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Prepare the Seed Bed

The following article was furnished by Dr. W. E. Taylor, for Deere & Co.

Early I want to impress the mind of the farmer the good farming involves four essential features, equal importance and all dependent, and a neglect of one of them will be sooner or later reflected in the profit of the farm. The four operations are as follows:

The seed bed. The fertility, which involves the necessity of stock raising.

Seed selection and breeding.

Cultivation and crop management.

First consider the seed bed. It should be made and should contain:

Seed bed is the home of the seed. From the seed bed the plants receive their essential elements, namely, air, warmth.

Requirements:—Plant requirements, like those of animals, are exacting. The laws of development of the plant and of the animal are not tolerant of radical interference. Plants, like animals, resist a starvation diet and an unsanitary environment under such conditions the growth and production is unprofitable. The best results are only when nature's laws

are observed and quantity and quality of everything that enters into the growth of either the plant or the animal are provided.

Air:—Plants require air, and it should not only be accessible to the stalk, branches and leaves but it is absolutely necessary that a sufficient amount be in the seed bed within reach of the plants and roots.

Nature lavishly supplies the plant with an abundance of atmospheric oxygen and carbon above the ground, but it devolves upon man to so make and maintain the seed bed that the parts of the plant below the surface will also have an abundance of free oxygen.

Soil is composed of crystals and particles of disintegrated rock containing chemical elements. The irregular surfaces of the particles do not permit them to come in close contact with each other. The intervening spaces are equal in volume to the particles of soil, that is, approximately fifty per cent of the volume of the soil is air spaces. These spaces are intended for the circulation of air and the passage of minute roots. Oxygen enters the soil in various ways, and is utilized by the plant roots, and through the same air spaces carbonic acid gases pass out. If from any cause the ground is sealed up; if the air spaces are clogged either by water or silt, the plant suffers from two things, namely, auto-intoxication, caused by the presence of poisonous gases, and smothering ensues on account of atmospheric oxygen. Plants in this respect are not unlike

animals, for if a man or an animal is placed in a closed room where noxious exhalations are breathed and fresh air is not admitted, the man or animal perishes. Common reasoning should teach us how to rectify the condition, but too often we do not reason; we are content to blame nature's elements or attribute the deficient harvest to lack of fertility of the soil.

Too much water in the seed bed may be the cause. The water line or sheet water may be so near the surface that surface soil is constantly saturated with water, or a hard pan may exist preventing the percolation of water to the deeper subsoils, thereby holding it in the seed bed. In either case the surface water should be removed.

Drainage:—Drain tile is a most effectual remedy. If, however, the texture of the soil is of such a nature that a free subsurface flow is permitted, ditching will serve the purpose as well as tile. The benefits of the tile drainage are:

- (1) The removal of surface water between the plane of the tile and the surface of the ground.
- (2) Physical improvement of the soil, rendering it porous and mellow.
- (3) The admission of atmospheric oxygen and carrying off heavy, noxious gases.
- (4) Rendering the soil several degrees warmer than undrained soil.
- (5) Increasing the water absorbing qualities thereby storing more water in deeper subsoils.
- (6) Preventing the washing away of soils and soil fertility.
- (7) Destroying hard pans.

While drain tile and ditches are splendid means of ventilating the seed bed, we are mindful of the fact that all farmers cannot resort to these expedients.

Except where soil is soggy, deep plowing and deep tillage are nearly as beneficial as drainage. If the subsoil is loose, rendering the sub-flow free, deep plowing is more desirable than tile, especially in sections where the rainfall is abnormally low.

(This article will be continued next week.)

Public School Discontinued

The entire community was shocked last week at the announcement that the public schools would be immediately discontinued on account of the lack of funds to prosecute them further.

The announcement came as a bolt in a clear sky as it was generally understood that an eight months term would be maintained this year. Even the teachers were not aware of the sudden termination of their contracts until twenty four hours before the announcement was made.

While the discontinuing of the schools is a severe blow to those who are struggling to educate their children as well as to the entire town and community, yet there is a reasonable ground for the action. Two years ago when the handsome new building was put up it was found there were many things for which money had to be spent that was not covered by the contract for

erecting the building and as the contract price took practically the entire bond issue the money for additional expenditures had to come out of the school fund. This impoverished the fund to a great extent and the trustees went in debt last year to maintain the school.

