

THE McLEAN NEWS

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Grand Jury Report Indicates County Conditions Good

McLean, Texas, March 5, 1926.
Hon. W. R. Ewing,
District Judge.

Your Grand Jury for the term, 1926, for the District of Gray County, Texas, having finished our labors, beg to submit as our final report.

We have diligently inquired into alleged violations of the law and have brought to our attention and have returned to you in all cases wherein evidence in our opinion warranted action, having returned to the grand jury indictments.

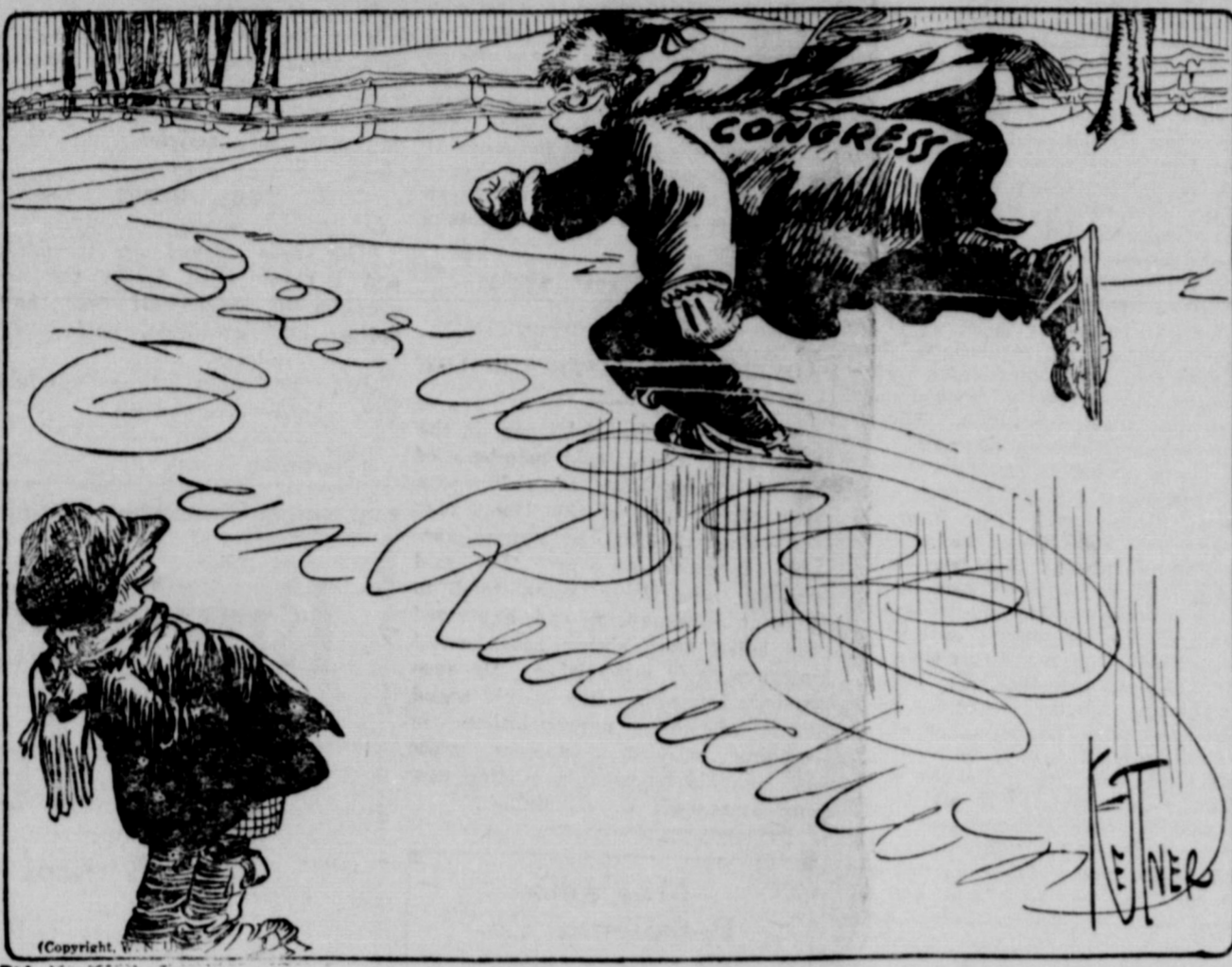
We find very little crime is committed in this county at present, for which we want to salute the entire citizenship. We find that our officers are giving their attention and are putting forth their best effort to keep the county free from law violators. We commend to our entire citizenship assist our officers in an effort to keep down crime.

We want to congratulate our commissioners for the new building they have built for the prosecution of the county records. Attention has also been called to the fact that several slot machines and punching boards are in operation in our county, and we want to thank the Court and the commissioners for the new building they have built for the prosecution of the county records.

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W. T. WILSON, Foreman
of the Grand Jury.

Cutting Some Fancy Figures



WILLIAMS MOTOR CO. INSTALLS LADIES' REST ROOM

Williams Motor Company, Ford dealers, have installed a ladies' rest room at their garage, with modern fixtures.

Curg Williams, manager of this firm, has recently undergone an operation and has not had the time to look after his advertising. He would like, but in this issue will be found his first advertisement this year, offering to make immediate delivery on Ford cars and absorb the two per cent tax reduction.

Mr. Williams intimates that our readers may expect to see his advertisement more often from now on.

ODIST LADIES HAVE POT LUCK DINNER

Women's Missionary Society Methodist church went out home of Mrs. S. W. Rice after church services, for a pot luck dinner. And such a dinner as it was!

Surprising what some women will do to earn a dollar, and how they will tell how she obtained it.

A lady drew a capsule for next quarter. A number of gifts were exchanged, and old who her capsule friend next quarter.

Present were: Mesdames C. A. Stanfield, Harold Ripida Green, E. E. Dishman, Carpenter, W. W. Wilson, Wilson, N. W. Foster, C. E. on, J. A. Sparks, T. W. J. A. Scoggins, Troy West, Street, A. A. Christian, Alchristian, Haskell Smith, W. ynes, and several children. Mes S. A. Cousins, C. C. and R. S. Jackson came in ternoon.

News from Alanreed

School work has progressed nicely this month, in spite of the "flu." The pupils are taking more interest in their studies, as well as other school activities. The following pupils made the highest averages in their respective grades:

Amy Snyder, Mary Snyder, Georgia Wilson, Clyde Slavin Jr., Willie Lee Hall, Kah Darnall, Casey Lee, Chester Harris, Monta Gibson, Areta Lawson, Joe Gonzales, Frank Hall, Graham Reeves, Jewell Snyder, Glen Prock, Guendoline Darnell, Pauline Martin, Harvey Craig, Durwood Jones, Ernest Oakley, Harold McDaniel, Gearline Hall, Ernestine Braxton, Jennie TerBush, Roland Gibson, Mary Fannie Steger.

Second highest average was made by each of the following in his respective grade: Louie Calaway, Ruth Palmer, Lois Harris, Doyle Prock, Johnnie Carlton, Ned Craig.

The following pupils made the most improvement in their respective classes: Fred Langford, Chas. Calaway, Casey Lee, Lorene TerBush, Alta Langford, Kenley, Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Palmer and daughters, Blanche, May and Ruth, were Amarillo visitors Sunday.

Misses Annie Bell and Elizabeth Emis spent Saturday night in Jericho.

Walter Brown returned Sunday from a visit in Oklahoma City.

A. R. Calaway went to Laketon Monday on business.

Richard Henley is a new reader of The News.

H. B. Hill of Shamrock was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

NS MAY SELL CITY LIGHT PLANT

City of Higgins is to hold a public hearing on the question of selling city electric light plant, and ordinance has been passed the following rates to customers:

First 25 k. w. at 15c per month next 25 k. w. 14c, next 25 k. w. 12c, all over 25 k. w. 11c per k. w. Minimum monthly charge, \$1.50.

Rate: 7c per k. w. for at 50, 6c for the next 50, the next 100, 5c for the next 200, 4c for the next 500. All over 1000 k. w. 3c per k. w.

Per cent interest is paid on meter deposits.

TAILOR SHOP WILL BE INSTALLED BY FRANK DAY

Frank Day, who has opened a shop in the Rice-Cousins building, informs us that he has a tailor shop, including a press, coming, and will open tailoring and cleaning establishment in connection with his shop some time next week. Day has had long experience in this line and will endeavor to give satisfaction on all work sent to him.

