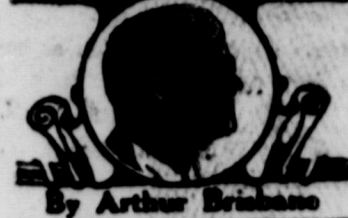


This Week



By Arthur Brisbane
**THE AVERAGE FARMER.
KNOW YOURSELF, ADD 10 YEARS
AN EXPENSIVE SPANKING.
O. H. KAHN, WISE FATHER.**

How would you like to be the average American farmer? His farm is 315 acres. His investment \$16,308. His average net return for 1926 was \$1,133.

He could make more than that driving a street car, getting regular sleep, not worrying about weather, lame horses, sick cows, rust on wheat, bugs on potatoes, blight in the orchards, etc.

The puzzling question is why is a farmer?

More important to millions of Americans, cotton has gone to a new high price for this year, three times on three consecutive days.

When cotton, not long ago, sold at half today's price, this writer said to Mr. Clarence Dillon, ingenious New York financier: "Buy yourself plenty of cotton and you will make a great deal of money."

Dr. Sherman, of Columbia University, shows that man's "vital years" can be increased by the right diet. Efficiency can begin earlier and last longer if men eat enough of the right things. Chemistry applied to diet will soon add ten years to the working period of human life.

Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, whose conversion of sinners proves her inspired, fights as well as the converts. Her former choir leader, Mr. Nichols, says: "Confess what really happened when you were supposed to be kidnaped." Mrs. Aimee Semple replies: "I told the truth, walked in the light, and you are only looking for advertising, which you need." There is nothing like courage to take you through. Mrs. Aimee has it.

In Washington, Mrs. Fader spanked her three-year-old son, Bruce, because he would climb the White House iron fence. During the spanking her \$3,000 diamond bracelet flew off and was lost. Bruce saw the bracelet in the air but, busy with his spanking, said nothing. Whipping children causes greater loss than that of any bracelet when it destroys the child's affection and respect for parents.

Another American, Lieutenant C. C. Champion, Jr., of the Navy, sets another flying mark. He is believed to have broken the world's altitude record.

He fought a temperature 90 degrees below zero and his plane caught fire. An ambulance rushed to meet him, found him grinning instead of dead as was expected.

Our atmosphere is 500 miles high, or deep, so thin at the top that a feather would not float in it. How high up will men go? Will they be astronomers looking through thinner air at the universe outside of us?

Lieutenant Champion's estimated altitude of 47,000 feet is questioned. He says he will go up again and higher.

Mr. Chamberlin, Atlantic flier, will try something new in commercial shipping-aviation. In a little sport model biplane he will fly from the deck of the steamship Leviathan, showing how passenger and mail transportation can be speeded up by flying from big ships as they near port.

Soon flying machines will cross the ocean more safely than boats do now, and in one-fourth of the time. Then a combination steamship and plane will seem strange, but it is a useful transition now.

A wise father lets his son do what he wants, within reason, for what a boy wants to do is usually what he can do best.

One of his boys liked music and wanted to lead a jazz band. Mr. Kahn said: "Go ahead and lead it." He knew the jazz band fit would not last long.

Now, young Mr. Kahn, nineteen years old, has taken to flying, is his own pilot, and skipper. That does not make his father and mother sleep more soundly, probably, but Mr. Kahn says, "Go ahead and fly."

UTILITIES CO. POWER TURNED ON HERE SUN.

Improvement Co. Pulls Switches at 5 P. M. Hi Line Tapped

STILL MAKING ICE

Local Co. To Continue Ice Plant Until New Building Finished

After serving the people of Ozona with electric current for light and power for a little over 21 years, the Ozona Improvement Company pulled its electric switches at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon and local circuits were switched over to current from the high line of the West Texas Utilities Company.

The change was made without interference with service except on one or two circuits where service was not completed until Monday morning.

The construction crew of the Utilities Company has about completed the work of stringing new wiring over the town. New poles have been put in along all circuits and practically all of the primary wiring has been done. It is estimated that a week or so longer will be required to get everything in shape, new wires strung to houses where it is required, and the rest of the lines constructed and all connections made.

With transfer of the electrical burden to the West Texas Utilities Company, the big generators of the Ozona Improvement Company were stopped and the power that had been used to turn them was diverted to pumping water and making ice.

The Improvement Company, which carried the burden of furnishing electrical current until the Utilities Company could complete its line to Ozona, will continue to furnish Ozona people with ice until the West Texas completes its office building and ice plant to be erected across the street from the Methodist church. A ten-ton capacity ice manufacturing plant is to be installed by the Utilities Company, with possibilities of enlarging the plant indefinitely to take care of local needs. As soon as this building is completed, the Improvement Company will shut down its ice making machines and return to the duties performed by the first plant erected on the hill, when Ozona was in swaddling clothes, furnishing water to Ozona homes and business houses.

The Ozona Improvement Company was granted a charter in June, 1906, as a light and water and ice making plant. The company was organized with a capital stock of \$25,000, of which \$21,000 was paid in. The water works plant located in the same spot as the present plant, was then owned by an individual. The company purchased the plant and installed a small generator and ice making machine which was used ten years. In 1917 the company purchased new machinery and doubled the capacity of the plant and again in 1924 the plant was doubled to keep pace with the growth of Ozona.

The demand for modern conveniences made by the people of Ozona prompted organization of the Improvement company and the establishment of the power and light and ice plant. The owners of the water plant at that time did not feel able to put in machinery for generating electric current and making ice. A group of local community leaders, including Judge Chas. E. Davidson, Pleas Childress, the late L. B. Cox, S. E. Couch and other old-timers secured sufficient stock subscriptions and organized the company to take over the plant Judge Davidson, at the time of the sale to the West Texas Utilities Company, was the majority stockholder and a director in the company. The company has had rough times at times, but is responsible for Ozona people enjoying the benefits of modern electrical ap-

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Crockett County Drilling Active

25 Feet Of Oil In No. 2 Schaffer; Henshaw Spuds Test

Twenty-five feet of oil in William Schaffer and others' No. 2 University at 2,229 feet and the spudding of Henshaw Oil Corporation's No. 1 Noelke and Murphey have been among latest developments in the continued search for oil in Crockett county. About a dozen other tests are active.

