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Just a word in passing About OUR NEW LINE OF Dress Shirts

We Have Just Received a **BIG SHIPMENT** of New, Nobby Dress Shirts in Broad Stripes and Guaranteed Fast Colors. These shirts were booked at prices prevailing last summer when cotton was considerably cheaper than now, and so we are in position to give you an exceedingly good shirt and at the right price. We do not handle a job shirt—which can always be bought at a price, but these are the genuine Ferguson-McKinney make and dressers of taste, understand that this implies Quality-Fit-Workmanship and absolutely Fast Dyes. Get the best, you are entitled to it.

KNIGHT & BRASHEAR

Boswell-Crie

Rev Durham, pastor of the Baptist church here, solemnized the marriage of Miss Lorene Boswell and Mr. James Crie at the Ramsey residence Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. The wedding was a very quiet affair, there being only a few friends present.

Mrs. Crie is the daughter of J. W. Boswell of Plainview, and until recently was a member of the Tahoka High School faculty. Mr. Crie is editor and manager of the News.

J. H. Edwards, of Lynn County Land Co., was a business visitor in Waco this week.

Joe Barnes, until recently manager of the Tahoka garage; left the first of this week to accept a position in the mechanical department of the Amarillo sales department of the Maxwell Motor Co.

Joe Rutledge, of Dallas, was a visitor at the Ramsay home Wednesday night. Mr. Rutledge is a brother of two of Mr. Ramsey's sons-in-law.

Will Laswell, of Lubbock, was a Tahoka visitor the first of the week, and was a guest of his father-in-law B. F. Montgomery.

Best of Service.

When your watch is out of fix, or you have a delicate piece of jewelry to be repaired, remember J. C. May, located at Thomas Bros. Drug Store can fit either up in first class shape and guarantees his work.

Joe Stokes, of the Lynn Co., made a flying business trip to Quannah Thursday.

We are prepared to make farm LAND LOANS Stock Farm, and Ranch Loans any where in Texas No Loan too large for us and we give immediate inspections For the convenience of the Plains Country we have opened an office at Lubbock Texas. Let us know your wants and we will see you at once.

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Lubbock Texrs.

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Brownwood Texas.

Dr. D. O. Gentry

Optometrism, will be absent for a few weeks on professional business taking a special course on the eye. The Doctor always keeps well posted on the latest methods in his profession. Those having eye trouble will make no mistake in waiting for Dr. Gentry as he is permanently located and endorsed by reputable professional men of your city.

Wood-Noble Marriage

Miss Era Woods and Mr. Terry Noble were married at the Wallace residence, Sunday afternoon about three-thirty, by Rev. R. E. Dunn, pastor of the Tahoka Methodist church.

Mrs. Terry Noble, was a member of the Tahoka Public school faculty until last Saturday. She has taught two terms in Tahoka and has been a popular member of the younger social set, her former home was in Hubbard City. Mr. Nobles is a prosperous young farmer of the West Point community, is popular and well known, his family having been residents of the county since the early days.

Misses Pauline Ramsey, Ollie Knight, Edna Montgomery, Estell Bauder, Christine Swan and Mesers Weathers and Turner were present.

The happy couple left immediately for Lubbock and Plainview. They were accompanied by Mack Nobles, younger brother of the groom, who was returning to Plainview to resume his studies in Wayland College.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Nobles returned home Wednesday.

Business Moves and Changes

Meyers & Davis, furniture dealers and undertakers, have moved their sales rooms from the two buildings north of the picture show, to the southwest corner of the new Shook building on Main street. This is the location occupied by Meyers before the disastrous on Dec 29, 1915. The firm has received much new stock in the past few days, and are busily engaged in arranging specimens in the sales room. Their store presents a very metropolitan aspect.

The H. M. Anthony Cash Grocery Store was moved the first of the week from the west side of the square to the Anthony building on the east side of Main street. Mr. Anthony has made many improvements in the fixtures of the store, and added a stock of feed. He has adopted a motto that is typical of the up-to-dateness of his service. "If you can't tell us your wants, tell a phone—91." We call attention to his announcement on the front page.

