent of the other.

being an institution in which you can deposit your money with utmost confidence and safety, every dollar of its stock being owned by local stockholders, appeals to depositors with great force.

It is well equipped, by reason of the experience and acquaintance of its officers and directors, with the local people, to handle CONSERVATIVE and MERITORIOUS business.

A Bank owned by home people, operated by home people, for home people

The Citizens State Bank

(Guarantee Fund Bank)

J. S. Morse, Pres. W. E. Ballard, M. D. V. Pres. J. M. Noel, vice Pres. Clay Thompson, Cashier. C. C. Bogan, Asst. Cashier

Report Of Institute

Minutes.

Gray County Institute met at Alameda, Dec. 18th, 1916, at 10 o'clock. House was called to order by Judge T. M. Wolf. The opening address was made by Prof. S. R. Loftin, Respondent by W. W. Wilson. Several interesting talks were made. The Institute was then organized. Judge Wolf was elected chairman, Fannie Boyles Secretary. Judge Wolf appointed the following committees: committee of resolution, J. T. Reed, W. W. Wilson, and Mrs. Blackwell.

Committee on Report, Minnie Foster, Grace Hamilton, and Andrew Jordan. The following teachers were enrolled: Misses Fannie Boyles, Bessie Brown, Mildred Bush, Lila Clifford, Nona Cousins, Pearl Crawford, Dora Deen, Bobbie Dixon, Minnie Foster, Eula Gerber, Grace Greenwade, Mary Goodfellow, Grace Hamilton, Claude Hall, Minnie Jackson, Kate Montgomery, Myrtle McQueery, Josephine Thomas, Pansy Warden and Ida Powers. Mesdames, J. W. Blackwell, Kolband Catherine Mathews, Messrs. T. N. Holloway, A. L. Jordan, G. W. Ragland, J. T. Reed, Bryan Thomas, G. E. Turner, J. W. Turner, W. W. Wilson, and J. W. Kolb.

Resolutions

Probable Peanut Factory

The almost prohibitive price of cotton seed cake during the present season and the fact that every cent invested in this product goes out of the country, feeders and others interested in the financial and commercial development of this section are investigating the possibilities of establishing a peanut oil factory here.

The peanut cake, both by analysis and experiment has proven itself as good if not a better feed than the cotton product and it has the additional attraction of being good for all classes of livestock. In protein content it ranks considerably higher than cotton cake.

It is a well known fact that peanuts are peculiarly adapted to this particular section and grow profusely in the sandy soil.

If this kind of movement can be successfully launched it will mean many thousands of dollars for the farmers from the profits of peanut culture and will also be the means of keeping many thousands of McLean dollars in McLean to help in its growth and development.

As soon as investigations now under way develop the necessary facts we will have something more to say with reference to the peanut oil factory, but in the meantime think of it.



THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 208 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv. 4

Joint Meeting Called

A joint meeting of farmers and business men has been called to convene at the local Odd Fellows hall on Saturday afternoon, January 13th, at which time the matter of cotton planting and the re-opening of the gin here will be discussed. Parties interested in re-opening the gin will be present for the purpose of ascertaining the attitude of local farmers with reference to cotton growing, and also to pledge their support to the movement looking to the inclusion of cotton in diversification program of this section.

If a sufficient number of farmers can be induced to pledge a certain acreage of cotton, arrangements will be made for the rehabilitating of the old gin plant and a car of good seed will be ordered in time for the spring planting.

Cotton has never found much favor in this section by reason of the fact that it is ordinarily a much overdone product, but the outlook is favorable to its continuing as a fairly high price for several years to come and we see no reason why it would not be wise to include it in the varied list of products which are making good in the McLean county.

When the introduction of modern machinery the crop can be handled to advantage in spite of the short cool growing season and bolts that do not fully mature and open can be made to give up their treasure.

Every one interested in the way in which the proposition bears in the date of meeting will be on hand to prove it.

"The Professor in his allright lives."

Ozark Oklahoma gave a trial are a built is theuff.

eight inches, and made a s road even before settle. We shall with more."

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Resolve

from now on to get the greatest returns for your money. The above resolution will be to keep if you always see us before buying.

ERWIN DRUG CO.

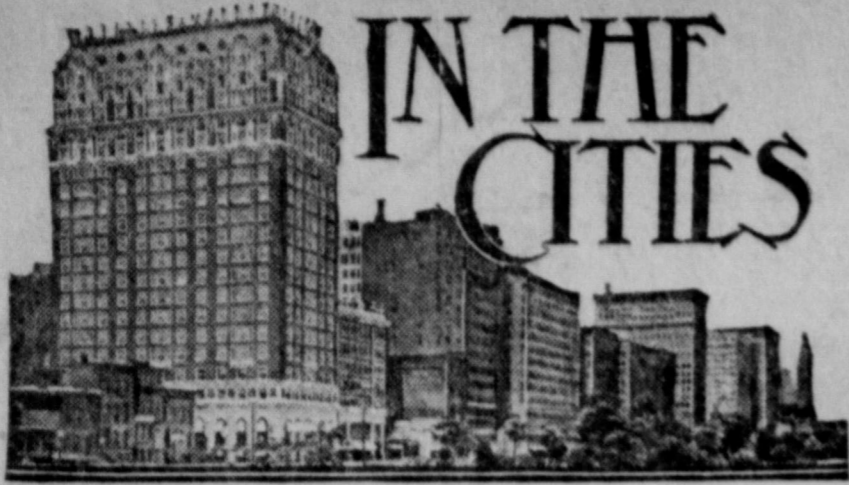
Why Bank With

"American First"

It is a strong, careful, liberal, accurate and successful institution.

People find it a growing, active, progressive up-to-date bank in every particular.

It is well equipped, the book-keeping ma-



Some Things They Ask in Gotham Railway Stations

NEW YORK.—Is it any wonder that the information clerks in the railroad stations talk in their sleep? The questions they are compelled to answer at times would indicate that the public

At the Grand Central station the other day a man approached the information bureau and inquired, "What time does the train I came in go back?" Had the clerk replied as he felt, he might have said as soon as the water coolers were refilled or the engineer had rested. But instead he remarked that more than 200 trains arrive daily, and asked, "Where did you come from?" "Springfield, Mass.," said the man, and then he was informed when the next train would leave for that city. A woman asked if she could rely on a certain train reaching Chicago on time. Upon being informed that it usually kept to schedule, she said: "I can't have any guesswork about this. I want a definite answer I can't afford to miss connections in Chicago." Asked if it were customary for the expressmen to make up lost time, the clerk said that they tried to do so, but sometimes failed. "Well, it's a mighty queer way to run a railroad," was the caller's parting shot.

