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### Building Progress

Brick-work on Lynn County's \$100,000.00 Court House is practically finished. The plasterers are busily engaged in finishing the interior walls and the carpenters are well along with the wood work. A carload of metal furniture has already been unloaded and stored in the basement.

The building is topped with a 40 foot steel flag pole and is thought that with the coming of spring the county officials will be housed in our new Temple of Justice and old Glory will be floating on the breezes from its exalted position.

We have a County Capital that is a credit to a city and which our people will be proud of a generation hence.

Verily Tahoka grows night and day.

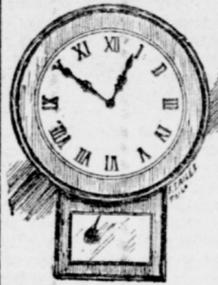
Come and make your home with us and let your fortune grow with a rapidly growing country.

Brick work is finished on the brick block on the south end of Main Street and the carpenters are busily engaged in preparing the building for occupancy.

The lessees hope to move in about Christmas or the first of the year.

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Friday night, at the home of the bride's parents 14 miles southwest of Tahoka, Miss Mollie Strong was married to Prof. M. A. Yates principle of the Draw school. Quite a number of friends of the contracting parties were present, and after the ceremony a fruit supper was served.

Madison Yates is the youngest son of W. A. Yates one of Lynn county's substantial farmers of the Three Lakes community. Madison has taught several years in the Lynn county schools. Mrs. Madison Yates is the youngest daughter of G. R. Strong, another prominent farmer of Three Lakes and President of the Lynn Co. Singing Convention. The young people have a host of friends with whom the News joins in wishing them a full measure of happiness thru out their wedded life.

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TAHOKA, TEXAS

### Improvements in N. Tahoka

A. D. Shook is having the vacant blocks in North Tahoka fenced to preserve the lots from damage by traupie. Several deep scars have been made across several blocks by roads running diagonally. With this part of town laid off in streets and considering the rapid growth of the entire town it is about time the council considered putting the names of streets at intersections. To say one lived in west or northwest Tahoka is very indefinite. The posting of the street names

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would be of untold benefit to the merchants and citizens would receive better service. If a patron phone a merchant an order the delivery boy could make connection much more readily if they said to deliver the order at Orson and Kelsey streets or North Sixth and Sanders streets, than to say west of the square or in the west end of North Tahoka. Another step city-ward should be taken.

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teeming gardens, and orchards, and vineyards, pitching his own wisdom and growing them in independence, making cotton his clean surplus, and selling at his own time and in his chosen market, and not at a masters bidding—getting his pay in cash and no in a receipted mortgage, which discharges his debt but does not restore his freedom—then shall be breaking the fullness of our days.

C. L. Dixon began the erection Tuesday of a neat little bungalow in east Tahoka on Lockwood St. Carpenter J. C. Nevill is putting up the house.

The relative value of a woman and a hog was illustrated in Wisconsin recently. A woman wrote to the governor that she had a big family to support and was suffering with tuberculosis and desired state aid. About the same time a letter was received from a man who desired aid for a hog which showed symptoms of Cholera. The governor sent word to the woman that no appropriation had been set aside for tuberculosis victims, and at the same time a man was hurriedly dispatched with a supply of cholera serum to the rescue of the hog. This incident tells its own story without further comment.—Nueces County News.

Crie and Ramsey writes all kind of deeds, Examine Abstracts and do all kinds of conveyancing.

### No. 8597

#### Report of Condition of the First National Bank at Tahoka in the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on November 17th, 1916.