Geo. Tummins Will Be Supt. McLean School Next Term

At a recent meeting of the school board, we are informed, Prof. Geo. Tummins of Canyon was elected as superintendent of the McLean school for next term. Mrs. Tummins was also elected to a place on the faculty.

We are told that Prof. and Mrs. Tummins have been attending the West Texas State Teachers College this year, and they come to McLean well recommended.

No other members of the faculty have been elected as yet.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DEFER ACTION ON COUNTY AGENT

At a regular meeting of the commissioners court held at Lefors Monday petitions were presented asking for reinstatement of the office of county agent for this county.

The fact was brought out that there is quite a little sentiment in favor of the office. However, action was deferred until the next meeting.

News from Gracey

The club met last Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Bidwell. Miss Terry was present and the club was reorganized for the coming year. They will meet once each month.

F. E. Robinson, who has pneumonia, is some better at this writing.

Miss Opal Derrick is on the sick list this week.

Miss Bill Webb underwent an operation at Clarendon Tuesday. She is reported doing nicely.

Several from here went to Heald Epworth League Sunday night. Everyone enjoyed a party at the Bat West home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lee and children spent Sunday in the Johnson home.

Mrs. Clyde Ware is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. A. L. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Saye, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bidwell and Miss Birdie Bidwell spent Sunday in the L. F. Bidwell home.

Misses Ethel and Crystella Derrick spent Sunday at the Johnson home.

Mrs. Hornsby and children spent Tuesday evening at the Carville home.

Mrs. Sam Dougherty was sick the first of the week, but is better now.

Mrs. L. H. Webb is at Miami this week waiting on Mrs. Van Webb, who has the flu.

W. I. Bacon of El Paso, Linotype representative, was in McLean last week and sold Fred Landers a machine for the Estelline News.

WILCOX OIL WELL NEAR LEFORS HAS 500 BARREL NATURAL FLOW

The Wilcox No. 3 oil well between Lefors and Pampa was brought in Tuesday morning with a 500 barrel flow at a depth of 2881 feet.

This well is located on the Combs and Worley ranch in the southeast quarter of section 62, block 3, Gray county.

The completion of this well makes the Panhandle field the largest in area of any field in the world.

Many new locations are contemplated in Gray county, some five new contracts being signed for wells in the immediate vicinity of McLean.

SHAMROCK TO CHARGE FEE, TOURIST PARK

The Wheeler County Texan states that the Shamrock Chamber of Commerce has decided to make a charge at their tourist park this season, adding several conveniences and putting a man in charge.

News from Ramsdell

J. N. Phillips went to Shamrock Friday.

Mrs. Walter Bones and children and Mr. Smith, the lady's father, spent Thursday night in the J. L. Bones home. They were enroute to Hereford.

W. M. Bolton spent Friday night and Saturday with his parents at Wheeler.

J. N. Phillips went to Claude Friday, returning Sunday, accompanied by his wife, who had been at the bedside of their daughter, who is much improved.

Little Miss Irene Isabell visited in the W. N. Pharis home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Granger and children visited in the E. F. Keser home at Lela Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bolton visited in the W. N. Pharis home Sunday.

Mrs. M. T. Powell attended Sunday school Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Miller visited in the W. M. Bolton home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Longan visited in the Ed Sublett home at Heald Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCann and Miss Mildred Clem were Shamrock visitors Monday.

Claude Powell is on the sick list this week.

Roy Robinson handed us \$1.50 to keep The News coming to his address at Lawton, Okla.

T. H. Hardin says to keep The News coming to his address, and hands us the necessary \$1.50.

Sam Hodges went to Amarillo Monday.

Sanitarium Planned for McLean; May Be in Operation Soon

Fair Catalogs Now Ready for Distribution

Catalogs for the 1926 McLean fair have been printed and are now ready for distribution by the Chamber of Commerce.

While the catalogs were not prepared as soon as desired by the exhibitors, there is yet time to become familiar with the score card and plant crops accordingly.

The substantial prizes offered should encourage every nearby community to enter next fall. Prizes will be given each entry in the community and women's club booths.

DR. BALLARD BUYS STORE BUILDING BUNDY-HODGES CO.

A deal was made this week whereby Dr. W. E. Ballard bought the store building occupied by Bundy-Hodges Mercantile Company, from Vester Smith.

DUNNWAY IMPROVES STORE FRONT

W. C. Dunnaway has improved his store front this week, by rebuilding the awning that was recently blown down, lowering the awning so that light enters the store from the front much better than formerly.

NEW OIL WELLS TO DRILL ON MORSE LANDS

We are reliably informed that four oil drilling contracts are pending for test wells on and near the Morse lands near McLean.

Oil men are in McLean every day now, inquiring for drilling locations. It appears that this section will have a thorough test this spring.

News from Liberty

Mrs. R. L. Grigsby and daughters, Misses Wilma and Annie Lou, visited in the Lee home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hardin and children called at the Homer Abbott home one night last week to see the new baby.

A. L. Morgan and family called at the Henry Dorsey home Friday night to see the new baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Myatt and children left last week for a visit with relatives at Lubbock and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson attended Sunday school last Sunday and visited in the Hardin home afterward.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and children of Alanreed visited in the Frank Bell home Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardin and children of Clarendon visited in the Hardin home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morgan and children and Miss Clarabell Hardin spent Sunday in the Y. B. Lee home.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdine of near Alanreed visited in the H. C. Nelson home Sunday.

Miss Alta Lee left Tuesday for Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stokes and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Vester Smith and children of McLean, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Corbin and children of south of McLean called at the Y. B. Lee home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. W. P. Irvin and daughter, Ollie Mae, called at the Hardin home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hardin and children and Mrs. A. L. Morgan made a trip to Shamrock Saturday.

Howard Hardin is hauling corn to McLean this week.

Geo. Barrow went to Amarillo for an operation Wednesday.

Plans are now under way for a sanitarium for McLean, to be operated by Dr. Walker of Quail. Dr. and Mrs. Walker were in McLean Tuesday and stated that they are interested in McLean and would be glad to locate here if a suitable building could be secured.

The upper floor of the Rice-Cousins building was the best location shown them, and the matter will be taken up with the Masonic lodge, as they hold the lease on the hall.

The building will be fully equipped for the purpose, if present plans are carried out, with the prospect of the sanitarium being in operation within about 30 days.

Dr. Walker came to Quail from New Mexico about six months ago, and is fully qualified to perform minor operations, and has had many years experience in managing a sanitarium. Mrs. Walker is a trained nurse and assists the doctor in his work.

We are told that local physicians look with favor upon the proposition, and the whole proposition seems to hinge upon the securing of the building.

MRS. BILLINGSLEA DIED WEDNESDAY FUNERAL THURSDAY

Mrs. Ada Billingslea, wife of W. H. Billingslea, died Wednesday at her home in McLean, at the age of 65 years, 5 months and 22 days.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at the First Baptist church, Rev. D. H. Brynoff conducting the services, assisted by Revs. S. A. Cobb and S. T. Greenwood. Active pallbearers were: A. A. Callahan, G. J. Abbott, W. C. Cheney, S. A. Cobb, D. L. Abbott and C. S. Rice.

Interment was made in Hillcrest cemetery immediately following the ceremony.

J. S. DENSON BURIED AT WHITE DEER LAST SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Funeral services were held at White Deer Saturday afternoon for J. S. Denson, who was asphyxiated by gasoline fumes when cleaning a tank at the station of which he was local agent.

The Amarillo Knights Templar acted as escorts to the Masonic Lodge at the funeral.

Sid Denson was well known here, having served as sheriff of this county, and several from McLean were present at the funeral services.

Mr. and Mrs. Denson had only just returned from a month's trip to California and Old Mexico about a week before the accident which caused his death.

Clay Thompson of Amarillo was in town this week.

Newspaper Law

This is one of a series of a compilation of laws pertaining to publishing and printing, of which there are over 150 such laws in the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas:

Art. 1070. COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

Provides that whenever ten per cent of the qualified voters of any incorporated city, town, or village in this State, having a population of over five hundred and less than five thousand inhabitants, shall petition in writing the mayor of said city, town or village, requesting that an election be ordered to determine whether such city, town or village shall adopt the commission form of government, thirty days notice shall be given by publishing in some newspaper published therein, if there be one.