The Schaffer No. 2 University is shut down. At 2,196 feet oil rose thirty feet in the hole and yielded a couple of barrels. There was a little gas. The salt was topped at 1,060 feet. The wildcat is 1,350 feet north and 2,610 feet east of the southwest corner of section 9, block 47, University land. Schaffer and others' No. 1 University has been shut down after being shot with ten quarts from 2,170-95 with out results. It was drilled to 2,344 feet and plugged back to 2,208 feet.

Henshaw No. 1 Noelke, just spudded, is 660 feet south and east of the northwest corner of section 10, block PP, TC Ry. Co. survey, A5, 148. The rigs are up for Corbett & Gill's No. 1 J. S. Todd and their No. 1 University in section 17.

P. H. Williams' No. 2 Powell, 510 feet west of his No. 1 Powell, was drilling late in the week at 1,675 feet in hard lime. It topped the salt at 1,355 feet. Williams No. 3 Powell continues to pump around 630 barrels daily, approximately one-third the county's total production. Humble's 2B Powell is swabbing 60 barrels daily from 2,685 feet. Humble's 3B Powell, offsetting Williams No. 1 Powell on the north has drilled to 2,200 feet in red sand. Kirby and Taylor-Link No. 1 Powell has drilled to 1,880 feet in gyp and red rock. It topped the salt at 1,050 feet.

Gulf No. 2D Powell has drilled to 890 feet in red rock. J. K. Hughes No. 2B Powell is cleaning out at 2,535 feet. Marland-Wallace No. 1 Pierce is shut down at 1,365 feet. J. F. McManmons No. 1 Joe Blakey is drilling a water well. V. T. Bolins No. 1 Coates is shut down at 2,110 feet. George Anderson and Marland No. 1 University has drilled to 1,325 feet in lime.

Gulf No. 1 Thompson, offsetting Allsman and Bell's Pecos river bed producer on the east, was drilling late in the week at 365 feet. Eppenauer and others' No. 1 W. T. Noelke is shut down at 70 feet for a National machine.

CROCKETT COUNTY GETS NEW LOCATION FOR TEST

Crockett County gained one of seventeen new locations for oil tests in the West Texas area made during the past week. The World Oil Company expects to spud in a 3,000 foot test within sixty days on the Sarg farm, section 50, block BB, E. L. and R. R. survey, 2310 feet from the north and 2310 feet from the west lines of the section, according to reports.

Joe Oberkampfs Outsprints Fox In

And He Says It Wasn't Greyhound Liquor

Midnight Race On Del Rio Road

Faith is said to be so potent that it will move mountains, but it takes even more than that to make a fat man run down a full grown fox on a country road at midnight.

Whether Joe Oberkampfs had faith or something else, only he can tell, but the fact remains that on his way back from Del Rio Sunday night he caught sight of a fox in the road ahead and after chasing the animal a while in his car, he dismounted from his iron steed and raced the fleet footed fox on his own "dogs"—and finally picked ole Erer Fox up—exhausted—both of them.

Joe didn't expect his friends to believe this story, just from telling it, but he supported it

Flying School' Marm



Miss Mildred Doran, pretty Michigan school teacher, who is one of seven of the Dole flight aviators lost in the Pacific as a result of the first trans-oceanic air race from California to Honolulu. Miss Doran was a passenger on the ill-fated ship bearing her name.

Hauling Dirt From Broadway

Fair Assn. Makes Rapid Progress In Repairing Track

The bump in Broadway in front of the new Methodist Church, caused by the nose of the hill protruding into the street at that point, was gradually becoming lower this week as shovel crews and trucks were put to work hauling away the soil and rock loosened by the blasting crews from the West Texas Utilities Company.

The loosened dirt and rock is being loaded by the county and hauled away by the Crockett County Fair Association, the latter using the material to reconstruct, level and lengthen its race track at its grounds east of town. Rapid progress is being made on the north end of the track, with this abundance of filling material available and fair officials declare that the work on that side will be completed in a short while. As soon as the work of raising the north end is completed, workmen will be placed on the south end, to blast out the track on that end to make the whole half-mile circle as nearly level as possible. When leveled, the whole track will be surfaced with loose dirt, roled and packed to make it one of the best race tracks in West Texas.

More dirt and rock than the fair association will need is being loosened from the street, and it is indicated that the county will use the balance of the material not used by the fair association to repair its roads. Low places in the roads near here which form bog holes in rainy weather will be filled in and other repairs made with the material.

Good Crowds At Cooking School

Between 20 and 0 Hot-point Electric Ranges Sold Here

Joe Oberkampfs store has been crowded every afternoon this week from 3 to 5 o'clock for the Hot-point electric range demonstration and cooking school being conducted by Miss Stella Floyd, assisted by Mrs. C. V. McCamey, for the West Texas Utilities Company. Ozona women have taken advantage of the school and from 100 to 200 have been on hand every afternoon. Valuable electrical appliances have been awarded each afternoon in addition to the interesting demonstration and cooking school.

Between 20 and 30 ranges had been sold Wednesday, according to Otho Drake, who is to be local manager of the Utilities Company and who has been assisting in the sale of ranges. Louie Hoffmaster, range specialist of the Southwest General Electric Company at Abilene, has been in charge of sales here and has delivered short talks on the ranges at the close of the cooking school each afternoon.

Producers Win In Rate Fight

Sheep And Goat Men Get Reductions In Freight Rates

After a strenuous fight that had its beginning in January 1926 the sheep and goat producers of south west Texas have come out victorious in securing reduced rates on shipment of sheep and goats in double-deck cars from Texas to the Missouri River and east of that point. The new rates are on the basis of 3 1/2 cents higher than rates on cattle. They went into effect July 27.

The reduced rates were secured through informal negotiations with the carriers, according to a report submitted to President T. A. Kincaid of the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association of Texas, by A. H. Priest, traffic manager of the Livestock Traffic Association of Fort Worth.

