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## This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

**THINKING COMES FIRST. BACK 5,000 YEARS. ABOUT FLOOD RELIEF.**

Lindbergh, world's champion flyer, landed in Mexico City, notifies the world that young men in this country know how to fly, in spite of the fact that their Government does not yet realize the importance of flying.

The United States Government ought to enlist the services of Lindbergh to instruct American fliers and enlighten those responsible for our air defense. If another war ever comes it will seem very extraordinary to future historians, writing of American cities bombed and gassed, that the richest cities in the world should have gone along without adequate air defense. Not one of our cities is protected today by anything but distance. Coast defense guns and battleships are obsolete, anti-aircraft guns absolutely inefficient. We spend \$200,000,000 a year for "defense" and have none.

The United States Gypsum Company, with offices in twenty cities and twenty-two mines and mills in fifteen States, has this good idea all headquarters managers devote two hours, from 9 to 11 a. m., to "concentration." They allow no interruption except in emergencies. From 11 to 5 they see subordinates and business visitors generally. Each manager has at least two hours a day for real thinking.

John D. Rockefeller had that idea many years ago. One of his local managers, pointing proudly to a desk loaded down with papers, said to him, "A lot of detail, but I shall get through it all by night." Mr. Rockefeller, quoting that said to his directors, "I want all important managers in our organization to sit with their feet upon clear desks, thinking how they can make more money for Standard Oil." They made it, with Rockefeller's direction, and now he spends it usefully, fighting disease and ignorance. Get ahead, remember, that thinking comes first. The rest is secondary.

Learned professors in the University of Southern California say that slang, within reason, is good. It makes students select their expressions instead of using them automatically. To call your friend a "dim bulb" is better than saying to your brother "hog feed," and it means the same. Use of slang "makes a dent in the brain" and causes thought, says one professor. It also takes the pace of thought, but that is too long an argument.

Britain is sending a commission to India headed by Sir John Simon to see about helping India toward self government. The help should have begun 5,000 years back.

How can you give self government to a people in whose literature the word liberty does not appear in 5,000 years, to millions who believe that little girls eight and nine years old should be married to middle aged men and that when the old husband dies the young woman should be burned alive with the husband's miserable corpse? That's a long way from self government.

The President recommends a ten-year plan for Mississippi Valley flood prevention involving \$24,100,000. Altogether, \$25,000,000 would be spent the first year and \$20,000,000 a year thereafter. Why not spend every year as much as can be spent wisely to hurry the work rather than risk, in the course of ten years, another flood that might cost in destruction more than the total appropriation? Secretary Mellon could borrow the money for three per cent. If he couldn't take it out of the surplus, it is important: floods don't wait.

Last August the stock market boom when President Coolidge's "do not choose" came out, and a few days ago that foolish market broke again because the President said he meant it. What frightened gentle stock brokers and speculators? Do they think Hoover, Louder or Dawes would declare war on Patagonia, abandon the gold standard, suspend the writ of habeas corpus, close factories, stop the rainfall and destroy crops? Mr. Coolidge is a good President wisely allowing those that know how to run the country's business to run it. Other good men are ready to do the same. The wisest will not choose to sell their stock, because Mr. Coolidge does not choose to run.

## STOCKMEN TO OPPOSE 1928 DIFFERENTIAL

Sheep & Goat Raisers Turn Down Plea Of Orient Officials

### ROAD PROSPERING

Contemplated Improvements This Year Is Basis Of Plea

The Sheep and Goat Raisers Association of Texas will oppose efforts of the Orient Railway Company to continue a differential charge on livestock for the year 1928.

This was the decision reached by the executive committee of the association in called session here Saturday afternoon after hearing a presentation of the Orient's proposal by three officials of the road.

Following a unanimous vote of the executive committee in opposition to a continuation of the differential another year, the secretary, N. W. Graham, was instructed to notify A. H. Priest, traffic representative of the association of the committee's action and to instruct him to file a protest with the Railroad Commission of Texas against the proposal.

The meeting of the committee was called at the request of Orient officials who desired to put their case before the producers and to enlist their approval in order that their application, on file with the Railroad Commission, might be granted without opposition.

W. H. Hargrove, general freight agent for the Orient of Texas, A. J. Cleary, livestock agent, and Bill Tilton, assistant livestock agent were the Orient representatives here for the hearing. Immediately after the meeting convened at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon with President T. A. Kincaid presiding, an executive session was called and the rail officials were excluded while the committee went into a preliminary discussion.

W. H. Hargrove made the first presentation of the Orient's case. Mr. Hargrove gave a running summary of the gradual elimination of differential charges made by the Orient during the last few years, as its financial condition improved to justify taking off the charges. He pointed out that the differential on livestock unloaded at points on the Orient had been removed and such a charge is made on only a few items.

"The Orient would like to drop these differentials and has been seriously considering dropping them," the speaker said. "But we have been to so much expense recently in connection with livestock transportation that we feel that we must have it another year in order to make necessary improvements in our facilities."

Mr. Hargrove declared that the revenue accruing to the Orient during 1927 from the livestock differential amounted to only approximately \$15,000. More than this amount was spent in building new shipping pens at Barnhart, he declared. If the differential is extended for 1928, the road contemplates extensive improvements in livestock shipping facilities at Big Lake, Rankin, Girvin, Fort Stockton and Alpine, he said.

"If the differential is extended for 1928, the Orient will obligate itself to spend the entire revenue derived from this source and what ever additional amount necessary on improving its livestock shipping facilities," Mr. Hargrove promised.

"We realize what the livestock men have done for the Orient and we are going to do what we can for the industry," the rail official continued. "We are trying to build up a real railroad for this section. The Orient has prospered from the oil development in this section, but the wretched condition of its physical properties at the time the boom started was such that it is taking a world of money to put the road in shape to properly give transportation service to this section."

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### Little Glimpses of America

By Albert T. Reid



## To Beautify Park Under Court Order

Move To Improve Appearance & Sanitation Of Town

A thorough job of cleaning grooming and beautifying the city park will be undertaken in a short time under the supervision of a committee from the Commissioners Court.

An order for beautification of the park was passed by the court in called session this week and a committee composed of Commissioners J. M. Baggett and Wm. Odum was appointed to have charge of the work.

The committee was ordered to have the park "cleaned, decayed trees taken out and new trees planted and fertilizer spread over the grass."

In addition to seeing to the cleaning and beautifying of the park, the committee was also instructed to "work out some reasonable and superior system of not only caring for the park but also keep the town cleaned up that same may be more sightly and sanitary."

Beautification of the park will likely be completed by the time the "White Way" is installed by the West Texas Utilities Company and when the lights are placed around the park it will be one of the show places of this section.

## Utilities Co. Get In New Building Sunday Plan Formal Opening

The new office building and ice plant of the West Texas Utilities Company was officially opened Monday morning after the local force had moved into the new quarters over Sunday.

Otho Drake, local commercial manager, and Tom Onstott, plant manager, established their office quarters in the new structure Sunday, and this week is being spent in getting various fixtures installed and stock arranged.

In the near future it is planned to hold a formal opening at which the people of Crockett County will be invited to visit the new plant and inspect the building. Hand-some lighting fixtures have been installed in the new building, adding considerably to its appearance at night.

Work on the Ozona "White Way" will begin in the next few days, it was declared, and as soon as this is completed, the Utilities Company officials plan to hold a general opening and celebration here.

## Ozona's Missionary



Rev. E. A. Nelson, pioneer missionary to the Amazon Valley in Brazil.

Thirty-seven years ago Mr. Nelson began work in that vast section. So outstanding has his work been that he has earned for himself the title, "The Apostle of the Amazon." Mr. Nelson is being returned to his field by the Ozona Baptist Church. He was in Ozona in the Fall, speaking several times at the church and at the school, and many Ozona and Crockett County people learn to know him. To them in a peculiar sense, he is Ozona's missionary.

Mr. Nelson sails next month for Manaus, Brazil, his field of labor. He was forced to postpone his sailing Jan. 6 as had been planned, due to the illness of Mrs. Nelson, who will accompany him to Brazil. Mrs. Nelson visited Ozona with her husband last fall and is known and loved by all who met her. They are at present in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Robert Chiltern is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ralph Meinecke.

## Kersey Quits As Waterworks Head

Improvement Co. Offices Established In Davidson's Office

With the transfer on January 1 of the ice business in Ozona to the West Texas Utilities Company, the Ozona Improvement Company, a local corporation which has supplied Ozona with water, electric lights and power and ice for many years, was relieved of all of its duties with the exception of that of furnishing water, and J. R. Kersey, who has for many years been in active management of the business, has tendered his resignation effective February 1.

