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WASHINGTON LETTER

Your Congressman Your Errand Boy?

By Sally Gordon
Washington, Feb. 26.—When is a man not a congressman?—When he becomes a messenger boy.
Requests that bulge the mail of the Senate and House offices often leave these "servants of the people," namely, senators and representatives who have been sent to Washington to transact important legislative business, guessing as to the idea their constituents have of the important legislative business. The days before the distribution of the seeds was discontinued, a member of the House from the district received numerous requests from the man in his district for "peas." He sent the seed as requested until it became monotonous. He wrote to the importunate

dear Jim: What in the world are you doing with all the seeds I've sent you? You have enough to plant the whole state of Mississippi."
When Jim replied, he said "Land man, we ain't plantin' them. We're makin' soup of 'em and make darned good soup, too." The same class was the old who requested her congressman to send her some seeds of the tomato.

In spite of all the irritations which grew out of sending out government seeds, many congressmen regard them as a great asset and a cement in on foot to re-establish annual donation to the farmer. A congressman from Illinois, a fellow anxious to please folks back home, was decidedly disturbed by the receipt of a letter from a man in his district who had died, who assigned him the delightful task of collecting her insurance. The main office of the insurance company was in Washington, "so it would not be possible for him to look after it." The company had been a little slow in making payment.

Mr. Congressman realized that he could by no stretch of the imagination, be considered a part of the duties and consequently maintained a dignified silence. Then came another letter from the same man with an abusive accent. "Don't you read your mail, etc.?" The pestered man in desperation seized his hat and travelled to the insurance office with the result that the money due the mourning (?) spouse was forwarded immediately. But while the member of congress was performing this irrelevant errand an important measure in which he was vitally interested came up in the House and he missed a roll call.

A congressman has certain well defined duties, such as looking after the pension claims of the soldiers and soldiers' widows in his district. If he comes from the West where settlers take up Government lands, it is his duty to inform them as to the procedure for securing it and having it patented.
He must endeavor to give the people of his district proper post office facilities, free delivery in the towns and road routes for the country. In fact, his real duties are too numerous to mention. It is almost pathetic that his time and patience and energy should be wasted upon the extraordinary and trivial demands of people who have not the least conception of the serious character of his office.

Some of these misguided ones seem to imagine that he has breakfast with the President about twice a week, plays golf every afternoon and goes to the theatre or a reception every night. Instead, his mornings are devoted to his correspondence and visits to departments. His afternoons are spent in the Senate or House listening to wordy gentlemen discourse upon every subject under the sun, while he constantly participates in the discussion.

At the end of this perfect day he is usually ready to sleep without rocking.
General Isaac R. Sherwood, the oldest member of this Congress, says the oddest request that has come to him was from a man who wished to start in the Angora goat industry and wrote to ask if he could send him a goat. The old General, who has a keen sense of humor, responded in poetry intimating that nobody could "get his



Welcome!!

NO FUTURE CHANGES TO BE MADE IN STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS

Austin, Feb. 27.—The Highway Commission at its February meeting decided that no future changes or new designations would be made in the designated system of State Highways. The present system as now designated has been approved by the Federal Government and the construction of many of the various highways now designated as State Highways is well under way, so as to make it impractical and unsatisfactory to change the designations from their present locations. The Commission advises citizens of this State not to go to the expense of coming to Austin to urge changes in the present designations or to have new designations made. Every effort will be made to complete the present system of highways as rapidly as possible and to keep this system in serviceable condition for the travelling public.

News From Ramsdell

By Special Correspondent.
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bones were McLean visitors Thursday of last week.
Mrs. John B. Vannoy, teacher of the Ramsdell school, spent the week end with home folks at McLean.
J. G. Davidson was a McLean visitor Friday.
John B. Vannoy and daughter, Miss Joellene, of McLean were Ramsdell visitors Sunday evening.
Miss Lena Davidson, a student of the McLean school, spent the week end with home folks.
Mrs. Leon Montgomery of Memphis visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbourn Pierce, Sunday.
H. E. Franks was a visitor in the home of Wilbourn Pierce Sunday.
J. S. Clem was a McLean visitor Monday.
W. A. Lankford was a McLean visitor Saturday.
Miss Mary Pierce, who has been sick for several days, is not improving very fast.
W. T. McCann is very sick with the measles.

Ramsdell School Notes

The Valentine box at the school contained 638 valentines and the teacher received 38.
The following ladies visited school on Valentine day: Mesdames Pierce, Longm, Freeman, Fields, Pharis, Leon Montgomery of Memphis, and Miss Mary Pierce.
The following pupils have entered school: Nora Lee Gordon, Harold and Joe Gwinn.
Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Bentley were Amarillo visitors Wednesday.
Geo. W. Sitter has our thanks for a subscription renewal this week.
T. H. Hardin, prominent farmer of the Liberty community, gave us \$150 for The News a year, Saturday.

PAMPA FAIR BANQUET VERY SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR MANY TURNED AWAY

By Special Reporter.
Pampa, Feb. 25.—At the banquet put on by the high school domestic science class under the direction of Miss Patterson, county home demonstration agent, here Friday night, 198 plates were sold, and about 150 persons were turned away on account of lack of room.
A six course dinner was served by the forty girls of the class, the proceeds to go for the benefit of the Fair Association.
Dr. J. A. Hill of Canyon College, Judge L. Gough of Amarillo and Attorney H. O. Studer of Pampa were the principal speakers.
Music was furnished by the Pampa Orchestra, the Choral Club and the Young Men's Quartette.
Pampa intends to have a bigger and better fair than ever this fall. The cañalors are now ready for the printer, and will be distributed as soon as printed.

NON-DANCERS TO HAVE SOCIAL AFFAIRS AT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Austin, Feb. 28.—Weekly social affairs for students of the University of Texas who do not dance are the latest innovations of the school, having been instituted by L. H. Hubbard, dean of students. All University dances held weekly in the women's gymnasium have been popular for the last two years, but it was thought that many students who do not dance would be interested in other recreation and amusement. The weekly parties will be held in the Girls' Study Hall, and will be open to all students of the University.

U. OF T. BUILDINGS INSURED

Austin, Feb. 27.—Tornado insurance has just been taken out for a period of one year on all permanent buildings on the campus of the University of Texas. The insurance also covers the contents of the buildings, and includes the home of the president and the Faculty Women's Clubs, two residences near the campus. The value of the buildings insured is estimated at \$1,200,000. It is the first time in the history of the University that tornado insurance has been carried on the buildings. The cause of the new insurance is said to be due to the serious damage to Austin property during a tornado two years ago.

Rev. W. C. Garrett, who is in a meeting at San Angelo, writes to his friends that 15 inches of snow fell there the first of the week.
R. O. Dunkle, C. E. Hunt and Attorney W. Sherman White were in Shamrock Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Douglas, Clay Thompson and Estel Bowen made a business trip to Amarillo Wednesday.

REV. J. T. GRISWOLD WILL PREACH AT THE METHODIST CHURCH SUN.

Reported.
Presiding Elder J. T. Griswold will preach at the Methodist church Sunday morning and evening. Quarterly conference will be held Saturday night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody invited to attend these services.

SMITH BROTHERS MOVE TO NEW LOCATION

Smith Brothers have moved their office to the old market building on the east side of Main street. They have bought some new office furniture, laid linoleum on the floor, and brightened up the place generally.

ESTEL BOWEN TO MOVE

Estel Bowen, who has sold his residence lot to the Chickasha Cotton Oil Company for a gin site, will move his dwelling to lots recently purchased from M. F. Corbin just west of the school building. J. A. Haynes of Heald has the contract to move the building and will start moving the first of next week.

