

THE WEATHER
West Texas: Tonight and Wednesday fair with little change in temperature.

DO YOU KNOW THAT
Unreasonable fear is dangerous?

TWO BANDITS ROB SYLVESTER BANK

TWENTY-ONE BODIES MINE EXPLOSION VICTIMS BEEN IDENTIFIED

VICTIMS ARE BURNED TO CRISP BY BLAST

Rescuers Find Bodies Huddled Together Near Surface

WEST FRANKFORD, Ill., Jan. 10.—Bodies of 21 men burned beyond recognition lay in a morgue here today, victims of Southern Illinois' latest mine tragedy. They were killed by an explosion in the Industrial Coal company's mine No. 18 at 7:30 a. m. yesterday. It was not until last night that the number of fatalities was learned.

Identification of the men in all but two instances was by means of safety numbers pinned to their clothing.

All of the dead were huddled together 500 feet below the surface and a mile from the "mine bottom" and were found hours after the explosion by mine rescue squads.

Negress Is Being Held By Police On Alleged Forgery

Chief of Police Jim Ingram, Ranger, Monday night arrested the 17-year-old negress forger who has succeeded in cashing checks on Ranger people to the amount of \$20.

The young negress has cashed three checks signed by Mrs. Jack Earban and payable to Willie Lee Miles in two cases and Mary Williams in another. The fair cashed one in the amount of \$7.50, Hassen company another in the amount of \$6.50 and the Ranger Shoe company another in the amount of \$6.50.

The negress Monday afternoon attempted to cash a \$7.50 check payable to Mary Jones with Mrs. R. R. Stafford's signature attached, at the S. & H. store. W. W. Paschall, manager of the store, had been informed of the negress and when he questioned her she fled. Paschall chased her until she reached the flats and there she eluded him.

Chief of Police Ingram found the young negress hiding in a negro house Monday night and made the arrest.

Four charges of forgery have been filed and Chief Ingram will attempt to get the case before the grand jury that is now in session. He is on the lookout for other checks issued by the negress.

Missing Plane Is Found, Pilot And Passengers Dead

CANANDAIGUA, N. Y., Jan. 10.—A Fairchild monoplane which had been missed since Sunday was found wrecked several miles east of here today with its pilot and two passengers dead. The dead are Capt. Edward M. Cauley of Albany, Lt. Geo. R. Benedict and Raymond Henries, the pilot.

The plane was thought to have crashed in a dense fog Sunday. It was en route from New York to Buffalo.

COURT HOUSE BIDS BE RECEIVED WEDNESDAY

Bids for raising the old Eastland county court house and constructing the new one are to be opened by the Eastland county commissioners court Wednesday, according to Judge Ed. S. Pritchard, judge of the court. It is understood that the two jobs are to be bid on together.

TWO MEMBERS TRAIN CREW KILLED IN WRECK

PINEVILLE, Ky., Jan. 10.—Two men were killed here today when two L. & N. railway trains crashed in a rear end collision. The engine of the rear train plowed through a caboose and seven cars of coal. The dead men are Robt. T. Weldon and Chas. Parrott, who were members of the train crew.

CLAIM I. W. W. BURN RAIL BRIDGES

Two Bridges on Coal Carrying Road Saturated With Oil, Burned.

WALSENBURG, Colo., Jan. 10.—Incendiarism entered the I. W. W. coal strike for the second time today when two wooden trestles of the Denver and Rio Grande Western railroad near here were destroyed. The structures had been saturated with gasoline.

Officials of the railroad said the trestles were fired in an attempt to paralyze shipment of coal from producing mines served by the road.

Initial Steps In Hickman Sanity Plea Are Taken

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 10.—Initial steps toward establishing the insanity of Edward Hickman will be taken here today. Jerome Walsh, Hickman's attorney said today he would take today depositions from former high school class mates and friends who knew Hickman when he was a student here. These depositions, Walsh said, would be used in an attempt to prove that Hickman was a victim of dementia praecox when he killed 12-year-old Marion Parker in Los Angeles.

Hunt Pleads Not Guilty, He May Desert Hickman

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 10.—Welby Hunt, whose testimony may serve to hang his bandit pal, William E. Hickman, pleaded guilty today to the murder of Izy Thomas, druggist.

With his arraignment on the murder indictment in the superior court, Hunt, self confessed accomplice in the hold up, gave the first indication that he intends to desert his former pal when Hickman goes to trial for the murder of Marion Parker.

Fear Is Expressed That New Zealand Aviators Are Lost

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Jan. 10.—The two New Zealand aviators attempting to fly from Richmond, Australia to Wellington were overdue today and it was feared they had been forced to land in some isolated area.

They were cited over Stephen Island about 60 miles from here at 9:50 a. m., the New Zealand Times said today. They had been in the air about 19 hours.

The aviators took off from Richmond which is about 40 miles from Sydney in a Ryan monoplane similar to Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh's "Spirit of St. Louis," at 2:40 a. m. They had expected to make the trip across the Tasman Sea in about 12 hours. Radio communication was maintained with Wellington through the day but fears were expressed when for several hours no word was received from the flyers.

The distance is approximately 1,400 miles.

Kellum to Move Gusher Plant To Eastland Soon

Editor Kellum, who for the past two or three years has been publishing the Desdemona Gusher at Desdemona, states that after this week's Gusher is printed he will begin crating his equipment for removal to Eastland where he will publish a weekly newspaper. Just where he will locate has not been determined, he stated Monday. He indicated that he would name his new paper the Eastland Index.

110 BILLION INTEREST ON BRITISH WAR DEBT

LONDON.—Before the British war bets is paid the present generation and its descendants will have paid \$110,000,000,000 in interest alone, according to Philip Snowden, former Labor Chancellor of the Exchequer.

"It would take a man more than 700 years to count it at the rate of \$5 bill per second," he said.

She'll Wed Adopted Father



Miss Lydie Miller Roberts, 28, adopted twelve years ago by E. W. Marland, of Ponca City, Okla., wealthy head of the Marland Oil company, will wed her adopted father. Mrs. Marland died two years ago. The wedding will take place at the home of the parents of the bride-elect in Philadelphia.

MASS MEETING CALLED TO DISCUSS SCHOOL PROBLEM

Tax Payers Asked to Meet at High School Auditorium Monday Night, January 16

A mass meeting consisting of directors and officers of the Ranger chamber of commerce, the school board and prominent business men of the city, met Monday night at the chamber of commerce headquarters to discuss the Ranger school situation, which according to those present, is becoming critical. About 30 were present at the meeting.

John M. Gholson, president of the chamber of commerce, in a short talk told of the predicament that the Ranger school system was in and asked for opinions from everyone present in regard to the plans whereby the problem can be solved.