RESOURCES.		Dollars Cts
1. a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c)	\$253,873.34	
Total loans	253,873.34	
Deduct:		
d Notes and bills rediscounted (see item 53)	1,261.50	252,611.84
2. Overdrafts, secured, \$.....; unsecured \$6,549.83		6,549.83
3. U. S. Bonds:		
a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	\$ 12,500	12,500.00
Total U. S. Bonds		12,500.00
5. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)		1,750.00
7. a Value of banking house (if unencumbered)	7,000.00	
b Equity in banking house	7,000.00	
8. Furniture and fixtures	3,000.00	
10. a Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis	\$ 5,053.10	
b Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	78,237.18	83,290.28
11. Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 10 or 18)		18,686.04
13. Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank		1,667.40
14. a Outside checks and other cash items	1,939.87	
b Fractional currency, nickels, and cents	66.75	2,006.62
15. Notes of other national banks		2,835.00
16. Federal Reserve bank notes		1,000.00
18. Lawful reserve in vault and with Federal Reserve Bank		27,850.64
19. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		625.00
Total	421,363.65	
LIABILITIES		Dollars Cts
23. Capital stock paid in	50,000.00	
24. Surplus fund	7,500.00	
25. a Undivided profits	\$ 8,001.40	
b Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	3,071.23	4,930.17
28. Circulating notes outstanding		12,500.00
Demand deposits:		
33. Individual deposits subject to check	325,635.08	
36. Cashier's checks outstanding	1,398.49	
Total demand deposits, items 33 and 36	327,033.48	
Time deposits (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice)		9,400.00
47. Bills payable, other than with Federal Reserve Bank including all obligations representing money borrowed, other than rediscounts		10,000.00
Total	421,363.65	
53. Liabilities for rediscounts, including those with Federal Reserve Bank	1,261.50	
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 knowledge and belief.		
W. B. Slaton, Cashier.		
Subscribed and sworn to before me	CORRECT—Attest:	
this 25th day of November, 1916.	W. D. Nevels	
G. E. Lockhart,	G. W. Small	
Notary Public	A. L. Lockhart	

### No. 1047

#### BANKS Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the

Guaranty State Bank	
at Tahoka, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 17th day of November 1916, published in the Lynn County News, a newspaper printed at Tahoka, State of Texas, on the 1st day of December 1916	
RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, personal and collateral	46,642.23
Loans, real estate	4,733.63
Overdrafts	1,146.66
Cotton acceptance	23,484.40
Real estate (banking house)	21,149.60
Other Real Estate	00.00
Furniture and fixtures	3,230.15
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	5,000.31
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check net	7,298.50
Cash Items	922.59
Currency	3,550.00
Specie	2,632.85
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund, Assessment Dep. G. Fund	1,165.45
Other Resources as follows:	
Expense account	222.27
Total	121,238.73
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	35,000.00
Surplus Fund	00.00
Undivided Profits, net	00.00
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	00.00
Individual Deposits, subject to check	61,238.73
Time Certificates of Deposit	00.00
Demand Certificates of Deposit	00.00
Cashier's Checks and Rediscounts	25,000.00
Certificates of Deposit, issued for money borrowed	00.00
Other Liabilities as follows	00.00
Total	121,238.73
STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF LYNN; SS	
I, W. A. D. Shook as president, and A. E. Herring as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.	
W. A. D. Shook, President.	
A. E. Herring, Cashier.	
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25th day of November, A. D. 1916,	
M. M. Herring, Notary Public, Lynn County, Texas.	
CORRECT—Attest:	
R. A. Chambers	
J. W. Elliott	
W. O. Thomas	
Directors	Directors

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FOURTH EPISODE

THE LOOTERS

A Plunge Into Politics.

The manner in which John Burton, tenth marquis of Castleton, was duped by "Boss" Maloney and his gang must be told with bated breath. For one thing, the story is not creditable to Burton's intelligence. For another, there are limitations to such recitals in cold print. The one redeeming feature in a sordid record is the fact that Maloney himself was as boldly fooled as anybody.

And the boss was a hard man to beat at his own dirty game—as to that element in the situation there could be no manner of doubt whatsoever.

Those who disliked him most—the clean-minded, God-fearing men and women who can be found in every community—conceded to Maloney a measure of grudging respect. He was a genial, shrewd, far-seeing scoundrel. His wiles invariably wore sheep's clothing till the time came for what he termed "a show down." Even when the disguise was dropped his opponents never knew whether the pack would snarl or fawn.

Thus, when a wave of reform swept over the town in which Burton had established himself, and a well-meaning citizen named Kramer was nominated for the mayoralty, it was Maloney's subtle brain which suggested a really effective counter-stroke. The "boss" knew well that laziness on the part of honest folks alone permits any community to be run by a gang of disreputable politicians.

