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409 PUPILS ENROLLED IN McLEAN SCHOOL

The McLean school is now running smoothly with every department fully organized. Up to Wednesday evening four hundred and nine pupils had been enrolled, of which number 294 are in the elementary grades and 115 in high school. There is some inconvenience experienced owing to the fact that there is a lack of text books in some classes, and this condition will continue to exist for several days until the necessary books can be secured.

Eighty-three students are enrolled in the commercial department, 19 of whom are taking bookkeeping, 21 shorthand, and 40 typewriting. These subjects are elective. English is a prescribed course and the 115 high school students are enrolled in this course. Spanish is elective with 42 enrolled, and Latin, another elective course, has 28 students. In the science department 22 have enrolled in physiology and 8 in physics.

Every indication points to a better school than ever this term. The organization has been effected in a shorter time and with less friction than at any former time, and with the proper co-operation of all interested, we may confidently expect great things for McLean school this year.

AMARILLO FAIR OPENS TUES.

Amarillo, Sept. 20.—With work on the buildings nearing completion and with entries in every department daily growing in number, plans are rapidly maturing for the opening on Tuesday morning of next week of what will be the greatest regional fair ever held in this section of the state, unless all signs of the day fail.

Extensive publicity has been given in the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition, interest has been shown in every county of the Plains region from the very day the announcement was made that a fair would be held, and nothing has been left undone which, in the opinion of the management, might add to the success of the five-day exhibition.

From a standpoint of agricultural exhibits, the Tri-State Fair this year—its first year—will equal the Dallas Fair, according to present indications. Twenty-four counties have entered exhibits, while those showing at the State Fair last year were only two above that number. By the end of the week the number here may grow to thirty.

A large building covered with canvas and representing the tent of a huge circus is being erected to house the agricultural exhibits. This tent is 300 feet in length and 40 feet wide. Booths for the individual counties measure 12 by 18 feet. Work on this enclosure is being rushed and will be completed Monday, R. T. Emmett, chairman of buildings and grounds reported last night. Other buildings and enclosures are rapidly going up and the whole fair grounds has the appearance of a large circus or exposition.

South of the auditorium building and across Sixth street on the vacant lot the building for the machinery and implement display is being erected. The automobile show will be held in the street in front of the auditorium and the tent for this feature extends the entire length of the block.

To the east of the auditorium in Lincoln street the poultry and pet stock shows will be held, while the livestock division is on Fifth street between Lincoln and Grant.

Fifth street north of the auditorium is reserved for the midway attractions, such as the merry-go-round, ferris wheel, and the air-works display to be given daily. The main entrance to the grounds will be at the intersection of Fifth and Buchanan.

Around the auditorium building concessions, stands and various attractions will be located, while inside the building the merchants' exposition is to be held.

Directors of the various departments of the exposition are busy arranging details, and everything will be in readiness for the opening of the fair several days before the gates are to be swung ajar.

P. J. Barnes of St. Cloud, Fla., is visiting his son, Harry Barnes.

W. S. Copeland was an Alameda visitor Tuesday.

Diversified Farming



SAN CARLO GRAND OPERA IN AMARILLO NOV. 9 & 10

The first grand opera to be brought to West Texas and the Panhandle will be presented in Amarillo on Nov. 9 and 10 under the auspices of the Amarillo College of Music, when the San Carlo Grand Opera Company of New York City will offer four operas in three programs.

The organization will be brought to Amarillo intact, 105 people in all, with full complement of artists, splendid chorus of highly trained singers, large orchestra, and a pretentious array of scenic productions permitting stage pictures traditional and beautiful in character.

The Carlo comes to Amarillo after a five day run at the Cotton Palace at Waco.

Four operas will be given in Amarillo. On the first evening Madame Butterfly with Tamaki Miura as Cho Cho San will be given. On Saturday afternoon a double program will be given—Cavalleria Rusticana and Pagliacci. On Saturday evening La Boheme with Anna Fitzui as Mimì will be offered. Other noted singers will be Sofia Charleho, soprano; Charles E. Gaharher, bass; and Collin O'More, tenor, who is declared to be a second John McCormick.

Information in regard to ticket sales is given in an advertisement in this paper.

WHEELER TRUSTEES TO BRING SUIT TO COLLECT BACK TAXES

Wheeler, Sept. 13.—The trustees of Wheeler Independent School District are sending out delinquent notices and doing all preliminary work strictly according to law. The work district has something like \$1600 being due in delinquent taxes and they are going to proceed to collect by publishing the delinquent tax list, publishing the delinquent tax judgment and securing property. They feel that the school tax should not be neglected and that such stringent means are necessary. Publication of the delinquent's names can be avoided by payment of taxes before the date of publication of the list.—Wheeler News-Review.

SHAMROCK TO HAVE GAS

Shamrock, Sept. 17.—The city council of Shamrock has granted a franchise to R. W. Schenck for the purpose of supplying the city with natural gas for light, heat, power and manufacturing purposes for a period of twenty-five years. The rate will be 75c per thousand cubic feet of gas until 400 connections have been secured, when Mr. Schenck agrees to reduce the rate to 60c. The plant will be put in operation just as soon as material can be secured. This material has been bought and only awaits delivery.

W. W. Formwalt of Alameda was a business visitor in the city Tuesday.

SHAMROCK TO SELL HUNDREDS OF LOTS FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Shamrock, Sept. 13.—At the regular meeting of the Commissioners Court held at Wheeler Monday morning, a petition bearing the names of a majority of the merchants of Shamrock asked that the Court issue an order to sell all property in the city of Shamrock upon which no taxes have been paid within the past five years.

The petition was worded as follows:

"We, the undersigned property tax payers of the city of Shamrock respectfully ask that the Commissioners' Court issue an order for the sale of all residence and business lots in Shamrock upon which no taxes have been paid within the past five years. There are many such lots in this city, and as Shamrock is on the verge of a great building boom, these lots will find plenty of buyers, and we ask the Court to take action immediately."

The Commissioners have instructed the Mayor to proceed with the sale, to take out the money the city has against the lots, and in case any is left to turn it in to the county.

This is indeed a good move as there are over five hundred lots in the town upon which no taxes have been paid in years, and hundreds where the owners are unknown.

Lots, both business and residence, are in great demand now, and the city should realize quite a sum of money from the sale.—Shamrock Texan.

McCLELLAN BUILDING HOME

J. C. McClellan of the Peterson Creek community has torn down his old residence and has a crew of men building a new one.

The new house is located just north of the site where the old one stood and when completed will be one of the best homes in the community.

HARDING MEMORIAL STAMPS

The new Harding memorial stamps are now on sale at the local post-office. The stamps are printed in black and have a very good likeness of the late president; the general design is much better than the stamps now in use. These stamps are of interest to the general public as well as to philatelists, who particularly watch for special issues.

Bill Farren of Heald was trading in the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mann and children and Mrs. H. L. Mann returned Saturday from a visit with relatives at Memphis.

Mrs. Anna Smith returned Sunday from a visit with relatives at St. Joe, Ark.

M. M. Newman and Barney Fulbright were Alameda visitors Wednesday.

CATALOG HOUSE HIGHER IN PRICE THAN NEWS

Our attention has been called to an item on page 444 of a certain catalog put out by a popular mail order firm offering a standard brand of typewriter paper in 500 sheet packages at \$1.59, plus 14c for postage. This same paper can be bought any day at the News office for \$1.50. If you count the postage and money order fee for the remittance, our price represents a saving of twenty-eight cents on this one item. We have never charged over \$1.50 for this sized package, and we make a fair profit on each sale. We are willing for you to make your own conclusions, and when you multiply this one item with many others that can be supplied in your home town, you can easily figure the saving that can be made by buying at home.