According to figures presented at the meeting, the cost of upkeep of the Ranger school system is approximately \$8,000 per month, which amounts to \$72,000 during the nine months' period. The school tax is raised to the limit, the state not allowing citizens to be charged over \$1 per \$100 valuation. With the present cost of upkeep it will be necessary to have a \$7,200,000 rendition of taxes to derive enough money to continue the nine months school system in Ranger.

John M. Gholson, in speaking of the problem said that it was generally thought that a town Ranger's size would have no trouble in having a nine months term for public schools. However, unless something is done to relieve the financial pressure that is bearing upon the schools at present, Ranger stands a chance of having its term cut short.

Talks were made by Walter Murray, Dr. L. C. G. Buchanan, L. H. Flewellen, Edw. R. Maher and others regarding the procedure to be taken to relieve the situation.

It was finally decided that an open mass meeting would be held at the high school auditorium, Monday night, January 16 at 7:30 o'clock, and at that time the serious educational problem will be presented to the people of Ranger.

Probably the only way by which the money can be raised, according to those present, will be to raise the rendition of property. The present \$1 for schools is standard and in order to derive the money from taxation it will be necessary to raise the value of Ranger property.

On account of the school problem the regular directors meeting of the chamber of commerce was postponed for two weeks. The only thing done regarding the work of the chamber, was to select 15 names to be forwarded to the city commission, that body to select five members to serve on the board of directors for a three-year period.

The terms of Walter Murray, S. P. Boon, W. M. McDonald, Ed Maher and C. E. May expire and five will be selected to take their places. The names of Dr. A. L. Duffer, H. P. Earnest, Roy W. Gilbreath, L. A. Harting, M. K. Collic, Roy Speed, B. A. Tunnell, Rip Galloway, A. N. Larson, B. H. Murphy, Joe Hassen, C. E. May, Ed Maher, W. M. McDonald and Walter Murray were given the commission to make their selection from.

At the meeting Monday night, January 23, the new officers will be elected and work for the year will be outlined.

Eastland Lions Will Entertain Ladies Tuesday

It was announced at the meeting of the Eastland Lions' club today at noon that the next meeting would be devoted to a program for the entertainment of the wives and sweethearts of Lions and would be known as ladies' night. Instead of the meeting being held at 12 o'clock noon it will be held at 7 p. m. at the Eastland Country club.

Leslie Hagaman, president of the Ranger Lions club, was present at the Eastland club luncheon today and made a short talk.

Guy N. Quirl, Eastland county Boy Scout executive, was also a visitor at today's meeting. He offered a prize for the Lion who found the greatest number of things wrong about a number of incomplete pictures he had printed on a sheet of paper. Lion Donald Kinnaird won the prize, which was a bar of laundry soap. Quirl's stunt created much fun.

FORGOTTN BATTLE IN MUCK OF DREDGE

SASSARI, Sardinia.—Medieval cannon-balls of stone together with swords and pikes have been brought to the surface in the port of Longone Sardo during dredging operations, and prove that some forgotten naval battle must have taken place there in the Dark Ages.

In addition, relics of Roman times have been brought up, including funeral amphorae, motive lamps, terra cotta drinking vessels and household utensils.

WARNING

Eastland water users are notified to cut off the fires from under all heaters tonight not later than 11 o'clock as the water will be cut off at that hour while connections are being made in certain parts of the city, according to City Manager Cheatham.

PANAMA CITY GREETES COL LINDBERGH

Flyer Will Rest There Few Days, Further Schedule of Flight Not Yet Decided.

PANAMA CITY, Jan. 10.—New acclaim was given Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh today as he rested after his strenuous "good will" flights to the pan-American countries. Graciously he brought his plane to the ground on Panama City's new landing field.

The field was crowded and no soon er had he stepped from the cabin of the plane than he made another conquest in friendship.

Lindbergh has not determined when he will leave Panama City and where his next stop will be. He planned to rest here for a few days and enjoy the courtesies that the canal zone may offer.

Abilene Lawyer Will Prosecute Cisco Robbers

AUSTIN, Jan. 10.—At the request of County Attorney Sparks of Eastland county, Governor Moody has designated Will Hill of Abilene to assist in prosecution of the Cisco bank robbery cases. Hill, formerly lived at Terple and recently moved to Abilene.

Commission Says Hammer Killers Thoroughly Sane

HOMER, La., Jan. 10.—By a vote of four to one, the lunacy commission appointed by the court to examine the sanity of Mrs. Essie Jowers, 39, and Elisha Swift, 43, accused hammer slayers of Rev. James F. Jowers, 49, today held the couple to be sane now and at the time of the murder, last October.

Dr. D. L. Young, the fifth member of the commission held the couple insane.

Thirty-four witnesses were examined by the commission.

Mrs. Jowers and Swift are scheduled to go on trial here Jan. 30.

The woman's legal counsel has withdrawn and court will appoint lawyers to defend her.

Young Woman Is Found Dead With Pistol Nearby

The girl was found lying across her chair, by employees of the company. A pistol was on the floor.

RANGER DISTRICT BOY SCOUTS ELECT OFFICERS

An election of officers for the Ranger district Boy Scouts was held in the Citizens State Bank at Ranger Monday night. H. P. Earnest was re-elected district chairman. J. E. Matthews was elected chairman of troop organization; A. M. Larson, chairman of scout activities; L. H. Flewellen, chairman of awards; W. W. Houswright, chairman of finance; Wm. M. McDonald, scout commissioner.

Election of officers for the Eastland and Ranger districts will be held soon, according to Guy Quirl, county scout executive.

MORE MARINES SAIL FOR NICARAGUA TODAY

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 10.—The U. S. Mine Layer Oclala sailed from her pier at Hampton Roads today with four companies of United States Marines bound for Nicaragua.

The vessel had been held here overnight by a heavy fog.

Going to Nicaragua



Two officers of the American high command who have been called to Managua by the Nicaraguan disturbances are Major General John A. LeJeune, U. S. M. C. (above) and Brig. Gen. Frank R. McCoy, U. S. A. LeJeune, chief of the Devil Dogs, is to inspect our field forces and McCoy is to supervise the 1928 national elections.

SOVIET RUSSIA WILL BANISH 52 OF OPPOSITION

Leon Trotsky Among Those Ordered Exiled on Mere Pittance of \$4.50 Month.

BERLIN, Jan. 10.—Banishment from Russia of 52 leaders of the opposition of the Russian soviet government has been ordered and in some instances already has taken place, the United Press learned today.

Those banished include Leon Trotsky, who once shared with Lenin the supreme power in Russia.

Reports that banishment of leaders was intended have been in circulation but confirmation was not available until today.

Trotsky has been gradually shown of his power. He is still in Moscow but has been ordered to Astrakan on the Black sea.

Others have been ordered and some actually sent to remote portions of Russia.

The period of exile for all is three years and during that time each will receive a pittance of nine rubles (about \$4.50) monthly. Each of the 52 exiles was ordered sent to a distant place, most of them hundreds of miles from civilization.