News From Gracey

By Special Correspondent.
The young people enjoyed a party at the Percy Kinard home Saturday night.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Webb and baby spent Saturday night and Sunday in the W. B. Bush home.
Mrs. J. A. Belew went to Clarendon this week for medical treatment.
Several from here attended the dance at the Bill Webb home Friday night.
Misses Lea and Grace Bidwell are on the sick list this week.
Mrs. B. D. Fondren and son, Emmette, spent Sunday in the Anson Lee home.
Luther Johnson and sister, Mrs. Jewelle Norman, and little son spent Sunday with Calvin Johnson at Carpenter.
A. L. Lee and Bill Cobb are on the sick list this week.
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bush spent Monday with A. L. Lee and family. Several around here are killing hogs this week.
Misses Ebbie and Opal Derrick are on the sick list this week.
Walter Saye and Miss Laura Gilmore spent Sunday in the Sparks home.
The Methodist presiding elder of Clarendon district will preach at the school house Sunday afternoon. Everyone is invited to attend.
Mrs. J. L. Collier returned last Thursday from a two weeks' visit with relatives at Groom and Amarillo.
W. E. Clement made a business trip to Alameda Tuesday.
Walter Cash was in from the farm Tuesday.

EVERYTHING READY FOR A BIG SALE SATURDAY

Everything is in readiness for a big sale Saturday. This will be the second sale put on by the Chamber of Commerce, and it has been well advertised by the sales committee. Elsewhere in this issue of The News is printed a list of articles offered, and most everything can be found on the list. We are assured that the sale will start promptly at 1:30 p. m., and those who have articles listed must have them on the ground by that time.
The McLean club girls will serve dinner on Sales Day in the S. O. Cook building. Proceeds will go toward defraying the expenses of the girl who wins the short course at College Station.

OIL ACTIVITIES

The 100,000 foot gas flow of the Texas well at Lefors has been ceased off and preparations are being made to continue drilling.
An encouraging feature of this well is the gas pressure. The well pressure is from 800 to 900 feet, which is the normal pressure in oil fields while the gas pressure in the Amarillo field is only 400 to 500 feet. The high pressure is considered good indications of an oil supply near the test.
The Morse No. 1 is drilling around 2,000 feet. A record of 100 feet per day was made for several days last week. All connected with this test are very hopeful that a paying proposition will be found here before very long. Drilling is in progress night and day.

DR. R. F. JENKINS WILL PREACH AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Reported.
Dr. R. F. Jenkins will preach at the First Baptist church Sunday. The unfavorable weather last Sunday caused the evening service to be called off, but with favorable weather next Sunday, we may expect services at both the morning and evening hour. Everybody will find a cordial welcome at the First Baptist church.

MISS ABBOTT ENTERTAINS

Miss Ila Abbott entertained a number of her friends Sunday with a dinner. The following young people were present: Misses Gladys Holloway, Mary and Ima Anderson; Messrs. Marvin Davis, Lee Wilson, Donald Beall and LeRoy Landers.

NEW POSTMASTER SATURDAY

Plans are now made for John B. Vannoy to take charge of the McLean postoffice Saturday. Mr. Vannoy has received his commission and everything is in readiness to make the change.

STOKELY PLANTS TREES

O. G. Stokely, who owns a pretty residence in the west part of town, has put out trees along the street which will add much to the value and attractiveness of this home.

FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY ORGANIZED

A number of farmers met at R. O. Dunkle's office last Saturday for the purpose of organizing a Farmers' Co-operative Society. The following officers were elected: President, J. S. Howard; secretary, C. E. Hunt.
The first undertaking of the society will be a farmers' co-operative gin. Fourteen men were appointed to solicit members for the organization and see about financing the gin proposition. Those appointed were: J. A. Belew, N. S. Ray, D. L. Abbott, Mr. Sparks, R. H. Corum, M. C. Burdine, L. O. Floyd, R. N. Ashby, G. W. Sitter, L. E. Gibbs, L. P. Preston, Geo. Hunt, A. C. Waldron and D. N. Massay.
The meeting was adjourned to meet again the second Saturday in March.

Chas. Beck of Back was in the city Saturday.

Sheriff E. S. Graves was in the city on business Saturday.
Mrs. Ernest Crostoe and baby returned to their home at Foard City Saturday after a visit with relatives here.

W. T. Wilson made a business trip to Shamrock Tuesday.

COTTON TRAIN WILL BE HERE MARCH 15TH

The special train for the Texas Panhandle Cotton Educational Campaign will be in McLean on March 15th. Three meetings will be held at the Legion Theatre on that day, at 10 a. m., 2 and 7 p. m., with lectures, literature, films, conferences etc.

The Ford Motor Company will present a splendid motion picture program at every meeting, showing the Government Cotton Educational films, agricultural educational films, and some of the finest scenic motion pictures ever produced.

Lectures will be given on all phases of cotton raising by the best authorities that it is possible to secure with ample time for questions and conferences.

The cow, the sow and the hen forage crops, and livestock, which are and always must be the basis of all prosperity in the Panhandle, will not be overlooked.

The Agricultural Campaign Party will consist of nine to twelve people presenting the finest agricultural program ever given at the smaller towns of the Panhandle. Lectures will be given covering all phases of agricultural community life.

The same program will be given at Alameda March 14th, and at Jericho March 13th.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL MEET MONDAY

The regular monthly business meeting of the McLean Community Chamber of Commerce will be held next Monday night at the Legion Theatre.

A number of important matters should properly come before the body at this time, and it is hoped that all members, and others interested, will be present.

WALDRON ORIGINATES NEW VARIETY GRAIN SORGHUM

The News commercial printing department has turned out stationery, tags, leaflets, etc., this week for A. C. Waldron, owner of the Waldron Seed Farm. Mr. Waldron is the originator of Kafferita, a new grain sorghum that is claimed to be more drought resistant than any other grain sorghum grown.
Mr. Waldron is advertising his new grain in State papers and is receiving orders from several different states for seed.

News From Liberty

By Special Correspondent.
Mrs. Warley filleg her regular appointment Sunday. There was no Sunday school, but all joined in singing from the new song books before services.
Some of the McLean school students visited the school Friday afternoon and took part in a spelling match which was enjoyed by all.
Howard Hardin is helping Jno. W. Kibler tear down and build phone lines this week.
W. E. Freeman has moved to one of the new houses recently built on the Franks ranch.
A. C. Waldron made a business trip to Wheeler Monday.
Asa Morgan, John Lively and J. F. Corbin had business in McLean Monday.
Bill Hardin and family of Clarendon visited in the T. H. Hardin home Sunday.
The girls of our neighborhood will get a chance to exercise their Lean Year privileges next Saturday night.
W. M. Smith went to McLean Monday. We are glad that he is able to visit again.
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Smith, who have been satyng with his father, W. M. Smith, moved to McLean this week.
Miss Mariene Dorsey visited friends at Lela last week.
Lee Casin of Hedley is visiting in the Asa Morgan home this week.
Ben Small of Ramsdell attended preaching services here Sunday.
Roscoe Morgan spent Tuesday night with Chester Savage.
Floyd Lively spent the week end in Shamrock.
W. M. Hinton returned home Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Rader returned to their home at Crowell Saturday.

Held in Trust

By
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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I—Jasper Haig and Hasbrouck Rutherford were searching for a young woman—a girl who resembled Adelaide Rutherford enough to serve as her double. For Haig was manager of the great sixty-million-dollar Gorgam trust-benefit, created by old Daniel Gorgam in his will for the benefit of his daughter Adelaide during her lifetime. Rutherford, the husband of Adelaide, shared her great wealth. And—Adelaide Rutherford was dying, was already unconscious.

