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Club Girl Makes Complete Report Dallas Fair Trip

The most interesting feature of the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night was the speech by Miss Elizabeth Wilkerson, in which she made a complete report of her trip to the Dallas fair.

Miss Wilkerson was awarded the trophy by the Chamber of Commerce for her excellent record made in the girls club work under the direction of Miss Seelbach, Gray County Home Demonstration Agent. The young lady's formal letter of thanks was read by Secretary Under, and the president called on Miss Wilkerson for a report of her trip, which was given in an interesting talk that was enjoyed by everyone present.

At the conclusion of Miss Wilkerson's speech followed by hearty applause, President White thanked the speaker for her consideration in making a report to the Chamber and mentioned the fact that many courtesies extended by the lady were accepted without a word of thanks. Others present made favorable comments.

The chick hatchery reported that it is now too late to get a hatchery established for this year, owing to lack of interest shown, and recommended that efforts be continued, looking toward a hatchery for the next season.

H. T. Fields, chairman of the boy scouts finance committee, reported that \$75 had been paid the district organization and that it was claimed \$75 more was due before the first of January. The district organization wants \$300 for next year's dues, beginning the first of January.

Several talks were made on the proposition and the fact was brought out that only two or three boys were able to take advantage of the district encampment last summer, and the suggestion was made that the money used locally might be of greater benefit to the home boys than paying it as dues to the district organization.

Several present remembered the proposition this year as paying \$75, and as much more as could be raised, but that the \$75 would be acceptable if more was not made. A motion was carried to table the proposition.

The banquet committee reported everything in readiness for the big spread Thursday night.

F. H. Bourland suggested that a "Good Fellows" fund be started for the benefit of the poor this Christmas. Mr. Bourland was made chairman of a committee to take whatever steps necessary in the matter.

O. G. Stokely stated that from 75 to 50 farmers use the Chamber of Commerce building each day, and the statement was made that the C. of C. is as much for the farmers' benefit as anyone and that more farmers should be solicited for membership in the body.

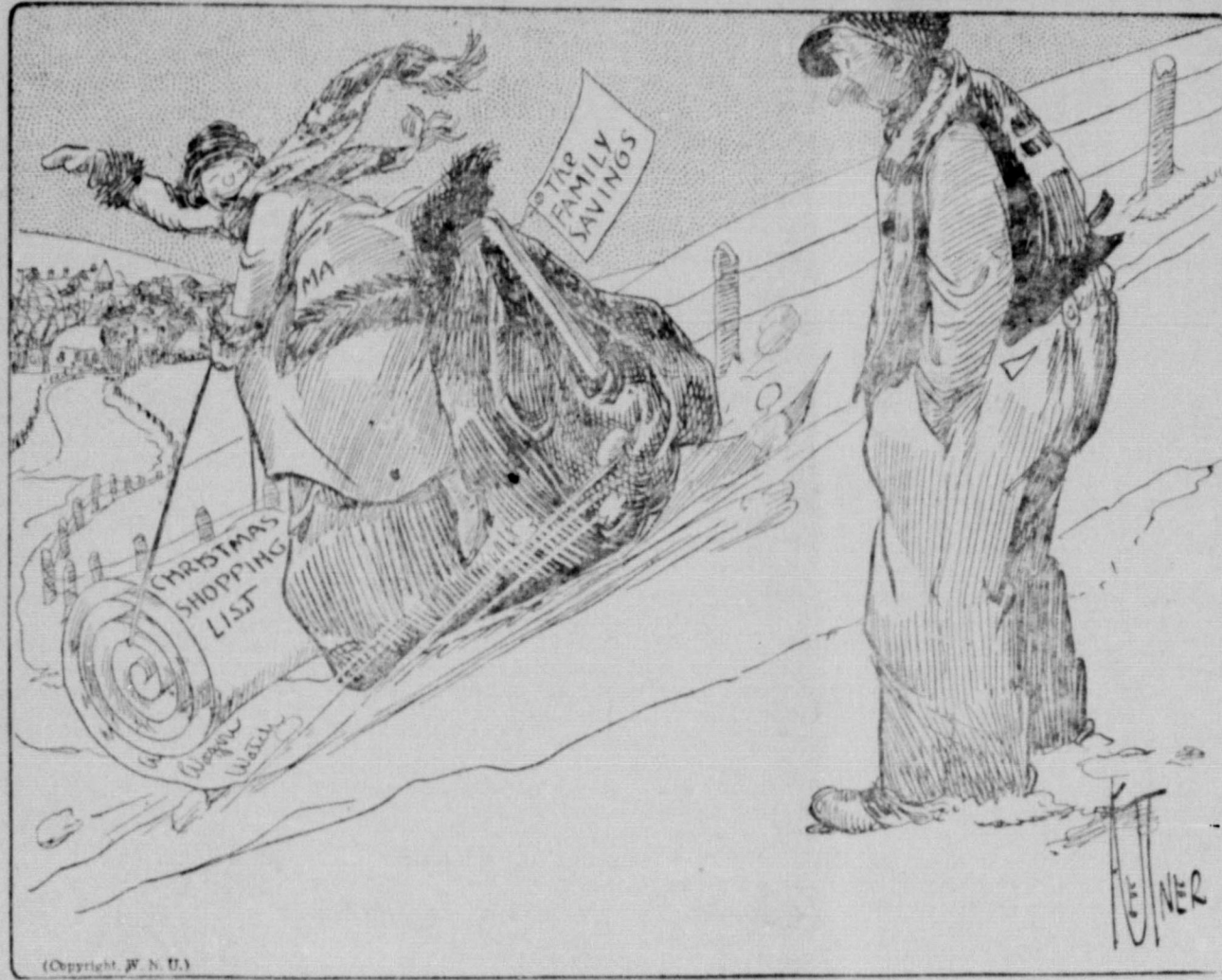
Claud McGowan raised the question of cutting up the large ranches near McLean and it was stated that over 2,000 acres of new land has been put in cultivation this year, with prospects of much more next year. It was the opinion of those present that the day of the large ranch is over and such ranch owners will be forced to put the land on the market, strictly from a good business standpoint.

Carg Williams and A. V. Clark of the Williams Motor Co., and B. W. Archer of the Shelburne-Archer Chevrolet Co., were called upon for talks, being new members, and each responded in a few remarks in which they indicated faith in our town and promised full co-operation with every effort put forth for the betterment of the community.

The following bills were allowed: Cheney & Callahan, \$1.30; Lee Turner, \$5; T. J. Coffey & Bro., \$6; Western Lumber Co., \$9; McLean Hardware Co., \$11.50.

Among those present were: F. H. Bourland, W. B. Upham, Claud McGowan, T. A. Landers, M. M. Newman, Carg Williams, W. S. White, R. F. Sanders, M. D. Bentley, A. V. Clark, E. J. Lander, A. Callahan, B. W. Archer, H. T. Fields, T. N. Holloway, Clay Thompson, O. G. Stokely, S. A. Cobb, H. H. Lee, Fred Landers, A. A. Ledbetter, T. J. Coffey, R. S. Jordan, Mrs. M. T. Wilkerson and Miss Elizabeth Wilkerson.

The Annual Toboggan Slide



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J. S. CLEM SHOT TUESDAY

Shamrock, Dec. 9.—J. S. Clem, 45, a farmer living 14 miles west of Shamrock, was shot and instantly killed at his home at midnight Tuesday.

Immediately after the shooting, Clem's daughter called in a neighbor and notified Mrs. Gooch and Beach at Shamrock, who went to the scene of the shooting.

Clem had been dead some time when the doctors arrived. According to the physicians, Clem died immediately.

Sheriff T. C. Calvert and Coroner A. J. Austin were notified and went to the Clem home at two o'clock Wednesday morning, where a preliminary inquest was held.

A four hundred ten gauge shot was found about ten feet from the room where Clem was shot. Mrs. Clem's story to the officers was that she had been ill, and had gotten up, when she heard the shot fired. She immediately ran into the house and found Clem in bed with the gun beside him. The shot entered just under the chin and penetrated his brain. No reason was advanced for the tragedy, as Clem was known to be of good reputation.

Mrs. Clem was taken into custody and brought to Shamrock and placed in a local hotel under guard, according to Sheriff Riley Price and County Attorney Emmett Scott. Mrs. Clem refused to make a statement until after consulting her attorney.

Clem is survived by four children, three sisters and a brother. Clem's oldest boy is on the way to Alaska.—Amarillo Daily News.

PAMPA GINS 395 BALES

The Pampa News states that the Pampa gin had ginned 395 bales of cotton up to last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Phillips of Heald were visitors at the News office Monday. Mrs. Phillips won two prizes at the Wheeler County Poultry Show last week. First prize on R. I. red cockerel and second on R. I. red pen. Mrs. Luther McCombs of Heald won second on white leghorns and W. L. Hinton third on barred rocks.

JEWELRY AUCTION AT SHELL'S PHARMACY THIS WEEK

The jewelry auction sale at Shell's Pharmacy this week is the main attraction for many McLean folks each afternoon and night.

S. Goldberg, who conducted a similar sale here last March, is in charge of this sale and everything sold is on a positive guarantee of satisfaction, or your money back.

There will be no sale held this evening on account of the Chamber of Commerce banquet, but sales will be resumed tomorrow and close with the Saturday night's sale.

J. L. Nunn Will Be Toastmaster at Tonight's Banquet

J. L. Nunn, publisher of the Amarillo Daily News and The Evening Post, will be the toastmaster at the Chamber of Commerce banquet tonight.

Mr. Nunn is one of the best known newspaper men in Texas, and the success of the program will not be lacking so far as the toastmaster is concerned.

Mr. Nunn will be accompanied by Hamilton Wright, staff correspondent for the Daily News, who will write up the affair for the press.

O. V. Vernon, secretary of the Amarillo Board of City Development, will have a place on the program, as will Attorney J. B. Clark of Shamrock, W. J. Ball of Abilene, and other speakers from Pampa and Miami.

The McLean orchestra will furnish music for the occasion, readings will be given by Mrs. Harris King and Miss Vera Carpenter will sing.

President W. S. White of the McLean Chamber of Commerce will make the welcome address and introduce the toastmaster.

The program will start at 7 p. m. and close promptly at 8:45.

This banquet is given jointly by the Home Demonstration Club and the Chamber of Commerce. The women's club has charge of preparing the food, which consists of turkey as the piece-de-resistance, with everything else needed to make an enjoyable dinner. The girls club will serve the food during the banquet.

The sale of tickets has been limited to 150 in order that everyone may be comfortably seated, and no advertising of the affair has been made other than news items in this paper, but a number of members of the Chamber of Commerce have spent about ten days in personal solicitation and it is thought that every place will be taken.

There will be no printed programs furnished, but the program tentatively arranged as follows: Orchestra 7 p. m. Welcome address, following which the toastmaster takes charge; reading, vocal solo, orchestra, speaking, with a closing number by the orchestra at 8:15.

T. H. Andrews called at the News office Wednesday and renewed his subscription. Mr. Andrews states that he has a boy picking cotton for him who is working in order to attend school after Christmas, and who lost a \$10 bill, and he inserted a lost notice in our want column offering a liberal reward to the finder.

Rev. W. C. Garrett of Amarillo, former pastor of the First Baptist church here, was retained on the board of trustees for Wayland College at the Baptist General Convention at Mineral Wells last week.

GRANDMA ROGERS REMEMBERS FRIENDS

Roswell, N. M., Dec. 4.—Well, I thought I would write a few lines to let my loved ones and friends know where I am going this winter if I am spared to live.

I left Amarillo Nov. 10th, and went to Canyon for the conference. It was a grand conference; preachers all had good reports and I had the best report I had ever made at a conference. I had heard 203 sermons in this conference here. I left Canyon the 16th of November at 6 o'clock in the morning; arrived at Roswell at 12 o'clock. My niece met me there; glad to see me.

I went to the great evangelistic meeting that Will Hogg was carrying on under a large tabernacle, at 3 o'clock. I went to their meeting at Ectora, Texas, in the month of October, and I heard Bro. Hogg preach 55 sermons there, but they were so grand it gave me desire to hear him more, so I have been here now nearly three weeks and have heard him preach 25 sermons, all of them uplifting to me.

Well, Roswell is a hard place, interest not as good as it should be, but a good many have been converted. The meeting has been going on three weeks Sunday and is going on another week.