This year it was decided that as the school was running at such a heavy expense, on account of the terribly cold and disagreeable weather, it would be better to stop it now and not go in debt, commencing the next term with a clean slate.

It is understood that the next term will not be handicapped in this manner as the entire 25 cent tax will go toward maintaining the school.

For the present Prof. O'Neal and Miss Deen of the high school are conducting a pay school and there are in the neighborhood of sixty pupils attending. It is the present intention to make arrangements to teach the entire school on this plan as it is understood two more of the teachers will teach provided a sufficient number of pupils can be secured.

Road Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the public road leading from the south side of McLean to the north side of Alanreed will be opened on the first of next April, and all parties along this road are requested to have their fences up by this time. This road was declared open by the Commissioners Court two years ago and they have given me positive instructions to have it open on the date named.

A. H. Biebrich, OVERSEER.

Socialist Call.

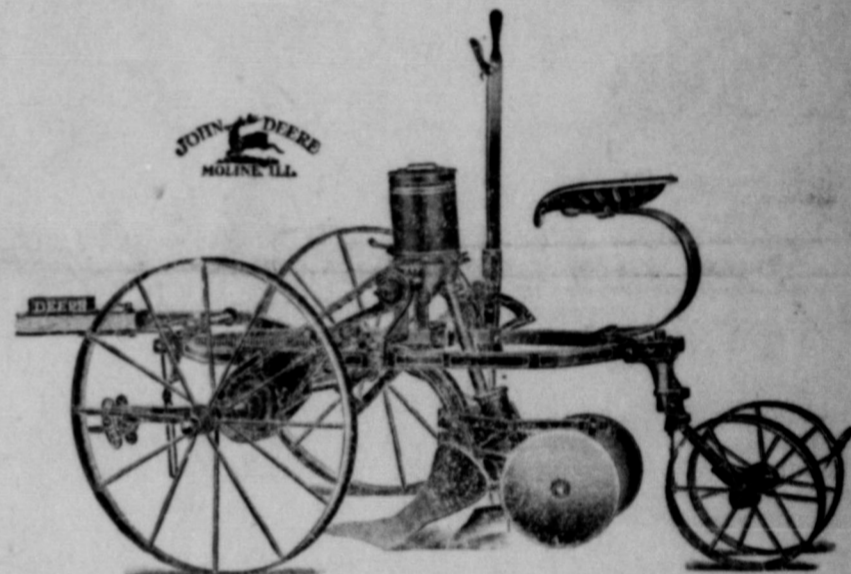
Alanreed, Texas, 2-10-12. The Socialists of the Alanreed Precinct, Gray County, met in mass meeting and after organizing appointed W. K. Stokes a committee of one to get in communication with Socialists in all other precincts of the County for the purpose of appointing a time and delegates to a meeting at LeFors for the purpose of organizing the County of Gray for the coming political campaign. All Socialists interested will please write him at Alanreed.

This space is reserved for

R. A. THOMPSON

Who will open up a NEW clean up to date stock of Dry Goods about March 20 in the Christian-Cousins building. One door north McLean Hardware Co.

Every dollars worth of Goods NEW.



This is The Best One Made

No Use to Look for Another

McLean Hardware Co.

BON TON RESTAURANT

We have purchased the Al and Joe Restaurant and will be pleased to serve you in the most up-to-date manner with clean wholesome food. Try us.

Cooke & Pleasant, Props

Furniture For Sale

One piece or the whole stock. It is cheap but good. Come and get it.

J. A. GRUNDY.

Union Trading Co.

T. U. SALMON Mgr.

We handle real estate and livestock, coal, grain and hay. We have anything for sale let us know about it—that is business. We buy everything the farmer raises and the cash. We want a list of your lands and city property for sale or trade, at once. We have inquiries

We Accommodate All Classes

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 an investment. It will be seen that we accommodate all classes.

Citizens State Bank
McLEAN, TEXAS

WHEN YOU THINK OF DRUGS THINK OF ERWIN

THE McLEAN NEWS

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TEXAS

By A. G. RICHARDSON

SUBSCRIPTION.