The office of County Judge Chas. E. Davidson, majority stockholder and president of the company, was being fitted up by carpenters this week in preparation for establishing offices of the Improvement Company there to handle the water business.

Miss Dixie Davidson will be in charge of the water company affairs in the future, Judge Davidson has announced, while he will exercise general supervision over the management of the concern.

For the present the company will continue to operate on the same basis as in the past. Several important improvements in the water service are contemplated as soon as operations get down to a settled basis. Among these contemplated improvements are the installation of electric power driven pumps, a new reservoir and possibly more wells, it was declared.

## Highline Crews Make Ozona Headquarters

Between 100 and 300 men, crews of the West Texas Utilities Company high line construction division, will make Ozona headquarters during the next four months, it is announced by officials of the first group of workers pitching camp here this week. The first crew has made camp just west of Mike Couch's grocery in the south part of town.

The crews are engaged in the construction of a high line between Ozona and Sheffield and when this line is completed will begin work on a line to Sonora from which place the line will be extended to Comstock. Ozona will be headquarters for the crews engaged in this work.

## HALF MILLION DOLLAR LAND DEAL CLOSED

Four Ozona Men Are Purchasers of Over 94,000 Acres

\$5 AN ACRE PRICE

147 Sections Of Pecos County Ranch Lands Change Hands

A deal involving a consideration of nearly a half million dollars was closed here Friday night whereby a quartet of Crockett County ranch men including J. C. Montgomery, Roy and Floyd Henderson and Walter Childress became the owners of 94,280 acres of land in Pecos County purchased from the Scharbrauer Cattle Company of Midland, Texas.

Each of the four men will get approximately 30 sections each out of the total of 147 sections, with approximately 30 sections purchased jointly by the four. The land is in an almost square block and the entire block was sold, the purchasers planning to dispose of the 30 sections purchased jointly.

The land was purchased at \$5 an acre, the total consideration in the deal amounting to \$471,400. With improvements that are contemplated by the purchasers, the total outlay will easily reach the half million mark. The deal was consummated through Otho Adams of the T. L. Benson Commission Co. of San Angelo.

The quartet of local ranchmen will be given possession of the land on June 1. Drilling of water wells and fencing will begin at once, however, and these improvements are expected to be completed by the time they take possession.

The land will be stocked with sheep and goats and cattle. For the present, however, Floyd Henderson is contemplating stocking his acreage with cattle only. That section is declared to be excellent for sheep and goat ranches, all land owners on the east and west of the tract being sheep and goat men at the present, it was declared.

The 147 square miles of land is located about 12 miles southwest of Fort Stockton and is declared by Pecos County ranchmen to be one of the best ranches in that county. It is declared to be one of the best watered ranches for cattle in West Texas. It has four wind mills that were on wells that were flowing when John Scharbrauer of the Scharbrauer Cattle Company purchased the land 23 years ago.

Mr. Scharbrauer has never found it necessary to drill a well in that time. There are 21 huge dirt tanks that never go dry. The land is strictly a grass and sotol range, with a big variety of grasses. It is a rolling country with lots of tillable land on wide valleys. Ranchmen in that area declare that they are seldom bothered by varmints.

The land is joined on the west by the Jim Mitchell, Allison and Gilbert and P. Seches; on the north by Pryor and the Scharbrauer University lease; on the east by Harrell, Stevenson, Lea and Serf and on the south by West & Pyle.

Messrs. Montgomery, Henderson and Childress will continue to retain their ranches in Crockett County but will also ranch their newly acquired land in Pecos County. They are all considered among the best ranchers in this section. This is one of the largest single deals ever completed here.

### DID YOU EVER HEAR A DUCK CACKLE

A duck lays eggs the same as a hen does, but doesn't advertise her product, so there are lots of folks who never eat duck eggs. Likewise, there are lots of merchants who should serve more customers but they advertise their wares no more than the duck.

Mrs. W. C. Easterling (Kuzn Klem) has returned from Alpine where she spent several days visiting relatives.

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**Friday Deadline On Auto License**

**Penalty Will Apply After That Date, Collector Warns**

The county tax collector's office is about the busiest place in town about this time of year. Automobile owners and taxpayers are wearing a trail to the courthouse to settle the annual bills with the government, registering automobiles for the new year and paying poll taxes and county and state property taxes.

Friday is the deadline on registration of automobiles for 1928. After that date, January 20, a penalty will be charged on all registrations and Sheriff Augustine and Deputy Cashier are urging that everybody pay their auto licenses before that time and avoid the penalty.

At 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon a total of 309 automobiles had been registered and 248 poll taxes had been paid. The big rush will come later, however. Mr. Cashier said, as the time limit draws to a close, poll taxes and property taxes may be paid any time up to midnight January 31.

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Write Mr. R. M., Box 31, Corpus Christi, Texas. —41-2c.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice Lynn went to San Antonio Wednesday. Mrs. Lynn will remain in San Antonio for about ten days while Mr. Lynn goes to Mexico on business.



by John Joseph Gaines, M. D.

**COMMITTING SUICIDE**

Any one who voluntarily ends his life voluntarily, by his own act, is a suicide. I believe that one who ends or shortens his existence shortly—perhaps unconsciously—commits the same unadvisable deed. I feel somewhere that civilization has added seven hundred articles of food to our overworked dietary! Think of it, in the face of the fact that the human body needs actually only a half-dozen! I feel sure that these seven hundred are only medications, mixtures, and adulterations of the few food-units required. In place of plain bread and butter, fruits and meats, we are eating distillates, fermentations, hashies and conglomeration, sugared pyramids, and highly dynamized temptations to depressed appetites, which wreak destruction by slow but certain stages on the bodies that are, from hour to hour, stuffed with them, suicide? I know of no better word to employ.

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If you want a good figure, healthy muscles, sound brain, and elastic step, cling to the simple diet and steady employment.

**Crockett Co. Band Plays March After Two Weeks Practice**

What is believed to be a record in band organization has been achieved by the recently organized Crockett County Band under the direction of Jack Nonce.

The band was organized in December but actual group practice with instruments did not get under way until early in January. After practicing in this manner but two weeks, the band was able to play the "Achievement March" through last week. Although this selection is fairly simple, Director Nonce was well pleased with the showing made by the boys in that short time. He plans to have them playing in public by the first of April.

Joe Oberkampff and Evert White were recently elected honorary members of the organization.

**REVIVAL NEXT MONTH**

A two weeks revival will begin Sunday, February 18, at the Church of Christ with Evangelist Horace W. Busby doing the preaching, according to announcement made this week by Elder Walter Cook, minister of the local church. The song service will be led by W. D. Everidge, Evangelist Busby has been coming to Ozona every year for seven years leading revival services and is very popular here. Record attendance is expected when the meeting opens.

**ATTENTION**

Guaranteed Frederick wave for \$10. Mrs. I. E. Cross.

The county well which supplies water for the jail, courthouse, etc., will soon be equipped with an electric motor for pumping. The Commissioners Court has ordered the installation of this equipment at the well to replace a gasoline engine used heretofore.

Tom Nolan was down from San Angelo on business Wednesday.

M. R. Showalter, former secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Berger, has been named justice of the peace at Crockett County's newest oil town, Grube. Mr. Showalter is attorney for the Marland Oil Co. John Swanberger has applied for appointment as postmaster at Grube.

Mrs. W. J. Grimmer was operated upon in a Temple hospital last Friday. Mr. Grimmer and her mother, Mrs. Chas. E. Davidson, left Thursday to be with her. She is recovering rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Montgomery and children, Willie Sue and Gene, were in San Angelo Saturday.

R. C. McCollum, former resident of Ozona, now of Alpine, was here transacting business and meeting friends this week.

**JOE OBERKAMPFF BUYS TWO CARS FURNITURE CHICAGO**

Joe Oberkampff has returned from Chicago where he spent several days buying an entire new stock of furniture for his Ozona store.

Mr. Oberkampff visited the Furniture Mart, a huge building in the heart of Chicago where the leading furniture manufacturers of the country show their latest creations. The local furniture man placed orders for two solid carloads of furniture which will begin arriving this week. Mr. Oberkampff was gone ten days.

**ATTENTION**

Guaranteed Frederick wave for \$10. Mrs. I. E. Cross.

Mrs. Charlotte Phillips was initiated into the order of the Eastern Star at the regular meeting of the Ozona chapter Tuesday night. There were about forty members present and the initiation ceremony was followed by a social meeting at which a chicken salad course was served. The assistant district deputy, Mrs. Alexander of Eldorado, was expected to be present, but was unable to come.