Great importance, aside from the actual saving in rates, is attached to the new rates by Mr. Priest, who points out that they will likely prove the means of opening up new business territory for Texas producers. Nebraska, the largest sheep feeding state in the union, has been practically barred from doing business in Texas on account of the relatively higher rate to that section. It was grouped with Chicago, when it should have been grouped with the lower Missouri River markets or a trifle higher, as under the new adjustment, according to Mr. Priest.

As a comparison of the damaging effects of the old rate, figures show that Texas only shipped 4,306 sheep to Nebraska last year as compared with 175,971 head to Missouri and 57,157 head to Colorado, while Nebraska feeds more than both of the other states combined.

The savings under the new rate will amount to savings of as high as \$90 per car to shippers in the territory, it is estimated.

West Texas Utilities To Carry Full Line Of Electrical Appliances

A full line of the finest electrical appliances on the market will be carried by the West Texas Utilities Company in its show rooms in the handsome office building and ice plant to be erected here, according to Paul McNabb of the commercial department of the company, who was here Tuesday in connection with the entrance of the company here.

A beautiful show room similar to that maintained in the offices of the concern in its building at San Angelo will be included in the

1ST MOVEMENT SPRING LAMBS BRING 11 CTS.

Alvin Harrell Sells 162 Head Averaging 76 Pounds

WEST-CARSON SELL

2600 Head Contracted By Waye & Massie West, Ira Carson

A small bunch of spring mutton lambs averaging 76 pounds in weight and bringing a price of 11 cents a pound were loaded at Barnhart the end of the week by Alvin Harrell of Ozona.

There were 162 head in the shipment, consigned to Tjadin, who has bought considerable stuff in this section for northern feeders. Mr. Tjadin recently purchased 1800 head of lambs from Lee Aldwell of Sonora, 800 tops at 11 1/2 cents and 1000 head at 11 cents. Both of these deals were made through Otho Adams of the T. L. Benson Commission Company of San Angelo, Ozona and Sonora.

Harrell's shipment was the first reported movement of Crockett County lambs this season. The excessive weight of the animals was due to the fact that they were early lambs, and had plenty of range room, ranchers indicated.

Approximately 2600 head of muttons were sold the first of this week by Wayne and Massie West and Ira Carson, all of Ozona, to Womby of Fort Worth. The price is reported to have been 10 cents. Delivery is to be made about the first of September.

In numbers, the spring lamb crop this year will be approximate ly the same as that of last year, according to prominent ranchmen. The weight, however, it is declared will be approximately five pounds below the average for last year.

Jones Miller Attends Bell Co Encampment For Nineteenth Time

Mr. and Mrs. Jones Miller have just returned from attending the annual Nolanville Christian Encampment at Nolanville, Bell County, which has been held in the same tabernacle at that place for forty consecutive years.

This year's encampment was the nineteenth that Mr. and Mrs. Miller have attended in the last twenty years. They started going back for the encampment twenty years ago and in that time have missed only one year. The encampment starts every year the Friday night before the first Sunday in August.

Mr. Miller and family came to West Texas from Bell County and have many friends in that section.

"I met lots of boyhood friends again," Mr. Miller said, "boys and girls of a half century ago with whom I attended school, now gray haired men and women. After all these years they don't seem like just friends any longer, they seem more like brothers and sisters," he added.

FORMER OZONA WOMAN TO ESTABLISH BEAUTY PARLOR

Mrs. Lessye Daly, daughter of Mrs. Beulah Metcalf, and a former long time resident of Ozona, has returned to make her home here and announces her intention to open a modern beauty parlor in the old Ozona Hotel about the first of September.

Mrs. Daly has a modern beauty parlor outfit and is reputed to be an expert operator. She says that further announcement will be made next week concerning the definite date of opening the new business.

building here. Only the highest class electrical appliances on the market will be displayed. Electric ranges, Frigidaires, and all kinds of appliances will be carried in stock for the convenience of Ozona and Crockett County patrons, Mr. McNabb said.

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The movement of Crockett County's 1927 Spring lamb crop is on, the first shipments reported moving out this week. With opening sales at 11 and 11½ cents a pound and the Crockett County lamb crop on a level with the bountiful crops of last year and the year before, the prospect looks exceedingly rosy to ranchers in this section.

Although a small bunch of Crockett County lambs were shipped out recently at an average weight of 76 pounds, ranchmen report that the average weight of lambs in this area this year will be approximately 5 pounds under last year's average. The small bunch weighing out at 76 pounds was an early crop lot, having plenty of range room and a long growth, and therefore tipped the scales at an average considerably higher than usual.

Rains have been above the average in this section and range has been good. Stock, therefore, is in good condition and fall shipping will no doubt be heavy. The total receipts of Crockett County ranchmen this year from stock sales will be heavier than usual because of the heavy sales of grown stuff, old ewes, etc. In addition to the regular movement of lambs.

Six men and a girl lost in the Pacific Ocean is the toll in human life taken by the first trans-oceanic air race from the California coast to the Hawaiian Islands. This heavy loss of human life coupled with an expenditure of approximately \$300,000 in searching for the lost airmen, makes this one of the costliest races ever staged.

That's what it cost. What good did it do? The only benefit resulting from the race, experts declare, is to prove that in the present stage of development of aviation, it is unpractical for a land plane to attempt a 2,400 mile hop across the ocean.

The heavy toll in money and human life resulted from a race for stakes totalling \$35,000. And considering the little benefit to the development of commercial aviation, it wasn't worth it.

"I'll say one thing for Crockett County, she has the best unpaved roads I ever rode over in my life."

This statement was made by Paul McNabb, Frigidair representative of the West Texas Utilities Company upon his arrival here Tuesday to assist in the demonstrations of the machines and to have charge of sales.

"I nearly burned my car up coming in from Barnhart," Mr. McNabb added. "Just couldn't hold it down on a good road like that."

Crockett County probably has the distinction of having the best

dirt roads in Texas. There are approximately 30 miles of natural material along highways through the county, a fine gravel base that with a little grading and working will make as good gravel road as can be found in the state. The county has had an expert road man at work since the state highway machinery was moved to another county and the roads have been put in excellent condition.