One Year \$1.00

Entered as second-class mail matter May 8, 1905, at the postoffice at McLean, Texas, under the Act of Congress.

City Election Called For

Mayor C. S. Rice has posted a proclamation calling for a city election to be held on the first Tuesday in April for the purpose of electing a mayor, a marshal and five aldermen to direct the affairs of the city for the next twelve months, or until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

So far there are no announcements for mayor or alderman and it is not likely that any will announce, but we should begin to get our heads together on this subject and make an intelligent effort to fill these places with competent men who will give of their time for the capable management of the city's business.

We are authorized to announce the candidacy of A. W. Haynes for the office of city marshal, to succeed J. F. Harbert. Uncle Albert is well known to all the voters and needs no recommendation from us.

Uncle Albert asks that you consider his candidacy at the April election. It is understood that Mr. Harbert will not be a candidate.

Organize Wilson Club.

Parties interested in the candidacy of Woodrow Wilson for president have asked us to make a call for a meeting to be held tomorrow afternoon (Saturday) at 3:30 o'clock, the purpose of which will be to organize a Woodrow Wilson Club.

Let all who will attend this meeting as several matters of importance will come up for discussion, among them the selection of delegates, etc. This meeting will be held in the Odd Fellows Hall.

I have several hundred good new nine and ten ounce grain bags at 75c. each. S. O. Cook.

Things Are Moving

We are mighty well pleased with business we have been doing lately and to show our appreciation and our belief that the people of this community want first class service in every respect we have been buying heavily of all Spring and late winter goods of every kind.

Albatross Flour

We are selling that famous Albatross Flour and we stand behind it with a positive guarantee. It may not be the cheapest but is the best. Everything in the way of fresh groceries

BASSEL & WISE

The Pace-Makers

Never is it idle.

Andrew Floyd Wins Honors

Friends of Andrew Floyd in this city will read with interest the clipping given below, taken from a recent issue of the Randall County News, relative to his winning the first prize at the West Texas Normal in oratory.

Andrew has made for himself a considerable local reputation as a budding orator and the additional laurels won at a state institution of learning are exceedingly gratifying to his friends:

A. H. Flood, of McLean, was winner of the annual declamatory contest held at the Normal auditorium Thursday night, and was awarded the prize, a fine gold watch. The contest was very good, all the speakers doing exceptionally good work. The following was the program:

- Music. A. H. Floyd, McLean, Benedict Arnold. V. H. Daugherty, Roscoe, The Race Problem. Walter Hardin, Alanreed, Her Past, Her Present, Her Future. Wm. J. Rattikin, Canyon, William J. Bryan for President. R. Roy Rodgers, Grapevine, Ingersoll at his Brother's Grave. Music. The judges were Rev. J. J. Hutchinson, Rev. F. M. Neal and Prof. T. J. Yoe.

Alanreed Young People Wed.

Alanreed, Tex., March 5.—Married at the residence of the bride's father three miles north west of Alanreed, at 3 p. m. Sunday, March 3rd, Mr. B. L. Barnes and Miss Lena Robertson, Rev. H. G. Findley officiating.

The groom is a well known and popular young man of this section, and the bride is a beautiful and refined young lady who has made her home in this community for the past two years. Both are very popular and have many friends who wish them much happiness and success through life.—Daily Panhandle.

Socialists Organize.

To the News: The Socialists of this vicinity organized a local at McLean last Saturday, March 2nd, with seventeen members. Comrade Anderson was chosen chairman and G. R. Scott secretary. Besides other business of importance the regular meeting dates were set for twice each month, the first and third Saturdays at 2 p. m. All socialists and sympathizers are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Our motto is education and organization. No enlightened people will be enslaved long at any time, so learn how to use your head and your ballot and the result will be freedom for all. G. R. SCOTT, Secretary.

Senior League Program.