Sooner or later, however, some peculiarly scandalous act, or a crusade carried on by some enthusiast, creates a new spirit in a community, and the inchoate mass decides that the power of the wardheelers must be broken. Such a power, of course, is irresistible, and Maloney was the last man on earth to defy the lightning.

He recognized the symptoms of the impending revolt. Preachers, editors, earnest-eyed young men who preferred Christian Endeavor or pleasant Sunday afternoons to wild-open saloons and gambling halls, were becoming increasingly active and outspoken. Their energies seemed to center around Kramer, a big, loud-voiced, breezy sort of man who said quite plainly that if he were mayor the town would be run straight by its officials or he would know the reason why.

Maloney had weathered political storms before but he sized this one up as a moral hurricane. As he could not hope to face the gale, he decided to run with it. In plain English, he came out boldly as a more thoroughgoing reformer than Kramer himself! Of course, he personally could not appear in the open. That would be too obvious a joke. No sheep ever raised was big enough to provide a fleece that would cover a wolf of Maloney's bulk.



'I'll Do More Than That for You When the Chance Offers.'

so he looked around for the right sort of candidate, and selected none other than John Burton.

John was endowed with all the essentials. He was a fine orator. He could talk to workmen in the language they understood. He appreciated the nature of their joys and sorrows. He knew what it meant to toil long hours for inadequate pay. Above all, he was a visionary, and well calculated to stampede an electorate away from the sane, moderate, practical, common-sense platform put forward by Kramer.

In his negotiations with Burton, therefore, Maloney was suave as a bishop and plausible as a corporation lawyer. The pity was that John could not hear and see the "boss" thronged

In the midst of the scoundrels who fattened on the city's finances.

A typical scene was that at which John's name was first put forward for the mayoralty. Prior to the meeting, which consisted of a few councilmen, mostly of the saloonkeeper class, Maloney had instructed his partner, Hank Parkins, that "the marquis" was to be staged as a candidate. It was a marked characteristic of the man that he worked mainly through his lieutenant. Hence, Parkins was given the credit of making the proposition itself. Maloney was only to approve of it—dubiously at first, but with growing enthusiasm.

"Yes," agreed the big man, affecting to debate the suggestion seriously. "Burton might be all right. He is young, good looking, and fool enough to believe what he says. He's popular with the working people, and these here suffragettes—remember, boys, we must keep an eye on them—will take him to their maidenly bosoms at once. And then, he is as rich as sin, and will come across with a big check for campaign expenses."

Maloney touched a bell, and a young woman entered. She was a delicate girl, thin, pallid, and seemingly overworked, but her cameo-like features and the lissome ease of her movements showed that under other conditions she might be regarded as remarkably good looking. She coughed as the stifling, smoke-laden atmosphere of the office reached her lungs.

He plunged at once into the business in hand, and dictated the letter which was to draw John Burton into the net.

"That'll do the trick," shouted the "boss," slapping a fat knee gleefully. "Off you go now, boys, and make the crowd wise to the new move. See you blow in tomorrow about the same time. Call me a Dutchman if Mr. Goody-goody Burton isn't here on the tick to meet us."

Jane Carter had nearly finished typing the letter when the door of the outer office opened, and her brother came in. She did not seem very pleased to see him, which was not altogether surprising, because Jim Carter, though resembling his sister in some respects, was as dissolute looking as she was pretty. In him a deplorable weakness of character had taken the place of the girl's charming femininity.

He began at once to whine a complaint that he could never get a job if deprived of a little money for his everyday expenses. At last, to get rid of him, Jane took her purse out of a drawer and handed over a couple of dollar bills.

"That's no use to me," he grumbled. "I can blow in a couple of bucks in an hour treating fellows. It won't do me a bit of good."

"None of the men you treat are of any use to you, Jim," came the sad protest.

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cannot spare you another cent. I have left me barely sufficient to pay the week's expenses."

Jim shrugged his shoulders, lit a cigarette, and, seeing that his sister meant what she said, went out. Neither of the two knew that Parkins had stopped short when about to come in from the inner office. He had heard and was seemingly impressed by their brief conversation.

Jane started slightly as the junior partner crept up behind her unexpectedly.