A WATERMELON FEAST

On Thursday evening of last week Miss Lillian Abbott gave a watermelon feast in honor of the teachers of the McLean school. Those who enjoyed the occasion were: Misses Margaret Miller, Lois Taggart, Ann Richey, Nela Norman, Sammie Roach, Altha Bridge, Nona Cousins, Myrtle Strong, Mellie Bird Richey, Louise Orr, Oma Arnold, Eunice Stratton, Ha Abbott, Mesdames Vigna Stuckey, S. A. Cousins and D. L. Abbott; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Castleberry, Messrs. T. A. Taggart, R. O. Dunkle and Homer Abbott.

CEMETERY WORKING SATURDAY

All those who are interested in Hillcrest cemetery are requested to bring dinner next Saturday and help clean up and otherwise beautify the grounds.

NEFF FOR PRESIDENT

Gov. Pat Neff is being boosted in some quarters as a candidate for President on the Democratic ticket. While the party would not at this time nominate a man of the South, if the nomination should come this way, Gov. Neff would be the peer of any other man so far mentioned.—Childress Index.

Miss Lois Taggart left Wednesday for Royce City, where she will teach school this winter.

Mrs. Billie Le Compte and children returned to their home at Newlin Wednesday after a visit in the J. W. Cunningham home.

W. W. Breeding of Enterprise was in town Wednesday on business.

John Grogan of Ramsdell was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

John Hrciar of Slavonia was in the city Tuesday.

Los Hancock of Abra was a McLean visitor Thursday.

FOOTBALL GAME TODAY

The McLean Tigers will play the first game of the season today (Friday) when they tackle the McLean Cowpunchers, made up of former Tiger stars. There are quite a number of new players on the Tiger team this year and they have had very little practice so far, but they are confident of victory, and the game promises to be a well fought battle.

The game will start promptly at 4 p. m. and a big crowd of boosters will be on hand to cheer the Tigers to victory.

RAIN PLENTIFUL THIS WEEK

It has rained over our territory almost every day this week, amounting at times to young floods. On Tuesday and Tuesday night rains fell that damaged the city streets to some extent and taxed the capacity of all culverts to take care of the excess water. It was reported that all bridges were washed out on the railroad in Oklahoma, and we have been without mail from that direction for several days. Tourist travel has been practically nil during the week, but the roads are now in shape to travel and things are back to normal.

It is thought that the rain has not damaged the crops in any way with the exception of a hail that fell south of town. It is understood that while the hail was pretty severe, it only covered a small territory.

SUBSCRIBERS READ ADS

Two McLean citizens were discussing The News one day last week.

One thought the paper had too many advertisements in it. The other replied, "In my opinion, the advertisements are far from being the least interesting part of it. I look them over carefully and save many times the cost of the paper each week, through the business advantages I get from them."

"I don't know but what you are right," said the second. "I know they pay me well, and rather think it is not good taste to find fault with the advertisements after all."

Those men have the right idea of the matter. It pays any man with a family to take a good local paper for the sake of the advertisements, if nothing more. If business men fail to give farmers a chance to read advertisements in the local paper, they are blind to their own interests.

"You never trade with me," said a business man to a prosperous farmer. "You have never invited me to your place of business, and I never go where I am not invited, because I might not be welcome," was his reply.

SOPHOMORE CLASS ORGANIZES

The Sophomore class of McLean high school met Tuesday afternoon, and with Miss Norman acting as chairman, elected the following officers:

President—Marvin Davis.
Vice president—Leonard Howard.
Sec.-treas.—Bennie Newman.
News reporter—Vina Stratton.
Entertainment committee—Essie Worley, Lorena Ashby, LeRoy Landers and Oran Robinson.

The class colors are purple and gold; class flower, violet; motto, "Push, pull, or get out of the way."

The Sophs of '23 have started out full of pep, vigor and vitality, intending to make this one of the best years of their high school career. They believe in living up to their motto, and woe to the laggard!—REPORTER.

REV. ROBERTS BUYS HOME

Rev. W. P. Roberts, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, has bought the Joe Hindman home in the west part of town and will move in to it at once. Dr. Roberts is a firm believer in the future of McLean, and we are glad to see him invest in more of our city property. The home just purchased was built last year, and is very desirable, both as to condition and location.

C. B. Hock of the Sitter ranch was in town yesterday.

Curley Crockett and Hansel Christian left Thursday for Sayre, Okla., on business.

W. E. Bentley of Shamrock was a business visitor in the city Thursday.

BAPTISTS TO BUILD PASTORIUM

At a called conference held by the First Baptist church the building committee was instructed to build a pastorium on the church lots. The church has just completed a concrete basement worth, according to the architect's estimate, over \$7,000, and it is in the mind of the committee to build a modern structure for the pastor's home to cost around \$1,500.

Rev. W. C. Garrett, present missionary of the Palo Duro Association, has been called to the pastorate of the church, but has not given a definite answer to the call.

L. O. Floyd, J. W. Kibler and T. A. Landers compose the building committee of the church.

STATE HUNTING LAWS AFFECTED BY FEDERAL REGULATIONS

With the close approach of the open season for hunting migratory birds, much interest is being manifested in the question of when sportsmen may hunt in conformity with both State and Federal laws. The migratory bird treaty act, passed by Congress to give effect to the treaty between United States and Great Britain for the protection of birds migrating between the United States and Canada has the effect of modifying many State laws. This law is administered by the United States Department of Agriculture through the Biological Survey, and provides that the States may make and enforce laws relating to migratory birds which give further protection to those birds than that afforded by the migratory bird treaty act regulations, if such laws do not extend the open seasons beyond the dates provided in the Federal regulations.

In order to guide the gunner as to his privileges under both State and Federal laws the Department of Agriculture will shortly issue Farmers' Bulletin No. 1375, giving a summary of the game laws for the hunting season of 1923-24, containing a synopsis of the game laws for each State, to show the open seasons for all migratory game birds in conformity with both State and Federal laws. The open seasons stated in this bulletin are the times when hunting may be enjoyed without violating either law. Copies of this bulletin, when published, may be obtained on application to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

NEARLY EVERYBODY IN McLEAN READS THE NEWS

When you pick up your copy of The McLean News you may feel certain that you are reading what nearly every other citizen of the town reads—the home town paper. Of course some few of the readers impose on their neighbor's and the editor's good will and borrow the paper, but they enjoy reading it just the same. And as for the quality and completeness of the home news we carry, we will risk the good opinion of any reader. Our home news is thoroughly covered by paid reporters. And that's why in McLean "nearly every one reads The News."

CHILDRESS FAIR A SUCCESS

Childress, Sept. 20.—The Childress fair held last week was one of the most successful ever held here. The receipts, including the rain insurance, will be in excess of \$10,000. No fair was ever held under more adverse conditions, but the success proves that high class attractions and extensive advertising will make a paying proposition of any venture of this kind.

FAIR COMMITTEE BUSY

The fair committee has been very busy this week securing and arranging McLean's part of the Gray county exhibit for the Amarillo fair. A nice line of stuff has been secured that will be loaded on trucks and started to Amarillo some time today (Friday).

The committee is also busy on the McLean community fair and various concessions are being invited here for that event. It is planned to have football and baseball games for both days, as well as other amusements. There will be nothing left undone to insure all who attend their money's worth.

The Secret Adversary

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SYNOPSIS

PROLOGUE.—Realizing that she has a possible chance of being saved, the Louisiana is sinking, a stranger gives a young American girl a package which he asks her to deliver to the American ambassador in England. She is saved.

CHAPTER I.—In London, former Lieut. Tommy Beresford and Miss Prudence Cowley—Tuppence—discharge army duties, form an organization, "The Young Adventurers, Ltd." Tuppence makes a business appointment with a man, Edward Whittington, who offers her easy employment, but on giving her name as "Jane Finn," which she had heard on the streets, Whittington shows agitation and Tuppence is told to return next day.