J. H. and J. D. Montgomery, of Rotan, this week closed a deal whereby they become owners and operators of the S. N. Weathers tailor shop, and assumed the tenth of this month. J. H. Montgomery will move his family here some time during the coming summer. He is unable to secure a place to live now, and will wait until he can build to suit himself.

Call for Amemian Relief Funds

A cablegram which came last week through the State Department in Washington to the American Committee for Amemian and Syrian Relief that fifty thousand deported Armenians are starving and helpless in the region near Aleppo. Reliefs at Antab are also greatly increased; and the reports from Harpoot, Konia and Samsoun are of similar character. The other Relief centers in the interior also request increased appropriations immediately. The cablegram was from our ambassador in Consta-

Change of Ownership

I have sold my tailor shop to Montgomery Bros. and take this method of thanking my friends and customers for past favors and asking them to show the same consideration to my successors.

S. N. Weathers, 20-1t

ntinople, and he states that this is crucial time and additional relief funds must be had without delay.

The Committee for Amemian and Syrian Relief is now endeavoring to secure an addition million dollars, to be cabled at once to relieve the distress and destitute during the winter months.

The money that reaches New York early in January will be cabled to American Ambassador Elkins, American consul and other representatives in time to purchase food and clothing for distribution before the Oriental Christmas, which, by the old-style calendar, comes on January 19.

Our people should have a large share in this relief work. Send your contribution to the American Committee for Amemian and Syrian Relief, 70 fifth Ave., New York. The need is urgent.

County Judge C. H. Cain will receive all contributions and forward to headquarters.

Entertains with 42.

Mrs. B. H. Robinson entertained the younger set last Friday night with a progressive "42" party, at their beautiful bungalow home in north Tahoka.

Seven tables were organized and a lively was enjoyed. Near the close of the evening, at the close of a game the guests were asked to keep their places and remove their dominoes. Light refreshments consisting of pineapple ambrosia, angel's food cake and candied nuts were served to the following:

Misses Bauder, Brown, Ramsey Knight, Wood, Chisum, Iva Cowan, Donaldson, Coughran, Annie Cowan, Swan, Montgomery, King; Mesers, Bowers, Dunn Thomas, May, Eaton, Robertson, Roberts, Crie, Ramsey, Montgomery, Turrentine and Hines.

A few more games were played and the guests departed for their several homes declaring they had had the most enjoyable evening possible.

Jno. Dunn, son of the Methodist pastor at Tahoka, left the first of the week for Clouderoft N. Mex. after a holiday visit his parents.

No. 8597 Report of Condition of the First National Bank at Tahoka in the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on Dec. 27th, 1916.

RESOURCES		Dollars.	Cts.
1. a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c)	\$ 317,253.33		
Total loans		317,253.33	
2. Overdrafts, secured, \$.....; unsecured, \$ 6,695.63			6,695.63
5. U. S. Bonds:			
a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	\$ 12,500.00		
Total U. S. bonds		12,500.00	
8. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)		1,750.00	
9. a Value of banking house (if unincumbered)	7,000.00		
b Equity in banking house		7,000.00	
10. Furniture and fixtures		3,000.00	
12. a Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis	\$ 6,760.25		
b Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	\$ 39,980.73		46,741.98
13. Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 12 or 20)		29,608.89	
16. a Outside checks and other cash items	\$ 4,743.98		
b Fractional currency, nickels, and cents	156.35		4,900.33
17. Notes of other national banks		3,295.00	
19. Federal Reserve notes		500.00	
20. Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank		43,987.11	
21. Redemption fund with U.S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		625.00	
TOTAL		477,856.27	
LIABILITIES		Dollars.	Cts.
23. Capital stock paid in		50,000.00	
24. Surplus fund		7,500.00	
25. a Undivided profits	\$ 11,476.84		
b Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	4,220.01		7,256.83
26. Circulating notes outstanding		12,500.00	
Demand deposits:			
33. Individual deposits subject to check		380,401.45	
35. Certified checks		1,756.49	
Total demand deposits, Items 33 and 35	\$ 382,157.94		
Time deposits (payable after 30 days or more notice)			
41. Certificates of deposit		9,441.50	
Total of time deposits, Item 41	\$ 9,441.50		
TOTAL		477,856.27	

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF LYNN, SS:
I, W. B. SLATON, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
W. B. SLATON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1917.
G. E. LOCKHART,
Notary Public
CORRECT—Attest:
W. D. NEVELS,
A. L. LOCKWOOD,
G. W. SMALL,
Directors.