I received a letter from Charley Rogers. He is at Phoenix, Ariz., and he said it was such a fine climate that I must come and winter with them. So I am going to leave here Monday morning at 5 o'clock. I am going to El Paso and from there to Phoenix. Don't have to change but once and make good connections. Will get to Phoenix at nine o'clock Tuesday morning, and expect to stay there all winter. You all think of Grandma being where the roses bloom and selling oranges off the trees; something I have never done before.

I ask God's richest blessings upon the editors and all my friends who read these lines. If any of you want to write me a Christmas card my address is 921 North 8th St., c/o C. G. Rogers, Phoenix, Arizona.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY

A birthday party was given at the Ed D. Smith home Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Thelma Smith's 16th birthday.

Various games were played and refreshments were served to the following guests: Misses Velma Padgett, Jane Campbell, Corrie Lee and Johnnie Newman, Lorene Burrows, Thelma Smith, Thyra Smith; Messrs. William Miller, Bernard Hester and Arthur Dwyer.

Mrs. Maude Piersall and little daughter and Mrs. Laura Stratton were Amarillo visitors Tuesday.

Donald Beall and Fred Landers made a business trip to the county capital Tuesday afternoon.

SHALL SCHOOLS HAVE ATHLETICS?

By D. E. Dean

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Luke 2:52. "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child." 1 Cor. 13:11.

I am not a preacher, but I believe there are a great many deep truths in the Bible which are there for our good and for our instruction. The two quotations above are only two out of many which have to do with the lives of children. No greater man ever lived than Jesus, and few if any greater than Paul. Both these men were children and passed through that natural state of human life in their development.

It is as natural for a child to play as it is for a man to eat. The very human mechanism in children impels them to play. No child is natural who does not play. If I had one which had no inclination to play I should suffer serious doubts as to his developing into a man or of her growing into a woman, as the case might be. No normal man or woman in this community passed through the stage of childhood without play. You possibly did not play football, basketball or baseball, but you played. You may have grown so old now that you have forgotten about your having played, but you surely played, and you most surely enjoyed it when you played. That person who condemns the play instinct in children is clearly showing to the world that he is growing old. His body has grown, his muscles are fixed, his nerve cells are no longer developing. He has come to that state which Paul was in when he said, "When I became a man I put away childish things." Yes, you played. It may have been ballpen, nifty-wants-the-corner, bread-and-butter-come-to-supper, or chasing up and down the creek bank in the forest; but you played.

No school in McLean nor in any other town can be successfully taught where children are not permitted to play. They must play. God has made them so they must play. And they will develop into deformed dwarfs unless they do play. There is no better established scientific truth than that any part of the human body which is not used in exercise atrophies becomes dormant and useless. Ask any physician in the land who is at all worthy of the name and he will tell you that children are naturally so constituted that they must play in order to grow. And he will also tell you that vigorous exercise is an excellent tonic for grown-up men and women.

You may debate on your street corners from sun-up into the late hours of the night about the foolishness of children's playing; but your hot debates will never change one child's nature. God made man and breathed into him the breath of life and he became a living soul, and no human argument is going to change that nature. Your hot debates may ruin your school, but they will not cause children to leave off play.

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." In our school we have about five groups of boys who play in their respective grades. There has been but little effort on the part of the school to group these boys this way; they just naturally grouped themselves. All during the fall these children groups played football. The little first and second graders had their simple football, the third and fourth had a little more highly developed stage of the same game, the grammar school a still more highly developed stage, the second string high school was a grade higher in development, and then came the "Tigers." Just as surely as an animal tiger kitten will grow into an old striped dangerous tiger, so will little school boys who play the simple little football in which no one ever gets hurt, because their little bodies are limber, light and soft, develop into real football tigers, where the blood flies, legs are broken, and, occasionally, spinal cords ruptured.

You say football is dangerous. Every sane man knows that statement is true. We at McLean know it only too well because of the sad experience we have just gone through. Baseball has killed more

Street Paving; City Council Issues Permit

The city council issued a permit this week to M. D. Bentley for a 35 by 42 1/2 foot addition to the building occupied by Williams Motor Company, and to pave the street in front of the building.

Paving work was started Tuesday morning and work on the street and building is to be rushed to the earliest possible completion.

Hope is expressed by many business men that this paving is but the beginning of a movement to pave at least four blocks of the business district.

It is possible for the city council to order such paving done with but little expense to the taxpayers, as the bulk of the expense falls upon the property owners on the streets affected.

Dame rumor has it that we may expect to see several more additions to existing buildings, as well as more new buildings erected, in the near future.

BUSINESS CHANGES

G. J. Huff has bought the shoe repair business from John Mertel and has moved to the Red Cross building.

Mr. Huff is now prepared to do shoe repairing and auto top and curtain work on short notice.

Mr. Balwin has moved his jewelry business from the Red Cross building to the small wooden building across the street from the News office, where he is fixed up nicely for his trade.

John Mertel will now devote his whole attention to his growing shoe and ready-to-wear business.

O. P. HOMMEL TO HOLD FARM SALE

O. P. Hommel was in town Wednesday and ordered sale advertising of The News.

Mr. Hommel has bought a bearing orange grove in southern Texas and intends to move to the new location.

E. R. Sherrod of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Tuesday. Mr. Sherrod renewed his subscription to The News and ordered the paper sent to J. H. Whitley at Mexhoma, Okla.

Miss Eunice Floyd was an Amarillo visitor Tuesday.

than one good man; basketball aches knees, mauls noses, and causes elbows to bleed; track reaps its toll in death; twenty two thousand people have been killed this year in the United States by automobiles. What is the world to do for pleasure? What are school boys and girls going to do for exercise and pleasure? Death stands at the door ready to snatch us away.

Do I believe in football? I not only believe but know that school children must have a means of vigorous play. Football is the one national game the whole country over. I know it is rough and kills boys who have bright promises of making great and good men. I wish we could find a good and vigorous game which boys would enjoy and in which the physical body could be well developed, a game not so dangerous as football; but a game that I would make, I fear, would have little influence on the mighty trend of sportsmanship. If the people in this community can devise a game in which their children can be properly and physically developed without danger to the body, no one will be more ready to join in such a move than I. But I have my doubts, people, about your doing it.

I am doing my best to have a good school in McLean. The one great purpose of a school, I think, is to train boys and girls mentally, morally and physically; the importance of the three being in the order given. Jesus grew in wisdom, in stature, and he was morally itself. And more than the above, he grew in favor with God and man. I want my life in McLean to be such that I can grow in favor with God and with the people of this community. But if my attitude on athletics causes the people to vote me out of town, there is always a position for a man who is able and willing to work.

Oliver October

By George Barr McCutcheon

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I—Oliver October Baxter, Jr. was born on a fine October day. His parents were prominent in the commercial, social and spiritual life of the town of Rumley. His father was proprietor of the hardware store. The night that Oliver October was born a gypsy queen reads his father's fortune and tells him what a wonderful future his son has before him, but after the reading the gypsy becomes a madam and leaves the house in a taxi after telling Mr. Baxter that his son will never reach the age of thirty, that he will be hanged for a crime of which he is not guilty.

CHAPTER II—Ten years elapse and Oliver's father in the town of Rumley dies when Oliver was nearing seven. Josephine Sage, wife of the minister, comes to Rumley when she leaves her home to go on the stage. She becomes a star and later goes to London, where she marries a big actor. Her daughter Jane and young Oliver become greatly attached to one another. After finishing college, young Oliver accepts a position in Chicago with an engineering company. He goes to China on an important mission for the B. M. Upon his return he enlists in the Canadian army.

CHAPTER III—The war over Oliver returns to Chicago and is told by his employers that his services are no longer required. He returns home. He hears Jane is in town with Doctor Lansing. Jane and Oliver meet again. Oliver is reprimanded by his father for not getting another position. Oliver threatens to leave home.

CHAPTER IV—Despite Mr. Baxter's pleading to Oliver to remain in Rumley, Oliver decides to accept a position in Chicago. Mr. Baxter accompanies Oliver through a swamp on the way to the Sage home. On the way they quarrel over Oliver's refusal to stay in Rumley. Mr. Sage tells Oliver his father fears the being the gypsy predicted and wants his son to stay home, where he can watch over him. Oliver decides not to leave. Mr. Hester fails to return home and is believed by some to have perished in the swamp. Oliver tells the authorities of the swamp and his father, but they do not accuse him of having anything to do with his father's disappearance. Oliver takes charge of his father's business. The remains of the last year allotted to Oliver by the gypsy, "Uncle Horace Gooch announces himself as a candidate for state senator. Friends start a boom for young Oliver as candidate for state senator against old man Gooch. Jane forces Oliver to enter the race against his Shylock uncle.

CHAPTER V—Oliver employs ditch diggers to drain part of the swamp where his father is supposed to have been drowned. Mr. Gooch's campaign managers urge him to withdraw from the race for senator, as it is realized that Oliver is the most popular candidate. Mr. Gooch refuses to do so. Mr. Gooch is happy when his actress-wife calls him that she is sailing for home. Mr. Sage and his daughter Jane go to New York to meet her. Mr. Gooch, convinced he would lose the election to Oliver, plans to try and intimidate him by demanding a thorough investigation into the disappearance of Oliver's father.

CHAPTER VI—Hundreds of persons gather at the depot in Rumley to greet Mrs. Josephine Sage after an absence of 22 years. Jane notices Oliver is not in the throng at the station and is told by Sammy Parr that something of a political nature must have happened away. Oliver goes to the Sage home.

CHAPTER VII—The sheriff, unwillingly serves papers on Oliver after the prosecutor refused to lay the matter of Mr. Baxter's disappearance before the grand jury as requested by Old Man Gooch but accedes to his demand for an unofficial investigation. A few hot-heads in the throng take Oliver as a target for Mr. Gooch. The detectives start digging in the swamp for Mr. Baxter's body. Detective Malone tells Oliver that if he Hines saw Oliver and his father sitting on a log the night that old man Baxter disappeared.

she leaned back in her chair and studied the ceiling for a few minutes before answering.

"I may as well be honest about it, Herby," she said, changing her position to meet his perplexed gaze with one that was absolutely free from guile. "I came back because they were through with me over there. I was getting passe—in fact, I was quite passe. They were beginning to cast me for old women and character parts. Two or three years ago they started my funeral services by seeing what I could do with Shakespeare. I was through. My musical comedy days were over. The stage was crowded with young women who could dance without wheezing like a horse with the heaves and whose voices didn't crack in the middle register. People didn't want to see me in musical comedy any longer, and they wouldn't see me in anything else. I'm fifty-three, Hester—between you and me, mind you—and just the right age to be a preacher's wife. So I made up my mind to retire. You notice, Herby, I didn't cable to ask if I could come home—I cabled that I was on the way. Now, you know the secret of my homecoming. By the way, I've put by a little money—quite a sum, in fact—so you mustn't regard me as a charity patient. We'll pool our resources. And when the time comes for you to step down and out of the pulpit for the same reason that I checked the stage—why, we'll have enough to live on for the rest of our days. You won't have to write sermons and preach 'em, and I shan't have to listen to them. It's an awful thing to say, but we'll both have to mend our ways if we want our grandchildren to love us."

He laid his arm over her shoulder and gently caressed her cheek.

"You are still pretty much of a pagan, Jo," was all that he said, but

he was smiling.

"But you are jolly well pleased to have me back, aren't you?"

"More overjoyed than I can tell you."

"No doubts, no misgivings, no uneasiness over what I may do or say to shock the worshippers?"

"I have confidence in your ability as an actress, Josephine," he said. "I am sure you can play the part of a lady as well as anything else."

She flushed. "Score one," she said. Then she sprang to her feet, the old light of mischief in her wonderful eyes.

"But, Herby, what's going to happen when I spring all my spangles on the innocent public?"

"I shudder when I think of it," said he, lifting his eyes heavenward.

"I saved every respectable costume I've worn in the last ten years—and some that are shocking. Twelve trunks full of them."

"Never mind, old dear. I shan't disgrace you. I've got a few costumes I will put on in private for you. Bless your heart, Herby, don't look so horrified. I've still got my marriage certificate—though God only knows where it is."

He cleared his throat. "I've got it, my dear. You neglected to take it away with you when you left."