Fears were expressed that some would not survive as some of the regions of exile are plague-stricken.

GLASSES FOR NEW CHURCH BEING SOLD RAPIDLY

Dr. F. E. Singleton, pastor of the Eastland Methodist church, stated this morning that the art glass memorial windows in the new church building were being taken rapidly.

Out of the twenty to be sold, eleven have been contracted for and eight are being held under tentative agreements to buy. Only one is now left open for sale.

Construction work on the new church building is going rapidly forward and will be about completed within the next sixty days.

OBEYED TEACHER SO CHILD GETS VERDICT

LONDON.—Her school mistress ordered Gladys Foster to remove an old pen-nib from its holder with a pair of pinners.

The nib splintered, a piece entering Gladys' left eye permanently injuring it.

Gladys was awarded \$655 damages.

ESCAPE WITH \$2,500 AND JOIN TWO WOMEN

Armed Posse Chases Bandits Toward Sweetwater

SYLVESTER, Tex., Jan. 10.—An airplane from Sweetwater this afternoon joined the hunt for the two bandits who early this afternoon held up and robbed the First National bank here of \$2,500 and made their escape in an automobile.

The bandits sped out of town in a Chrysler sedan but a short distance away changed to a Chevrolet sedan occupied by two women.

A large posse of armed citizens in automobiles, were searching for the bandits this afternoon. They were unmasked and appeared to be between 25 and 30 years old.

District Lions Governor Has Six Objectives

"Let every Lions' club in Texas as well as every individual Lion take an invoice, Lionistically speaking," said N. N. Rosenquest, Eastland, district governor of Lions clubs, in his New Year's greeting sent out to the clubs in Texas.

"What has our club done and what have we done individually to promote the growth of Lionism," he continued, "spend a meeting or two reflecting. It will give you renewed energy to start the work of the new year."

Mr. Rosenquest urges that during the coming year all Lions work together, pull together and plan together with a definite goal. He has visited during the year some 32 clubs and has found that the majority of them are functioning as a whole.

In an attempt to make a distinction in the year that the Lions have ever known, Judge Rosenquest has set six major objectives as a goal. He urges an education campaign in Lionism, he suggests that each club pick a major activity to work on, he urges a membership campaign, he will endeavor to perfect a district organization by grouping the clubs of the state, he suggests prompt reports of club secretaries each month, he insists that the clubs pay their international obligations promptly, that each club send one or more delegates to the convention at Wichita Falls.

Mr. Rosenquest believes that if these objectives are taken as a goal the work of the Lions club will be increased and that the next six months will show an increased spirit on behalf of the public and the clubs.

Miss Ruth Ramey Resumes County Club Activities

Miss Ruth Ramey, Eastland county home demonstration agent, will conduct a number of club meetings throughout the county this week beginning this afternoon at Okra. All meetings will be held between 2 and 2:30 o'clock in the afternoons.

Other places where meetings are to be held are Rising Star, Wednesday afternoon; Scranton, Thursday afternoon and Peak, Friday afternoon.

At each of these meetings election of officers for the ensuing year will be held and plans for the new year made.

OLDEN BOY SCOUT TROOP TO BE REORGANIZED

Boy Scout officials will meet at Olden at 8 o'clock tonight at the school building for the purpose of reorganizing the Olden Boy Scout troop and to set objectives for that organization for the year.

CROWD HEARS SCIENCE LECTURE AT EASTLAND

A Hervey-Bathurst, C. S., of London, England, delivered a Christian Science lecture at the Eastland Christian Science chapel Monday night before a large crowd, which included many from neighboring towns.

MOODY LEAVES AUSTIN FOR JACKSON DAY DINNER

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 10.—Governor Dan Moody left for Washington for the Jackson day dinner on the 11:30 Katy this morning. He went by way of Dallas.

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For instance, there is a grand piano. When it was new it was good enough for a Paderewski to play on. It surely must have had a cover. Today the bench is somewhat rickety from 3 or 4 kids having sat on it at one time, pushing and jamming for their right to ricketyly pound the key of the piano—a finely adjusted and delicate piece of mechanism.

The piano itself is somewhat scratched up and on the left side of the varnished top there sets a glass that looks like it came from a local soda fountain. If that piano and bench were in your home, it could set there 20 years while you and your family zealously guarded it from misuse. Still somebody's children treats it like it was a toy pistol.

It's not much trouble to find where tobacco juice has been spat on the floors in the halls and behind the radiators which indicates one of two things. One is that the workmen on the building chewed a lot and it has never been cleaned up, or the other is that the kids do the chewing.

The building should be provided with an adequate number of cuspidors if tobacco chewing must be indulged in.

But let's not be too severe on the teachers. They are your children—not theirs. The teachers do their best to instill some culture and refinement into them along with reading and 'ritin', etc., but they only have them 6 hours out of the 24 and that only when the kids are not playing hooky or cutting classes.

The other 18 hours is where you come in and the chances are that you don't know where they are over half of that time.

If children are taught at home to respect the property rights of others and to build up rather than to destroy, the teachers can have more time to concentrate on that work for which they are paid rather than having to waste so much of their time and talent making kids behave.

The kids think it's funny, but only because they have never been impressed with the serious side of it.

Public Records

Abstract of judgment, Oil Well Supply Co. vs. J. M. Mathena \$945.46
Warranty deed, S. F. Harris et ux to J. F. Robertson S. W. 1-4 of N. W. 1-4 of section 29, block 2, E. T. Railroad Co. survey \$600.

Oil and gas lease, Mrs. Laura E. Murrell et al to Gulf Prod. Co. N. W. 1-4 of S. W. 1-4 of section 29, H. & T. C. Ry. Co survey \$400.
Deed of trust, L. C. Reed et ux to National Bond and Mortgage Corp. lot 6, block 29, Daugherty addition to Eastland, \$1,000.

Affidavit, Geo. A. Phillips to public 1-2 interest in lot 6, block 29, Daugherty addition to Eastland, \$400.

Abstract of judgment, Missouri, Kansas, Texas Ry. Co. vs. A. C. Simmons \$130.64.
Quit claim deed, P. P. Pierce to J. S. Hart, lots 1, 3, 5, block 10, Daugherty addition to Eastland, \$1.

Deed, J. S. Hart et ux to Frank Lovett, lots 1, 3, block 10, Daugherty addition to Eastland \$475.
Assignment, H. F. Hamold to Harry Atwood, 1-4 interest in lot 63, league 3, McClennan county school lands.

Deed, Jerome McLester et al to Dick Gray, part of N. E. 1-4 of section 48, \$1.
Abstract of judgment, Eastland Gasoline Co. vs. W. G. Colton \$53.26
Water permit, State of Texas to Mook-Texas Oil Co., construct dam across Leon river.