CHAPTER II—They found the young woman—Mary Manchester, a work-wear but still beautiful young shop girl who was thoughtfully discouraged with life, and arranged for a meeting with her to present their proposition.

CHAPTER III—Mary lived with a drunken stepfather who had no interest in her, so it happened that when Haig—after explaining that Adelaide and her husband had lived apart for some years—offered her great wealth he found her in a receptive mood, but she demanded to see things for herself.

CHAPTER IV—Finding conditions as they had been described to her, she accepted the proposition and on that night the real Adelaide Rutherford died.

CHAPTER V—To the new servants who replaced the old ones in the Rutherford household it becomes apparent that their mistress was rapidly improving—though they, like everyone else, had been given to understand that her mind was unbalanced. Her physician confided in Stanford Gorgam, a cousin of Adelaide and Hasbrouck Rutherford, and a personal enemy of the latter, that his patient was not insane.

CHAPTER VI—Stanford promptly went to see his cousin and was denied admittance by a new doorman. Suspicious, he employed a latch-key to a private entrance, a key once given him by the elder Gorgam. Confronting "Adelaide," he recognized her for an impostor. "And yet," he incredulously said to himself afterward, "murder—what that face!"

CHAPTER VII—Ignorant of Stanford's identity, Adelaide assumed from his possession of the key that he was her supposed husband and sent for Hasbrouck—who came, found her pleasing and insisted that when he came next she be kind to him, otherwise he would have her confined as insane.

CHAPTER VIII—Stanford Gorgam in a second interview all but accused her of being a murderer.

She then went to watch her intently—impulsively. Then gradually his smiling, mocking smile grew once again upon his face.

"Of course," he said, "if you wish to have him here—I will make no objection. He is a member of the family, we might say. But this is a surprise to me. I had supposed," he said, "you did not want him." And a crooked smile came on his lips again as he looked at her.

"Want him?" she answered, stammering at the turn the thing had taken in his hands.

"Why, yes," he said suavely.

"Want him—no?" she cried impulsively.

"Your actions," he returned, "would surely indicate that. You sent for him? And if, at any time again, you wish him as a companion—that is very simple indeed."

"You agreed," she cried. "It was our understanding that he—that man—should never come near me!"

"Why, then," he asked her, "did you call him here?"

What could she say without betrayal of the thing she was now resolved he should not know—concerning the man she had believed she was sending for when Rutherford appeared?

"You could scarcely expect me to interfere with arrangements of this kind," he said cynically. "A husband wishes to visit his wife. Who can refuse him? Why should he not come, if she sends for him—even if his wife is insane?"

He smiled as he said it, a smile of quiet mental triumph which sent a shudder over her. What move could she make, or what turn, without finding this adroit mind anticipating it—outwitting and tricking her, using her own acts as the instruments of her own destruction. He had known her movements in this matter, she feared now, from the first, and had used them to trap her more and more thoroughly.

That night in her room Adelaide Rutherford wrote and fastened her message inside the collar of her mail-carrier, bags, to be ready for the next morning.

"Tonight," she wrote, "at 8:30 o'clock in the study."

She would send the dog out with this in the morning.

CHAPTER XI

The mind of an old and long-experienced lawyer, for years busied in constructing and avoiding legal ambiguities, a creator of trusts and other de-

vious creatures of the law, is a strangely subtle thing, often a very dangerous one. Consider, as the basis of a possible theory of a case, the mind of one of these, ambitious beyond measure, of great standing in a great community, determined upon assuming and holding the immense power of sixty million dollars of money and its accompanying corporate interests. And then suppose his ambition to be so great that he has gone through actual crime to carry it out. And let us assume again that he is confronted suddenly with the very lively chance of discovery and exposure.

"I see," said Jasper Haig to the stern-faced woman, dressed like a lady's maid, who appeared late that night in great haste at his house. If he was surprised, his face did not show it. He read the note and asked her for a more detailed description of the young man she thought she had seen that morning, and previous days, with the dog in the park. Finally he seemed satisfied with what she told him. "You found it," he said. "Very well! Put it back where it came from—under the collar of the dog. Watch her continually, more than ever, and keep continually in touch with me tomorrow over the telephone. That will be all. Good-night."

Haig was nervous, after she had gone, over the inferences which he gathered from this note and her observations. And yet it seemed to him, upon consideration, that the situation, desperate as it might seem to be, still offered certain possibilities for a mind fertile in expedients, not merely to avert ruin and utter personal disgrace, but even to turn a great disaster into a great personal gain.

Suppose, for example, a man of unusual mind and will-power, possessed an accomplice—a co-operator, let us say, entirely under his influence, mentally as well as financially, a man generally inert, unimaginative, dull, yet singularly emotional and open to suggestions along one line—an old and continually traveled line of thought along which he could be propelled with the absolute certainty of direction and result of a freight train sent rolling down a grade!

"Listen," said Jasper Haig over the wire. "This is very serious. Some one is following us."

"Who?" asked Hasbrouck Rutherford. Even over the wire one could tell that he had been drinking.

"Who?" he demanded again when he had reached the house of Jasper Haig. And he cursed without restraint when he was told of the other man's conclusions from the maid's observations.

"Again!" he said. His memory of all the unpleasant occurrences in his life brought about by Stanford Gorgam, from the days at Yale down through his marriage till today, rolled back over him. That was one thing always that would stand out clear and red before his usually somewhat jumbled mind.

"What shall we do to him?" he asked, dully.

"Sit down," suggested Jasper Haig. "Have a drink." An invitation not refused, leading always to a certain stimulation of memory and old anger—the pet personal hatred of a hard drinking man.

"Again!" repeated Hask Rutherford, hoarsely. "For fifty cents I'd kill him on general principles!"

"No—no!—Hardly that!" said Jasper Haig, deprecatingly.

"I would," stoutly asserted Hasbrouck Rutherford. There are certain times and seasons, as every successful lawyer knows, when opposition of a certain type provokes rather than prevents the thing that it is directed against.

"No," repeated Jasper Haig. "No! You would not do that! But we must do something—that is certain. Or he's got us!"

"He! Got me?" said Rutherford, his veins starting in his thick neck. "No! Not again!" His hearer thought that he sensed already a certain tone of decision in his voice.

"But what can we do—besides your pleasing thought of killing him?" inquired his quiet-voiced companion, thinking now out loud. "I think we can assume," he added, watching him quite closely, "that idea to be unfeasible!"

"Not for me!" said Hasbrouck Rutherford firmly—and taking a tight hold upon the neck of the decanter, "I'd kill him in a minute. I'd like nothing better," he asserted again, "on general principles."

But Jasper Haig smiled that oblique smile of his—considering the suggestion apparently from an abstruse legal standpoint.

"What is there to laugh at?" demanded Hasbrouck Rutherford, roughly breaking in on his amusing meditations. And it seemed to Jasper Haig, as he looked up, that he had never seen him in an uglier or more reckless mood.

"Oh, nothing," he answered, "in particular."

"Well—what in general?" the other man insisted.

"I was merely thinking of what you said—your little humorous suggestion of murder," he replied, "from another humorous angle."

"Let me laugh, too," demanded his companion.

"Oh, nothing," repeated the lawyer, "but the legal end of such an episode—the probable evidence which might be produced in such a case."

"What is it? Spit it out," his companion directed him. And finally, reluctantly, the lawyer developed in his talk another theory of a supposititious case, smiling with cold intellectual amusement as he did so.

"Suppose," he said, "a young married woman, very attractive, even beautiful, let us say, is found late in the evening in a room where she has

stolen away from her attendants. For unfortunately she is hopelessly insane—insane, it seems, for affection, for love, which an unfortunate marriage has not accorded her." And at that statement his companion cursed a little under his breath, but made no further contradiction or interruption.