"I'm going up to Vermont," said a woman; "what is the best train to take?" There are three roads into Vermont, and the clerk inquired, "What place in Vermont, madam?" "Say, have they got you here to ask questions or to answer them?" was her retort. Yet it is claimed there are no information clerks in any of the sanatoriums.

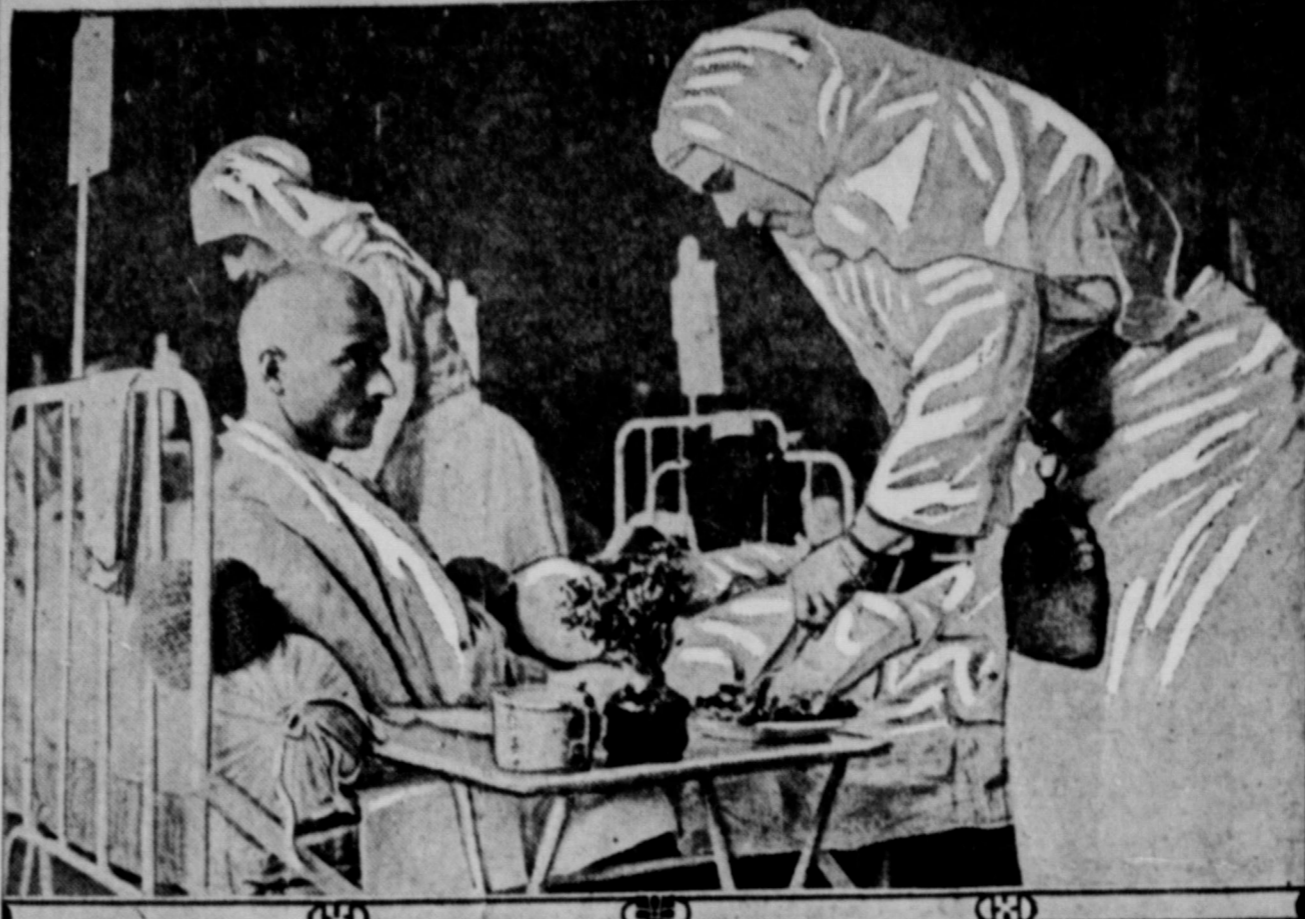
Father Knickerbocker's Spending Money for 1917

NEW YORK.—Manhattan island was bought from the Indians for \$24 worth of trinkets. It will cost \$211,115,015 for the city's upkeep in 1917. Father Knickerbocker was granted this spending money the other day. Never in New York's history, nor in that of any other municipality, has such a tremendous outlay been required. Yet the total represents economy, bespeaks efficiency, as city experts know it nowadays. The budget makers say it represents cost paring to a degree almost unsafe.

Not a cent less would be sufficient for the health, safety, comfort and happiness of Pa Knickerbocker's five and a half million children, they assert. And only 314 square miles are comprised within the city limits. It is a wonderful document, the city budget. It is a sailing chart for Father Knickerbocker. It is a curb on his naturally luxurious habits. Within it is set forth what he is to pay to his policemen, to his firemen, to his army of civil servants.



QUEEN OF ROUMANIA NURSING THE WOUNDED



If a wounded soldier could be considered lucky, that distinction would be thrust on this man, who is being waited on by Queen Marie of Roumania in the royal palace at Bucharest, which has been turned into a hospital. He is put to work in the fields.

PRISONERS TAKEN IN THE BATTLE OF FLEURY



While the battle of Fleury still raged these German prisoners were sent to the rear of the French lines to await transportation to the farm lands of France, where they were put to work in the fields.

RUTH LAW, AVIATOR



HEIR TO FORTUNE AND HIS FIANCEE



Announcement is made by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coster Emmet of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jeannie Emmet, to William Barton French, son of the late Seth Barton French and Mrs. Mary Walker Fern French, who served as a Red Cross nurse in the Serbian war. Mr. French is a grandson of Walker Fern, now dead, who was American minister to Greece and Serbia. He recently became of age and inherited the greater part of his father's money. The first thing he did with his money was to purchase the French estate at White Sulphur Springs, Va., for \$100,000.