Subject—A new interpretation of human love. Scripture lesson—Hos. 3:1-3, John 8:1-11. Talk on lesson—Leader. Song. A new kind of love; love's listing power—Beatrice Anderson. Give an illustration of some one who was redeemed by love, showing us that we should love our enemies—Sam Hodges. What is the missionary significance of this lesson—Mrs. Carpenter. A personal question for all—How much listing power has my love? Is it unselfish enough to raise someone from the depths? Prayer. Leader—Sam Erwin.

CHEAP MONEY

The Borrowed Dollar Patriotic. Volume of Texas Money Too Small.

Cheap money is the fount that makes the brook of industry flow. Under its nurturing influence, the germs of civilization flourish and bloom like the tree of life and its blessings fall upon the land like the dew of prosperity. Withdraw it from circulation and industry withers, civilization blights, prosperity stagnates and poverty stalks over the land.

The borrowed dollars vaults heavenward with its magnificent skyscrapers, delves into the bowels of the earth in search of hidden treasures, spans the prairies with bands of steel, thrills the air with the scream of factory whistles and searches land and sea on its mission of commercial adventure.

The borrowed dollar is the most patriotic of our circulating mediums. No declarations of war are made without its approval; it fights our battles, dictates treaties of peace and at its bidding nations have sprung into life or sunk into oblivion. It is the first to answer the call "to arms" its voice is in the roar of cannon; it fills the knapsack of the soldier and it cares for the widows and orphans and is one of the best friends Uncle Sam ever had.

In times of peace, it performs deeds of industrial heroism by rescuing sinking enterprises and lifting up fallen industries and no worthy enterprises ever appeal to it in vain. Cheap money means prosperity to the people.

If, by inviting cheap money to Texas, we can reduce the rate of interest only one per cent, we have a net saving to the borrowing public of \$10,000,000 per annum and cheap money will enable many gigantic enterprises to spring into life by making it possible to finance them.

Equal rights of money is as important to our growth and development as equal rights of the individual, for money is power. We do not increase the wealth of the State by transferring money from one individual or corporation to another. It is in bringing money into the State from the outside that our increase begins. The volume of Texas money is too small; we must get development money from the outside.

This Section Is Interested

While the Amarillo papers occasionally remark that plans are shaping for the All-Panhandle Fair, yet there is nothing definite announced and the people of this section are getting anxious. An undertaking of this kind, and one fraught with so much importance to the entire Panhandle, should not be allowed to drag.

There are numerous preliminaries that will take time and if the arrangements are complete in time to have this great show next fall there is not a moment to lose.

We cannot speak for other communities but can truthfully say that the people of the McLean country are very much interested in the movement and will be glad to donate of their time and money to make it a success.

Count Gray county in on in All-Panhandle Fair.

Dr. Walcott Coming.

Dr. Claude Walcott the Eye and Ear specialist, will make his next visit to McLean on the 14th and 15th of March, which dates are Thursday and Friday. While here Dr. Walcott will pay special attention to fitting GLASSES and treating the Eye and Ear.

Patients now under treatment are requested to call the first day if possible, March 14 and 15. Two days only. Office in American State Bank Building.

Dr. Walcott to Re-Date McLean.

Owing to the inclement weather conditions Dr. Claude Walcott of Amarillo, the well known Eye and Ear specialist, will come to McLean at a date to be set in the near future. Watch these columns for the date.

LISTEN!

'Tis WEIGHT that breaks the wagon down.

"This WAIT that is causing the spikes and fellos in the wheels our little business to crash and crumble, and if the WAIT continues a little while longer we fear that the hubs will give away and down will come our band wagon.

If you owe us you know it and for God's sake don't put us off any longer. Either come and pay or else tell us you never expect to pay. We need the money worse than you needed the goods when we sold them to you. Please don't say again, "wait till the 15th or the 1st", but come in and settle.

Did it ever occur to you that this little plea—"wait"—after your account is due hurts your credit as well as ours? It does. You have had our money long enough and we want it.

Yours for right treatment. McLEAN HARDWARE CO.

Don't Overlook

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CLASSIFIED ADS

The Major grist mill and crusher is for sale or trade. See J. P. Majors or S. A. Cousins.

For Sale—Headed kaffir corn bundles, cheap if taken soon. Chas. Gobel, five miles northeast of town.

For Sale—One of the nicest and best homes in McLean. Will sell it right. E. A. Erwin.