CHAPTER II.—In the morning the girl finds Whittington's office deserted. In answer to an advertisement signed "Jane Finn" the two receive notices from "Mr. Carter" and "Julius P. Hershelmer." Carter is really a high government official. He speaks of a mysterious "Mr. Brown" as head of the Bolsheviks in England, and engages the pair to attempt to find Jane Finn, whom he is seeking for important reasons of state.

CHAPTER III.—Next day the pair visit the Hershelmer, American millionaire, living at the Ritz hotel. He is looking for his cousin, Jane Finn, who had disappeared after landing from the Louisiana's boat, and employs them to search for her. They discover a certain Mrs. Vandemeyer is a Louisiana survivor. Seeking information from her, Tuppence recognizes Whittington in a caller on Mrs. Vandemeyer. Tommy trails him.

CHAPTER IV.—Whittington leaves for France, Hershelmer, whom Tommy had summoned, follows him. Having heard the two mention "Mr. Brown," Tommy trails "Boris," Whittington's companion, to a house in Soho. He secures admission, and while he is hiding overhears details of a Bolshevik and labor plot to overturn the government. Success apparently depends on finding a secret treaty made between the allies during the war. Tommy is caught listening, and knocked senseless.

CHAPTER V.—Sensing sinister relations between Whittington and Mrs. Vandemeyer, Tuppence determines to spy on the latter. She disguises herself and secures employment as a parlor maid in the Vandemeyer home.

CHAPTER VI.—During a conversation between a visitor, "Boris," and Mrs. Vandemeyer, in which the name of Sir James Peel Edgerton, famous criminal lawyer, is mentioned, Tuppence hears talk of an "organization." Next day Edgerton visits Mrs. Vandemeyer, and on leaving advises Tuppence to give up her position, but refuses to give a reason.

CHAPTER VII.—On her "day off" Tuppence goes to see Hershelmer. He discovered nothing of importance in France. Tommy's continuing absence worries Tuppence. Remembering his seeming kindness, she visits Edgerton and tells him the whole story. He promises to assist her, making an engagement to visit her that evening at the Vandemeyer home. Returning to the place, Tuppence finds she has been discovered. Mrs. Vandemeyer threatens her, but Tuppence secures the upper hand, and on her promise of an enormous sum to be paid by Hershelmer, Mrs. Vandemeyer agrees to betray the "organization." They are interrupted by the appearance of Edgerton, with Hershelmer. Seeing them, Mrs. Vandemeyer faints.

CHAPTER VIII.—They revive her and leave her for the night, the three sitting up. In the morning Mrs. Vandemeyer is found dead.

CHAPTER IX.—The coroner's verdict is accidental death. Due to an overdose of chloral, and the affair is ended. Tuppence receives a telegram from Tommy.

CHAPTER X.—In the house in Soho Tommy is imprisoned for three days. Then he is sentenced to death and is left securely bound. A girl whom he knows as Annette, an inmate of the house, assists him to escape.

CHAPTER XI.—At the Ritz Tommy finds Tuppence gone in search of him. The telegram, of course, was bogus. He and Hershelmer visit the town named in the telegram, but find no trace of Edgerton, who he has found Jane Finn at Manchester. They go there.

CHAPTER XII.—The girl tells them she had the package, and describes the place. They find it, but the "package" contains only a sheet of paper inscribed "With the compliments of Mr. Brown."

The young men were on the point of coming to blows. But suddenly, with an almost magical abruptness, Julius' anger abated.

"All right, son," he said quietly, "I'm going. I don't blame you any for what you've been saying. It's mighty lucky you did say it. I've been the most akimbo blithering damned idiot that it's possible to imagine. Calm down—Tommy had made an impatient gesture—"I'm going right away now—going to the London and North Western railway depot, if you want to know."

"I don't care a d—n where you're going," growled Tommy.

As the door closed behind Julius, he returned to his suitcase.

Where was he going? He hadn't the faintest idea. Beyond a fixed determination to get even with Mr. Brown he had no plans. He re-read Sir James' letter, and shook his head. Tuppence must be avenged. Still, it was kind of the old fellow.

"Better answer it, I suppose." He went across to the writing table. With the usual perversity of bedroom stationery, there were innumerable envelopes and no paper. He rang. No one came. Tommy fumed at the delay. Then he remembered that there was a good supply in Julius' sitting room. The American had announced his immediate departure, there would be no fear of running up against him. Besides, he wouldn't mind if he did. He was beginning to be rather ashamed of the things he had said.

But the room was deserted. Tommy walked across to the writing table, and opened the middle drawer. A photograph, carefully thrust in face up-

wards, caught his eye. For a moment he stood rooted to the ground. Then he took it out, shut the drawer, walked slowly over to an armchair, and sat down still staring at the photograph in his hand.

What on earth was a photograph of the French girl Annette doing in Julius Hershelmer's writing table?

CHAPTER XIV

In Downing Street.

The prime minister tapped the desk in front of him with nervous fingers. His face was worn and harassed. He took up his conversation with Mr. Carter at the point it had broken off.

"I don't understand," he said. "Do you really mean that things are not so desperate after all?"

"So this lad seems to think."

"Let's have a look at his letter again."

Mr. Carter handed it over. It was written in a sprawling boyish hand.

"Dear Mr. Carter: "I think I know who the real Jane Finn is, and I've even got an idea where the papers are. That last's only a guess, of course, but I've a sort of feeling it'll turn out right. Anyhow, I enclose it in a sealed envelope for what it's worth. I'm going to ask you not to open it until the very last moment, midnight on the 28th, in fact. You see, I've figured it out that those things of Tuppence's are a plant too, and she's no more drowned than I am. The way I reason is this: as a last chance they'll let Jane Finn escape in the hope that she's been shamming this memory stunt, and that once she thinks she's free she'll go right away to the cache. Of course it's an awful risk for them to take, because she knows all about them—but they're pretty desperate to get hold of that treaty. But if they know that the papers have been recovered by us, neither of those two girls' lives will be worth an hour's purchase. I must try and get hold of Tuppence before Jane escapes."

"I want a repeat of that telegram that was sent to Tuppence at the Ritz. Sir James Peel Edgerton said you would be able to manage that for me."

"One last thing—please have that house in Soho watched day and night. Yours, etc., "THOMAS BERESFORD."

"His seems coincident," mused the Prime Minister. "A half smile came to the other's lips."

"And it is this—boy who will defeat the master criminal?"

"This—boy, as you say! But I sometimes fancy I see a shadow behind."

"You mean?"

"Feel Edgerton. I see his hand in this."

There was a pause, then Mr. Carter continued:

"I asked him to come round here. Not that we'll get anything out of him he doesn't want to tell. His legal instincts are too strong. But there's no doubt he can throw light on one or two obscure points in young Beresford's letter. Ah, here he is!"

The two men rose to greet the newcomer. A half whimsical thought flashed across the premier's mind. "My successor, perhaps?"

"We've had a letter from young Beresford," said Mr. Carter, coming to the point at once. "You've seen him, I suppose?"

"He rang me up."

"Would you have any objection to telling us exactly what passed between you?"

"Not at all. He thanked me for a certain letter which I had written to him—as a matter of fact, I had offered him a job. Then he reminded me of something I had said to him at Manchester respecting that bogus telegram which lured Miss Cowley away. I asked him if anything untoward had occurred. He said it had—that in a drawer in Mr. Hershelmer's room he had discovered a photograph. The lawyer paused, then continued: "I asked him if the photograph bore the name and address of a Californian photographer. He replied: 'You're on to it, sir. It had.' Then he went on to tell me something I didn't know. The original of that photograph was the French girl, Annette, who saved his life."

"What?"

"Exactly. The discovery was a providential one. Of course, from the moment that the girl in Manchester was proved to be a plant everything was altered. Young Beresford saw

that for himself without my having to tell him. But he felt he couldn't trust his judgment on the subject of Miss Cowley. That brought us back to the telegram."

"Yes?"