Mrs. M. M. Fulmer is confined to her home this week suffering from a severe cold.

**NOTICE**

All our pastures are posted. Any one caught trapping, hunting, and especially hunting with headlight, will be prosecuted. Chas. E. Davidson, Joe T. Davidson

**20 SECTIONS SOLD**

Twenty sections of land out of the E. M. Powell setate along the Sonora-Ozona road about 15 or 18 miles from Ozona have recently been sold. Mrs. Mallie M. Jones of San Angelo took six sections, Dr. A. W. Clayton of San Angelo five and Lee Henderson of Ozona, nine.

**Heavy Steel Ceiling Is Ordered For Jail**

A recent jail delivery in which a prisoner in the Crockett County jail tore through a sheet iron ceiling and to liberty through a skylight has prompted the Commissioners Court to take steps to prevent a recurrence of such an escape.

An order was passed at the court session this week providing for the installation of a heavy steel ceiling in the jail "placed solid with no means of exit to the rafters except by way of an opening from the stairway hall." The need for such an improvement at the jail was pointed out to the court by Sheriff Augustine.

**Sheep & Goat Men Endorse Bus Line**

**Executive Committee Instructs Secy. To Notify R. R. Com.**

The proposed through bus line from San Antonio to the Davis Mountains filling station to connect there with a line to El Paso received the endorsement of the Executive Committee of the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association of Texas at its called session here Saturday afternoon.

A resolution endorsing the line and asking that the Railroad Commission of Texas grant the application for a permit to operate the line, filed by the Union Bus Company of San Antonio, was passed unanimously by the committee, and the secretary was instructed to send a copy of the resolution to members of the Railroad Commission.

The proposal to establish the bus line from San Antonio along the Old Spanish Trail to El Paso has received enthusiastic support in every town along the route and it is believed that the Union Bus Company's application will be granted by the Railroad Commission without opposition.

Ozona Chapter No. 237 R. A. M. Meets first Saturday on or after the new moon each month.

MEET LODGE No. 747 A. F. & A. M. Meets first Saturday on or before each full moon. Ford Coates, W. M. Wayne West, Secy.

Harold Baker is here from Killeen where he is engaged in ranching.

**ATTENTION**  
Guaranteed Frederick wave for \$10. Mrs. I. E. Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Marbury Morrison are in San Angelo with Mr. Morrison's mother. Mrs. Morrison is convalescing from a recent operation.

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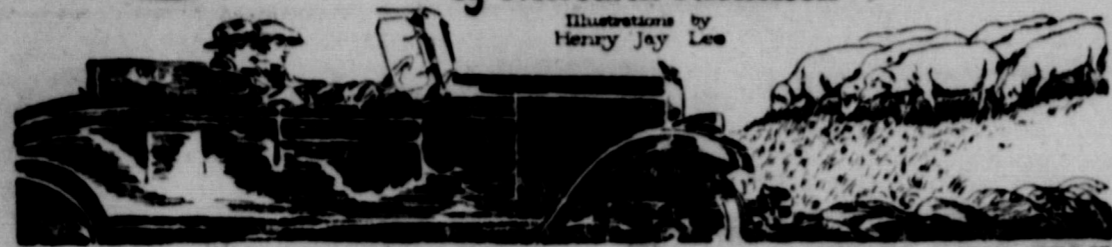
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# BLACKSHEEP!

By Meredith Nicholson

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### SYNOPSIS

Archibald Bennett, wealthy bachelor, travels constantly in the interest of his health. He meets Isabel Perry, who recommends a life of crime, adventure, romance and excitement as a cure for his nerves. Archie goes to Bailey Harbor to investigate a house for his sister, while there he has a pistol duel with an intruder and the intruder is wounded. To evade publicity he flees across country on foot. He is stopped at dawn by "The Governor," master-mind criminal, with whom he joins forces. At Cornford, N. H., Archie meets Isabel but is snubbed.

The Governor changes stolen money for good money. Archie is used as decoy in his schemes. Archie and Governor drive safely away and speed across state to deliver the \$60,000 to train robber Leary at Walker's farm, where Archie gets new insight into workings of crime world.

Walker's daughter asks Archie to help her elope with a young farmhand. He does so, taking the couple across the state on a wild night ride. Seeing Sally on the train he is rewarded with an ardent kiss and turns to find that Isabel has seen the whole scene.

Isabel is displeased at meeting Archie again and accuses him of spying upon her, telling him he has ruined everything. He returns to the hotel where he is found by the Governor the next morning. The Governor tells him he has aided Sallie to marry a diamond thief.

They go to New York to the Governor's home and meet the Governor's sister, Julia. Archie promises her to stick to the Governor.

Archie is witness to the kidnapping of Edith; he also learns that old Eliphalet Congdon is passing out counterfeit money. At Rochester he meets Isabel.

"In spite of my warnings you continue to follow me!" said Isabel when they were established in the supper room.

"Are we to have another row? I don't believe I can go through with it."

"No; for rows haven't got us anywhere. And Ruth whispered to me a moment ago to be very nice to you. While the gentleman on the other side of me is occupied we might clear up matters some."

"It's not in my theory of life to explain things; I tried explaining myself at Portsmouth and again at Bennington but you were singularly unsympathetic. Please be generous and tell me why you were skipping all over New England, darting through trains and searching hotel registers and manifesting uneasiness when policemen appeared."

"It occurred to me after the Bennington interview that I might have been unjust, but I was in a humor to suspect everyone. When you said you'd shot Putney Congdon you frightened me to death. Of course you did nothing of the kind."

"This is wonderful chicken salad," he said hastily. "I beg you to do it full justice. The people about us mustn't get the idea that we're discussing homicide. Now, to answer your question, I had shot Mr. Putney Congdon and in edging away from the scene of my bloodshed I was guilty of other indiscretions that made me chatter like a maniac when I saw you."

"My own nerves had gone to pieces or I shouldn't have flared as I did at Portsmouth and I was even more irresponsible when I saw you in that parlor car at Bennington. And please don't think that because I am showing you so much tolerance I am wholly satisfied that you weren't trying to thwart my own criminal adventures. When we met at Portsmouth I was trying to meet poor Mrs. Congdon somewhere to help kidnap her little girl!"

"Edith—a lovely child," Archie remarked, and picked up the napkin that slipped from her knees. He enjoyed her surprise.

"If I hadn't been warned by Ruth that you were to be trusted in this business I should begin screaming. How did you know the child's name? What do you know

about the Congdons?"

"Volumes! Let my imagination play on your confession. You were trying to find Mrs. Congdon and whisk the child away to your camp, when I ran into you. You had missed connections with the mother and thought I was trying to embarrass or frustrate you? I had troubles of my own and you couldn't have done me a greater wrong."

"Mrs. Congdon was in a panic, skipping about with the children to avoid her husband; but it was really her father-in-law who was pursuing her. Mrs. Congdon loves her husband and from what Ruth says he's devoted to her, but the father-in-law is a malicious mischief maker! I came here to meet Ruth, who is an old friend of hers, hoping she might be able to deliver the little girl to me undetected. I was to run with Edith as hard as I could for Heart O' Dreams, my girls' camp, you know, up in Michigan."

"How stupid I am! With a word you might have made unnecessary our two altercations! We have but a moment more, and I shall give you in tabloid form my adventures to date."

Of the Governor he spoke guardedly, finding that Isabel knew nothing about him beyond a shadowy impression she had derived from Ruth that he was a wanderer who had charmed her fancy. When he finished he said:

"We can't stay here any longer, I suppose; there's a young blade at the door looking for you now. Is there any way I can serve you?"

"Ruth has explained all that to Mr. Saulsbury by now. She felt sure that he would help; and, believe me, I have confidence in you."

Archie and the Governor walked back to the hotel in the best of humor. As they crossed the lobby the Governor suddenly slapped his pockets and walked up to the cigar stand. A tall man in a gray traveling cap was talking earnestly to the clerk, meanwhile spinning a twenty-dollar gold piece on the show case. The Governor purchased some cigarettes and while waiting for change nodded to the stranger who absently responded and began tapping the coin with the handle of a penknife.

"Not many of those things in circulation nowadays," the Governor remarked, thrusting the cigarettes into his pocket. The stranger carelessly inspected the two gentlemen in evening dress and handed the coin to the Governor.

"What d'ye think of that?" he asked.

The Governor turned the gold did to the light and then flung it sharply on the wooden end of the counter, where it rang musically. He handed it back with a smile.