SHACKLETON AND HIS CAPTAIN



Sir Ernest Shackleton (right) and Capt. J. Worsley, photographed in San Francisco, where they were preparing to go on their next expedition. They were marooned on an island in Ross sea. Captain Worsley was in command of the expedition's steamer Endurance, which was wrecked in the ice.

PERUNA Household Helper

Peruna eases the burden of the housekeeper by keeping away the danger of illness resulting from colds, coughs and indigestion due to catarrhal condition. It speedily relieves and overcomes these.

Its tonic properties build up the strength of the physically weak and run down, and its use in convalescence, especially after grip, is remarkably beneficial.

KEEP IT ON HAND

The wise housekeeper has Peruna on hand for instant use even if catarrhal troubles do not call for its regular administration. A dose or two in time often prevents a long illness.

Liquid or tablet form. Manaline Tablets are a splendid laxative for home use. Ask the druggist THE PERUNA COMPANY Columbus, Ohio

Preserving a Sense of Security "Do you think the electoral college should be abolished?" "No," replied Senator Sorghum, "now and then a few men should be permitted to take part in an election with no fear of heckling and with solute confidence in the result."

That Knife-Like Pain Have you a lame back, aching at night? Do you feel sharp pain after stooping? Are the kidneys sore? Is their action irregular? Do you have headaches, backache, rheumatic pains, feel tired, nervous, all worn-out? Use Doan's Kidney Pills—the medicine recommended by so many people in your locality. Read the experience that follows:

An Oklahoma Case
C. L. Cutler, E. Main St., Watonga, Okla., says: "I had kidney and bladder disease for years and was laid up for weeks. My back was so lame and painful at times that I could hardly move and I had almost given up hope of being cured. I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills. They restored me to good health and during the past few years I haven't had a sign of the old trouble."

Get Doan's at Any Store, 50c a Box
DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS
FOSTER-MILBURN CO., BUFFALO, N.Y.

JUST MATTER OF PERCENTAGE
Legislator Had Figured Out Method by Which He Voted Right in Majority of Cases.

During the last session of a western legislature one member, a tall, slender man with a white mustache of walrus pattern and the faculty of being able to throw both his thumbs up or joint at will, made himself conspicuous by voting "No" on every bill, resolution, or other form of business that came up. However innocent a measure might be, this man voted against it strenuously.

Finally a legislator weakened under the strain and approached the gentleman with the walrus whiskers.

"Why is it?" asked the man, "that you vote 'No' on everything?"

"Well, I'll tell you," said he of the walrus mustache, with a confidential air. "Seventy-five of those bills and resolutions are bad and ought never to be passed. And I figure that any man who votes right 75 per cent of the time is a pretty darned good legislator."

The P. P.
"I put my faith in the wisdom of the plain people," said the statesman.

"Yes," replied Senator Sorghum. "The wisdom of the plain people is all right. The only thing I fear is that some of them are getting so that they know too much."

The cheerful feeling you possess after a drink of something hot and flavorful should be only the beginning of your satisfaction.

For this very reason more and more people are turning from coffee to

Instant Postum

A lessened tendency to such annoyances as nervousness and sleeplessness repay them

A ten-day trial of this delightful, flavory hot drink has assisted so many to health and comfort that your friends the Postum drinker, will tell you its well worth while.

"There's a Reason"

STOP CALOMEL! TAKE DODSON'S LIVER TONE

New Discovery! Takes Place of Dangerous Calomel—It Puts Your Liver To Work Without Making You Sick—Eat Anything—It Can Not Salivate—Don't Lose a Day's Work!

I discovered a vegetable compound that does the work of dangerous, sickening calomel and I want every reader of this paper to try a bottle and if it doesn't straighten you up better and quicker than salivating calomel just go back to the store and get your money.

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your thirty feet of bowels of the sour bile and constipation poison which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable.

I guarantee that one spoonful of this harmless liquid liver medicine will relieve the headache, biliousness, coated tongue, ague, malaria, sour stomach or any other distress caused by a torpid liver as quickly as a dose of vile, nauseating calomel, besides it will not make you sick or keep you from

a day's work. I want to see a bottle of this wonderful liver medicine in every home here.

Calomel is poison—it's mercury—it attacks the bones, often causing rheumatism. Calomel is dangerous. It sickens—while my Dodson's Liver Tone is safe, pleasant and harmless. Eat anything afterwards, because it can not salivate. Give it to the children because it doesn't upset the stomach or shock the liver. Take a spoonful tonight and wake up feeling fine and ready for a full day's work.

Get a bottle! Try it! If it doesn't do exactly what I say, tell your dealer to hand your money back. Every druggist and store keeper here knows me and knows of my wonderful discovery of a vegetable medicine that takes the place of dangerous calomel.—Adv.

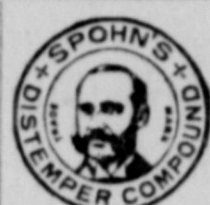
Consistent Economy.
"People are undoubtedly making a proper effort to avoid wasting paper," remarked Mr. Chuggins.
"How do you know?"
"I just bought one of those Elivord autos and the man asked me if I wanted it wrapped up."

Don't Neglect Kidneys

Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Prescription, Overcomes Kidney Trouble

It is now conceded by physicians that the kidneys should have more attention as they control the other organs to a remarkable degree and do a tremendous amount of work in removing the poisons and waste matter from the system by filtering the blood.

The kidneys should receive some assistance when needed. We take less exercise, drink less water and often eat more rich, heavy food, thereby forcing the kidneys to do more work.



COLT DISTEMPER

You can prevent this loathsome disease from running through your stable and cure all the colts suffering with it when you begin the treatment. No matter how young, SPORN'S is safe to use on any colt. It is wonderful how it prevents all distempers, no matter how colts or horses at any age are "exposed." All good druggists and turf goods houses and manufacturers sell SPORN'S at 50 cents and \$1 a bottle; \$5 and \$10 a dozen. SPORN MEDICAL CO., Chemists and Bacteriologists, Goschen, Ind., U. S. A.

Preparedness.
"Mamma, I wish I had a crutch," complained Johnnie.
"What in the world does a boy with two good straight legs want with a crutch?"
"Well, mamma, it's a good thing to practice on, in case you get hurt and have to use it some time."