"That was your brother, wasn't it, Miss Carter?" he inquired.

"Yes," she faltered, thinking it best to be candid. "He has not been at work lately, and I have to help him a little. You see, a young man really must have some money in his pocket."

Parkins, meaning to all appearance only to be sympathetic, laid a hand on her arm.

"Send your brother to me tomorrow, and I'll find him a job," he said quietly.

The girl, who had shrunk from his touch, now faced him impulsively and began to stammer some words of thanks.

"Oh, don't speak of it," he said genially. "I'll do more than that for you when the chance offers."

The following afternoon Jane was anxious and miserable. She had not seen her brother since the previous day, had not given him Parkins' message and could not guess what had become of him.

She was at work in the office when John Burton entered.

He seemed to bring with him a breath of wholesome air. His very smile was a tonic. And, to her gratification, he recognized her. After a slight start at her surprise he advanced to the stenographer's desk and held out his hand.

"I didn't expect to meet you here, Miss Carter," he said. "I have been wondering what became of you and your brother since your father's death. I was sure you had left the city."

Jane flushed, but did not lose her self-possession. It was kind of the millionaire to remember her, though their last meeting had been under happier circumstances.

Parkins, who had watched this proceeding with astonishment now led John into the chief's sanctum. The new candidate was promptly introduced to his supporters, whom he certainly found a somewhat queer-looking crowd, but whose unconditional promises and fine sentiments were beyond criticism.

Maloney undertook that under John's leadership every joint and dive in the city would be closed, every bad man hunted out, and every grafter dismissed!

"You understand, of course, Mr. Burton," he went on, pressing the tips of his fat fingers together, and pursing his sensual lips in an expression of such gravity, "we reformers are usually poor men. A fight like this cannot be conducted without considerable expense, and I ought to tell you here and now that you mustn't know just how all the money's expended. Will you start our fund with a check?"

"Certainly," agreed John. "For how much?"

"Oh, to begin with, say ten thousand dollars."

A little later Maloney and Parkins were about to escort their dupe to his waiting car when a tough-looking person appeared in the outer office and asked the girl if she was Jane Carter.

"Yes," she said. "What is it?"

The man seemed to bethink himself, and took off a greasy cap, but only to secure a note hidden therein. It was addressed to the girl in her brother's handwriting. She read it, uttered a heartbroken cry, and fell back in her chair.

At that moment the three men came from the inner office, and were naturally concerned at the girl's manifest distress. Parkins, sharp-eyed as a ferret, saw the note, which was written in pencil on a scrap of soiled paper. He picked it up and did not scruple to read it. It ran:

"Dear Jane: I am in the Mulberry street jail and it's a frame-up. See if you can't get me a lawyer. Your loving brother, Jim."

Parkins gave the unhappy girl a quick and speculative glance. Then he laid a hand gently on her shoulder.

"Don't worry about this, Jane," he said quietly. "I'll get your brother out in less than no time. As you are naturally upset, you had better go home for the rest of the day."

He did not even wait for a word of gratitude, but hurried away as though eager to effect the young reprobate's release.

Disillusionment. A brief interview with the chief of police resulted in young Carter being set at liberty. The boy had been drinking in a low-class saloon, was caught in a fight between rival gangs, and was arrested when the police came.

Parkins brought the boy home to his sister, who received him with tears.

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# The Grip of Evil

yet hung her arms around him in sheer joy at his rescue.

Parkins gently disengaged Jane's arms from her brother's neck, led her to a chair, and patted her on the shoulder.

"There is nothing to worry about now," he said. "Your brother's name will be struck out of the record, and I have not forgotten my promise to give him a job. He can start tomorrow collecting accounts for me. You see, knowing you as I do, I feel that any relative of yours must be thoroughly trustworthy. So I'll fix Jim in a responsible position straight away."

The girl was convinced now that the junior partner in the firm of Maloney & Parkins was a very fine man indeed. Moreover, it was reassuring to find a man like Mr. Burton working hand-in-glove with the weird creatures who formed the political associates of her employers.

Matters progressed quietly for a few days. Some of the genuine reformers of the town visited John, but he was unable to convince them that "Boss" Maloney had really changed his coat, and was now striving with might and main to purify the life of the city.

