

# The McLean News

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## Prices Going Up

On most everything but we are selling coal at the same old prices:

Niggerhead Lump \$8.50  
Niggerhead Nut 8.00  
Dawson 7.25

At the bin

Western Lumber  
Company  
Phone 4

## From Over The Panhandle

L. H. Lyle and Miss Fay Sch, a popular couple of Anrock, were married Saturday evening of last week. The bride's mother is Mrs. Wade of Ramsdell.

Editor Warren of the Clarendon News says: "Don't worry about the mistakes of yesterday. Let your think works, brush your self-respect and avoid making any more today."

The Vega schools will celebrate Arbor Day by planting trees and otherwise beautifying school grounds. Feb. 22nd has been set aside by the State for this purpose.

R. Moreman of Hedley is building two neat four room cottages built for rent houses. The Canadian school building being equipped with modern escapes. The crowded condition of the lower grades of school have resulted in only two days work for each grade. Isaac Isaacs, one of Canadian's

most popular citizens, has given the contract for a modern dwelling house.

Improvements on the streets of Mobeetie are being made which makes the appearance of the town decidedly better.

The Glazier Review reported wheat as selling at a \$1.20 and corn 60 cents per bushel on the streets Thursday.

It is almost certain that Madam Ernestine Schuman-Heink, the most famous contralto in the world, will give a recital at Canyon on April 21st, following the exercises of the dedication of the Normal building.

The case of the State of Texas vs W. G. Sears, charged with killing J. O. Long at Silvertown is on trial at Plainview this week. More than 100 witnesses were summoned.

The big compress at Memphis was destroyed by fire last week. Including the cotton burned the loss was more than \$200,000.

## Is The President's Policy A "Joke?"

Being inevitably interviewed on his return to this forlorn and benighted country, a young American war correspondent, whose time has been chiefly passed reporting the progress backward of the Russian army with all its attendant horrors, says that, abroad, "Wilson's policy is regarded as a joke." Experience with Czars, Grand Dukes and Generals commanding should have taught the gentleman the virtue and courtesy of being respectful, at least, in referring to the President of his own country, but perhaps it is too much to expect that a war correspondent, and especially a youthful one, accustomed to hobnob on terms of intimacy with great—if constantly retreating—military leaders, should consider the head of a Nation at peace as worthy of respect or courtesy.

No doubt Europe considers the President's policy as a joke as the young correspondent says, but what a pity it is that the wise diplomats did not perpetuate a similar one. A joke that would save a Nation from bankrupting itself in men and treasure, that would have preserved to hundreds of thousands of grieving widows, fatherless children their husbands and fathers, would have been a pleasantly immensely appreciated by the common people of Europe.

Yes it is a joke abroad, perhaps; a side-splitting wheeze, no doubt; a thing to sneer at, and snarl about, to make the subject of cartoons, drawn by eminent artists, safe at home and miles away from the trenches. A very humorous thing, indeed; almost funny enough to make one forget the uncountable new-made graves, hurriedly dug and filled to the brim with gallant sons of Germany, England, France, Russia, Austria, Italy, Belgium and Serbia; almost, but not quite, sufficiently amusing to dull the horrible sense of impending doom that hangs like a black pall over Europe, enveloping alike all its warring Nations; threatening, nay, almost inevitably promising to involve all concerned, whether in the end victor or vanquished.

ed, in one universal collapse of bankruptcy, disaster and lasting woe.

What a joke it is, to be sure, this President's policy, which has enabled the United States by keeping out of the contagion of war madness that afflicts the Old World, and has brought it to the verge of insolvency and the brink of utter, hopeless exhaustion, to succor seven million Belgians and three million people of Northern France, and save them from starvation. How ex-cruciatingly funny it is, this same policy, that has refused to take part in the European quarrels which have been brewing their loathsome mess of hate and jealousy for forty years.

It must be a huge joke for the leaders of Europe to contemplate this absurd, this preposterous, policy of the American President, and observe the difference between conditions in their own country, dominated by politics which are nothing to laugh about, and those in the United States where the policy that is a joke has prevailed.

On the other hand these jocular observers may note Nations quivering in their death agonies, struggling, bleeding, gasping; all hope of present or future happiness shrouded in blackness; men maimed for life or lying stark dead in foreign fields; women weeping, children piteously wailing; treasuries empty; assets gone; debts growing like mushrooms over night; villages and towns destroyed; homes forever desolated; murder and arson rampant.

On the other hand, laughing sardonically in full appreciation of the intensity of the joke, they may see across the ocean, country existing under the policy they find so amusing, where a hundred million people live in peace.

There an unprecedented prosperity obtains. The sons of the land are not going forth to slay and maim their fellow creatures but by industry and enterprise are building up their country's resources. The sound of Rachel weeping for her first-born is not heard. Towns and villages are being coerced, not destroyed. Debts are being reduced, not increased.

Better than all no ominous future, fraught with visions of National disaster and disgrace, looms darkly ahead; instead, men look forward hopefully, in the belief that the years to come will be better than those gone by; in the conviction that they and those they love and cherish will be permitted, please God, to live nobler and better lives, at peace with themselves and their neighbors.

Indeed it is a joke, this policy which has kept the United States free from the horrors and calamities of war; a fine, a glorious, satisfying, strengthening joke—but the laugh in it is certainly not at the expense of the United States. If Europe finds it amusing, and can discover something to make merry over at such a time, by all means let her get all the fun out of it possible; her present sources of hilarity are certainly few enough.

The American people, however, those of them that have sense enough to realize what



## Coming Events Cast Their Shadows Before

We are looking for your shadow in the doorway of our store. And there is not a shadow of a chance of your being disappointed if you are looking for real values.

## Erwin Drug Company

Every day is a fresh beginning,  
Every morn is the world made new;  
You who are weary of sorrow and sinning,  
Here is a beautiful hope for you—  
A hope for me and a hope for you.

All the past things are gone and over,  
The tasks are done and the tears are shed,  
Yesterday's errors let yesterday cover;  
Yesterday's wounds, which smarted and bled,  
Are healed with the healing which night has shed.

Yesterday is a part of forever,  
Bound up in the sheath which God holds tight,  
With the glad days and sad days and bad days which never  
Shall visit us more with their bloom or their blight,  
Their fullness of sunshine or sorrowful night.

Let them go since we can not relieve them,  
Can not undo or can not atone;  
God in His mercy receive and forgive them,  
Only the new days are our own—  
Today is ours and today alone.

Here are the skies all burnished brightly,  
Here is the spent earth all reborn;  
Here are the tired limbs springing lightly  
To greet the sun and share with the morn  
In its chrism of dew and cool of the dawn.

Every day is a fresh beginning,  
Listen my soul to the glad refrain,  
And in spite of old sorrow and older sinning,  
And trouble forecasted or possible pain,  
Take heart with the new day and begin again.

—Susan Coolidge.

Sale On

## Over-Shoes

|                                     |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| 4 Buckle over shoes, regular \$2.75 | <b>\$2.00</b> |
| now                                 |               |
| 2 Buckle over shoes, regular \$2.25 | <b>1.50</b>   |
| now                                 |               |
| 1 Buckle over shoes, regular \$1.25 | <b>1.00</b>   |
| now                                 |               |

## McLean Shoe Store

## Service and Solidity The Banking Requisites

The satisfactory bank—the only bank which can be of real benefit to the business public—is that which, while assuring absolute security, is prepared to give expert and courteous service not only to depositors but to the public generally.

The success of the AMERICAN STATE BANK has been built upon this winning combination of Service and Solidity. Your account is solicited.

CAPITAL . . . . . \$25,000.00  
SURPLUS . . . . . \$12,000.00

## American State Bank

(GUARANTY FUND BANK)  
McLean, Texas

D. B. VEATCH, PRESIDENT  
W. H. HOLT, CASHIER  
I. W. SITTER, VICE PRES.  
A. G. RICHARDSON, ASST. CASHIER

A. P. CLARK, Jr. JACOB L. HESS.

DIRECTORS.

INDIVIDUAL WORTH OF STOCKHOLDERS \$1,750,000.00

war really is, and what this most horrible of all wars is doing to Europe, have excellent reason to fall upon their knees every day and devoutly thank God for the maintenance of a policy which may appear as a joke to Europe, but which has saved them from sharing its most terrible fate.

Nor need they feel, when thus giving thanks, that this policy has been maintained at the expense of the National honor, for

nothing is more certain than this: When the story of this upheaval, of its true object, its longfestering genesis and its ruinous conclusion, is written by the impartial historian of the future, the course of this country in refusing, by interested artifice, cunning scheme, sophistry, sentiment or sympathy, to be drawn into it will reflect only the greatest credit upon the integrity, the restraint and the good sense and high repute of its people—The Bellman.

CATARRH IS STAGNATION PERUNA IS INVIGORATION
Catarrh means inflammation. Inflammation is the stagnation of blood—the gorging of the circulation with impure blood.

Over 44 Years
Of service to the public entitles it to a place with you.
It Makes Good
The Peruna Company Columbus, Ohio

Stop That Ache!
Don't worry along with a bad back. Get rid of it. It's a sign you haven't taken care of yourself—haven't had enough air, exercise and sleep.

An Oklahoma Case
Mrs. C. Ford, 43 W. Courtland Ave., Oklahoma City, Okla., says: "Kidney trouble clung to me for years, bringing pains in my back and sides. I could hardly stoop and I had a wful rheumatic twinges in my limbs. Doan's Kidney Pills strengthened my kidneys and rid me of every sign of kidney complaint."

Constipation Vanishes Forever
Prompt Relief—Permanent Cure
CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS never fail. Purely vegetable—act surely but gently on the liver.

BLACK LEG
Losses Surely Prevented
Cutter's Blacking Pills. Long-acted, from inside, prevent, cure, and remove the germ of Black Leg.

Oklahoma Directory
Films Developed
Lee-Huckins
OKLAHOMA CITY FIREPROOF
450 Rooms 300 Baths
Rates: \$1 and upwards

STANDARD ENGRAVING & ARTISTS-DESIGNERS ENGRAVERS
PLATES FOR ALL PRINTING PURPOSES
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.
W. N. U., Oklahoma City, No. 3-1216

OUTLAW REVISITS SCENE OF BATTLE
Tom Jones, Survivor of Doolin-Dalton Gang, Revives His Great Fight.

REFORMED IN PRISON
Finds Town Where Gang Made Headquarters Now Deserted—With One Exception He is Only Survivor of Famous Band.

Ingalls, Okla.—Tom Jones came back to this little town the other day and saw a lot of ghosts. He was a member of the Dalton gang in the old days, and took part in the fight here between 17 deputy United States marshals and six outlaws.

They had been cowboys on ranches in that part of Oklahoma long before the country was opened to settlement. Many of their old-time friends lived in Ingalls and in the surrounding country.

On that day Tom Jones saw Bill Dalton, Bill Doolin, Bitter Creek (George Newcomb), Dynamite Dick (right name unknown) and Tulsa Jack (Bill Blake), all in their prime.



Curbed Their Plunging Horses to Fire More Deliberately.

the edge of the town, his fancy still possibly enabled him to see his desperate companions as they curbed their plunging horses to fire more deliberately at the deputy marshals from whose Winchester's the white smoke was curling in the streets in Ingalls.

