Pierce-Fordyce Co. Install Big Tanks

The News representative had the pleasure of going thru the for a location for an establishwarehouse of D. T. Rogers, local representative of the Waters-Pierce Oil Co., down on the side tracks. Mr. Rogers has at pres ent five car loads of cotton seed cake, one car of cotton seed meal, two cars of flour and meal, one car of potatoes, sugar and molasses, and about a car of other junk stored in the warehouse, and has four cars now on the road.

Mr. Rogers has purchased the warehouse owned by Mrs. Jim Russell, and will move it up close to his large one and in crease his storage capacity consider ble to accomodate the ever increasing trade.

going to install a couple of large town. storage tanks in Tahoka in the very near future, one for oil and one for gas, and when that is accomplished, Tahoka will furnish Lamesa with gas, as Lubbock now does Tahoka and Lamesa both.

For Sale at a Bargain, n.y place in South Tahoka. G. M. Milliken.

WANTED--Fresh eggs. See us before selling.-City Bakery.

MARRIED SUNDAY

Belton Howell of Tahoka, and iments of the dead. Miss Birdie Walters of Brownfield, were married at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Walters in Brown field, Judge J. L. Stokes officiating.

On account of the illness of the bride's sister, the wedding his new Dodge Bros. car. The was a very quiet affair, only the party included the following; immediate family, the Judge S. B Hatchett, chauffeur; Shel- fifty stockholders scattered all edy ever put on the board in our and his wife being present.

The groom was dressed in a dark brown suit and the bride wore a beautiful creation of blue silk poplin. The marriage oeremony took place about 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. A little later the happy couple accompanied by the Judge and his wife returned to the home of A. M. Sullivan in east Tahoka where a sumptuous supper of turkey and the usual trimmings awaited them.

NOTICE

Positively no hunting allowed on my premises, twelve miles south-west of Tahoka. - G. W. 13-16-p HICKERSON.

HARMONY CLUB, T. H. S.

school.

without alteration.

The chair then appointed a was also decided upon.

REPORTER.

CRUSHED BONE

feed that makes hens lay - at the same institution as her SANITARY MEAT MARKET. 13 th older sister Othol.

A Mr. Buie of Ft. Worth, representing one of the largest implement houses in the South, was in Tahoka last week looking ment carrying his line. The firm he was representing has houses at both Corsicanna and Fort Wort and it is their intention to locate one here in the

Come to Keith's the largest The Waters-Pierce Oil Co., are dryest and cheapest yard in

> We had the pleasure Tuesday tempered wite a degree of mel oncholy, of inspecting the new stock of undertaking goods pur chased by Ed. Meyers while in Dallas recently. A pleasure in that one realizes that, should the inevitable arise, one could lay a loved one away in the sur 12-4tp roundings that one would desire; and a bit depressing, in that one is made to realize more forcefully that sooner or later all those whom we hold near and dear must, according to the M. Herring, and do a little proslaws of nature, don these habil- pecting with the view of locat-

FOR SALE-three spans work mares, weight twelve hundred pounds each. Gco. Short.

A News represntative enjoyed a trip to New Home community Monday with Boss Hatchett in ly Shook and Ross Ketner, mechanicians; Prof. J. P. Hatchett holders will hold their first meetand H. C. Crie, supernumeraries. We made the trip out there in a little less than an hour, spent a couple of hours visiting at the home of J. H. Smith, Dee Leavit and Mr Williams, also looking over the condition of the New Home school honse, where Prof. Hatchett will teach the coming term. The party had plenty of gins WEST TEXAS ABSTRACT CO. along but did not transgress any game laws, seeing nothing to shoot but prairie dogs.

FOR SALE-Ten yearling colts on the credit, priced right -B. G. MONTGOMERY, Tahoka.

J. E. Bryant of the Pride com-Friday a call meeting of the munity, brought in a load of of the Charley Brown block just Harmony Club was held in the fine sandy land corn Tuesday across the street from the W. C. music room of T. H. S., and the and carried home a supply of Cowan place where J. E. Nicholprogram as planned at last meet- household necessities Wednes son now lives, and are building ing was rendered. Our regular day. Mr. Bryant came to Lynn a first class wagon yard and meeting should have been held county about ten years ago with grain business there. on Thanksgiving day, which a thousand dollars in money, a was observed as a holiday by the mule, horse and a mare, a wag son, Joe, are now busy build ng on, and a wife and eight child an office and grain room 16x54 The committee appointed for ren. He now owns a section feet raised on piers four feet the purpose read the proposed and a half of land, twenty-five from the street level to facilitate rules and regulations for the or thirty head of high graded the loading and unloading of club and these were adopted cattle, plenty of horses, hogs, grain and feed. As soon as this chickens, etc. He has not bought building is completed a structure a pound of pork or lard for six 14x30 will be erected to be used committee on social affairs com- years, raising all his meat and as a camp house. This house posed of Mrs. E. E. Callaway having some to sell nearly every will be divided into two rooms and Misses Pualine Ramsey and year, besides bringing some of for the benefit of transients Mae Ellison. The date of the the finest watermelons to Taho- with women folks who stop first social meeting of the club ka market every season, as well there. Along one side of the as feed of all kinds.

Estilene Louallin accompanied by her grandfather, Lewis Le and watered and every conven-We have installed a bone gan, left Tuesday for Fort ience made for the traveling crusher and are prepared to Worth, where she will enter public. furnish green bone meal-the school. She will attend school

Installing New Steam Laundry

A. M. Sullivan and Belton Howell are putting up a new and up-to-date steam laundry in East Tahoka, the building is feet. They have purchased the West. Mr. Buie left the first of machinery that John Yates used this week for his home in Fort and will use it to do plain work Worth and made the statement until the new machinery can be before he left that he would re shipped in, when they will be turn in a few days and if he able to do any and all kinds of could find a suitable location laundry work in the manner to would close up for same and satisfy the most fastidious cuscommence building operations tomer. The machinery they immediately. He desires a place have ordered will be complete in about fifty by a hundred and every detail and will cost at twentp five, and given the prop- least \$2,000, which with the er location will erect a brick house, well, and all, will run the amount up to the three thousand dollar mark as the worth of the plant. The name of "Home Steam Laundry" has been suggested, and might prove very appropriate as every one in Ta hoka will probably patronize this new institution, and they will have all the work they can do from the very start.

> FOR SALE-Five good teams of mules and horses, all well broken. Phone or write me at Tahoka. - A. L. Lockwood.

> A. E. Herring of Matador, came in Saturday of last week to visit his brother, Judge M. ing in Tahoka.

For up-to-date construction and quick work-any and all kinds of building: See S. S. Ramsey; who knows how. Prices moderate.

The new State Bank proposi tion is progressing nicely; the \$35,000 worth of stock has been over Lynn county, The stocking in the Jones brick building Saturday December 4th, when they will elect officers and transact such other business as shall come before them. We are tolo that the bank will open for busmess just as soon as possible after the charter arrives from

Miss Bertha Bauder, Mgr. Office in Clerk's Office, Tahoka. Complete abstracts of Lynn County, and Tahoka Real Estate

LARKIN-LEWIS-NEW FIRM

H. M. Larkin and Rube Lewis have purchased the north half

Contractors J. C. Nevill and lots will be built a string of sheds 10x170 feet.