Burton was so taken up with his new interests in life that he allowed himself to be humbugged outrageously. The genuine and unaffected hearty receptions he was given by working-class audiences literally blinded him to the other features of his candidature.

The most egregious instance of the folly he was guilty of at this time was his childish acceptance of everything said by Maloney. For instance,

Jim Carter's collectorship consisted of nothing more nor less than the levying of blackmail in the red-light district. One of the most notorious characters therein, a woman who rejoiced in the appropriate name of Mrs. Ketchum, resented the amount of her assessment and called in person at the office of Maloney & Parkins to give the firm a bit of her mind. She was received by Jane Carter, who did not like her manner or appearance, and was correspondingly surprised when Maloney indicated that Mrs. Ketchum must be admitted at once. Parkins was present, too, and a first-class row sprang up almost before Jane could close the door.

The incident was driven from her mind, however, when John Burton entered. He had seen her several times since their first meeting—had even lent her a horse to ride—and was apparently wishful to make life pleasant for her in many ways. Just now, however, he was up to the neck in election matters.

"Can I see Mr. Maloney for a moment?" he said, smiling. "I'll not detain him, as I am due to address a meeting during the dinner hour at the woolen mills."

"Go right in, Mr. Burton," said Jane with an answering smile. "There is a lady inside, but I think she wants to quarrel, so an interruption may be helpful."

As John opened the door, a babel of angry voices was stilled. Parkins was the first to recover his composure.

"Glad to see you, Mr. Burton," he said. Then he indicated Mrs. Ketchum with a smug grin.

"This lady is one of your ardent supporters. She's a prominent—suffra-

gette, and, as you know, is firmly convinced that we men are a mighty bad lot."

John bowed to the curious-looking person whom he was now meeting for the first time.

"At any rate, you may feel sure, madam," he said, "that if I'm elected, I shall do everything that lies in my power for the protection and social advancement of your sex."

Mrs. Ketchum realized that some deep game was being played, but thought it best to fall in with the powers that be. With a final growl, she said, Parkins, guessing that Jane and Burton were talking in the outer office, escorted Mrs. Ketchum politely to the door. He was just in time to see Jane Carter entering the margin's car, while her brother was exchanging a word with both of them, and evidently well pleased at finding his sister in such company.

Parkins scowled. The growing friendship between the mayor-elect and the pretty stenographer did not suit his purpose at all. He must have a heart-to-heart talk with Jane before election day.

The election was fixed for a Tuesday, and the rival parties naturally focused every effort on the preceding day. True to his methods, "Boss" Maloney left much of the outward or visible control to his lieutenant.

Parkins, swaggering about in the limelight, was literally compelled to drink more than usual. As the day wore, he became tipsy, and a casual glimpse of Jane Carter tripping homeward after she had left the office inspired a vicious plan. At the first opportunity, therefore, he drove to her apartment house.

On the way he passed Burton, who was delivering an impassioned harangue to a number of workmen at a street corner. Among the audience, flashily attired and open-mouthed with surprise, was Mrs. Ketchum. Now, for the first time, she was learning John Burton's real sentiments, yet she knew him as the intimate associate of Maloney and Parkins! Small wonder, therefore, that Mrs. Ketchum and her like should fail to appreciate the true position of affairs, and Parkins had good reasons for the sardonic laugh with which he greeted the spectacle.

To his delight Jane was alone in her flat.

"I'm fed-up on politics, Jane," he said thickly. "They're all right for a time, but today I'm bored stiff, and I felt I must seek a little relaxation. You don't mind my coming to see you, do you?"

"No," she said timidly. "Why should I? You have been so good to my brother."

"Never mind your brother, Jane," he leered. "It's you I want now. You're the one woman in the bunch that I really care about. Come here and I'll whisper to you."

He grabbed her by the shoulders and tried to kiss her. Wrestling herself free with a startled cry, the girl endeavored to reach the door. Parkins followed, telling her that she was "a coy little devil," but he would get her now for sure. He caught her before she could tear the door open and crushed her forcibly in his arms. She was screaming loudly, and resisting with the frenzy of despair, when her brother entered unexpectedly.