Standing on a table Tom Jones had punched a hole in the shingle with his Winchester. The hotel was north-east of the deputies in the streets. Jones had free range. His friends still deny that he killed any of the officers, and this, with his youth, was offered in his behalf at his trial.

Hopes Women Will Adopt This Habit As Well As Men
Glass of hot water each morning helps us look and feel clean, sweet, fresh.

Happy, bright, alert—vigorous and vivacious—a good clear skin; a natural, rosy complexion and freedom from illness are assured only by clean, healthy blood.

Instead of the thousands of sickly anaemic-looking men, women and girls with pasty or muddy complexions; instead of the multitudes of "nerve wrecks," "rundowns," "brain fags" and pessimists we should see a virile, optimistic throng of rosy cheeked people everywhere.

These subject to sick headache, biliousness, nasty breath, rheumatism, colds; and particularly those who have a pallid, sallow complexion and who are constipated very often, are urged to obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from any drug store.

BREAD WITHOUT SALT IS TASTELESS
A medicine chest without Magic Arica Liniment is useless. Best of all liniments for sprains, swellings, bruises, rheumatism and neuralgia.

Ec-Zene Kills Eczema
Let us prove it. Accept no substitute. If your Druggist does not have it, write to Ec-Zene Co., St. Paul, Minn.—Adv.

New Tune Needed
Donald and a little girl friend were not very successful selling Red Cross stamps because they were late comers in a field already canvassed.

"What do you say when you go to the door?" she asked.
"I knock, and when someone comes to the door," replied Donald, "I say, 'Do you want to buy any Red Cross stamps today?'"

ENDS DYSPEPSIA, INDIGESTION, GAS
"Pape's Diapepsin" cures sick, sour stomachs in five minutes—Time It!

"Really does" put bad stomachs in order—"really does" overcome indigestion, dyspepsia, gas, heartburn and sourness in five minutes—that—just that—makes Pape's Diapepsin the largest selling stomach regulator in the world.

There are two chief varieties—Fife and Bluestem. The Fife was the first to be established. It is a little more hardy than the Bluestem and has a slightly harder kernel.

Hard Spring Wheat Origin
Introduced into Northern Great Plains About Middle of Last Century—Two Chief Varieties.

Business Man
Despite his illiteracy, Mose Belt, a leading citizen of an Alabama town, has gathered quite a competency from his whitewashing and calcimining trade.

BENEFITS OF PLOWING
Best Time for Breaking is Late Fall or Early Winter.

in Average Case It is Better to Plow a Little Too Deep Than Too Shallow—Work Must Be Performed With Some Judgment.

In this arid region the best time to do the breaking is in the winter when the ground is not frozen and is reasonably moist for the work.

But what about deep plowing in winter or at any time of the year? In the average case it is certainly better despite what some of the Washington experts told us at the Dry Farming congress to plow a little too deep rather than a little too shallow.

Heading Him Off.
This war is exhausting Europe, and—"It's making me mighty tired, too. Can't you talk about something else?"

A HINT TO WISE WOMEN.
Don't suffer torture when all female troubles will vanish in thin air after using "Femenina." Price 50c and \$1.00.—Adv.

Belgium's Lost Children.
There are so many little children alone in this big world! One day a young Belgian official called my attention to his white hair.

"CASCRET'S" ACT ON LIVER; BOWELS
No sick headache, biliousness, bad taste or constipation by morning.

Get a 10-cent box.
Are you keeping your bowels, liver, and stomach clean, pure and fresh with Cascarets, or merely forcing a passageway every few days with Salts, Cathartic Pills, Castor Oil or Purgative Waters?

A Hot One.
"My wife has been nursing a grouch all the week."
"Been laid up, have you?"

Most Eminent Medical Authorities Endorse It
A New Remedy for Kidney, Bladder and all Uric Acid Troubles

Dr. Eberle and Dr. Braithwaite as well as Dr. Simon—all distinguished Authorities—agree that whatever may be the disease, the urine seldom fails in furnishing us with a clue to the principles upon which it is to be treated.

COULDN'T DO HER WORK
Says Condition Was So Serious Little Daughter Had to Take Charge of Work, But Cardui Helped.

Burbank, Fla.—"About a year and a half ago," writes Mrs. Florence Rogers of this place, "I had got in very bad health. Everything was wrong. I couldn't eat anything that didn't make me suffer."

An acquaintance told me of the great benefit she had received from Cardui. . . . so I thought I would try it inasmuch as I was in so serious a condition. I was so bad off I couldn't do my work.

I began using Cardui, and in about a week I felt much improved. . . . I got better right along, after taking the Cardui, getting better every day. In about two weeks after taking the Cardui, I was able to do all my work except the washing. . . . In a month more, I could do all my work, the washing too.

Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria has an opal weighing 17 ounces, which is valued at \$150,000.

DON'T SNIFFLE!
You can rid yourself of that cold in the head by taking Laxative Quinine Tablets. Price 25c. Also used in cases of La Grippe and for severe headaches. Remember that.—Adv.

For Thrush and Foot Diseases
Antiseptic, Cleansing and Healing
Save Your Stock

HANFORD'S Balsam of Myrrh ALINIMENT
For Galls, Wire Cuts, Lameness, Strains, Bunches, Thrush, Old Sores, Nail Wounds, Foot Rot, Fistula, Bleeding, Etc., Etc. Made Since 1846. Ask Anybody About It. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

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No sick headache, biliousness, bad taste or constipation by morning.

Get a 10-cent box.
Are you keeping your bowels, liver, and stomach clean, pure and fresh with Cascarets, or merely forcing a passageway every few days with Salts, Cathartic Pills, Castor Oil or Purgative Waters?

A Cascaret-to-night will make you feel great by morning. They work while you sleep—never gripe, sicken or cause any inconvenience, and cost only 10 cents a box from your store.

A Hot One.
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"Been laid up, have you?"

Most Eminent Medical Authorities Endorse It
A New Remedy for Kidney, Bladder and all Uric Acid Troubles

GIRLS! GIRLS! TRY IT, BEAUTIFY YOUR HAIR
Make It Thick, Glossy, Wavy, Luxuriant and Remove Dandruff—Real Surprise for You.

Your hair becomes light, wavy, soft, fluffy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and beautiful as a young girl's after a "Danderine hair cleanse."

Besides beautifying the hair at once, Danderine dissolves every particle of dandruff; cleanses, purifies and invigorates the scalp, forever stopping itching and falling hair.

If the wife would practice all her husband preaches there would be fewer grounds for divorce.

ON FIRST SYMPTOMS
use "Renovine" and be cured. Do not wait until the heart organ is beyond repair. "Renovine" is the heart and nerve tonic. Price 50c and \$1.00.—Adv.

For Thrush and Foot Diseases
Antiseptic, Cleansing and Healing
Save Your Stock

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For Galls, Wire Cuts, Lameness, Strains, Bunches, Thrush, Old Sores, Nail Wounds, Foot Rot, Fistula, Bleeding, Etc., Etc. Made Since 1846. Ask Anybody About It. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

ITCH
"Hunt's Cure" is absolutely guaranteed to cure Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, Tetter, or any Skin Disease, or purchase price cheerfully refunded. Sold everywhere for 50c a box, or write, A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

PARKER'S HAIR BALM
A built preparation of purest ingredients to soothe and soothe. For Restoring Color and Beauty to Gray or Faded Hair. 50c and \$1.00 at Druggists.

LOW WINTER FARES
NOW IN EFFECT TO THE SOUTHEAST AND SOUTHWEST
For full information write to or call on FAY THOMPSON DIV. PASS. AGT. OKLAHOMA CITY

Seeds and Plants
Over 100 Acres of Frost Proof Cabbage Plants
of the HIGHEST QUALITY GUARANTEED to give satisfaction. Prices, express collect, \$1.00 per 1,000, etc.

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"HEALTH" THE WATCHWORD

This Really Means, PERFECT DIGESTION AND ASSIMILATION OF FOOD LIVER ACTIVITY BOWEL REGULARITY RICH, RED BLOOD

TRY HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters

How to avoid Operations

These Three Women Tell How They Escaped the Dreadful Ordeal of Surgical Operations.

Hospitals are great and necessary institutions, but they should be the last resort for women who suffer with ills peculiar to their sex.

Marinette, Wis.—"I went to the doctor and he told me I must have an operation for a female trouble, and I hated to have it done as I had been married only a short time.

Detroit, Mich.—"When I first took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I was so run down with female troubles that I could not do anything, and our doctor said I would have to undergo an operation.

Bellevue, Pa.—"I suffered more than tongue can tell with terrible bearing down pains and inflammation. I tried several doctors and they all told me the same story; that I never could get well without an operation and I just dreaded the thought of that.

If you would like special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Med. Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

How to Work It. Bobbs—I wish I could get my wife to come home, but she'll stick till the last dance is over. Dobbs—I'll tell you how to do it. Bobbs—How? Dobbs—Just dance three times in succession with the pretty girl in the bright red dress, and she'll take you home in a hurry.

DO YOU GET UP WITH A LAME BACK? Have You Rheumatism, Kidney, Liver or Bladder Trouble?

Pain or dull ache in the back is often evidence of kidney trouble. It is Nature's timely warning to show you that the track of health is not clear. Danger Signals. If these danger signals are unheeded, more serious results may be expected; kidney trouble in its worst form may steal upon you.

SEEMED TO ACT WITH MALICE

Pitchfork Caught in Fodder-Cutting Machine Inflicted Serious Injuries on New Jersey Farmer.

Eugene Peterson, a well-known farmer and dairyman, was terribly injured in a peculiar accident on his farm near here.

The handle of the pitchfork was twisted from the farmer's hands and, whirling around, struck him in the jaw, breaking the bone on both sides.

Hurled from the wheel with terrific force, the fork struck Peterson and one of the sharp prongs pierced his throat. A farm hand carried him, unconscious, to the farmhouse, where Doctor Husted of Woodstown temporarily dressed his injuries, and he then was rushed to a Philadelphia hospital—Woodstown (N. J.) Dispatch Philadelphia Record.

One woman can be very fond of another—if they are a hundred miles apart.

FARM POULTRY

HOUSE FOR GROWING FOWLS

Structure Should Be of Open Front to Insure Fresh Air and Dryness Through Ventilation.

The house accommodations for the growing birds are very important. The house should, of course, be of the open front type to insure fresh air and dryness through good ventilation.

It is very desirable to have the house large enough and high enough for a man to enter. This will guarantee plenty of air space and make it much more convenient in cleaning or catching the birds.

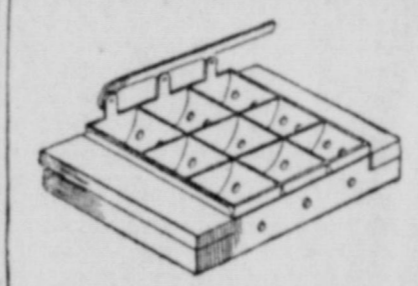
If colony laying houses are used on the farm, these same houses, if portable, can be used for the growing chickens. Or, a good growing colony house could be built 6x8 feet in size with an ordinary shed roof and open front.