"The real thing, all right! Wish I had a couple of million just like it."

"It's a good thing you haven't!" the man remarked with a grin.

"It doesn't seem possible we can lose!" he said when they reached their rooms. "There will be cross-currents yet; but a strong tide has set in, bearing us on."

"That chap was Dobbs, a Government specialist in counterfeiters, and that twenty-dollar piece

had almost the true ring, but not quite. The man who turned it out showed me the difference only yesterday, Perky? Certainly! He said Eliphalet Congdon had taken a bagful to pass on the unwary. The old boy had changed a lot of them in New England and the Government is not ignoring the matter."

"You don't think old man Congdon has been here lately?" asked Archie.

"Only a day or two ago! I picked that up while I was buying my magazine. Congdon bought some stogies at the cigar stand and changed that twenty. We're all loaded for Eliphalet, Archie. After you told me your kidnapping story, I telegraphed to Perky for all possible places where the old man might be. Perky has ranged the country with him and from his data we can keep tab on the old boy. Dobbs knows nothing of the kidnapping; it's the gold piece that interests him. I overheard enough to know we're on the right track. Eliphalet Congdon owns a farm in Ohio. Perky spent a month there boring out gold pieces. What we've got to do, Archie is to find the Congdon child and turn her over to your Isabel and my Ruth. A very pretty job, demanding our best attention."

"But we're not leaving here until—"

"You were about to say that we can't shake the dust of Rochester from our sandals before we've made our party calls. Alas, no! We shall not communicate with our ladies again. First we must justify their confidence in us and find the Congdon child. It's still the open road for us, Archie. Goodnight and pleasant dreams."

"The new car which the Governor

purchased proved to be a racer and he drove it with the speed of a king's messenger bearing fateful tidings.

"We ride for our ladies! Let the constables go hang!"

At Buffalo the Governor made earnest efforts to rent a yacht, without confiding to Archie just what use he expected to make of it. No yachts being on the market, the Governor set about hiring a tug, and did in fact lease one for a month from a dredging company, paying cash and the wages of the crew in advance, and reserving an option to buy. The Arthur B. Grover was to be sent to Cleveland and held there for orders. He might want to negotiate the lakes as far as Duluth, he told the president of the company, who was surprised and chagrined when the singular Mr. Saulsbury readily accepted a figure that was intended to be prohibitive.

"We must be ready for anything," he remarked to Archie.

"The signs point to a disturbance of great waters, and there's nothing like being prepared."

At Cleveland Archie's last doubt as to his mentor's connection with the underworld of which he talked so entertainingly was removed. Reaching the city at midnight the car was left at a garage downtown their trunks expressed to Chicago, and they arrived by a devious course at an ill-smelling boarding house. Here, the Governor informed him, only the aristocrats of the preying professions were

received.

Next morning Archie was dragged from the hardest bed he had ever slept in.

"No more scented soap!" cried the Governor. Here's where we get down to brass tacks and let our whiskers flourish!"

He threw a rough suit of clothes on a chair and bade Archie get into it as quickly as possible.

"We shall leave this thriving city as farm hands eager to step softly upon the yielding clod. We go by trolley a little way, and if you have never surveyed the verduous Ohio Valley from a careening trolley car you have a joy coming to you. But don't assume that we shall ride all the way; it's afoot for us, Archie! We shall be tramps seeking honest labor but awfully choosy about the jobs we take!"

The first night they slept in a barn, without leave, begged a breakfast and walked until Archie cried for mercy. At the end of the fourth day as they kicked their heels against the pier of a bridge that spanned the Sandusky, watching the stars slip into their places in the soft tender sky, the Governor's quick ear detected the step of a pedestrian approaching from the west.

"Unless we've missed a turn somewhere, that's Perky. A punctual chap; this is the exact time and place for our meeting, and he should bear tidings of interest in our affairs."

The man, who was dressed like a farm laborer, responded carelessly to the Governor's greeting, and swung himself to a seat beside him on the abutment.

"What news of the lamb in the pasture?" inquired the Governor.

"The little lamb is not happy. The father is expected tonight. I have orders to chop wood while he is on the reservation."

"The son is not wise to the metal trick and you drop into the backyard?"

"The true word has been spoken brother."

"The son has been long on the road. What caused him to linger?"

"A broken arm, so the old man has it; and repairs have been made in a hospital at Portland in the eastern sea."

"Is there work in the fields for willing hands? Shall we find wel-

come as laborers keen for the harvest?" asked the Governor.

"The slave driver weeps for lack of help and the pay is high. You will be welcome. When the sun makes its shortest shadow tomorrow you will sign papers for the voyage."

"Do I understand," Archie asked at length, "that tomorrow we're going to find jobs on Eliphalet's plantation and kidnap his granddaughter?"

"Much as I hate to anticipate, Archie, it's not only little Edith we're going to kidnap! We're going to steal the old man, too!"

### CHAPTER VII.

"I never saw a tramp yet that was worth his breakfast," snarled Grubbs, the foreman of Eliphalet Congdon's farm. "There's some old hats in the barn; shed them pies on yer heads an' try to look like honest men anyhow!"

After supper Perky strolled off in one direction; the Governor in another, and Archie, left to his own devices, fumed at this desertion.

An hour later, wandering idly about the premises, he stumbled into the Governor.

"Mooning? Perky and I have been smoking our pipes off yonder in the woods. He says old Eliphalet is more and more delighted at his work. The more he's delighted the better the sport for us."

"I don't see where the sport comes in!" said Archie testily. He resented his exclusion from the conference with Perky and said so.

"My dear boy, suspense is good for the soul; I'm merely cultivating in you the joy of surprise. The discipline of waiting will sharpen your wits, which is important, as I mean to honor you with considerable responsibility and leave you here when I depart, which will be tonight as dewy eve spreads her sparkling robe—"

"Leave me here! My God, man, I'm not going to be stranded in this wilderness!"

"Patience little brother and not quite so vociferous! This much I will impart; tomorrow morning Perky will whisper to Eliphalet that the Government is wise to the gold piece trick and that they are watched. Perky will throw a scare into him and then he'll advise him

to beat it, and the old chap will throw his arms around Perky's neck and ask for protection. And Perky, with a reputation for never deserting a pal, will seize him firmly by the hand and away they'll go. Next, I take the little girl into my care and start for the camp. You, Archie, will remain here to watch Mr. Putney Congdon. The part I am assigning you flatters your intelligence. You are to watch Putney Congdon and follow him when he leaves."

"Cut that rubbish and listen to me," said Archie, his voice quavering with anger; "you think I'm going to follow him? What if he stays all summer?"

"He won't," the Governor answered. "He's going to follow that child of his if it leads him to king-

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### EXPERT WATCH REPAIRING

I am now back home and am prepared to do your watch and clock repairing. I do the work in my study at the residence. Either take it there or leave it at Smith's Drug Store. 21 years experience at the bench. Walter Cook. Cook can fix that watch or clock—try him and see! —22-tfc

### POSTED—All my pastures are

posted. Anyone caught trapping, hunting, and especially hunting with headlights, will be prosecuted. J. Bert Kincaid. 36-10tp.

### POSTED—My ranch lands lying

in Crockett County. Trespassing without my consent positively forbidden. S. E. Couch. —29-tfc

### POSTED—My ranches lying in

Crockett and Val Verde Counties. Trespassing positively forbidden. T. A. Kincaid. —tfc

The regular meeting of the Ozona chapter of the Eastern Star will take place on the 3rd Tuesday night of each month.

### POSTED

All my pastures are posted. Anyone caught trapping, hunting, and especially hunting with headlights, will be prosecuted. Jones Miller. —34-9tp.



## For Thrifty Housewives

There is keen satisfaction in getting groceries at saving-prices—but the small saving is not worth-while if you are getting inferior products. That sort of economy is penny wise and pound foolish—for the health of your family depends upon good, wholesome food!

Our patrons know that Meinecke's stands for quality, satisfaction, service and low price, and that they can do no better than to make this store their regular headquarters for good groceries. If you do not trade here, let us convince you, too.