Announcement!

Anthony's Cash Grocery Has Moved To their Brick on Main Street North of the Star Theatre where they will continue to do business as in past years, only they will handle Feed in addition to their Groceries.

We wish to thank each and every one of our many valued customers for their liberal patronage in the past and heartily solicit their further business, believing that we can accomodate you more fully in the future, as we have much more room and a much nicer place to do business. **Eight Pounds Sugar Free!** Saturday January 20, we are offering with each purchase of \$10.00 cash at regular prices of a close margin of profit, eight pounds of Sugar Free. And for each \$5.00 cash purchase we offer one Sack of the Noted "Light Crust" Flour for \$2.00; Special for Saturday, January 20th.

Don't Forget The Place
Anthony's Cash Grocery
On Main Street, North Of Picture Show
Hoping one and all a bigger and more prosperous 1917. H. M. Anthony
If You Can't Tell Us Your Wants, Tell A Phone 91.

WHAT EVER OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS have been we owe it to you and the other people of Lynn County, primarily, and it is proper and right that we express our appreciation for our good fortune. The best way to serve one's self is to serve others. The only way to have friends is to be one.
We wish that this New Year will find you comfortable in mind, body, and estate. And that Peace and Prosperity attend you unfliningly throughout this New Year, is our most earnest desire.

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The Grip of Evil

John Burton, a worker in a steel mill, suddenly inherits an English title and \$10,000. He decides he will spend his life, if necessary, in an attempt to solve the question "Is Humanity in the Grip of Evil?" Each episode of this series forms a distinct story in itself depicting his experiences in his search for the truth.

TENTH EPISODE

Down to the Sea.

An Unpleasant Investigation.
One fine summer's morning that man of unhappy experiences, John Burton, tenth marquis of Castleton, had managed for the time to rid himself of the bugbear which possessed his soul when it was rudely thrust upon him once again by one of the many letters facing him on the breakfast table.

"Dear Sir: You cannot be aware how you are being swindled by Richard West, manager of the Emerson Fisheries company. It is not exactly my business, but I hate to see any man wronged. As you are a director, and a large stockholder in the company, I feel sure it will be to your benefit if you visit the place and examine West's accounts. I am not afraid to back up this charge. I will give you every information."
(Signed) CAPT. WILLIAM ROGERS.

John sighed.
It was not quite convenient to leave home that day, because his own valet was away on vacation, and the man's place had been filled temporarily by a Japanese. Above all, he disliked the task set by a well-intentioned informant. But he never shirked a duty. Hastily running through the other letters, and scribbling notes on them for the benefit of his secretary, he ended his breakfast and told Osuka to get ready at once for a journey to the seashore.

"Bring very little baggage," he added. "Just a suitcase apiece for yourself and me."
When John and his valet descended on Emerson that same evening they were lucky enough to discern on an unpretentious but clean-looking cottage a notice stating that rooms were "to let" within.

The interior of the humble dwelling was spick and span, and a motherly woman quoted terms at which the millionaire had difficulty in repressing a smile.

Of course, the arrival of the two strangers had been noted by many curious eyes. John's unusual appearance would have attracted attention anywhere.

He was accompanied by a sturdy Japanese, obviously his valet, set scores of tongues wagging. Indeed, Emerson was minded to be somewhat too attentive to the man from the Land of the Rising Sun. Some of the inhabitants had already guffawed at him as he followed John through the streets.