TURNING EGGS IN INCUBATOR

Dozen or More Rolled Over at Single Operation by Means of Device Just Recently Invented.

One of the many little tasks which must be looked after with more or less regularity in the hatching of chickens in the incubator, is the turning over of the eggs and upon this depends to a great measure the success of the hatching.

A recent invention provides for the performance of this operation in the



Eggs Turned in Tray.

most approved manner. The eggs all repose in small semi-circular compartments arranged in rows, each row being capable of an oscillating movement so that one turn of a lever at the side of the tray gives all the eggs of the tray a half turn, which is just the required amount of rocking demanded by the little chick in its natural cradle.

RIGHT MARKET FOR POULTRY

During Holiday Season Many Poultrymen Shove Stock Forward, Leaving Their Pens Bare.

The holiday season offers the largest market for all kinds of poultry, but then, too, the supply is also very large, as many poultrymen shove their poultry on to the market then, leaving their pens bare for further selling.

GREEN FEED IS IMPORTANT

Essex Rape or Winter Legumes, or Some Other Vegetable Feed Must Be Given Poultry.

All poultry, to do well, must have green feed and unless they have access to winter rye or other grain, Essex rape or winter-growing legumes or some other vegetable feed must be supplied.

Leaves of clover, alfalfa, soy beans or cowpeas, if soaked and sprinkled with bran or shorts, will make a good substitute. Lacking these, mangos, beets, cabbage or turnips, either shredded fine or hung where the birds can get at them, will help.

Indulgent mothers are those who permit their children to annoy others.

Wash day is smile day if you use Red Cross Ball Blue, American made, therefore the best made. Adv.

A woman will jump to a conclusion almost as quickly as she will at a mouse.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary quinine and can be taken by anyone. 25c.

A woman would have no use for money except for the fact that it will buy almost any old thing she sets her heart on.

IMITATION IS SINCEREST FLATTERY but like counterfeit money the imitation has not the worth of the original. Insist on "La Creole" Hair Dressing—it's the original. Darkens your hair in the natural way, but contains no dye. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

Willing to Try. Mrs. Peck—They've talked over 2,500 miles by wireless. I wonder if you could hear me that far away. Henry? Henry Peck (wistfully)—I wonder!—Judge.

ALWAYS LOOK YOUR BEST

As to Your Hair and Skin by Using Cuticura. Trial Free.

The Soap to cleanse and purify, the Ointment to soothe and heal. These fragrant, super-creamy emollients preserve the natural purity and beauty of the skin under conditions which, if neglected, tend to produce a state of irritation and disfigurement.

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

Proved. "One-eyed" Winston was a negro preacher in Virginia, and his ideas of theology and human nature were often very original.

"Winston, I understand you believe every woman has seven devils. Now, how can you prove it?"

"Well, sah, did you eber read in de Bible how de seben debbels were cast outter Mary Magdalene?"

"Oh, yes, I've heard of that."

"Did you eber hear of 'em being cast outter any other woman, sah?"

"No, I never did."

"Well, den, de udders still got 'em yet."

Surely Not the Old Crowd. "Ah, my boy," said the millionaire, "I hear that you are going the pace that kills."

"Pshaw! Don't believe everything you hear, dad," answered the gilded youth. "I've been told that my escapades are nothing as compared to yours when you were a young man."

"Ahem! That's absurd. I—er—Who have you been running with, anyhow?"

Best Place. "I want my advertisement put next to pure reading matter."

"All right; we'll put it right next to the most sensational murder on the page."

People who pay compliments never wait for the bill collector to call.

CALOMEL MAKES YOU SICK, UGH! IT'S MERCURY AND SALIVATES

Straighten Up! Don't Lose a Day's Work! Clean Your Sluggish Liver and Bowels With "Dodson's Liver Tone."

Ugh! Calomel makes you sick. Take a dose of the vile, dangerous drug to-night and tomorrow you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with sour bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store or dealer and get a 50-cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful tonight and if it doesn't

straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous by morning I want you to go back to the store and get your money.

Remember This, Fellows. One may forgive foolishness, but that doesn't overcome the annoyance it imposes.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Important to Mothers. Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Fletcher.

Enforcement. "Peace on earth" is my motto. "It's a good motto. But good mottoes are as hard to enforce as good laws."

Precocious. "What would your mother say if she saw you doing that, little boy?" "How's any man going to tell in advance what a woman's going to say?"

Pure Fiction. "There is no romance left in this prosaic age." "No? Did you never hear Simkins tell how popular he is with the ladies?"

Object Matrimony. "So you don't believe in advertising, eh?" scornfully remarked the up-to-date business man. "No, I don't," insisted his sad-eyed neighbor. "I got my wife that way."

Not His Fault. "How long did you work in your last place?" "Three months."

"Only three months! Then you were not able to hold down your job?" "No, sir."

"I thought as much."

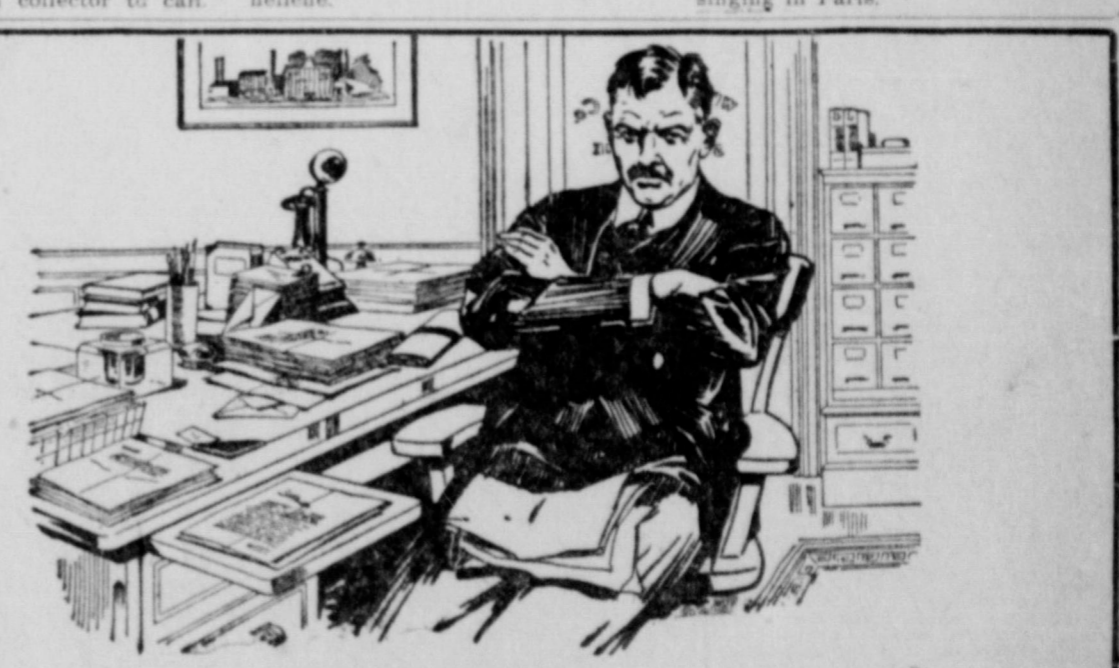
"I was working in a powder mill. Several tons of powder exploded under my job."

War Spares the De Reszkes. Jean de Reszke has written to a friend in this city he has news from his native Poland to the effect that his properties have not suffered very much from the war and in their province complete calm reigns.

He says that while his brother Edouard has suffered from rheumatism he is now beginning to mend. He also wishes to thank his American friends for their interest and sympathy, and adds that he has resumed his teaching of singing in Paris.

Lord Byron an Idol in Greece. There is at least one Englishman for whom Greek affection has never wavered—Lord Byron. Not only is he commemorated in Greece by statues and street names, but his portrait is to be found everywhere, even in the most unlikely places.

W. Miller, in his "Greek Life in Town and Country," tells how he came upon a portrait of the poet in a provincial restaurant. The moment he took notice of it the proprietor, a stout, prosaic looking man, whom no one would have suspected of sentiment, stepped toward the picture, clasped his hands in pathetic gesture, and with a far-away look in his eyes, stood for a time in rapt admiration of the great Philhellene.



Swamped

When a man's efficiency is on the decline—when after a long day of effort the mass of work still stares him in the face—it's time to find out what's wrong.

Frequently a lack of certain necessary nutritive elements, in the daily diet, lessens mental and physical activity. A prime factor in efficiency is right feeding.

No food supplies, in such splendid proportion, all the rich nourishment of the field grains, for keeping the mental and physical forces upbuilt and in trim, as

Grape-Nuts

Made of whole wheat and malted barley, this famous pure food supplies the vital mineral salts, often lacking in the ordinary daily diet, but imperative in building sturdy mental, physical and nervous energy.

Then, too, there's a wonderful return of power for the small effort required in the digestion of Grape-Nuts, which, with cream or good milk, supplies nourishment.

"There's a Reason" for Grape-Nuts Sold by Grocers everywhere

IT, HAIR y, Luxur Real r at once, article of and invigilng tob- most will when you -fine and ally new scalp. It and lose bottle of any store e all her d be few- dS l. Do not is beyond heart and .00.—Adv. it is to be 100 in the ar Stock S rrrh c. Anybody about it .00 WHITE ford Mfg. Co. USE N. Y. H guaranteed rms, Tetter- chase price everywert B. Richards ss. R'S LGAM of worth -distastom Color and Faded Hair. Preserva. RES THE ST ST p or call on BOMA CITY nts Plants WANTED in Dec. \$100 per an. Varieties. 5, Early Spring. ty. (Crown) quan \$50 per up price, from season. S. C. orse It Troubles timentation ibly which e powerful e need from lering from beams. am. put up by for in (Pre- worst) Dr. Discovery favorably years and e remedies e. Pteron's liver and able of any writing Dr. trial page

# Groceries

We are striving to carry at all times a complete line of fresh groceries, and we believe you can find practically everything in this line you need at our store.

Have just received a big shipment of

Spuds  
Sweet Pickles  
Sour Pickles  
Cabbage, etc.

Phone us your wants. Our motto is "Better treatment and Better prices."

## Haynes Grocery Company

FARMERS located in the territory of the Fort Worth & Denver City and Wichita Valley Railways constitute a vast proportion of those who are out of debt, possess an abundance of all that is necessary to comfort and easy hours, and own bank accounts.

Those who are so fortunate should profit by past experiences and recognize that these conditions are only possible in North-west Texas, for the reason that other sections do not offer equally high-class lands at as low prices and that the agricultural and stock farm possibilities of this section are equal to, and in some respects better than considerably higher priced property located elsewhere.

Many excellent opportunities are still open in territory mentioned for those possessing but little money, but prompt investigation and quick action is advisable as against the activities of speculators who are purchasing with a knowledge of later opportunities to sell to others at greatly increased prices.