The place will be well fenced

20 Cwt. for a ton at Keith's.

LYNN CAFE OPENS

Sunday morning witnessed the opening of the Lynn Cafe, in the new Hotel Lynn, with Jake Leedy wearing the cap of Chie Chef. The kitchen of this cafe a masterpiece of kitchen archetecture and arrangement, and we feel safe in saying, about completed and is 20x30 hasn't a peer west of Fort a letter addressed to this depart-Worth. Locally Jake has a rep utation that there is no gainsaying, but for the benefit of strangers, be it said that he was chief chef at one time at the Alexander Hotel, Los Angeles; rated second among the hotels of America. A peep into the dining room would lead one to believe one had stepped into one of the fashionable dining places in a city of thousands where Tahoka numbers hundreds. Papered in soft colors, set with square tables, resplend ent in their snowy linen and sparkling glassware and silver the dining room appears a meca to the travel weary guest.

> C. A. Edwards of Fort Worth, owner of the T-Bar Ranch, west of Tahokr, has been spending advised. the last two months on the ranch helping the boys round up, build a barn, gather feed and dip about 3500 head of cat tie, of their own. The barn he had built was 30x50 feet with sheds on each side making a ping their own. Mr. Edwards has bought eighty tons of the high priced cotton seed cake and doing splendid.

their reptorie comprises the subscribed by something like cleanest, most wholesome com-

Court House Bonds To Meet Fate Soon

We publish below a letter written by the attorney generals department to County Attorney C. H. Cain, written in reply to ment concerning the issuance of the Lynn county court house and jail bonds.

November 24, 1915. Hon. C. H. Cain,

> County Attorney. Tahoka, Texas,

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 22nd hope to reach the record for the ready to house them. LYNN COUNTY COURT HOUSE AND JAIL BONDS for examination within the next few days. The great press of busiand especially at this desk, has prevented an earlier examination of this record. Immediately upon its examination you will be

Yours very truly.

W. M. HARRIS. Assistant Attorney General It is the consensus of opinion among those in a position to know that the bonds will go structure fifty feet square. They thru without a hitch, and that dipped about 3500 head of cattle they will find a ready market is for their neighbors while dip- a fore gone conclusion. There was levied this year a tax of about five and eight-tenths cents has already begun feeding the on the hundred dollars valuation calves that they have just to take care of the interest and weaned. Grass is fine in the sinking fund and by the time T-Bar this year and stock are all the bonds are ready to be sold there will be quite a bit of The Kirkland Entertainers accured interest, which will troupe spent Monday, Tuesday bring the value of the bonds and Wednesday night at the above par, as the bonds will be Star. and from observation and dated the tenth day of Novem FRESH CREAMERY BUTTER comment we feel safe in saying ber 1915. Some preliminary bids

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AS OTHERS SEE US

University of Texas. Austin. November 24th, 1915. Editor Lynn County News,

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith the Auditor's check for one year's subscription to your paper, for William J. Bat tle, Acting President of the Uni versity of Texas.

> JNO A, LEMAX, Secretary of the University.

Attorney General's Department, for the disposal of the old court house were considered at the last term of the commissioners court, but it seems that the court came to the conclusion that it would be unwise to sell the roof from over their heads instant, beg to advise that we until the new structure was

CHRISTMAS EDITION

Next week the News will ness before this department, come out in joyful colors in honor of the coming event of that great event of the year, the celebration of the birth of Christ. Replete with a beautiful lithographed cover in six colors, Christmas stories and other hol day features.

Already we have spent many hours of toil and quite a bit of money on this special edition to make it a credit to our fast growing little city, and next week we will labor like Trojans to deliver one of the best edition of the holiday season issued on this part of the Plains.

A thousand copies strong will this issue be, and to a thousand homes it will carry the glad tidings of the season, and an invitation from our progressive merchants. Be sure to secure a

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Trees are changing the appearanee of the plains. More of them will help change the character of the plains. Trees will overcome one of the few disagreeable conditions; treee will take the sting out of the spring winds that prevail in very dry seasons.

It is settled through experience that trees will grow all over the plains. A large variety of trees have been tried successfully. But after all, the tree with the tap root may be the most satisfactory. The variety of fruit or shade trees that one plants may depend altogether on the taste of the

A little family orchard is both useful and ornamental. It furnishes good things for the table, breaks the wind, and provides delightful shade. The shade tree will in time furnish fuel, posts, and stays for the fence, break the wind, and provide a picnic shade

The initial expense is not great and the care required will not be a burden. However, planting trees and forgetting them, is waste of money and time at the same time that it is bad advertising for the country. Some people still argue that trees no not grow well on the plains and every neglected tree is nuts to the knocking pessi- pound. At the prevailing high crop so much cheaper than any

stead in the way of a family orchard and ornamental and shade trees. First look around the neighborhood to see what others are doing and then consult the cata logues of reliable nurseries. Bay the trees as near home as possible or trees grown under similar clim ate conditions. Plant and give continuous aftercare. The little grove will make life more bearable especially for the wife and the

In a report sent out by the Industrial Congress of Texas relative to the financial condition of Texas counties, basis on the reports received from over 3000 correspondents including bankers. publishers and business clubs, there are about one-fourth of the counties of Texas in which the farmers have paid all obligations to date and have a small surplus to their credit. It is interesting All kinds of Grain in to note that with the exception of a dozen perhaps, these counties that have wiped out their I.O. U.' S lay west of a line drawn from Eagle Pass to Wichita Fall.

> Papers in this part of the state are calling upon their ranchmen subscribers to consider the advisa. bility of buying the feed crops of the local farmers to feed out their stock with in preference to the purchasing in ontside markets expensive cotton seed cake, and hulls. From chemical analyses ssned by the University of Texas, and published in these columns from time to time it is a proven fect that as compared to other feeds, maze and kaffir grains con tain from seventy five to ninety per cent feeding value pound for

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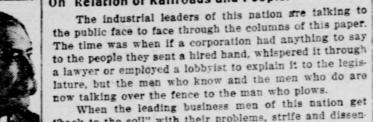
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E. P. Ripley

On Relation of Railroads and People.



"back to the soil" with their problems, strife and dissension will disappear, for when men look into each other's faces and smile there is a better day coming.

Mr. E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe Railroad, when asked to give his views in reference to relations existing between the

railroad and the public said in part: "Frequently we hear statements to the effect that these relations are improving, that the era of railroad baiting has passed and that public sentiment new favors reating the railroads fairly. As yet this change in public

sentiment, if any such there be, is not effective in results. It is true that in the legislatures of the southwestern states during the past winter there were fewer unreasonable and unreasoning laws passed than usual, but a consideation of the hostile bills introduced shows that there is still reason for much disquiet even though they were defeated by

more or less of a majority. Moreover, the idea that the railroads have been harshly treated does not seem to prevail in the offices of the State Railroad Commissions which seem to cherish a notion that their business is not to act as an arbitrator between the railroads and the people, but which proceed on the theory that the railroads are able to take care of themselves and that their duty is to act as attorney for the people even though in so doing they deny justice to the railroads. It requires no argument to demonstrate that the railroads are entitled to justice equally with other citizens and taxpayers. That they have not received it and are not receiving it is perfectly susceptible of proof. That they have practically no recourse in the courts has also been

The situation therefore is that the people, through their representatives, must elect whether the services of the railroads shall be adequately compensated or not; and it requires no fortune teller or soothsayer to predict that

in the long run the service will take the class that is paid for and no better. The natual competition between the railroads and the natural desire to perform first-class service has heretofore resulted in giving the public much more than it was willing to pay for. impossible and no laws, however drastic, can long accomplish the impossible.

prices demanded for cotronseed crop before, that our profits per Right now is the time to plan a and cottonseed products, and the acre are even greater than they little tree planting for the farm- relatively low price obtainable for would have been under normal ance of trade more equal. We one basket. or demerits. It is worthy of that again at some future time. much consideration.