"I advised him to apply to you for a copy of the original wire. It had occurred to me as probable that, after Miss Cowley flung it on the floor, certain words might have been erased or altered with the express intention of setting searchers on a false trail."

Carter nodded. He took a sheet from his pocket, and read aloud: "Come at once, Astley Priors, Gatehouse, Kent. Great developments—TOMMY."

"Very simple," said Sir James, "and very ingenious. Just a few words to alter, and the thing was done. And the one important clue they overlooked."

"What was that?"

"The page-boy's statement that Miss Cowley drove to Charing Cross. They were so sure of themselves that they took it for granted he had made a mistake."

"Then young Beresford is now?"

"At Gatehouse, Kent, unless I am much mistaken. Any more facts about that American chap for me?"

"I'm afraid not. Is it important to find out who he was?"

"Oh, I know who he was," said Sir James easily. "I can't prove it yet—but I know."

"Well?"

Carter shrugged his shoulders. "I couldn't get much. Young fellow about thirty-five—poorly dressed—face very badly disfigured. He was never identified."

"And you fancy that the two matters are connected in some way?"

"Somehow I do. I may be wrong, of course."

The other two asked no questions. They had an instinct that it would be mere waste of breath.

"But what I don't understand," said the prime minister suddenly, "is how that photograph came to be in Mr. Hershelmer's drawer?"

"Perhaps it never left it," suggested the lawyer gently.

Two days later Julius Hershelmer returned from Manchester. A note from Tommy lay on his table:

"Dear Hershelmer: "Sorry I lost my temper. In case I don't see you again, goodbye. I've been offered a job in the Argentine, and might as well take it. Yours, "TOMMY BERESFORD."

A peculiar smile lingered for a moment on Julius' face. He threw the letter into the waste-paper basket.

"The damned fool!" he murmured.

After ringing up Sir James, Tommy's next procedure was to make a call at South Audley mansions. He found Albert discharging his professional duties, and introduced himself without more ado as a friend of Tuppence's. Albert unbent immediately.

"Things have been very quiet here lately," he said wistfully. "Hope the young lady's keeping well, sir?"

"That's just the point, Albert. She's disappeared."

"You don't mean as the crooks have got her?"

"They have. By the way, have you by any chance an aunt, a cousin, a grandmother, or any other suitable female relation who might be represented as being likely to kick the bucket?"

A delighted grin spread slowly over Albert's countenance.

"I'm on, sir. My poor aunt what lives in the country has been mortal had for a long time, and she's asking for me with her dying breath."

Tommy nodded approval.

"Can you report this in the proper quarter and meet me at Charing Cross in an hour's time?"

"I'll be there, sir. You can count on me."

As Tommy had judged, the faithful Albert proved an invaluable ally. The two took up their quarters at the inn in Gatehouse. To Albert fell the task of collecting information. There was no difficulty about it.

Astley Priors was the property of a Dr. Adams. The doctor no longer practiced, had retired, the landlord believed, but he took a few private patients—here the good fellow tapped his forehead knowingly—"balmy ones!" You understand? The doctor was a popular figure in the village, subscribed freely to all the local societies—"a very pleasant, affable gentleman."

Tommy felt doubts. Was it possible that this genial, well-known figure could be in reality a dangerous criminal? Suppose it was all a gigantic mistake? Tommy felt a cold chill at the thought.

On the first evening Tommy, accompanied by Albert, explored the grounds. They reached a shrubby near the house quite unmolested.

The blinds of the dining room window were up. There was a large company assembled round the table. It seemed a normal, pleasant company.

Again Tommy felt that cold chill of uncertainty. It seemed impossible to believe that these people were other than they seemed. Had he been fooled once more?

Tommy slept badly that night. The next day Albert brought the first piece of hopeful news. There was a French young lady staying in the house. Tommy put his doubts aside. Here was confirmation of his theory. But time pressed. Today was the 27th. The 28th was the much-talked-of "Labor Day," about which all sorts of rumors were running riot. Newspapers were getting agitated. Sensational hints of a labor coup d'etat were freely reported. The government said nothing. It knew and was prepared.

Tommy felt that, thanks to Mr. Carter, he understood the position fairly accurately. With the fatal document

in the hands of Mr. Brown, public opinion would swing to the side of the labor extremists and revolutionists. Failing that, the battle was an even chance. The government with a loyal army and police force behind them might win—but at a cost of great suffering. But Tommy nourished another and a preposterous dream. With Mr. Brown unmasked and captured he believed, rightly or wrongly, that the whole organization would crumble ignominiously and instantaneously. The strange permeating influence of the unseen chief held it together.

"This is a one-man show," said Tommy to himself. "The thing to do is to get hold of the man."

That evening he and Albert once more penetrated the grounds of Astley Priors. Tommy's ambition was somehow or other to gain admission to the house itself. As they approached cautiously, Tommy gave a sudden gasp.

On the second floor window some one standing between the window and the light in the room threw a silhouette on the blind. It was not Tommy would have recognized anybody. Tuppence was in that house.

He clutched Albert by the shoulder. "Stay here! When I begin to walk, watch that window."

He retreated hastily to a position on the main drive, and began in a deep roar, coupled with an unsteady gait, the following story:

I am a butler, a very nervous butler. You can see that I'm a butler by my dress.

It had been a favorite on the grand-stand in Tuppence's hospital days. He did not doubt but that she would recognize it and draw her own conclusions.

Presently an unimpeachable butler, accompanied by an equally unimpeachable footman, issued from the front door. The butler conversed with him. Tommy continued to sing, addressing the butler affectionately as "dear old whiskers." The footman took him by one arm, the butler by the other. They ran him down the drive, and neatly out of the gate. It was beautifully done—soberly and with perfect decorum. Anyone would have sworn that the butler was a real butler, the footman a real footman—only as it happened, the butler was Whittington!

Tommy retired to the inn and waited for Albert's return. At last that worthy made his appearance.

"Well?" cried Tommy eagerly.

"It's all right. While they was a running of you out the window opened, and something was checked out." He handed a scrap of paper to Tommy.

"It was wrapped round a letter-weight."

On the paper were scrawled three words: "Tomorrow—same time."

"Good egg!" cried Tommy. "We're getting going."

Tommy retired for the night in a state of some elation. He had elaborated a careful plan for the following evening. About twelve o'clock however, his calm was rudely shaken. He was told that some one was demanding him in the bar. The applicant proved to be a rude-looking carter well coated with mud.

"Well, my good fellow, what is it?" asked Tommy.

"Might this be for you, sir?" The carter held out a very dirty folded note, on the outside of which was written: "Take this to the gentleman at the inn near Astley Priors. He will give you ten shillings."

The handwriting was Tuppence's. Tommy appreciated her quick-wittedness in realizing that he might be staying at the inn under an assumed name. He unfastened it.

"Dear Tommy,"

"I knew it was you last night. Don't go this evening. They'll be lying in wait for you. They're taking us away this morning. I heard something about Wales—Holyhead, I think. I'll drop this on the road if I get a chance. Annette told me how you'd escaped. Buck up."

"Yours, "TUPPENCE."

Tommy raised a shout for Albert. "Pack my bag! We're off!"

"Yes, sir." The boots of Albert could be heard racing upstairs.

Holyhead? Did that mean that, after all—Tommy was puzzled.

The boots of Albert continued to be active on the floor above.

Suddenly a second shout came from below.

"Albert! I'm a d—d fool! Unpack that bag!"

MINNIE FOSTER B. Y. P. U.

Song service. Prayer. Business and records. Subject—The Native Workers on the Foreign Fields. Scripture reading, Rom. 10:1-4—Thelma Young. Words of a Veteran Missionary—Beatrice Cash. Missionary Multiplied—Harold Clement. Stories of Some Native Workers: In China—Mildred Landers. In Japan—Jobe Abbott. In Africa—Elizabeth Wilkerson. In Mexico—Rachel Stratton. In Italy—Tommie Mae Bird. In South America—Fred Bentley. Closing prayer.