For information as to fares, train service, etc., address,

W. F. Sterley, General Freight & Passenger Agent, Fort Worth, Texas.

### A TEXAS WONDER



THE Texas Wonder cross 25000 and 100000 lbs. weight, fine, true gravel, extra 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. Good for leucorrhoea, from 10 to 20 and other cases. Dr. E. W. Hall, 208 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

C. E. Francis is recovering from having broken one bone in his leg the 21st. of January.

## Big Dinner Monday, February 7th

Under The Auspices of the Ladies Aid  
Presbyterian Church  
**25 Cents**  
Cook Building

## The Play Is Success

The play, "The Colone's Maid" rendered by the pupils of the high school at the School Auditorium Friday night of last week has been the subject of complimentary comment than any former attempt by local talent. The play was especially well chosen as to merit and each individual part was enacted in a manner that would become professionals.

The fact that some taking part were more generally applauded than others was due entirely to the fact that the parts represented by them were richer in possibilities, for it is conceded that the entire cast did themselves proud in their portrayal of the various members of the family and guests at the home of Col. Rudd, a wealthy bachelor with a very explosive temper and very kind and generous heart.

The proceeds which were curtailed to a considerable extent on account of the very disagreeable weather, was turned over to the Mother's Club for use in their work.

Prof. and Mrs. Potts, as well as the young ladies and gentlemen taking part in the performance, are to be congratulated upon the splendid success they attained and those who attended are hopeful of another such event in the near future.

### Woman's Auxiliary Notes.

On Tuesday afternoon the members of the Bible Study class enjoyed another interesting lesson in the Acts of the Apostles with Mrs. Cousins as teacher. Besides the members of the class we were pleased to have with us Mesdames Dorsey and Holt and to see again Mrs. Jackson in her accustomed place.

Thoughts from the bible study class.

God is slowly and surely carrying out a great plan for the betterment of man. Any small contribution you may be able to make today to the accomplishment of this plan will not be lost for lack of oversight.

The Lord of the enterprise is He who had the fragments gathered up that nothing be lost. (John 6:12) One needs often to put this question to himself: Do I desire to appear to be better than I am willing to take the pains to become?

God is steadily present in the life of the world. He is kindling high aspirations in the hearts of responsive men today as readily as he kindled them in the hearts of Peter and Paul.

Are we open to new truth from any quarter? Can we recognize truth even when advocated by those whom we dislike? Or against whom we are prejudiced?

Christianity is more than a scheme for saving an individual soul. It is a great movement inspired by Jesus Christ with which men are called to identify themselves.

It requires fully as much of the Holy Spirit's presence to do business fairly as it does to preach the gospel effectively from the pulpit.

We bring you good tidings (Acts 13:32). When you speak to a man about becoming a christian you are bringing good news to him. You have no need to apologize for speaking to him. You are opening up before him the greatest opportunity that can confront a human being.

Supt. Publicity.

For Sale—a good 12 year old 15 hands high work mule for sale or trade. Also thoroughbred white leghorn chickens. A. E. Gething, phone 66 +44.

Miss Ola and little Miss Valley Turner left Monday for a few days visit with their sister, Mrs. Lydie Absher of Erick.

## Wolfe For County Judge

We are pleased to announce to the public the name of T. M. Wolfe as a candidate for the office of County Judge, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries in July. Judge Wolfe, as he is familiarly known, served in this capacity for several terms and that he made a careful and efficient judge has been generally conceded. For the past four years he has been engaged in other work.

He asks the consideration of his candidacy by every voter in county and earnestly solicits the support and influence of his many friends, promising that, if elected, he will use his every effort to fill the office in a competent and impartial manner.

### Notice To The Public.

On account of the dissolution of the co-partnership heretofore existing between W. B. Upham and C. S. Rice, under the name of McLean Hardware Co., all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the said firm are hereby requested to call and make settlement of their account, as we desire to balance up the affairs of the old firm.

Respectfully,  
W. B. Upham.  
C. S. Rice.

### Posted.

All parties are hereby warned that hunting or otherwise trespassing on my place four miles north of McLean is absolutely prohibited and all violators will be prosecuted.

J. O. Phillips.

Anything cleaned, pressed, washed and ironed at the Tailor Shop.

## The O'dell Changes Hands

Peter J. Barnes and family, who have been here for the past several months conducting the O'Dell hotel, left the first of the week for their former home in Nebraska. These splendid people made many warm friends during their stay among us who will regret to learn of their departure and who wish for them continued prosperity and happiness in their new surroundings.

The hotel is once more under the personal management of Mr. O'Dell, whose characteristic energy and push will be felt in the administration of its affairs.

Fresh fruits, candies and nuts at Earp's confectionery.

### Notice.

I have opened up a tailor shop in Mr. Beal's drygoods store. I am an experienced hand in cleaning, pressing and altering. Ladies work a specialty. Suits called for and delivered. We are the doctors—no cure no pay. I guarantee my work.

Will have in a big lot of spring samples in a few days. I represent the leading tailors. We please the hardest to please.

I will appreciate all the business you give me. Western Tailoring Company for those who care.

C. W. Haynes.

For Sale—My place of 40 acres 7 miles N. E. of McLean, well improved. 4 room house, well, windmill, barn, sheds and out houses, 2 acres orchard, berry patch, etc. \$1400 cash. For terms address W. B. Skaggs, 1303 1/2 Lamar Street, Wichita Falls, Texas. 3p

Fresh fish and oysters Friday and Saturday at the Star Restaurant.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to make the following announcements subject to the Democratic primary in July

### FOR SHERIFF:

W. S. COPELAND  
C. L. UPHAM

### FOR TAX ASSESSOR:

A. H. DOUCETTE

### FOR CLERK:

R. E. DORSEY

### FOR REPRESENTATIVE:

C. W. TURMAN

## Mrs. E. A. Smith Trained Nurse

Erick Oklahoma

## Money To Loan

Our Company has plenty of money for quick loans on farms and ranches in Gray and surrounding counties.

If you are thinking of getting a loan write, phone or come to us. We will take pleasure in serving you and will give your business our prompt attention.

R. B. Bonner,  
Shamrock, Texas

### Money To Loan.

I am prepared to make loans on farms and other unincumbered real estate.

See or phone me if you need a loan.

D. N. Massay.

### Car of Cake.

About the middle of next week I will have a car of cake on the track and can sell it for \$35. per ton at the car.

Geo. Weaver.

# ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce to our friends and customers of two years ago, as well as the public, that we have leased the S. O. Cook building formerly occupied by the Overton Hardware Co., which is now being remodeled throughout and on or about

## February 15th

We will open our doors ready for business with a

## New Stock Of Dry Goods

and such lines that go to make up a

## First Class Dry Goods Store

We shall at all times strive to please you and invite an inspection of our stock when open. Remember we are bringing to McLean a stock of

New, Clean and Fresh Dry Goods Direct From The Market

Yours truly,

# R. A. THOMPSON

# Local Happenings

Items of Interest About Town and County

L. S. Stockton is a new reader of the News.

Have you tried the hot cakes and tamales at Carver's?

A. P. Clark has our thanks for a subscription renewal.

Give us a trial. Star Restaurant.

Rev. J. T. Howell will preach at the Gracey School house next Sunday afternoon, Feb. 6th.

Miss Violet Kendrick has been a guest in the Watkins home this week.

Miss Floy Glass of Alanreed spent the week end with her parents.

Just received a new line of team harness. Call and inspect them. C. S. Rice.

T. J. Coffey has been in the eastern markets this week selecting his new spring goods.

For Sale—Two room house. See R. F. Harris. 2p.

Wilson H. Gray has the thanks of the News for subscription favors this week.

We cannot charge any goods. We sell for cash. McLean Shoe Store.

Friends will be pleased to learn that Mrs. S. B. Fast is recuperating after her severe illness.

See us for farm and ranch loans, 5 and 10 years' time, low rate of interest, no red tape, get the money without delay. Hooper & Roach, Groom, Texas.

First shipment of shepherd checks skirts at \$1.50 each. Coffey's.

Mantles and globes for Aladdin lamps. C. S. Rice.

Miss Ruby Cook was down from Groom Sunday for a visit with her parents.

Joe Allison left yesterday for Silver City, N. M.

Wanted—A few music pupils on violin or piano. Terms reasonable. Mrs. J. S. Denson. 2c

Josh Turner visited his brother, Bil and family, at Laketon, the latter part of last week.

Fresh fish and oysters every Saturday and Monday at Carver's

A. P. Rippey has the thanks of the News for subscription favors this week.

D. J. Rowden has renewed for the News and Dallas News for which he has our thanks.

5 Reels tomorrow night. The Outlaw's Revenge and a good Keystone Comedy.

Welch Bros. have recently had their name added to our subscription list.

Mrs. J. T. Brewer has recently renewed her subscription to the News and Semi Weekly.

Middy blouse suits for small girls—the very latest things. At Coffey's.

R. A. Thompson left Tuesday for St. Louis where he will purchase his big stock of drygoods.

For P. & O. Implements see C. S. Rice.

Miss Lena Nunn, who is teaching school in Oklahoma, spent the latter part of last week with home folks.

New line of childrens gingham dresses ask to see them. Coffey's.

For a clean, comfortable shave get a Barnsley "Never hone" razor from C. S. Rice. They are guaranteed.

Dr. J. A. Hall, Dentist, will be in McLean Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 10, 11 and 12, to do dental work.

C. W. Haynes of Hamlin, Texas, arrived here the first of the week and has opened up a first class cleaning and pressing shop.

The Cyclone District School started again Monday the 23rd with 36 pupils enrolled and Mrs. Isabel Petty as teacher.

Just opened up the spring's first showing of middy blouses also suit blouses. Coffey's

Mrs. F. M. Faulkner was called to New Castle, Texas, the latter part of last week on account of illness in her family.

For Sale—Good work mule and four year old horse for cash or good notes. See R. N. Ashby. 2c

Those who earlier in the season, feared a scarcity of real winter weather have had their fears definitely allayed.

Strayed—Black Sow, weighing about 125 pounds. Please notify T. L. Toler if you find her. 2c

Mrs. J. T. Colebank arrived the latter part of last week from San Antonio for a visit with her son, Geo. Colebank.

Spring goods arriving daily let us show you. Coffey.

The freezing rain and fog of last Friday night considerably damaged telephone and telegraph wires in this vicinity.

J. O. Clark has recently leased the Wave Coates place northeast of town and will move there in a few weeks.

We are running a first class eating house and will appreciate a share of your trade. Star Restaurant.

Mrs. A. L. Freeman of San Jon, N. M., is in the city for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cash.

T. J. D'Spain of the Mobeetic country, formerly a citizen of McLean, was a pleasant visitor in the city the first of the week.

J. H. Chambers and family have moved to their recently acquired ranch in the Gracey neighborhood.

A constant string of wagons are seen on every road leading into McLean these days and they are bringing to market the biggest grain crop ever produced in this section.

For Sale—Five good work mules. Also seed oats 50 cents a bushel and Sudan grass seed at 25 cents a pound. R. S. Jordan. 2c

**Catarrah Cannot Be Cured**  
with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrah is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrah Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surface. Hall's Catarrah Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best known ingredients, combined with the most blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surface. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrah. Read for testimonials, free. J. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Contracts have been let for the rebuilding of the business houses recently destroyed by fire at Groom and work has already commenced.

Our clubbing offer is still in effect. If you have forgotten aught it phone us. Four monthly magazines and the News one year for \$1.25.

Each Saturday I expect to sell meat at reduced prices. I can make you a good price on several pounds. Ask me. Carver's.