One of these, a hulky, brutal-looking fellow named Jim Waide, was by the way of being a humorist. There was not really an ounce of fun in the man's complexion. His wife was heavy as his huge fist, and sheer fear of him was mainly responsible for the laughter which greeted his ponderous jokes. When, therefore, he came up to the Japanese, grabbed him by the shoulders with one huge paw, and with the other lifted up his hat, "just to see how the little monkey's hair fits," the mob shrieked with laughter.

Osuka, really a merry little fellow, affected to treat the incident as comical, grinned widely, snatched his hat from Waide's hand and strode off at a rapid pace.

Burton, meanwhile, was closeted with Captain Rogers, a rough, plain-spoken old seadog, who left him in no doubt whatever as to the malpractices described in the letter.

"It's a damned shame," he said, punctuating his sentence with thoughtful puffs at his black pipe. "Me and my mates have nothing to complain of. We're paid market rates for what we catch. But the thievin' is done by this 'ere West when it comes to weighin' in. Only half the stuff is credited to the company. The rest goes into his own pocket. It's a sin an' a shame. If anybody should benefit by the success of your stockholders it should be we fishermen, but I hate to see any kind of lie belin' carried through so brazenly, an' you losin' money all the time. Now, if you want proof of what I'm sayin' here it is," and he held out a slip of paper containing various dates and weights. "There you'll find the full amount of the stuff made by my own boat in her last fourteen trips. Take that with you, go into West's office an' examine his books. You'll see then I'm tellin' you the gospel truth."
"This is a very distressing matter," said John, "yet you have convinced me you are not a man who would act without reason."
"An' that's a fact, sir," agreed Rogers solemnly. "I wouldn't butt in if I didn't hate shams, an' that's all there is to it."

The speakers were interrupted by a crash of broken crockery. John looked around and saw that a rather pretty girl, who was the old skipper's daughter, was washing the china used for supper and had allowed a dish to slip from her fingers.

A shrill voice came from some nearby scullery.
"There you go again, Marjorie!" it said. "Wool-gatherin', as usual, I suppose? For goodness sake, leave them pots alone till I have time to attend to 'em."

Evidently this was the mother. The

girl blushed at finding Burton's eyes on her and resumed the washing-up process. Again did her father and Burton go into the details of the robbery which the former alleged against the company's managers and yet a second time did a dish crash to the stone floor.

Then Mrs. Rogers appeared, flaming of face and irate of eye. Marjorie was expelled from the kitchen ignominiously and ordered to go to her room, where she was told, she would be better employed "fixing up gaw-gaws for that there dance, which her mind must be so set on."

Burton was rather taken by the girl's appearance, so he interfered now solely with the object of rescuing her from parental displeasure.

"It's a fine evening," he said cheerfully, "and I think I understand all that I need know before taking things up with Mr. West. Perhaps this young lady—she is your daughter, I suppose?—will be good enough to come out with me for half an hour and show me my bearings, if that is the correct nautical phrase, Captain Rogers?"

As the two passed through the village street there was much covert speculation concerning John's identity, and a discreet inquiry was made at his lodgings, where his name was forthcoming.

Thus it became known that the capitalist mainly responsible for financing the Emerson Fisheries company was in the village and, in due course, the information reached the ears of the one man deeply interested in it.

That man was Richard West, a bloated, red-faced, bull-necked fellow who would have looked more at home blocking the doorway of an East Side saloon in New York than seated in the office of a business concern of the coast. As is often the case, his only son, Thomas, presented a direct physical antithesis to his father, taking, no doubt, after a more comely mother. The younger man was tall, slim and fairly good looking, with a face inviting rather to kindness of disposition than to evil.

Unfortunately, he happened to be the accepted suitor of Marjorie Rogers, though none of the older people was aware of the fact, since the Rogers family were not on good terms with the Wests.

John and the girl got along well together. Soon she was telling him of her dance arranged for the evening and inviting him to accompany her.

They had wandered in the direction taken by Osuka, and were greatly diverted by the little man's antics when they came upon him unexpectedly in a small sandy cove. He had changed his shoes and stockings and rolled up his pants, meaning to wade in an attractive pool. It happened, however, that the place harbored a peculiarly aggressive type of crab, and he had not been in the water long before his toes were seized in a vise-like grip. When John and Marjorie drew near he was dancing about in frantic contortions, endeavoring to pry open a pair of very tenacious claws. John went to his assistance and helped him to get rid of his assailant.