THIS IS THE AGE OF YOUTH.
You will look ten years younger if you darken your ugly, grizzly, gray hairs by using "La Creole" Hair Dressing.—Adv.

Envy a Loser.
"Dat man done made an election bet"



"This morning I awoke with a dreadful cold."
"That's too bad, how do you account for it?"
"Well, you see there's a spring in the bed and I suppose I got my feet wet."
"Boschee—Let me 'spring' you on you. Use Boschee's German Syrup for a cold or bronchitis."

Boschee's German Syrup

In Woman's Realm

Practical Sports Clothes Have Been Designed by the Leading Parisian Modistes, of Which This Skating Suit Is a Sample—Bridemaids' Hats That Have the Sanction of Recognized Leaders of Fashion.

There are plenty of practical sports clothes for those who really take part in winter pastimes, and there are just as many sports clothes de luxe for those who dress with an eye to placing themselves in harmony with their environment. These are made to be looked at and are marvels of adaptation of exquisite materials to sports styles.

A skating suit, shown in the picture, is made for real service. It is a middy blouse of a special knitted material in Scotch colorings, trimmed with a plain knitted material. The plain trimming matches the predominating color in the middy, and the skirt is made of the same plain cloth.

For real utility sports clothes, soft, lightweight but warm materials, like

with tassels of vari-colored worsteds. Any month in the year is the best of months for a wedding—if the bride chooses it. An Indian summer setting, or a snowed little world as a background, may seem a happier choice than June when all the details of the great event show a reckoning with the season.

In the three hats shown in the illustration prevailing styles in picturesque millinery give the bride a choice for herself or for her maids, that cannot go wrong. Each one of them represents a type recognized as appropriate in any season. The largest hat, with wide, graceful brim, is of light gray velvet faced with pale rose satin. The ever-present metallic touch appears in the lacing of silver cord across the



SKATING SUIT, DESIGNED FOR SERVICE.

Jersey and camel's-hair cloth, are most satisfactory. The sweater goes without saying as the most important feature in the sports outfit, and some of the smartest ones have wide belts, while practically all of them have pockets. Matched sets include sweater, cap, and scarf to match, or sets of hat, scarf and bag, or cap, scarf and muff. The convertible scarf is something new, in a long scarf which may be made into scarf and cap in one.

All sorts of sets are trimmed with heavy yarns and worsteds in contrasting colors.

Fiderown is a familiar material that serves the purpose for making inexpensive sets. In white trimmed with white yarn it makes a cap, scarf and bag for the skates, of much distinction.

crowns and in a heavier cord of silver on the brim. Large, full-blown metallic roses, in pale rose color, harmonize beautifully with the gray velvet and silver cord, for they have a sheen of silver over their color. If the best man, or some other good fellow, is not made captive by those rose-adorned ropes of silver he is a hardened and hopeless bachelor.

Next appears an enticing poke bonnet, covered with olive green velvet. It has a soft puffed crown and a brim cut away at the back. There is a collar of gold ribbon finished with a bow, at the back. On the front a little basket is outlined in gold thread, filled with tiny gay-colored silk flowers, set flat against the collar. A similar model trimmed with narrower ribbon tied



PRETTY HATS FOR BR...

The heavy yarn is used for overcasting seams and edges and for tassels which finish the scarf ends and decorate the cap and bag.

These yarns are used in the same way on hats and bags of silk for sports wear. One of the handsomest novelties is a set of hat and bag of fine silk, lined with gold. Blue and gold yarns overcasts all the seams in the crown of the hat, the bag and the top of the hat and the bottom of the bag with snap fasteners, and may be removed so that the set may be worn either side out. Mustard-colored for look particularly well

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TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION—

AGAINST A SPELL OF INDIGESTION BILIOUSNESS CONSTIPATION COLDS, GRIPPE OR MALARIA

ROSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters

THE FIRST SIGN OF TROUBLE

Not Apropos.
"Jim always manages to say the wrong thing."
"What's he been saying now?"
"When he saw Smith under his nose, which had turned turtle, he laughed and said: 'Well, Jems, this is horse on you.'"

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The Soap to cleanse and purify, the ointment to soothe and heal. These paper-creamy emollients do much to keep the skin clear, fresh and youthful, as well as to keep the hair in a lively, healthy condition and the hands soft and white.

Free sample each by mail with Booklet, address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Food Product They Overlooked.
This year the South is producing the best rice crop in its history, and although all other chief food products enjoy much higher range of values in normal, rice is the exception, falling this season, due to large crop and limited demand, only about on a par with the average of the past ten years.—Vicksburg Herald.

MILLIONS USE RED CROSS.
Millions of good housewives use Red Cross Ball Blue. Each year its sales increase. The old friends use it and so do others. Red Cross Ball Blue will make your old clothes look like new. Ask your grocer.—Adv.

Attar of Roses.

While Bulgarians are fighting so hard it is interesting for women to remember that in that country are raised 20,000 acres of roses from which is celebrated attar of roses is distilled. Only half as much was distilled last year as last, on account of the war, which means of course, that the precious stuff will be much more expensive. Germany makes an attar out of coal tar.

Dr. Pierce's Pellets are best for liver, bowels and stomach. One little Pellet for laxative—three for a cathartic.—Adv.

Studying Patience.

The rich old uncle from whom much was hoped was visiting his niece, who had been telling him how dearly his great-nephew and namesake loved his school and how well he was getting on with his studies.
"Well, Teddy," said the uncle, jovial upon the return of the little boy, "what do you do in school all day?"
Teddy pondered. "Well," he said gravely, "mostly I wait until it's time to go home."

AVOID A DOCTOR'S BILL

At the first of the month by taking a bottle of Mansfield Cough Balm for that hacking, hollow cough. Price 25c and 50c.—Adv.

When marriage is a failure woman gets the worst of it. When it is a success she gets the best of it.

Safety First. At the first sign of a cold take—



The old family remedy—in tablet form—safe, sure, easy to take. No opium—no unpleasant after effects. Cures colds in 24 hours—Grip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. Get the genuine box with Red Top and Mr. Hill's picture on it—25 cents. At Any Drug Store

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A Surprise Dinner.