Progressive Farmer:

round it extremely difficult to the temptation to plow it up to make the change that we all rec- make way for cotton will be reognize as so essential.

the needed reduction in our cotton it is yet time. crop this year. Already the wis. If you have learned the lesson dom of this reduction is apparent of the advantage of diversification in the price that cotton is bring- thoroughly, it is your duty to ing, and as upon former occasions, it is now pretty apparent that we fall, thus setting an example that are going to get more actual mon. some resolute prother may be iney for the short crop than we got duced to follow. Despite the fact last year for a big one.

or unwilling, we have made this other state.

the maize and kaffir, it is a matter conditions. So it would seem of dollars and sense to the ranch that no greater argument for such man to feed the hone grown feed. a reduction of acreage next year He puts the same weight on his as will insure our raising an stock for about two-thirds (or abundance of feed for man and ess) cash out lay and besides the for beast would be necessary money is kept at home where it That as a burnt child dreads the circulates thru the local channels fire, so we have forever learned of trade, thereby keeping the bal- the folly of placing all our eggs in

believe our local ranchman will But it is human to err, so it is see the benefit to be derived from human to forget. The storm of the practice of such a plan. That yesterday is too often wiped from it is successful from a feeders' our memories by the sunshine of standpoint, is supported by the today, and already, with the good testimony of several small stock prices the cotton is now bringing raisers we have in mind that have and the better price to which it fed nothing but home grown threatens to climb before next grain for the past two or three planting season, there are signs seasons. Whether you adopt the that some of us are apt to drop plan or not, at least investigate it back into the rut and have the personally and ascertain its merits same hard lesson to learn over

The very best evidence that can drop back into the same old rut With the experience of the past and at the same time the insurance tew years of the difficulties we are that we will not be able to do so, apt to encounter by an adherence is the planting of an increased to the one crop system, it would acreage of grain this fall. If we seem almost absurd to fear that will get a good acreage of land in we will ever go back to it. De- fall grains the land that we might spite the most strenuous efforts to be tempted next spring to put inabandon the all-cotton system to cotton, will already be occupied that for so long has held the and with grain bringing the good whole South in thraldom, we have price that it is almost sure to do, moved. Even though some of us With everyone convinced that did not get the top price for our it was desirable to plant a smaller grain this year, we know that that acreage of cotton this year and was, as is too often the case with with everyone bent upon doing our cotton, largely the fault of so, our net decreese has only inadequate storage faculties. With amounted to 15 per cent. For the wisdom that this experienctunately Nature stepped in and should bring we can go about by an adverse season has made remedying this defect now while

give evidence of that fact by planting grain more largely this that there will be some who will throw discretion to the winds, and convincing argument would be will plant every acre they can in needed to insure such an acreage it next spring, we believe that in cotton next year that we could there are a sufficient number of count upon a smaller total yield. the farmers of the South who To offset the short acreage this again be caught with our graina-

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aent relieved me for a while, but I was mend it. Begin taking Cardui today. year, we have the fact that willing ries and smokehouses in some some some some to my bed again. After hat, nothing seemed to do me any good. Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for & Instructions on your case and 64-page book, Treatment for Women "sent in plain wrapper.

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The Exploits of Elaine

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A Detective Novel and a Motion Picture Drama

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SYNOPSIS.

The New York police are mystified by a series of murders and other crimes. The principal clue to the criminal is the warning letter which is sent the victims, signed with a "clutching hand." The latest victim of the mysterious assassin is Taylor Dodge, the insurance president. His daughter, Elaine, employs Craig Kennedy, the famous scientific detective, to try to unravel the mystery. What Kennedy accomplishes is told by his friend Jameson, a newspaper man. Enraged at the determined effort which Elaine and Craig Kennedy are making to put an end to his crimes, the Clutching Hand, as this strange criminal is known, resorts to all sorts of the most diabolical schemes to put them out of the way. Each chapter of the story tells of a new plot against their lives and of the way the great detective uses all his skill to save this pretty girl and himself from death.

TWELFTH EPISODE

THE BLOOD CRYSTALS.

Miss Elaine Dodge, who is pursuing street. the famous master criminal known as the Clutching Hand."

The barker had been grandiloquently pointing out the residences of noted New Yorkers as the big sight-seeing car lumbered along through the

No one had paid any attention to the unobtrusive Chinaman who sat in-He was Mr. Wong Long Sin, but no one saw anything particularly mysterious about an Oriental visitor, more

or less, viewing New York city. Wong was of the mandarin type, with long, drooping mustache, well dressed in American clothes, and conforming to the new customs of an Oc-

cidentalized China. Anyone, however, who had been watching Long Sin would have seen that he showed much interest whenever any of the wealthy residents of the city were mentioned. The name of Elaine Dodge seemed particularly to strike him. He listened with subtle down town. interest to what the barker said and

looked keenly at the Dodge house. The sight-seeing car had passed the house, when he rose slowly and motioned that he wanted to be let off.

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ly rambled away, evidently marveling greatly at the strange customs of these uncouth Westerners.

Perry Bennett almost on the steps of the house. "I've brought you the watch," remarked Bennett. "Thought I'd like to

Elaine was going out when she met

give it to you myself." He-displayed the watch which he himself had bought a couple of days before for her birthday. He had called for it himself at the jeweler's, where it

had now been regulated. "Oh, thank you," exclaimed Elaine. "Won't you come in?"

They had scarcely greeted each other when Long Sin strolled along. Neither of them, however, had time to notice the quiet Chinaman who passed the house, looking at Elaine sharply out of the corner of his eye. They entered "On your right is the residence of and Wong disappeared down the

"Isn't it a beauty?" cried Elaine. holding it out from her as they entered the library, and examining it with great appreciation. "And, oh, do you know, the strangest thing happened yesterday! Sometimes Mr. Kennedy acts too queerly for anything."

She related how Craig had burst in on her and Aunt Josephine and had conspicuously in the middle of the car. almost torn the other watch off her

> "Another watch?" repeated Bennett, amazed. "It must have been a mistake. Kennedy is crazy."

> "I don't understand it, myself," murmured Elaine.

Long Sin was revolving some dark and devious plan beneath his impassive Oriental countenance. He was no ordinary personage. In fact, he was astute enough to have no record. He left that to his tools.

This remarkable criminal had established himself in a hired apartment

Long Sin, now in rich Oriental costume, was reclining on a divan smoking a strange-looking pipe and playing with two pet white rats. Each white rat had a gold band around his leg, to which was connected a gold chain

about a foot in length, and the chains ended in rings which were slipped over Wong's little fingers. Ordinarily he carried the pets up the capacious sleeve of each arm.

A little Chinese girl, also in native costume, entered and bowed deferen-

"A Miss Mary Carson," she lisped in soft English.

"Let the lady enter," waved Long Sin, with a smile of subtle satisfaction. The girl bowed again and silently left the room, returning with a handsome, very well-dressed white woman.