She smiled. "Well, I daresay it was safer with you than it would have been with me."

It was the fourth week in September when the detectives arrived in Rumley. The city editor of the Dispatch interviewed Detective Malone, the chief operative in charge of what the newspaper man was loosely inclined to classify as the "expedition."

"Where do you intend to begin excavating, Mr. Malone?" inquired the editor, notebook in hand.

Mr. Malone was very frank about it. "In China," said he. "We're going to work from the bottom up. If you'll go out to the swamp tomorrow and put your ear to the ground you'll hear men's voices but you won't understand a word they say. They'll be speakin' Chinese."

The editor eyed him in a cold, inhuman manner. "Umph!" he grunted, flipping his notebook shut. "It's a good thing you've got your Chinese army, because you won't be able to get anybody to work for you in this town."

"I guess that's up to the authorities," said the detective coolly. "I'm here to boss the job, that's all."

That afternoon the sheriff and the prosecuting attorney stopped electioneering long enough to pay a hasty visit to Oliver.

Half an hour later they left. Detective Malone and his partner, who had joined the county officials at the Baxter house, remained behind. They were smoking Oliver's cigars.

"How long do you figure it will take you, Mr. Malone, to finish up the job?" inquired the young man.

Malone spat into the tree-tops. "Our instructions are to work slowly and surely. It may take six or eight weeks."

"In other words, you are not expected to be through before election day?"

"Unless we find what we are after before that time, Mr. Baxter," said the other. "It's a big job, as you can see for yourself. Like looking for a needle in a haystack, eh, Charlie?"

His partner nodded his head in silent assent.

"We'll go out and take a walk around the swamp tomorrow," said Malone. "If you've got the time to spare, Mr. Baxter, you might stroll out with us now to the place where you last saw your father. Then I'll want to question your servants. It seems that he is supposed to have come home to change his clothes after he said good-by to you."

"He did not say good-by to me," corrected Oliver. "We parted in anger."

"Do you know a man named Peter

since I came over. He does most of the drinking for the estate," he concluded dryly.

"A souse of?"

"I've never known him to be completely sober—and I've never heard of him being completely drunk."

"By the way, have you ever seen me before today?"

"Not to my knowledge."

"Well," said Malone, with a twinkle in his eye. "I've been hanging around this burg since last Monday—five days, in all. I'm the fellow that sold Mrs. Grimes the beautiful illustrated set of Jane Austen's works day before yesterday. I also sold an unexpurgated set of the Arabian Nights to Mr. Samuel Parr. He tells me your father carried a \$15,000 life policy. I tried to sell a set of Dickens to Rev. Mr. Sage, and succeeded in having a long talk with his daughter. I've had dealings with Mr. Sikes and Mr. Link, Banker Lansing, John Phillips and a number of other citizens, male and female." He laughed quietly. "Of course, the books will never be delivered, Mr. Baxter. Shall we stroll down to the swamp, Mr. Baxter, or would you rather wait a day or two? We're in no hurry, you see."

"This is obvious," said Oliver curtly. "I must notify you, Mr. Malone, that if you or any of your workmen slip into one of those pits of mire out there and never come up again, I am not to be held accountable."

"Right-o!" said Malone cheerily. They were well around the corner of the house on their way to the swamp road before Oliver spoke again.

"You are at liberty to go as far out as you please, however, Mr. Malone."

"I shall," said Malone crisply. "I am an old hand at this business. I don't believe such a thing exists as a bottomless pit. Now, just where was it that you and your father parted company that night? As I understand it, you and he sat for some time on that log over there. It was a clear night and the road was very dusty. There had been no rain in over three weeks. Am I right?"

Oliver stared at him in amazement. The other detective had turned down the slope and was striding off toward the nearest ditch.

"You seem to be pretty well posted," said he, his eyes narrowing.

"Well, I am an inquisitive sort of cuss," drawled Malone. "And I'm not what you'd call an idle person."

"Who told you we were sitting on that log? We did sit there for 10 or 15 minutes. That was before we began to quarrel. Then we got up and walked on a little farther down the road. We stood there arguing for nearly half an hour. But who told you we sat on that log?"

"If you don't mind, I'll not answer that question," said Malone.

"You asked me a while ago if I had seen Peter Hines that night. Was it Peter Hines?"

Malone hesitated. "Well, it was Peter Hines who is supposed to have seen you, Mr. Baxter, but it was not he who told me about it."



"As I Understand It, You and He Sat for Some Time on That Log Over There?"

Hines, Mr. Baxter?" asked Malone abruptly.

"Peter Hines? Certainly. He is a tenant of my father's. Lives in a shack up at the other end of the swamp. I've seen him once or twice."

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"If you don't mind, I'll not answer that question," said Malone.

"You asked me a while ago if I had seen Peter Hines that night. Was it Peter Hines?"

Malone hesitated. "Well, it was Peter Hines who is supposed to have seen you, Mr. Baxter, but it was not he who told me about it."

CHAPTER VIII

A Blow for Sammy

Malone chimed the subject abruptly. "That's a great fish story they tell about the gypsy prophesying you'd be hung before you were thirty."

"If you will excuse me, Mr. Malone, I must be getting back to the house. It's nearly 7 o'clock and I am expecting people to dine with me," said Oliver a little coldly.

"I'm sorry I've detained you," said the detective apologetically. "I'll stroll back with you, if you don't mind."

"Where is your partner?" inquired Oliver, looking out over the swamp.

"Charlie? Oh, he'll be along directly. He is seeing about how long it would take a man to walk out to the edge of the mire and back," said Malone coolly.

Oliver looked at him sharply. "So that's the idea, eh?" he remarked, after a moment.

"We intend to conduct this investigation in an open and above-board manner, Mr. Baxter."

"And I shall be open and above-board with you, Mr. Malone," said Oliver, a trace of irony in his voice. "I hope, therefore, that you won't take it amiss if I suggest that the sensible thing for your man to do would be to make his calculations at night, when progress would naturally be a great deal slower and infinitely more hazardous."

"I've taken that into account," announced the detective, looking straight ahead. "I was about to say that it's going to take a good deal of tight squeezing, Mr. Baxter, to get you indicted, tried and executed inside of the next 30 days. The time is pretty short, eh?" He laughed jovially.

Oliver turned on him. "I'll knock your d-d head off, Malone, if you make any more cracks like that. Remember that, will you?" he cried hotly.

Malone was genuinely surprised. He went very red in the face.

"Yes," he said thickly. "I'll be sure to remember it."

Oliver apologized to Malone as they were on the point of separating in front of the house. They had traversed the hundred yards or more in silence.

"I am sorry I spoke to you as I did, Mr. Malone. I hope you will overlook it."

Malone held out his hand. "I've been spoken to a good bit rougher than that in my time, Mr. Baxter, and never turned a hair," he said good-naturedly. "I don't blame you for calling me down. I guess I was fresh. But I assure you I didn't mean to be."

A little later on Oliver sat on his front porch waiting for his guests to arrive. Mrs. Grimes, in her snug-fitting black silk dress, rocked impatiently in a chair nearby. The guests were late.

"It's Josephine Sage," she observed crossly, breaking a long silence. "She's the one that's making 'em late."

He looked at his watch. "It's only 7:30, Aunt Serepta. They're only 15 minutes late. I've been losing my temper again," he said gloomily. "Probably made an enemy of that detective, Malone."

"What difference does that make? He's not a voter in this county," said the old lady composedly. "Here they come. Goodness! The way that Peter boy drives! He ought to be locked up for—"

But Oliver was at the bottom of the steps waiting for the automobile. It swung around the curve in the drive and came to an unbelievably gentle stop.

"The best trained automobile in America," said Sammy, with his customary modesty. "Kindness is what does it."

"So sorry to be late," said Mrs. Sage, as Oliver ceremoniously handed her out of the car.

"What is that I hear, Oliver?" said the minister as he stepped out of the car. Jane and Mrs. Sammy had preceded him. "Is it true the detectives are here and expect to start this ridiculous search tomorrow?"

"They're here all right," replied Oliver. "One of them tried to sell you a set of Dickens the other day."

"What?" cried Jane, gripping Oliver's arm. "What that man a detective?"

"No less a person than Mr. Sherlock Hawshaw Malone, the renowned sleuth," said Oliver, smiling.

"The best—the best!" she cried hotly. "Good heavens! That accounts for the interest he took in your father's disappearance."

"At any rate," said Mr. Sage, complacently, "he did not succeed in selling you a set of Dickens."

Jane started to say something, but, instead, abruptly turned away and joined the other women on the porch. A queer little chill as of misgiving stole over her.

"Hey, Oliver!" called out Sammy from down the drive where he was parking the car. "Come here a minute, will you? Say, he went on, lowering his voice as Oliver came up. "I've just picked up something rich. Follow came in day before yesterday and showed me a volume of the 'Arabian Nights,' absolutely unexpurgated—"

"I know. And you fell for it, didn't you?"

"Sh! Not so loud. My wife doesn't know a thing about it. But say, who told you about it?"

Then Oliver told him. Sammy leaned against the mudguard and swore softly.

"Say, I wish I could remember what I said to the guy about your father. Lord, he had me talking a blue streak. Darn my fool eyes! You'd think I'd have some sense to—oh, well, go ahead and kick me, Ollie. Right here. Just as hard as you like."

"Come on. They're waiting for us. You needn't worry, old boy."

Sammy and Oliver entered the sitting room. Mrs. Sage was standing almost directly under the chandelier, talking to dummy Mrs. Grimes; the light from above fell upon her anuburn crown, flooded her magnificent shoulders and arms, and then wavered timidly, almost helplessly, as it first came in contact with resplendent opposition. The actress was a head taller than Mrs. Grimes, who nevertheless bravely stood her ground and faced comparison with all the hardihood of the righteous.

Mr. Sage, with a distinctly bewilderment and somewhat embarrassed expression keeping company with the proud and doting smile that seemed to be stamped upon his lean visage, stood across the room with his daughter and Mrs. Sammy.

"Do you mean to tell me, Oliver, that those blighters intend to begin digging up your place tomorrow?" Josephine asked incredulously.

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E. S. GRAVES, Sheriff, Gray County, Texas.

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Gray.

BY VIRTUE of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Gray County, on the 20th day of November, 1925, by Charlie Thut, Clerk of said Court, against F. W. Dillard and F. B. Dillard, for the sum of Seven Hundred Thirty-nine and 30/100 (\$739.30) Dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 1270 in said Court, styled E. E. Reynolds versus F. W. Dillard, et al, and placed in my hands for service, I, E. S. Graves, as Sheriff of Gray County, Texas, did, on the 1st day of December, 1925, levy on a certain oil and gas lease and all of said defendants, F. W. Dillard and F. B. Dillard's beneficial interest in and to the following described land situated in Gray County, Texas, as follows: One certain oil and gas lease executed by E. E. Reynolds and wife, Amanda Reynolds, and Phoebe A. Worsley, and covering the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 34 in Block No. 3, I. & G. N. Co. Survey, Gray County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of said F. W. Dillard and F. B. Dillard, and on Tuesday, the 5th day of January, 1926, at the Court House door of Gray County, in the town of Lafors, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m. I will sell said oil and gas lease at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder as the property of said F. W. Dillard and F. B. Dillard and their heirs, said levy and said order of sale.

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Smoking is not dead in McLean. It is noticed that there was a much longer time between smokes at the meeting of Commerce meeting Monday night, in consideration of the present. Breathing could be done very comfortably anywhere in the hall, which is not usually the case at meetings of this kind.

The present owners of The News have never accepted cigarette advertising in the columns of this paper. One neighboring editor, who has since sold this business, used us of trying to reform the habit, and for a time it seemed as if we were alone in fighting the cigarette habit, but we are glad to see expressions against the habit in the columns of many of our town papers lately. Men are addicted to the habit will advise anyone to take up its use, so why should the non-user, who is many times made to suffer from second-hand smoke, endorse in any way?