Miss H. B. Hill of Shamrock was a business visitor in our city Friday.

W. J. Hall of Alameda was in town on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell and Miss Gertrude Wingo were Alameda visitors last Thursday.

Misses Jennie and Alta Sherrard of Alameda were visitors in the L. F. Wilkins home Sunday.

T. J. Prock of Alameda was a McLean visitor Friday.

J. W. Stauffer of the Slavonia community is a new reader of The News.

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It has been said that about ninety-nine per cent of the dullness of married life is man's fault.

Poltiness costs nothing, but it is a wonderful help in keeping the wheels of business and social life turning.

Opportunity comes to him who waits—provided he is working while waiting. The man who idly waits will not recognize opportunity until it has passed.

The man who is dissatisfied with things as they are, is the man who makes progress. The satisfied man cares nothing for progress, but the unsatisfied man is going to work for better things.

There are only two classes of human beings in the world—the useful and the useless. The useful class are those who work to maintain themselves and to do good to others. The useless class consists of those who, when they do any work, it is concentrated on their own welfare and does nobody else good.

A Chicago man shot a life insurance agent who refused to take so for an answer last week. We have known of lots of cases where the injured party would have liked to have done something to the agent if he could have mustered up the courage.

One of the large catalog houses spends \$26,000,000 per year for catalogs and newspaper advertising. That this advertising pays, no one will deny, for they do not waste money. The mail order houses do not cease to advertise on account of hard times, but their advertising expenditure is on a business basis. The occasional advertiser seldom gets his money's worth, but the persistent advertiser always wins.

We read in history of despotic rulers who became drunk with power and attempted to override the wishes of the majority of the people. We sometimes have an ex-

ample of this kind even in our more modern times, but in a democratic country like ours, a situation of this kind is bound to be short lived, for the people will rise in their might and see that right prevails.

Mrs. J. A. Haynes of Heald was a McLean visitor Monday.

Miss Ruby Reece of Fort Worth has accepted a position as stenographer and bookkeeper at Wofford's store.

F. E. Robinson was in from the ranch on business Monday.

Dr. J. A. Hall, dentist, will be in McLean Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 1st, 2nd and 3rd, instead of regular time, 39-2c.

J. A. and Housty Belew of Gracey were, McLean visitors Monday.

SCHOOL DAYS

Here we are again, right around to school days, and while the mention of it will be distasteful to the younger generation, to those out battling the world for a living it means something. All of us look back with regret at opportunities lost when we were of school age, and all of us try, when the occasion presents itself, to impress on the youth of the country the advantage of getting a good, substantial education while the chance is accorded.

We would like once more to urge the citizens of this city and community to see if they can't do a better job of co-operating with our school officials this season than they have yet done. We know we have good schools, and we deserve credit for it, but none of them are so near perfect that they cannot be improved upon. There is always a chance to put more enthusiasm into the teachers by assuring them that you are ready and anxious to help them out with the school program in any way that may be suggested to you. There is always time, no matter how busy you may be, to show the scholars that you are interested in their work by stopping at the school house for a few minutes every now and then and listening to their recitations. There are none to busy to help the school trustees with their problems and to back them up in the matter of needed improvements instead of raising our hands and crying against "more expense." So, with all this in mind and the new school season at hand, let us resolve to at least try and find some way in which we can make this school year the best this community has ever known.—Meridian Tribune.

Miss Nellye Carville of Gracey was in town Monday.

SERMONETTE—BIGNESS IS NOT GREATNESS

By Rev. W. C. McGill

The thought of today runs toward centralization. We boast that it is the day of big things. Trusts and syndicates control many lines of industry, trade and transportation. Chain stores are pre-empting many mines of merchandise, to the exclusion of small merchants.

We talk glibly of millions in private fortunes and public enterprises. Allied lines of business are merged into powerful corporations. Schools and colleges are merged into large educational systems, and religious bodies are combined into vast world movements that propose to direct the intelligence and wealth of Christendom into one mighty impact against heathendom and "convert the world in this generation."

Our generation needs nothing more than it needs to realize the value of quietness and calmness—mental and moral poise. There is a knowledge gained only in stillness—"Be still and know that I am God." There is a strength gained only in quietness—"Their strength is to sit still." Great bodies must move slowly. Great forces work silently. The purposes of the Almighty and the process of nature moves with quiet toward their ends.

Majesty is without haste. Meditation is necessary to strong intellect and deep spirituality. Some knowledge is gained by experience, other by study, but the deeper truths of light are taught by the "still small voice" which may not be heard amidst the din of world noises.

The great realities are discovered and apprehended in silent and solitary reflection. The masterpieces of art, music and literature, and the greatest discoveries of science and mechanics have come out of long brooding in silence.

We need to learn the art of meditation, to aspire the habit of silent, deep thinking. The reasoning faculty distinguishes man from the brute; the reasoning habit distinguishes a wise man from a fool. By

reading and study we may gain knowledge, but by reflection, reasoning, deep meditation we gain wisdom and understanding.

OUT OF LUCK

Old Gentleman (engaging a new chauffeur)—"I suppose I can write to your last employer for your character?"

Chauffeur—"I'm sorry to say sir, each of the last two gentlemen I have been with died in my service!" —Punch.

FRUIT GROWERS LOSE MONEY

In Texas one often hears about the wonderful success and business acumen of the California Fruit Growers' Association. Texas cotton farmers are always being referred to this organization and implored to take a lesson from it and grow rich by holding cotton prices up to a profitable standard. What California fruit growers have done in years past we know not, but it is very evident, even to the motorist along the roadside, that the fruit grower is anything but prosperous this year. The

fruit crop is fine this year, but the price is below cost of production and many orchardists are allowing their splendid crops to rot under the trees because the prices offered will not pay the cost of gathering, sorting, crating and shipping. Many of these millionaire orchard owners are disgusted, disgruntled, and rebellious over market conditions. So, it becomes all too evident that the much praised California Fruit Growers' Association is not proving the panacea for its marketing troubles that the Texas cotton farmer so often hears about, although it has, no doubt, done much by establishing standards of shipping and packing. Cotton should be much more easily handled than fruit, owing to its perishable nature when once stored in good warehouses. The California orchardist

is rich in property values, but he is losing money now and he knows how to kick just as hard as the Texas cotton farmer.—Childress Post.

PRESENCE OF MIND

Ethel was sitting on the sofa with a friend of hers. On her knee was her little niece. The door to the next room, which was full of people, was wide open. The people in the other room heard this:

"Kiss me, too, Aunt Ethel."
"Certainly, dear, but don't say 'two,' say 'twice'; 'two' is not good grammar."—The Black and Blue Jay.

Geo. Colebank of Back was trading in the city Monday.

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Weaving the fate of the multitude,
Toiling unceasingly.
Empires have tottered before me,
Crumbled beneath my weight;
I am the finger of destiny,
I am the eye of fate.
Bring me your secrets, O Arctics,
Tropics, bring forth your walls;
Give me your stork, mysterious East,
Bring me the West's own tales.
Give me your records of glory,
Your sordid tales of shame;
Tell me of bitter defeat and woe,
Your golden deeds of fame.
Laughter resounds when I will it,
Men weep at my desire;
Souls have grown cold with my icy
chill,
Hearts have warmed at my fire.
I am the fountain of knowledge
From which the wise must drink;
I am the gateway to all success,
And dreary failure's brink."

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—O. Raymond Maurer, in National Printer-Journalist.

J. M. Ayers was in town Monday.

Paul Risian of Slavonia was a McLean visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Rogers of Leola were shopping in the city Saturday.

T. F. Phillips of Heald was a McLean visitor Monday.

Mrs. E. Howard and children returned Sunday from a visit with relatives at Childress.

Los Hancock of Ramsdell was a McLean visitor Monday.