Miss Ethel McCurdy was a visitor to Oklahoma City the first of the week to attend the piano recital given by Ignace Paderewsky, the world famous pianist.

The Outlaw's Revenge, one of the best pictures ever produced will be seen at the Electric Theatre tomorrow (Saturday) night.

Mrs. A. B. Gardenhire and daughter, Miss Maude left Sunday afternoon for Elk City, and Oklahoma City, where they will visit with relatives and friends. Miss Maude will enter Hill's Business College for the winter.

R. S. Thompson arrived in the city Saturday night to complete his arrangements for the opening of a dry goods and clothing store in the S. O. Cook building. Mrs. Thompson and little son are expected the first of the week.

N. J. Miller has purchased the Haynes place in the north part of town from D. N. Massay. The place consists of five acres, four room house and the prettiest grove of trees in town.

Rev. R. F. Hamilton enjoyed a visit from his nephew, Earl Harwell, last week. The young man was enroute to his home in Loco, Okla., from San Diego, Cal., where he had been attending school.

Billie Biggers, principal of the Groom schools, was visiting with his mother here Sunday. He says the people of Groom are not in the least perturbed by their recent disastrous fire but are making arrangements to rebuild on a much larger scale.

Leave your washing at the Tailor Shop.

# COAL

A Car Of

## Niggerhead Coal

In Transit

Don't use any other. It saves oil and kindling, and sometimes the use of profane language.  
Niggerhead Lump means a good warm fire.  
Niggerhead Nut means a good quick meal and a wife always in a good humor and that's the thing  
Watch and get a ton from our car

**Cicero Smith**  
**Lumber Company**  
Phone 3

**B. Y. P. U.**  
Subject, That Life of Yours.  
Song.  
Prayer.  
Leader—Ernest Jordan.  
James 4:13-26—Leader.  
Luke 12:13-21—Comment by Bessie Christian.  
Spiritual quality—Horace Dean.  
Soul Responsibility—Maggie Jordan.  
Soul Possibility—Frankie May Upham.  
Quartet—Julia Foster, Alma Nunn, Buford Nunn and Homer Wilson.  
Your life tested by its qualities—Minnie Foster.  
Uncertainty of life—Winnie Floyd.  
An assuring word—Gaynelle Wilson.  
Prayer.  
Everyone is invited to attend especially the parents.  
Senior League Program.

**Announcement.**  
Fred O'Dell wishes to announce that he has again taken the active management of the O'Dell Hotel and is arranging with all possible haste to re-establish the institution in a thorough manner and will use his every resource to make of it a hostelry second to none in the Southwest from point of service as well as cuisine. Many new features designed to add to its comfort and elegance will be added and Mr. O'Dell says that it is his intention to make it as "homey" as possible for both young and old. In connection with the hotel will be a first class cafe, open to the public at all reasonable hours and equipped to serve anything in season. You will be cordially welcomed at the O'Dell.  
Middy blouses from 75 cents to \$3.00 at Coffey's.

**Wanted—Hogs and Cattle.**  
I am now ready to buy fat hogs and cattle. If you have anything in this line see me before selling elsewhere.  
Fred O'Dell.  
A good customer came into our store the other day and explained to us that we could never sell his wife another sack of flour. We naturally wanted to know why—as any merchant would—He says "she can't keep bread there hot or cold. The reason it was the Belle of Wichita. A new car just unloaded—another one on the road in a few days.  
Bundy-Hodges Merchantile Co.  
For Sale—I mile south of Alanreed, Texas, Soudan Grass seed, absolutely free from foreign seeds, at 15 cents per pound. If as much as a 100 pounds are taken, 10 cents per pound. Also fine seed oats, 50 cents per bushel at barn. Terms cash. Come quick while they last. S. H. Kennedy, box 30. 2c

**Telephone Subscribers Notice.**  
All those indebted to me will please settle at once. I have some obligations to meet and need the money.  
Don't put it off—do it now.  
Jno. W. Kibler.  
New spring Middies and waists just in at Coffey's.

# FIRST SATURDAY Specials

On Saturday and Monday, February 5th and 7th

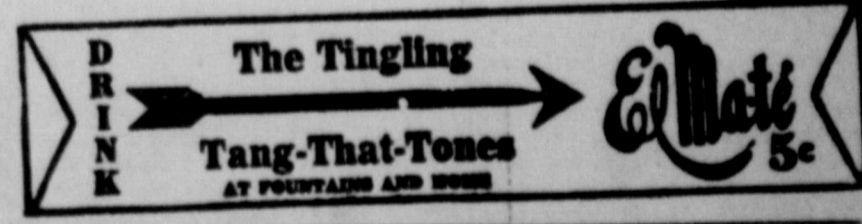
I will make a special price on Imported Gold Band Dishes. Read these prices.

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Breakfast plates, regular price \$1.15 | <b>65</b> cts. |
| This Sale                              |                |
| Dinner Plates, regular price \$1.25    | <b>75</b> cts. |
| This Sale                              |                |
| Soup Plates, regular \$1.15            | <b>65</b> cts. |
| This Sale                              |                |
| Cups and Saucers regular \$1.25        | <b>75</b> cts. |
| This Sale                              |                |
| Casseroles, regular \$1.35             | <b>85</b> cts. |
| This Sale                              |                |
| Sugar Bowls, regular \$ .65            | <b>40</b> cts. |
| This Sale                              |                |
| Cream Pitchers, regular \$ .35         | <b>20</b> cts. |
| This Sale                              |                |
| Butter Bowls, regular \$ .90           | <b>55</b> cts. |
| This Sale                              |                |
| Small Bowls, regular \$ .30            | <b>20</b> cts. |
| This Sale                              |                |
| Medium Bowls, regular \$ .40           | <b>25</b> cts. |
| This Sale                              |                |
| Oat Meal sets, regular \$ .50          | <b>30</b> cts. |
| This Sale                              |                |
| Large Platter, \$1.25                  | <b>75</b> cts. |
| This Sale                              |                |
| Medium Platters, regular \$ .75        | <b>40</b> cts. |
| This Sale                              |                |

Also have an assortment of platters and bakers at less than cost. Call and inspect them whether you want to buy or not.

# C. S. RICE

"First Monday" Specials



**D. N. Massay**  
Dealer in Real Estate and Rental  
A List of Your Property Sold  
**McLean** **Te.**

# The PRICE

By FRANCIS LYNDE

ILLUSTRATIONS by C.D. RHODES

### SYNOPSIS.

Kenneth Griswold, an unsuccessful writer, because of socialistic tendencies, holds up Andrew Galbraith, president of the Bayou State Security, in the president's private office and escapes with \$100,000 in cash. By original methods he escapes the hue and cry and goes aboard the Belle Julie as a deckhand. He unexpectedly confronts Charlotte Farnham of Wahaska, Minn., who had seen him cash Galbraith's check in the bank. Charlotte recognizes Griswold, and decides to denounce him. She sees the brutal mate rescued from drowning by Griswold. She talks to Griswold and by his advice sends a letter of betrayal to Galbraith anonymously. Griswold is arrested on the arrival of the boat at St. Louis, but escapes from his captors. He decides on Wahaska, Minn., as a hiding place, and after outfitting himself properly, takes the train. Margery Grierson, daughter of Jasper Grierson, the financial magnate of Wahaska, starts a campaign for social recognition by the "old families" of the town. Griswold falls ill on the sleeper and is cared for and taken to her home in Wahaska by Margery, who finds the stolen money in his suitcase. Broffin, detective, takes the trail. Margery asks her father to get Edward Raymer into financial hot water and then help him out of it.

### CHAPTER XI—Continued.

"He ain't the man to go to his womenfolks when he gets into hot water. He'll keep it to himself; and they'll go on bluffing you, same as ever."

Miss Grierson pulled on her gauntlets and made ready to go, leisurely, as befitted her pose.

"That is where you are mistaken," she objected, coolly. "It isn't very often I can give you a business tip, but this is one of the times when I can. When John Raymer died, he left an undivided half of his estate to his wife, the other half to be shared equally by the children. At the present moment every dollar the entire family has is invested in the iron plant. You will let Mr. Raymer get himself into hot water, as you call it, and then, when I say the word, you'll reach in and pull him out."

When she was gone, the president selected another of the overgrown cigars from a box in the desk drawer, lighted it, and tilted back in the big armchair to envelop himself in a cloud of smoke. It was his single expensive habit—the never-empty box of Broddingnagian cigars in the drawer—and



"That's Where You Are Mistaken," She Objected Coolly.

the indulgence helped him to push the Yellow Dog period into a remoter past.

After a time the smoke cloud became articulate, rumbling forth chucklings and Elizabethan oaths, mingling with musings idiosyncratic and profane. "By gad, I believe she thought she was fooling me—I do, for a fact! But it's too thin. Of course, she wants to make the women kowtow, but that ain't all there is to it—not by a jugful. But it's all right; she plays her own hand, and she's bully good and able to play it. If she's after Raymer's scalp, he might as well get ready to wear a wig, right now. I'll back her to win, every time."

Accordingly, when Mr. Edward Raymer came out of the president's room at the Farmers' and Merchants' bank the following morning, he was treading upon air. For in his mind's eye there was a fair picture of a great and successful industry to be built upon the substantial extension of credit promised by the capitalist whose presence chamber he had just quitted.

### CHAPTER XII.

"The paths crossed—and I am your poor debtor," he finished. "I can never hope to repay you and your father for what you have done."

"Oh, yes you can," she asserted lightly. "You can pass it along to the man farther down. Forget it, and tell me what you want to know about Wahaska."

### CHAPTER XIII.

"The Convalescent." After a few more days in the Morris chair—days during which he was idly contented when Margery was with him, and vaguely dissatisfied

forehead. When complete consciousness returned, the dream impression was still so sharply defined that he was not surprised to find that he was not surprised to find her standing at his bedside.

Before he could frame any of the queries which came thronging to the door of the returned consciousness, she smiled and shook her head and forbade him.

Later in the day the doctor came; and when the professional requirements were satisfied, Griswold learned the bare facts of his succoring. It was characteristic of the Griswold of other days that the immense obligation under which the Griersons had placed him made him gasp and perspire afresh.

Griswold looked long and earnestly at the face of his professional adviser. It was a good face, clearly lined, benevolent, and, above all, trustworthy.

"Tell me one thing more, doctor, if you can. What was the motive? Was it just heavenly good-heartedness—or—"

The doctor's smile was the least possible shade wintry.

"When you have lived a few years longer in this world of ours, you will not probe too deeply into motives; you will take the deed as the sufficient exponent of the prompting behind it. If I say so much, you will understand that I am not impugnig Miss Grierson's motives. There are times when she is the good angel of everybody in sight, Mr.—"

The pause after the courtesy title was significant, and Griswold filled it promptly. "Griswold—Kenneth Griswold. Do you mean to say that you haven't known my name, doctor?"

"We have not. We took the Good Samaritan's privilege and ransacked your belongings—Miss Margery and I—thinking there might be relatives or friends who should be notified."

"And you found nothing?" queried the sick man, a cold fear gripping at his heart.

"Nothing but clothing and your toilet tools, a pistol, and a typewritten book manuscript bearing no signature."