On last Monday morning about 11 o'clock friends of Mrs. C. E. A. Pollard began to arrive at her home, each carrying a most unusual looking package which they deposited in the dining room. The first arrivals caused no suspicion in the mind of Mrs. Pollard, as she supposed they had only dropped in for a neighborly chat. But as others came, and still others until they numbered sixty seven it was then the heart of Mother Pollard was full to overflowing. "It is sweet," she said, "to be thus remembered by friends and neighbors and surely this is the spirit of Christ that puts these kindly deeds in our minds to gladden the hearts of old people."

Mother Pollard is an old resident of McLean and has a host of relatives and friends who hope she may spend many more glad New Year's days. Needless to add that the dinner was a feast enjoyed by all and after the dinner a few intimate

Haynes Bailey.

On Sunday evening, December 24, 1916, at 7 o'clock at the Heald church occurred the marriage of Miss Mattie Haynes and Mr. Frank J. Bailey. The house had been artistically decorated for the occasion and a large party of invited friends gathered to witness the ceremony.

The brides' maids were Misses Sallie Lou Haynes and Ruth Bailey and were attended by Mr. Henry Bailey and Mr. Leon Waldrup. Mrs. Carrol Sloan of Pampa played the wedding march while the bridal party came in; the ceremony was read in an impressive manner by Rev. R. P. Hamilton. The bride wore a lovely white satin gown with lace and pearl trimmings with a handsome corsage bouquet of white chrysanthemums, while the groom was attired in conventional black.

After the ceremony the happy couple received congratulations and the entire bridal party, the

We Will Bet You Had'nt Thought Of It In Just This Way

Had it ever occurred to you that you had as well try to be a successful physician without attending a medical school, or a successful lawyer without attending a law school, or a successful minister without attending a theological school, as to try to be a successful banker or merchant or business man of any kind without first getting a practical business training? If you wanted to make a first class doctor, lawyer or minister, you would attend a university with a reputation. Why not use the same good judgment in selecting a business school in which to secure your training? The Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, is the business university of the South; it enrolls more students annually than any other school in America.

Its graduates are holding the very best of positions in the United States. If you will spend from \$100 to \$150 for tuition, board and books for a course of Shorthand, Steno-typewriting, or Bookkeeping, or Telegraphy, or Cotton Classing, or Business Administration and Finance, or better still, spend \$175 to \$200 and complete any two of these courses, you will have made the best investment of your life. What young man or woman with grit and determination cannot raise this amount? Hundreds of students who borrowed every cent of their money to attend our school or gave us their note for part of their tuition have found it the best venture of their lives; they were soon able to pay back the borrowed money, or pay off the note, and are holding their good positions.

As an indication of our growth and development we are pleased to note the fact that the local postoffice has been showing a steady increase in volume of business in receipts for the past year or more and it is likely that it will be advanced in class in the near future. Speaking of the holiday business Postmaster Faulkner said:

"I am very much pleased with the showing made in the local office for the year and especially the few days during the holiday rush. Patrons of the office were helpful and considerate and by their assistance and patience we were enabled to handle the large volume of business without any consequent delay and I wish to extend my thanks to them for their help."

As the postoffice is necessarily the barometer of the community's development we shall watch the record of the local office for further signs of growth.

Lyceum Players.

The Lyceum Players, who are at the opera house this week in a series of interesting plays, are attracting big crowds on the merit of their acting. There are nine people in the company, all artists in their line. The plays are all up to date productions and are artistically presented and the specialties between acts are unusually fine. —The Dexter Observer.

The Y. P. C. U. enjoyed an address on Christmas at their meeting of December 24th and on the 31st Mrs. Ragsdale entertained them with a trip through Siberia. Next Sunday the Union meets with Miss Minnie Foster, vice president and Miss Dora Deen will tell a bible story.

Come out to the Picture show Friday and Saturday night. We have some No. one programs and the price is only a dime—10 to all. Your presence will be appreciated.

Misses Julia Foster and Frankie Mae Upham and Rev. Hamilton attended the Fifth Sunday Meeting and Sunday School Convention at Shamrock last Sunday. The next meeting of these organizations will be held in McLean on the Fifth Sunday in April.

Shoe SALE

Beginning Jan. 6th Closing 17th

Windmills
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back geared, center lift windmill, and you will have something that will not only give you satisfaction, but be a constant pleasure as well.

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Phone 42

To My Customers

It is a real pleasure for me to extend to you the Greetings of the Season at this time because you have made it a very happy new year to me. In totaling up my figures after invoicing I find that my business has far exceeded my greatest ambition.

I want to thank each one of you for your liberal patronage during the past year and also for your promptness in settling your accounts. During 1917 I will try harder to fill your wants in the grocery line and assure you no one could appreciate your patronage more than I. Let me show you.

G. R. Bellenger

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Of the financial condition of the American State Bank at McLean, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 25th day of December, 1916, published in the McLean News, a newspaper printed and published at McLean, State of Texas, on the 5th day of January, 1917:

| RESOURCES | |
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| Loans and discounts, personal or collateral | \$93,607 |
| Loans, Demand | 10,000 |
| Overdrafts | 10,000 |
| Bonds and Stocks | 44 |
| Real Estate banking house | 4,700 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 2,900 |
| Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check net | 58,628 |
| Cash items | 28 |
| currency | 8,200 |
| specie | 2,470 |
| Interest in Depositors Guarantee Fund | 1,417 |
| Total | \$182,623 |

| LIABILITIES | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Capital Stock paid in | \$25,000 |
| Surplus Fund | 10,000 |
| Undivided profits, net | 2,000 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 1,300 |
| Time certificates of deposits | 31,844 |
| Cashiers Checks | 131 |
| Total | \$72,275 |

State of Texas }
County of Gray }
I, D. B. Veatch as president, and E. R. Eads as cashier of said bank, do hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
D. B. Veatch, President.
E. R. Eads, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed before me this 14th day of Jan. nineteen hundred and seventeen at the City of McLean, State of Texas, at 10:00 A. M.
A. G. Richardson, Notary Public, Gray County, Texas. (1824)
CORRECT-ATTEST
R. Eakins }
D. B. Veatch }
W. W. Stutz }
Directors

Local Happenings

Items of Interest About
Town and County

Phone me about your butter.
Langley.

Everett of Amarillo was
this week.

E. A. Thompson is driving a
new Buick Six.

Insurance or indemnity bonds
Bentley.

Mrs. F. H. Loter of Bowie was
recent visitor here.

See the Lyceum Players all
next week at the Pastime Thea-
tre.