For Sale—One jack and several work horses, work mares and work mules. See Homer West.

If U want a milk cow or some shoats call on Overton, one mile southeast of town. He's got 'em.

For Sale—Mammoth and Black Jack, sixteen and one half hands high. A good animal. See N. J. Miller.

Strayed—A black gilt hog, weighs about 150 pounds, long bodied and smooth haired. Finder please notify N. A. Biggers.

For Sale or Trade—A good 15-hand 1,000 pound work mare. Would trade for a good work mare. A. E. Gething. Phone three shorts and one long on 96.

For Sale—One good disc cultivator, \$8.00; one good 16 inch walking plow with eveners; second hand cook stove, \$6.00; one good plug horse. R. N. Ashby.

For Sale—320 acres of land one mile from Ramsdell. 80 in cultivation. Price \$2,000.00. Will sell all on one, two, three and four years time if party will give me ten on thirty good cows. Will raise cows when land is half paid out. Address Box 84, Ramsdell, Texas.

A letter from Mrs. E. D. Langley conveys the information that she is still detained at Lancaster on account of the continued illness of her father.

Dr. W. R. Orr requests us to announce that he will be in McLean the 25th instant and stay for one week to do dental work.

Cooke and Cooke have moved their cleaning and pressing shop from the Bogan building to the Cunningham building on the north corner of the same block.

I have on hand a supply of pure hog lard of any own rendering. If you have any lard I would like to show you what I have. City Meat Market.

Jake Stubbs and wife left the first of the week for California, after having spent several days here the guest of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Crabtree.

Do you want something? Try an ad in the News and you'll get more answers than you will know what to do with. Try it.

The Bon Ton restaurant is having some extensive improvements made on the interior of their building this week, which greatly adds to its appearance.

Another large shipment of the beautiful Thistleware just received at the McLean Hardware Co., consisting of water pails, Berlin kettles, tea kettles, double boilers, insets, dish pans, pudding pans, mixing bowls, dippers, pie plates, milk pitchers and cups and saucers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our rates for announcements are as follows, cash in advance: District, county and state officers, \$10.00. City and Precinct officers, \$5.00.

- FOR TAX ASSESSOR: J. B. PASCHALL. FOR COUNTY JUDGE: SILER FAULKNER R. E. WILLIAMS. FOR TREASURER: HENRY THUT. FOR COUNTY CLERK: C. L. UPHAM. FOR SHERIFF: J. S. DENSON. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE: E. D. FRAZIER.



The Pure Drug Act

Would not have been a necessity if every drug store carried the kind and quality of drugs that we carry. Purity means health, and we are the people who want to keep you healthy. We have just received a large shipment of Nyal remedies and want you to try a bottle. Phone 6.

Will H. Langley DRUGGIST

W. H. Bates has the thanks of the News for a subscription renewal, paying also for the paper to be sent another year to C. G. Barnes at Lone Oak, Texas. Miss Minnie Gardenhire called at the News office Friday of last week and ordered the paper sent to her brothers, Clay Gardenhire at Jericho and Frank Gardenhire at Spring Valley, Mo. F. L. King of Hutchinson, Kansas, arrived in the city the first part of the week and will go to work immediately improving his land northeast of town. Mr. King made the News office a pleasant call Wednesday morning and stated that his sons will make this their home and will farm the place mentioned.

Farm Implements for Sale. We have on hand a few farm implements that we will close out at the following low prices for cash: Moline A1 two-row cotton and corn planters, \$22.50. Moline rotary Dutchman double disc plows, \$40.00. Moline King cotton planters, \$5.00. A few Blue Bird walking plows at the same reduction. These prices are 25 per cent less than wholesale cost. Cicero Smith Lumber Co.



Excursions To

Colonist Tickets to principal points in Northwestern states. Dates of sale March 15th to April 15th, inclusive. Fare \$41.25 to \$25.00. Depends on the state and route as to rate. CALIFORNIA—All principal cities for \$25.00.