In Valhalla and Out

by George Ethelbert Walsh

WNU Service

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Fishing in idle fashion, from a private dock, Dick Van Ness watches a ship, the Pelican, which he recognizes as the Beacon, his father's yacht before his death and financial reverses forced him to part with it. A man whom he hears a girl who accompanies him address as Mr. Blake, lands from the yacht. The girl drops her handbag in the stream and Dick recovers it. Thanking him, she gives him her visiting card. She is Alice Cutler, niece of Stephen Cutler, successful business rival of the elder Van Ness.

CHAPTER II.—Dick overhears a conversation between Blake and Captain Brent of the Pelican which gives him the impression that the yacht is bound on a voyage of adventure to an island the name of which he does not hear.

CHAPTER III.—Acting on impulse, Dick, footloose and ready for any sort of adventure, remembers a hiding place in the main cabin of the yacht and determines to conceal himself and sail as a stowaway—with the party. Stephen Cutler, invalid, comes aboard, with his niece, and the ship sails.

"As a stowaway I'm pretty well off," he decided. "Nothing to do but eat, drink and sleep, with a quiet smoke at night." He opened his box and distributed its contents around in the corners, counting the number of sandwiches and bottles of drink. Making a mental calculation he concluded that, with careful rationing, he would not suffer for a week. Then, making a pillow of his coat and box, he lay down and tried to kill time with sleep.

The noises outside did not alarm him. Coal was still pouring into the bunkers, and the tramping of many feet, accompanied by loud orders and oaths, convinced him that the search was still going on. Now that he felt secure this did not concern him, and listening dreamily to the confusion of sounds he dropped off into restful slumber.

He woke with a start finally. Unable at first to collect his senses, he sat upright and stared around him. Over his head a stream of electric light entered through the register. Outside voices sounded so clear and distinct that it gave him a shock at first. The jar and vibration of the yacht told him they were under way. A querulous voice was saying:

"Blake's a fool, Alice. I don't think this trip will do me any good. I could rest at home—don't need a change at all—never did like salt water—sure to be seasick. . . . Where's Doctor Alster? He'll have to give me something to make me sleep. I'm wide awake's an owl. What's that infernal racket about?"

"I don't know, uncle. I'll find out. Please don't excite yourself. You know the doctor says the change will do you good."

Dick recognized the voice of Alice Cutler.

"It won't!" came the explosive contradiction. "It will make me worse! Go on deck, and send Blake to me—no, send Doctor Alster! I've got to have some relief from this pain. Tell him to hurry."

There were soft footsteps across the carpeted floor, and a moment later the cabin door opened and closed. Dick could hear loud, stertorous breathing of one in great pain.

CHAPTER IV

Without premeditation Dick had placed himself in the position of being an eavesdropper to every bit of gossip and conversation that took place in the main cabin. In planning to get aboard the Pelican he had hardly given consideration to the thought that the open register would admit any and all sounds. He was a little startled when he found how distinctly even a whisper was carried to him. It was as if the cabin was a great sounding board, with its focal point of wave vibration at the register over his head.

The first night he learned from detached remarks things that both enlightened and bewildered him. Steve Cutler was going on a cruise much against his own will, through the urgent advice of Doctor Alster, the family physician, and of Mr. Blake, his private secretary, with Alice, his niece, as a loving but firm co-conspirator. The theory of Dick's that the cruise was to hunt for some hidden treasure received a severe jolt.

The yacht was bound for Valhalla, an island off the southern coast, that had been fitted up at great expense by the millionaire for a quiet winter resort. It was a small, isolated island without any communication with the mainland, and far enough from the lanes of travel to protect the occupants from visitors and curiosity seekers.

Cutler was a sick man, according to the testimony of his physician, and

unless he took a rest of a few weeks the inevitable breakdown would follow. Angered both at the doctor who condemned him to a period of isolation, and at nature for playing him such a shabby trick, the old man fumed and fretted.

When he realized the actual situation Dick regretted the course he had taken. The romance of the voyage suddenly lost its flavor. There was a chance of adventure on a deserted island, with a party of searchers for buried treasure; but a small privately owned place, even if it were a mere dot on the ocean far from land, offered little of romance and less of adventure.

There would be servants on it, a small army of them, perhaps; formal gardens and cultivated fields; conventional summer houses, golf links, tennis courts, and all the artificial inventions of civilization to amuse visitors. There would be hardly a wild nook or cranny where he could hide and make himself comfortable.

Disgusted by the outlook, he felt inclined to abandon all secrecy and step forth from his place of concealment and confess. They could do nothing more than hold him as a stowaway and make him work for his passage. On the whole that would not be onerous. The presence of Alice Cutler would add a little zest of romance to the experience.

The second night out his cramped prison began to tell on his nerves. Too much inaction was worse than too



"We'll Be There by Tomorrow Night, Won't We, Captain?" It Was Mr. Blake Speaking.

much exercise. Scrubbing the deck under the angry eyes of Captain Brent seemed preferable to remaining in the narrow compartment.

The main cabin was deserted, and Dick struck a match to light a cigarette. It was his one consolation, and now that he was indifferent about his future he lost his usual caution. Only one electric light was burning in the cabin, and the stillness of the place got on his nerves.

"I'll get out tonight and take a good rest on one of those cushions," he mused. "Captain Brent will get a jolt when he finds me there." He grinned at the thought.

Suddenly he became conscious of the presence of some one in the cabin. The soft fall of a foot on the thick carpet near his hiding place was followed a moment later by the opening and closing of a door. Another footstep, heavier and clumsier than the first, reached his ears. The two men not far from the open register, so that their whispered words could be distinctly heard.

"We'll be there by tomorrow night, won't we, captain?" It was Mr. Blake speaking.

"Yes, if nothing happens. The barometer's falling a little, but I guess we'll be breaking behind us instead of ahead."

There was a second or two of silence. Then Blake added:

"You understand just what to do? When I give the signal you must sail away. Don't stop to ask questions and don't mind what others say."

"Suppose your wireless ashore don't work?"

"It will work. I'll see to that. I'm something of an expert. If anything's wrong with it, I'll soon repair it. Don't worry about that."

"You think you can keep the old man quiet?"

"He won't bother me any," was the quiet reply, accompanied, Dick imagined, by a smile of confidence.

"Well, good night! We don't want to be seen together alone. I shan't speak to you again unless the others are around."

Dick heard them move across the cabin in opposite directions. Captain Brent went outside on the deck, and Mr. Blake crept back to his stateroom.

Dick forgot his cigarette and permitted the light to go out. He was pondering the words of the two men. His mind the old suspicion that there was something in the cruise not put down in the itinerary of Steve Cutler.

"I guess I'll sleep over it," he decided, smiling. "Maybe I won't show myself quite yet. Blake's a slick chap, and Brent looks like a prize fighter."

He slept fitfully until morning, and with the dawn of a new day came a new resolution. He would see the adventure through as planned, and not

expose his hand until they landed. In the hope that he would overhear some conversation to enlighten him he kept his ears open every time anyone entered the cabin; but as it was a beautiful day most of the passengers remained on the deck, and nothing of consequence happened.

It was late in the afternoon when a commotion on deck aroused him. From the tramp of many feet he concluded that something unusual had happened; but he was a little disappointed when Alice Cutler passed through the cabin and said to her maid:

"Get my things ready, Marie. We'll land before dark."

Once again the desire to step out of his hiding place surged up in Dick, but he suppressed it. Now that relief from his intolerable position was in sight he didn't want to make a bad break. If the family landed before dark the yacht would be partly deserted, and the opportunity of stealing forth unobserved would come to him.

Half an hour later the screw of the yacht slowed its revolutions. Dick judged they were approaching land or passing through some crooked channel that required caution. The engine-room bell changed repeatedly, and the yacht varied its speed accordingly.

Then came a slight jar and vibration. Sharp orders from Brent, another jar, and then the propeller ceased its activity. They were at Valhalla, and the voyagers were landing. Dick listened impatiently to the bustling commotion outside until it subsided. He waited a full half hour after that to make sure they were ashore.

Then he quietly touched the spring that controlled the secret panel, and as the latter flew open he craned his head forward. The cabin was empty. With a smile of relief he stepped out.

One foot had scarcely touched the carpeted floor when a shriek that filled the cabin with echoes startled him. Around the way from him, with her back to the opposite wall, crossing herself with both hands, stood Marie, her eyes bulging with fear. She had seen him emerge from the dusty compartment, materializing out of a blank wall, as it were, and all the superstition of her nature was aroused. Shriek after shriek filled the cabin.