It would be difficult to analyze just what the fascination was that Long Sin exercised over Mary Carson. But as the servant left the room, Mary bowed almost as deferentially as the little Chinese girl. Wong merely nodded in reply.

After a moment he slowly rose and took from a drawer a newspaper clipping. Without a word he handed it to

Mary. She looked at it with interest. as one woman always does at the picture of another pretty woman. It was a newspaper cut of Elaine, under which was:

"ELAINE DODGE, THE HEIR-ESS, WHOSE BATTLE WITH THE CLUTCHING HAND IS CRE-ATING WORLD-WIDE INTER-

"Now," he began at last, breaking the silence, "I'll show you just what I want you to do."

He went over to the wall and took down a curious long Chinese knife from a scabbard which hung there conspicuously.

"See that?" he added, holding it up. Before she could say a word he had plunged the knife, apparently, into his own breast.

"Oh!" cried Mary, startled.

She expected to see him fall. But nothing happened. Wong laughed. It was an oriental trick knife, in which the blade telescoped into the handle. "Look at it," he added, handing it to her.

Long Sin took a bladder of water from a table near by and concealed it under his coat. "Now, you stab me," he directed.

Mary hesitated. But he repeated the command and she plunged the knife gingerly at him. It telescoped. He made her try it over, and she stabbed him more resolutely. The water from the bladder poured out.

"Good!" cried Long Sin, much pleased. "Now," he added, seating himself beside her, "I want you to lure Elaine here."

I had been amusing myself by rigging up a contrivance by which I could make it possible to see through, or, rather, over, a door.

Kennedy, who had been busy at the other end of the laboratory, happened to look over in my direction. "What's the big idea, Walter?" he asked.

It was, I admit, a rather cumbersome and clumsy affair.

"Well, you see, Craig," I explained, you put the top mirror through the transom of a door and-'

Kennedy interrupted with a hearty burst of laughter. "But suppose the door has no transom?" he asked, pointing to his own door.

I scratched my head thoughtfully. I had assumed that the door would have a transom. A moment later Craig went to the cabinet and drew out a tube about as big around as a putty blower and as long.

"Now, here's what I call my detectascope," he remarked. "None of your mirrors for me."

"I know," I said somewhat nettled but what can you see through that



putty blower? A keyhole is just as

really see through a keyhole?" he replied confidently. "Try it over there." I did, and, to tell the truth, I could see merely a little part of the hall. Then Kennedy inserted the detecta-

"Look through that," he directed. I put my eye to the eye piece and gazed through the bulging lens of the other end. I could see almost

was engraved the name, "Miss Mary Carson," and underneath in pencil was written "Belgian Relief Committee."

"How interesting," commented Elaine, rising and accompanying Jennings into the drawing room. "I wonder what she wants?"

"Very pleased to greet you, Miss Carson," she greeted her visitor.

"You see, Miss Dodge," began Mary, "We're getting up this movement to help the Belgians and we have splendid backing. Just let me show you some of the names on our commit-

She handed Elaine a list.

"I've just been sent to see if I cannot persuade you to join the committee and attend a meeting at Mrs. Riverton's." she went on.

"Why-er," considered Elaine, thoughtfully, "er-yes. It must be all right with such people in it."

"Can you go down with me now?" "Just as well as later," agreed They went out together, and as

they were leaving the house a man who had been loitering outside looked at Elaine, then fixedly at her compan-

No sooner had they gone than he sped off to a car waiting around the corner. In the dark depths was a sinister figure, the master criminal himself. The watcher had been an emissary of the Clutching Hand.

"Chief," he whispered eagerly, "you know Adventurous Mary? Well, she's got Elaine Dodge in tow!"

"The deuce!" cried Clutching Hand. "Then we must teach Mary Carson, or whoever she is working for, a les-No one shall interfere with our affairs. Follow them!"

Elaine and Mary had gone downtown, talking animatedly-walking down the avenue toward Mrs. Rivington's apartment.

Meanwhile, Wong Sin, still in his Chinese costume, was explaining to another male servant just what he wished done, pointing out the dagger on the wall and placing the bladder under his jacket. A box of opium was on the table, and he was giving most explicit directions. It was into such a web that Elaine was be-

ing unwittinly led by Mary. Entering the hallway of the apartment. Mary rang the bell.

The servant opened the door and Elaine and Mary entered. He closed the door and almost before they knew it was gone into the back room.

Elaine gazed about it in trepdiation. But before she could say anything, Mary, with a great show of surprise, exclaimed. "Why, I must have made a mistake. This isn't Mrs. Rivington's apartment. How stupid of me. They looked at each other a mo-

ment. Then each laughed nervously. as together they started to go out of the door. It was locked! Quickly they ran to another door.

It was locked also. Just then the Chinaman entered and stood a moment gazing at them. They turned and Elaine recoiled from him.

Wong bowed. "Oh, sir," cried Mary, "we've made a mistake. Can't you tell us how to

get out?" "No speke Englis," he said, glid-

ing out again from the room and closing the door. Elaine and Mary looked about in

"What shall we do?" asked Elaine.

Mary said nothing, but with a hasty glance discovered on the wall the knife which Wong had already told her about. She took it from its scabbard. As she did so the Chinaman returned with a tray on which were queer drinks and glasses.

At the sight of Mary with the knife he scowled blackly, laid down the tray, and took a few steps in her direction. She brandished the knife threateningly; then, as if her nerve failed her, fainted, letting the knife fall carefully on the floor so that it struck on the handle, and not on the

Wong quickly caught her as she fainted and carrying her out of the room, banged shut the door. Elaine followed in a moment, loyally to protect her supposed friend, but found that the door had a snap lock on the

moment Wong reappeared. As he advanced slowly and insinuatingly, she drew back, pleading. But her words

fell on seemingly deaf ears. She had picked up the knife which Mary had dropped, and when at last Wong maneuvered to get her cornered and was about to seize her, she nerved herself up and stabbed at him reso-

Wong staggered back-and fell. As he did so, he pressed the bladder which he had already placed under his coat. A dark red fluid, like blood, oozed out all over him and ran in a pool on the floor.

Elaine, too horror-stricken at what had happened even to scream, dropped the knife and bent over him. He did not move. She rose quickly and ran through the now open door. As she did so, Wong seemed suddenly to come to life. He raised himself and looked after her, then with a subtle smile sank back into his former assumed posture on the floor.

When Elaine reached the other room she found Mary there with the Chinese servant who was giving her a glass of water. At the sight of her, the servant paused, then withdrew into another room farther back. Mary, now apparently recovering from her

faintness, smiled wanly at Elaine. "It's all right," she murmured. "He is a Chinese prince who thought we

were callers." At the reassuring nod of Mary toward the front room, Elaine was over-

"I-I killed him!" she managed to

"What?" cried Mary, starting up and trembling violently. "You killed him-

"Yes," sobbed Elaine. "He came at me-had the knife-I struck at him .- "

The two girls ran into the other room. There Mary looked at the motionless body on the floor and recoiled, horrified.

Elaine noticed some spots on her hands, and, seeing that they were stained by the blood of Long Sin, wiped the spots off on her handkerchief, dropping it to the floor.

"Ugh!" exclaimed a guttural voice behind them.