"She is there alone," the speaker went on, "in this room, with a revolver still warm upon the floor; and near it is the body of a rich young clubman—a cousin, known often to have visited her in the past, and unsuspected, it is said, of having been her admirer. No one else is, or has been, in the room."

"Yes," said Hasbrouck Rutherford, his prominent, bloodshot eyes fixed on the speaker.

"And suppose, then," said the lawyer, "as would seem natural in the circumstances, the servants in the house, after breaking into the room, should telephone for advice and instructions, where—to whom would they naturally turn first?"

The great figure opposite him sat staring, scarcely breathing, his prominent eyes now almost bulging from his face, with the sincerity of his attention.

"And then suppose," he went on, "upon his arrival, this guardian of the woman, who we will say had been first notified by the servants, should hear an improbable and highly irrational story of the presence of a third person in the room, a man whom she incoherently claimed to be the actual murderer; a man whom the woman claims she thinks, but is not sure, may be her husband, or the husband of a dead woman whom in her insanity she believes she represents—an individual who has in some way, by some secret passage-way, escaped."

"What would be the natural conclusion of such an episode—from the presence of the young clubman in the house at night, alone with a beautiful woman whose mind is hopelessly gone, and whom he had been forbidden to see? What would be the natural attitude toward the woman's incoherent statements, especially if it could be proven that the man who, in her confused mind, she believes, but is not sure, may be her husband, is at the very time of the crime found to be elsewhere—in conference, in fact, with the woman's

guardian, by the testimony of the guardian himself, when and before the telephoned information of the tragedy reaches him?"

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"But of course," the lawyer went on, "such things as she suggested—as you yourself suggested just now—do not occur in real life. Murder of this kind would scarcely be conceivable, for in real life the husband—in case the woman's fantastic story of her substitution for another woman, and the dead man's discovery of this were true—would not have dared to!"

The great bulk opposite him stiffened again with red-faced anger; the hoarse voice raised itself into a roar of disgust.

"Dared!" he called hoarsely. It was too simple. The strings of his emotion lay in too plain sight—easy to play upon as a harp.

"But if he dared, if it happened," the speaker went on then, continuing his exposition of his theory, "there would be a curious situation." And then he went on to outline it in its various ramifications.

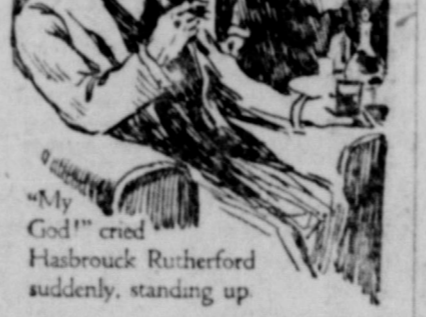
"A very, very unpleasant situation," he pointed out. "You would scarcely expect, in fact, to see a case like that—especially all within one influential family—to go further than the most formal preliminary legal processes."

And he showed still more at length the logic of his case—the interest of all sides concerned in this distressing tragedy—the friends and family of the man as well as of the woman—to pull together and to focus all of their not inconsiderable influence to hush and keep from general publicity such a distressing and deplorable scandal as the death of this young man, whose body might be found at night, in the room where he had been in secret association with this lovely madwoman, his near relative.

The lawyer worked out in great detail this interesting legal supposition he had conjured up—talking far into the early morn.

"But there must be no accidents!" said Jasper Haig in final warning. "Not too much drinking now!"

"You'll be safe," replied Hasbrouck



erford with a heavy bang. "I know that—in my case"—a statement that was probably true, though ordinarily he would not have said it. He had never before in the history of their relations been quite so independent. "But don't worry," he asserted. "I'll do my side of it. I'd do it anyhow," he asserted for the third time, "on general principles."

The other man, it seems, was at heart not quite so confident—of him or of circumstances. He always saw too far and too clearly for his own comfort. But it was a choice between two dangers, either one bad. And this was clearly the less extreme.

"No accidents this time!" said Jasper Haig to himself, after he had personally dismissed his visitor from his front room in the early morning. He stood thinking, shook his smooth gray head ever so slightly, turned the last lights out and went to bed. However, he was too restless for sleep.

But is there, after all, such an illogicality as an accident in this scheme of the power, whatever we may choose to call it, which directs the progress of this web of interwoven action which we call the universe? Many of the greatest intelligences have answered no. To the mind of Adelaide Rutherford, the absence of her personal maid and attendant that next evening, for an evening out, seemed on its face a very fortunate accident, and yet was it entirely that? Was there not very likely, if all were known, a purpose behind that act?

(Continued next week)

AT THE NAZARENE CHURCH

Rev. W. E. Lawson, Pastor
On Friday night, Feb. 29, Rev. A. P. Price will begin a series of lectures of prophecy on the Bible, the fulfillment of prophecy. I am sure you will be glad to hear him. Services will begin at 7:30 p. m. If you don't believe the time is right at hand, come to hear him. He will probably be here over next week. If you want help, come.

L. F. Wilkins of Alameda was a McLean visitor Saturday.

T. B. Hines of Whitefish was a McLean visitor Saturday.

A. A. Ledbetter and W. L. Haynes were Amarillo visitors Sunday.

Mrs. A. A. Christian returned Sunday from a visit with her son at Amarillo.

J. T. Wilson of Alameda was in McLean Tuesday and while here called at the News office and renewed his subscription to The News.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U.
Devotional meeting, subject—God's Estimate of Christians.
Scripture reading—1 Peter 2:5-10.
Introduction by leader—Viggo Stucky.
What Our Scripture Text Teaches—Homer Abbott.
A Chosen Generation—Fred Landers.
Born of God—Gladys Holloway.
A Royal Priesthood—Lillian Abbott.
Saved to Win Others—Ad Grigsby.
A Holy Nation—R. L. Appleby.
A Peculiar People—Marvin Dyer.
Conclusion—Leader.

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Public Sale

The second big Trades Day Sale will be held in McLean, Tex. **Saturday March 1, at 1:30**

List of articles that will be sold on First Saturday Trades Day:

LIVESTOCK	MISCELLANEOUS
W. A. Glass.....1 Mule	N. S. Ray.....1 Garden Harrow
J. H. Bodins.....1 Milch Cow	D. W. Johnson.....1 Hack and Harness
J. S. Howard.....1 Bull	Mrs. Sarah Rice.....1 Dresser
Mrs. Chas. Henderson.....1 Team Mares	W. C. Stanton.....1 Wickless Oil Stove
John Hesse.....1 Jersey Milch Cow and Calf	W. B. Marlar.....1 Oil Stove & Dining Table
D. L. Abbott.....3 Duroc Jersey Brood Sows	Sam Kunkel.....1 Refrigerator
A. P. Rippey.....1 Mule	F. E. Durham.....1 Heater
Frank Healey.....1 Team Mules	John Mertel.....1 Washing Machine and Lawn Mower
Robert Mathis.....1 Saddle Horse	Wiley Nelson.....1 Cultivator
Frank Bailey.....1 Work Mule	M. M. Newman.....1 Incubator
N. E. Savage.....1 Mule and 1 Poland China Boar	G. W. Wells.....1 Cream Separator
J. M. Ayres.....1 Holstein Bull	M. C. Burdine.....2 Listers
A. P. Briscoe.....2 Brood Sows	W. L. Hinton.....2 Horse Collars
P. C. Saunders.....1 Milch Cow	Bud Back.....1 Kafir Head Chopper
Ernest Abbott.....2 Jersey Milch Cows	P. C. Saunders.....1 New Incubator
Homer Wilson.....1 Mule	J. A. Smulcer.....1 Two-row Go-devil
Herman Hunt.....1 Horse	D. M. Graham.....1 Sampson Windmill
Frank Thomas.....1 Mare	D. M. Graham.....1 Bachelor Cook Stove
Price Rogers.....1 Fat Hog	O. K. Murphree.....1 Incubator
Joe Clemons.....2 Mule Colts	O. K. Murphree.....1 Bushel Dried Peaches
Bob Ashby.....1 Team Work Mules	

TERMS OF SALE—All sums under \$20.00, cash in hand. On sums over \$20.00, good bankable notes, 9 months' time with 10 per cent interest, unless owner desires to make his own terms, in which case the terms will be stated when his stuff is brought in to the sale ring.