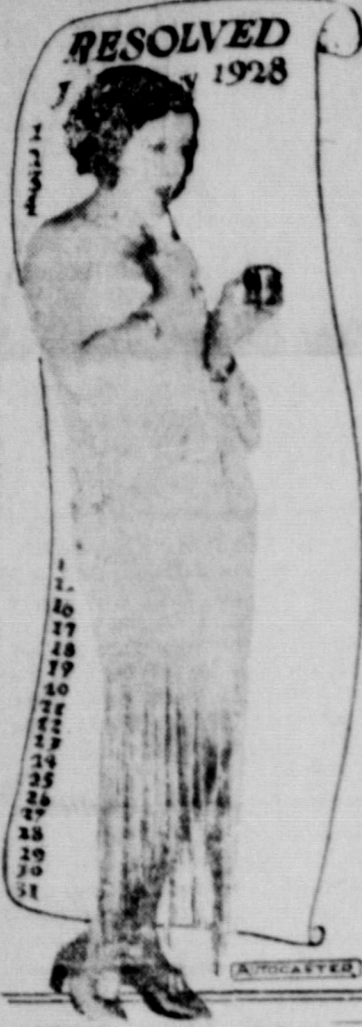
Phone us your order if it isn't convenient for you to shop personally. We will select your groceries with the same care you yourself would give to the order.

AND WE GUARANTEE SATISFACTION

# Chris Meinecke

The Store For Everybody

**Resolutions?**  
1928 is Leap Year



**CHRISTMAS ADVERTISING HABIT**

Gradually the American businessman is being educated to a point where he recognizes the value of newspaper advertising. There are, however, some who contend for ten months of the year that it does not pay in their instance and spend all their advertising money during the Christmas season.

This very fact should prove beyond a doubt that advertising does pay in their own business and that if they were as energetic advertisers throughout the entire twelve months of the year as they are during the last two that they could increase their sales considerably.

These merchants advertise at

Christmas time merely because they believe they would lose out on their share of holiday business if they did not use the newspapers to help sell their goods. In reality they have developed what might be termed a Christmas advertising habit.

Now the question arises, "If certain merchants keep from advertising ten months a year why should they advertise the other two?" There is probably no time of the year when goods sell themselves as they do at Christmas time. Prices are usually at the top notch during the holiday season and people are in the mood of buying. Therefore, why should it be the only time of the year to advertise?

The answer is that they do not understand the principles of advertising. They advertise because they believe there is more money to be obtained at Christmas time than at any other time, or they advertise because everybody else is advertising. They advertise for the moment only and never stop to think that advertising should be used as a method of permanently developing business.

The wise merchant, while he advertises and does so heavily during the holiday season, does not devote all of his publicity efforts to two months. He holds his own during Christmas season and then, when the holidays are over, he keeps right on advertising, taking up where the other fellow left off and making his advertising benefits permanent.

During the ten months that follow the holiday season the buying public is making purchases every day. It has to be fed, clothed, sheltered and amused. Generally speaking, more careful attention is given to every purchase than during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Therefore, the advertising placed during the normal ten months is more likely to develop permanent business friends than that which is placed to attract the spasmodic holiday trade. It would seem that the ideal condition for business would be to have a steady even volume throughout the entire year. Always having plenty for the employees to do, rather than several slow months and then overwork. The profits of a good holiday season can easily be lost in two succeeding months of poor business, so that the fellow

who spends a lot of advertising for the Christmas season and then quits has really accomplished little. Holiday advertising is a good thing. The fact that practically every merchant advertises at Christmas proves that it pays, but why limit all the advertising to the holiday season? If it will work at Christmas time it certainly will work at any other time of the year. People have to live twelve months a year and the institution which realizes this fact and sets out each

month determined to get all the business it can is the one that will succeed in the long run. And, to get its full quota of business each month no business can enlist the aid of a more efficient helper than newspaper advertising.—N. E. A. Bulletin.

**POSTED**

All our ranches in Crockett County are posted. Hunting and all trespassing positively forbidden.

**Quick Beauty . . .**  
**Quick Luxury . . .**  
**Quick Performance**  
*for only \$195*

You can buy a Buick closed car at prices as low as \$1195, f. o. b. factory. You can buy it on the liberal G. M. A. C. plan—with a moderate down-payment which may be taken care of by your present car in trade.

These prices mean maximum value, and in Buick you get real beauty—real comfort—real performance. You get the unrivaled value resulting from Buick's unrivaled production in the quality field.

Come in—see Buick—compare it with other cars of similar price—then let the facts decide you to buy Buick.

SEDANS \$1195 to \$1995 - COUPES \$1195 to \$1350  
SPORT MODELS \$1195 to \$1525

All prices f. o. b. Flint, Mich., government tax to be added. The G. M. A. C. financing plan, the most desirable, is available.

**BUICK**  
Wilson Motor Company  
Buick Sales and Service

OZONA

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den. W. R. & J. M. Baggett, 39-52c  
**Dr. J. A. Fussell**  
DENTIST  
Office At Court House  
Ozona, Texas

**ROBERT MASSIE**  
Furniture and Undertaking  
Business Phone—143  
Res. Phone—1606  
**FRED COX, MANAGER**  
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

**EXECUTORS' SALE**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Crockett.

We, the undersigned, Frederick Goldsmith, Walter M. Goldsmith, and Bernard A. Rosenblatt, as the independent executors of, and trustees under, the last will and testament of Hennie Goldsmith, deceased, also known as Henrietta Goldsmith, do hereby give public notice that on the

FIRST TUESDAY OF FEBRUARY, A. D. 1928, being the seventh day of said month, at the courthouse door of Crockett County, Texas, in the city of Ozona, between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m., we will offer for sale and duly sell, in solido, to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described lands and premises, owned by and belonging to the estate of said Hennie Goldsmith, deceased, also called Henrietta Goldsmith, situated in Crockett County, Texas, particularly described as follows, to wit:

Abst. No.	Cert. No.	Sur. No.	Original Grantee	No. of Acres
594	4649	39	I. & G. N. Ry. Co.	640
593	4648	40	I. & G. N. Ry. Co.	640
592	4647	41	I. & G. N. Ry. Co.	640
591	4646	42	I. & G. N. Ry. Co.	640
590	4645	43	I. & G. N. Ry. Co.	640
589	4644	44	I. & G. N. Ry. Co.	640
588	4643	45	I. & G. N. Ry. Co.	640
587	4642	46	I. & G. N. Ry. Co.	640
586	4641	47	I. & G. N. Ry. Co.	640
585	4640	48	I. & G. N. Ry. Co.	640
584	4639	49	I. & G. N. Ry. Co.	640
583	4638	50	I. & G. N. Ry. Co.	640
582 S. 7-8	4637	51	I. & G. N. Ry. Co.	560

Also an undivided one-fourth interest in and to section No. 88 1/2. 160

Also a like undivided one-fourth interest in and to the south half of Survey No. 71 1/2, containing 353 acres of land, more or less, certificate No. 1806 issued to John Oney; said one-fourth interest being. 88.25

Total acreage. 8,488.25

The lands herein advertised to be sold will be conveyed subject to all existing leases.

All and singular the lands and premises hereinabove described, will be sold in a body, and, after such sale, proper deeds of conveyance will be executed and delivered by the undersigned, as such executors and trustees, to the purchaser or purchasers of said property, granting and conveying to such purchaser or purchasers all of the right, title, claim and interest, owned by and belonging to said Estate of Hennie Goldsmith, deceased, in and to all of said lands and premises.

Witness our hands at Quaker Ridge, New Rochelle, New York, this the seventh day of January, A. D. 1928.

Frederick Goldsmith  
Walter M. Goldsmith  
Bernard A. Rosenblatt

As the independent executors of, and trustees under, the last will and testament of Hennie Goldsmith, deceased, also called Henrietta Goldsmith.

T. T. VanderHoeven and B. A. Greathouse, Texas Attorneys of said Executors and Trustees, 228 West Commerce street, San Antonio, Texas. 40-4c



Ready to Serve You  
**I-C-E**



**WE ARE NOW MAKING ICE REGULARLY IN OUR NEW OZONA PLANT --- GET IT AT THE PLANT OR WE DELIVER**

Solid, Clean Ice Made From Pure Distilled Water Safeguards Health

**PRICES**

Any Quantity Delivered Cash \$1.00 per 100 pounds — At the platform cash 80 cents per 100 pounds.

12 1/2 lb Delivery, 500 lb book, 95 cents per 100 lb — \$4.75 — 25 lb Delivery, 1000 lb book, 90 cents per 100 lb — \$9.00

50 lb Delivery, 2000 lb book, 85 cents per 100 lb — \$17.00

300 to 900 lbs., at 75 cents per 100 lbs.

900 lbs. and over at 70 cents.

**West Texas Utilities Company**

**That's Right, Uncle, Unleash Them** ————— **By Albert T. Reid**



## Dr. Frank Crane Says



### THE COLUMBIA BASIN

President Coolidge, in an address the other day, alluded to the effort of the Government to create new territory.