It was the servant who had come

"You-kill him-with knife?" insinuated the Chinese. Elaine was dumb. The servant did

not wait for an answer, but hastily opened the hall door. To Elaine it seemed that something must be done quickly. A moment and

all the house would be in uproar. Instead, he placed his finger on his lips. "Quick-no word," he said, leading the way to the hall door, "and-oh. you must not leave that-it will be a clue," he added, picking up the bloody handkerchief and pressing it

into Elaine's hand. They quickly ran out into the hall. "Go-quick!" he urged again, "and

hide the handkerchief in the bag. Let no one see it!" He shut the door. As they hurri away Elaine breathed a sigh of relief. They had reached the street. Afraid

to run, they hurried as fast as they could until they turned the first cor-They pressed each other's hands and

Meanwhile in the front room Long Sin was on his feet again, brushing himself off and mopping up the blood. "It worked very well, Sam," he said

They were conversing eagerly and ladghing and did not hear a noise in the back room. A sinister figure had made its way by means of a fire escape to a rear

window that was not barred, and st lently he had stolen in on them. They turned at a slight noise and saw him. Genuine fright was now on

their faces as they looked at him, open mouthed. "What's all this?" he growled. "I am known as the Clutching Hand. I allow no interference with my affairs, Tell me what you are doing here with

Elaine Dodge.' Their beady almond eyes flashed fear. The Clutching Hand moved menacingly. There was nothing for the astute Wong Long Sin to do but to

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Elaine was playing with Rusty when

Jennings brought in a card on which

the whole hall.

The Exploits of Elaine

Wong spread out his hands in surrender and submission. "I will tell you, honorable sir," he said at length.

"Go on!" growled the criminal. Quickly Wong rehearsed what had happened from the moment the idea

of blackmail entered his head. "How about Mary Carson?" asked Clutching Hand. "I saw her here." Wong gave a glance of almost su-

perstitious dread at the man. "She will be back-is here now," he added, opening the door at a knock

and admitting her. Adventuress Mary had hurried back to see that all was right. This time

Mary was genuinely scared at the forbidding figure of which she had heard. "It is all right," pacified Wong. "Henceforth we work with the honcrable Clutching Hand."

At home at last, Elaine sank down into a deep library chair and stared straight ahead. She saw visions of arrest and trial, of the terrible electric chair with herself in it, bound, and of the giving of the fatal signal for turning on the current.

Were such things as these going to happen to her, without Kennedy's Why had they quarreled? She buried her face in her hands and wept.

Then she could stand it no longer. She had not taken off her street She rose and almost fled from the house.

Kennedy and I were still in the la boratory when a knock sounded at the door. I went to the door and opened it. There stood Elaine Dodge. It was a complete surprise to Craig.

"What is the matter?" he asked. She hesitated, then suddenly burst out, "Craig-I-I am-a murderess!" I had never before seen such a look on Craig's face as suddenly came over

Then she poured forth the story substantially as I have set it down, but without the explanation, which at that time was not known to any of us. "Oh," expostulated Craig, there must

be some mistake. It's impossible-im-"No," she asserted. "Look-here's

my handkerchief all spotted with

She opened the bag and displayed the blood-spotted handkerchief. He took it and examined it carefully.

"Elaine." he said earnestly, not at all displeased I could see, that something had come up that might blot out the past unfortunate misunderstanding, "there simply must be something wrong here. Leave this handkerchief with me. I'll do my best." "Thank you," she said simply as

she left the laboratory.

Craig went to work abruptly without

a word. On the laboratory table he placed his splendid microscope and several cases of slides, as well as innumerable micro-photographs. He had been work-

ing for some time when he looked up. "It is dog's blood-not human blood," he said simply, "but what's the game back of all this-that's the main ques-

tion now." It was not much later that Elaine received a second visit from Mary.

"Do you know why the servant allowed us to leave the apartment?" whispered Mary with a glance about fearfully, as if the walls had ears. "No-www ?" inquired Elaine anxious-

He's a tong man who has been chosen to do away with the prince. He followed me, and says you have done his work for him. If you will give him ten thousand dollars for expenses he will attend to hiding the

Here, at least, was a way out. "It is the safest way out of the trouble. Yes, I'll do it. I'll stop at the bank now and get the money."

They rose and Mary preceded her, eager to get away from the house. At the door, however, Elaine asked her to wait while she ran back on some pretext.

Our telephone rang in the middle of our conversation on blood crystals, and Kennedy himself answered it. It was Elaine asking Craig's ad-

They have offered to hush the thing up for ten thousand dollars," she said in a muffled voice.

She seemed bent on doing it, and no amount of argument from him could stop her. She simply refused to accest the evidence of the blood crystals as better than what her own eyes

told her she had seen and done. "Then wait for half an hour," he answered, without arguing further. "You can do that without exciting suspicion. Then go with her to her

hotel and hand her over the money." "All right-I'll do it," she agreed. "What is the hotel?" Craig wrote on a slip of paper what

he told him-"Room 509, Hotel La Hastlly he threw on his street coat.

"Go into the back room and get me a brace and bit, Walter,' he said. I did so. When I returned I saw that he had placed the detectascope and some stuff in a bag. He shoved

in the brace and bit also.

"Come on-hurry!" he urged.
We must have made record time in getting to the La Coste. It was an ornate place, where merely to breathe was expensive. We entered, and by some excuse Kennedy contrived to get past the vigilant bell-hops. We

passed the telephone switchboard and entered the elevator, getting off at the fifth floor.

With a hasty glance up and down the corridor, to make sure no one was about, Kennedy came to Room 509, then passed to the next room, 511, opening the door with a skeleton key.

Quickly Craig went to the door which led to the next room. It was, of course, locked also. He listened a moment carefully. Not a sound. Quickly, with an exclamation of satisfaction, he opened that door also and

This room was much like that in which we had already been. He opened the hall door.

"Watch here, Walter," he directed. "Let me know at the slightest alarm." Craig had already taken the brace and bit from the bag and started to bore through the wall in Room 511, selecting a spot behind a picture of a Spanish dancer-a spot directly back of her snapping black eyes. He finished quickly and inserted the detectascope so that the lens fitted as an eye in the picture. The eye-piece was in

room 511. Then he started to brush up the pieces of plaster on the floor. "Craig." I whispered hastily as I heard an elevator door, "someone's coming!"

He hurried to the door and looked. There they are," he said, as he saw Elaine and Mary rounding the corner of the hall.

Across the hall, although we did not know it at the time, in room 540, already Wong Sin had taken up his station, just to be handy. There he had been with his servant, playing with his two trained white rats.

Wong placed them up his capacious sleeves and carefully opened the door to look out. Unfortunately he was just in time to see the door of 509 open and disclose us.

We hurried into 511 and shut the

Kennedy mounted a chair and applied his eye to the detectascope. Just then Mary and Elaine entered the next room, Mary opening the door with a regular key.

"Won't you step in?" she asked. Elaine did so and Mary hesitated in the hall. Wong Sin had slipped out. on noiseless feet and taken refuge behind some curtains. As he saw her alone, he beckoned, to- Mary.

"There's a stranger in the next room," he whispered. "I don't like him. Take the money and as quickly as possible get out and go to my apartment."

At the news that there was & suspicious stranger about Mary showed great alarm. Everything was so rapid now that the slightest hesitation meant disaster. Perhaps by quickness even a suspicious stranger could be fooled, she reasoned. At any rate, Wong Sin was resourceful. She had better trust him.