Quit claim deed, City of Gorman to Dick Gray, part of N. E. 1-4 of section 48, \$150.

DRILLING REPORT

Acers & Mcc, C. B. Snyder No. 1, C. intention to drill, Callahan county, section 4, T. N. O. Ry. Co. survey, 160 acres.

W. G. Sawyer, J. V. Barclay No 1, intention to drill, Brown county, Patrick McGee survey, depth 1600 feet.

Phillips Petroleum, S. Y. Newsom No. 1, intention to shoot, and statements before and after shooting, Brown county, block 4, G. R. Davis survey, 100 acres.

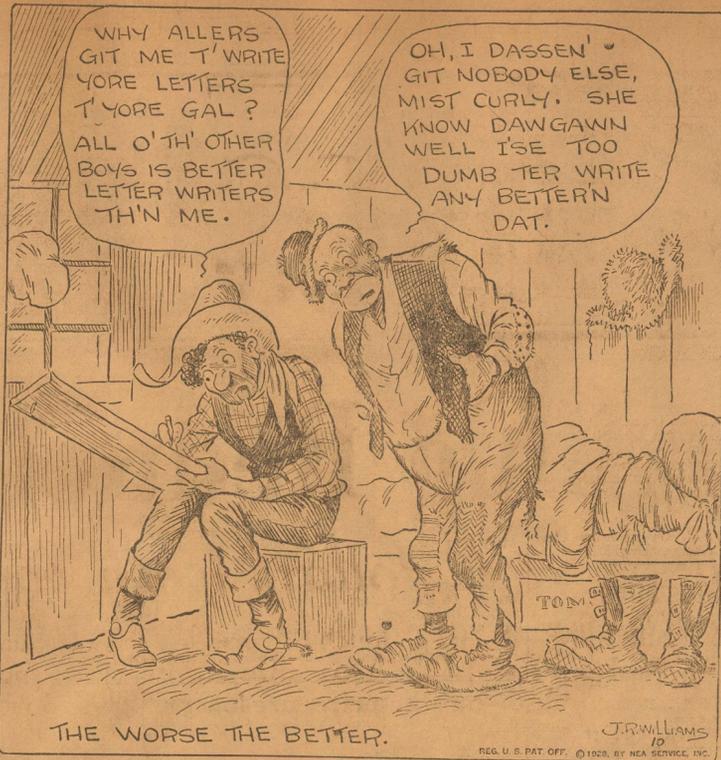
Senior Petroleum Co., Jane Baker No. 1, intention to shoot, and intention to plug, Coleman county, block 10, A. White survey, 100 acres.

Amerada Petroleum Corporation, Jim Gilbreath No. 4, intention to shoot, statements before and after shooting, Brown county, block 4, S. A. & M. G. survey, 30 acres.

J. H. Fry No. 5, intention to shoot, Brown county, Geo. Stubblefield survey, 75 acres.
J. G. Shaw No. 1, intention to plug, Jack County, M. Anderson survey, 455.3 acres.
Gibson & Johnson (now Kessler & Logan's.) R. C. Wylie No. 2-W, plugging record, and well record, Callahan county, L. A. Survey, section 62, total depth 870 fee, dry

Ten thousand automobiles, 2,000 auto busses and 120 excursion trains conveyed 150,000 people to Blackpool, a resort near London, to view the illumination on a recent Saturday night.

OUT OUR WAY



Death Sentence Not Allowed In Many Countries

By United Press.
LONDON.—Sentence of death no longer exists in sixteen countries of the world.

Authoritative data compiled here show that the death penalty has been abolished in Holland, Norway, Sweden, Portugal, Rumania, Austria, Latvia, Lithuania, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Honduras and Uruguay. It has been abrogated by disuse in Denmark, Belgium and Finland. It was abolished in Switzerland by Federal Constitution in 1874, but the various Cantons retained liberty of action. Fifteen Cantons have not reimposed it. In the remaining ten Cantons there have been only seven executions during the past forty years.

Eight states in the United States have abolished it. Italy abolished the death penalty in 1889, but owing to the frequent attempts against the life of Mussolini, it was reintroduced this year. It can only be passed, however, for attacks against the King and his chief Minister.

Russia has abolished the death penalty in cases of murder. It is still imposed, however, for rapine and for political offences. Informed circles here state that a movement for world wide abolition is rapidly gaining ground. In Germany, the Judicial Committee of the Reichstag have for many months been discussing an abolition bill promoted by influen-

tial lawyers and criminologists. It is expected to be submitted to the Reichstag itself, in an amended form, at a near date. The states of Hessen and Saxony have already abolished the penalty.

In the free city of Hamburg there has been no execution since 1917. In Prussia executions are extremely rare. The death sentence in this state is carried out only when the murder is multiple or has been committed with particularly abominable brutality.

At various times the French Chamber has discussed the abolition of capital punishment. A bill urging its abolition was recently introduced in the Chamber by M. Jouhaux. Little progress can be reported for the abolition of capital punishment in Asiatic countries. China's varying fortunes and upheavals make it difficult for abolitionists to promote any campaign on solid lines. Greater hopes are entertained in Japan, although little authoritative data is available. Abolition circles here claim, however, that within the next decade executions in Japan, if not absolutely non-existent, will be comparatively rare.

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The college quintet boasts of one of the best materialized teams in this section of junior colleges. Notwithstanding the fact that the squad is small in number, every member is a star and has made a name for himself and Ranger high in some year gone by.

M. B. Taylor, center, and all-around athlete of Ranger high last year will be Tricky's mainstay at center. Joe can always be counted on for points when needed and the boys will be needing all they can coop up when they meet the flashy boys from the big dam city.

We find "Freshman" Phillips and "Skippy" Killingsworth at the guard positions and they know their territory as well as they know a full-grown octopus.

Louis Harvey, former captain of the Bulldog quintet with "Red" Lemley will make it hard on the Cisco guards Thursday evening. These two forwards can always show their spirit and are fighting for the college as they did for the Bulldogs in their high school days.

While these five men do not compose the complete squad, they with Roy Wilson and Carter will frame the stone defense that the Loboes will have to break through.

The Rangers still lack teamwork for they have been out only a short time, but with the Loboes forming the line of opposition—well, everybody knows the old Bulldog and Loboes games of old. Here is a real treat for basketball fans and a game to be remembered.

The game will start promptly at 7:30. All tickets will be sold at gymnasium door.

During the illness of M. Ollason, keeper of Suleskerry Lighthouse, off the coast of Scotland, he was treated by a doctor on shore who daily prescribed treatment by radio until Ollason was strong enough to be taken 40 miles to Suleskerry.

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Boxing is Unsettled.

Boxing, as far as the recognition of title holders in several cases has been concerned, has been in an unsettled condition ever since the New York Boxing Commission had its right to run the whole works seriously disputed by the National Boxing association, which also aspired to take charge of the entire business.