Human nature is a funny thing. Those who live in the cities pine for the rural life or small town life while those in the rural sections and in the small towns crave the city life. Except in the case of a few fortunate souls who remain contented, utterly satisfied and happy wherever they be, the human race is never satisfied, "always wanting what is not."

Of course, the city has its attractions, and we like to visit them occasionally, but for a steady diet of living, the small community with its air of personalities, its family-like atmosphere, where everybody knows everybody else by his first name and there is a certain amount of clannishness on the part of the community as a whole, has that satisfying quality so much sought after by men. It is the family on a large scale, just scattered enough to remain interesting, and yet just close enough to generate deep-seated love and friendships.

"Where everybody knows everybody else's business," is how the small town has been defined by some. Of course, they do to a certain extent, but it is usually the case in a community of intelligent people that the other fellow knows no more of your business than you are willing for him to know. In small communities it is natural for its people to be more communicative about their personal affairs—families are more so than they are to outsiders, and small towns

are just like big families. But in the "Biggest Little Town in Texas," we believe there are fewer "Peeping Toms," so to speak, than in any small town in Texas, and still its people are about as closely bound in the cloak of community brotherhood as any place to be found anywhere.

Ozona gives the appearance just now of being about the busiest town in the world. With a crew of nearly 200 men from the West Texas Utilities Company here stringing wires, putting in new poles, building transformers, blasting off the nose of the hill in Broadway and doing dozens of other things at once, with several new residences going up and repairs and renovations still in progress and other similar activities at full speed, one would think at a casual glance that Ozona was experiencing an oil field "booming" spell.

But as a matter of fact, it is not a boom in the common sense of the word, but just a steady development that began more than a year ago and has continued almost unabated since. Big time ideas, the best people in the world, the grace of the Powers that be that have made the country prosperous, and that growing asset, oil, have combined to make this "The Biggest Little Town in Texas" in the truest sense of the phrase.

If the charge de affairs at our house can manufacture doughnuts like those Miss Floyd turned out at the Hotpoint Electric range cooking school being held this week by the West Texas Utilities she has nothing to do but just let us know how many stoves she needs and we'll manage somehow to supply 'em.

By the way, if you haven't at-

tended the cooking school, you've been missing something. Your husband may be completely satisfied with your style of cooking, but even if he is, you may get some pointers that will make him even more satisfied. And it might not be a bad idea to take him along and let him see for himself how much easier and more satisfactory an electric range will make the family feeding.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable of Crockett County—Greeting:

You Are Hereby Commanded to summon the heirs and the unknown heirs of the heirs of M. Halff and Rachael Halff, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some news-

paper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Crockett County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Ozona, Texas, on the fourth Monday in October A. D. 1927, the same being the 24th day of October A. D. 1927, then and there to

answer a petition filed in said Court on the 10th day of August A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 424, wherein George L. Thompson is Plaintiff, and the heirs of M. Halff, deceased, and the unknown heirs of the heirs of M. Halff, deceased, and Rachael Halff, deceased, and the heirs of Rachael Halff, deceased, and the unknown heirs of the heirs of Rachael Halff, deceased, A. H. Halff, Armand Halff, G. A. Halff, Harry A. Halff and Henry M. Halff Defendants, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows:

1. That on or about the 1st day of August, A. D. 1927, he was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described land and premises, situated in Crockett County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple to-wit:

"Certificate No. 1806, issued to John Oney, situated in Crockett County, Texas, on the waters of a tributary of the Pecos River, about 40 miles Northwest from the County seat of Crockett County, Texas; Beginning at the S.E. corner of survey 71, I & G.N. Ry. Co. Block 1, pine stake in md. of stone in N. line survey 70 mkd. S.E. 71; thence N. 993 vs. to the N.E. corner of said survey No. 71, a rock monument on N.W. Slope of hill mkd. N.E. 71 from which a windmill brs. N. 69 degs. W. Do. brs. S. 48 degs. 50 min. W. thence E. 302 vs. to S.E. corner survey 72, thence N. 584 vs. to stake in E. line of survey 72, and 8 1/2 vs. N. of mesquite stake in md. of stone mkd. EL. 72, from which windmill at Thompson's ranch house brs. N. 41 degs. 14 min. E. another windmill brs. N. 81 degs. 24 min. W. and round peak brs. N. 79 degs. 29 min. W; thence E. 947 vs. for the N.E. corner this survey, same being 8 1/2 vs. N. of a black walnut stake in md. of stone mkd. W.L. 58, thence E. 337 vs. a re-entrant corner of survey 58, thence S. 950 vs. a re-entrant corner of survey 58, thence W. 493 vs. the most southerly N. W. corner of survey 58, thence S. 557 vs. to a point in the N. line of survey 70 and W. line of survey 57, and 116 vs. W. from the N.E. corner of survey 70, a pine stake in md. of stone mkd. N. E. 70; thence W. 1093 vs. to a place of beginning and being the

South 1/2 of survey No. 71 1/2 containing 353 acres of land, more or less."

2. That on the day and year last aforesaid defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and unlawfully withheld from him, the possession thereof, to his damage in the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars.

3. That the reasonable annual rental value of said land and premises is Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars.

4. That plaintiff has had and held open, adverse and peaceful possession of said above described land and premises for a period of ten years next preceding the filing of this petition claiming same in fee simple against the world using and enjoying the same under fence and occupied by plaintiff for grazing purposes.

5. And in the alternative and for cause of action against the defendant Henry M. Halff, plaintiff says that on December 1, 1922 plaintiff purchased said above described tract of land from Henry M. Halff together with other lands, paying said Henry M. Halff therefor the sum of \$13,000.00; and that it was agreed and understood that said price was for all of said lands Henry M. Halff claimed or owned or had title to, adjoining Section 70, 71, 72 and 73, of I & G N Ry. Co. survey Block No. 1, and that this plaintiff thought that said above described tract of land was included in the deed from Henry M. Halff to the plaintiff, George L. Thompson, dated December 1, 1922, recorded in Bk. 16, page 285, Deed Records of Crockett County, Texas; and only recently to-wit, in the month of June 1927, discovered that said deed did not contain a description of the said above described tract of land, and therefore this plaintiff says that the defendant, Henry M. Halff, is entitled to and in duty bound to convey said above described tract of land unto him.