D. A. DAVIS AGENT

THE CANTON NO. 11 COTTON AND CORN PLANTER. A combined Cotton Planter and Lister, which can also be equipped as a Middle Breaker. A superior feature is the one controlling the depth of plowing, as the bottom is always at the same angle in relation to the ground, whether set deep or shallow. The covers are controlled by pressure springs, allowing flexibility in crossing a depression or ridge. Only one lever is required, and it is always within easy reach. An easy lift is secured by a balance spring. Has detachable hopper, sight feed, adjustable seat and foot rests. The most popular cotton planter in the south, and one which never fails to do just what we claim for it. We desire to "show it off" and invite inspection. S. O. COOK

GARDENHIRE REALTY CO. Established in 1899. We have sold more land in Gray county than all other real estate men. We sell land anywhere. If you want a home or want to sell one let us know. List your land with A. B. GARDENHIRE, McLean, Texas. OR B. F. GARDENHIRE, Cole Camp, Mo.

Look for The Big Sign We sell Coal Barbed wire Hog wire Red picket Fence Post Building material etc.

Western Lumber Co. S. R. JONES, Mgr.

Anchor Your Savings. No man can feel absolute security unless his savings are anchored in a bank. We extend every courtesy and attention to our depositors that is in the interest of good business. We offer the very best interest on your deposits. Come in to see the Road to Wealth. American Bank

IN OUR NEW HOME We have finished transferring our stock from the old to our new home and we hope that we are now permanently located and invite the public to come to see us. We are daily enlarging our stock of both groceries and dry goods and can make you interesting prices together with right kind of treatment. LET US SERVE YOU We are still selling that good Amarillo Flour and we stand behind it with a guarantee that IT IS BETTER C. A. Cash & Son GENERAL MERCHANDISE

20 Pretty Rooms in this FREE BOOK

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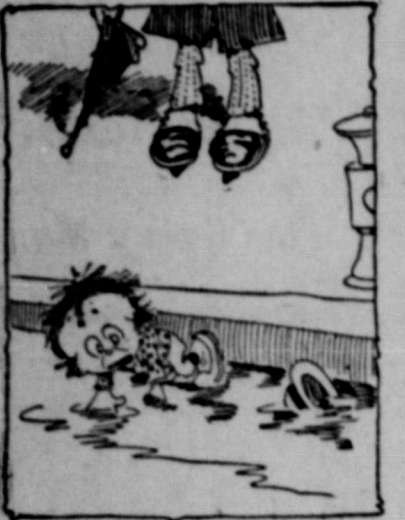
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A ROMANCE

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SYNOPSIS.

Garrett Coast, a young man of New York City, meets Douglas Blackstock, who invites him to a card party. He accepts, although he dislikes Blackstock, the reason being that both are in love with Katherine Thaxter. Coast fails to convince her that Blackstock is unworthy of her friendship. At the party Coast meets two named Dundas and Van Tuyl.

CHAPTER II.—(Continued.)

Blackstock interposed hastily "That fourth-best spade of yours certainly did lead him up to slaughter." He reached over and took up the deck at Truax's elbow, spreading the cards with a dextrous sweep of his strong, blunt fingers. "New game. Cut, you fellows."

"The invitation tempts; but there are some skins too thick . . ." Van Tuyl pursued.

Truax pushed back his chair, nodding cheerfully to Coast. But for a heightened tint of color he showed no trace of being aware of Van Tuyl's insolence. "Cut in, Garrett; it's your turn. . . . Unless," he added, "you-all want to quit. It's pretty late. I think I'll drop, for one."

"Drop," said Van Tuyl sweetly, "and be damned."

"What do you mean by that?" Truax, on his feet, turned upon his tormentor with an imperceptible tremor in his voice.

Prudence is the better part of bridge," Van Tuyl explained carefully. "He's a prudent man who becomes conscious of chilled extremities when ahead of the game."

Crimson with resentment, Truax hesitated, the retort on the tip of his tongue only withheld because of Coast's appealing and sympathetic look. Then with a lift of his plump shoulders he turned away, nodding to his host, Dundas and Coast.

"Good-night," he said brusquely, and so betrayed the effort his self-control cost him. "You-all can send your checks if I am anything ahead."

"We'll try not to forget, thanks." A satiric smile on Van Tuyl's thin lips winged the Parthian dart.