Dr. J. A. Hall, dentist, of
Hampock is at the O'Dell this
week.

For Sale—Extra good span of
mules. Louis Cooke. 2c.

Mrs. A. J. Love enjoyed a visit
from Misses Maude and An-
ne Smith last week.

Miss Pearl Bryan of Browns
field is visiting her sister, Mrs.
Bee Everett.

Thoroughbred Hereford bulls
for sale. See them in pen at
McLean. Geo Bourland, phone
121. 8p

Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Sloan of
Pampa visited the A. W. Haynes
home last week.

I can handle your butter but
it MUST be in oblong creamy
blocks. Will Langley.

We are glad to report the
Howell children much improved
after a severe illness.

Lost—Automobile top cover,
somewhere between here and
LeFors. Please return to A. G.
Richardson.

All those that pay school tax
will please see me at the Citi-
zens State Bank. T. W. Henry.

Subscription Offer

Our Paper \$1.00
Today's Magazine .50
Woman's World .35
Home Life .25
Better Farming .25
Free Pattern

Regular Price 2.25

Our special price to
you for all five pa-
pers one year Only \$1.25

Poultry

On

Saturday, Jan. 13th

I will load a car of poultry.
Don't forget the date and
bring me all the poultry you
can possibly spare. Will pay
the best price possible.

W. J. Keasler

Under New Management

I have leased the Storage and
Repair Department of the Garden-
hire Garage and will be prepared
to take care of your car troubles

Day or Night

First class repairing—all man-
ner of auto fixtures—you don't have
to wait. Day phone 37, night
phone 134.

Arthur J. Poncelet

This offer will only be good a short time

McLean News

We Sell The

Ford

That reliable little machine that
meets the needs of every auto driver
and at a price that you can afford.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Of the financial condition of the Citizens State Bank at McLean, State of Texas at the close of business on the 27th day Dec. 1916, published in the McLean News, a newspaper printed and published at McLean, State of Texas on the 5th day of Jan. 1917.

RESOURCES:

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| Loans and discounts, personal or collateral | \$86,799.77 |
| Loans, real estate | 631.40 |
| Overdrafts | 4,045.45 |
| Warrants and School Vouchers | 961.30 |
| Real Estate (banking house) | 2,765.00 |
| Other Real Estate | |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 2,886.00 |
| Due from approved reserve agents, net | 41,180.79 |
| Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net | 2,675.78 |
| Cash items | 1,027.83 |
| Currency | 8,155.00 |
| Specie | 1,551.37 |
| Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund | 2,235.23 |
| Other Resources as follows: Assessment Guaranty Fund | 363.12 |
| Cash Collections | 132.81 |
| Internal Revenue Stamps | |
| Total | \$157,430.84 |

LIABILITIES:

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|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Capital Stock paid in | \$17,000.00 |
| Surplus Fund | 3,300.00 |
| Undivided profits, net | 3,455.32 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 165,142.52 |
| Time certificates of deposit | 26,033.00 |
| Demand Certificates of Deposit | 2,500.00 |
| Cashier's Checks | |
| Total | 155,430.84 |

State of Texas } We, J. S. Morse as President and C. C. Hogan asst.
County of Gray } cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement
is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 4th day of Jan. 1917, at 10 o'clock a.m. and seventeen. Witness my hand and notarial seal of said office on the last date aforesaid.
[SEAL] A. G. Richardson, Notary Public, Gray County, Texas

Correct—Attest:
J. S. Morse
W. E. Ballard, M.D.
C. E. Thompson
J. M. Nicol

A good place for sale. Seven acres of good land, good orchard with 103 bearing trees, grapes and black berries and thirty five younger trees. Good well with windmill, six room house with bath room. Barn and other out buildings. Price \$1600.00 See or write R. F. Hamilton, McLean, Texas. 2c

See the opening play "Perishing on the Border" Monday night at the Pastime Theatre.

Hydes, hydes, hydes, Bring me your hides, I will pay you the highest market price. Will Langley.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Boyett left Wednesday for a two week's visit at San Saba and other Texas points.

Misses Gladys and Myrtle Bellenger have returned from a three week's visit at Elmer, Okla.

The Lyceum Players are guaranteed to please you in every way. Come out and give us just one trial—that's enough.

J. B. Lavendar and family have moved to Montoya, N. M.

Miss Edna Morgan of Amarillo spent the holidays with the Richardson family.

The young people enjoyed numerous parties last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Fast, Mrs. Will Hedrick and Miss McCurdy were overland visitors to Amarillo and Canyon last week.

Geo. Weaver and family have moved to their new home near Roswell, N. M.

See "Ashamed of the Old Folks" by Nat Moore and Jane Gail at the Pastime Theatre Friday night.

Mark Husselby and family of Moberlie were visitors at the Bentley and Morse homes the first of the week.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease and in order to cure it you must use internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surface. Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the scientists in this country for years as a regular prescription. It is the best tonic known, combining the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfection of the two ingredients produces such wonderful results. Catarrh. Send for testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Proprietors. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for

A few full blood barrens for sale at \$8 per pair. Also some good cockerels each. R. F. Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. had the pleasure of having of their children at Christmas dinner, the in several years.

Mrs. Easterwood Prock Cunningham visited in Amarillo the They will make their Amarillo.

"The Heart of a Saturday night at the Theatre, featuring and Franklin Farnum

Mrs. J. L. Crabtree Chester, left Saturday well, where the latter the New McLean Institute. Mrs. visit relatives here.

Mrs. Frank had a large party Christmas dinner many other good "baked possun toos."

Mesdames and Will Hedrick the members of the Mesdames' home on this week. time was spent

Mr. and Mrs. are enjoying their daughters, Mrs. week and W. M. lilies.

The TURMOIL

BOOTH TARKINGTON

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Eugenic scientists say like produces like, and that while environment has an influence in the development of a child it does not materially alter inherited temperament. Old Man Sheridan and Mrs. Sheridan lived entirely in the material world. Bibbs, their youngest son, is a dreamer.

CHAPTER I.

There is a midland city in the heart of fair, open country, a dirty and wonderful city nesting dingly in the fog of its own smoke. The stranger must feel the dirt before he feels the wonder, for the dirt will be upon him instantly. At a breeze he must smother his whirlpools of dust, and if he should decline at any time to inhale the smoke he has the meager alternative of suicide.