6. Plaintiff further avers that the description of the above tract of land was inadvertently and through mutual mistake left out of said deed from Henry M. Halff to the plaintiff herein, George L. Thompson, it being the intention of both parties that said above described tract of land should be con-

tained in said above mentioned deed together with other land.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, plaintiff prays the Court that defendants and each of them, be cited to appear and answer this petition, and upon a hearing hereof, plaintiff have his judgment for the title and possession of said above described tract of land and premises, and in the alternative that the deed from Henry M. Halff to George L. Thompson dated December 1, 1922 recorded in Bk. 16, page 285, Deed Records of Crockett County, Texas, be corrected so as to include the above described tract of land and that all title to said above described tract of land be divested out of the defendants and each of them, and be vested in fee simple in this plaintiff, and that writ of restitution issue and for his rents, damages and costs of suit, and for such other and further relief, special and general

in law and in equity, as he may be justly entitled to receive.

This cause is brought as well to try title, as for damages.

Herein Fail Not but have before said Court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ozona, Texas, On this the 15th day of August A. D. 1927.

(SEAL) E. B. Baggett, Jr., Clerk, District Court Crockett County, Texas —19-4tc.

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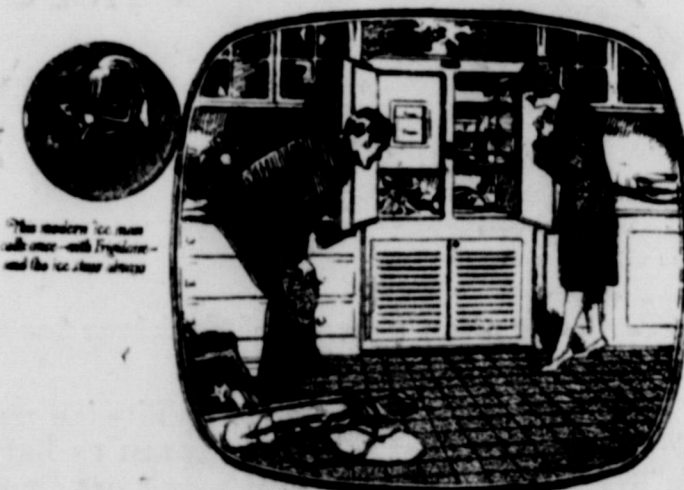
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West Texas Utilities Company

(Continued from Page 4) pliances when towns were without them. The Improvement Company was fortunate in securing the services in 1918 of J. R. Kersey as manager of the plant. Mr. Kersey was formerly connected with the light and

power plant at Temple, and knew the business thoroughly. He had made a success of the plant despite many handicaps and will continue as manager of the water works system for the present, it was announced by officials.

Just what the improvement company plans to do with the water works system, has not been announced. Whether the company will continue to operate the water plant or sell it is a matter of conjecture at present, and officials of the company declare that no definite steps have been taken so far to dispose of the plant.

"It's been a pleasure to serve the people of Ozona as manager of its public utility plant," Mr. Kersey declared, "and on the part of myself and the Improvement Company I want to thank patrons of the water, ice and light plant for their patronage and for their consideration for and patience with us in our efforts to serve them."

Four of the new 1928 Buicks were delivered recently by the Wilson Motor Company, local Buick dealers. A 1928 Sport Roadster went to W. W. Beall of Big Lake, and W. H. Westfall and W. E. Smith both secured Country Club Coupes. Judge Montgomery was de-

livered a Master Country Club Coupe. Mr. Wilson announces that a carload of special deluxe models will be delivered in the next few days.

Elective Road Body Proposed

South Texas C. C. Favors Rotating Body Of Nine Members

A suggestion from County Judge A. J. McCloskey of Bexar County, for an elective highway commission for the state of Texas, has found favor with the South Texas Chamber of Commerce, according to a bulletin just received by the local offices of the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, an affiliated organization.

The South Texas Chamber's executives propose to divide the state into nine districts with a commis-

sioner elected from each district, the offices to be revolving in nature, three elected for two years, three for four years and three for six years. The bulletin in part, outlining the organization's views, is as follows:

Some days ago Judge A. J. McCloskey, of Bexar County came out in a statement in the San Antonio Express favoring an elective highway commission and a one hundred million dollar state-wide bond issue for highways.

We have not given this enough thought to pass any judgement, and are not going to at the present time, but among other things the Judge stated that he was in favor of an elective state highway commission. The proposed new law he has in mind is modeled somewhat after the Stuart Bill introduced at the last special session of the legislature by Mr. Stuart of Ft. Worth

We have given some thought to this and are wondering what your reaction on the matter is. It is on our mind that the state should be divided into nine districts with a commissioner elected from each district. This highway commission composed of the nine commissioners elected from each district should be revolving in its nature; that is, three elected for two years, three for four years and three for six years; six of them to be quorum. The other features of the bill are to be modeled along the lines of the Stuart Bill, which we have already mentioned.

You will, of course, understand that this is not put out as a final decision of the executive offices but rather a tentative suggestion passed out to discover your reaction in the matter and in this connection we might say that there will be held on September 28, 29 and 30 in the city of San Antonio, a meeting of the County Judges and County Commissioners Association of the State, at which time Judge McCloskey will advance his ideas on this matter and we suggest that you consult with your County Judge and have him come prepared to express his views with reference to this elective highway commission.

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West Texas Will Greet Lindbergh At Abilene Sept. 26

Abilene, Texas, August 24.—All West Texas will have a part in entertaining Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh, the world's most famous airman, when he stops in this city on Sept. 26.

Every West Texas town will be asked to send as representative its (Continued on last page)

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Every ranchman dreads these pests that year after year harass his work.

In ranching, as in all other business, the margin between success and failure is often very small. It hurts him to lose a lamb or calf crop. For he has put in many days of hard work to produce it.