Dick's first impulse was to step back and hide again, but the girl's discovery of him made that course impracticable. He closed the panel with a touch of the spring, and sprang back into the gloom of the cabin. The door of a stateroom stood open, and through it he plunged without looking around.

At almost the same instant Captain Brent appeared in the cabin, and demanded of the maid, "What's the matter? What're you yelling for?"

Marie was unable for a few seconds to recover her wits. She kept on shrieking and crossing herself until the skipper shook her by the arm.

"Quit that!" he commanded. "Shut up, and tell me what's the matter."

"A ghost, captain," she stammered between chattering teeth. "It come right out of the wall—come—come—"

"Ghost, your grandmother!" growled Brent. "Now—"

Dick waited to hear no more. The stateroom he was in opened directly upon the deck. He slipped the catch noiselessly and stepped out. It was dark, and there was no one on that side of the yacht. In the gloom he saw the dark outlines of trees and rocks, with the land rising abruptly from the water to a sort of peak, topped off by a low, rambling structure, whose chimneys stood silhouetted against the sky like gaunt fingers.

Lights twinkled here and there in the distance, some stationary, other moving, and voices broke the stillness occasionally as one called to another. At last he glimpsed fitfully in the half light. The yacht had landed at a dock that jutted far out into the water.

Dick glanced at the end, measured the distance to the island, and decided that his safest way would be to drop overboard and swim ashore. The commotion in the cabin, caused by Marie's screams, had extended to the deck, and running feet could be heard approaching.

Climbing over the rail he lowered himself with a rope until his feet touched the water. He shivered a little at the chill, and then dropped noiselessly in the cold brine and began swimming quietly toward the shore.

Marie's alarm, after all, helped him, for it drew the attention of the whole crew to the cabin, and by the time any one thought of searching the outside of it Dick was pulling himself upon a rock completely sheltered from view. He sat there wringing his clothes when Marie, accompanied by Brent, crossed the gangplank and landed on the dock. She was still protesting that she had seen a ghost.

"He came right through the wall, Cap'n Brent," she moaned. "I nearly fainted when I saw him."

"You'd better not tell Mr. Cutler you saw a ghost on his yacht, if you don't want to be fired," replied Brent. "Now get up to the house or Miss Cutler will—"

"Captain," interrupted a voice out of the darkness, "what's all this noise about? Mr. Cutler sent me down to inquire."

Dick recognized the voice of Mr. Blake.

"Nothing but a hysterical woman," growled Brent. "She thought she saw something—a ghost—and she let out a shriek like a fog whistle. Hush! her up to her mistress. I got enough to do without looking after her."

"Oh, Mr. Blake," wailed Marie, "on my word and honor I saw something—a man—"

"Thought you said it was a ghost," jeered Brent.

"Well, sir, it was a man ghost—a tall young man, with dark hair and

black eyes, with a white face." Brent laughed hoarsely. "We got a lot of dark men in the crew, Marie—good-looking, too."

"But I never saw him before; he was not in the crew. He was different—a gentleman."

Blake and the captain exchanged glances, and the latter finally said: "Well, if he's aboard, Marie, I'll find him, and when I do I'll bring him up for you to identify. If he's a gentleman he won't try to frighten you again; but between you and me and the fishes, I don't believe there was anybody. If there was it was one of the crew."

Brent turned and walked away. Marie shuddered, and murmured, "Oh, no, sir, he wasn't one of the crew. I know all of them."

"Go up to the house, Marie," Blake interrupted sharply. "Your mistress is waiting for you."

(Continued next week)

ADVERTISING RATES TOO LOW

Adolph S. Ochs, publisher of the New York Times, told members of an advertising club at a luncheon that every issue of the Times cost the owners \$50,000, or approximately 14 cents a copy. He said present advertising rates tend to cheapen newspapers, and expressed the belief that higher rates would improve their advertising. He suggested that advertisers should spend 90% of their appropriations in keeping existing customers, while 10% should be used in getting new customers.—N. E. A. Bulletin.

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QUALITY AT LOW COST

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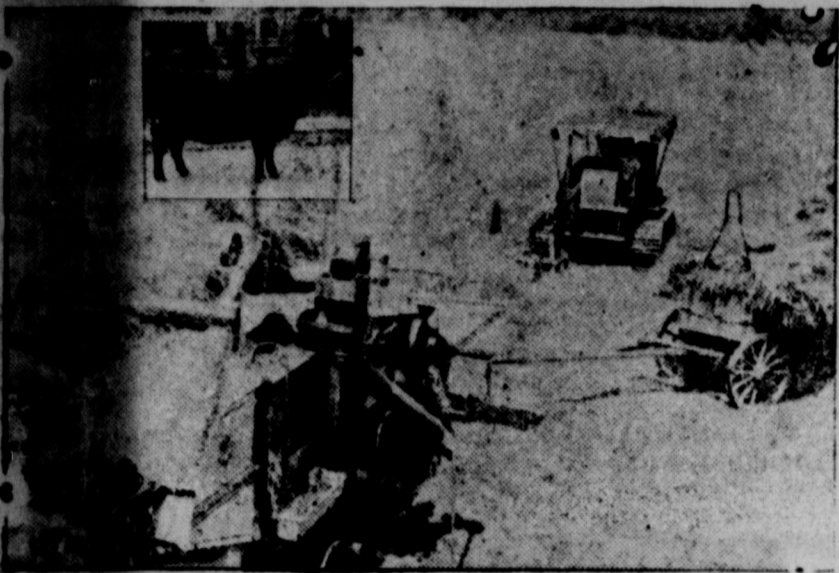
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Shooting Preserve Is Turned to Production



Grand Junction, Tenn.—Recent trials here focused attention on this corner of the South, which has been changing the last few years from the old to the new in agriculture. The greatest herd of Aberdeen-Angus cattle in the South now located on the Ames plantation which but a few years ago was a wild, overgrown, worn-out and largely abandoned waste from a former standpoint. The thrashing scene indicates how the tractor is used in breaking up and reclaiming the plantation for war production and demonstration to southern agriculture how to farm a modern basis. This tractor averaged 60 miles and 17 men, according to Manager C. E. Buckle, putting in the wheat crop over 14 methods. It pulled eight 14-

Wants

RATES—One insertion, 2c per word. Three insertions, 4c per word. Or 1c per word each week after first insertion. Lines of white space will be charged for at same rate as reading matter. Black-face type double rate. Initials and numbers count as words. No advertisement accepted for less than 25c per week. All ads cash with order unless we have a running account with The News.

RADIO Magnavox R 3 power loudspeaker, \$35.00 value for just 1 price. See it at the News office. E. L. Sitter. 8-4p

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS at News office.

SEED OATS—Cheney & Callahan

CARDBOARD, most any size, color or thickness, at News office. EXTRA COPIES of this paper, 5c each, at the News office.

CREAM—CREAM—CREAM We want more cream, for which we will pay highest prices at all times. Also give first class service. Location Red Cross building. G. J. Huff. 8-4c

TYPEWRITER SUPPLIES.—Ribbons, oil, paper, carbon paper, for all standard makes of machines, at News office.

SWEET MILK delivered anywhere in town. Can also furnish sweet cream to milk customers. A. L. Hibler, Phone 61. tfe

Purina Hen Chow and laying mash at Cheney & Callahan's. tfe

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS at News office.

GET YOUR seed oats from Cheney and Callahan.

Wanted, 100 cream patrons to sell us their cream Saturday. Will pay highest market price and give correct weights and tests, with seal service at all times. Location Red Cross building. G. J. Huff. 8-4c

FOR SALE.—Purebred white Leghorn baby chicks, 15c each. Mrs. M. D. Curry, Phone 43. 4. 1p

SEED OATS—Cheney & Callahan

GROCERIES ARE cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. tfe

VISITING CARDS at News office.

Service Truck. Call Riley Scott. Phone 16. Advertisement tfe

LOST.—A black mare mule, with white mouth, blocky build, weight about 900 pounds. Finder please notify Paul Ftak. Phone 49, 2. 9-2

ADDING MACHINE paper at the News office.

We are buying cream. Give us a trial with your next can of cream. Highest prices paid and correct weights and tests guaranteed at all times. Location Red Cross building. G. J. Huff. 8-4c

LOST.—Black and tan hound dog. Reward. C. L. Pettit, Phone 133, 2 1/2. 9-2p

Purina Chick Feed, Startena and Baby Chick Chow at Cheney & Callahan's. tfe

GARBAGE and trash hauled from any part of the city at reasonable rates. Phone 112. 1/2. Frank Haynes.