G. W. Wells of Heald was in the city Monday on business.

Ted Glass left Sunday for Austin to enter the State University.

D. W. Turner of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Monday.

Grandma Rogers left Monday for Amarillo to visit relatives.

Dr. J. A. Hall, dentist, will be in McLean Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 1st, 2nd and 3rd, instead of regular time. 39-2c.

W. E. Clement has our thanks for a subscription renewal this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Scott and children returned Wednesday from a visit with relatives at Wellington.

W. A. Glass was in from the ranch Wednesday.

DIDN'T DARE

Rastus Jackson, a thoroughly married ducky, was one day approached by a life insurance agent.

"Better let me write you a policy, Rastus," suggested the agent.

"No, sah," declared Rastus emphatically. "Ah ain't any too safe at home as it is!"—Judge.

BETWEEN QUARRELS

Mrs.—"How well I remember the night you proposed to me. You looked like a fool."

Mr.—"Appearances are not always deceptive, my dear."—New York Sun and Globe.

FORTISSIMO

"Phwat's that noise, Mrs. Mulcahy?"

"It's me daughter Maggie runnin' up and down th' scales."

"Begorra, she must weigh a ton."

Miss Bertha S. Betsch of Walla Walla, Wash., is a new reader of The News.

R. L. Harlan of Gracey was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

J. I. Watson of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

Troy West went to Amarillo on business Wednesday.

Rev. J. E. McClurkin, pastor of the Shamrock Baptist church, was a McLean visitor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kibler and baby left Sunday for their home at Oklahoma City after a visit with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cooke left Monday for Oklahoma City, where Mrs. Cooke goes for medical treatment.

Rodney Johnson and son left Friday for Wheeler to visit relatives.

S. W. McClendon of Heald was a McLean visitor Monday.

T. J. Tedder of Heald was in town Monday on business.

W. N. Holmes of Heald was in town Monday.

L. H. Webb was in from the ranch Monday on business.

USE OF THE TELEPHONE

There are approximately 14,100,000 telephones in use in the United States and about 39,000,000 conversations daily. In other words, one out of every three persons in the United States utilizes the telephone at least once daily throughout the year.

New Bell-owned telephones added yearly average about 600,000.

At the end of 1922 the Bell system controlled more than 36,000,000 miles of wire, of which 64% was in underground cables.

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best illustrations of the results of private initiative and incentive compared with the stagnation policy that develops under government control such as exists in Europe.

In the U. S. the telephone is a household necessity. In Europe the average person does not know how to use it, and as for having an instrument in the home of a working man or farmer, it is almost unheard of.

SELF CONTROL

When a man is young, or when he continues to be unwise after he is old, he will often make the mistake of resenting every little remark of criticism against him. When he is old and wise he will pass them by with a smile, because he has learned that it doesn't pay to loose control of himself by giving his resentment full sway. Most "knocks" are harmless, anyway.—Clarendon News.

AUTO NUTS

Here rests our friend, poor Freddie Blake. He stepped on the gas instead of the brake.

Here rests a boob named Billy Farr. The train was faster than his car.

Here sleeps a hick named Silas Hatch. To look at the gas he took a match.

Here sleeps dear Johnnie and his queen. He held her on his lap driving a machine.

Here lies the prize boob of them all. Tanked up on home brew and drove into a wall.

H. Longan of Ramsdell was in the city Monday on business.

J. W. Dougherty of Heald was in town Thursday.

Miss Blanche DeGan returned to her home at Amarillo Thursday after a visit with Miss Mary Carlock.

SOME CHURCH BEATITUDES

Blessed is the man who doth not peek out of the window first before deciding to go to church Sunday; yea, twice blessed is that man who does not find a hole in his umbrella or a button off somewhere at twenty on the Sabbath day.

Blessed is the man who loveth his church with his pocketbook as well as with his mouth; yea, twice blessed is he whose left hand doth not hide in his left pocket the bill which his right hand dug out on that side.

Blessed is the man who doth not find that he hath an engagement on prayer meeting night; yea, is he not indeed blessed whose mouth speaketh out of the abundance of the joy of living in his heart?

Blessed are ye if the organ prelude findeth you in your piece and the strangers about thy pew see not in the postlude an accompaniment "accelerando" of thy departure; yea, and if thou art a happy-faced church officer, or if thou be a faithful and glad some and very humble servant of the Most High, regarding always thy vows, thy pastor shall rise up and call thee blessed right in meeting.—Selected.

ALMANAC WEATHER FORECASTS INDEPENDABLE

Washington.—The publishing of weather forecasts by days for an entire calendar year as practiced by many almanacs is undoubtedly based on the willingness of many people to accept without question anything that appears in print, says the Weather Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture. Actually such forecasts are not based on sound principles, and therefore are without any value whatever. Accurate prediction of the weather and temperature for a season is not

vance cannot be made for places in general because there are no known laws on which to base them. An exception to this statement is found in the case of forecasting the strength of the monsoon winds of India, on which the summer rains of that country are dependent. These forecasts, while not claiming to be infallible, give in general terms an indication as to whether the rainfall will be above, below, or approximately normal for the summer months. They are, therefore, valuable.

The farmer who attempts to carry on his business with only almanac forecasts to guide him must necessarily lose rather than gain by following them. Similarly, forecasts of weather and temperature for a long time in advance published in the newspapers should be disregarded in planning farming operations. When daily weather maps of the world can be made the first step at arriving at the principles of seasonal weather forecasting will be possible.

WHEN A CRITIC IS POPULAR

Anyone with a thimbleful of brains can find things to criticize about a town. Too often such people soon become mere faultfinders and refuse to do anything, but grumble. About the only time such a mourner is popular is when he plays the chief role at a funeral.

A. P. Rippey of Heald was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

Wants

LOST.—Spare 30x3 Firestone tire, rim, holder, lamp, and license tag No. 233279, somewhere between McLean and Clarendon. Finder return to News office and receive reward. 1

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FOR SALE.—One Ford truck in good condition, cheap. J. S. Howard. tfe

LAMP FOR SALE.—Practically new Coleman gasoline table lamp only \$5.00. This lamp has the original generator and has only been used very few times. Inquire at News office. 1

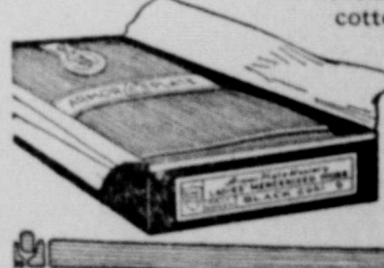
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AW, WHAT'S THE USE



By L. F. Van Zelm
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HOW TO SELECT LAYING HENS

Every farmer and poultry raiser should make it a point to closely follow his flock in the fall of each year. It is often possible to discard a bird of the number, or more, than reducing feed bills without noticeably affecting egg yields. The following proved facts should enable anyone to detect the best layers:

Hens that molt late and quickly are the best layers. By this is meant that hens molting during the latter part of September, October and November are better layers than those molting earlier. It is poor judgment to keep those birds molting early and sell those molting late, although this is done on many farms. Experiments have repeatedly proved that 200-egg hens do not begin to molt until November.

Individual hens with pale colored shanks, in such breeds as the Rock, Wyandottes, Reds and Leghorns, are considered better layers than those with bright yellow shanks. This indication is true only when applied in the fall of the year, and among breeds with yellow shanks.

The above principle applies also to the color of the ear lobes in breeds with yellow, creamy or white lobes. The many varieties of Leghorns can be divided by this indication. The Rocks, Wyandottes, and other American, Asiatic and English breeds have red ear lobes, hence this indication for these breeds is valueless. Experience has shown that Leghorn varieties with white ear lobes in the fall are better layers than those with yellow or creamy colored ear lobes.

A constitutionally strong bird, one that passes through the molt quickly and easily, is a better layer than one that develops all kinds of ailments during this period.