Not quite so long ago as a generation there was here no heaving, grimy city; there was but a pleasant big town of neighborly people who had understanding of one another.

But there was a spirit abroad in the land, and it was strong here as elsewhere—a spirit that had moved in the depths of the American soil and labored there, sweating, till it stirred the surface, rove the mountains, and emerged, tangible and monstrous, the god of all good American hearts—Bigness. And so the place grew. And it grew strong.

The Sheridan building was the biggest skyscraper; the Sheridan Trust company was the biggest of its kind, and Sheridan himself had been the biggest builder and breaker and truster and buster under the smoke. He had come from a country crossroads, at the beginning of the growth, and he had gone up and down in the booms and relapses of that period; but each time he went down he rebounded a little higher, until finally, after a year of overwork and anxiety—the latter not decreased by a chance, remote but possible, of recuperation from the form of the penitentiary—he found

to "Bibbs" mainly through lack of imagination on his mother's part, for though it was her maiden name, she had no strong affection for it. One day when the sickly boy was nine, he requested with unwonted vehemence to be allowed to exchange names with his older brother, Roscoe Conkling Sheridan, Jr., and upon being refused went down into the cellar and remained there the rest of that day. And the cook, descending toward dusk, reported that he had vanished; but a search revealed that he was in the coal-pile, completely covered and still burrowing. Removed by force and carried upstairs, he maintained a cryptic demeanor, refusing to utter a syllable of explanation, even under the lash. This obvious thing was wholly a mystery to both parents; the mother was nonplused, failed to trace and connect; and the father regarded his son as a stubborn and mysterious fool, an impression not effaced as the years went by.

At twenty-two Bibbs was physically no more than the outer scaffolding of a man, waiting for the building to begin inside—a long-shanked, long-faced, rickety youth, sallow and hollow and haggard, dark-haired and dark-eyed, with a peculiar expression of countenance; indeed, at first sight of Bibbs Sheridan he seemed upon the point of tears. To a slightly longer gaze, not grief, but mirth, was revealed as his emotion; but Bibbs never, on any occasion in his life, either laughed aloud or wept.

He was a "disappointment" to his father. At least that was the parent's word—a confirmed and established word after his first attempt to make a "business man" of the boy. He sent Bibbs to "begin at the bottom and learn from the ground up" in the machine shop of the Sheridan Automatic Pump works, and at the end of six months the family physician sent Bibbs to begin at the bottom and learn from the ground up in a sanitarium.

"You needn't worry, mamma," Sheridan told his wife. "There's nothing the matter with Bibbs except he hates work so much it makes him sick. I get him to the machine shop and I get him to the sanitarium."

"Well," she said briskly, "if something in his mind is so significant, I'll look, Bibbs?" He paused again, taking length of her—trim, pant, rough skirt, coat green, mad little rough mode—all suited to the

"No," he said. "No, no, that was all right." "You can't think how busy we've all been this year, Bibbs. Of course we knew mamma was writing often, and—"

"Of course!" he said, readily. "There's a chunk of coal fallen on your glove, Edith. Better flick it off before it smears. My word! I'd almost forgotten how sooty it is here."

"We've been having very bright weather this month—for us." She blew the flake of soot into the air, seeming relieved.

He looked up at the dingy sky, wherein hung the disconsolate sun like a cold tin pan nailed up in a smoke-house by some lunatic, for a decoration. "Yes," said Bibbs. "It's very gay." A few moments later, as they passed a corner, "Aren't we going home?" he asked. "Your new driver is taking us out of the way, isn't he?"

to men that got all their boys doin' well and worth their salt, why, I have to keep my mind on Jim and Roscoe and forget about Bibbs."

Mrs. Sheridan tossed her head fretfully upon the pillow. "You did the best you could, papa," she said, impatiently, "so come to bed and quit reproachin' yourself for it."

He glared at her indignantly. "Reproachin' myself!" he snorted. "I ain't doin' anything of the kind! What in the name o' goodness would I want to reproach myself for? And it wasn't the 'best I could,' either. It was the best anybody could. I was givin' him a chance to show what was in him and make a man of himself—and here he goes and gets 'nervous dyspepsia' on me!"

He went to the old-fashioned gas fixture, turned out the light, and muttered his way morosely into bed.

"What?" said his wife, crossly, bothered by a subsequent mumbering. "More like hookworm, I said," he explained, speaking louder. "I don't know what to do with him!"

CHAPTER II.

Beginning at the beginning and learning from the ground up was a long course for Bibbs at the sanitarium, with milk and "zwieback" as the basis of instruction; and the months were many and tiresome before he was considered near enough graduation to go for a walk leaning on a nurse and a cane. These and subsequent months saw the planning, the building and the completion of the new house, and it was to that abode of Bigness that Bibbs was brought when the cane, without the nurse, was found sufficient to his support.

Edith met him at the station. "Well, well, Bibbs!" she said, as he came slowly through the gates, the last of all the travelers from that train. "Do you think they ought to 've let you come? You certainly don't look well!"

"But I certainly do look better," he returned, in a voice as slow as his gait; a drawl that was a necessity, for when Bibbs tried to speak quickly he stammered. "Up to about a month ago it took two people to see me. They had to get me in a line between 'em!"

Edith did not turn her eyes directly toward him again, after her first quick glance; and her expression, in spite of the smile she showed, a faint, troubled disapproval, he was nineteen, fair and slim, with a few dark, unequal features, but a certain amount of color and a brilliancy of eye that created a total impression of beauty. There was something sweet, and there was something hard, in his eyes; and there was something in his smile that was hurried and that was keen as a scalpel as they

Edith answered, as his eyes were directed upon an incrustation of enamel at her feet—expensive!"

"No," she laughed. "Do you mean to help you in?"

"I'm alive," said Bibbs, "I haven't had time to do anything but keep on the hop. Mamma couldn't even come to the station today. Papa's got some of his business friends and people from around the old-house

"That isn't for shops," she informed him. "That's a new investment of papa's—the 'Sheridan apartment house'."

"Well, well," he murmured, "I supposed 'Sheridan' was almost as well known here already."

morning," she said, as they began to move rapidly through the "wholesale district" neighboring the station. "Mother said she'd hardly expected you this month."

"They seemed to be through with me up there in the country," he explained, gently. "At least they said they were, and they wouldn't keep me any longer, because so many really sick people wanted to get in. They told me to go home—and I didn't have any place else to go. It'll be all right, Edith; I'll sit in the woodshed until dark every day."