Editor Hill of the Lynn County News takes issue with us on cotton picking as a child's job. Brother Hill takes the position that all children should be required to work and that cotton picking never has harmed the health of any child. Our expression had more to do with conditions in the older cotton sections, of which we are familiar, and we know of cases where children were stunted in stature, as well as stunted mentally, by too early work in the cotton fields. We are willing to admit that children could be taught to work, but when parents boast of five to ten year old children picking several hundred pounds of cotton a day, we are not ready to say that it is a child's job. Cotton picking was a job for slaves in early times, and as long as the year proposition, it is one of the hardest jobs yet to be found on the farm. Yes, we believe in children working, but not digging ditches and other menial jobs, but at work that will insure their bodies or keep them from proper schooling, and at the same time provide plenty of time for play and recreation. The time will come soon enough when the child will have to keep his nose to the grindstone to make a living, in most cases, without starting them as soon as they leave the cradle. We are for all child labor laws, and for protection in factories and cotton patches. However, we do not believe that there will ever be such damage or overwork in the household, as weather conditions are not conducive to long hours of even day work in the cotton fields, as is the case farther south.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Texas, County of Gray. In the District Court of Gray County, Texas. The City of McLean, Texas, plaintiff, vs. Walter Miller, defendant.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, on the 9th day of December, 1925, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 8th day of October, 1925, in the amount of \$13.43, in favor of the City of McLean, Texas, and against the said Walter Miller, No. 131 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 9th day of December, 1925, at 2 o'clock p. m. levy upon the following described property, and belonging to the said Walter Miller, to-wit: S. W. 1/4 of Lot 1 in Block H and west 1/2 of Lot 3 Block in the City of McLean, being out of Survey No. 22, Block R, Gray County, Texas; and on the 5th day of January, 1926, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and will sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Walter Miller in and to said property, to satisfy said judgment, interest and cost of sale.

ter Miller in and to said property, to satisfy said judgment, interest and cost of sale. E. S. GRAVES, Sheriff of Gray County, Texas. By JOHNNIE R. BACK, Deputy.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Texas, County of Gray. In the District Court of Gray County, Texas. The City of McLean, Texas, plaintiff, vs. A. Jackson, defendant.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, on the 9th day of December, 1925, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 8th day of October, 1925, in the amount of \$22.87 in favor of the City of McLean, Texas, and against said A. Jackson, No. 1232 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 9th day of December, 1925, at 2 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described property, and belonging to the said A. Jackson, to-wit: Lots 8, 9 and 10 in Block 93 in the City of McLean, Texas, and being out of Survey 22, Block R, Gray County, Texas; and on the 5th day of January, 1926, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and will sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said A. Jackson in and to said property, to satisfy said judgment, interest and cost of sale.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Texas, County of Gray. In the District Court of Gray County, Texas. The City of McLean, Texas, plaintiff, vs. J. S. Stephens, defendant.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, on the 9th day of December, 1925, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 8th day of October, 1925, in the amount of \$74.84, in favor of The City of McLean, Texas, and against J. S. Stephens, No. 1319 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 9th day of December, 1925, at 2 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described land, and belonging to the said J. S. Stephens, to-wit: All of Blocks Nos. 8, 9, 11, 29, 30, 79, 80, 81, 82 and Lots Nos. 1, 1 and 3 in Block 105 in the City of McLean, Texas, and being out of Survey 22 Block R, Gray County, Texas; and on the 5th day of January, A. D. 1916, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and will sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said J. S. Stephens in and to said land, to satisfy said judgment, interest and cost of sale.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Texas, County of Gray. In the District Court of Gray County, Texas. The City of McLean, Texas, plaintiff, vs. E. M. Bunch, defendant.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, on the 9th day of December, 1925, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 8th day of October, 1925, in the amount of \$40.11, in favor of The City of McLean, Texas, and against E. M. Bunch, No. 1288 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 9th day of December, 1925, at 2 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described land, and belonging to the said E. M. Bunch, to-wit: Beginning on the west boundary line of Block 1, 425 feet north from the southwest corner of Block 1; thence east 200 feet; thence north 50 feet; thence west 100 feet; thence south 50, and being in Survey 22, Block R, Gray County, Texas; and on the 5th day of January, 1926, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and will sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of said E. M. Bunch in and to said property, to satisfy said judgment, interest and cost of sale.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Texas, County of Gray. In the District Court of Gray County, Texas. The City of McLean, Texas, plaintiff, vs. Unknown owner, defendant.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, on the 9th day of December, 1925, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 8th day of October, 1925, in the amount of \$37.50 in favor of The City of McLean, Texas, and against the said unknown owner, No. 1290 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 9th day of December, 1925, at 2 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described land situated in Gray County, Texas, and belonging to the said unknown owner, to-wit: The northwest 1/4 of Lot No. 1, in Block No. H., in the City of McLean, Texas, and being out of Survey No. 22, in Block R,

Gray County, Texas; and on the 5th day of January, 1926, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and will sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of said unknown owner in and to said property, to satisfy said judgment, interest and cost of sale.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Texas, County of Gray. In the District Court of Gray County, Texas. The City of McLean, Texas, plaintiff, vs. Rita Rosenbaum, defendant.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, on the 9th day of December, 1925, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 8th day of October, 1925, in the amount of \$18.31, in favor of The City of McLean, Texas, and against the said Rita Rosenbaum, No. 1239 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 9th day of December, 1925, at 2 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described land, and belonging to the said Rita Rosenbaum, to-wit: Beginning 1925 feet west of the east boundary line of Section No. 190 Block E, and 507 feet south of the north boundary line of Section 190 Block E; thence west 4.0 feet; thence south 210 feet; thence east 420 feet; thence north 130 feet; being in Block 13 in the City of McLean, Texas, and being out of Survey 22, Block R, Gray County, Texas; and on the 5th day of January, 1926, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and will sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest in and to said property, to satisfy said judgment, interest and cost of sale.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Texas, County of Gray. In the District Court of Gray County, Texas. The City of McLean, Texas, plaintiff, vs. A. R. Piersall, defendant.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, on the 9th day of December, 1925, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 8th day of October, 1925, in the amount of \$14.19, in favor of The City of McLean, Texas, and against A. R. Piersall, No. 1297 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 9th day of December, 1925, at 2 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the County of Gray State of Texas, and belonging to the said A. R. Piersall, to-wit: Being Lot No. seven (7) in Block No. forty-six (46) in Survey Twenty-two (22) Block R, Gray County, Texas; and on the 5th day of January, A. D. 1926, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and will sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said A. R. Piersall in and to said property, to satisfy said judgment, interest and cost of sale.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Texas, County of Gray. In the District Court of Gray County, Texas. The City of McLean, Texas, plaintiff, vs. C. W. Brown, defendant.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, on the 9th day of December, 1925, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 8th day of October, 1925, in the amount of \$44.45, in favor of The City of McLean, Texas, and against the said C. W. Brown, No. 1301 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 9th day of December, 1925, at 2 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described land and belonging to said C. W. Brown, to-wit: Being 2 1/2 acres, lying south of Blocks Nos. 61 and 62 and adjacent to Donley Street and being out of Survey 22, Block R, Gray County, Texas, in the City of McLean, Texas; and on the 5th day of January, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and will sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said C. W. Brown in and to said property, to satisfy said judgment, interest and cost of sale.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Texas, County of Gray. In the District Court of Gray County, Texas. The City of McLean, Texas, plaintiff, vs. Ross Biggers and all persons claiming or owning an interest in and to said land, to satisfy said judgment, interest and cost of sale.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, on the 9th day of December, 1925, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 8th day of October, 1925, in the amount of \$144.41, in favor of The City of McLean, Texas, and against said Ross Biggers and all persons claiming or owning an interest in and to said estate, No. 1302 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 9th day of December, 1925, at 2 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described land, and belonging to Ross Biggers and the heirs of the J. C. Biggers estate, to-wit: Beginning 1495 feet south of the north boundary line of Survey 22, Block E, and 1405 feet west of the east boundary line of Survey 22, Block E; thence south 105 feet; thence east 210 feet; thence north 105 feet; thence west 210 feet; being in the McLaughlin Addition to the City of McLean in Gray County, Texas; and on the 5th day of January, 1926, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and will sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest in and to said land, to satisfy said judgment, interest and cost of sale.

right, title and interest of the said A. R. Piersall in and to said property, to satisfy said judgment, interest and cost of sale.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Texas, County of Gray. In the District Court of Gray County, Texas. The City of McLean, Texas, plaintiff, vs. Ross Biggers and all those claiming or owning an interest in the J. C. Biggers estate, defendants.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, on the 9th day of December, 1925, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 8th day of October, 1925, in the amount of \$144.41, in favor of The City of McLean, Texas, and against said Ross Biggers and all persons claiming or owning an interest in and to said estate, No. 1302 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 9th day of December, 1925, at 2 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described land, and belonging to Ross Biggers and the heirs of the J. C. Biggers estate, to-wit: Beginning 1495 feet south of the north boundary line of Survey 22, Block E, and 1405 feet west of the east boundary line of Survey 22, Block E; thence south 105 feet; thence east 210 feet; thence north 105 feet; thence west 210 feet; being in the McLaughlin Addition to the City of McLean in Gray County, Texas; and on the 5th day of January, 1926, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and will sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Ross Biggers and all persons claiming or owning an interest in and to said land, to satisfy said judgment, interest and cost of sale.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

State of Texas, County of Gray. In the District Court of Gray County, Texas. The City of McLean, Texas, plaintiff, vs. C. W. Brown, defendant.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dumas, Texas, Dec. 5, 1925. Dear Old Santa Claus: Just two little tots wanting to tell you what we want you to bring on Christmas. I, little Alta Mae, want a dolly that cries and a cradle to rock her in. I, baby Ruth, want a toy kitty, one that won't scratch and bite when I pull its tail. We want some candy, apples, oranges and nuts. Now, Santa, we hope you take The McLean News so you will be sure to see this.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dumas, Texas, Dec. 7, 1925. Dear Santa Claus: I will tell you what I want for Christmas. I want you to bring me two twin dolls, two chairs and a table and a set of dishes, some nuts, cocoanuts, nuts, lemons and oranges, and that is all I want. Thank you, Santa Claus. From your friend, Ruth Rheas, to Santa. Good-bye, Santa Claus.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dumas, Texas, Dec. 5, 1925. Dearest Santa Claus: We are two little kiddies writing to tell you what we want you to bring us for Christmas. I, Ruth, want a dolly that cries, most of all, I, Millard, want a little wagon, and we both want candy, apples, oranges and nuts. And now, Santa, we will be gone to the Christmas tree, so please bring them to the school house.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

With lots of love to dear old Santa. Ruth and Millard McKinzey. McLean, Texas, Nov. 27.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

I am writing you to tell you I have been a good little girl and I want you to bring me a by-lo baby doll, a little trunk, a bathrobe, some house slippers and a little tea set. Well, I will close for this time. Lottie Margaret Barrow.

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A. A. LEDBETTER Attorney-at-Law McLean, Texas

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FREE TO BOYS AND GIRLS Free prizes will be given to the boy and girl guessing the nearest to the number of beans in a jar at our store next Saturday. A free guess allowed every boy and girl who calls at the store Saturday.

Cobb's Variety Store Welcome



Cotton is going Down So are prices at our store COME AND SEE Wallace & Company

—Service With Pep— McLean Phone 153 Texas

TWO MEN WHO CANNOT HELP WOMEN'S CLOTHES AND MEN'S

Mr. Wiggam says that in the present world crisis there are two types of men who cannot help very much.

One is the optimist who believes that you can take a sow's ear and make it into a silk purse by deep breathing.

The other is the Pessimist, who, confronted with a choice of two evils, takes them both.

Of the two, however, the Pessimist is not without advantage. He walks cautiously at least, and with his eyes open. He at least asks questions. He may be a Pessimist but he is an inquiring Pessimist. An inquiring mind is a safer mind follow than a mind that accepts everything, with a gulp and a smile.

The surprises and disappointments in store for the Optimist are usually very sad. But the surprises and disappointments of the Pessimist are always good and glad.—Dearborn Independent.

HUNNISM

Hunism, ugly and noisy, is raging in the land again today. Men of foul minds and foul language, true barbarians who do not hesitate to attack sacred things, even to defoul the churches of their mothers, are leading a motley horde of nerotics and misfits in an assault upon the ancient traditions and customs of America.