The political dispute between the two candidates for the Landis toga of boxing was a matter of petty bickering until boxing was legalized in Illinois and until a number of recognized champions got it into their heads to resign or vacate themselves out of the titles.

Before Chicago popped up to prove itself willing and capable of entertaining the high-priced artists of pugilism, the New York commission was in a position to laugh at its critics and make them like it. All the commission had to do was to make a ruling or name a champion and if the boys didn't like it the exit from New York was open and there was no place outside—until Chicago and some far western spots were found on the map.

The New York commission was then cut down to the size of the national association and acquiring a title became the process of claiming one and disputing the other fellow and all the bosses.

Tex, the Life-Saver.
Being rather a practical business man as well as a boxing promoter of some extended experience, Tex Rickard happened to remember that there was an ancient tradition that titles could be exchanged only in fighting and he was modern enough to amend the old tradition that a title did not have to be transferred by a knockout.

He amended it so far that he astonished the patriarchs by arranging two heavyweight championship matches in which the distance could have been no more than 10 rounds. Ten rounds in both those cases was accepted as a sufficient weight of evidence, although Mr. Tunney complained that one more round in Philadelphia would have made him a champion of the old pattern and that Mr. Dempsey couldn't have gone much farther in Chicago.

Rickard had been very busy with the heavyweights and as the heavyweights are too expensive to be employed inside when cards are as scarce, he decided to help out the disputing solons by getting their champions together. Theoretically, it should have worked and it did work in the light heavyweight class when Tommy Loughran and Jimmy Slattery were brought together.

Plan Worked Well.
His plan helped to establish Izzy Schwartz as the flyweight champion by defeating Newsboy Brown but Joe Jacobs, who recently paid \$50,000 for Jack Delaney, is still using the argument that Frankie Genaro, one of his other fellows, is the real champion.

It wasn't the fault of Rickard's matchmaking that Joe Glick established himself as a better boy in the junior lightweight class than Tod Morgan, the champion, as Rickard hardly had foreseen that Glick would lose on a foul when he had the title cinched. But the customers are not overly excited about the junior lightweights.

The New York promoter couldn't do any business with Mickey Walker, who gave him and the New York commission the laugh by going out to Chicago to get the middleweight championship and by knocking off Mike McTigue and Paul Berelenbach, two light heavyweights, in the

same spot.
Despite reports to the contrary, Rickard did not make any serious attempts to arrange a lightweight championship fight as the card would have cost him too much.

Bulldogs Meet Carbon For Game Again Tonight

Coach Cherry's Ranger Bulldogs will have one more practice game of basketball before they go to Abilene to meet the Eagles this week end. This game will be tonight at 7:30 at the high school gym against Carbon.

The Bulldogs beat Carbon 26 to 13 last Friday night and Carbon is coming back tonight determined to win. They have a fast club and tonight's game will be a hotly contested one.

Coach W. B. Chapman of Cisco will act as referee tonight.

Frogs-Mustangs Meet Wednesday In Basketball

Special Correspondence.
FORT WORTH, Jan. 10.—Still somewhat groggy over the one-two punch handed them by the Arkansas Razorbacks Friday and Saturday in Fayetteville, Coach Bell's Horned Frog basketballers are working hard to brace themselves for a real comeback Wednesday night when they tackle the S. M. U. Mustangs in Dallas.

The double defeat given the Bell men by Arkansas was "bad medicine" for the Frogs. For the past three years the Purple has given the Razorbacks as hard a battle for laurels as any other club in the conference. In the 1926 season the Crimson Porkers only lost one contest and that was to the Frogs. They won the title.

Last year the Porkers repeated their performance in annexing the championship but lost two games. They downed the Christians on the local court in two hotly contested battles, 24-16 and 23 to 22. The last game required an extra period to decide it when both teams deadlocked at the end of the regular playing time.

The two games last week were almost duplicates of the 1927 battles, the Frogs dropping the first, 23 to 18 and the second 28 to 24, an extra period deciding the last game.

Coach Bell's huskies will be doubly determined on victory Wednesday in meeting the Ponies. They want to make up for the Arkansas losses and avenge themselves of two drubbings administered by the Mustangs last year. The scores of the last year's games between the Frogs and Ponies were, 33 to 26, and 25 to 24.

ST. EDWARDS TAKES TO WINTER FOOTBALL

By United Press.
AUSTIN, Jan. 10.—Winter football is under way at St. Edward's university here. Coach Jack Meagher has more than two full teams out each afternoon. The winter months are being used to drill fundamentals into promising men, who failed to letter during the regular football season.

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SPORTSMATTER

BY FRANK GETTY
UNITED PRESS SPORTS EDITOR

The indoor track season is under way and critical observers are scrutinizing the performers in the hope of discovering material which will keep the Stars and Stripes at the top of the flag-pole at Amsterdam next July.

A lot of water will flow under the quaint bridges of that sleepy old Dutch city before the time for the Olympic Games arrives, but already each prospective candidate for the team which will represent the United States is being considered in the light of international competition.

Lloyd Hahn of Nebraska may be America's chief hope in the middle distance runs at the Ninth Olympiad. It seems likely that he will have to do 1:50 for the 800 metres if he is to win.

There was a time when two minutes was quite fast enough for the 800 metres run. Twenty years ago, when the game was held at Athens, two Americans ran one-two in the 800, neither of them equalling two minutes for the event.

There are in Europe today exactly one hundred athletes who can do better than two minutes in the 800. They proved it by bettering that time in 1927.

Twenty-one Germans, 20 Finns, 18 Swedes, 15 Englishmen, 11 Norwegians, 6 Hungarians, 3 Italians, 3 Danes and 3 Swiss broke two minutes last year.

These statistics come from Germany, where tremendous interest is being taken in the approach of the Ninth Olympiad. The Germans are checking carefully upon the performances of athletes of all nations.

Germany hopes to finish second or third at Amsterdam when the points are tallied for the track and field events.

The 800 metre event, incidentally, is the one in which the Germans will have the best representation. Dr. Otto Peltzer, now in this country, holds the world's record for the distance. He ran it in 1:51 6-10 in 1926, when he captured the English title.

Apparently the German athletic authorities intend to stock by their guns and deny Dr. Peltzer's permission to compete in the United States. Soon he will be journeying on to Australia where he may compete outdoors if everything is favorable.

It would be one of the high spots of our indoor track season if the German authorities should relent and permit the fleet doctor to run against Lloyd Hahn, Phil Edwards and other crack American middle distance runners.

Paavo Nurmi and Edwin Wide, not to forget Charley Hoff of Norway, have furnished real color to indoor track and field competition during the past few seasons. It is because two of the famous trio got into difficulties with the A. A. U. that the Germans are insistent that Dr. Peltzer remain a spectator.