This is the true method of conquest. A lot better than going to war and subjecting another State it is to turn water on a desert and make a new State.

Mr. Coolidge said, "A waterway system for the Mississippi Valley and its tributaries with one arm reaching to the Gulf and another to the Atlantic is only a question of time. The Colorado River is pressing, the Columbia Basin is not far distant."

To many of my readers this phrase, the Columbia Basin, is a sort of also ran. I confess until recently it was to me.

But I am writing this in Spokane Washington, just a few miles from this basin and right here it is a subject of supreme interest. As far as that is concerned, it is of considerable interest to the whole country and not merely a local affair.

The Panama Canal fired the imagination of the world. Huge reclamation projects at various times have interested us and applied for aid to the general Government.

But this Columbia Basin project will be about the biggest thing we have ever undertaken and are ever liable to undertake.

It means a bringing into cultivation or a transforming from desert to thrifty farm lands about two million acres.

This can be done by merely utilizing dead waters which now run waste. Fortunately these waters are at a higher level than the irrigated land, so all that is necessary is the motive power of grav-

itation. It would mean, however, building some dams, making tunnels and constructing huge concrete-lined canals, and the project is so immense that nobody could take it up but the general government.

We hear a lot about the Colorado River and the Boulder Dam, but really this thing is bigger.

This country once was settled during what they call a wet cycle and 25,000 farmers lived in it.

But then came the drought and they all had to leave, for they couldn't raise crops on 7-inch rain falls during the year. Now the land is sand and sage brush.

The soil is wonderfully fertile, as it is probably the bottom of an old lake, and all it needs is water. With water they can raise two crops of potatoes a year and the finest potatoes in the world. They would have a climate even superior to Yakima for the raising of apples, and corn, wheat, and other midwest products could be grown in abundance.

The men who are pushing this thing are public-spirited citizens, for they will probably all be dead before the scheme could be brought into completion, as it will take probably 15 years.

Redeeming worthless land and making it productive is about the best business a Government can engage in.

### REVIVAL MEETING

The Church of Christ will begin a Revival Meeting on Feb. 18, and continue over two Sundays. Evangelist Horace W. Busby will do the preaching. W. D. Everidge will direct the song service. A hearty welcome extended to all.

Walter Cook, minister. 41-5tc

### P. T. A. PROGRAM

The P. T. A. programs have been of uniform high excellence this year. Another good program will be rendered Monday. Every one ought to attend this meeting. The theme is of practical importance in school and community and ought to be of interest to everyone.

3:15 p. m. Monday, January 23. Theme: The Citizen and His Community. Leader, Mrs. Joe Pierce.

1. Patriotic Songs—School.
2. Business Session.
3. Song—America.
4. Address—The Citizen and Citizenship Training—Rev. Fulmer.
5. Reading—The Building of the Ship—Expression pupil.
6. The Civic Activities which Parent-Teacher Associations may provide—Mrs. Joe Pierce.
7. The School's provision for Citizenship Training—Prin. Bishop.
8. Social half-hour.

### Our Practical Pattern

No. 1253



Fashion is doing such interesting things in the way of line and fabric treatments on afternoon frocks. Here, for instance, is the pointed line in yoke and skirt. Crepe satin in black, makes up this model using the crepe side for the blouse and the shiny satin side for yoke and skirt. Crepe Roma and velvet is another combination developed. Let us say, in beige crepe for the blouse and golden-brown velvet for yoke and skirt. This contrast of color and material is its own trimming, no other ornament being necessary, except the smart rhinestone buckle at neck and waistline.

May be obtained in sizes 16 to 44. Size 36 requires 3 1/2 yards of 40 inch material. Patterns will be delivered to any address upon receipt of 25 cents in cash or U. S. postage. Always mention size wanted. Address Pattern Department, This Newspaper.

### Nicaraguan Rebel Chief



A recent snap shot, just received at Marine Corps Headquarters, of General Augustino Sandino, leader of the revolutionists in Nicaragua. A number of marines have lost their lives in battles with the native troops under General Sandino.

**Blacksmith and Machine Shop**  
Wagon and Wood Work

**O. W. Smith**

Blacksmith & Machine Shop

Chas. Schauer recently bought 3100 head of mixed lambs from O. W. Parker. The animals were being trailed this week to Mr. Schauer's new ranch in Terrell County. The consideration was not made public.

Mrs. B. C. Flowers and son, Richard, will go to Temple Saturday where Mrs. Flowers will go through one of the clinics there for medical examination.

I am enlarging my music class and have places for a few piano pupils if interested. Phone 27 Mrs. M. M. Fulmer. 40 3tc

Miss Lilli Barr, your personal shopper, will be glad to send you any of these new Everfast material. Write her today.

## Baker-Hemphill's

San Angelo, Texas

### They Have Finally Arrived



We have talked to many, many women. But we have seldom, if ever, found one who did not give first consideration to fastness of color when buying wash fabrics. That is why we sell Everfast Wash Fabrics—and recommend them for every wash goods need.

If any Everfast Wash fabric that we sell fades, for any reason, we will refund not only the purchase price of the material, but the making cost of the garment as well!

In a most wonderful assortment of the New Spring Colors

- Everfast Playtime Prints, Pin Checks, Clock Checks, and solids. 59c
- Everfast Suitings, voiles and printed dimities 50c
- Everfast super voiles 89c
- Everfast Linens, poplin and imported madras 1.00



## When You Leave--

For a vacation or only over night, do you feel quite sure about the things you leave there—valuable papers, jewelry or other things which would attract a thief?

\$2.50 a year for the rental of a Safe Deposit Box will eliminate all worry.

### Ozona National Bank

## W. R. WALLACE

Contracting

Paints' Wall Paper, Oils, Varnishes, Glass, etc. Picture Framing.

# LAND, LEASES And ROYALTIES

List With Us — We Can Sell 'Em If Priced Right.  
T. L. BENSON

306 S. Chadbourne St.,

San Angelo, Texas

## "BLACKSHEEP"

dom come! If you want to see your Isabel again, follow Putney Congdon. You will of course be a model of discretion, but—

"Do you mean to say you'll tell him where you're taking the child?"

"I shal not of course spoil the joy of the kidnapping by taking Putney into my confidence, but after the child's well out of the way I shall send him a wire telling him where his daughter may be found—a gentle hint, but sufficient to tease his curiosity."

"You'll wire him where you're going when you haven't told me?"

"I'll just whisper the address in your ear and you'll do well to remember it. Heart O' Dreams Camp Huddleston, Michigan; post-office Calderville, Good-bye and God bless you!"

But the Governor's blessing failed to dispel the gloom that settled upon Archie as he crept thru the shed where the laborers were housed and found his cot.

The morning opened auspiciously with a raking from Grubbs, who finding that the Governor had decamped, most ungenerously held Archie responsible for his departure.

"Look here," he asked suddenly, "d'ye know anything about horses?"

"Oh, I've always been around horses," said Archie. "Guess I can handle 'em all right."

"Well, go to the barn and clean up the pony, and clap on a boy's saddle you'll find there; and there is a sorrel mare in the last stall on the left you can take. The old man's granddaughter wants to ride. I gotta waste a horse right now so a grown man can play with a kid! Guess all them Congdon's got something wrong with 'em! The old man's skipped this morning without saying whether he'd ever be back again—not only that, but he's took a scrub I was usin' as handy man on the place."

Archie set off stolidly for the barn. His appointment as groom-

for the daughter of Putney Congdon was only another ironic turn of fate. The child came running into the barn lot followed by the woman who had been a party to her abduction, and danced joyfully toward the pony. The woman, after watching for a moment or two, was satisfied that the groom was a master horseman and sat down on the grass by the gate to read.

Archie, in his anxiety to save the child from mishap, had given little attention to the traffic on the road until he awoke to the fact that the same touring car had passed twice within a short period—and it flashed upon him in a moment that this was either the Governor's New York chauffeur or some one who bore a striking resemblance to him. The woman's attention was wholly relaxed and she scarcely glanced up as he passed her. There could be no better opportunity for the seizure, as the laborers were widely distributed over the farm.

The gray-clad chauffeur passed again—this time in a more powerful car. He made no sign but Archie caught a glimpse of the Governor busily talking with a strange man. Convinced now that the Governor's plans were culminating and that the car was making their circuits of the farm to enable them to get their bearings, Archie awaited anxiously the next appearance of the machine. When at the end of a quarter of an hour it shot into view Archie was at the farthest point from the gate indicated by the woman as the range of Edith's exercise.