Griswold turned his face away and shut his eyes. Once more his stake in the game of life was gone.

"There was another package—of papers in one of the grips," he said, faintly; "quite a large package wrapped in brown paper."

"We found nothing but the manuscript. Could anyone else make use of the papers you speak of?"

Griswold was too feeble to prevaricate successfully.

"There was money in the package," he said, leaving the physician to infer what he pleased.

"Ah; then you were robbed. It's a pity we didn't know it at the time. It is pretty late to begin looking for the thief now, I'm afraid."

"Quite too late," said Griswold monotonously.

It was not until after the doctor had gone that Griswold was able to face the new misfortune with anything like a sober measure of equanimity. With or without money, he must relieve the Griersons of their self-assumed burden at the earliest possible moment.

This was the thought with which he sank into the first natural sleep of convalescence. But during the days which followed, Margery was able to modify it without dulling the keen edge of his obligation. What perfect hospitality could do was done, without ostentation, with the exact degree of spontaneity which made it appear as a service rendered to a kinsman. It was one of the gifts of the daughter of men to be able to ignore all the middle distances between an introduction and a friendship; and by the time Griswold was strong enough to let the big, gentle Swede plant him in a Morris chair in the sun-warmed bay window, the friendship was a fact accomplished.

"Do you know, you're the most wonderful person I have ever known!" he said to Margery, on the first of the sunning days when she had come to perch in the window seat opposite his chair. "Do you believe in destiny?"

She nodded brightly. "Sometimes I do; when it brings things out the way I want them to come out."

"I've often wondered," he went on musingly. "Think of it—somewhere back in the past you took the first step in the path which was to lead you to that late supper in the Chouteau. Somewhere in my past I took the first step in the crooked trail that was to lead me there."

"Well!" she encouraged.

"The paths crossed—and I am your poor debtor," he finished. "I can never hope to repay you and your father for what you have done."

"Oh, yes you can," she asserted lightly. "You can pass it along to the man farther down. Forget it, and tell me what you want to know about Wahaska."

"First, I'd like to know my doctor's name."

He is Wahaska's best-beloved "Doctor Bertie"; otherwise Doctor Herbert C. Farnham.

"Doctor Farnham? — not Miss Char—" He bit the name in two in the middle, but the mischief was done.

"Yes; Charlotte's father," was the calm reply. Then: "Where did you meet Miss Farnham?"

"I haven't met her," he protested instantly; "she—she doesn't know me from Adam. But I have seen her, and I happened to learn her name and her home address."

"Oh," said the small fitter of deduction pegs; and afterward she talked, and made the convalescent talk, pointedly of other things.

This occurred in the forenoon of a pleasant day in May. In the afternoon of the same day Miss Grierson's trap was halted before the door of the temporary quarters of the Wahaska public library. Raymer saw the trap and crossed the street, remembering—that his sister had asked him to get a book on orchids.

Miss Margery was in the reference room, wading absently through the newspaper files. She nodded brightly



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when Raymer entered—and was not in the least dust-blinded by the library card in his hand.

"You are just in time to help me," she told him. "Do you remember the story of that daring bank robbery in New Orleans a few weeks ago?—the one in which a man made the president draw a check and get it cashed for him?"

Raymer did remember it, chiefly because he had talked about it at the time with Jasper Grierson, and had wondered curiously how the president of the Farmers' and Merchants' would deport himself under like conditions.

"If you should meet the man face to face, would you recognize him from the description?" she flashed up at Raymer.

"Not in a thousand years," he confessed. "Would you?"

"No; not from the description," she admitted. Then she passed to a matter apparently quite irrelevant.

"Didn't I see Miss Farnham's return noticed in the Wahaskan the other day?"

With Charlotte's father a daily visitor at Mereside, it seemed incredible that Miss Grierson had not heard of the daughter's homecoming. But Raymer answered in good faith.

"They came up as far as St. Louis on one of the Anchor line—the Belle Julie—and even Miss Gilman admits that the accommodations were excellent."

She nodded absently and began to turn the leaves of the newspaper file. Raymer took it as his dismissal and went to the desk to get the orchid book. When he looked in again on his way to the street, Miss Grierson had gone, leaving the file of the Pioneer Press open on the reading desk. Almost involuntarily he glanced at the first-page headings, thrilling to a little shock of surprise when one of them proved to be the caption of another Associated Press dispatch giving a 20-line story of the capture and second escape of the Bayou State Security robber on the levee at St. Louis.

The reading of the bit of stale news impressed him curiously. Why had Miss Margery interested herself in the details of the New Orleans bank robbery? Why—with no apparent special reason—should she have remembered it at all—or, remembering it, have known where to look for the two newspaper references?

Raymer left the library speculating vaguely on the unaccountable tangents at which the feminine mind could now and then fly off from the well-defined circle of the conventionally usual. On rare occasions his mother or Gertrude did it, and he had long since learned the folly of trying to reduce the small problem to terms of known quantities masculine.

"Just the same, I'd like to know why, this time," he said to himself, as he crossed the street to the Manufacturers' club. "Miss Grierson isn't at all the person to do things without an object."

### CHAPTER XIII.

"The Convalescent." After a few more days in the Morris chair—days during which he was idly contented when Margery was with him, and vaguely dissatisfied

when she was not—Griswold was permitted to go below stairs, where he met, for the first time since the Grierson roof had given him shelter, the master of Mereside.

The little visit to Jasper Grierson's library was not prolonged beyond the invalid's strength; but notwithstanding its brevity there were inert currents of antagonism evolved which Margery, present and endeavoring to serve as a lightning arrester, could neither ground nor turn aside.

Griswold took away from the rather constrained ice-breaking in the banker's library a renewed resolve to cut his obligation to Jasper Grierson as short as possible. How he should begin again the mordant struggle for existence was still an unsolved problem. Of the one-thousand-dollar spending fund there remained something less than half; for a few weeks or months he could live and pay his way; but after that, . . . Curiously enough the alternative of another attack upon the plutocratic dragon did not suggest itself. That, he told himself, was an experiment tried and found wanting. But in any event, he must not outstay his welcome at Mereside; and with this thought in mind he crept downstairs daily after the library episode, and would give Margery no peace because she would not let him go abroad in the town.

"How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless—what shall I say—patient, or guest, or friend?" she laughed, garbling the quotation to fit the occasion.

"Shakespeare said 'child,'" he suggested mildly.

"And so shall I," she gibed—but the gift itself was almost a caress. "Sometimes you remind me of an impatient boy who has been promised a peach and can't wait until it ripens. But if you must have a reason why I won't drive you this afternoon, you may. We are going to have a tiny little social function at Mereside this evening, and I want you to be fresh and rested for it."

"Certainly, I shall come, if you wish it," he assented, remembering afresh his immense obligation; and when the time was ripe he made himself presentable and felt his way down the dimly lighted library stair, being minded to slip into the social pool by the route which promised the smallest splash and the fewest ripples.

It was a stirring of the Philistine in him that led him to prefigure weariness and banality in the prospect. Without in the least expecting it, Griswold was a Brahmin of the severest sect on his social side; easily disposed to hold aloof and to criticize, and, as a man eastern-bred, serenely assured that nothing truly acceptable in the social sense could come out of the Nazareth of the West.

For this cause he was properly humiliated when he entered the spacious double drawing-rooms and found them so comfortably crowded by a throng of conventionally clothed and conventionally behaved guests that he was immediately able to lose himself—and any lingering trace of self-consciousness—in a company which, if appearances were to be trusted, was western only by reason of Wahaska's location on the map.

And the charming young hostess . . . Hitherto he had known her only as his benefactress and the thoughtful caretaker for his comfort. But now, at this first sight of her in the broader social field, she shone upon and dazzled him. Admitting that the later charm might be subtly sensuous—he refused to analyze it too closely—it was undeniable that it warmed him to a newer and a stronger life; that he could bank in its generous glow like some hibernating thing of the wild answering to the first thrilling of the springtide. True, Miss Grierson bore little resemblance to any ideal of his past imaginings. She might even be the Aspasia to Charlotte Farnham's Saint Cecilia. But, even so, was not the daughter of Axlouhus well beloved of men and of heroes?

It was some little time afterward, and Jasper Grierson, stalking like a grim and rather unwilling master of ceremonies among his guests, had gruffly introduced three or four of the men, when Griswold gladly made room in the window seat for his transformed and glorified mistress of the fitnesses. As had happened more than once before, her nearness intoxicated him; and while he made sure now that the charm was at least partly physical, its appeal was none the less irresistible.

"Are you dreadfully tired?" she asked, adding quickly: "You mustn't let us make a martyr of you. It's your privilege to disappear whenever you feel like it."

"Indeed, I'm not at all tired," he protested. "It is all very comforting and homelike; so vastly—" he hesitated, seeking thoughtfully for the word which should convey his meaning without laying him open to the charge of patronizing superciliousness, and she supplied it promptly.

"So different from what you were expecting; I know. You have been thinking of us as barbarians—outer barbarians, perhaps—and you find that we are only harmless provincials. But really, you know, we are improving. I wish you could have known Wahaska as it used to be."

"It is all very grateful and delightful to me," he confessed, at length. "I have been out of the social running for a long time, but I may as well admit that I am shamelessly epicurean by nature, and an ascetic only when the necessities drive."

"I know," she assented, with quick appreciation. "An author has to be both, hasn't he?—keen to enjoy, and well hardened to endure."

He turned upon her squarely. "Where did you ever learn how to say such things as that?" he demanded.

It was an opening for mockery and good-natured rally, but she did not make use of it. Instead, she let him look as deeply as he pleased into the velvety eyes when she said: "It is given to some of us to see and to understand where others have to learn slowly, letter by letter. Surely, your own gift has told you that, Mr. Griswold?"

"It has," he acknowledged. "But I have found few who really do understand."

"Which is to say that you haven't yet found your other self, isn't it? Perhaps that will come, too, if you'll only be patient—and not expect too many other gifts of the gods along with the one priceless gift of perfect sympathy."

"When I find the one priceless gift, I shall confidently expect to find everything else," he asserted, still held a willing prisoner by the bewitching eyes.

She laughed softly. "You'll be disappointed. The gift you demand will preclude some of the others; as the others would certainly preclude it. How can you be an author and not understand that?"

"I am not an author, I am sorry to say," he objected. "I have written but the one book, and I have never been able to find a publisher for it."

"But you are not going to give up?"

"No; I am going to rewrite the book and try again—and yet again, if needful. It is my message to mankind, and I mean to deliver it."

"Bravo!" she applauded, clapping her hands in a little burst of enthusiasm which, if it were not real, was at least an excellent simulation. "It is only the weak ones who say, 'I hope.' For the truly strong hearts there is only one battle cry, 'I will!' When you get blue and discouraged you must come to me and let me cheer you. Cheering people is my mission, if I have any."

Griswold's pale face flushed and the blood sang litingly in his veins. He wondered if she had been tempted to read the manuscript of the book while he was fighting his way back to consciousness and life. If they had been alone together, he would have asked her. The bare possibility set all the springs of the author's vanity upbubbling within him. There and then he promised himself that she should hear the rewriting of the book, chapter by chapter. But what he said was out of a deeper and worthier underthought.