I. S. Jamison, Auctioneer **C. E. Hunt, Clerk**

LEFT FROM FREIGHT CAR LAST WEEK

On Wednesday night of last week, a box car on the McLean yards and stole six cases of groceries, six men's suits and 53 pairs of trousers. The street light at the Smith hotel was put out, supposedly by the thieves, so that the car would be in darkness. Lock Island Special Detective Bob Mathis, came down, and assisted by other officers, two suspects were arrested and jailed. The officers recovered part of the loot and are still working on the case.

News From Enterprise

Special Correspondent. The weather is still cold down in this part of the world. It does look like it would clear up.

W. S. Siter of McLean was down on the ranch Saturday.

The new well on the Sitter ranch here Mr. Mathis lives isn't finished yet.

Mr. Wood and Misses Carrie and Lee Lee Alfred, Minnie and Amelia Thurn, Ethel Breeding and John McIntosh took dinner in the Mathis home Sunday.

Little Miss Margaret Hess is able to be about again.

Bob James left Friday for Plainview.

Preaching next Sunday—everybody invited.

Mr. Winn, the county superintendent and Mr. Clark the inspector, visited our school Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh went to Quail Saturday.

Mr. Blaudier entertained some of the young folks Saturday night. All had an enjoyable time.

Misses Annie and Bonnie Biggers came down to see Miss Urcie Mathis Friday.

Rev. Wood preached at Enterprise Sunday.

ALAN REED B. W. M. U.

By Reporter. We met with Mrs. Tom Plakner Tuesday evening, as it was so cold Monday. Ten ladies were present, and we had a very interesting meeting. Our scripture lesson was 1 Sam. 7. We will meet next Monday afternoon with Mrs. Roseline and have the Parliamentary drill for our lesson, as we didn't have it before.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Coppedge of Alanreed visited in the D. B. Veatch home Wednesday.

W. J. Ball of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

Terry W. Hugins of Erick, Okla., was a visitor in this city Tuesday.

Erwin Rice visited friends in Quannah from Saturday till Monday.

Fve McCracken of Alanreed was in town Tuesday.

Sam Douglass of Erick, Okla., was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

Joe Willis was in from the farm Tuesday.

C. O. Rowe, photographer, of Shamrock, will be in McLean all next week to take pictures. If you had pictures made on the last here, kindly call for the finished work. Ic

J. A. Haynes of Heald was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

Tom Peppers of Shamrock was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Wines Bentley of Carpenter was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Irvin Turman of Pampa was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Wm. Farren of Gracy was a McLean visitor Saturday.

R. L. Harlan of Heald was a visitor in the city Saturday.

F. L. Cooke is a new reader of The News and also the Dallas News.

Fred Heald of Del Norte, Colo., is a new reader of The News.

H. E. Franks of Ramsdell was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

J. W. Dougherty of Heald was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

Joe Cobb of Northfork was in town Tuesday.

R. S. Thompson was in from his ranch Tuesday.

Miss Ruby Cook went to Shamrock Tuesday to visit her sister.

W. P. Rogers of Heald was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

G. R. Scott of Ramsdell was in the city Wednesday.

W. W. Mars of Fort Worth came in Wednesday on business.

Medames J. F. Faulkner and Roy Campbell, Miss Sallie Campbell and John Haynes were Amarillo visitors Wednesday.

Wants

SHEEP, CATTLE, cotton, wheat lands, \$25 acre. Easy terms. Jas. Bush, Amarillo, Texas. 7-4p

ENVELOPES, plain or printed in the wanted sizes, at the News office.

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TYPEWRITER seconds, suitable for practice or copy work at the News office.

\$150 talking machine with 50 double records, for only \$75. Terms: Perry Everett, Phone 33 tfe

GUMMED TAPE—Rolls of gummed tape at the News office.

WILL HAVE Buff Orpington baby chicks for sale about March 15th, 16c each. Mrs. J. W. Lively, McLean, Texas, Phone 40 3. 9-2p

TYPEWRITER PAPER at the News office.

FOR SALE—3 mules, 5 years of age, two broken, one unbroken. Cash or good notes. See me for some grass to lease. Bob Ashby, Ic

FOR SALE—"Highland Lady," from the Jack Jones herd. Bred to "Buster's Masterpiece." Will farrow about April 1st. Can have papers with her. Farrowed 12 pigs first week, 22 months old. Bob Ashby.

SHIPPING TAGS, plain or printed, at the News office.

FOR SALE—Two milch cows, just now fresh. Priced to sell. See Jesse J. Cobb. 1p

FOR SALE—Six and one-half gallon Holstein cow. Also 175-egg Safety Hatch incubator. A. McEachern, Baptist parsonage, Alanreed, Texas. 1p

CARBON PAPER—Typewriter or pencil carbon paper at the News office.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

(Continued from Page 1)

The congressman's wife is frequently embarrassed, too, by queer requests. "Send me something from the White House when you attend your first reception," was the plea of a dear old lady. The wife of the official looked wildly around on that occasion and discovered that everything but the gold piano and the logs on the hearth were either nailed down or guarded. Finally, she filched a spray of fern from the decorations. This she entrusted to her husband who lost it, so the old lady received only a carriage check bearing the White House coat-of-arms.

Another choice bit of work cut out for a congressman was presented when an aged man of some wealth died out in Nebraska. He left his fortune to a niece in Colorado and to other relatives of whom all trace had been lost. The lost heirs lived in Washington about thirty years ago—and would the congressman please take a day off and try to locate them? It looked hopeless, but through influence with the census bureau the lost were traced and found and all lived happily ever after on the rich uncle's money.

The members of Congress who come from the states adjacent to the District of Columbia are subject to demands of which the members from the far West never dream.

Visitors from their home towns appear in Washington at the most inopportune moments and expect their congressman to drop everything and show them a good time. They expect him to look after little

incidentals like hotel accommodations, and he usually does so because, mayhap, the next election may be close and they may have a large family connection.

If it chances they decide to visit Washington during Inauguration week, they write to their representative: "Secure tickets for us on the grand stand opposite the White House." Of course he does as he is instructed, even if seats in that location are ten dollars per—and he doesn't dare to take any remuneration either, even if it is offered.

While these requests could never be catalogued under official business, they are easy of fulfillment when compared with the delicate errand entrusted to a Virginia member a few days ago:

A pudgy package which came to him in his mail upon being opened revealed, horrors of horrors!—a switch of auburn hair!

He has a male secretary, his wife was out of town, and this gentle constituent asked him, oh, so persuasively, to carry the aforesaid hirsute appendage to a hair dressing parlor and buy another to match it. While he was wandering helplessly around down town trying to make up his mind to enter one of the establishments where the heads of lovely ladies, looking like Bluebeard's wives, were displayed in the windows, a nice motherly-looking woman, whom he had never seen in his life before, crossed his path. He acted on impulse and told her his sad story. She listened sympathetically and volunteered to fix it up for him. The switch was sent by parcel-post by the dealer in hair goods with permission to return it if it did not suit.