"Pshaw!" She laughed nervously. "I didn't have any place else to go."



"Of course we're all of us glad to have you back."

"Yes," he said. "Father?"

"Of course! Didn't he write and tell you to come home?" She did not turn to him with the question. All the while she rode with her face directly forward.

"No," he said; "father hasn't written."

She flushed a little. "I expect I ought to 've written something, or one of the boys—"

"Oh, no; that was all right."

"You can't think how busy we've all been this year, Bibbs. Of course we knew mamma was writing often, and—"

neighborhood coming in for a big dinner and house warming—dreadful kind of people—but mamma's got it all on her hands. She's never sat down a minute; and if she did, papa would have her up again before—"

"Of course," said Bibbs. "Do you like the new place, Edith?"

"I don't like some of the things father would have in it, but it's the finest house in town, and that ought to be good enough for me! Papa bought one thing I like—a view of the Bay of Naples in oil that's perfectly beautiful; it's the first thing you see as you come in the front hall, and it's eleven feet long. But he would have that old fruit picture we had in the Murphy street house hung up in the new dining room. It's horribly out of date to have those things in dining rooms, and I caught Bobby Lamborn giggling at it; and Sibyl made fun of it, too, with Bobby, and then told papa she agreed with him about its being such a fine thing, and said he did just right to insist on having it where he wanted it. She makes me tired! Sibyl!"

Edith's first constraint with her brother, amounting almost to awkwardness, vanished with this theme, though she still kept her full gaze always to the front, even in the extreme ardor of her denunciation of her sister-in-law.

"Sibyl!" she repeated, with such heat and vigor that the name seemed to strike fire on her lips. "I'd like to know why Roscoe couldn't have married somebody from here that would have done us some good. Instead of this Sibyl Rink! I met some awfully nice people from her town when mamma and I were at Atlantic City, last spring, and not one had ever heard of the Rinks! Not even heard of 'em!"

"I thought you were great friends with Sibyl," Bibbs said.

"Up to the time I found her out!" the sister returned, with continuing vehemence. "I've found out some things about Mrs. Roscoe Sheridan lately—"

"It's only lately?"

"Well—" Edith hesitated, her lips setting primly. "Of course, I always did see that she never cared the snap of her little finger about Roscoe!"

"It seems," said Bibbs, in laconic protest, "that she married him."

The sister emitted a shrill cry, to be interpreted as contemptuous laughter, and, in her emotion, spoke too impulsively. "Why, she'd have married you!"

I found out a lot of things, long before we began to think of building out in this direction. The right people in this town aren't always the society-column ones, and they mix around with outsiders, but they're a clan, just the same; and they have the clan feeling. Most of 'em were here long before papa came, and the grandfathers of the girls of my age knew each other, and—"

"I see," Bibbs interrupted, gravely. "Their ancestors fled together from many a stricken field, and crusaders blood flows in their veins. I always understood the first house was built by an old party of the name of Vertrees, who couldn't get along with Dan'l Boone, and hurried away to these parts because Dan'l wanted him to give back a gun he'd lent him."

Edith gave a little ejaculation of alarm. "You mustn't repeat that story, Bibbs, even if it's true. The Vertrees are the best family, and of course the very oldest here; they were an old family even before Mary Vertrees' great-grandfather came west and founded this settlement. He came from Lynn, Massachusetts, and they have relatives there yet—some of the best people in Lynn!"

"No!" exclaimed Bibbs, incredulously. "And there are other old families like the Vertrees," she went on, not heeding him; "the Lamborns and the Kittersbys and the J. Palmerston Smiths—"

"Strange names to me," he interrupted. "Poor things! None of them have my acquaintance."

"No, that's just it!" she cried. "And papa had never even heard the name of Vertrees! Mrs. Vertrees went with some antisnake committee to see him, and he told her that smoke was what made her husband bring home his wages from the pay roll on Saturday night! He told us about it, and I thought I just couldn't live through the night. I was so ashamed! Mr. Vertrees has always lived on his income, and papa didn't know him, of course. They're the stiffest, most elegant people in the whole town. And to crown it all, papa went and bought the next lot to the old Vertrees country mansion—it's in the very heart of the best new residence district now, and that's where the new house is, right next door to them—and I must say it makes their place look rather shabby! I met Mary Vertrees when I joined the Mission Service Helpers, but she never did any more than just barely bow to me, and since papa's break I doubt if she'll do that! They haven't called."

"And you think if I spread this gossip about Vertrees the First stealing her. "You see, she couldn't have married me, because I didn't know her; and besides, if she's as mercenary as all that, she'd have been too clever. The head doctor even had to lend me the money for my ticket home."

"I didn't mean anything unpleasant about you," Edith babbled. "I only meant I thought she was the kind of a girl who was so simply crazy to marry somebody she'd have married anybody that asked her."

"Yes, yes," said Bibbs; "it's all straight." And, perceiving that his sister's expression was that of a person whose adroitness has set matters perfectly to rights, he chuckled silently. "Roscoe's perfectly lovely to her," she continued, a moment later. "So lovely! If he'd wake up a little, and lay down the law, some day, it's a man, I guess she'd respect him more and learn to behave herself!"

"Behave?"

"Oh, well, I mean she's so insensible," said Edith, characteristically evasive when it came to stating the very point to which she had led, and in this not unique of her sex.

Bibbs contented himself with a non-committal gesture. "Business is crawling up the old streets," he said, his long, tremulous hand indicating a vasty structure in course of erection. "The boarding houses come first, and then the—"

"That isn't for shops," she informed him. "That's a new investment of papa's—the 'Sheridan apartment house'."

"Well, well," he murmured, "I supposed 'Sheridan' was almost as well known here already."

IN THE BACKGROUND OF A GREAT CITY BLACK WITH THE SMOKE AND WITH THE TURMOIL OF MANUFACTURING, MR. TARKINGTON HAS DRAWN THE PORTRAITS OF A MAN AND HIS SON WHO GO OUT BOLDLY AS DISSENTING AMERICAN TYPES AND TELL HIS STORY WHAT IT IS, BUT THE BIGGEST OF TODAY.

How will Edith use Bibbs in her efforts to "get thick" with the aristocratic old families? Do you think Bibbs will be drawn into the "social swim"? TO BE CONTINUED.