Hens that show the least broodiness are better layers than those that are broody a large part of the time.

A bird with closely worn toenails is considered a better layer than one with long nails.

A hen that goes into the molt with worn and ragged plumage is a better layer than the bird with no such marks that bespeak hard work during the preceding year.

A bird first off the roost in the morning and the last to return to it at night is considered a better layer than the one that spends the major portion of her time on the roost, or stands around with a "humped-up" appearance in a corner of the pen or bask all day in the sun.

A singing and working individual is always a better layer than the quiet and lazy kind.

Hens that go to roost with a full crop are good layers, hence the saying, "A heavy eater is a good layer."

A fowl must carry a little fat in order to be in a laying condition. A poor or lean hen can never be a laying hen.

Rather large comb and wattles for the breed is considered another characteristic of a good layer.

Pullets that commence laying early are considered better layers than those that mature late, hence the statement, "Keep the early laying pullets."

S. A. Cobb orders The News sent to his son, John, who is attending Wayland College at Plainview.

BORROW A PAPER?

It is said that a man who won't take his home paper because he can borrow one, has invented a machine by which he can cook his dinner by the smoke of his neighbor's chimney. The same fellow sits in the back pew in church to save interest on his contributions and is always borrowing a ride to town to save the wear and tear on his own horse flesh. Yes, we know him. He is a first cousin of the man who used the wart on the back of his neck for a collar button.—Erick (Okla.) Democrat.

END OF THE RAINBOW

"The sweetest grass is on the other side of the fence; the prettiest girls are over in the other village; the best farm land is in some other community; the only chance the farm boy has is to go to the city, and the only hope for the city man to get ahead is to go to the farm." This is the belief of many people, says the Farm Journal.

"Where is the best country in the whole world? Where are opportunities to get ahead the greatest? Where are conditions just right for successful farming and happy living? Where should the young man go in order to make the greatest success? The answer is easy and quickly told; he shouldn't go at all. The best opportunities, and the best people in the whole world are right at home.

"The best section of the country is the one where you reside at this moment. It has taken you half a lifetime to make your many friends and establish your reputation for honest dealing. Your neighbors are the ones you grew up with and one old friend and neighbor is worth a multitude of strangers. The loneliest place in the whole world is in a crowd where you are unknown. Heart-breaking loneliness abides in the great city and never in the country. The best land is the land you are familiar with. The best methods of farming are those you grew up with. Eastern methods will surely fail in the West; Northern methods are failures in the South, and vice versa.

"Opportunities are all around you; success awaits you right at home and not at the end of the rainbow."

Misses Leora, Lorie and Beatrice Kinard spent the week end with home folks at Gracey.

Howard Hardin of Liberty was trading in the city Saturday.

Uncle Ben Pierce was in town Saturday on business.

Clyde Willis of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Landers visited relatives at Clarendon Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Save and children of Gracey were in town Saturday.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OF INSURANCE

Business would be at a standstill if insurance should go on a strike. Not a train would move, not a ship would sail. The machines in factories would be stilled; automobiles would be left in garages. Even the banker's hand would be paralyzed—he would not know which would be the better policy, to call a loan, the collateral support of which is unprotected by insurance, or pile the money in vaults deprived of burglary protection insurance. Indeed, the sense of security against misfortune, which the public enjoys, is given to it by insurance. The lamentable feature of it, however, is that the public in general is not acquainted with the fact.

The insurance business is performing another service invaluable to the public. The stocks and bonds of the railroads you ride on are owned in part by the insurance companies. The insurance companies are today holding \$1,000,000,000 worth of railroad securities in trust for the benefit of 50,000,000 policyholders. From an address by Albert N. Wald, assistant secretary, Insurance Federation of America.

It has been well said that insurance is the basis of credit. An analysis of the situation proves this fact. Any action which injures a man's credit, limits his opportunity to do business. An injury to the insurance industry automatically affects the business credit of the nation.

Mack Harbison of Heald was a McLean visitor Saturday.

L. P. Preston of Skillet was a McLean visitor Saturday.

James Noel was in from the ranch Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob L. Hess and children of Enterprise were McLean visitors Saturday and Sunday.

Vines Bentley of Carpenter was in the city Saturday.

Mrs. L. F. Coffey returned last Thursday from a visit with her parents at Shine. Mr. Coffey met her at Clarendon.

Mrs. Lou A. Haynes of Granite, Okla., came in Friday to visit relatives.

J. A. Ashby and son, Lyman, left Saturday for Lawrence, Kans., where Lyman will enter the State University.

C. H. Harbison of Heald was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Bailey Lakey of Back was in town Saturday trading.

Tom Burch of White Fish was a McLean visitor Saturday.

G. P. Folley was among the visitors in our city Saturday.

W. J. Chilton of Heald was in town Saturday trading.

Mrs. J. B. Paschall left Friday for Yale, Okla., where she will make her home for the present.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alva Alexander, on Sept. 14, a girl.

Miss Oma Arnold left Friday for Maud, where she will teach school this term. She was accompanied by her grandmother, who spent the summer here.

O. P. Hommel of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Upham and little daughter left last Thursday for Okwell after a visit with relatives.

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S. C. Richardson of Slavonia was trading in the city Saturday.

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

Mrs. Opal Bird and little daughter, Toynette, left Monday for Lovington, N. M., to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Turner and baby of Groom visited relatives here Sunday.

Apson Lee of Gracey was in town Monday.

Asa Morgan of Liberty was a McLean visitor Saturday.

"Over the Hill"

—To the poor house is a story you have heard told—when the loving father and able provider passed over the river to the great Unknown.

Chiefly the hardships fall upon **Mother** and often the little ones on account of lack of foresight when times were good.

The wise habit of a weekly savings deposit made at a good bank has often changed the road from the pitfalls and the poor house to a better provided future—the loved ones left at home found a ready reserve in a bank balance.

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CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS AND GOOD ROADS

The "little red schoolhouse," good as it is, is not as good as the "big red schoolhouse." States which have experimented in rural districts with the "consolidated" schools (sometimes called "union schools" or "centralized schools") report a great gain in education at little or no increase of cost.

The "consolidated school" takes the place of half a dozen or more "little red schoolhouses," collect the several teachers, libraries and facilities under one roof, and brings the children to and takes them from such schools via county operated motor busses, horse-drawn vehicles or trolley cars.

The consolidated school flourishes where good roads are. It cannot be established where there are only poor roads.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction in the State of Washington sets forth as the advantages of the consolidated school, that it provides a better school plant, i. e., makes possible the erection and maintenance of more modern school buildings and school equipment. It enables the district to increase the teaching staff and to obtain better trained teachers, and gives the rural community the advantages of the uniform graded school. It makes possible the establishment of high-school courses, and, in many instances, enables the rural district to erect a modern high school building. It provides special work, such as manual training, domestic science, etc., in the rural community, and, finally, the consolidated school increases community interest in community activities by providing a central meeting place under attractive surroundings, making the school the center of the community circle.

MAYBE THERE WAS, TOO

Paying Teller—"That check of yours is no good. Your account is overdrawn."

Mrs. Nerves—"Impossible. When my husband put it in the bank he told me there was enough to last six months."

AWFUL THOUGHT

"The movie showed that in Morocco men bid for their wives. Just think of being put on the auction block and having men bid for you. It must be terrible."

"Must be," answered the other girl. "And just suppose there were no bids."

WEED OUT THE LOAFERS

By Myrtle Murry, Poultry Specialist A. & M. College

Taking it for granted that you are either feeding your hens a balanced ration or that you intend to begin immediately, we will briefly mention the main factor to be considered in culling. The fundamental factor to be considered is strength, health and vigor. Birds possessing these qualities usually have medium length backs that are not only broad through the shoulders, but broad to the end; full breasts, full body and fluff; set well apart on the legs; clear, bright, prominent eyes; broad head with medium length neck and a short, stubby beak. The above are general characteristics. The following characteristics in addition to the above should be rated in culling this season of the year. They are named in the order of their importance. The shanks and beak should be pale in color; moult late; pelvic or lay bones thin and pliable; skin over abdomen thin, soft and pliable; comb large, warm, moist and waxy. Broad width of the pelvic arch indicates how heavily the fowl is laying at present. The above applies to hens and

not to pullets.