He depends on it for his profit, that he may meet his financial obligations. What the wolf, screw worm and Prairie Dogs and other pests are to the ranchman, the nibblers of his profit, the house to house peddler is to the merchant

of Ozona. Swarming in the homes of our community, grabbing a little business here and there, pulling away on the profits of the merchants who support our city.

Did you ever ask one of these peddlers to support a local charity fund or any other worthy movement, if so, how surprised he must have been at your suggestion, as he told you—"Why, I don't live here!" He is in our city and community for only one reason and that is to get the good easy money that he can spend some where else. Beyond that he has no interest in Ozona.

The average peddler is a parasite who feeds on business that should stay right here at home. By a subtle means he leads you to believe that the bargains he offers are better in price and quality than you can obtain here at home. As a matter of fact, it is the reverse and can easily be verified by looking for the articles he has for sale in your own stores and making comparison. Every dollar spent at home is a dollar invested. Every dollar spent with the peddler is gone never to return.

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NOTICE OF HEARING
To Appropriate Public Waters
Of The State Of Texas. No. 1111.
 Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that THE TEXAS COMPANY, the postoffice address of which is Houston, Texas, did on the 5th day of August, A. D. 1927, file its application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, in which it applies for a permit to appropriate of the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, from the Pecos River, in Crockett County, Texas, sufficient water for mining purposes, not to exceed one hundred and fifty (150) acre-feet per annum, to be diverted by means of a pumping plant, said pumping plant to be located at a point which bears S. 19 degrees 54' W. 11032.7 feet from the Most northern or N. W. corner of H. & T. C. R. R. Co. Survey No. 18, on the East bank of the Pecos River, in Crockett County, Texas, and is distant in a Northwesterly direction from Ozona, Texas, about sixty-five (65) miles.

You are hereby further notified that the said Texas Company proposes to install a pumping plant, said pumping plant to consist of a 5"x10" Vertical Triplex pump, operated by a 35 H. P. gas or oil engine, having a height of lift of twenty feet, and to divert therewith not to exceed one hundred and fifty (150) acre-feet of water per annum for mining purposes.

A hearing on the application of the said THE TEXAS COMPANY will be held by the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, in the office of the Board at Austin, Texas, on Monday, September 26th, A. D. 1927, beginning at ten o'clock A. M. at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time, and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper. Given under and by virtue of an order of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, at the office of the said Board, at Austin, Texas, this 10th day of August, A. D. 1927.
 (SEAL) Jno. A. Norris

C. S. Clark
 A. H. Dunlap
 Board of Water Engineers.
 Attest:
 A. W. McDonald,
 Secretary. -20-4tc

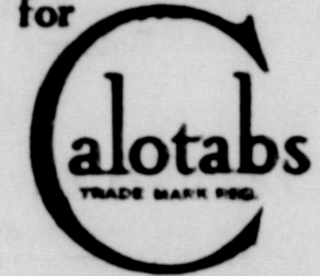


Governor Fuller

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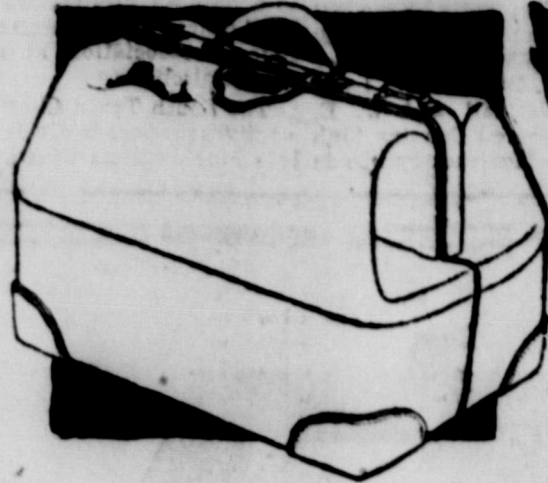
MERRY MATRONS ORGANIZE
 The "Merry Matrons" Bridge Club of Ozona was organized last week at a bridge party given at the attractive ranch home of Mrs. Early Baggett. A number of the younger married women of Ozona are included in the membership of the new club. There will be four tables to meet every Friday. The club will be entertained this week

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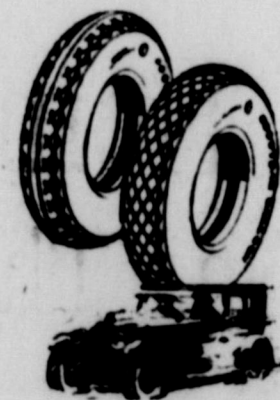
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CEDAR SWAMP

by Michael J. Phillips

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THE LEADING CHARACTERS

EDISON FORBES, a young resident of Scottsdale, goes on a little joy ride with another young fellow. Some liquor is consumed. They are stopped suddenly by the sight of a booze truck driven by

SCOTTS LIBBEY, a worthless character, who has smashed his machine into another car, killing its lone occupant, a woman. Forbes companion and Libbey quit the scene hurriedly, leaving the former alone to face a constable who reasons that Eddie, with the scent of whiskey about him, must be connected in some way with the accident. Accordingly, Forbes is arrested.

PATSY JANE, Eddie's pretty wife, agrees that public sentiment runs too high against him. Accordingly they migrate up north to some land that has been in the family for years. Settled in their log cabin

ISAIAH SEALMAN, a neighbor pays the Forbes a visit and intimates that there are some back taxes for the young couple to pay. Sealman offers to give Eddie a job after he goes down to Long Portage, a nearby town, and learns about the taxes.

The next day while walking about their property they discover a mysterious mound that contains outcrops similar to salt. At the tax office Forbes learns that the back taxes amount to over eight hundred dollars and that the certificates are held by a Chicago capitalist who is eager to obtain the property. Eddie has five months to pay. A few days later he helps a booze truck out of the mud and is presented with a bottle of whiskey which he hides before walking over to interview Sealman.

CHAPTER IX An Offer

Sealman was not at home, a wo-

man of middle age who answered his knock told Eddie. He was down town. She looked at him with the curiosity of people, one who sees few strangers. He could feel her eyes boring into his back from the small-paned windows after he had turned away and was retracing his steps.