Mary followed Elaine into the room where she had seated herself already, and locked the door.

"Have you the money there?" she asked.

"Yes," nodded Elaine, taking out the package of bills which she had got from the bank during the half-hour

All this we could see by gazing alternately through the detectascope. Elaine handed Mary the money. Mary counted it slowly. At last she looked up.

"It's all right," she said. "Now, I'll take this to that teng leader. He's in a room only just across the hall." She went out.

Mary had just succeeded in getting

on the elevator as Kennedy hurried down the hall. The door was closed and the car descended. He rang the push bell furiously, but there was no answer.

He dashed back to the room with us and jerked the telephone receiver. "Hello-hello-hello!" he called. There seemed to be no way to get connection. What was the mat-

He hurried down the hall again. Down in the hotel lobby, with his follower, the Chinaman paused before the telephone switchboard, where two

girls were at work. "You may go," ordered Wong, and, as his man left, he moved over close to the switchboard.

Just as a call from 509 flashed up. Wong slipped the rings off his little fingers and loosened the white rats on the telephone switchboard itself.

With a shrick the telephone system of the Coste went temporarily out of business.

Kennedy had succeeded in finding the alcove of the floor clerk in charge of the fifth floor. There on his desk was an instrument having a stylus on the end of two arms, connected to a system of magnets. It was a telauto-

Unceremoniously Craig pushed the clerk out of his seat and sat down himself. It was a last chance, now that the telephone was out of com-

mission. Downstairs in the hotel office, where the excitement had not spread to every one, was the other end of the electric long-distance writer.

It started to write, as Kennedy wrote, upstairs: "House Detective-quick-hold wom

an with blue chatelaine bag, getting out of elevator." The clerks downstairs saw it and

shouted above the din of the rat-bait-



Elaine, Too Horror-Stricken Even to Scream, Dropped the Knife and Bent Over Him.

"McCann-McCann!"

from the telautograph register and handed it to the house man, who pushed his way to the desk.

Quickly the detective called to the bell-hops. Together they hurried after the well-dressed woman who had just swept out of the elevator. Mary had already passed through the exto cross the street-safe.

McCann and the bell-hops were now in full cry after her. Flight was useless. She took refuge in indignation and threats.

But McCann was obdurate. She passed quickly to tears and pleadings. It had no effect. They insisted on leading her back. The game was up. "Here," cried Kennedy, "take her up in the elevator. I'll prove the case."

"Now-not a word of who she is in

The clerk had torn off the message the papers, McCann," Kennedy concluded, referring to Elaine, "You know, it wouldn't sound well for the La Coste. As for that woman-well I've got the money back. You can take her off-make the charge."

As the house man left with Mary I handed Craig his bag. We moved to Oct. 31 ward the door, and as we stood there cited lobby and out, and was about a moment with Elaine, he quietly handed over to her the big roll of money

If he had been less of a scientist, he might have understood the look on her face, but, with a nod to me, he turned and went.

As she looked first at him, then at the paltry ten thousand in her hand, Elaine stamped her little foot in vexation.

"I'm glad I didn't say anything more," she cried. "No-no-he shall beg my pardon first-there!" (TO BE CONTINUED.)

AFFIDAVIT OF COMMISSIONERS COURT TO TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINANCES IN THE HANDS OF C. T. BEARD, Treasurer of

Lvnn County. Texas.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS. In Regular Quarterly Session,

November Term, 1915.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, as County Commissioners within and for said Lynn County, and the Hon. J. L. Stokes, County Judge of said Lvnn County, constituting the entire Commissions' Court of said County, and each one of us, do hereby certify that on this, the 10th day of November A. D. 1915, at a regular quarterly term of our said Court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of C. T. Beard Treasurer of Lynn County, Texas. for the quarter beginning on the 1st day of August A. D. 1915. and ending on the 31st day of October A D. 1915, and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Lynn County, stating the approval of said Treasurer's Report by our said Court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since his last report to this Court, and for and during the time covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's hands on the said 31st day of October A. D. 1915. and have ordered the proper credits to be made in the accounts of the said County Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Article 867. Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, as amended by an Act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Texas, at its regular

session, approved March 20, 1897. And we, and each of us, further certify that we have actually and fully inspected this assets in hands of said Treasurer belonging to Lynn County at the close of the examination of said Remember That Treasurer's Report, on this the 31st day of October A. D. 1915,

and find the same to be as follows, to wit: WITNESS OUR HANDS, officially, this 10th day of Novemer A. D.

JURY FUND Overdraft as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 1st day of August 1915 20.93 To amount received since said date_____ 112.83 By amount disbursed since said date_____ 690.49 By amount to balance Total 711, \$2

Balance to debit of said JURY FUND as actually inspected by us on the 10th day of November A, D. 1915, and including the amount debit on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 8th day of November A. D. 1915, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total debit of 598.59 ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND Cr. Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report

on the 1st day of August 1915 ____ 2,287.92 By amount disbursed since said date_____ 1,092.11 By amount to balance..... TOTAL 2,656.67 2,656.67 Balance to credit of said ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND as actually inspected by us on the toth day of November

A. D. 1915, and including the amount balonce on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 8th day of November A. D. 1915, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of

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tween receipts and disbursements since that day, mak-

COURT HOUSE AND JAIL FUND

on the 1st day of August 1915

Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report

To amount received since said date.....

By amount to balance

Overdraft of said COURT HOUSE AND JAIL FUND as-

actually inspected by us on the 10th day of November

A. D. 1915, and including the amount balance on hand

by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report

on the 8th day of November A. D. 1915, and the bal-

ance between receipts and disbursements since that

RECAPITULATION

Balance to credit of Road and Bridge Fund on

hands of sain Treasurer as actually inspected by us

W. T. Petty, Commissioner Precinct No. 1.

W. A. Waller, Commissioner Precinct No. 2.

H. T. Gooch, Commissioner Precinct No. 3.

J. J. Nettles, Commissioner Precinct No 4.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me. by J. L. Stokes, Coun-

Clerk County Court, Lynn County, Texas.

ty Judge, and W. T. Petty, and W. A. Waller, and H. T. Gooch,

and J. J. Nettles, County Commissioners of said Lynn County,

each respectively, on this, the 10th day of November A. D. 1915.

Overdraft of General Fund on this day____

Oct. 31 Overdraft of Court House and Jail Fund on

Total debit on hand belonging to Lvnn County in the

J. L. Stokes, County Judge.

Balance to debit of July Fund on this day

By amount disbursed since said date.____

day, making a total overdraft of _____

this day ____

Overdraft of said GENERAL FUND as actually inspected by us on the 10th day of November A. D. 1915, and

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Progress Reported Construction Gangs

Work is progressing this week on the new residence of S. N. McDaniel on the site of his old home which has been moved to the south part of town. This new home will be one of the best residences in Tahoka. Six rooms, bath and a couple of large porches will make it all that one might desire in a home. ...

Boyce Hatchett's new resi dence in North Tahoka is fast approaching that state of construction where one can begin to tell something of the way it will appear when it is completed.

Clay Hughes finished the middle of the week all construction work on his six room bungalow in North Tahoka and the exterior painting was finished. He is busy papering and staining the interior. Replete with bath built in china closet, entrance hall and other conveniences it is indeed a cozy little home.