The incident was wholly unimportant save in one vital respect—Osuka got to know Marjorie, and regarded her as a friend of his master's. That sufficed for the Japanese.

Next morning Burton went to the company's offices at what he deemed a suitable hour, and introduced himself to the manager.

"Glad to see you here, Mr. Burton," he said, with a great show of affability. "I think you will find everything in apple-pie order. Have you come down for a few days' fishing? The weather is fine and dandy just now, and you can stay out as long as you like, even though you mayn't be a very good sailor."

"Before I leave I shall probably go with the fleet," said John. "I want to go through the books. There is a belief prevalent at headquarters, whether well-founded or not, that the local catches run to rather small quantities as compared with those made elsewhere under similar conditions."

West was startled, but strove to hide the fear which suddenly welled up in his heart.

"The books are all O. K., Mr. Burton," he said. "Where do you wish to start? At the beginning of the year? Or would you care to see last

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year's accounts?"

"For the present," said John, "I shall content myself with examining the records for the past fourteen days."

West produced certain ledgers, and John ran through the columns until he came to the "Mary R.," the name of the boat which Captain Rogers operated. He checked the entries with the slip given him by the skipper, and West's red face showed deep purple blotches when he realized what this comparison meant.

He needed no telling that he was exceedingly unpopular in the village. Once the fisherman became convinced that the president of the company was on their side they would make no bones whatsoever about giving evidence. He could not gather from John's manner the extent of the newcomer's suspicions, but an evil conscience was more than ample in that respect, and West found no cause for relief when Burton rose quietly, pocketed certain memoranda which he had made, and said:

"There appear to be certain matters which must be inquired into thoroughly. I will see you later. Meanwhile, I shall be glad if you will lock those books in your safe and hand me the key."

A Startling Sequel.

After taking careful thought, Burton decided that the investigation should be entrusted to other hands than his own. He wrote to the company's lawyers and requested them to send down a member of the firm and an accountant.

John passed the next day quietly enough. He came to like Marjorie, and was somewhat shocked by discovering that West's son was enamored of her. He made it his business to meet the young man, and liked him. As a result, he resolved privately that when skilled searchers proved beyond a doubt that the older man had been defrauding the company he would simply be sent about his business after receiving the severest of warnings.

Unhappily, Richard West could not guess this benevolent intent. While Burton was actually planning the happiness of the younger people—since there seemed to be no reason why Thomas West should not step into his father's shoes—the man who found a criminal career so suddenly cut off was making up his mind to save himself by the foulest means it was possible to contrive.

West chose Jim Waide as his tool. Waide was second hand on Rogers' boat, and a drunken, ne'er-do-well fellow who was always borrowing.

The weather was fine, so John made the most of an unexpected opportunity and took a long, solitary walk.

When he returned he found the village in an uproar. It had been stirred to its very depths by a terrific fight, and the combatants were none other than Jim Waide and Osuka, Burton's Japanese valet.

The facts were simple enough. Marjorie and young West were chatting together at the fish quay when Thomas was summoned urgently by his father. While strolling home, the girl was met by Waide, who had already accepted an installment of the blood-money promised him by the defaulting manager, and was primed for viciousness by bad whisky.

Now, this hulking brute felt more than a passing fancy for the girl, and the sight of her inflamed him to im-

prudence. He insisted on engaging her in talk, and when she would have gone on, restrained her forcibly.

She struggled to free herself, but he threw his great arms around her shoulders and strove to kiss her. This was all done in a sort of drunken good humor. He pretended that she was only coy and would be willing enough to endure his embrace if it were not broad daylight and people were looking. Marjorie, however, now really alarmed, fought with the desperation of a despair and screamed shrilly for

assistance came from a most unexpected quarter. Osuka was among those who ran, but while the other men held back—men who had already too good reason to know the strength of Waide's arm and the brutality of his temper—Osuka dashed at him, much as a fox terrier might tackle a bull.