The evangelical churches are the particular objects of attack of these people. Much is said of intolerance against the Jews and Catholics. Intolerance of any sort is reprehensible. If the men who assail the Catholics, especially those who do so in improper language, wish a voice they must publish special journals of their own. The public press is properly closed to them. But men like Mencken, who assail the Methodist church, the Baptist church, the Presbyterian church and other evangelical denominations in phrases characterized not only by stupidity but by indecency and a few papers may be found which will print the matter, papers which come into the homes of the people of every race and religion.

The United States had to deal with Hunism during the early days of the war. Uncle Sam simply turned it upside down, sat on it until the business in hand had been transacted, let it up and ignored it as merely contemptible in peace times. It is a dirty bird which fouls its own nest, and an even dirtier bird which defouls a sacred heritage.—Methodist Clip Sheet.

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement 11c

In a recent issue of the London Spectator there appears an article by a woman, in which the present modes of dress by the two sexes are compared, altogether to the advantage of the fairer. A German professor recently had the happy thought of weighing the clothing of his assistant and that of his assistant's wife, with the result of finding that the man's shoes alone were heavier than all the woman had on. This finding is, of course, adulterated somewhat by a patent disparity in the size of the objects to be covered, yet there is enough left to justify the woman writer's praise of feminine dressing and her commendation of its approaching closely to perfection from both the esthetic and hygienic points of view.

As for propriety or immodesty, she properly thinks that unworthy of discussion, and along that line says only that the general display of stockings nowadays has turned legs into "things of beauty for everyone, instead of objects of curiosity for the unprincipled." She admits that this fashion is "a little trying for the plump, the bow-legged and the ungracefully aging," but what of that? It must eventually have its value in auto-suggestion, and if some day all legs are indeed beautiful without exception, we shall have to thank the fashion that put them out where they could be observed and thereby stimulated desire for perfection.

She gives no support to the warning that abbreviated garments invite chill and cold. Of course they do nothing of the kind, and the warnings are issued by people, including a few doctors, who go on plausible but false assumptions instead of observing the facts which are that heavily and completely covered men suffer far oftener from colds than do lightly-clad women. The Highlanders, too, might give an authoritative opinion as to whether or not bare knees are dangerous.

It is when the Spectator's informant takes up the clothing of men that she becomes really emphatic. The men, she writes, have shown as yet next to no signs of imitating the sensible example set by the women. Their clothes are thick, heavy, constrictive, and induce excessive perspiration, and exclude sunlight and air. Their long trousers collect mud and dust just as women's dragging skirts used to do. Their collars throttle the neck with its impudent blood vessels and nerves. Their hats are hard and tight, inducing baldness. Their kidney-exposing waistcoats are vulgar.

To deny this is impossible. But even the men are manifesting the

beginning of intelligence in their dress. They have at least substituted soft for hard shirts and collars, but for summer why wear any collars at all, and cuffs coming just where large quantities of blood pass near the surface, prevent much cooling that otherwise would take place. Men may not be in the way of realizing that esthetic value of dress argued in so distinguished a manner by the late Oscar Wilde, but they have come a ways. Even their hardest critic must admit that men's shoes, though they be heavier than all that a woman has on, are both more sensible and more comfortable than the infinitesimal patches of leather that keep the feminine foot from direct contact with the pavement. And the men all eschew the absurdity and the perils of high heels.—Star-Telegram.

COINCIDENCE

Tobe—"See hyah, woman! Didn't Ah see you kissin' a no-count piece o' trash las' night?"
Liza—"Gwan, Tobe. It was so dark Ah thought it was you!"
Tobe—"Come to think of it, maybe 'twas me. What time was it?"

CAR DEPRECIATION

The salesman had just finished describing the various units of the car his fair prospect intended purchasing. "Now is everything quite clear?" he completed. "Nearly," replied the lady, "though you haven't told me about the depreciation, when it needs oiling and so on."

Motor car dealers base the depreciation values on reports received from various trade bodies. Hence, at the present time the first year's depreciation is 40%, the second year 20%, the third year 15%, the fourth year 10%, and the

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For instance, a car listing at \$2,000 would at the end of the first year be worth about \$600; at the end of the second year \$400; and the third year \$250. Now this costs the owner \$1,200 delivered with all accessories. That car operated for one year, say 6,500 miles, and sold for \$600, has cost the owner \$600, plus maintenance, gas, oil, etc. If sold at the end of the second year, the cost of 1300 miles would be \$900 exclusive of gas, oil, tires, etc. Hence, the economical motorist sells at the end of the second year, or the third or fourth year—never at the end of the first year. After the second, third or fourth year the machine has passed its critical mileage and it pays to sell. Critical mileage is that point at which repairs are so common, and fuel consumption is so great that the cost per mile is far beyond the car's standard.

You have often heard a man say: "I trade my car in every year because I don't want to be bothered with repairs." And this man, whether he knows it or not, is paying as high as thirty cents a mile to run his one year car. He could use a taxi for less money.

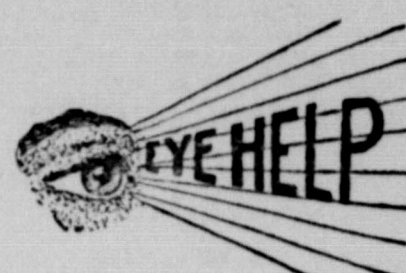
The fellow who sells the first year and accepts the 40% or more depreciation on the list price, must add to that loss the freight and war tax he originally paid. If operated for at least one more year, or even two years, which is still better, then depreciation is spread over a big mileage and the cost per mile is reduced. The wise

boy forgets about time and thinks in terms of speedometer mileage.

If you are about to sell your car, stop and think. Has it been operated over sufficient mileage? Will the new car you intend purchasing do more for you than the one you have now? Of course if you are one of those birds that demand style and don't care about the cost, then trade regardless, but if you are a chap who wants low-cost transportation and style afterwards, think twice before you sell, then don't sell, and there'll be money in your pocket.

A 13 plate, 80 ampere hour Ford battery will work in your car and give you good service. Guaranteed for one year. Adjustments made here. Williams Motor Advertisement 49-2c

RUBBER STAMPS. Order rubber stamps, daters, etc., at the News office. Prompt service and the best of work.



SAY IT IN ADVERTISING

If I knew you and you knew me, if both of us could clearly see, and, with an inner sight, divine the meaning of your heart and mine; I'm sure that we would differ less. And clasp our hands in friendliness. Our thoughts would pleasantly agree. If I knew you and you knew me.

SO SAY IT IN ADVERTISING

Texhoma Oil & Refining Co.
For Value and Service Use
TEXHOMA PRODUCTS
Amalie Motor Oils 100 per cent Pure Pennsylvania.
L. L. ROGERS
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You will always find a welcome and good things to eat at our place. We cook you anything you want like you want it.
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We Pay Postage Both Ways
Quick Service—Reasonable Rates
McCormack Brothers
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Our showing of Holiday and gift goods makes it easy to buy pleasing gifts for the children, and our stock of toilet sets, candies, fountain pens, purses, books, jewelry, kodaks, etc., will please anyone.

The Best Gift A New Victrola

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- Clocks Tools
- Hand Painted China
- Flash Lights
- Air Rifles and Guns
- Boys' Wagons

Many other useful articles that will please.

Western Lumber and Hardware Company
H. F. Wingo, Manager

RED CROSS AID TO VETS MOUNTING

Heavier Demands for War Service Laid to New Legislation Granting Wide Benefits.

ACTIVE FORCES AIDED ALSO

Duty to Ex-Service and Service Men First Responsibility of the Red Cross.

A marked increase in the service given by the American Red Cross to ex-service men, through Chapters, hospitals, Government and Red Cross offices during the past year, and which volume is expected to be maintained during most of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, is shown in the reports of the war service activities of the organization, just completed.

Service to the disabled and to men now in active service continued to be one of the primary obligations of the Red Cross. The increased activities in this regard were attributed largely to the legislation giving new benefits to ex-service men.

The keystone of the Red Cross service lies in the Home Service work of the chapters to veterans and men in service. At the close of the fiscal year June 30, 1925, 2,591 Chapters were active in this work and had expended approximately \$2,237,000.

Included in their work was assistance to ex-service men in making out adjusted compensation papers, in the handling of claims reopened, or made payable under liberalized terms of the World War Veterans' Act of 1924; and in many other ways.

An unusual amount of legislation passed by Congress and State bodies, has necessitated the issue of much new material in the past year. Legislation was passed during the year liberalizing conditions applying to hospitalization, compensation and other benefits under the Veterans' Bureau; this in turn has entailed reopening of many claims formerly disallowed, filing of many new ones, and many applications for hospitalization. The Claims Service at National Headquarters this year handled 17,566 in comparison with 12,010 cases the previous year.

Increased service to men in hospitals was noted, as well in the number of hospitals in which service was maintained by the organization. Due to new legislation an increase of over 6,000 patients were admitted for hospitalization, a new peak approximating that of March 1922. Since a large number of this group includes patients not eligible for compensation, the solution of their personal and family problems has involved careful study by the National Organization.

There are 39,099 disabled ex-service men in Government hospitals every day of the year, and their need has directly led to a revival of the best-known and perhaps most popular activity the Red Cross sponsored in war—a new campaign for knitted "Red Cross sweaters." These articles are among the few not furnished by the Government.

For the men still on active duty in the Army, Navy and Marines, the Red Cross during the year maintained Field Directors at all important stations, camps, and hospitals of these armed forces of the country.

A monthly average of 96,931 service and ex-service men were aided by the Red Cross during the year.

The man in service, and the man who has served his country are among the primary responsibilities for which the American Red Cross is chartered by Congress. Nevertheless it has many other obligations and it is on this basis that an appeal will be made for a larger enrollment than ever during the Annual Roll Call, Armistice Day, November 11, to November 26.

"Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!"

By Ellis Parker Butler,
—in St. Nicholas

*LITTLE cullud Rastus come a-skippin' down the street,
Smilin' an' a-grinnin' at every one he meet;
By, oh! he was happy! Boy! but he was gay!
Wishin' "Merry Christmas" an' "Happy New-Year's Day!"
Wishin' that his wishes might every one come true—
and—bless your dear heart, honey,—I wish the same to you!*

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement 1fc

COMMERCIAL HATCHERY INSTALLED AT PAMPA

Pampa, Dec. 4.—A carload of incubators were unloaded in this city Sunday by C. C. Dodd, to be used in his new commercial hatchery, which is being established in a building formerly occupied by the Pampa Confectionery, on the east side of Cuyler street. The new hatchery, which will be known as Dodd's Hatchery, will be equipped with two mammoth incubators, with a total capacity of

24,000 EGGS.

Mr. Dodd, who is an experienced poultry man, says that he expects to be ready to start the incubators about Dec. 22, and hopes by that time to be ready to start both units up in full force.

Commercial hatching has become an important business, and this new venture will doubtless prove an asset to the town, as many baby chicks will be shipped out to surrounding towns during the hatching season. Pampa citizens and farmers in this community should be

elated at such a business starting up here, as it will be of much benefit to those in need of commercial hatching.

We predict a successful business for this new enterprise.—Pampa News.

Try our gas and oil service. Williams Motor Co. Advertisement 49-2c

Jewelry Auction Sale, this week only, 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. Shell's Pharmacy. Advertisement. 1c

England's New High Commissioner At Cairo



The Right Hon. Sir George Lloyd, former Governor of Bombay whose selection as British High Commissioner for Egypt, succeeding Field Marshal Viscount Allenby has met with universal approval. Sir George Lloyd has left an enduring monument to his ability in Lloyd's Dam with its network of canals over the Indus at Sukkur, India. It is the biggest dam in the world and is cultivating an acreage of 8,000,000 formerly a barren waste. The canals form a length of 7,000 miles and three of them are bigger in every way than the Suez Canal. His thorough knowledge of Arabic, the Islamic faith both spiritually and politically stamps him as the man for the post.