Next day the motherly-looking woman's husband wanted to know "who sent the flowers," but she hasn't told—yet.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements are subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held in July:

- For County Judge: F. P. REID, T. M. WOLFE, C. S. RICE
- For County and District Clerk: CHARLIE THUT
- For Sheriff and Tax Collector: E. S. GRAVES
- For County Treasurer: R. L. COTTRELL, MIRIAM WILSON
- For Tax Assessor: D. M. GRAHAM

Leslie Jones of Hollis, Okla., came in Tuesday to visit relatives.

I. G. Hardin of Liberty was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

Miss Altha Bridge returned Monday from an extended visit with relatives at Quannah.

Douglas Wilson of Groom spent the week end with home folks.

NOT HIS FAULT

Mary Flapper—"These photographs of myself and my husband are not at all satisfactory and I refuse to accept them. Why, my husband looks like a baboon." Photographer—"Well, that's no fault of mine, madam. You should have thought of that before you took him."

J. M. Noel made a business trip to Amarillo Wednesday.

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at second hand prices. I handle Firestone, Miller and Gates products. TEXHOMA gasoline and oils, also Mobiloils.

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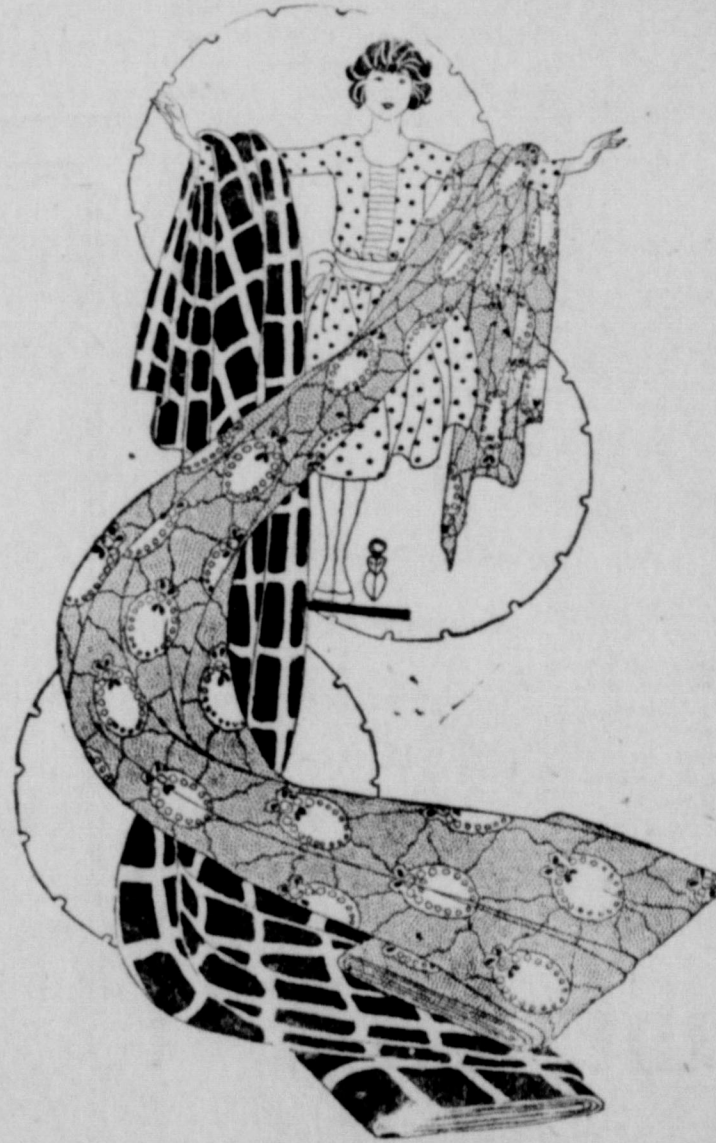
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Truly the very best display of styles for the new season which we have every assembled. And we welcome you to come soon and see it. Note especially the reasonable prices.

- Note the following Trades Day specials:
- 1 lot 25c gingham, special at 15c
 - 1 lot percales, 25c grade, full 36 inches wide 19c
 - 1 lot 32-inch gingham, while it lasts 19c
 - 9-4 sheeting, full 81 inches wide, special price 59c

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Four issues make an advertising month. When five issues occur in the calendar month, charge will be made for the extra edition.

It is to the interest of every patron of the McLean school to see that we have a full enrollment of pupils in the scholastic age for the next term. Every child missed means a loss of money to the district that is badly needed.

The Cotton Educational Campaign to be put on by the Rock Island lines here March 15th can be made of great value to our community, if properly attended. There is no reason why every person interested in the development of our community—and that means all of us—should not be present at the meetings and enjoy the program.

The State Highway Department has issued a bulletin warning all employees of the department to take no part in any political movement, and stating that any person connected with the department will be subject to discharge should he take a partisan part in either state or local political campaigns. The Highway Department proposes to serve the people and keep as far removed from politics as possible.

The meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night should be attended by everyone who is interested in the Fair for next fall. Now is none too soon to begin planning for the Fair, and according to a former decision of the Chamber, the Fair catalogs should be issued some time about the first of April. Let's all be present Monday night.

One of our local insurance agents told us the other day that he had been figuring the saving in fire insurance rates to our citizens since the waterworks had been installed and found that we save from \$1200 to \$1500 per year, or to put it in another way, if we would pay the old rates and allow the saving to be put into a sinking fund, there would be enough money on hand at the end of 40 years to pay off the bond issue for both water and lights. The saving in rates may seem small to the individual, but it amounts to a sizeable sum in the aggregate.

ADVERTISING PAYS

Hall's Catarrh Medicine is a Combined Treatment, both local and internal, and has been successful in the treatment of Catarrh for over forty years. Sold by all druggists. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio

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Raw material prices and manufacturing cost may move up and down, but our quality value remains the same. We offer you the best quality value in building materials that can be bought today.

Our stock of shelf hardware is complete, and a trial will convince you of the quality value in this line also.

Western Lumber & Hardware Company

NOTICE

I am leaving the postoffice, but will still remain in McLean and I will be glad to take your subscription to any newspaper or magazine from The McLean News on down. Proper dating guaranteed. See me if you need anything in this line.
J. F. FAULKNER.

DR. HALL HERE NEXT WEEK

Dr. J. A. Hall, dentist, of Shamrock will be in McLean Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week to do dental work. 1c

BAD EFFECTS THAT CIGARETTES HAVE ON THE HUMAN BODY

One of the Prize Compositions in Contest Held by the Childrens W. C. T. U.

By Gwendolyn Blair
Is there a boy, woman, or man with us today,
Who smokes and puffs his brain away?

If so, we ask you now to forsake the cigarette; this promise make: "I will not smoke the cigarette, I will not all by body and brain upset;
All my life I'll bear in mind
The solemn pledge that I have not signed,
And use my powers, do all I can,
To make every boy a man."

For the cigarette injures the boy, woman or man physically, mentally, morally, socially and financially.

The worst effect that the cigarette has on the boy, woman or man is physically. It strikes a direct blow at the most vital organ of the body, which is the heart. It weakens the heart action. For this reason, it is difficult for the cigarette addict to engage in athletics. It also affects the nervous system. He soon finds that he is easily winded and is lacking in endurance. He also soon loses all ambition in sports, in fact, any useful occupation. Such people find it hard to become first class stenographers because their nervous system is paralyzed and this work requires steady nerves and physical skill. Cigarettes also cause sunken eyes, swollen skin, irritable and impaired digestion, deafness, blindness, cancer, tuberculosis, dyspepsia, apoplexy, ruin the stomach, and weakens the lungs for disease.