At the little man's first grip on the wrist Waide released the girl and turned to face his diminutive opponent. He laughed loudly when he saw who had attacked him.

"Why, you dirty little monkey," he cried, "I can smash you with one hand tied behind my back."

Among the many things which Jim Waide had never heard of previously, but was now destined to acquire a close and intimate knowledge of, the art of Jiu-Jitsu bulked large. Within a few seconds he was not quite aware whether he was standing on his head or his heels. Biting little jabs struck him on clusters of nerve centers, paralyzing each limb on which they landed. He crumpled up as though his solid frame were composed of nothing more substantial than melted lard inclosed in sausage skins. He was

thrown this way and that, spun several times headlong into the dust and finally pitched into a dock, in which he might straightway have drowned had not a couple of mates gone to his assistance and dragged him out.

Osuka became the hero of the dance. The news of his exploit spread through the village, and Marjorie, who fled at the outset of the fight, had recovered her self-possession sufficiently when she met Osuka as to be able to shake hands with him and thank him very prettily for the great service he had rendered.

The revelers made Osuka come in

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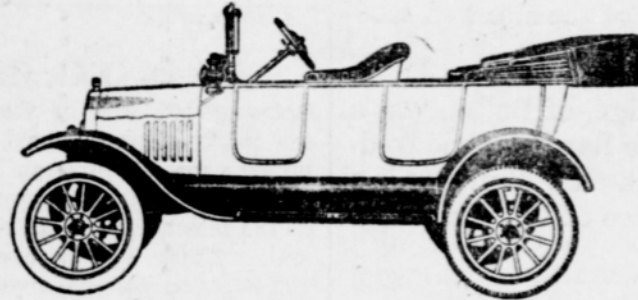
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B. H. Robinson

and John them, and the Jap proved as nimble on his feet as he had been with his hands.

John heard from his lawyers on the following morning; they arranged to send skilled investigators within twenty-four hours. As the weather continued fine he resolved to accompany Captain Rogers to the fishing grounds.

This was the very opportunity that Richard West awaited and he seized it ruthlessly. On one pretense or another, he contrived to detain every boat except the "Mary R." Moreover, that smart little vessel, which carried a sailing rig as well as a petrol engine, was sent to sea short-handed.

But evil is not a thing that can be doled out with such care that it never passes the bounds set for it. Richard West little imagined that there would be four people instead of three on the "Mary R." that day!

Marjorie had elected to accompany the fishing party.

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To the People of Texas and their Legislators Elect:

This is a paid advertisement intended to give reasons why the present law of Texas relating to the incorporation of oil companies should be amended so as to allow Texas corporations like those of other states to pursue all of the several branches of this single business.

The Texas Company is engaged in purchasing, refining and marketing petroleum, and as a part of its business owns and operates a system of pipe lines. It is incorporated under the laws of Texas and is handicapped seriously by the inadequacy of its charter powers. It has no direct power to prospect for and produce crude oil. And as the law now stands it can obtain this power only by reorganizing and taking out a charter in some other state, thus becoming a corporation of that state and ceasing to be a corporation of Texas.

Heretofore the stockholders, by a separate producing organization, have borne the burden of obtaining the necessary crude supplies; and but for this arrangement the company could not have succeeded. This was workable when the organization was small and operations were on a narrow scale. But with the growth of the business and with varying and shifting stock ownership it has become subject to too many complications. The company is now manufacturing in Texas and marketing in nearly every country in the world the various finished products of Texas crude oil. It now has more than 10,000 employees, and its stockholders number about 4,000, including approximately 2,000 employees.

The competitors of this company are engaged in all branches of the business. Two of its principal competitors in Texas operate as limited partnerships or joint stock associations and therefore may pursue any business that an individual might pursue, the only restriction being such stipulations as the shareholders see fit to make among themselves. Another principal competitor is organized as a holding company, incorporated under the laws of another state, and owns the stock of three Texas corporations, one engaged in producing oil, another in refining and marketing, and a third in operating pipe lines, so that on the whole the stockholders have the benefit of an organization which covers all branches of the business.