NOTICE TO CAR OWNERS

We will be in McLean Dec. 30 and 31, 1925, to collect car license only. All applicants for car license must have headlight test certificate not over 30 days old, before license for 1926 will be issued. We will be in Alanreed for the same purpose Jan 1, 1926. E. S. GRAVES, Sheriff and Tax Collector, Gray County, Texas. 50-3c

J. W. Dwyer orders his name placed on our list of progressive subscribers.

J. L. Andrews is a new reader of The News.

Diamond ring Free, Saturday at the Jewelry Auction Sale. Come in and get your free number. Shell's Pharmacy. Advertisement. 1c

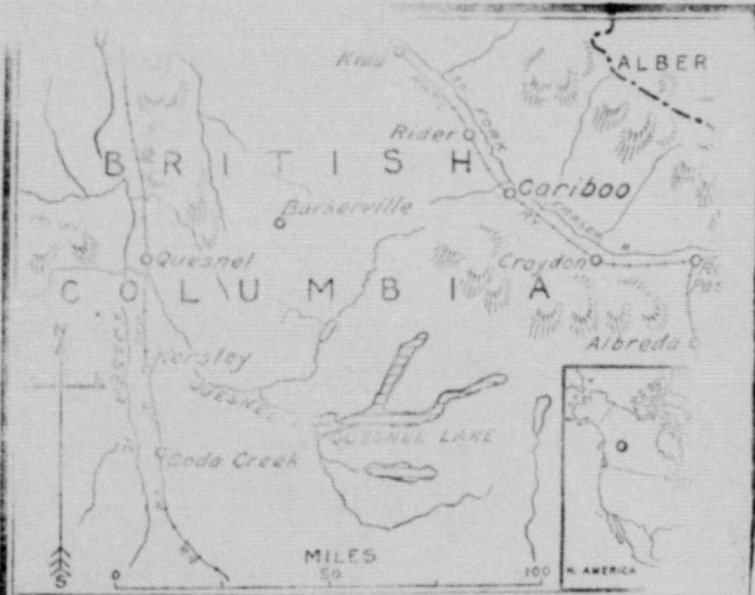
ADVERTISING PAYS



Keep up the Christmas spirit,
That sentiment may live;
And there's no way that's finer,
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Your kindest thoughts and best regards
By means of our new Christmas Cards.

Make your selection now before the choicest numbers are gone!

THE McLEAN NEWS



RICH GOLD FIND—Reports from British Columbia, tell of the discovery of a rich gold in the vicinity of Cariboo. It is in a district sixty years ago as a gold region, and the new find gives promise of producing high grade ore.

WHERE and WHAT to BUY

Gifts for Men

Men appreciate a practical gift, and it is easy to make a selection from our stock of men's furnishings.

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| OVERCOATS | TIES |
| SWEATERS | MUFFLERS |
| SUITS | BELTS |
| DRESS SHIRTS | CAPS |
| WOOL HOSE | HATS |
| HOUSE SLIPPERS | GLOVES |
| SUSPENDERS | HANDKERCHIEFS |
| SUPPORTERS | LUGGAGE |
| BOOTS | SHOES |

These are only a few suggestions. Come in and let us show you through our stock.

John Mertel

V. H. Moore Auctioneer

Wheeler, Texas

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A Gift that Inspires Gratitude
for Father or Mother
for Son or Daughter
for Teacher or Pastor
for Dearest Friend

This Christmas Portable may be had in our handsome Christmas package without extra charge.

News

Remington Portable

Public Sale

at My Farm 1-2 Mile West of

Alanreed, Texas

Saturday, Dec. 19, 1925

1 p. m.

If weather is too bad Saturday, sale will be held **Monday, Dec. 21.**

Having leased out my ranch, I now offer all my stock and farming tools.

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| A lot of choice canned peaches. | 1 hack. |
| One iceless refrigerator. | 2 wagons, one iron wheels. |
| A lot of "Snow White" washing powders. | 1 riding cultivator. |
| Mower and rake in good working order. | 1 corn sheller. |
| 1 lister planter. | 1 go-devil cultivator. |
| 2 walking planters. | Other farm tools too numerous to mention. |
| 1 Fowler cultivator, a most handy tool. | |
| 1 double shovel. | 4 good work horses. |
| 1 Georgia stock. | 2 young work mules, 4 years, past. |
| 1 Georgia orchard disc harrow. | 2 mules, yearlings past. |
| 1 10-foot harrow. | 4 good milch cows, springers. |
| 1 walking plow. | 1 calf. |
| A No. 1 16-inch sulky plow. | Lot of White Leghorn hens. |
| A lot of plow gears and buggy harness. | 1 cream separator. |

TERMS: All sums under \$20, cash in hand. Over \$20, 5 per cent discount for cash, or eleven months' time, bankable note.

O. P. Hommel

Owner

News from Heald

By Special Correspondent.
We still are having fine weather; seems like spring.
People are still gathering crops. There is lots of cotton and corn in the fields yet.
Several have been butchering hogs this week.
Several took turkeys to market this week.
C. H. Harbison was in Shamrock Monday.
Messdames W. L. Litchfield and T. H. Pickett were in McLean Tuesday.
Mrs. Paul Ladd visited in the J. A. Haynes home Wednesday.
Mrs. J. P. Ewing and children spent Sunday in the T. F. Phillips home.
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hinton, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Phillips attended the poultry show at Wheeler Saturday.
Prof. Dorman was in Wheeler Saturday to attend the teachers meeting.
Miss Clara Reneau attended the poultry show at Wheeler Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Millard McRee spent Sunday with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Phillips.
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hinton spent

Sunday afternoon with his parents near McLean.
Roland Litchfield has sold his stock and farm implements to Millard McRee of Fort Worth. Roland will leave some time near Christmas for Wichita Falls, where he will work with his brother next year.
Mr. Marona of Electra, brother of Mrs. Geo. R. Reneau, was in this community a few days this week hunting.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Reneau visited in the Z. T. Jones home in the Liberty community Sunday afternoon.
A. P. Rippey was in McLean Monday.
C. H. Harbison was in McLean Wednesday.
J. T. Litchfield was in McLean Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bailey visited in the W. L. Litchfield home Sunday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bailey are the proud parents of a daughter, born the 3rd.

News from Liberty

By Special Correspondent.
A. L. Morgan went to McLean Saturday.
The young folks enjoyed a candy breaking at the J. A. Louis home Saturday night.
Mrs. J. F. Corbin and children of McLean visited in the Hardin home Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hardin and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Al Brewer and children of McLean were dinner guests in the Morgan home Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Luther Petty and children spent Sunday in the C. H. Harbison home at Heald.
Miss Clarabel Hardin visited in the J. F. Corbin home at McLean Saturday night.
Bob Bell and family of Wellington, who have been staying in the Frank Bell home, went home Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sullivan of Denver, Colo., visited the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stokes, last week.
Bob Stokes of Shawnee, Okla., visited home folks last week.
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pettit of north of McLean attended Sunday school Sunday.
Miss Ola Robinson went to McLean Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Hankins attended Sunday school Sunday.
The superintendent and assistant

being absent Sunday, Reuben Woodley took charge. After Sunday school he gave a reading which was enjoyed by all present.

SLAVIN SALE DEC. 17

J. W. Slavin was a McLean visitor today and ordered bills of The News for his sale to be held at Alanreed Dec. 17.
See list of articles offered in this paper.
Diamond ring Free, Saturday at the Jewelry Auction Sale. Come in and get your free number. Shell's Pharmacy. Advertisement. 1c

VANDERBILT TELLS WHY HE CHOSE NEWSPAPER

Washington.—Public opinion is today the greatest human force in the world, according to Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr., who while in conference with some of his editors here at the Mayflower Hotel, was asked why, with unlimited opportunity to choose, he had decided to become a newspaper publisher.
"I had long been impressed with the thought that the newspaper publisher expected great influence for good in the community," said Mr. Vanderbilt, "and it seemed to me that newspaper publishing afforded the broadest opportunity for public service of a high order."
"The placing of practically unlimited powers in the hands of the people through the constantly increasing tendency toward representative government throughout the world, has increased the power of public opinion to a hitherto unknown force.
"This power, which the growth of democracy has served to glorify, I believe is affected more by the press than any other influence. Representative government has served to dignify the institution of the press and has increased the

public responsibility of the publisher.
"To me the newspaper is a sort of public utility, a public servant charged with the task of informing the people, fully and frankly, on all subjects of general interest in order that the mass sentiment of the people may be enlightened and most conducive to the public welfare.
"That is the great hope of democracy—a virile and informed public opinion. This majority sentiment is and should be the supreme factor under a democratic form of government, with due respect for the rights of minorities, of course.
"To this end the newspaper is perhaps the greatest contributing factor, and for that reason I think there is no higher service than can be performed than conscientiously to publish a newspaper free from personal bias and selfish interest. It was for that reason mainly that I decided to devote my energies to this public service."

LOGIC

"My dear, I think I shall spend the night at my sister's," came his wife's voice over the telephone. "Do you care?"
"Not at all," he replied heartily. "Then I had better take the first train home," she decided.

NO WONDER HE WAS ILL

An office man had submitted to an operation for appendicitis. The first morning of his return to the

LOOKS COUNT

Be sure your clothes are properly cleaned and pressed to look your best. We have the equipment and the "know-how" to give first class service.

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Hansel Christian, Prop.

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Service Truck. Call Riley Scott. Phone 16. Advertisement tfe
FOR SALE.—640 acres 4 miles north of McLean. Will sell all or cut to suit buyer. Price and terms are very attractive. Come quick if you want it. S. B. Fast, Owner. tfe
MATTRESSES renovated and recovered. Will call for and deliver at McLean once each week. Leave orders at News office or write Economy Mattress Co., P. O. Box 171, Shamrock, Texas. 40-9p-tfe
GROCERIES ARE cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. tfe
THESE little ads bring results. Try one. 25 words for 25c.
BARGAIN DAYS on The News and Star-Telegram are here. \$8.45 for The McLean News and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram one year, with the Star-Telegram from now until December 1st, free. Subscribe now.
BOOKKEEPING supplies, ledger sheets, journal and cash book sheets for high school commercial class at News office.
GARBAGE and trash hauled from any part of the city at reasonable rates. Phone 40, 2. Frank Haynes.
STORAGE—Clean dry storage under daily supervision. Inquire at News office.
LOST.—\$10 bill, last Thursday or Friday, in McLean or between the T. H. Andrews farm and town. Return to News office for liberal reward. 1p
WE STILL have a few groceries that we are selling at cost, also some flour at \$1.00 per sack. S. A. Cobb. 1c
When gift shopping, see the hand made articles at Shell's Pharmacy. Mrs. Earle Shell. Advertisement tfe
MATTRESSES renovated and recovered. Will call for and deliver at McLean once each week. Leave orders at News office or write Economy Mattress Co., P. O. Box 171, Shamrock, Texas. 40-9p-tfe
FOR SALE.—378 acres of land 40 miles northwest of Alanreed, Texas; price \$9 per acre. Has \$1500 loan, running water. Or will trade for cattle. Roger S. McConnell, Pampa, Texas. 47-4p
LET ME butcher your hogs. Will call for and deliver in city limits. T. B. Roby. Phone 182. tfe
WANTED to rent a small place on halves. Can give reference. Albert Bledsoe, c/o C. A. McAdams.
FOR SALE.—Fine, bright broadcast cane, baled or bundled. W. W. Wilson. 50-2p
PICTURES suitable for framing make acceptable Christmas gifts. Select from our line of calendar samples. Prices from 10c up. News office. 50-2
FOR SALE.—Fine Plymouth Rock and Buff Orpington roosters, \$1 each. Mrs. Luther Petty, Phone 112, 41. 1c

SAME THING

He—"Have you ever had other proposals?"
She—"Dozens of them."
He—"What did you tell them?"
She—"Just what I'm going to tell you."

Public Sale

on the Streets of Alanreed

Thursday, Dec. 17, 1925, 1 p. m.