MATRESSES 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. F-p

GUMMED TAPE in 800 foot rolls, 35c per roll, at News office.

STORAGE—Clean dry storage under daily supervision. Inquire at News office.

CARBON PAPER in extra large sheets for transfer patterns, does not smudge like ordinary carbon, 25c per sheet at News office.

TAKEN UP, at my place, about a month ago, one 150 pound black and red goat. Owner may have same by paying for this notice and feed bill. F. P. Wilson. 1c

FOR RENT.—100 acres good farm land adjoining town. See W. S. Clayton. 1p-10-2

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the action of Democratic Primary, July 24, 1926.

For County Judge: T. M. WOLFE A. C. HUSTED

For County Attorney: JOHN F. STUDER

For County and District Clerk: CHARLIE THUT

For Sheriff and Tax Collector: JOHNNIE R. BACK E. S. GRAVES A. R. (CAL) CALAWAY

For Tax Assessor: F. E. LEECH

For County Treasurer: MIRIAM WILSON

For Commissioner Precinct No. 4: S. R. KENNEDY M. D. BENTLEY M. M. NEWMAN

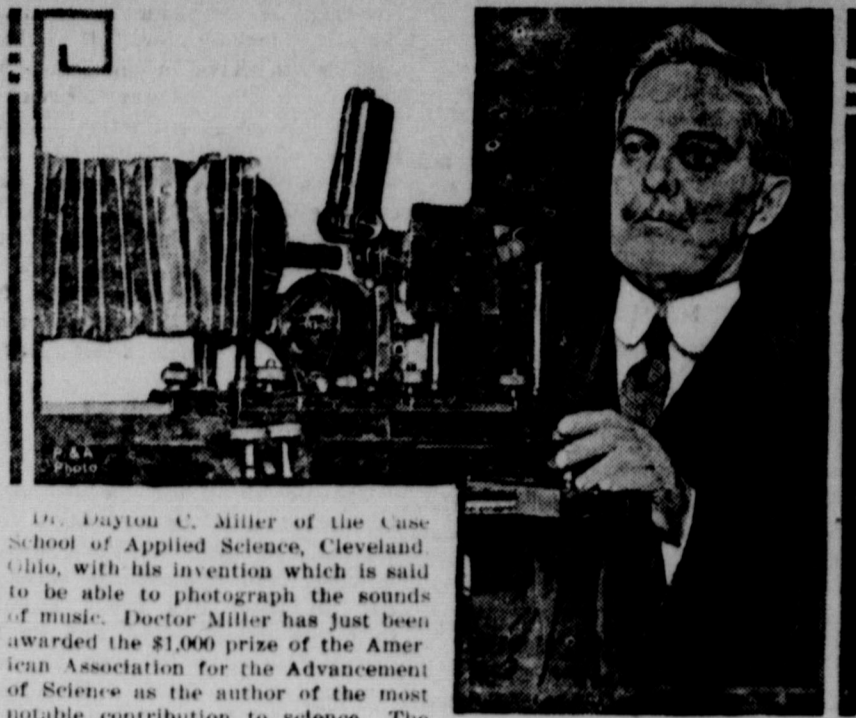
MOVIE NOTES

THIS WEEK. Fri. and Sat., "Prince of Pep." Next week Mon. and Tues., "Menna of the South Seas." Wed. and Thurs., "Grand Duchess and the Waiter."

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement tfe

FAN SAMPLES. Merchants should see our fan samples. There is no need to order advertising fans and calendars out of town. News office.

Wins Prize of Science Association



Dr. Dayton C. Miller of the Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio, with his invention which is said to be able to photograph the sounds of music. Doctor Miller has just been awarded the \$1,000 prize of the American Association for the Advancement of Science as the author of the most notable contribution to science. The award is based on his paper on "The Michelson-Morley Ether Drift Experiment."

SHOCKING

Wife—"Oh, George! A horrible thing has happened. You know that mousetrap you brought home? Well, there's a mouse in it!"

Mr. and Mrs. Vester Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Smith, and Miss Alta Lee left Tuesday for Dallas.

Fred and T. A. Landers made a trip to Estelline Saturday.

Floyd V. Studer of Canadian was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

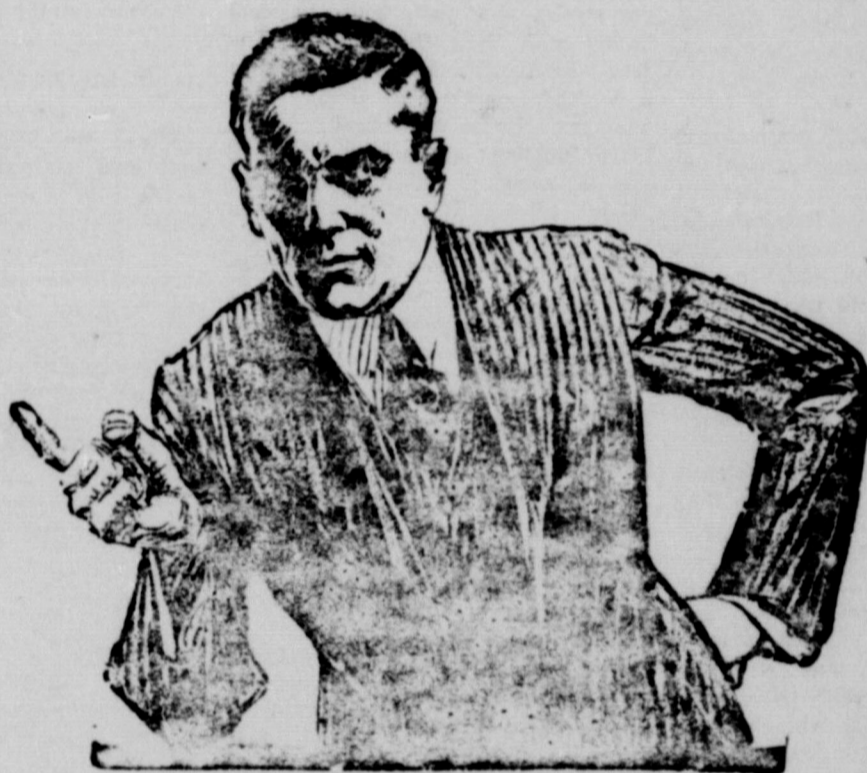
TIME TO "GALLOP"

Two colored gentlemen who had just reduced the population in a farmer's henroost were making a getaway.

"Laws, Mose," gasped Sam, "why you s'pose them flies follows us so close?"

"Keep gallopin,' nigger," said Mose. "Them aint flies, them's buckshot."

A. C. Husted of Pampa was a McLean visitor Monday.



It's Confidence, Mr. Advertiser

The confidence that the people of McLean feel in The News which makes advertising bring results.

They have learned from experience that every item of news, every bit of advertising which we accept, has been the object of careful scrutiny on our part. It must pass our test of reliability and honesty before we will accept it. In other words, our acceptance of any advertisement is a guarantee of its worthiness.

We welcome you to our columns if your product is honest, if it has real merit, and if you are a reliable concern. Your advertising will produce because it reaches people who have confidence in us, in you and your products.

Advertise in The McLean News. It pays.

OFF-SEASON ADVERTISERS

A representative of one of the best clothing manufacturers in the country recently said: "As I am in sales promotion work, of course I have a good deal to do with advertising lines. I am finding out every day that small town merchants are learning that the called off-seasons are the times to advertise, instead of only when business is good. Time was when merchants allowed their advertising to other sales promotion talk in summer months or any time else but now they are beginning to learn that the mission of advertising is to create sales, and for that reason most valuable when 'business is slow.' Go after the business when it seems slack; don't wait for it to come to you. That is the theme of the big, successful business men and it should be the policy of the all town business man who really affords a better opportunity make an appealing and personal appeal through his newspaper in the city merchant. It's worth trying, and if you give the plan a chance your cash register is ringing lots oftener in the 'dull spots' than if you don't advertise cause business is bad."

Miss Bobbie Hodges left this week for Amarillo, where she will be her home.

SAFE WALK

Rub—"Whenever I see one of my creditors I always cross to the opposite side of the street to avoid him."

Dub—"I tried that plan once and was arrested for walking down the middle of the street."