The statement just made is not in criticism. The plan of including all branches of a single business is logical. Moreover, as applied to the oil business it is universal in all of the oil producing states and in foreign countries. In practically every state of the Union, except Texas, a corporation of this kind has the charter power to produce oil.

And it may not be inappropriate to say further in this connection that the limitations which the laws of Texas place on the charter powers of The Texas Company do not stop at the boundaries of the state; they follow the company wherever it goes; they follow it into other states and foreign countries where its competitors carry on all branches of the business and where the state of Texas can not prevent them from doing so. If anywhere on the Globe this company should do an act in excess of its powers as defined by the laws of Texas its charter would be subject to forfeiture.

No one would think of precluding a company engaged in the lumber business from going directly to the natural source of supply, taking timber leases or buying standing timber, and in that way acquiring its raw material. There as in the oil business the manufacturing merchant takes the raw or crude material and turns it into finished products. In each case the supply is limited as regards both locality and extent and the matter of obtaining supplies of the particular kinds needed and obtaining them at the times when needed and in the places where needed is of supreme importance. The same thought may be applied to mining or any industry where the operator must lay out large sums in plant and marketing facilities and is not warranted in doing so unless he is to have a free hand in obtaining the raw material. He must be allowed to protect his investment, otherwise he is at the mercy of hostile forces and can be destroyed at their will or upon an event of chance. To exclude an oil company from taking leases and producing oil, and thereby require it to buy from those who may happen to have wells and produce some oil, would mean to any concern operating on a large scale precisely the same that it would mean to the owner of a sawmill if he should be prohibited from acquiring standing timber and required to buy his logs at retail. And furthermore, as previously indicated, it is not a question of what might be ideal if we were at the inception of this industry; the business has pitched itself along certain lines; and these lines are universal and world-wide.

The position of The Texas Company was fully explained to the last legislature, but there was opposition to the bill introduced for its relief, and the matter was delayed and finally crowded out near adjournment. The company did not then, and it does not now, ask any special favors, or for the enactment of a law which would not apply to all similarly situated, or for any change in the settled policies of the state; but it did desire and it still desires some fair and suitable relief; such legislation as will remove the handicap and accord it those lawful corporate rights that are enjoyed by companies organized in such states as California, Oklahoma or Louisiana. It will present the matter to the Thirty-fifth Legislature.

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El Diablo.....	two reels...	Mustang
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ADMISSION 10c

The Grip of Evil

A terrible blow on the head, which momentarily deprived him of his senses. The great brute laughed at the success of what he regarded a clever stratagem and was about to pick up Burton's body and heave it into the sea after that of the hapless skipper when Marjorie closed with him. Despite her puny strength, the plucky girl managed to defeat his purpose and compelled him to defend himself against her really courageous attack.

The fight between the two had lasted for five long minutes, and it was a sheer impossibility that either they or Marjorie should notice the rescue boats drawing near. When Waide had beaten down the girl's hands, however,

and was actually taunting her with the fate he meant inflicting after he had dealt with Burton, his staring eyes fell on the pursuers.

Then he knew what was coming to him. Inspired by the final madness of a cornered tiger, he seized Marjorie, meaning to leap overboard holding her in his arms so that they might drown together. But she, too, had seen the boats, and she fought now for dear life. The odds were hopelessly against her, of course, and she was on the very lip of death when one of the men in the leading boat took a chance and fired. The bullet struck Waide's spine. He lurched forward, stumbled and dropped into the sea.

So John Burton, on recovering senses, came back into a world still shuddered in the Grip of Evil
(END OF TENTH EPISODE)

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The undersigned will apply to the legislature of Texas, which convenes in January, 1917, for the passage of an act or acts authorizing Panhandle and Santa Fe Railway Company, to purchase or lease the railroads and other property now owned or hereafter required by North Texas and Santa Fe Railway Company, such lease or leases, if executed, to include the branches and extensions of such railroads and each of them that may be hereafter constructed

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