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| HOUSEHOLD GOODS | 1 kitchen cabinet |
| 2 bedsteads | 1 ice box |
| 2 springs | 1 coal heater |
| 2 mattresses. | Canned fruit and vegetables |
| 3 rugs, 9x12 | |
| 4 dining chairs | FARM TOOLS |
| 1 square dining table | 1 P. & O. planter (list) |
| 3 rockers | 1 Moline 2-row go-devil |
| 1 dresser | 1 John Deere go-devil |
| 1 library table | 1 sewing machine |
| 1 sewing machine | Other smaller items |
| 1 4-burner Perfection oil stove | |

TERMS—Cash

J. W. Slavin

Owner

Col. Salesbury, Auctioneer

Christmas Shopping List

We extend to everybody a cordial invitation to visit our store and see what we have to offer for the Christmas shopper. We quote a few suggestions:

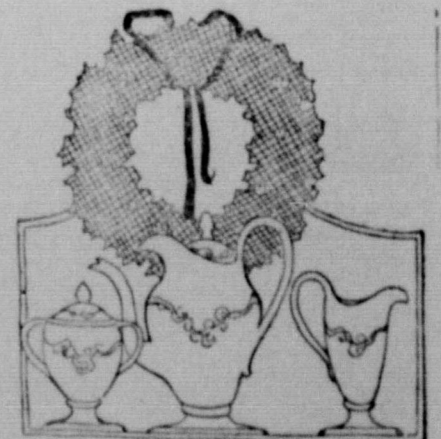
For Sweetheart, Sister, Wife or Mother



- Cedar Chest
- Silverware
- Pyrex Ovenware
- Barler Oil Heater
- Electric Percolater
- Electric Waffle Irons
- Coleman Lamps
- Rocking Chairs
- Rugs, Velvet and Axminster
- Sellers Kitchen Cabinets
- Cut Glass

For Brother, Sweetheart, Hubby or Father

- Smoking Stands
- Pocket Knives
- Thermos Bottles
- Coleman Lamps
- Lock Boxes for Valuable Papers
- Shotguns
- Targets
- Bicycles
- Flashlights
- Shaving Sets
- Lunch Kits
- Watches
- Tool Sets



Many other items for useful gifts can be found at our store.

Toys and Dolls for the Kiddies

WE FURNISH THE HOME COMPLETE

Hamilton-McGowen Hardware and Furniture Company

Claud McGowen, Mgr.

Christmas Parcel for Miss Melinda

Package Did Not Contain Expected Ring, but She Became Engaged.

By MARION R. REAGAN

MISS MELINDA BROWN, spinster, had been waiting all year for Peter Moffat to propose. In fact, ever since they had met some two years before, she had felt that Peter could be brought around to take the "big plunge" with her into the sea of matrimony, but things had not gone so well as she could have hoped. She was sure Peter loved her, but he was an extremely shy man and it required a little pushing to get him up to the point. Several times Melinda thought she "had" him. She had given every opening by referring coyly to her "own little home—if she ever had one," and to her "lonely life at present," but Peter only sat silent at such remarks, ignoring them completely, or simply telling her that after all, many people lead more lonely lives than she, and that he was so contented.



Melinda looked forward to the approaching Christmas season with glee. Surely he would give her a ring for Christmas, after these months of courting. The season advanced and Christmas arrived bringing a parcel from Mr. Moffat and a note sent from Chicago. Melinda's heart sank when she saw the postmark. "Out of town for Christmas. Then it is all off," she said sadly. She glanced at the package—ten inches square—surely no engagement ring in that. Slowly she opened it. It was writing paper. She opened the letter from him and read: "Just a Christmas greeting, hoping you will write to me frequently. I shall be in Chicago for several months. Sincerely, 'PETER MOFFAT'."

Furious, Melinda tore the note into bits. "I shall never look at him again," she breathed. "And after the way I've run after him! But that's been the trouble. I've run after him too much. I shall never write to him. From this out I shall never speak to him again—never speak to him again!" she repeated emphatically. And Melinda kept her word. Peter Moffat was growing a little chancy. Three months had passed and no word from Melinda. It finally became too much even for the patient Mr. Moffat. He felt his temper rising readily against Melinda. "Think she can play a game like that, eh? Run after me while I'm in town and then drop me when I go away. Probably after some other man now." This thought brought crimson flashes of jealousy to the already highly colored cheeks of Peter Moffat. "By George, no woman will make a fool out of me," he exploded. "I'll go to Springfield tonight and I'll make her marry me. After all these months of courting her, too!"



It so happened that Melinda's cousin, Arthur, who had come from Kansas City was having dinner with her at the hotel the night Peter Moffat came in from Chicago. Peter was hurrying down the street from the station when he happened to look in at the brightly lighted restaurant of the hotel and there—what? He stopped dead still, the evil green monster rising in his breast. It was Melinda with another man! His first impulse was to rush into the hotel, punch this impertinent stranger and carry Melinda off with him. But this shyness was stronger than his passion and he only turned away, grinding his teeth and clenching his fists. He would see Melinda in the morning at her house!

The next morning about nine o'clock Melinda was surprised to see Peter Moffat at her door. She began to tremble nervously. "Good morning, Peter," she said to him, and extended a cold, moist hand. Peter grunted.

"I've come to talk to you, Melinda," he said very seriously indeed, and closed the door behind him. They sat in the little parlor of the Brown house. "You haven't been playing a straight game with me, Melinda," he began. "I know all about it—you won't try to explain. I saw you last night, and I've seen you other nights. You have only been using me as a stepping stone while you've had these other fellows on the side."

Melinda gasped. "Why Peter Moffat, you—you—she could think of nothing to say. "I know all about it," he repeated; "I've been watching you. Now all I've got to say is that I'm not a man to be

trifled with. Either you marry me at once or you never will see me again. I want an answer right now, yes or no."

Melinda felt as though she had been suddenly hurled into an avalanche. She could not understand what had gotten into Peter, or what he was referring to. She did know, however, with an ecstatic sense of delight that he was proposing.

"I'll marry you whenever you say, Peter," she said meekly.

Peter, feeling greatly triumphant, leaned over and kissed his future wife tenderly. "We'll be married tomorrow," he said.

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Delayed Appreciation

It's difficult for youth to reckon with the generous joys that make the pulses throb. Some day they learn that Santa is a myth. And that old father dear was on the job.

GOSPEL FISHERS UNION

Subject—My Money and Missions. Group No. 2 in charge. Leader—Naomi Hunt. Introduction—Leader. My Money as I Stand Related to It—Kent Carpenter. A-B—Oma Lee Abbott. C—Annie Lou Grigsby. Relations of My Money to Missions—Floyd Landers. A-B—Laovna Holloway. The Personal Equation of Myself and Missions—Marie Browning.

THE CIGARETTE HABIT

In a conversation with a superintendent of schools in a nearby town it was stated that girls are much more energetic than boys, both in their studies and on the playground. The school man attributed this to the fact that so many boys are addicted to the cigarette habit. It is one of the crimes of our age that so many of our young people are helpless in the clutches of the tobacco habit.

The cigarette habit is a filthy, hateful habit. The cigarette fiend leaves a litter of cigarette stubs where he works, which are sometimes the cause of destructive fires and are always unsightly. The young boy who has become a slave to the cigarette habit is not quite so strong physically as he would have been had he not acquired the habit. Most of us believe that he is not quite as strong mentally and morally. The cigarette fiend does not have an equal chance with the non-smoker when he undertakes to secure employment. Most employers prefer employees who do not smoke. It is foolish for a young boy to take up the cigarette habit. It is a moral crime for a youth to permit his mind to be weakened by the cigarette habit. We are against the cigarette habit in body and soul.—Lynn County News.

Try our gas and oil service. Williams Motor Co. Advertisement 49-2c

MAIL ORDER MERCHANTS

While many country editors are giving a good big kick at the mail order houses, folks who should be patronizing the home printery are killing the work of the papers by patronizing the mail order houses. When the business man sends off for his work, he is putting a spike in the home town job press. And when the business man talks about boosting for the home town he forgets that he is not helping to build up the home town when he is sending his money out of town to help bring in the sacks of mail order catalogs that fairly swamp the postoffice. Give the home town a chance. Put the mail order catalog out of business by doing your buying at home. Support the home town institutions and do not forget the fact that the print shop is as much a home town institution as the dry goods store or the grocery store.—Higgins News.

IT MAKES ALL THINGS NEW

While it seems impossible to say anything new on the subject of Christmas celebration, the miracle of the season is that the custom of nearly 2,000 years makes practically all things new. The aged again pass through their childhood in the delights of the grand-children with the things that once made their own eyes open wide in wonder—memories of their childhood also come back to them.

It is not slowly a jest that new toys like to play—even though he may say it is just to test them—with the toys he buys for the youngsters. Thus, while the holiday is particularly a festival for the children, emphasizing the story of the Babe in the Manger, it also has for the elders its pleasures and the wider significance of that world-inspiring event in Bethlehem.

PROOF POSITIVE

She—"Do you love me?" He—"Do I? What do you think I bought that bag of peanuts for last week?"

A woman's deeling years come before the age of 30. After that she is glad to accept.

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement 11c

DR. J. A. HALL Dentist Of Shamrock, Tex.

Will be in McLean on Thursday and Friday after the first Monday in each month.

WE HAVE MOVED

We have bought John Mertel's shoe repair machinery and have moved to the Red Cross building, where we are equipped to give quick service on shoe repairs, car top and curtain work. Give us a trial.

HUFF'S SHOE & TOP SHOP G. J. HUFF, Prop.

Many Persons

keep their money in this bank, that they may have it within ready reach when needed for daily use; some keep it here awaiting opportunities for investment; others, to avoid the risk and annoyance of loaning, keep their money here as a permanent investment.

It will be seen that we accommodate all classes.

The Citizens State Bank

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$33,750.00
J. S. MORSE, President C. C. BOGAN, Cashier

WHY SHY AT THIRTEEN?

Why look askance at the figure "thirteen"? There were originally thirteen colonies. That fact didn't head us. There are thirteen stripes in our flag, and it's a mighty good flag at that. Our Declaration of Independence was signed by thirteen patriots. In our national coat of arms the eagle holds an olive branch of thirteen leaves in his right talon and in his left talon a sheaf of thirteen arrows. In the field above the eagle's head there are thirteen stars. Our National Motto, "A Pluribus Unum," contains thirteen letters. If you have a silver dollar or half dollar, explain this to your neighbor—also how you got it.—Facts and Fiction.

POLISHING POETRY

"I won't pay you one cent for advertising this week," declared the storekeeper angrily to the editor of a country paper. "You told me you'd put the notice of my business in with the reading matter." "A—A didn't I do it?" inquired the editor. "No, sir!" roared the advertiser. "No, sir, you did not. You put it in the column with a mess of poetry—that's where you put it!" Ladies Home Journal.

TEXAS RESOURCES

Texas grows sixty to seventy-five per cent of all the onions produced in the United States. The watermelon crop of Texas

sells for two million dollars a year. One-fourth of all the peanuts grown in the United States are produced from Texas soil. Texas is the sole source of helium gas in the United States. The government plant at Fort Worth has a capacity of 70,000 cubic feet a day.

Texas is the chief source of the world's sulphur supply. Texas and Louisiana produce ninety per cent of the total.

Petroleum and natural gas are found in every geographical section of Texas. Geologists expect the present heavy output to be maintained for many years.

PATRONIZE THE ADVERTISERS

Need a typewriter? The Remington Portable has all the advantages of any machine made. The cost is small. See the sample machine at the News office.

REAL DRAY SERVICE

We excel in service because we have more experience and better equipment, so our customers say.

Kunkel Bros.



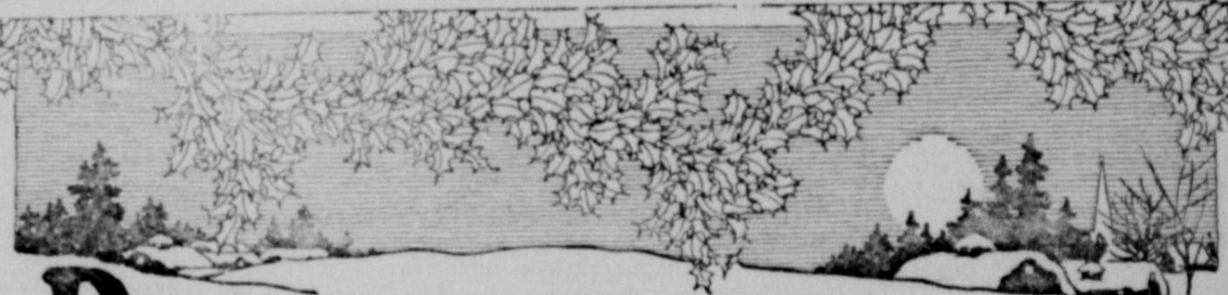
YOU GO HOME HAPPY WHEN YOU DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING HERE

Prices Are Right
Quality Is Right
Service Is Right

Come here and load your arms full of Christmas delicacies. You will have food for the holidays that the entire family will enjoy to the utmost.

McLean Supply Co.