Now what to do? he thought dis-satisfiedly. There was plenty of wood cut. He didn't want to coop up and read. There was nothing else, except an exploratory tramp. That was it: He would follow the road north, to find out where the booze truck came from.

He stopped at the house to tell Pat and then turned into the sinuous double track, along which the broad tires had left their imprint. When he was opposite the point where the liquor was hidden, he turned to the jutting rock and thrust his arm into the hole.

He withdrew the flask and put it into his pocket without looking at it. He swung northward for a mile without pausing. Then he stopped abruptly, pulled out the bottle removed the cork with feverish haste and took a long drink.

The liquor was potent. He coughed and shuddered, but the effect of the stimulant was immediate. A genial glow coursed through his veins. He became optimistic. He whistled lightheartedly as he fell into a distance-eating stride that took him due north.

Mile after mile was reeled off, for he was determined to find the

end of the road. The soil was so poor that there were no settlers, no human habitation—nothing but the track dipping into the hollow and surmounting the sandy knolls with sparse jackpine covering.

He stopped occasionally to drink again. The exercise kept the effect of the whiskey down. At last, long past mid-afternoon, Lake Huron, cold and gray under the assault of the rain, broke on his vision. The lake filled the entire horizon ahead. The road ended at a dock which thrust itself into the shallows. Fretful wavelets broke upon white sand. Pines of good size fringed the shores of the cove.

"They lighter it from out there a ways," was Eddie's thought. "The steamers shoot right across the lake from the Georgian Bay country. They run the booze-truck day and night up here. But as they get down where there are more towns, they must lay up days."

He took out the bottle again. His potatoes had reduced the contents considerably. The stuff was beginning to take effect. "Well, another little drink won't do us any harm," he said aloud with a reckless laugh. "And I guess its time to hit home-ward, then. It's a long way to little old Tipperary down there by the creek."

"It's a long, long way to Tipperary," he sang, unsteadiness creeping into his footsteps.

Darkness had fallen when he slumped against the door of the cabin. The raincoat had impeded him. Somewhere back along the trail he had thrown it away. So it was a drenched figure that toppled to the floor when Patsy Jane lifted the latch.

She got him undressed and to bed, somehow, lips compressed, eyes glowing with resentful inner fires. He was inert as a log. He slept the night through without

moving. Really it was more of a stupor than of sleep, for the liquor had the effect on his senses of a shrewdly-swung mallet.

He was sick next day, sick with a sense of failure and remorse and worthlessness, but physically ill as well. The exposure in the cold rain itself was a venomous drug. The adulterants which had been added to give bite and volume by the various handlers bordered on deadly poisons and they clawed and tore at stomach and intestinal linings.

It was not until the second day, after he had eaten breakfast in a dressing gown, that Patsy steeled herself against the pity which kept welling up at sight of his face. She ignoring his fretful repinings and self-scourgings.

"Now, Eddie," she said gravely, across the breakfast table, "we'll have a little talk. I'm not going to say much. Nagging won't do any good. But we must have an understanding."

She hesitated before going on: "I don't need to tell you what liquor does for you. You know where it brought you—where you'd be if it weren't for the governor. Eddie I won't stand any more. I can't stand any more. This is the last time. If you get drunk again I'll leave you."

He searched the sad, piquant little face. The gray eyes were steady, the tender mouth firm. The finality of the words struck a chill to his heart. "But, Patsy! What would I do if you left me?" he burst forth

involuntarily, and then flushed at the childish selfishness of the remark.

"I don't know, Eddie. It might cure you. I can't seem to cure you by staying." There was not bitterness in her words; only sadness.

He leaned forward to take her hands. "You won't have to go, Pat," he assured her, his voice trembling with eagerness. "I'm through with booze! O, I know I've said it before, but this time I mean it. You'll see. Never another drop as long as I live." He meant it. He was sure of himself. The chains were broken. The conviction that he was his own man shone in his eyes. She thrilled with faith and conviction. She squeezed his hand joyfully.

There was a knock at the door. Sealman, the sleek, stood in a back ground of brilliant sunshine when Patsy Jane opened it. "What's the matter, Mr. Forbes—sick?" he asked, his keen blue eyes roving as he took a chair.

"A little under the weather," returned Eddie, shortly. "I was over to see you the other day, but you were out."

"Yes. You have looked up the taxes, I suppose. What did you find?"

"Well, I have better than eight hundred dollars to raise in five months. That job you talked about begins to look pretty good, Mr. Sealman."

Sealman considered his hands folded over his rounded stomach, his lips pursed beneath a glossy beard. "Rather a lot of money," he said, meditatively. "Have you ever considered selling?"

O, yes, we've talked it some,"

replied Eddie. "But I don't suppose it would bring much more than the taxes—the whole thing."

"It isn't worth any more agreed Sealman. "That is, it isn't worth any more to anyone except possibly myself. I wouldn't mind owning this quarter-section. It would round out my property nicely. I could run stock on it after it was fenced. You consider an offer?"

Eddie looked at his wife. Her face did not reveal her thoughts, but he knew that beneath the surface, she disapproved. The idea of selling was repugnant. "I'll listen," he said noncommittally.

"Well, the actual value is perhaps a thousands dollars. It might bring that if you had time to look for a buyer and interest the right party. Not a cent more. And it may take a year to find your man. Suppose I advance the money to satisfy the taxes, and give you a thousand dollars besides?"

A thousand dollars! The offer was surprisingly generous. It meant that Sealman considered the place worth practically twice what the average person would pay. Well, if it was worth that to Sealman, it must be worth that to them.

"I don't believe I care to sell," he said, and Patsy Jane's eyes telegraphed approval.

CHAPTER X Another Truck

Sealman showed his disappointment. "That's a good price, Mr. Forbes, a big price. You won't get another such offer."

"Maybe not." "You've admitted that there's a chance you can't raise the taxes. You may lose everything."

"That's a chance I'll take," returned Eddie, smiling. He felt better that the refusal was behind him.

"Hum," Sealman digested this for a time. "I'm not justified, Mr. Forbes, not justified at all. In fact I'm probably foolish for doing it. But I might raise it to twelve hundred."