We produce a large surplus of cotton, cattle, sheep, goats, wool, mohair, turkeys, pecans, truck crops, and in good years, of grain sorghums, oats and wheat. On the other hand, we still import from other states large quantities of milk, butter, beef, pork, fruit, potatoes and other staples which might just as well be raised here.

"The year 1927 will not go down as the best all around crop production year, but it will be remembered as having been a good average one. Not all of the crops ran well with past records, yet some of them exceeded all previous production. As a consequence to the low price of cotton in 1926 the acreage of corn was increased and the swine population began to grow. During the past year enough meat was killed on most farms for home consumption, and a number of counties have even begun to ship hogs out of the state as in former years. The cattle industry has taken on renewed activity following the long years of low prices and is in strong hands. Large crops of lambs, kids, wool and mohair were marketed at fairly satisfactory prices.

"The income from cotton is usually about 60 per cent of the total value of all Texas crops, and over one-half of the entire cultivated area is used to produce this staple. There are many persons who remember when yields of a bale per acre were not unusual, and when Texas cotton was a standard of excellence, but for some reason there has been a steady decline in yield per acre as well as in quality in late years. In 1892, the year when the boll weevil first invaded Texas, the average yield was 291 pounds which gave the growers a return of \$23 per acre. Last season the crop yielded at the rate of 126 pounds with a per acre income of \$25. However, in 1926, an acre of cotton was worth only \$17.

"When it is considered that approximately 400,000 out of the 466,000 farms in Texas grow cotton, it is easily understood how many people are affected by its price and production. It is the one crop of interest to everyone in the state. Grown since the earliest white settlement, it can now be found in 239 out of the 254 counties. Texas raises from 30 to 40 per cent of the entire American crop and in a good year could make 6,000,000 or 7,000,000 bales on the tremendous acreage now planted. As a matter of fact, if our farmers were to produce as much per acre as the average of the "more cotton on fewer acres" contestants, Texas alone could easily raise the cotton needed by all the mills in the world. If this yield per acre were possible, we would need less than 5,000,000 acres to produce an average crop where lately more than 16,000,000 acres have been necessary.

"It would be most interesting were we able to look into the future to see what the Texas farmer can expect from his efforts in 1928. Will the large winter wheat average produce as the crop did in 1926? Will oats do better than last season and will the price be more attractive? Will the demand for the grain sorghums for shipment abroad continue to increase? Will fruit be able to escape the spring frost? Will the price of cattle, sheep, goats, swine, mohair and wool be at a profitable level? Will the cotton acreage again be increased, and will the millions of weevil which went into hibernation cut down the yield as in other years?

"In the whole south the cotton acreage has been increasing steadily, from 32,000,000 acres in 1910 to 47,000,000 in 1926, an increase of almost 50 per cent. A large crop was made in 1914, and another the largest on record, in 1926. While in 1927 the acreage was reduced somewhat, the only reason another large one was not produced last season and in other years was because insects and elements did not permit. It was like the answer given to the judge by the prisoner: "How many times have you been in court?" asked the judge. "Only once, yer honor." "How long ago?" "About 20 years." "H'm. That's not a bad record. Where have you been?" "In jail, sir," was the answer.

"Besides the tremendous harvest of farm crops, Texas produces annually in the neighborhood of \$200,000,000 worth of livestock products. No state approaches our production of cattle, sheep, goats, turkeys, wool and mohair. We also lead in number of mules, but Iowa, Illinois and Kansas have more horses.

"The past year was notable for the awakened interest in making a living on the farm. Crops were made with less hired labor, and less borrowing was necessary. It was possible to liquidate the debts of 1926, and they paid up the debts incurred during the year. Being able to retain a surplus of feed, food and funds to carry them well into the next season. All of you know that we had been getting away from the habit of raising our own food. The can-opener had become mightier than the hoe, and the care of cows, pigs and chickens interfered with the free use of the automobile. Of the 466,000 farms in Texas, a few years ago 65,000 did not have a horse or mule; 131,000 were without a milk cow; 257,000 had no swine, and 90,000 did not even have a chicken. This meant that in years when crops were poor or prices low many farmers were compelled to borrow in order to be able to live. In 1926 Texas raised the largest cotton crop in history, but it brought such poor returns that those who depended mainly upon it were literally gored by the horn of plenty.

"The ruinous prices of that year served to turn attention to the consideration of substitute crops for cotton and toward the possibility of avoiding a repetition of a similar calamity. Even back a hundred years ago when the first Anglo-Saxon settlers arrived in Texas, nature was pointing out what form of husbandry could be followed to greatest advantage and with the least resistance. Great herds of cattle and horses ran wild, swine were fattening in the woods on countless nuts and acorns, turkeys abounded, the trees were humming with bees, plums and berries were to be had for the picking. The climate was found delightful and the soils very rich and productive. Nowhere could a comfortable living be made with greater ease.

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Future Outlook.
"Just what the coming season has in store for Texas agriculture is yet of course altogether problematic. Still, there are a number of indications which might be used to help us in forming a fair idea of the possible developments of the year. Production has apparently been so readjusted that the farming industry as a whole is now in the best general position since 1920. Any great expansion in production, however, might make a less favorable economic position.

"While it is still somewhat early in the year, it seems that there is little likelihood of a greater domestic demand for farm products than existed in 1927. In foreign markets, too, there may be no better demand for our products than during last year. Ample capital is now available for farming purposes, but farmers have learned that easy credit is not always an unmixed blessing. The seasonal supply of labor from Mexico may be reduced by means of national legislation now pending."

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Special Correspondence.
AUSTIN, Jan. 10.—Value of agricultural production in Texas has far outstripped that of Iowa which formerly held the distinction of being at the head of the list. Iowa is now second and is much below Texas in point of crop values. Through the bureau of business research of the University of Texas, a large amount of interesting and valuable information in regard to agricultural production and conditions is being disseminated to the people of the state by H. H. Schutz of Austin, federal agricultural statistician for Texas.

"To speak about the value of agricultural production in Texas is to refer to 8 per cent of the total value of the crops raised by the entire United States," Mr. Schutz said. "And coincidentally the land area of Texas is also approximately 8 per cent (8.8) of that of the entire country. During the past year that part of Texas land that was in crops covered about 50,000 square miles which is equal to the area of the state of New York.

"The value of all crops in New York in 1927 was \$260,000,000, in Texas \$730,000,000. Until a few years ago Iowa was the leading state in value of farm products, but it is second in rank now and lacks some \$200,000,000 of equalling that of Texas production. Even with its large volume of fruits and vegetables California is but third in rank.

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"The income from cotton is usually about 60 per cent of the total value of all Texas crops, and over one-half of the entire cultivated area is used to produce this staple. There are many persons who remember when yields of a bale per acre were not unusual, and when Texas cotton was a standard of excellence, but for some reason there has been a steady decline in yield per acre as well as in quality in late years. In 1892, the year when the boll weevil first invaded Texas, the average yield was 291 pounds which gave the growers a return of \$23 per acre. Last season the crop yielded at the rate of 126 pounds with a per acre income of \$25. However, in 1926, an acre of cotton was worth only \$17.