"That girth needs pulling up a little; let's dismount here," said Archie, drawing up under a tree at the roadside. The woman was deeply preoccupied with her book and apparently oblivious to the traffic on the road. Archie pretended to be having trouble with the saddle as he filled in the time necessary for the car to reach him. It passed the gate more rapidly than on previous occasions, but slowed down at once and a famil-

iar voice said:—

"Edith—Miss Edith Congdon," said the Governor, smiling. "Your mother wants you very much and I've come to take you to her. If you will jump into the car you will see her very soon. We must be in a hurry or that woman will catch you. You needn't have a fear in the world. Will you trust me?"

The child hesitated a moment—then glancing at the approaching woman with a look of fear—jumped nimbly into the machine.

(CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)

**METHODIST NOTES**

Last Sunday we had a very impressive service in the installation of the twenty-six teachers and officers of the Sunday School. The attendance was the best for some time, total in attendance being 150. What is to hinder us from reaching the 200 mark. There is a class that will just fit your needs and your children's needs. We need to know more about God's Word and God's way. Come and let's study his plan of life together.

Preaching Sunday Morning at 11 o'clock, subject "Adventures in Righteousness." Text, Job 15. Subject for Sunday night, "Seeking the Best." Text, Phil. 4:8.

Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9:45. Will Odum, Superintendent. Epworth League every Sunday night at 6:30. Mary Childress, President. The Woman's

Missionary Class in the Life and Letters of Paul, meets every Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. The pastor is teaching this class. Any one who cares to follow this study is welcome to attend the class.

J. H. Meredith, pastor.

**Baptists Adopt BYPU Graded Training Plan**

In order to carry on the work of training in Christian Service more efficiently, the local Baptist Church recently installed a full graded B. Y. P. U., or training service. Under the full graded plan there is a training service for every member of the church regardless of his age. The scheme of organization is similar to that of the Sunday School. A Director of BYPU is in charge, whose office corresponds to the superintendent of the Sunday School. He, with a secretary, pianist and song leader, make up the general officers.

The training service is divided then into unions or age-groups as follows: Primary, up to 8 years; Junior, 9 to 12 years; Intermediate, 13 to 16 years; Seniors, Adults. These latter are not divided on the age basis but by congeniality. Thus there is a place for every one. Friends of the church are cordially invited to visit the B. Y. P. U. and take part in one of the organizations.

The general officers with the leaders of the groups are as follows:

Mrs. Earnest Dunlap,  
Leader of Intermediates, Mrs. M. M. Fulmer,  
President of Senior Union, E. B. Lumpkin,  
President Adult Union, Mrs. W. S. Willis.

Director, (temporary) M. M. Fulmer.  
Secretary, Mrs. Bruce Galyon.  
Chorister, Mrs. L. L. Bewley.  
Pianist, Mrs. M. M. Fulmer.  
Leader of Primary and Juniors,

**Monday & Tuesday**  
RAYMOND GRIFFITH  
in  
**"TIME TO LOVE"**  
The high hat comedy king in another scream. The merry tale of a fellow who played dead and returned as his spirit to keep you in spirit.

**Wednesday**  
Warren Oland  
in  
**"WHAT HAPPENED TO FATHER"**  
An uproarious comedy depicting the doings of a well-meaning, middle-aged gentleman backstage at a Broadway musical show.

**Thursday & Friday**  
Jack Daugherty, Blanche Mehaffey and Tom O'Brien  
in  
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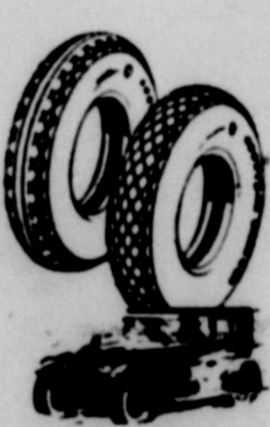
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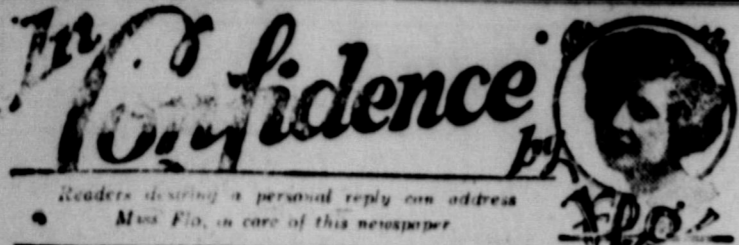
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Dear Miss Flo:

I am engaged to a young man who was engaged to another girl before he met me. The engagement was broken off and my fiance tells me that he has forgotten all about the other girl. Just the same, I find that I am quite jealous of her. Do you think a man ever forgets an old love affair? Do you think I should let things that happened before we met bother me?  
E. W.

My dear, every man in the world has had at least one love affair before he finally married—and most of them have had anywhere from two to a hundred!

Of course, it is natural for every woman to want to be the first in the heart of the man she loves—but you certainly are looking for trouble if you lie awake at night worrying over a puppy love affair which your sweetheart undoubtedly has forgotten.

The only thing with which you should concern yourself is being the last woman in his life—and you aren't off to a very good start if you are jealous already—for jealousy is not conducive to a long and happy married life.

As for a man's ability to forget an old love—why, that is the easiest thing he does.

Dear Miss Flo:—

I am eighteen years old and my parents are trying to force me to marry a man thirty years old—because he has money. I do not like him, but they are making my life so miserable I am afraid I will have to marry him to get away from home. What can I do? D. L.

You are much too young to think of marriage for three or four years—but regardless of your age, never marry a person you do not love even to satisfy your parents. It is a sacrifice they should not ask you to make—for it can bring nothing to you but unhappiness. I am afraid, my dear, that your parents are very selfish. Otherwise, they would not ask you to give up all those things most parents desire for their children—youth, good times, young friends, and finally, love and a happy marriage.

In this regard, it would be most unwise of you to follow their dictates. Remember—no matter what happens—you do not have to mar-

ry any one, unless you choose. It may require considerable strength of character to continue to refuse their demands—but in the end it will save you much greater misery than you will experience at home due to your refusal to marry a man you do not care for.

Dear Miss Flo:—

I took a girl to an affair recently and as she lived some distance from town, I did not take her home. Since then she will not go out with me. Don't you think she is unreasonable.  
J. J.

I most certainly don't think she is unreasonable. It was not very chivalrous of you to let the young lady go home by herself. If she didn't live too far away for you to take her to the affair, it certainly was your duty to see her safely home. You failed her at a time when she relied upon you, and she has every right in the world to be angry. Perhaps you can square yourself with her by admitting you were in error.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Kincaid left for Ogden, Utah, Tuesday. Mr. Kincaid is a member of the board of directors of the National Wool Growers, the only representative from Texas, and is attending a meeting of that body.

**Crew At Work On Smoothing Street**

Highway Dept. and Co. Join Forces In Fixing Stretch

Crews of workmen under the State Highway Department and Crockett County started Monday morning on the work of completing the grading and clearing of the block on Broadway in front of the new West Texas Utilities building, left torn up after the foot of the hill had been blasted away to level the street.

Several trucks of the State Highway Department were on the job this week with a crew of laborers loading them with loose rock and dirt. The county had its tractor and plow at work loosening the rocks and dirt so that it could be loaded. The street when finally completed will be smoothed down, graded and leveled. It is understood that the Methodist Church is contemplating putting down a sidewalk in front of its building when the street is cleared to its proper level.