... G. W. Tarrance has finished the fencing and out buildings of his new home in East Tahoka. and the foundation is started. The exterier of this home will not be pretentious as to appearance but within it will be all that a home could be: large rooms, well lighted and conven iently arranged. Truly Tahoka is becoming a homey city.

By the time this paper reaches our readers the brick work on the Knight & Brashears building north of the post office will have been completed and the roofing work nearly so. The contractors feel no uneasiness as to their ability to turn this structure over to the owners completed and ready for business by January first.

The finishing work on the Parkhurst building and the two north of it is fast progressing and if not finished ahead of schedule will be ready by the

delivery date, January first Finishing work on the front of the Star Theater is at a standstill for the lack of material.

H. M. Larkin let the contract, 10:20-10:40-Recess. 50x85 brick store building on the 12:00- 1:30-Noon. southwest key block to A. Z. Rodgers, the contractor who is finishing the Star, Parkhurst and two adjoining buildings on north Main street. We under stand that the material is a! ready ordered and dirt will be broken in a few days.

When the news spread over Brownfield, about eleven o.clock Tuesday morning, that C. S Cardwell had died suddenly at his residence on the west side of town, none could hardly believe it, but when the fact fully dawned that it was really a fact the town was never so shocked in its history. Yes. the whole county felt it .- Terry County Herald.

Mr. Cardwell was owner o the Brownfield-Tahoka Telephone line.

W. G. Meyers. of near Gomez, was visiting his brother, Ed. Meyers, the furniture man, this week.

The Methodist Sunday School in Tahoka, have decided to have a sure enough Christmas tree the night before Christmas, and the following committees have been appointed by the superintendent, Mrs. S. W. Joplin, Mrs. J. D. Donaldson; Mrs. C. H. Cain, Miss Mae Ellison and Hardy Montgomery, committee on entertainment; B. F. Montgomery, Joe Risinger and H. C. Crie, committee on securing the tree,

CARD OF THANKS

I take this method of thanking all those kind friends and acquaintances who extended my wife so many kindnesses during the recent operation which she underwent. Too I especially thank Drs. Inmon and Turrentine , and Miss Mary Foley, the nurse, for their efficient service.

Thankfully, J. A. GAMBLE.

The box supper at Wilson Thanksgiving night was sparce'ly attended on account of the threatening appearance of the weather, but the people of Wilson and immediate vicinity were there with many pretty boxes and the sale was a financial success, netting \$55. This sum will be used in seating the new church there.

Bert Yantis, proprietor of the O'Donnell Hotel, was a business caller in our city Wednesday.

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PROGRAM

LYNN-TERRY CO. TEACHERS' INSTITUTE AT TAHOKA, TEXAS, DECEMBER 18, 20, 21, 22 AND 23, 1915.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18.

10:00 a. m.-Devotional Exercises; Rev. Durham. Welcome address; H. C. Zornes. Response; W. B. Bishop. Enrollment of teachers.

Benefits to be derived from the Teachers' Institute; Judge J. L. Stokes and Judge G. W.

12:00-1:30-Noon.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

1:30- 2:30 - A study of "The Merchant of Venice"; Hubert St. Clair, teacher. "Teaching the Common Branches", Chapter 1; S. W. Henderson.

2:30- 2:45-Recess. 2:45- 4:00 - Sectional meetings;

Primary decartment, room six; Mrs S, E. Draper, Chairman. Number work, first and second grades; Miss

Era Woods, Leader. Language, first and second grades; Miss Lydia Dupuy, Leader. Intermediate Department, room seven; J. P Hatchett, Chairman. Arithmetic, fifth and sixth grades; O. L.

Weakley, Leader. Language and grammar, fifth and sixth grades: Miss Jennie Lowe, Leader. High School: W. B. Bishop, Chairman, American History and methods of teaching

Miss Maggie King, Leader, MONDAY, DECEMBER 20.

9:00-10:20-Devotional Exercises; Rev. C. H. Ledger. Roll Call.

To what extent is the parent responsible for the preparation and recitation of the daily lesson; S. E Draper. Civic attractiveness of the Public Schools; H., 2:45. 4:00—Sectional meetings. M. Larkin.

this week for the erection of his 10:40-12:00-Vocational training; W. B. Bishop.
The School as a social center; H. C. Zornes.

MONDAY AFTERNOON. 1:30- 2:30-"The Merchant of Venice"; Hubert St. Clair,

Teacher. "Teaching the Common Branches", Chapter 3: Miss Jennie Meriwether.

2:30- 2:45-Recess. 2:45- 4.00-Sectional meetings. Primary department:

Numbers, third and fourth grade; W. M. Yates, Leader. Language, third and fourth grades; Miss Nita Jaggla. Intermediate department:

L. Johnson, Leader. High School. English; Miss Ada Riley, Leader.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER, 21. 9:00-10:20-Devotional Exercises; Eld. 1. N. Lewis.

Address by Supt. Dupree.

10:20-10:40-Recess

The Growth of the Teacher; O. L. Weakley. Union and Education; General discussion. 12:00- 1:30-Noon.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

1:30- 2:30 - "Midsummer Nights Dream"; Hubert St, Clair, teacher. Charter's "Teaching the Common Branches", Chapter five; Miss Lizzie Dumas. 2:30- 2:45-Recess.

2:45- 4.00-Sectional meetings.

Frimary department: Reading, first and second grades; Miss Bessie James, Leader. Nature study, first and second grades; Miss Sarah Hudson, Leader.

Intermediate department: Reading, fifth, sixth and seventh grades; Miss Ada Rushing, Leader. Geography, fifth and sixth grades; Thurman Bailey Leader.

High School: High School Arithmetic; W. B. Bishop, Leader.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22.

9:00-10:20 - Devotional Exercises; Rev. Durham. To what extent is the teacher responsible for

the child's conduct after school hours; S. W. Henderson. Honor System in the Public Schools; Miss Nancy Dumas.

10:20-10:40-Recess. 10:40-12:00-Charter's "Teaching the Common Branches", Chapter nine: Miss Ella Dillard

Charter's "Teaching the Common Branches", Chapter ten; Miss Lottie Adkinson.

12:00- 1:30-Noon. WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

1:30- 2:30-"Midsummer Nights Dream"; Hubert St. Clair, teacher. Charter's "Teaching the Common Branches",

Chapter twelve; Miss Randolph. 2:30- 2:45-Recess.

Primary department: Reading, third and fourth grades; Miss Mattie Matthews, Leader. Geography, third and fourth grade; Miss Bertha Lowe, Leader.
Intermediate department:

Spelling, fifth, sixth and seventh grades, Miss Lenora Rogers, Leader.

Physiology, fifth and sixth grades, Miss Linnie Babston, Leader. High School Dedpartment:

Algebra, Miss Jennie Lowe, Leader

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23.

9:00-10:20-Devotional Exercises, Rev. C H. Ledger. The teacher from the pupils point of view; Walter Smith. How to deal with diseases and ailments of

school children; Miss Ada Rushing. Arithmetic, seventh grade; C. I. Ware, Leader. 10.20-10:40 - Recess.

Physiology and Hygene, seventh grade; Lee 10:40-12:00—Athletics in the Public Schools; Miss Noba Stroud.

Moral training; Miss Vada Walden. 12:00- 1:30-Noon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

1:30- 2:30-Charter's "Teaching the Common Branches", Chapters seventeen and eighteen: Miss Bertha Charter's "Teaching the Common Branches", Chapter sixteen; Mrs Nona Renfro.