Many women smoke because they think that it is smart, but it is more harmful to them than to men because they do not take as much exercise as men. Infants in cradles have been killed by the smoke of their fathers.

Mentally, the burning paper wrap-

H. B. HILL
Attorney-at-Law
Shamrock, Texas
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per is the injurious agent. This substance is called acrocin. It has a violent action on the nerve centers, producing degeneration of the cells of the brain, which is quite rapid among boys. Unlike most narcotics this degeneration is permanent and uncontrollable. The wreath of cigarette smoke that curls about the head of the growing boy holds his brain in an iron grip, which prevents it from growing and his mind from developing just as surely as the iron shoe does the foot of a Chinese girl. Cigarette smoking lessens mental efficiency by over 10%. It interferes with gaining a scholarship in schools.

The cigarette fiend is injured morally. He is more likely to lie, cheat, and steal than the non-smoker. He trains with bad company. He goes with other smokers to the pool rooms and saloons. Judges of courts have long recognized that cigarette smoking is one of the worst habits of boyhood. The cigarette smoker is more likely to get into other vile habits than the non-smoker. He seems to be unable to distinguish between right and wrong and he is absolutely untrustworthy. A woman cigarette fiend trains with bad company, and the above applies to her just the same.

The cigarette addict is also injured socially. Smoking of cigarettes reduces a boy's chance for business success and for advancement in his social life. It is unlawful in most of the states for a boy to smoke cigarettes, hence a boy who does smoke is a lawbreaker. Also in most of these states there are laws against selling to minors. Smoking in all public places, including depots, and all places where people have to go to conduct business, as stores, barber shops, and offices, should be absolutely prohibited. A man who smokes has no right to put himself in a position where people have to go to conduct business.

One million, four hundred fifty thousand acres of good, productive land will this year be wasted in growing tobacco unless you prevent it. This land could supply every grain need of our nation and its allies. The labor could supply every labor shortage in America. Fifteen billion, eight hundred million cigarettes were made in the United States during one year. A man will use money for cigarettes that

his family needs.
The above proves that the cigarette injures the boy, woman or man physically, mentally, morally, socially and financially.—Childress Post.

HARD TO MANAGE

A doctor had a patient who was suffering from stomach trouble. As he left him a large brown pill, he said, "This is a new cure and if you can manage to keep it on your stomach, it will cure you." The next day the doctor came back and inquired of the patient, "Did you keep it on your stomach?" "Oh, the pill was all right," replied the patient, "but when I went to sleep the darned thing rolled off."—Ward McMasters.

THEIR SAFEGUARD

A speaker at a farmers' rally told this story in the course of a lively and forceful address on organization:

"A negro down south, noted for his remarkable handling of the whip, was out driving one day with his boss. Seeing a beautiful rose in bloom along the roadside, Sam cracked his whip and cut off the rose, which he gave to his boss."

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"The National Magazine of Motor Boating"
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ERWIN DRUG CO.

"Thank you, Sam," the latter said.
"Presently a cottontail rabbit jumped out of a thicket near by. Sam again cracked his whip high, snapped up the rabbit into the rig and also presented it to his boss.
"A little further along they saw a hornet's nest on an overhanging limb of a tree. The boss, fearing Sam might try his skill on it, exclaimed, 'Sam, don't touch that nest.'
"Don't you-all worry, boss, I ain't crazy,' was the quick and emphatic reply. 'Them fellers is organized.'"

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Prock of Alarced were McLean visitors Saturday night.

Groceries are cheaper at Snell's Cash Store. tfe

If you need a new Hester, I would be glad to show you the E-B line. A. T. Wilson. 1c

Mrs. J. W. Turner and Miss Marie Copeland were Shamrock visitors Saturday.

Mrs. B. L. Burk and children California came in Sunday to Mrs. Earle Shell.

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SCHOOL NOTES

... week ends the sixth month school for this year. During the coming twelve weeks many things will be done: Local elimination in the scholastic League events, the scholastic League meet the first week of April, periodic and final examinations, commencement exercises, making of passing grades by the faculty, the co-operation of all parents to have children in school to the end that the things named may be a successful termination.

... children's report cards will be handed out next Wednesday. Parents are called for these cards and examine them. The fact that some parents fail to deliver their cards for the reason by the parents is sufficient proof that their parents should be called.

... proper blanks for taking the school census were received this week. The scholastic enumeration should begin March 1st, and should continue until every child in the district and who will be over seven years and under 17 on the first day of next September is enumerated. Parents are urged to have their scholastics enrolled as the enrollment for next year will be \$12.00 to \$15.00. This money had as well come here as to other districts, and besides, it is needed here.

... Thanks to all those who contributed last week to the fund being used for school activities. A public spirited people always respond to support to the calls of their schools.

... The Inter-scholastic League of Gray County for this year will be held at Pampa, probably April 4th and 5th. Supt. W. B. Irvin of Pampa has extended a very courteous invitation to the McLean school to come to Pampa for the League meet, and says in a subsequent letter: "We shall provide the best we have for your contestants. Please let me about the number we may meet, as soon as possible, so we can start preparing."

... The suggested Bible lesson for this week is Luke 2:41-52. These twelve verses give a very vivid picture of "the Child Jesus." One of the great lessons to be learned by children and young people generally from this lesson is filial obedience. "And He went down with them (Joseph and his mother, Mary) and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them."

... What is considered the most important and far-reaching educational law enacted by the Thirty-eighth Legislature authorizing a survey of the public school system of Texas. For the purpose of carrying out this proposed survey an appropriation of \$50,000 was made. This work is to be initiated or commenced by a survey committee consisting of the Governor, State Superintendent, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education, Chairman of the House Committee on Education, the President of the University of Texas, the President of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, President of the College of Industrial Arts, two State Normal school presidents, a city superintendent of schools, a county superintendent of schools, one principal of an elementary school, two persons engaged in the State Banker business, two persons engaged in general mercantile business, and two persons engaged in farming. The last nine persons are to be appointed by the Governor of the State. The survey committee has selected a survey commission consisting of twenty members, six of whom shall not be engaged in the profession, and at

least two of whom shall be women. It is the duty of the survey commission to select an educational expert as a survey director and to approve the staff selected by the director to assist him in making the survey.

... This director of the survey shall be an educational expert and may not be a resident of Texas. The staff of experts are to be selected by the director, subject to the approval of the survey commission. These may also not be residents of Texas. The act provides that the survey staff "make a thorough and impartial survey of the public educational institutions supported in whole or in part by public taxation, and all administrative departments connected therewith as to means of support, organization, co-ordination, administration and general efficiency, in accordance with approved scientific standards of educational research."

... The findings of the survey staff and the recommendations shall be reported to the Governor and the Legislature not later than December 1, 1924.

... The act provides that the survey staff shall have free access to all public records having to do with matters of public education.

... This school survey has a three-fold purpose:

1. To gather data (facts) concerning the schools as they actually are in accordance with scientific methods and techniques, which have been developed within the last fifteen years.

2. To organize the data into tables and graphs to present them in a form so as to render them intelligible to the lay mind.

3. To conduct a campaign of publicity among the citizenship of the state by which the true condition of the educational system may be made known to the tax-payers and may influence their wills to act in such a way as to bring about a cure of the evils and defects discovered.