"When it is considered that approximately 400,000 out of the 466,000 farms in Texas grow cotton, it is easily understood how many people are affected by its price and production. It is the one crop of interest to everyone in the state. Grown since the earliest white settlement, it can now be found in 239 out of the 254 counties. Texas raises from 30 to 40 per cent of the entire American crop and in a good year could make 6,000,000 or 7,000,000 bales on the tremendous acreage now planted. As a matter of fact, if our farmers were to produce as much per acre as the average of the "more cotton on fewer acres" contestants, Texas alone could easily raise the cotton needed by all the mills in the world. If this yield per acre were possible, we would need less than 5,000,000 acres to produce an average crop where lately more than 16,000,000 acres have been necessary.

"It would be most interesting were we able to look into the future to see what the Texas farmer can expect from his efforts in 1928. Will the large winter wheat average produce as the crop did in 1926? Will oats do better than last season and will the price be more attractive? Will the demand for the grain sorghums for shipment abroad continue to increase? Will fruit be able to escape the spring frost? Will the price of cattle, sheep, goats, swine, mohair and wool be at a profitable level? Will the cotton acreage again be increased, and will the millions of weevil which went into hibernation cut down the yield as in other years?

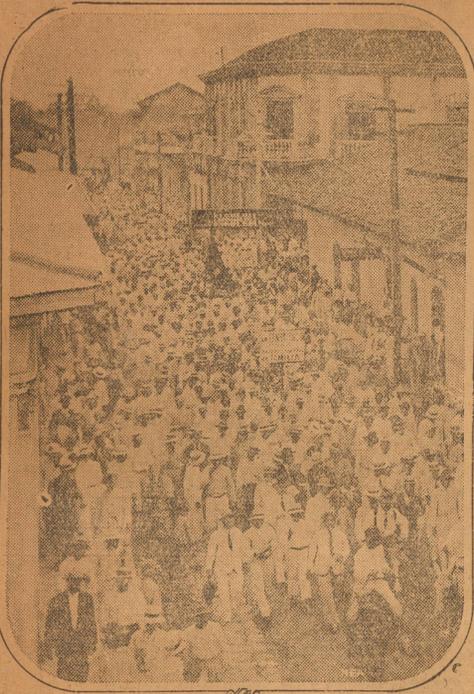
"In the whole south the cotton acreage has been increasing steadily, from 32,000,000 acres in 1910 to 47,000,000 in 1926, an increase of almost 50 per cent. A large crop was made in 1914, and another the largest on record, in 1926. While in 1927 the acreage was reduced somewhat, the only reason another large one was not produced last season and in other years was because insects and elements did not permit. It was like the answer given to the judge by the prisoner: "How many times have you been in court?" asked the judge. "Only once, yer honor." "How long ago?" "About 20 years." "H'm. That's not a bad record. Where have you been?" "In jail, sir," was the answer.

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How Lindbergh Saw Managua



This street scene in Managua, Nicaragua, was photographed on a recent holiday, and shows how the capital looks when the populace is out having fun. The same scene met the eyes of Colonel Charles Lindbergh when he arrived in Managua on his tour of Latin-American countries.

THEIR MOTHERS



The sadness in these eyes tells anew the story of the Snyder-Gray case. At the left is Mrs. Josephine Brown, mother of Ruth Snyder. At the right is Mrs. Margaret Gray, mother of Judd Gray.

Multimillionaire Heiress Is Bride



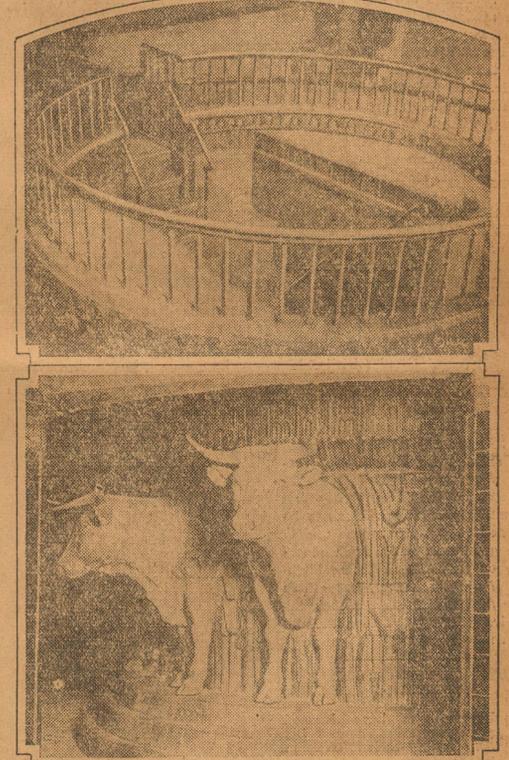
Here is Mrs. William R. Yaw, the former Madeleine Couzens, daughter of Senator James Couzens of Detroit, just after her wedding. The ceremony took place in the Bloomfield Hills (Detroit) home of the bride's parents and only the immediate families witnessed the marriage. The bridal gown carried a train six yards long, overawhich fell another train of tulle, caught to the lace cap.

Honduras Acclaims Our Flying Ambassador



It was a gala day for Belize, capital of British Honduras, when our Lindy swept down out of the skies in the Spirit of St. Louis at the end of the second hop of his Central American air tour. His was the first stop of a land plane ever made there. You see him in the inset with Sir John Bourdon (second from right), the British governor general, surrounded by admiring Honduran beauties.

In a \$1,000,000 Mormon Temple



The beautiful baptismal font in the magnificent new \$1,000,000 temple of the Latter Day Saints in Mesa, Ariz., supported by twelve life-size stone bulls, is pictured above. The church, also called the Mormon church, closed the great temple recently after a four-day dedication, and it will remain closed to all but persons of high rank in the church. Two of the bulls which encircle the font, are shown below.

Good Hitter



Because he hits 'em on the nose regularly, Joe Shaute, Cleveland pitcher, is likely to get a chance to play first base for the Indians next spring. Shaute batted well over the .300 mark last season.

Coolidge Pick



Colonel C. B. Robbins of Cedar Rapids, Ia., has been nominated by President Coolidge as assistant secretary of war to succeed Hanford MacNider. Colonel Robbins is a veteran of the Spanish-American and World Wars and a former superior court judge in Cedar Rapids.

Smith Hears Final Pleas for Ruth and Judd



"I am not concerned with this psychosis business," replied Governor Smith to the assertions of Edgar F. Hazleton counsel for Ruth Snyder, that his client was in the "twilight zone" between sanity and insanity when she and Judd Gray slew Albert Snyder. The governor and the chief appellant for executive clemency for the condemned pair are conspicuous in this general view of the Albany hearing.