Truax did not reply, but left the room abruptly, Blackstock accompanying him to the door. In his absence Coast cut in as Van Tuyl's partner and took the chair Truax had just vacated.

"Deal!" he inquired.

"Yours," Dundas told him.

"And," Van Tuyl interjected as Coast took up the cards, "let us trust you've more bridge sense than that professional dummy." He nodded to indicate the departing Truax. "I carefully told him, early in the evening, that when I doubled I wanted not his highest heart, but the highest card of his weakest suit. Do you think you can remember that?"

"Yes," said Coast shortly, annoyed by the other's offensive manner.

"I sincerely trust so. I didn't come here to be rooked by everybody, by incompetent partners included."

Coast quietly put down the cards without completing the deal. "Aren't you spraining something in your attempts to be insolent, Van?" he inquired as Blackstock reappeared. "It happens I've been your partner this evening more frequently than anybody else."

"Precisely."

"And you think yourself justified in suggesting that I've played against you?"

Van Tuyl's dark eyes met his steadily in a sardonic stare. "I'm the heaviest loser here," he said. "You've played like a raw amateur every time you've played with me. Interpret that to your liking."

"I shall," Coast got up, white to the lips. "It spells good-night to me."

Blackstock struck in with a heavy note of insincere suavity. "Oh, come now! It's early yet. Van doesn't know what he's saying—"

"Why . . . good-night." Blackstock's mouth smiled, but his speech was mechanical and his eyes, slightly prominent and magnified by thick lenses, met Coast's with an opaque look singularly suggesting a cast. "I'm sorry our party has to break up so early."

"Look here!" Van Tuyl swung round with a glass half-full of raw Scotch in his hand. "Aren't you going to join us?"

"Thank you, no," said Coast dryly. "No," said Blackstock. "And," he added, "if I were you, Van, I'd chop that drink. It won't do you a world of good."

"Oh!" Van Tuyl smiled acidly. "Don't you know I reserve the privilege of acting as my own wet-nurse?"

"I advised you as a friend, but I'm willing to push the trespass and tell you something you evidently don't know, Van Tuyl; drink makes you ugly."

Coast, lingering in anxiety, detected suddenly the gleam of drink-insanity in Van Tuyl's eyes. Alarmed, he moved to place himself between the men, and in the act received full in the face what had been intended for Blackstock—the contents of Van Tuyl's glass.

Half-blinded and choking, he stepped back, groping for his handkerchief. The alcohol burned his eyes like liquid fire, and the fumes of it in his throat and nostrils almost strangled him for a moment, preventing his clear understanding of what was taking place.

Dimly he heard Van Tuyl raving in his curiously clear and incisive accents, heard him stigmatize Blackstock card-sharp and blackguard. More vaguely he heard him name Katherine Thaxter—in what connection he did not know. On the heels of that something barked hideously; Dundas screamed like a rat; Van Tuyl said: Oh, God! thickly.

Dazed with horror, Coast managed to clear his vision.

Blackstock had moved to the other side of the room, where he stood at a small table, the drawer of which he



Blackstock Moved for the First Time.

had evidently jerked open the instant before he fired. His feet were well apart and he leaned a little forward, his large head lowered upon its heavy neck. His lips were compressed to the loss of their sensual fullness, his eyes blazed beneath knotted, intent brows. One hand was clenched by his side; the other held an automatic pistol from whose muzzle a faint vapor lifted in the still hot air.

In a corner little Dundas was huddled with a face of parchment, mouth gaping, eyes astare.

Both men were watching Van Tuyl. Coast saw the tall, graceful figure sway like a pendulum gathering momentum. An expression of strained surprise clouded the man's face. He lurched a step forward and caught himself with a hand on the card-table, and so held steady for an instant while his blank gaze, falling, comprehended the neat black puncture with its widening stain upon the bosom of his shirt.

"God . . ." he said again in a voice of pitiful inquiry.

Then he fell, dragging the table over with him.

On the sound of that, Blackstock moved for the first time. He drew himself up, relaxed, and dropped the weapon upon the table beside him. His glance encountered Coast's, wavered and turned away. He moistened his lips nervously.