Right now is the time to weed out the loafer that does not produce enough to pay for the pound of salt that seasons the 100 pounds of dry mash that the entire flock is eating. Not only shall we be reducing the feed bill (and not reducing the number of eggs) but we shall be saving our best for the next year's breeding pens. Giving these birds the best care and attention means money from high priced eggs at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We acknowledge receipt of a card from Dr. J. A. Hall, who attended the National Dental Association at Cleveland last week. Several thousand dentists from the United States and several foreign countries were in attendance at this meeting, which was held in the Cleveland public hall, the largest convention and exposition hall in the United States.

A. T. Wilson has renewed his subscription to The News.

Douglas Wilson orders The News sent to his address at Groom, where he has accepted a position as book-keeper for a firm in that city.

Mrs. Nida Green of Heald was shopping in McLean Monday.

PALO DURO THE HAND- IWORK OF GOD

When the prairie comes to a sudden ending;

Where the cedars bend and nod; There's the Palo Duro Canyon, The magic handiwork of God!

Where the brooklets glide and glitter; Where the cunning coyote calls; And the lone wolf howls throughout the night,

Above the thundering water falls.

There, the birds sing gaily all day long,

The grass springs fresh and green, The flowers bloom and the sun shines bright, On the glorious canyon scene.

Where the Red man fought and bled and died;

Where the wild deer lived and roamed;

There, the Indian sought in his own wild way,

A peaceful outdoor home.

The day break comes, and a glorious dawn,

Where the chasms yawn and the cliffs rise high,

The sun sets there in a sea of gold,

While the soft breeze sighs, and the tall trees sigh.

Our souls then swell within us, And we feel so weak and small,

We bow our heads and wonder At the grandeur of it all.

Where a great break comes in the prairie land,

Where the cedars sway and nod; We realize, then, within our souls, The handiwork of God!

GAS INDUSTRY GROWING

Forty years ago, when the incandescent electric light was born, more than nine-tenths of all the gas manufactured in the United States was used for lighting purposes. With the advent of electric lights, the gas light waned, but the consumption of gas rose steadily, and has continued to rise steadily ever since, reaching last year an estimated total of more than 350,000,000 M. cubic feet.

The explanation lies in the increasing use of gas as fuel; first for cooking, then industrially, and now for househeating, in addition to other uses.

C. C. Christopher of Laketon was a McLean visitor Saturday.

W. B. Cobb of Gracey was in the city Monday.

MERCHANTS ASSIST MAIL ORDER HOUSES

Every merchant who fails to invest from three to five per cent of his gross sales in newspaper advertising is assisting the mail order houses to take the trade away from his home town. Every business house in any town where they have a newspaper could use three per cent of its total income towards advertising its goods to make trade grow better and better. People just naturally like to trade at a place where they have a cordial invitation if the merchant offers fair bargains in his advertisements.—Claude News.

YOUR BELIEF

You are constantly confronted with the question, "What is the matter with political parties, churches and individuals?"

It matters little how many answers you give to the question, you will be compelled to recognize this fundamental answer, namely: The serious defect today is the lack of a deep, abiding, controlling, dynamic belief, 'as a man thinks, as a man believes, so is he.'

You haven't any political parties today, because the only politics we have in America is the politics of the "ins" and the politics of the "outs."

Where is the man who believes more in the constitution than he believes in anything else? Where is the man who will fight and die to establish the principle of representative government?

The same is true with the average church. Men ought to be willing to fight for their creed, teach and practice their doctrines of orthodoxy and of personal righteousness.

The same defect is manifested in the individual.

Why are so many young men drifting? Because they are not anchored to a belief. No man has ever risen to power and position who hated dogma, who spurned doctrine, or who disbelieved. There is no permanency nor power in unbelief; there is no greatness, or prestige, or influence in disbelief.

America needs men who believe in something, who will never yield to expediency, who will never surrender to compromise, and who will never fall a victim to the blandishing smile of Mr. Adjustment.

Things are right or wrong. They cannot be both. No one will ever amount to the snap of a finger until he accepts these four beliefs: Belief in God, belief in Christ, belief in the Holy Ghost, belief in the infallible Bible. Let these four great beliefs constitute your creed. You will become impregnable.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Stephens and baby came in from Plainview Saturday to make their home.

J. H. Suggs and family left Friday for San Angelo to make their home.

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TOO MUCH FREEDOM

"The young people of today have entirely too much freedom," is the remark made in the writer's presence by a fine old lady whose gray hair and pleasant face marked with the lines of a life well spent impressed one with her right to pass judgment.

And is it not true? Not too much freedom as regards wholesome, healthful, legitimate amusement, but too much freedom in the pursuit of pleasure, and a sort of pleasure that is not calculated to make the right kind of men and women of them. Too free use of dad's car, too much license in the choosing of their associates, too much freedom in the matter of keeping late hours, too much attendance at public dances unchaperoned by older people of fixed character, too much disposition to indulge in profanity and vulgarisms, too much of a tendency to be sports and rough riders—boys and girls alike. In this day and age many girls of good families, but whose parents are delinquent in their teachings, think it is smart to be able to smoke cigarettes, swear aptly and make free with young men of snooty habits. Foolish? Yes, but they are no more to be blamed than the parents who give them freedom to do pretty much as they please. Home influence should, primarily teach children to keep morally as well as physically clean, and that this can be accomplished only thru avoidance of companions and conduct calculated to bring them in contact with contaminating conditions. The home should be the place where purity is taught, where character is formed and chastity of language and conduct are paramount. To

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much freedom is worse than too little, and the fine old lady is right in her estimate of prevailing conditions.—American Journal.

STAY WITH THE BUSINESS

"Levi, vy you look so bad?" Levi replied, "I wish I could die and go to hell."

Boss—"Vy you make such an awful wish, Levi?"

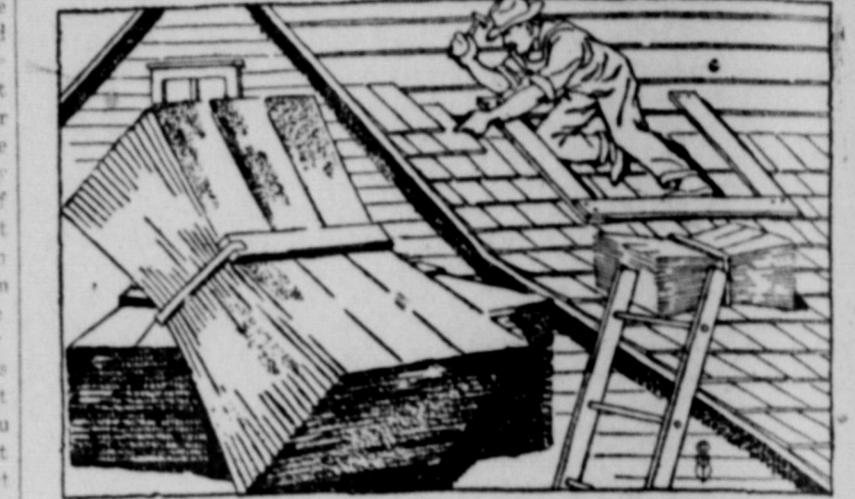
Levi—"Because every vare I go every merchant says, 'Business has gone to hell,' and I vant to go vare business is."

Carl Ashby left Sunday for Austin to enter the State University.

Miss Mamie Burrows left Saturday for Long Beach, Calif., to stay with her brother and attend school.

Sammie and Erey Cuban left Monday for Austin to enter the State University.

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