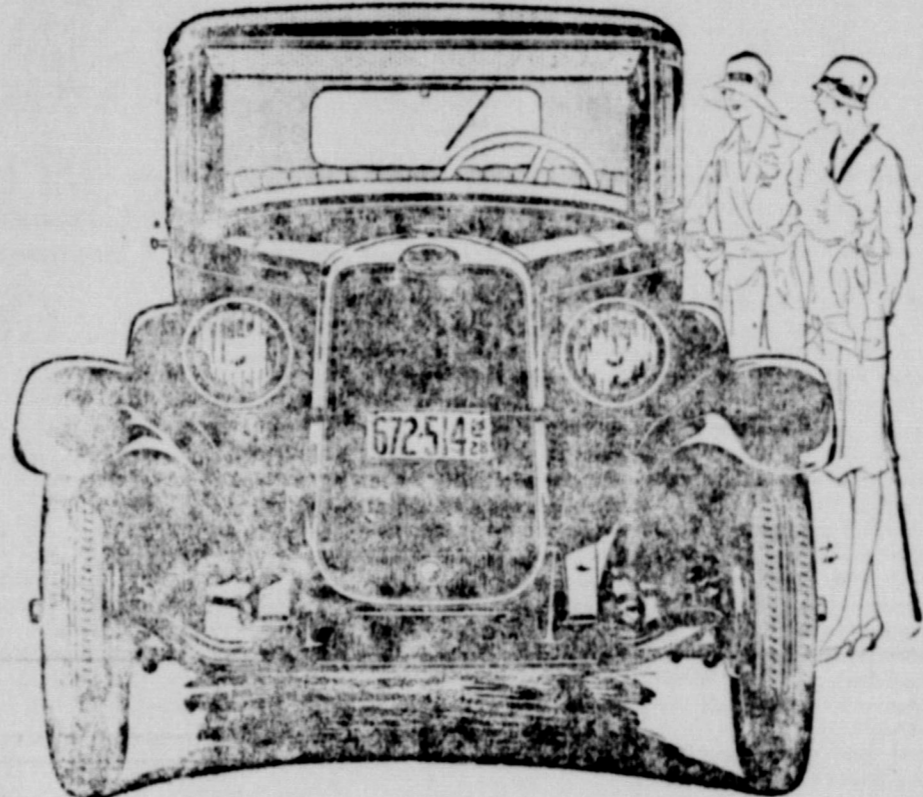
Mrs. J. W. North entertained the Sunflower Club at the new and attractive home of her mother, Mrs. G. L. Bunger, Monday afternoon. A delightful dessert course was served at the close of four games of bridge Mrs. Evert White was awarded the prize for high score, a pair of candle sticks, and Mrs. Tom Smith won cut prize, a bridge cover.

Those present were Mesdames, Tom Smith, Joe Pierce, Joe Oberkamp, Lee Childress, Ralph

Meinecke, Robert Chiltern, Joe Weaver, Nelson Hawkins, Evert White, Hillery Phillips, Massie West, Tommy Hunter, Welton Bunger, Rice Lynn, and Misses Emma Lou Phillips, Hester Bunger and Vivian Baggett.

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**Stockmen To Oppose 1928 Differential**

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Mr. Cleary gave some figures on improvements made by the Orient in 1927 and outlined the proposed budget for 1928. A total of over \$19,000 was spent during the last year in improving these facilities, he declared, and of that amount approximately \$17,000 was spent in building new pens at Barnhart.

For 1928 the road proposes to spend \$32,882.30 for new equipment, pens, tracks, etc. for the better handling of livestock shipments west of San Angelo, the livestock agent declared. Of this amount, \$3,860.95 has been set aside for repairs. At Rankin an entirely new layout will be necessary. The town has grown so much that the pens have been closed in, making it almost impossible for shippers to reach it with their stock. In addition to this, the pens have almost been wrecked. The Orient proposes to buy a new plot of ground and move the pens further out of town, construct a new track and build new pens. At Big Lake approximately the same condition exists. These two items alone will cost over \$26,000. Repairs at Girvin, Fort Stockton and Alpine will cost over \$2,000.

The 1928 budget for the Orient calls for ballasting of approximately 147 miles of track west of Big Lake, Mr. Cleary declared. During 1927, the road put in some 600,000 new ties and will likely put in that many more during the present year.

"We propose to give you a real railroad," Mr. Cleary declared. "In four or five years more the Orient will be a railroad of which you will be proud."

Mr. Hargrove pointed out that unless the differential stands for another year, the road will have to rob some other budget to make the necessary improvements on livestock shipping facilities or else not make them.

The livestock differential, which has been granted the Orient without opposition from livestock men in this territory for the past two years, amounts to approximately \$9 a car on sheep and goats. It applies to shipments originating at points between San Angelo and Alpine and destined for inter-state transportation or consigned to points on other railroads.

The Orient has made application to the Railroad Commission of Texas for an extension of the differential another year, and it was pointed out to the executive committee that if the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association endorsed the plan, that the application would be granted by the Railroad Commission without a public hearing. He indicated, however, that if the producers oppose the differential, that a public hearing will be ordered and the matter will then rest with the Commission.

After the retirement of the railroad officials, the matter was placed before the executives in the form of a motion made by Judge J. A. Whitten of Eldorado that the committee grant the Orient the privilege of extending the differential another year.

In the discussion that followed, however, it was apparently the sense of the committee that the Orient is now in good enough financial condition to make this additional charge unnecessary and that it is now doing sufficient business to take care of the needs outlined without levying this additional tax on the livestock shippers.

"The livestock men have coddled the Orient all these years and now that it is prospering, doing as well as the stockmen in fact, we feel that it is time it should paddle its own canoe," one committee member declared.

Members of the executive committee present for the meeting were President T. A. Kincaid, Ozona; Secretary N. W. Graham, Ozona; V. A. Brown, Rocksprings; Roy E. Aldwell, Sonora; J. Tom Baker, Ft. Stockton; S. S. Bundy, Roosevelt; Ed Downie, Sanderson; Jess Koy, Eldorado; Sol Mayer, Sonora; O. L. McNealy, Rocksprings; Sam M. Ogelsby, Mertzon; J. A. Whitten, Eldorado, and Walter Spears, inspector.

**Friday The 13th Holds Charm For O. Adams**

Friday the Thirteenth holds no terrors for Otho Adams, former Ozona boy who is creating a sensation in West Texas as a salesman with the T. L. Benson Commission Co. of San Angelo.

It was on Friday the Thirteenth of January that he closed a deal amounting to nearly a half million dollars and involving the purchase by a quartet of Crockett County ranchmen of 94,286 acres of land in Pecos County, one of the largest land deals ever made here.

In fact, Friday seems to be Otho's lucky day, on any old date in the month. It was on Friday that he completed the deal for the purchase by J. J. North and John Bailey of the J. E. Moore ranch in Terrell County.

Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Coates were in San Angelo Saturday.

**"Pioneer Woman"**



The winning model by Bryant Baker, noted sculptor, for the \$300,000 monument to "The Pioneer Woman of America," to be erected by E. W. Marland, president of the Marland Oil Company, Ponca City, Okla. The monument will be 30 feet high. Inset shows Mr. Baker.

**Scouts Sell Flags For Decoration Of Business Section**

More than 40 American flags mounted on 10-foot poles were sold by members of local Boy Scout troops this week to business men for decorating the downtown section on holidays and special occasions.

Purchase of the flags included the drilling of a hole in the sidewalk and the sinking of an iron pipe which holds the flag pole in place. The Scouts realized a small profit from each flag and in addition will provide for patriotic observance of holidays locally.

Mrs. C. C. Coates was operated upon in a Temple hospital last week and is recovering.

**About Your Health**  
Things You Should Know



by John Joseph Gaines, M. D.

**Prevention of Colds**

To prevent a cold at this season of the year, is, possibly, to prevent a much more disastrous illness; colds lead to serious diseases, especially when neglected; a chronic cough may develop, to last all winter; a chronic throat is usually inaugurated by the common cold. Pneumonia is too often a consequence, hence my topic is timely.

The proper time to fortify against making cold is, right now. No delay is permissible. Our everyday task should be supplemented by sane precautions against disease. At this time of the year, taking cold is the foremost thing to be dreaded, even if the attack be a mild one.

First of all, don't overload the stomach. To eat more than the digestion can dispose of, is the surest way of inducing feebleness of the body; and disease does not appear, as a rule, unless on a system in some way weakened in resisting power. The "run-down" constitution is the waiting host for infection.

Then drink plenty of pure water. At least two glasses should be taken on rising each morning, hot or cool, as preferred. Eight glasses of water daily keeps the ashes of the body-fire moving toward elimination. It is a good practice to take a good drink of cool water just before starting on a trip in the wintry air,—it renders the throat and mouth fit for the dash of much colder air outside.

Keep the surface of the body, and especially the feet—warm. To keep the head cool, the feet warm, and the bowels open, is advice as old as the hills, but it is as sound today as it ever was. And lastly, don't worry. A contented, capable nervous system is one of the best safeguards against disease that I know of. I would mention clothing, more specifically, but you wouldn't obey—so there!

Next Week—Winter Mornings

**Scenes in S-4 Tragedy**



Above is shown a general view of the funeral procession of Lieut. Commander Roy K. Jones, late commander of the Submarine S-4, sunk in collision with the Coast Guard Destroyer Paulding. Lower view shows the Board of Inquiry chosen by Secretary of the Navy Wilbur to investigate the S-4 crash. Seated, left to right, are: Rear Admiral Julian L. Latimer, Rear Admiral Richard H. Jackson and Capt. Joseph V. Ogan. Standing is shown Commander Leslie Bratton, Judge Advocate of the Board.



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