UNBELIEVABLE

"Gosh, I don't dare ask her to marry me! She knows how to cook, makes her own dresses out of old odds and ends and doesn't care for the movies. . . She simply can't be normal!"

NOT FOR SOME TIME

Paterfamilias—"I want you to insert that notice of the birth of my twins."

Editor—"Will you repeat that?"

Paterfamilias—"Not if I know it."

"I believe children lose a great deal if permitted to form their early impressions from the screen, rather than from their own observations of the world."—Dr. Sanger Brown, second chairman of the New York State Commission on Mental Defectives.

Mrs. R. F. Sanders hands us \$1.50 to renew their subscription to The News.



The complete keyboard makes writing easier

THE Remington is that portable with the four-row standard keyboard (42 keys)—just like the big typewriters. No shifting for figures. Everything arranged according to the business standard. Simplest to learn and easiest to operate.

It is compact, light, and easily carried in a handy case. Then there is the baseboard already attached—that makes writing convenient in any place or position.

To countless people who write—much or little—the Remington Portable lends an indispensable aid.

Price, complete with case, \$60

THE McLEAN NEWS!

REMINGTON PORTABLE

THE RECOGNIZED LEADER—IN SALES AND POPULARITY

THE McLEAN NEWS
Published Every Thursday

T. A. LANDERS
Editor and Owner

Entered as second class mail matter, May 8, 1905, at the post office at McLean, Texas, under act of Congress.

Subscription Price
\$1.50 per year in advance.



With Lynch Davidson and Dan Moody in the race for governor, it should not be a difficult matter to select a good man for the office.

Our citizens have cause to congratulate themselves on the findings of the grand jury. The officers being strictly on the job means much toward making better living conditions. With the wave of crime sweeping nearby counties, we have cause indeed to feel that we are fortunate in this respect.

We were asked last week if the merchants in one line of business had gone on a strike, as no advertisement appeared in last week's issue of The News from any of them. The merchant sometimes fails to appreciate the effect upon his business when he neglects to keep his name before our readers.

The News is mighty glad to welcome the new editors of the Pampa News to Gray county. While we have always enjoyed the fellowship of the Smiths and are sorry to see them leave, yet we are glad that the Pampa News is in capable hands, and we hereby promise the management full cooperation in everything that tends to the betterment of our county.

It should not take much argument to convince anyone that we need a sanitarium at McLean. The long distance to hospitals for cases that require operations is something to be dreaded, and a local sanitarium could take care of all cases, importing a surgeon if necessary. We hope suitable plans may be worked out, in order that McLean may have a sanitarium.

Volume 1, No. 1 of The Groom News reached our exchange desk this week. We are glad to welcome Editor Reavis, and we are glad to note he has a good patronage from the progressive merchants of Groom. Groom is a mighty good town, and with the News to lead, together with proper co-operation from the business men, many changes for the better will doubtless be made in the near future.

McLean needs about four blocks of paving in the business district. The streets could be paved at practically no cost to the individual taxpayer, the bulk of the expense falling upon the property owners directly affected. Most of these property holders are anxious to see the paving put in, as it would enhance the value of their property beyond the cost of construction. The city has already voted on the paving law and the city council has the power to order such paving constructed at any time.

The News received a three-months advertising contract last week featuring a certain brand of tobacco used for cigarettes, with the statement that the appearance of this advertising in our columns would mean increased reader interest, which would mean much to our subscription department. These ads are all set up and ready to run, which would be very little trouble for us, and we certainly need the money, but we are trying to print a clean family paper that will not have a tendency to teach anyone a useless habit; so we are refusing to accept the advertising. The News loses quite a sum of money each year by refusing to accept cigarette advertising, but we have the satisfaction of a clear conscience in this matter.

The mayor of Hereford ran a notice in last week's issue of the Hereford Brand calling attention to the tree planting line established by the city council for all street trees, and requesting strict observance of the ordinance. McLean has sidewalk and curb lines with proper distance for trees indicated that is honored more in the breach than in the observance. This is deplorable, as the city council may order the law observed at any time, causing expense to make such lines conform to the ordinance. It

is much better to be sure and have the lines in accordance with law and at the same time make the city look better. It is not possible to have a good looking town and allow every citizen to follow his own inclination in the matter of street lines. If this were true, there would be no need of streets, or anything, but let each man do as he liked in how wide a street he would give in front of his residence. The full street width, including walk, trees and curb, is under direct control of the city.

THE FEMALE FIGURE

The boyish figure more which has swept into the current a considerable number of buxom women in cities and communities throughout the land may prove harmful to many women today, and its reaction also may be seen in generations of the future. More than a score of leading doctors from various parts of the nation are in session in New York City, where they have met to set forth to the fair sex the reasons why the craze for boyish lines may be detrimental. It is harmful for the very good reason that drastic reduction very frequently is injurious, often severely impairing the health of the individual practicing it. Reasonable dieting, reasonable exercise, methods that are not of a drastic nature, should be employed by those who would be more slender. It is so easy to be led into folly and to sadly regret it in the years to come. Anyhow, fashion is fickle. Well-rounded figures may be in vogue almost in the twinkling of an eye.—Waxahachie Light.

The doctors are undoubtedly in the right. But they have a very slim chance of persuading the ladies to stop reducing as long as it is stylish to sport the slender silhouette. Most ladies would rather die stylish with their boots on than happy with their figures off. The real way to get the ladies back to a healthful method of living is to overturn things theatrical. The craze for lines or curves, after all, can be traced directly to the stage. When Lillian Russell and Anna Held were all the rage and musical comedy habitues described their figures by merely making a couple of circles with their hands, as if outlining an hourglass, the ladies followed fashion, drew themselves in at the waist, strapped inner tubes on their chests and bustles on their backs and felt sorry for the other members of the female persuasion whom nature had not equipped with plenty of averdupeis. Then Florenz Ziegfeld came along with his "Follies" and set up

once began to study up on calories and vitamins and to subsist on food which they formerly fed to the chickens and the horses. Just why Mr. Ziegfeld should mess things up this way it is hard to say. His first wife was no less a person as Anna Held—and we mean this literally—while Billie Burke, his present wife, is certainly no slim young thing. Perhaps Florenz gets so tired of seeing amplitude at home that he likes to have a different kind of scenery at the office. However this may be, it is

after all, the stage idea that is to blame, and the doctors had better get into consultation with the producers if they want to save the reducers.—State Press.

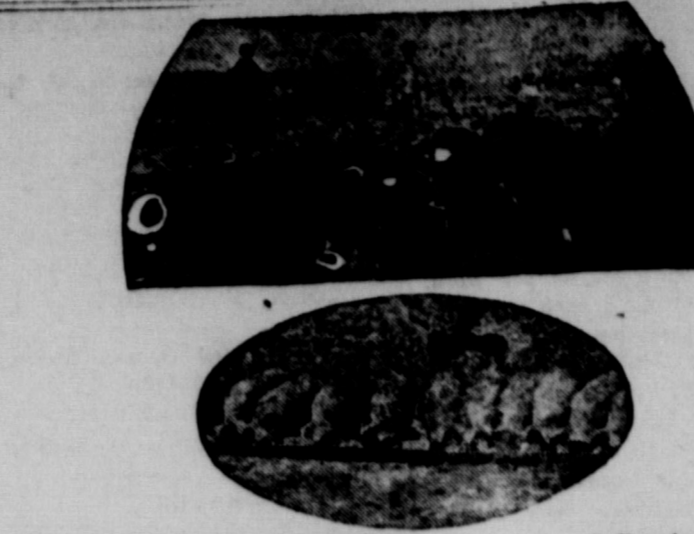
VULCANIZING

Tires and Tubes
Soldering Done
All Work Guaranteed
McLean Vulcanizing Shop
L. D. Preston, Mgr.

A Good Place to Eat

Hamburgers, coffee, pies
short orders
Hamburger Inn
J. A. Meador, Prop.

Texhoma Oil & Refining Co.
For Value and Service Use
TEXHOMA PRODUCTS
Amalie Motor Oils 100 per cent Pure Pennsylvania.
L. L. ROGERS
Agent
Phone 131 McLean, Texas



Upper—Oklahoma's Champions Lower—Indiana's Best

Chicago.—Of the 770 official ton-litters weighed up in 1925 in 23 different states, eight litters that doubled the required weights were developed. Kentucky, Oklahoma, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota are the states developing 2-ton litters in 1925. One was developed in Texas the previous year. Other states on ton-litter work last year are Oregon, Idaho, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri, Tennessee, Louisiana, Georgia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia. As to breed, every breed had its good points, but the Poland China claims the weight honors, having seven out of the nine 2-ton litters developed to date, including the world's record litters from Illinois and the 12-pig litter from Kentucky. Duroc Jerseys won on number of litters.