"You have many missions, Miss Margery; some of them you choose, and some are chosen for you."

"No," she denied; "nobody has ever chosen for me."

"That may be true, without making me a false prophet. Sometimes when we think we are choosing for ourselves, chance chooses for us; oftener than not, I believe."

She turned on him quickly, and for a single swiftly passing instant the velvety eyes were deep wells of soberness with an indefinable underdepth of sorrow in them. Griswold had a sudden conviction that for the first time in his knowing of her he was looking into the soul of the real Margery Grierson.

"What you call 'chance' may possibly have a bigger and better name," she said gravely.

Some little time after this Raymer, who had been one of the men introduced by Jasper Grierson, turned up again in the invalid's corner. Raymer

suggested the smoking-room and a cigar, and Griswold went willingly. From that on the path to better acquaintance was the easiest of short cuts, even as the mild cigar which Raymer found in his pocket case paved the way for a return of the smoker's seat in the convalescent. Without calling himself a reformer, the young ironmaster proved to be a practical sociologist. Wherefore, when Griswold presently mounted his own sociological hobby, he was promptly invited to visit the Raymer foundry and machine works, to the end that he might have some of his theories of the universal oppression of wage earners charitably modified.

"Of course, I don't deny that we're a long way from the millennium yet," was Raymer's summing up of the conditions in his own plant. "But I do claim that we are on a present-day, living footing. So far as the men un-



"You Have Many Missions, Miss Margery."

derstand loyalty, they are loyal, partly to my father's memory; partly, I hope, to me. We have never had a strike or an approach to one, or a disagreement that could not be adjusted amicably. Whether these conditions can be maintained after we double our capacity and get in a lot of new blood, I can't say. But I hope they can."

"You are enlarging?" said Griswold.

Raymer waited until the only other man in the smoking den had gone back to the drawing-rooms before he said: "Yes; I caught the fever along with the rest of them a few weeks ago, and I'm already beginning to wish that I hadn't."

"You are afraid of the market?"

"No; times are good, and the market—our market, at least—is daily growing stronger. It is rather a matter of finances. I am an engineer, as my father was before me. When it comes to wrestling with the money devil, I'm outclassed from the start."

"There are a good many more of us in the same boat," said Griswold, leaving an opening for further confidence if Raymer chose to make them. But the young ironmaster was looking at his watch, and the confidences were postponed.

"I'm keeping you up, when I dare say you ought to be in bed," he protested; but Griswold held him long enough to ask for a suggestion in a small matter of his own.

Now that he was able to be about, he was most anxious to relieve Miss Grierson and her father of the charge and care of one whose obligation to them was already more than mountain-high; did Raymer happen to know of some quiet household where the obligated one could find lodging and a simple table?

Raymer, taking time to think of it did know. Mrs. Holcomb, the widow of his father's bookkeeper, owned her own house in Shawnee street. It was not a boarding house. The widow rented rooms to two of Mr. Grierson's bank clerks, and she was looking for another desirable lodger. Quite possibly she would be willing to board the extra lodger. Raymer himself would go and see her about it.

"It is an exceedingly kind-hearted community, this home town of yours, Mr. Raymer," was the convalescent's leave-taking, when he shook hands with the ironmaster at the foot of the stairs; and that was the thought which he took to bed with him after Raymer had gone to make his adieux to the small person who, in Griswold's reckoning, owned the kindest of kind hearts.

CHAPTER XIV.

Broffin's Equation.

Having Clerk Maurice's telegram to time the overtaking approach, Broffin found the Belle Julie backing and filling for her berth at the Vicksburg landing when, after a hasty Vicksburg breakfast, he had himself driven to the river front.

Going aboard as soon as the swing stage was lowered, he found Maurice, with whom he had something more than a speaking acquaintance, just turning out of his bunk in the Texas.

"I took it for granted you'd be along," was Maurice's greeting. "What bank robber are we running away with now?"

Broffin grinned.

"I'm still after the one you took on in the place of John Gavitt."

"Humph!" said the clerk, sleepily; "I thought that one was John Gavitt."

"No; he merely took Gavitt's place and name. Tell me all you know about him."

"I don't know anything about him, except that he was fool enough to pull Buck McGrath out of the river just after McGrath had tried to bump him over the bows."

"Of course, so far as you know, nobody on the boat suspected that the fellow who called himself Gavitt was anything but the 'roustie' he was passing himself off for? You didn't know of his having any talk with any of the upper-deck people?"

"Only once," said the day clerk, promptly.

"When was that?"

"It was one day just after the 'man-overboard' incident, a little while after dusk in the evening. I was up here in the Texas, getting ready to go to supper. Gavitt—we may as well keep on calling him that till you've found another name for him—Gavitt had been cubbing for the pilot. I saw him go across the hurricane-deck guards; and a minute later I heard him talking to somebody—a woman—on the guards below."

"You didn't hear what was said?"

"I didn't pay any attention. Passengers, woman passengers, especially, often do that—pull up a 'roustie' and pry into him to see what sort of wheels he has. But I noticed that they talked for quite a little while, because, when I finished dressing and went below, he was just leaving her."

Broffin rose up from the bunk on which he had been sitting and laid a heavy hand on Maurice's shoulder.

"You ain't going to tell me that you didn't find out who the woman was, Clarence—what?" he said anxiously.

"That's just what I've got to tell you, Matt," returned the clerk, reluctantly. "I was due at the second table, and I didn't go as far forward as the stanchion she was holding to. All I can tell you is that she was one of the half-dozen or so younger women we had on board; I could guess at that much."

Broffin's oath was not of anger; it was a mere upbubbling of disappointment.

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WESTERN CANADA'S GREAT HARVEST

Decidedly Encouraging From Every Standpoint.

Speaking of conditions generally in Canada, the most encouraging feature of the year, from a trade and financial standpoint, has been the bountiful harvest of the Northwest, where a greatly increased area under cultivation has given the highest average yield in the history of the country.

The annual reports of the various banks throughout Canada are now being published. They savor of optimism all the way through, and, contrary to what might be generally expected in war times, business is good everywhere.

The General Manager of the Bank of Montreal at the recent annual meeting said: "The position of Canada is a highly favored one, with an assured future of growth, development and general prosperity."

In the same report it is said that the Canadian West "has recovered to a marked extent from the economic dislocation of a year ago."

The season's wheat and other cereal crops have exceeded all previous records in quantity and quality, and, despite the enormous yield, prices have been uncommonly well maintained.

It would be difficult to exaggerate the importance of these results to the Prairie Provinces—and the Dominion at large.

The prosperity of those engaged in mixed farming and ranching is most encouraging.

The flour mills in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are busy and are doing well. Their combined daily capacity is about 27,000 barrels.

The large advances of the Dominion Government to farmers in certain districts, principally in the form of seed, were made very opportune and have been amply justified by the very large crop yield in those districts.

Business in many important lines is good and should continue to improve as returns from grain yet to be marketed are received.

The general business outlook has been transformed by the large crop.

The returns of the gross earnings of Canadian railroads for November show those of the Canadian Pacific increased \$1,796,000 or 78 per cent over for the last nine days of the month. Compared with same month year ago, increase no less than \$5,291,000 or 67.6 per cent against a 45 per cent gain in October, and a decrease of 4 1/2 per cent in September.

H. V. Meredith, of the Bank of Montreal, in a recent address delivered at Montreal, declared that the most encouraging feature from a trade and financial standpoint had been the bountiful harvest of the Northwest, where the greatly increased area under cultivation had given the highest average yield in the history of the country.

It is the general opinion in the East that the 1915 grain crop in the Prairie Provinces not only put the whole Dominion in a sounder trade and financial standing, but that it will also result in a big increase in immigration to the West of agricultural settlers, who will include capitalized farmers from Europe and the United States as well as homesteaders.—Advertisement.

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INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE CITIES

Devil Brings Better Price Than G. Washington

NEW YORK.—Every man has his price. George Washington's was \$9, which included his father, too, while a mere policeman cost \$17 when these worthies and many more, in wax, were auctioned in the Eden Musee.

Gen. Robert E. Lee and 13 others were bought for \$100, the group representing the surrender at Appomattox. It was the high price of the day, and Hyman Kark, auctioneer, thought it very good, indeed, considering the Devil himself only brought \$10, Admiral Fletcher at Vera Cruz \$25, and Mutt and Jeff \$19.

There seemed to be no rhyme or reason to the bids. Kark is authority for the statement that the "Horrors of the Spanish Inquisition" once could not be purchased for \$25,000. Yet the whole creepy collection, which has thrilled more Keokuk and Kaskaskia spines than any other work of art, went for \$50.

"Lot 45, General Funston entering Vera Cruz, eight flags and scenery," was bid up to \$40. General Funston, it may be remembered, while not as tall as Washington, is much bigger around. Besides, he was riding a particularly fine horse.

Lefty Louis and Gyp the Blood, Dago Frank and Whitley Lewis, once a fairly high-priced quartet, were bought for \$40, which was enough in itself to mark the passing of the good old days.

Siberian exiles are in slack demand. Seventeen of them went for \$40. Five pursuing wolves brought \$2 each. Another shrewd bargainer bid in a "Drunken Woman" for \$5. He has no intention of reforming her, he said.

The spirited "Attack on a Counterfeiters' Den" is all out of date. Probably \$27.50 was all it was worth. But it does seem as if the "Lion Attacking a Moving Picture Operator" might have fetched more than \$18. A pretty penny could be turned by setting up this gruesome group in a hall and letting theatrical managers and "legitimate" actors gloat over it, say, \$1 per gloat.

Oyster Bay Has "Spook" That Shoots and Smokes

OYSTER BAY, L. I.—A woman "spook," who dresses all in black, smokes cigars and shoots a revolver, has Oyster Bay, L. I., in the grip of a bad scare. She appears only after nightfall and is credited with chasing children to their homes, following unescorted women and men, and disappearing, seemingly into thin air, when pursued by a posse of 100 men and the village police force, Constable John Thompson.

The woman of mystery has been busy with women and children afraid to venture out of their homes. Children playing in the woods that skirt Northwood, the country home of Mortimer L. Schiff, were first chased by the "spook." Their stories were laughed at until Teal Corey of Baylis Hill, an abstemious carpenter, ran in terror when he saw the woman, attired in deep black and with a cigar sticking out of her mouth at a rakish angle, walking toward him.

As he ran he heard a hoarse laugh and the sound of a revolver shot and a bullet whistled near his head. His sister-in-law, Mrs. Victor L. Corey, whose husband is also a carpenter, saw the woman, and she says many others have been terrified.

A posse was formed. Armed with clubs and sticks it patrolled the roads in the neighborhood of Berry Hill, which is the favorite haunt of the "spook." Half the posse, it is said, remembered pressing engagements elsewhere when three revolver shots resounded from the depths of the woods, each accompanied by a hair-raising laugh.

One theory is that the "spook" is an escaped male lunatic. Others believe it is simply a practical joker.

Chinese Colony of Atlanta Is Sorely Puzzled

ATLANTA, GA.—Half a hundred members of the Atlanta Chinese colony, having extricated themselves three years ago from a predicament, now find themselves in a dilemma. When Dr. Sun Yat Sen took the helm as president of the new republic he ordered his loyal subjects on the two continents to embrace the Christian religion, to cease embracing their joss god, and to cut all queues close to the head.