... If the purposes of this act are carried out, a complete scientific diagnosis of our state educational system will result, and needed reforms will be effected. It is hoped that wastes will be eliminated, better administrative methods realized, higher standards in teacher qualifications brought about, and greater efficiency of instruction effected. It is pretty certain that vital changes in our state system of education will follow the report of the survey staff. It may turn out that the \$50,000 spent in this survey will be money well spent. Let us hope that it will.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

- Roll call—Answer with Bible verse on service
- Green No 1 in charge.
- Subject—Dorcas.
- Leader—Mildred Landers.
- Dorcas, a Good Woman—Wilma Grigsby.
- Dorcas Dies—Fern Abbott.
- Dorcas Raised—Mildred Landers.
- The Revival—Elizabeth Wilkerson.
- The Consecrated Needle—Floye Landers.
- Bible drill—Peter the Great Preacher.
- W. S. Stewart, former city electrician, visited in McLean Sunday and attended services at the First Baptist church.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

John G. Pollard, Minister
 Morning service, 11 a. m., sermon subject "The Holiness of Worship."
 Evening service, 7:15 p. m., sermon subject, "The Apostrophe T." Sunday school, 10:00 a. m. Mid-week service Wednesday evening 7:15.
 Attend all the Sabbath services and see how much better everything goes the next week. It helps a lot. Try it.

METHODIST W. M. S.

The Bible study class will meet next Tuesday at 2:30 at the Methodist church. All the class are urged to be present.
 Publicity Committee.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB MEETS MARCH 6TH

The Home Economics Club will meet at Mrs. J. M. Noel's Thursday, March 6th. Everybody invited.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of Gray County—GREETING:
 YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED that you summon by making publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Gray, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, one in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, Earl Kelly, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Honorable District Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the County of Gray on the 31st day of March, 1924, at the Court House thereof in Lefors, Texas, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court, on the 25th day of February, A. D. 1924, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1170, wherein Dovie Kelly is plaintiff and Earl Kelly is defendant. The nature of the plaintiff's demand being as follows, to-wit:
 Plaintiff alleges that she and defendant were married at Pampa, Texas, on the 1st day of January, 1920, and that they lived together as husband and wife until about February 1st, 1922, at which time defendant abandoned her. Plaintiff alleges that during the time they lived together as husband and wife, defendant was guilty of drunkenness, cruelty and excesses of such a nature as to render their further living together as husband and wife insupportable. Plaintiff sues for divorce and asks that the marriage contract now existing between she and defendant be dissolved.
 BEFORE PAID, NOT, and have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, to wit with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in Lefors, Texas, on the 25th day of February, A. D. 1924.
 R. B. THOMPSON,
 Clerk District Court,
 CCC-9-4c Gray County, Texas.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The trustees of the McLean Independent School District will receive bids on the following: 1 cypress water tank, 105 barrel capacity; two 2 1/2 H. P. Stover pump engines; about 160 feet of casing, pipe and sucker rod, complete with working barrel. Make separate bids on above articles. Sealed bids will be opened at 2 p. m. Wednesday, March 5th. Bids may be left or mailed to the American National Bank, McLean, Texas. The trustees reserve the right to reject any or all bids.
 J. R. HINDMAN,
 President of the Board of Trustees.

NOTICE TO SCHOOL PATRONS

The law requires that all children of school age shall be enrolled for the next school year. If for any reason I fail to see you, kindly report to me the names and ages of children entitled to free school privileges.
 J. A. SPARKS,
 Census Enumerator 1c

M. C. Burdine of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Leonard Harrison of Salina, Kans., was in town Saturday on business.

Jack Bailey of Heald was a McLean visitor Thursday of last week.

N. S. Ray of Gracey was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Evan Sitter of Enterprise was in town Saturday.

W. J. Chilton of Heald was trading in the city last Thursday.

W. Sherman White

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KUNKEL BROS

P. E. Robinson spent last week with his folks in the city.

Walter Bailey and family of Gracey were in town Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Pete McCarty left last Thursday night for Drumright, Okla., to visit relatives.

Geo. Hunt was trading in the city Saturday.

C. D. Cates of Heald was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Charlie Roach of Gracey was in town Saturday, trading.


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Photographs

I will be in McLean taking pictures from Monday, March 3rd, to Saturday evening, March 8th. During this time will ask that people having had pictures made on my last trip to please call for the finished work.
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PHOTOGRAPHER NEXT WEEK

Photographer C. O. Rowe of Shamrock will be in McLean all next week to take pictures. All who ordered pictures on the last trip here are requested to call for the finished work. 1c

News From Back

By Special Correspondent.
R. L. Appling and family of McLean visited Jesse Cobb and family Friday of last week.
Chas. Bac, was a McLean visitor last Saturday.
C. M. Carpenter was trading in McLean Saturday.
W. I. Bacon had business in McLean Saturday.
Miss Vida Colebank of McLean spent the week end with home folks.
C. M. Carpenter and family visited in the J. M. Noel home at McLean Sunday.
Geo. Colebank and family attended church in McLean Sunday.
Misses Lella and Beatrice Back visited Miss Lockety Norman Sunday.
Miss Allene Harper of the Huntsman community visited Misses Lella and Beatrice Back Sunday evening.
Mr. Dean came in Sunday from Colorado to visit his daughter, Mrs. Jesse Cobb, and family.

FILIPINOS AND 1776

"I prefer a bad government run by Filipinos to one run like heaven by the Americans," says Manuel Quezon. Many Americans will argue that we ought not to let the Filipinos run their government because in the long run it will be kinder to them to govern them ourselves. We are sure they will be better off under our rule than under independence. Probably many British people in 1776 thought they were doing us a favor by trying to keep us from winning our freedom.—The Worcester (Mass.) Telegram.

LEAVE DEAD ALONE

Something like unanimity marks the comment of the English papers on the proposed removal to

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America of whatever now is left of Gen. Oglethorpe. They distinctly do not like either the thing or the idea. Is it not enough, they ask, that Americans are buying up and carrying home the most precious of England's treasures in the shape of pictures, old books and everything else valued by collectors and artists? Must they now loot British graves and take—without even paying for them!—the mouldering bones of England's makers of history—her heroes and geniuses?

Whether this resentment is due to a really pious reverence for the dead and their resting places or to a certain irritability which some Englishmen show when they see Americans do anything whatever, these days—that is a question not easily settled. It must be admitted, however, that they have a sort of right to see, as they do, some weakness in the claim made by the State of Georgia for the body of a man who to the end of his life remained an Englishman and would have been bitterly opposed to the participation of the colony he founded in the rebellion that cost his country so dear.

Buried in England are a good many other men who, like Oglethorpe, had to do with colonies that later became American States, and if one of our colleges can "desecrate" a grave, there are lots more likely to demand the same privileges.

Very curious is it that in most of these London comments on the removal of Gen. Oglethorpe's body there is revealed something very much like belief that evil will follow just as it did, they say, the invasion of Tut-Ankh-Amen's tomb. British archaeologists laugh at such superstitious notions, but English editors evidently are inclined to think that there is some reason to apprehend the consequences of disturbing the sleep of the dead.—The New York Times.

WAR ON TEA AND COFFEE IS STARTED

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 28—Hudson Maxim, scientist and inventor, today stated he had engaged counsel to take action under the Eighteenth Amendment against restaurants, hotels and other places selling tea and

coffee. A prominent hotel in Newark or New York City, Mr. Maxim asserted would be selected for the first raid.

The 18th amendment, Mr. Maxim asserted, prohibits intoxicating liquors and therefore applies to all drugs and other preparations which produce intoxication in any degree. Dictionary definitions, he said, would be sufficient to bring tea and coffee within the prohibition amendment.

W. B. Upham returned Monday from a visit with his mother at Waurika, Okla.

Groceries are cheaper at Snell's Cash Store.

E. W. Brock of Heald was in town Saturday, trading.

Mrs. J. S. Carwile and children of Gracy attended the show here Saturday night.

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A good quality of silk hose full fashioned silks—in fawn, jackrabbit grey, polo grey, cordovan and black. Ask to see our black chiffon with brilliant heel.
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