Abundance of fresh, pure water played an important part, all agreed and windmills, pumps, gas engines, hydraulic rams, automatic waterers and springs all played an important

part in providing this "cheap feed." Water, water, everywhere—pure, clean water—seemed to be a standard slogan for the pigs that went over the mark. Sanitation was stressed religiously, the "McLean system" being frequently mentioned, while most used sprayers. The high winners came from up-to-date and completely equipped farms in most cases, feed grinders, corn shellers, husker-shredders, sanitary steel hog house equipment, feed and litter carriers, wagons, motor trucks, tractors and gas engines being noted on most farms. The place of the tractor on such modern farms is shown by the fact that of the eight farms producing the nine 2-ton litters, seven were tractorized. The champions of Oregon, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Texas came from farms with such power to cut feed and labor costs and reduce the hazards of raising more pigs per litter.

Tennessee Red peanuts for sale. Cheney & Callahan. Advertisement

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement etc

TO PULL AUTO OUT OF MUD

When your car gets stuck in the mud and the rear wheels merely spin around and your friends advise you to call for help, get a stack of newspapers, slip them under the rear wheels, turn on the juice and see the car come out of the mire. Newspapers are great uplifters. When your business gets into a rut, the newspapers will help you out if you use the advertising columns. Great is the power of the press.—Exchange.

JEWELER
Watch, Clock and Jewelry Repairing
Spectacle Frames Repaired
Broken Lens Matched
All Work Guaranteed
FRANK DAY
Rice Building

Take the Time to Shop Here

You will save both time and money by doing so. Our assortments are ample, our service we endeavor to maintain for your convenience, and our prices are well within the reach of all.

Mrs. W. T. Wilson & Son

"The Prince of Pep"

Richard Trilmadge in the latest comedy melodrama sensation. Starts and thrills galore. This takes the cake, and the biscuits, too. A delicious dose of smashing entertainment in five thrilling eye-fulls.
Friday & Saturday Nights, Mar. 12 & 13
"MONNA OF THE SOUTH SEAS"
Monday & Tuesday, March 15 & 16
"GRAND DUCHESS AND THE WAITER"
Wednesday & Thursday, Mar. 17 & 18
These last two are in Paramount's Spring 30. The very latest releases, and good ones.
For good entertainment, come to the

Legion Theatre
C. E. Truitt, Mgr. McLean, Texas

JUST BEFORE THE KISS

We had a tilt the other day—
My little wife an me,
While each of us was seen faints
The other couldn't see.

We wrangled—'twas a wordy war,
Without no sign of truce—
She wouldn't own that I was right,
And, therefore—what's the use?

Of course I had the arguments
An' backed 'em good an' strong;
But my wife ain't the woman to
Admit that she is wrong!

At last, sez I, "There's one way out
Of this here married smudge—
You write my failin's—I'll write
yours—
We'll hand 'em to the judge!"

She grabbed her pencil—I grabbed
mine,
An' squared ourselves—to draw
Some mighty stern indictments up,
An' settle—by the law!

Two hours went by, in silence that
Could mighty nigh be heard—
She hadn't touched her paper—an'
'I hadn't writ a word!
—Uncle John, in Woman's World.

JUST IN TIME

Irate Customer—"This bathing
suit you sold me is a wretched
thing. I was only in the water
five minutes and it shrunk four
inches!"
Modest Clerk—"Gosh, lady! It's
a good thing you came out when
you did!"

SWEETNESS!

Young Bride—"Sweetheart, the
grocery stores were closed today,
but I made you some nice bean
soup out of some jelly beans I got
at the confectionery."

Development of natural gas fields
in Texas has reached a point where
most of the larger cities are now
supplied with this fuel.

Col. V. H. Moore of Wheeler was
McLean Wednesday.

INSURANCE

Fire, Hail, Tornado
Health, Accident
You are fully protected when
insured in the strong compan-
ies we represent.

Haynes & Ledbetter
Office Theatre Building

LIFE INSURANCE

FARM AND RANCH LOANS
LANDS FOR SALE

Improved farms or unimproved raw land suitable for
stock-farm purposes. Reasonably priced with
terms.
O. G. STOKELY
McLean, Texas

Good Baking

Whether you buy bread or pastry from our shop,
assured of the best quality that we can produce. Our
goods have the true home flavor.
Buy your supplies here and avoid the drudgery of
baking.

McLEAN BAKERY

H. H. LEE, Proprietor

1-2 Price Sale

We offer, for a short time, four
of standard talcum powder at ex-
one-half price—Violet of the Nile, Eg-
ian, Lilac and Cleopatra Rose. All
by the makers of Palmolive soap,
best of quality. 2 25c cans for
Buy while our assortment is complete.

Shell's Pharmacy

BAD BOYS

The founder and director
Starr Commonwealth for
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ous, he may do many bad
kin News.

never found a case that
be cured by what I call
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boy's behalf. Most of the
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today do. We men did
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the majority of these bad
some one takes a wise pen-
terest in them. I am spe-
normal boys. There is a
of boys whose badness has
sponsibility, they are sub-
Dearborn Independent.

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Harness

We sell harness oil,
double harness for
this month. Ask about
Bible Shoe
Shoe and Harness

AUTO SERVICE

Everything to keep
in good running
Gas—Oils—Tires—Accessories
STAR FILLING STATION
"Headquarters for Security County
L. L. ROGERS, Prop.
Phone 131

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Whether you buy bread or pastry from our shop,
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BOYS... HUSBAND... The newspapers had a lot of fun about father's questionnaires...

CURIOSITY AND MEMORY... THE STATE OF TEXAS... SALE OF REAL ESTATE... NOT IMPOSSIBLE... EVER SINCE... McLean Filling Station... LARD SALE... THE CITY MARKET... You Need Help in Building... Western Lumber & Hardware Company... H. F. WINGO, Manager

CITATION BY PUBLICATION... DR. J. A. HALL... Watch Repairing... McCormack Bros. Shamrock, Texas... Eye Help... A Margin of Safety... The American National Bank

STATE OF TEXAS... A. A. LEDBETTER... New Words! New Words! WEBSTER'S NEW INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY... G. & C. MERRIAM CO.

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TWO PER CENT REDUCTION IN TAX Effective Now

We will absorb immediately on all Ford Cars the two per cent reduction in tax which normally does not become effective until midnight March 28th.

Williams Motor Company Lincoln FORD Fordson McLean, Texas



A Margin of Safety

The thrifty man spends his money sensibly—denying himself the things he cannot afford—keeping a safe margin in his bank account.

The American National Bank

the new all steel Moline at McLean Hardware Co.

COTTON FARMERS

Here is the best argument I have ever heard for safe farming in Texas: At a typical county seat in North Texas, the first week in February, a meeting was held, attended by about two hundred farmers, bankers and leading business men of the town. Several addresses were made on the present cotton crisis and the danger of further losses from another big cotton crop. Finally one of the bankers present asked that all farmers who had corn in the crib of their own raising to arise. Twelve men arose. After they were seated, he asked for all farmers who had meat in the smokehouse of their own raising and curing to arise. The same twelve men arose. After they were seated he asked that all who had money in the bank which they did not borrow to arise. The same twelve men arose.—Clarence Ousley.

The argument is conclusive, even if it doesn't conclude anything. There is no reason why cotton farmers should not be the most prosperous of all who till the soil. Cotton is a cash crop. There is no denying it. It is a pretty crop. There is no doubting it. It is a hardy crop. There is no disputing it. And when it is grown to provide a clean cash surplus it rarely fails to do so. The twelve farmers mentioned by Mr. Ousley were prosperous. Their cotton made them so. But if they had grown nothing but cotton, as the others in the audience had, they would have been no more prosperous than the others. Raising the farm's living on the farm allows for raising a cash surplus at the same time. Everybody knows this is true. Everybody agrees to it. Nobody argues otherwise. But only a small proportion of Southern farmers make the farm raise the farm's living. They prefer to follow the path of least resistance. It isn't a question of converting or convincing them. It is a question of inherited practice, of family tradition. So.—State Press.