All these things the Atlanta Chinese did with an alacrity that had not always characterized the race; and as for the joss they had worshiped so many years, they tore him down and burned his body to a fine crisp. Atlanta's Chinatown took on an entirely new aspect, and a number of Chinamen joined the churches and offered their supplications in the regular American way.

They even quit the Chinese ceremonial at Chinese funerals. It was customary for a leader to sit on the hearse and throw small bits of paper into the wind. These papers had holes in them, and the Chinese believed that evil spirits must wriggle through each hole before they could reach the body. Ere the last piece had been tossed to windward the corpse was laid safely away.

In other words, these changes from ancient custom came with the republican form of government in China and Dr. Sun Yat Sen; and, now that Yuan Shi Kai has made the republic look like a last year's bird nest, Atlanta Chinamen want to know if there is any obligation to return to Confucianism, joss gods and queues.

The answer must be recorded in the negative, as far as the rank and file are concerned, for a more unpopular official than Yuan, 'tis said, never existed. One of the worst charges Yuan faced from this side of the globe was that he ate his chow men out of a golden bowl, and his chop suey sticks were of the glittering metal. He also shut himself up in the royal palace and refused to receive callers, which did not look to most of the laymen Chinese like a very democratic thing to do.

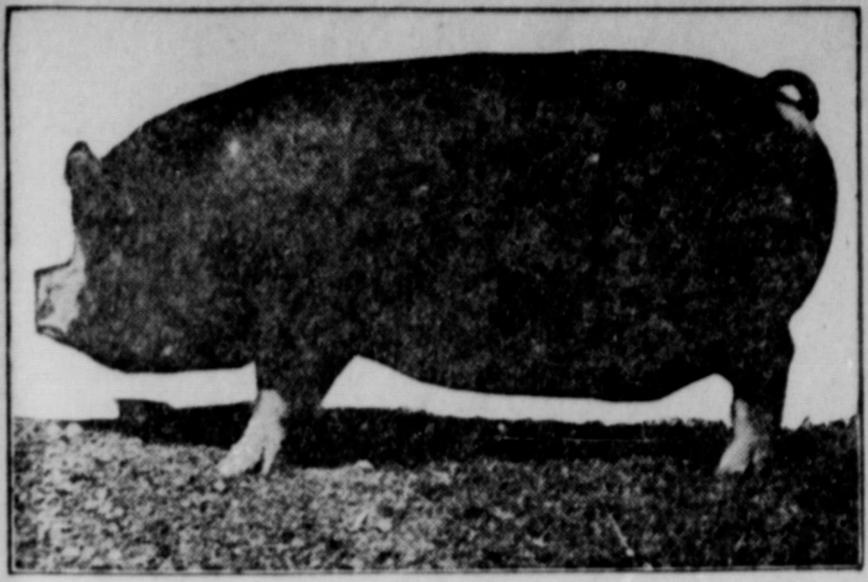
Horse Car Still Traverses New York's Streets

NEW YORK.—The obsequies of the horse car have not yet been sung in this city. They are still in use on several busy thoroughfares and the sight of them permits the stranger from Squodunk to be annoyingly facetious, despite the fact that his city relation has repeatedly informed him that this is a progressive town. Somberly and sadly these horse cars thread their resigned way through Chambers street, in the downtown section. The car itself, with its dusty windows, its fading colors, its obsolete lettering, and its front platform three or four feet lower or higher than the rear, is certainly a novel sight.

"Everybody is kicking about how slow these old cars are," said the driver as he flicked his whip upon the backs of his unfeeling steeds. "Tain't their fault. Everything's got the truck; get stuck in the middle of the road, trolleys; gotta hold up for the trucks; get stuck in the middle of the road, and the whole fool city curses us. I've been drivin' these cars for 30 years and the whole fool city curses us. I've been drivin' these cars for 30 years and the whole fool city curses us. I've been drivin' these cars for 30 years and the whole fool city curses us."



MAKE MORE MONEY FROM THE FARM HOG



Champion Brood Sow.

Hogs are comparatively scarce despite what the department of agriculture has to say of their increase in 1914, as compared with 1913. They may have increased, but the population is increasing faster. They are not as high in price as we think they should be, and we think our reasons are good. We still believe that the middleman is exploiting both the producer and the consumer, says an Iowa writer in Farm Progress.

After all, however, the hog is the big money-maker in a vast number of communities. We are taking a lower price than we should, but we ought to figure out some ways and means to increase our profits by bettering our breeding, our care and our feeding of the hogs. If we can pull down the cost of producing a hundred pounds of pork, we will be increasing our profits by just that much. I am absolutely certain that nothing short of a genuine catastrophe is going to be able to keep the price of pork down where it is for another year.

Have you considered how rapidly the world's whole supply of reserve foodstuffs is now being eaten, destroyed and wasted? Possibly the war lords did have a great many million prepared rations put away when the war began. A million men will eat 2,000,000 rations daily, to say nothing of the waste. How can the prices of all foodstuffs, meats in particular, and pork along with them, be kept down much longer? It is simply an impossibility.

The man who makes good breeding the very foundation of his hog growing will make more money than the man who does not. We are all trying to grow quickly, developing animals that will give up quicker returns and therefore better profits. Just what characteristics do we want in a hog

STALLION SHOULD BE BROKEN TO HARNESS

Animal Should Be Worked Provided Driver Gives Him the Necessary Attention.

Many farmers have written to the Kansas State Agricultural college to know if it is advisable to work stallions.

"Yes, all stallions should be worked; that is, provided the man who works them understands them and knows how to give them the proper care," is the answer given by Dr. C. W. McCampbell, secretary of the live stock registry board and assistant professor of animal husbandry in the college.

"A stallion should be broken to harness in the winter before he is two years old," says Doctor McCampbell. "As few are broken at this age the man who usually buys stallions faces the problem of breaking them after the horses have reached maturity."

"Several precautions must be observed when breaking a stallion. First, the man must be a thorough horseman, and second, he must remember that while the horse is big he is usually soft and cannot stand a great amount of hard work until he becomes accustomed to it.

"In breaking a stallion it should be borne in mind that he should have only a few hours' light work every day for several months, but after he has once become accustomed to work, he can, with proper care, do a full day's work out of breeding season, and at least half a day's work during the breeding season."

COMFORTABLE SOWS ALWAYS PROFITABLE

Good Shelter, Preferably in Cot, Liberally Supplied With Straw, Is Favored.

The brood sow should have a comfortable shelter in winter. Good shelter, preferably in a cot well supplied with straw, will contribute to her well being, and in that lies strength for her offspring.

The shelter should be placed a considerable distance from her feeding place, in order that she may be compelled to take exercise.

Her feed should consist of bulky foods, such as milk, roots and clever hay, and enough grain to keep her in good condition without causing her to put on fat.

FRUIT LAXATIVE FOR SICK CHILD

"California Syrup of Figs" can't harm tender stomach, liver and bowels.

Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Syrup of Figs" that this is their ideal laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without griping.

When cross, irritable, feverish, or breath is bad, stomach sour, look at the tongue, mother! If coated, give a teaspoonful of this harmless "fruit laxative," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. When its little system is full of cold, throat sore, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, indigestion, colic—remember, a good "inside cleaning" should always be the first treatment given.

Millions of mothers keep "California Syrup of Figs" handy; they know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups printed on the bottle. Adv.

Discovered.

"This is no joke," hissed the villain in the play.

But the hero was not to be deceived. He had been in straight American comedy before.

"I don't believe you," he retorted. "If it's no joke, what are you going to do with that seltzer siphon you have in your hand?"

And though the villain strove to cover his confusion by all the devices of his kind, it remained palpably evident.—Puck.

IF HAIR IS TURNING GRAY, USE SAGE TEA

Don't Look Old! Try Grandmother's Recipe to Darken and Beautify Gray, Faded, Lifeless Hair.

Grandmother kept her hair beautifully darkened, glossy and abundant with a brew of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Whenever her hair fell out or took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with wonderful effect. By asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," you will get a large bottle of this old-time recipe, ready to use, for about 50 cents. This simple mixture can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair and is splendid for dandruff, dry, itchy scalp and falling hair.

A well-known druggist says everybody uses Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur, because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied—it's so easy to use, too. You simply dampen a comb or soft brush and draw it through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two, it is restored to its natural color and looks glossy, soft and abundant.—Adv.

Gypsies of Indian Origin?

American Romani supports the theory that the gypsies originally came from India. Mr. Black, an English writer, makes it plain that most of their words are derived from the Sanskrit, notwithstanding scholars have tried to trace the race back to the Israelites, Canaanites, lost tribes of Israel and other ancient peoples.

STOP EATING MEAT IF KIDNEYS OR BACK HURT

Take a Glass of Salts to Clean Kidneys If Bladder Bothers You—Meat Forms Uric Acid.

Eating meat regularly eventually produces kidney trouble in some form or other, says a well-known authority, because the uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish; clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly backache and misery in the kidney region; rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, liver, stomach, constipation, torpid sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

The moment your back hurts or kidneys aren't acting right, or if bladder bothers you, get about four ounces Jad Salts from any good pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity; also to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts cannot injure anybody; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which millions of men and women take now and then to keep the kidneys and urinar... clean, thus avoiding serious ki...

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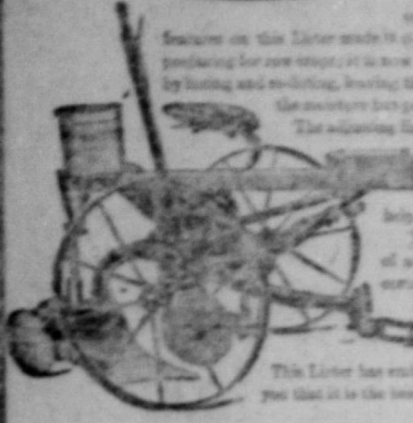
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OUR PUBLIC FORUM

C. E. Schaff On The "Katy" Going to Church.



The railroads are fast becoming the great moral educators of the nation. A big corporation leasing an order against immorality is more far-reaching in its effect than the most powerful sermon...

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Sheriff O. B. Hardin's son, Harry, has a cow that seems to hold the world's record for breeding. Her record is five calves in eleven months and five days...

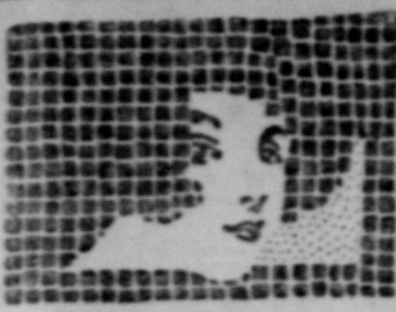
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Many of the people of Texas (probably nine out of ten of them) are astonished to find that the legislature has arranged to compel them to pay the expenses of holding party primary elections...

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For Sale By The Palace Drug Store, McLean, Texas.

Whit Moody, a prosperous farmer living near Tulla, marketed two hogs at that place last week, weighing 950 pounds for which he received a check for \$57.95.

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