Coast, with a little cry, dropped to his knees beside Van Tuyl. Already the man's eyes were glazing, the movements of the hand that tore at his breast were becoming feebly convulsive. While Coast watched he shuddered and died.

"Well!" Blackstock's voice boomed in his ears as the man's hand gripped his shoulder. Coast shook off the grasp and rose.

"You've done for him," he said, wondering at the steadiness of his own voice.

Blackstock shook his head, blinking

like a man waking from evil dreams. "Why . . ." he said huskily.

He turned away as if to lose sight of the figure huddled at his feet.

Dundas in his corner whimpered. Blackstock swung to him with an oath. "Shut up, damn you! D'you oath." He clicked his strong white teeth, jumping as the bell of the house telephone interrupted. Then he went heavily to the instrument in the short hallway that led to the entrance to the apartment. Coast heard him jerk down the receiver.

"Well!" he demanded savagely. "Yes. An accident."

"One of my guests. Yes, baddy. You'd better call up police headquarters and tell them to send an ambulance."

"And don't let anybody up here until they come. Understand?"

He hung up the receiver with a bang and tramped back into the dining-room. "That damn hallway!"

They heard the racket in the flat below and called him up. "I have made a pretty mess of things!"

He went to the buffet, carefully avoiding the body, and poured himself a stiff drink, which he swallowed at a gulp.

Blackstock strode restlessly back to the other end of the room and threw himself, a dead weight, into a chair, facing the wall. In the silence that followed Coast could hear his deep and regular respirations, unheeded, unchecked. After a moment, however, he swung round, dug his elbows into his knees and buried his face in his hands.

"Good God!" he said. "Why did I do that?"

Dundas coughed nervously and moved toward the door. Blackstock looked up with the face of a thundercloud.

"Where are you going?" Dundas stammered an incoherent excuse.

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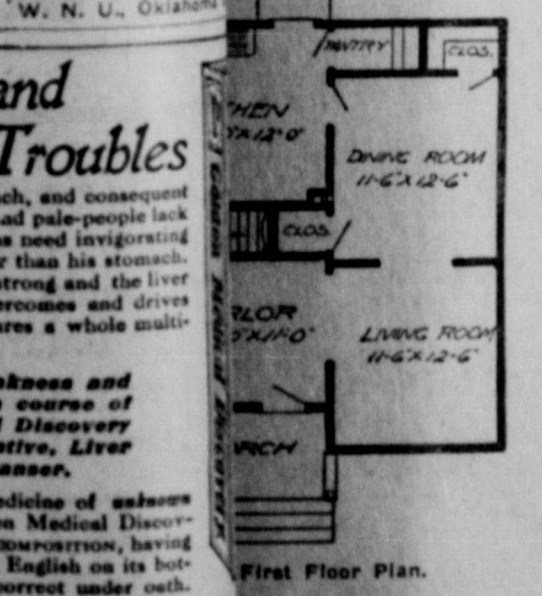
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The meeting will occur on Saturday and we are especially anxious as many citizens of the town and county as possibly can will attend the session and show them that we are interested in their meetings and in sympathy with whatever good they may accomplish through the efficient agencies of their publications.

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60 Head Shoats in prime condition to feed for June Market.
50 Weanling Pigs. All pure bred Tamworths.
If you want pure bred hogs of great size and splendid quality either for feeding or breeding purposes, it will pay you to attend this sale. The Tamworth hog is the ideal porker when finished, always worth a premium on any market. As breeders they are most prolific, always bringing large litters of healthy pigs.
5 Good young work mules.
1 Good young Jack, showing good colts.
2 Young Mares.
2 Cows and their calves.

Everything goes in this Sale. Besides above stock, I will sell all farm equipment of every description, including wagons, cultivators, for farm and garden, scales, farm harness, household goods, hay, grain, feed, seed, etc. All go at your own price.

Sale to commence promptly at 10 o'clock
Tuesday, March 12th, 1910.

Terms—\$5.00 and under cash. All larger amounts eight months time will be allowed for approved notes bearing 7 per cent interest 5 per cent discount for cash.

O'Donnell Bros. W. A. Laybourn, Owner.
Auctioneers. W. S. Pendleton, Clerk.

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