PAT WON THE CAKE

For about half an hour an oil man from Denver had been boasting to an Irishman about the significance of the Rocky mountains. "You seem mighty proud of this mountains," the Irishman observed.

"You bet I am," replied the man from Denver. "And I ought to be, since my ancestors built them."

The Irishman thought this over for a few moments and then asked "Did you ever happen to hear of the Dead Sea?"

"Yes, indeed," replied the oil man.

"Well, my father killed it."

WE GOT THIS ONE

We have a merchant in our town who thought he had everything his own way. He got along very well, but let his advertising drop off till one or two ten-inch ads a month was his quota, and finally one a month was his rule.

Well, he bought and sold a carload of cars—not mentioned in the local paper. This incident was repeated several times.

Then he bought a new building, as expensive as any in town, and not a line about it was run.

We thought our method of ignoring him was ineffective till last week we wrote up a local man who had purchased a car from an out-of-town firm. In it we boosted his car—boosted, without comparing. That was the straw that broke the camel's back. Said merchant called the editor in, and while he said he could advertise by circulars, admitted that the newspaper was the best and cheapest, and after the situation was explained, came back with a steady ad.

It works!—Green Ridge (Mo.) Local News.

TO MAKE YOU THINK

All work can be made as noble as prayer.

Honesty is best whether it is policy or not.

The only ambition that counts is the desire to work.

The worst person to have for an enemy is yourself.

The company you keep away from reveals what you are.

Among the books with unhappy endings are the checkbooks.

BELIEVED HIM

"Life is full of good things," said the lecturer.

"That's right," said a man in the audience, "and a lot of them paid \$2 a piece to get in here."

Hen a Billion Dollar Industry



U. S. Government Rooster whose dam, grandam and great grand-dam all laid over 280 eggs a year.



Modern Hen Equipped for Business

Chicago.—No wonder the rooster crows! Henry Ford and John D. may have their followers as to which has the most coin, but the "little brown hen" of tradition has scratched her way to the front in the last few years and has become a billionaire herself. The last census gave the products of King Rooster and Queen Hen at \$661,082,803 for eggs and \$386,240,367 for the value of the chickens the year of the census. While price

declined since the war, production has increased until nearly 2 billion dozens were produced last year. Boston prefers brown eggs and New York white. The big town daily eats over five million eggs in the various styles served, from the stylish Fifth avenue hotels to the one-armed all-night restaurant patronized by the "dime meal" consumers. The New Yorkers are also particular about the color of the yolk, straw color being preferred to orange color.

PAMPA MERCHANT SAYS ADVERTISING WASTED

A Pampa merchant was approached recently on the proposition of advertising his business in this paper the other day made the statement that advertising didn't pay and that three-fourths of the money spent on advertising was wasted. Efforts to find out how much money he spent on advertising grafts, a number of which are worked on every town every year, were futile, but it wasn't difficult to assure the non-advertiser that if he'd spend his money in newspaper advertising, and give a little more attention to the preparation of his copy, the money so spent would not be wasted, but would return to him many times in increased business.—Pampa News.

Tennessee Red peanuts for sale. Cheney & Callahan. Advertisement

Water hose for gardens and lawns at McLean Hardware Co. Advertisement.

HE KNEW THE BIBLE

"And you know your Bible, my little man?" asked the visitor.

"O, yes, sir."

"Could you tell me some of the things that are in it?"

"O, I know everything that is in it. Little clippings of my curls when I was a baby, sister's beau's picture, mother's recipe for vanishing cream and a ticket to the picture show."

REAL DRAY SERVICE

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

D. C. CHRISTOPHER

Chrysler Cars

We have secured the agency for Chrysler automobiles, fours and sixes, and will be glad to give you a personal demonstration of the model you want at any time.

Chrysler cars are the best buy in their price class today. 58 miles per hour . . . 25 miles to the gallon . . . 5 to 25 miles in 8 seconds . . . finest of alloy steels . . . Chrysler advanced engineering . . . finest of precision manufacture . . . closed bodies by Fisher . . . insulated power plant . . . finest equipment . . . exclusive Chrysler beauty of design . . . Balloon tires . . . beautiful new color combinations.

Select the body style you like best. Ride in it and drive it yourself in a demonstration of your own making.

We are pleased to extend the convenience of time payments. Ask about Chrysler's attractive plan. Chrysler superior service everywhere.

Snappy Service Station
McLean, Texas

COUNTRY HOTELS

Small town hotels have been the objects of criticism, ridicule and sneers from time immemorial. But probably most of them are furnishing the best accommodations they can under the circumstances. Travelers who are accustomed to modern conveniences and comforts in larger hotels probably expect too much when they strike a village hostelry. As a reminder of this fact, one country town hotel-keeper placed signs in his rooms which read as follows: "This ain't the Waldorf-Astoria—if it was it wouldn't be here. You ain't J. P. Morgan—if you was you wouldn't be here. We know this hotel is on the bum—how about yourself?"—Pampa News.

THE SCHOOL TAX IS GOING TO RUIN HIM

A story is going the rounds of a fellow who was rearing and bucking on the streets recently, vowing that if the school tax is raised in this district, it will absolutely ruin him.

Investigation of the records was made. It was found that he had five children in school and that his school taxes last year were 40c.

Well, if 50 cents, after the raise is made, is too much for him to pay for five children evidently there's something wrong somewhere. And surely 50c taxes will not ruin him. If it will, he's easily ruined, and something else would be likely to get him.—Ralls Banner.

Groceries are cheaper at Puckett's Cash Store. Advertisement etc

INSURANCE

LIFE FIRE HAIL

I represent some of the strongest companies in the world. I insure anything. No prohibited list.

Money to loan on farms. Reliable Insurance

T. N. HOLLOWAY

Reliable Insurance

Completion of transmission line L. L. Morse was in projects now under way will result day.

in interconnection of three-fourths of the more than 400,000 kilowatt capacity of the public utility electric plants of Texas.

Mrs. W. B. Marlar renews her subscription News this week.



The Best Flour

Don't buy an unknown brand of and hope for the best—buy Marechal Neil or Peerless flour and be sure of good results.

All the strength of the wheat reared to put health and goodness in every Good for cakes and pastry, too.

Our guarantee of perfect satisfaction goes with every sack we sell. You will be pleased.

Telephone 23 for quick service.

McLean Supply

CHAS. LESTER, Manager

FREE!

A 50c Vial of "Day Dream" Perfume with the Purchase of Any "Day Dream" Toilet Article Amounting to 50c or Over

For a Limited Time Only, this offer holds good. An introductory offer only, that you may learn to know "Day Dream Boudoir Creations."

One 50c Vial of DAY DREAM PERFUME FREE With Each 50c Bottle of DAY DREAM BRILLIANTINE
Gives that finishing touch to the hair—Beneficial to the scalp—Fragrant with Day Dream Perfume.

One 50c Vial of DAY DREAM PERFUME FREE With Each 50c Box of DAY DREAM ROUGE
Rouges for every complexion—medium, dark, orange and torch tints; they blend.

One 50c Vial of DAY DREAM PERFUME FREE With Each 50c Jar of DAY DREAM COLD CREAM
DAY DREAM Cold Cream is ideal for cleansing, softening and preserving the skin.

One 50c Vial of DAY DREAM PERFUME FREE With Each 50c Jar of D. D. POUFRE CREME (Vanishing)
Your favorite powder will stay on better and look better after a soothing cleansing massage of DAY DREAM Vanishing Poudre Creme.

One 50c Vial of DAY DREAM PERFUME FREE With Each 75c Box of the New Day Dream Face Powder "De Luxe"
A powder with a lasting loveliness and delicate perfume that enhances your natural appearance and charm. It stays on and on.

One 50c Vial of DAY DREAM PERFUME FREE With each \$1.00 Bottle of DAY DREAM BATH SALTS
Hygienic, fragrant, refreshing and exhilarating best describe the action of DAY DREAM BATH SALTS.

One 50c Vial of DAY DREAM PERFUME FREE With Each \$1.50 DAY DREAM DOUBLE COMPACT, All Shades
Pretty and serviceable and wholeheartedly admired by your friends; The DAY DREAM COMPACTS. In engraved convex cases with mirror and puffs.

One 50c Vial of DAY DREAM PERFUME FREE With Each \$1.50 Bottle of DAY DREAM TOILET WATER
So well known and widely used, DAY DREAM Toilet Water needs no extensive introduction.

Erwin Drug Co.
McLean, Texas

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