CHAS. LESTER, Manager

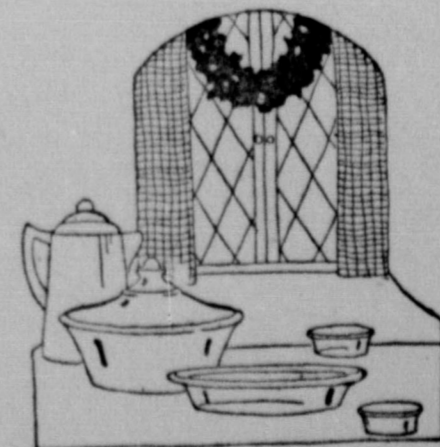


PRESENTS THAT WILL PLEASE

Useful Gifts
Always Please

Do you realize that we have a wonderful selection of gifts for every member of the family? And that every gift in this store is a useful gift? Come in and look over our stock before you buy.

- Haviland China
- Shaving Brushes
- Safety Razors
- Razor Strops
- Pocket Cutlery
- Guns
- Tools
- Thermos Bottles
- Boys' Wagons
- Air Rifles



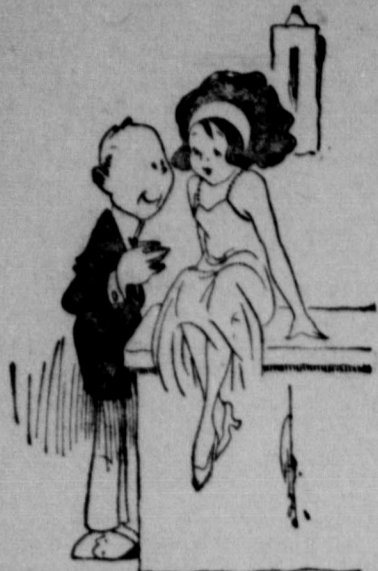
- Silverware
- Table Cutlery
- Casseroles
- Percolators
- Shears and Scissors
- Dishes
- Aluminum Ware
- Carving Sets
- Reading Lamps
- Cut Glass

Gifts for everybody.

McLean Hardware Company

W. B. Upham, Manager

SHE'S WISE



The Boss—How'd y' like to be my wife?
The Stenog—Gosh! No! I'd rather remain your stenographer, and let y' get some other girl for a wife.

TIPPING NUISANCE



"Have you ever attended a table tipping soiree?"
"No, but I've attended a cabaret party where I tipped everything that stood on legs except the furniture."

WEALTH NOT REPORTED



"My hubby has untold wealth."
"You mean wealth he doesn't report on his income tax blank?"

LAND OF PROMISE



"Buy a place out near us, old man. It's the land of promise."
"I'll say it is—they'll promise you anything to get you to buy out there."

WOULD BE SURE



Mr. Richburgh—I love you more than tongue can tell.
Miss Golddigger—Put it in writing then.

DIFFERENCE IN MEANING



Miss Chatterton (turning from car)—What you need, however, I think is a stronger supply of gas.
He—Doubtless you're right. Won't you jump in and go along?

Mrs. L. O. Floyd left Tuesday for Lockney and other points to visit her children.

J. R. Hndman went to Amarillo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Archer attended the funeral of one of their old neighbors at Strong City, Okla., Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hessey of Abanreed were McLean visitors Tuesday.

Rev. O. L. Oldham of Shamrock was in McLean Wednesday. Rev. Oldham ordered the Star-Telegram at our bargain rate, while here.

J. N. Burr orders the Star-Telegram another year.

J. H. Bodine renews for The News and Dallas News this week.

S. D. Shelburne of the Shelburne-Archer Chevrolet Company, moved to McLean this week.

W. L. Haynes moved to his new home on Second street this week. The Shelburne and Archer families moved to the house on Main street vacated by Mr. Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Meador visited relatives in Clarendon Sunday. Mr. Meador's brother returned home with them and spent Monday and Tuesday in McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Meador were Shamrock visitors Monday.

Herman Lee and Fred Landers made a business trip to Wellington Monday.

Glenn King of Shamrock was in McLean the first of the week.

See me for all kinds of stamped goods for embroidery. Mrs. Earle Shell. Advertisement 1c

Diamond ring Free, Saturday at the Jewelry Auction Sale. Come in and get your free number. Shell's Pharmacy. Advertisement. 1c

RUBBER STAMPS. Order rubber stamps, daters, etc., at the News office. Prompt service and the best of work.

W. L. Haynes went to Amarillo Tuesday.

Arthur Erwin was an Amarillo visitor Tuesday.

Rev. J. A. Scoggins was a Clarendon visitor Monday.

C. C. Bogan has our thanks for subscription renewals to The News for W. E. Bogan, Chattanooga, Okla.; Miss Lettie Bogan, Pueblo, Colo., and Mrs. F. C. Grant, Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnes took their daughter, Helen, to Amarillo Tuesday for an operation.

K. S. Rippy of Electra sends us \$1.50 for The News another year.

Miss Marie Young of Shamrock spent the week end with friends in McLean.

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement 1c

Only twelve more shopping days until Christmas. Attend the Jewelry Auction Sale this week at Shell's Pharmacy. Advertisement. 1c

Rev. J. A. Scoggins, pastor of the Methodist church, has been appointed scoutmaster for the McLean boy scouts. Rev. J. G. Thomas had been scoutmaster since the organization of the troop.

J. S. Howard tells us to keep his name on the News and Star-Telegram lists for another year.

To mail your parcel post packages, they must be properly tagged. You can get printed tags in any amount at the News office.

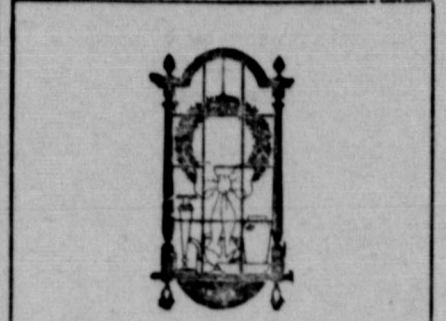
Jewelry Auction Sale, this week only, 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. Shell's Pharmacy. Advertisement. 1c

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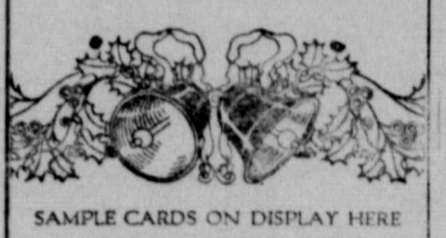
VULCANIZING

Tires and Tubes
Soldering Done
All Work Guaranteed

McLean Vulcanizing Shop
L. D. Preston, Mgr.



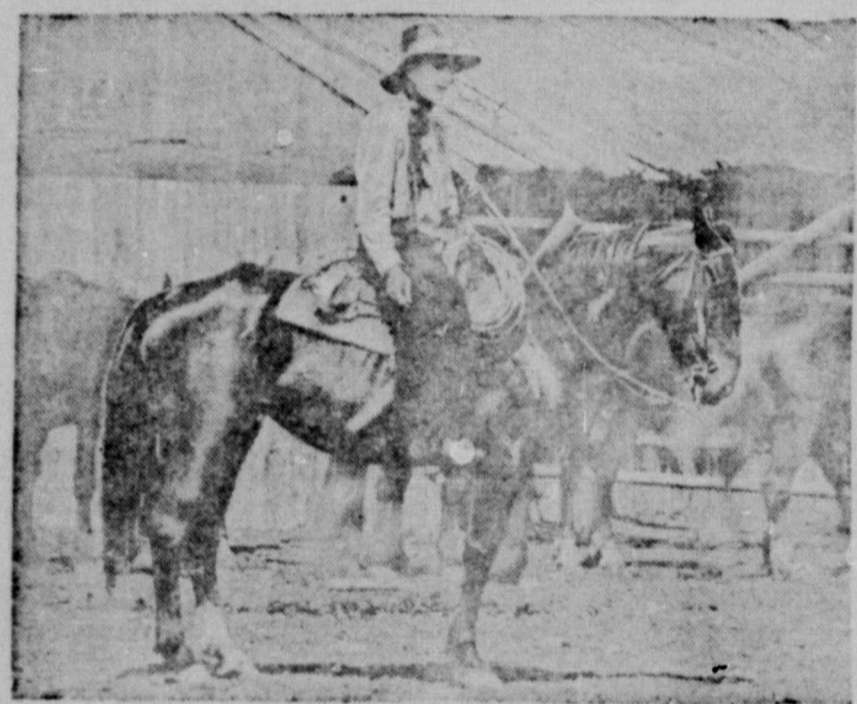
WE invite you to see our new Christmas line. Our Greeting Card stock was never so fine. There's Distinction, Quality, and Good Value here. In every card we are offering this year. And your own special taste we can gratify too. To carry your Christmas Greetings for you.



SAMPLE CARDS ON DISPLAY HERE

The McLean News READ THE ADS

SECRETARY LIKES THE RODEO



In the West he's "Bill." But in central Washington he's William Marion Jardine, secretary of agriculture, a member of President Coolidge's official "family."



The Modern Way to Write

ANY user will tell you of the debt which he owes to this time and labor saving machine.

Call in and let us show you this wonderful little typewriter—the smallest, lightest and most compact of all standard keyboard portables. One demonstration will convince you that here is the personal writing machine you have always needed.

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Shoe and Harness Repairing
Modern Machinery
Modern Methods
Reasonable Prices

Bible Shoe Shop
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JEWELER

Watches, Clocks, Phonographs, Sewing Machines, etc., Repaired

All Work Guaranteed
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McLean, Texas

Car Trouble

Do not wait to bring your car around to our shop until you break down. Have it examined now and save roadside misery later on. We will give it the "once over" for a very small amount of money and you can be sure of making your trip with pleasure.

GRIGSBY'S AUTO SHOP

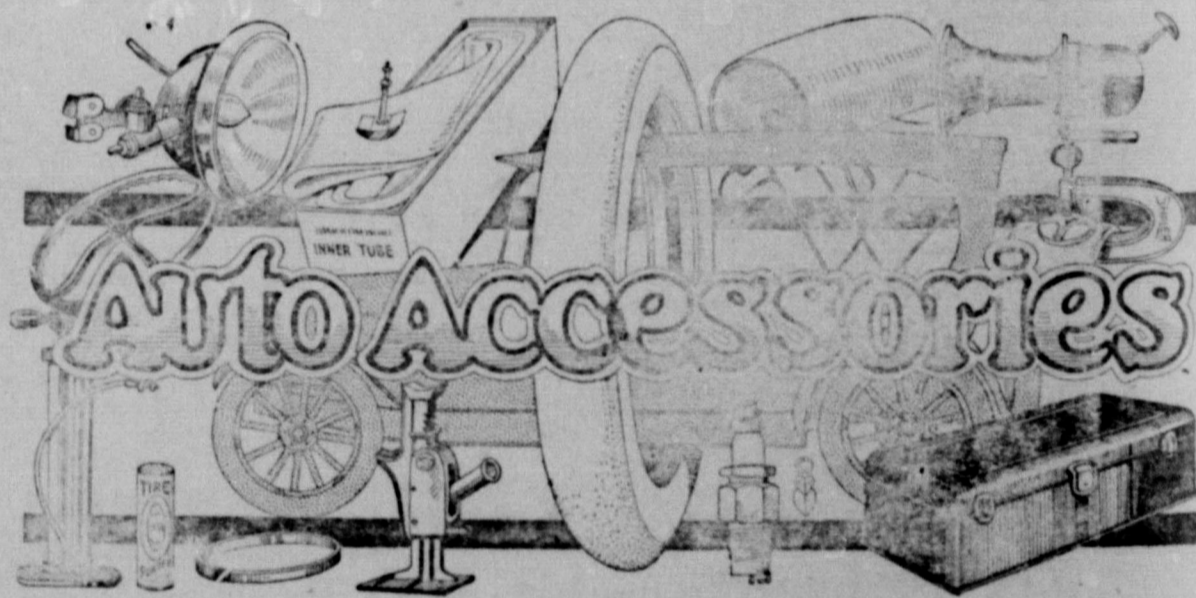
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If you owned a car—and perhaps you do—could you think of any gift that would please you more than some needed accessory for your car? We know the other fellow feels the same way about it. Let us help you select a suitable gift.

The Best Gift of All—a New Ford.

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