"No, thank you." Sealman rose. Displeasure was struggling to show through the sleekness of his manner. Fifteen hundred! That's positively the last word, Forbes."

"No, Mr. Sealman. I think I can make it worth that by keeping it."

The roving blue eyes encountered Eddie's for an instant. "Anyone been making you an offer?"

"No, I haven't talked with another soul about it. By the way, how about that job? Does it look as though you could take me on as a farm-hand?"

Sealman paused at the door and turned, his hand on the latch. "I've changed my plans somewhat, Forbes. I don't see how I can use you. Good day."

"Why, the old hoptoad!" ejaculated Eddie. "What's gotten into him? Is he sore because we would not sell, or what?"

"I don't know, but I'm glad we didn't," returned Patsy Jane stoutly. "I don't like him any better than you do, Eddie. I'm glad you're not to work for him. What did he mean when he asked if anyone else tried to buy the place?"

"He meant that he's mighty anxious to get it. We haven't heard the last of him, Pat. Well, we'll have to jump in and pull it out of the fire. If he wants it and Brower wants it, there must be more to it than we realized. I can get a job, easy, I know."

His optimism was not justified. Most of the settlers in the vicinity had little good land and that was

ilily cultivated. They preferred hunting and fishing and getting outposts to farming, for which they had neither capital nor equipment.

When he crossed the creek, however, there was a ray of hope. The Davenport ranch, plaything of a wealthy Detroitier, had a resident foreman. He told Eddie that the owner had ambitious plans for the year in the way of heavy planting and much clearing. He might need several men. When Mr. Davenport came up in a week or so, and made final decision he had better be on hand.

Eddie felt that he could not afford to wait even a week. He went to town. But Long Portage was overflowing with labor. The married men who had been in the woods all winter were trooping back. Their summer jobs were kept for them. There was no chance for an outsider against their long-established claims.

The week passed dully. He dug and chopped out pine stumps, for their roots and pitchy knots made excellent firewood. The hard labor of sawing and chopping smothered his homesickness and drowned in fatigue the craving for liquor that

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"I don't believe I care to sell," and Patsy Jane's eyes telegraphed approval.

was ever near the surface. He filled the woodshed to the caves and even piled a tier around the inside of the garage, a slab shed with sloping roof. He made three trips to the Davenant ranch but the owner had not yet arrived.

Another rainy day found him chinking the logs of the cabin with mud from the banks of the creek. It did not really need it. But restlessness was devouring him, and the demand for liquor was rising like a prairie fire. The intensity of the passion frightened him. Back home, in normal surroundings and with a regular occupation, he had been able to keep it somewhat within bounds. Especially as the little town and its unpromising opinions imposed restraints upon him.

But here, the frontier still, where life was much more open and simple the restraints were fewer. The wilderness, gray and unfriendly in storm, gay and sparkling in sunshine, invited one to live his own life, uncaring. There were few to see and to comment. It was, he fancied, like the early days in the west. Some of the settlers here were failures who had come to the jackpine country to forget the past. They did not ask too personal questions. Because they would resent such questions from others.

Just after noon, while he was at the creek for sodden earth, there was a hail from the north road. He recognized the guard of the liquor-truck whom he had assisted when it was mired. "Got a big wrench?" asked the man. "The nut's worked loose on this axle and one of our hind wheels was about ready to drop off when we noticed. Don't know what he's thinking of, but Jake hasn't a wrench in his toolkit."

"Just a minute," replied Eddie. He brought the wrench from the cabin and, with a tumultuous admixture of feeling, accompanied the man up the road to the truck. It was but the work of a few minutes to twist the nut home on the jacked-up wheel. When it was done the guard, with a knowing smile reached for the box under the seat, but Eddie stopped him.

"Not for mine," he said. "The last bottle nearly put me away. I think it had arsenic in it."

"All right, kid, it's up to you," said the guard. "She's clearin' off. Come on and take a little ride."

Eddie responded to the invitation. He did want to do something besides fight his own thoughts. He would ride a few miles toward town, drop off and walk back. Of course he wouldn't drink any of their beastly liquor.

While the truck went on, to wait for him below the ridge west of the house, he ran in to tell Patsy Jane. "Go ahead, it'll do you good," she urged. And then she added: "Who are your friends?"

"Oh, a couple of fellows I met a while ago," he said evasively, as he kissed her.

The booze-runners proved to be entertaining companions. They took it for granted that he was a kindred spirit, and they spoke freely and with humor, of their calling—its dangers, its adventures, its sordid tangle of plot and crossplot.

The first time they produced a

bottle and drank from it, he refused their invitation to join; and the second; but the third time he succumbed to their urging to "take just a sip." Which was only the start.

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mayor, newspaper editors and one young lady. These will be included in the reception committee that will greet "Lindy" when he lands at Kinsolving field, Abilene's municipal airport.

Each of the feminine members of the reception committee will be asked to dress in red, white and blue, the national colors and incidentally the colors of the Air Mail Service, of which Lindberg is a graduate.

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ship, "The Spirit of St. Louis," but in addition, the distinguished visitor will be introduced to a number of West Texas celebrities and to the "Spirits" of the different towns of this section. Each of the young lady sponsors will represent the "Spirit" of her home town and as such will participate in a spectacular pageant that will be given during the day of "Lindy's" visit here at the West Texas Fair grandstand.

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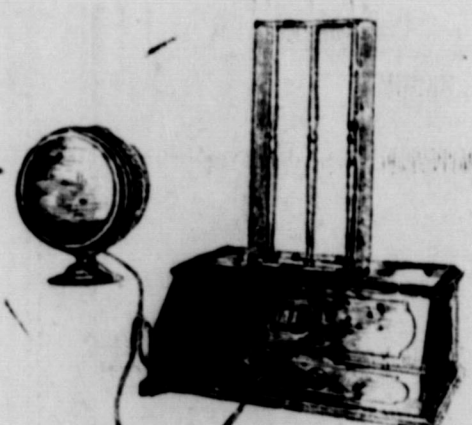
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