Jim Carter may have been a weak-minded youth, and somewhat given to dissolute companions, but he could not see his sister struggling in the arms of a drunken brute and remain unmoved.

Jim came forward, probably meaning to do a little more than utter a protest, but Parkins, enraged at the interference of this jackal, struck him a violent blow in the face, which so frightened the boy that he ran out. Jane, however, succeeded in reaching her bedroom and locking the door. But Parkins was not to be denied. He rushed at the door, pounded viciously on the panels, and told Jane that if she did not come out he would smash the lock.

Meanwhile, Jim Carter's one thought was to secure the help of someone whose influence would be sufficiently powerful that his employer would be compelled to desist from the folly which seemed to have overtaken him. An appeal to the police would be worse than useless, but Burton was talking at no great distance. He was the man! Parkins would not dare face him! So Jim forced his way through the crowd, nor did he hesitate to stop John in the middle of a sentence and utter in his ear:

"Come quick, for God's sake!" he hissed brokenly. "Parkins is mad drunk and chasing Jane around the room. When I tried to stop him, he gave me a chip behind the ear that put me out of business."

John heard him with amazement, but could not refuse to credit the frightened boy's veracity.

Arranging hurriedly with another speaker to take his place, Burton made off. They reached Jane Carter's apartment just as the bedroom door was yielding to Parkins' violence. The man had now aroused himself to a state of bestial fury. No sooner was he aware of Burton's entrance than he sensed the object of this unforeseen interruption and tried to put a summary stop to any attempted parley by hurling a chair at the newcomer.

John dodged quickly and avoided the heavy missile, but Jim Carter was not so lucky and was knocked almost insensible. The two men closed forthwith in a fearsome struggle.

The room was literally wrecked before Burton resolved to bring matters to climax, once and for all. Exerting his great strength to the utmost, he wrenched himself free, delivered a

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"What's this I hear about my sister? What have you done with her?"

"Your sister is all right," said John calmly. "She's being well looked after. I put her in the care of Mrs. Ketchum."

"Mrs. Ketchum!" screamed the lad. "What sort of a fool can you be? Don't you know that Mrs. Ketchum keeps the most notorious dive in the city and pays these scoundrels a hundred dollars a month for police protection?"

"Is this true?" he demanded with a cold fury that might have brought a warning at any other time to the experienced "boss." But Maloney was beside himself with rage.

"Get out of this, you palm-sinking sucker!" he bellowed. "I'm sick of you and your Billy Sunday notions! Get out, I tell you, while the going's good!"

It was not fear of Maloney or his crew that drove John headlong to his waiting car. He was almost unnerved with loathing and apprehension. He could hardly credit that he could have been so befooled by circumstances. Dragging Jim Carter with him, he urged the chauffeur to travel at top speed.

But the would-be rescuers arrived too late. The helpless girl, awaking from a stupor of terror and exhaustion only to find herself a prisoner in a house where no decent woman might live, had thrown herself from the topmost story. John and her brother reached the place in time to see a crowd gathered around some misshapen object on the pavement.

It was in such wise that Burton's scheme of regenerating mankind by political reform came to an end.

Seldom, indeed, had any man ever been given more convincing reasons for the dread belief that humanity is in the Grip of Evil.

(END OF FOURTH EPISODE.)

his sphinxlike attitude and rained vituperation on the astounded dupes who thought they had been obeying his orders. John Burton, of course, was saddened and distressed by an almost phenomenal failure, but enlightenment came when Maloney turned on Parkins and was about to consign him to destruction.

Parkins was rescued with difficulty. Some cooler heads decided that he could be dealt with more effectually later. In the midst of the turmoil, Jim Carter rushed in. The boy was pale and disfigured from the injuries received when struck by the chair, but he was wildly excited, and his voice cracked as he leaped at Burton.

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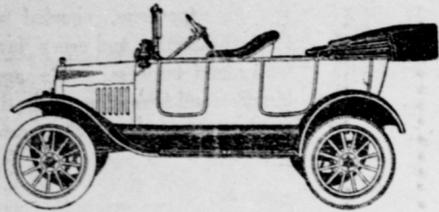
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