2:30- 2:45-Recess. 2:45- 4.00-Round-table discussion. Business meeting.

Every teacher under the law is required to attend every day of the institute for the whole session, and it is expected of every teacher to be present and answer to roll call. Charter's "Teaching the Common Branches" may be secured from C. A. Bryant & Co., Dallas, Texas, by sending \$1.10 for same. Each teacher is expected to do note book work on "Teaching the Common Branches", and for the sectional meetings.

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SEEKING LOST CITY

Amarillo, Texas, Nov. 24--Coming to Amarillo for the purpose of finding a great lost city of the past; said by scientist to have to flow into the Big Spring. existed 3,000 years ago somewhere in the Texas Pauhandle, Dr Wa'ker Fewkes, assistant director Smithsonian Institute of Washington, is now in the city.

He could find no one in Amarillo who could direct him to any spot in the Panhandle where the lest city of tradition existed, though many are of the opinion bought a New Home in Lynn that it was near the Canadian county.

Prof. Fewkes claims that this lost city contained at least 500. ooo people, nad many convenien- requests the presence of every ces similar to those existing to- member of the Methodist denomiday, including a subway. It was nation to meet at the church Sunthe home of the prehistoric people who lived in the southwest part of the United States prior to the advent of the American Indian. They were a pastoral and manu- fore the entire church memberfacturing people, highly skilled in ship. Come out if possible and music and art, and disappeared because of excessive indulgence brought on by too much prosper. ion so the world will know where

WHEN THE WIND BLEW

Gail turned into a stiff breeze, causing Cloud Croft to lower ove Plainview, theiby causing Sweet

We thought then we would Sey. mour of Snyder when Wichita Falls, but having been divided in the Midland we Fluvannaed high in the air to Rising Star .- Bordon

But when Terry saw the Brownfields of the Plains he took a Muleshoe for good luck, and

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acre. Their kaffir, sorghum and sudan grans made fine yields, and heir maize is making a ton to the acre. Mrs. Nessel said they had fine garden in which they grew variety of vegetables in profusnon. They have all been as busy as could be the entire year taking care of the various crops but this tall has taxed them to the utmost

to save what they had made.

... J. A. Pierce, who lives on the west side of the Tahoka-Lubbock road about ten and one-half miles orth of Tahoka, had ninety five cres in cultivation this year and raised a bumwer erop of everything. Twenty-three acres in coton is making three-fourthe of a pale to the acre average; eignt acres in corn made forty bushels to the acre: four and one-halt acres of kaffir made two and one. half tons of heads to the acre; one and one-half acres in sudan and tour acres in sorghum both made large yields. The balance is in maize and is making two tons per acre. Mrs. Pierce realized twenty dollars each month for her cream and the same for her eggs for the entire year. Besides his crops, Mr. Pierce raised twenty calves although he has lost three head from black leg lately. He also has forty hogs from which he says he will realize "good money."

... J. F. Standiter, who has lived n this country for the past foureen years, and has averaged more than a living each year of this me, had eighty acres in cultivation this year and raised the foiowing crops thereon: Thirty acres of corn made thirty bushels o the acre; ten in feterita made bout one and one haif tons to the icre; eight acres of k ffir made two tons to the acre. Mr. Standiter raised seven hogs this year hat are now eight months eld and will dress 225 pounds of pork each. He has been a stock farmer all the time he has lived in Lynn county, and made the statement that he had done better here than anywhere else he had ever lived.

O. H. Richards, who lives on the Ketner plabe twelve miles north-east of Tahoka, had eighty acres in cultivation this year, and on twenty-three acres of cotton averaged over one-half bale to the acre; eight acres of corn made better than twenty-five bushels to the acre; maize and kaffir made more than a ton to the acre.

... Nine miles north of Tahoka, is situated the farm of Charley Lichey, a German from South Texas who has been there three years and has improved his place until now he has a nice residence and out buildings and eighty acres in cultivation, free from weeds, and on which he raised the following crops this season. Twenty-five acres in cotton that is making better than three-fourths of a bale to the acre; seven acres of corn that have made more than fourty bushels to the acre; thirty-five! acres of maize, fifteen acres of which was planted on old land and

C. W. Scott has just finished is making more than two tons of his new residence on his place ad. heads to the acre, while the other joining Pierce's on the west, and twenty acres were planted upon will soon begin farming operations sod land and it is not making for the coming season. Adjoining more than one and one-half tons him again on the west is the new to the acre. Mr. Lichey has some y improved place of Hermon sudan grass that he has cut twice Kaine, of Weimar, Texas, who and it is now two feet tall but he returned to his old home last Sat did not think he would have time urday to finish his preparations to to cut it, and he did not need it move out to Lynn county, his fu anyway. His sweet potatoes were just simply great, a few short rows near the road required the J. H. Nessel, who lives north of whole family an entire day to Tahoka something more than ten gather; his Irish potatoes did not miles, cultivated ninety acres of do so well the first crop as the and this past season from which hail damaged them considerably, ne is gathering as follows: Twen but the second crop now ready to veight acres in cotton off of gather are as big as his fist, sound which they have already gathered and nice. Mr. Lichey tells us seventeen bales and expect to that his brother-in law, August gather five more; twenty acres of Winkler, will farm the Trautwein corn made forty bushels to the place a couple of miles north of him this next year.

...

Lois Schambeck, who lives ten miles north of Tahoka on the Tahoka-Lubbock road, had in eighty acres this year and raised thereon the following crops: Ten acres in cotton off of which he has already gathered seven bales and expects to gather three bales more; torty- Said Mollycoddle Mr. Mack five acres of corn averaged forty. five bushels to the acre; the balance of his farm is in maiz and is turning out one and one-half tons of heads to the acre.

...

J. H. Smith or the New Home neighborhood, has something like eighty tons of maize heads that he says he will place upon the market as soon as the price reach. es the ten dollar mark.

C. N. McGaffey of Dalllas, is stopping at the Lynn Hotel this week and is putting in his time rounding up the Praetorians. Mr. McGaffey is manager for the state of Alabama for the Praetorians and has served upon the board of @ advisors for the past fourteen years and was lately elected for another four years. He will at once begin to put some life into the Paetorian Lodge here in

Prof. J. P. Hatchett of Little. field, came in Saturday of last week in time to attend the singing convention at Lynn school house Sunday, Prof. Hatchett will teach the New Home school the coming term beginning Manday morning. He will build him a small house near the school house some time during the holidays, so he will be able to live at home and be con venient to his work. Until he builds he will board with J H. Smith who lives within two or three hundred yards of the school &

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-Youngstown Telegram. Observed mild-mannered Mr. Dan: "With swearing I am through." The top fell from the garbage can And all he said was "Phew!"

-Geneva Free Press-Times. "To cuss is awful raw!"

He happened to step on a tack And all he said was "Pshaw!" -Sharon Herald,

Said fat and jolly Mr. Rand: "To cursing I ne'er fell."

He listened to the blaring And said, "They're pl

-Houston Post Said Prim and proper Mrs. He "Profaneness pains me so!" When asked if ever she

cursed. She answered, "Lordy, no!" - Daily Texas "To never take God's name

vain," Was the creed of Mr. Peck When he stuck his Ford muddy lane, He sighed and said, "O Bec

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