New Senator



Bronson M. Cutting, newly appointed senator from New Mexico, is shown above, the picture being taken shortly after his arrival in Washington the other day. Senator Cutting, Santa Fe publisher, takes the seat left by the late Andrew A. Jones.

Southern Bags



Bags with Indian designs will be smart for daytime wear in the lands of sunshine and palm trees.

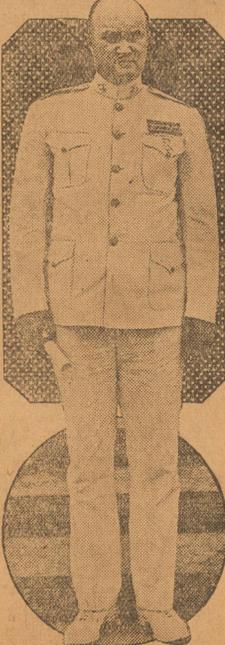
Has New Job



Here's Russ Cohen, recently appointed football coach at Louisiana State University. Cohen, a former Vanderbilt star and for the past five years first assistant to Wallace Wade at Alabama, succeeds Mike Donahue, resigned.

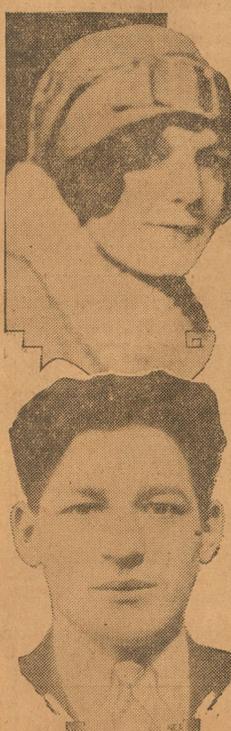
We read of a painting that is 125 feet long. Which proves conclusively the old saying that art is long.

In Nicaragua



Colonel Louis Mason Gulick, U. S. M. C., is in command of the marine headquarters at Managua, Nicaragua, center of the fighting zone in which six marines were killed and twenty-eight wounded recently.

Slays "Flirt"



Because 19-year-old Alice Preskar flirted at a dance, Anthony Yontez killed her and attempted to end his own life, he told Cleveland police. The gun jammed and now he awaits trial as a slayer.

Track Coach



Meet Mrs. Aileen Allen, who will coach women candidates for Uncle Sam's Olympic team. This is the first time the United States has entered a woman's track and field team in the Olympics and Mrs. Allen hopes to cop all honors with her squad.

Chapeau



The quaintness of this soft taffeta poke shape, slightly wired, will have its appeal in our warmer climes.

Bethel Pugh, thirteen-year-old school girl of Pueblo, Colorado, who has an autographed certificate from President Coolidge to the effect that she won first national honors in a safety essay contest conducted by the Highway Education Board. More than 400,000 other school boys and girls sought the gold watch and the trip to Washington which she won.

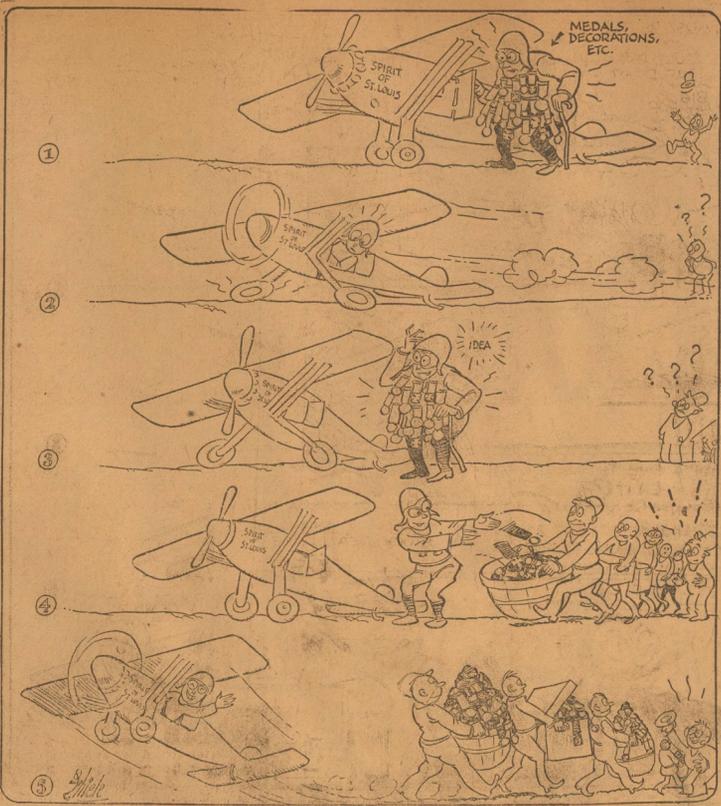
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HOME
 (From the Lubbock Avalanche)
 The child of today who shall have in the years to come no home to look back to except a series of rented houses and apartments and moving-vans is going to be denied a memory which would have been worth while to him. Instability of habitation because of a desire to avoid the responsibility of proprietorship is divesting many a family of a heritage which can not be created anywhere except in an owned home. In a home every one of the household is interested in its creation and maintenance. Things are done and sacrifices made for it which, by the very nature of things, would not attach to rented property. Permanence rather than temporary makeshift, is the rule. The taste for beauty in it can be indulged to give it added attraction, without the so-called expressed thought that anything which enhances the attractiveness of a place tempts the landlord to raise the rent.
 But the greatest value lies in the thought of its being "home," and the spirit of uplifting exaltation which goes with the word. People who are crowded into apartments, where the repression of the children is always present, have not much defense when the children seek a place where they can raise their voices above a whisper, have their company without disturbing the next floor to distracting objection or scowls of disapproval, where they can act naturally and with the sympathy of their parents.
 An encouraging sign is the statistics showing a slight increase in home-owning. It is probably all right under present conditions to be compelled to put the bronze tablets of the great men and women of the future on hospital as their birthplace, if strictly honest, but there will be some satisfaction in their being privileged to point to a definite house as their "home."

RANGER BOYS FINED FOR FIGHTING IN COUNTRY
 Two Ranger boys have learned that it is just as costly to have a fist fight in the country as it is on Main street.
 The two boys were mad enough Monday night to fight but they were not mad enough to disregard the Ranger policemen, so they went to the country.
 This morning when arrested by Chief Ingram, one of the boys argued the point on technicalities but lost.
 He was turned over to the justice court and is in jail in default of payment of a fine.
STOCKHOLDERS MEETING OF BANK IS POSTPONED
 The meeting of stockholders of the Citizens State Bank, which was scheduled for this afternoon, has been postponed until Wednesday evening, January 18.
 At that time the stockholders will be given a banquet by the bank, which will be held on the mezzanine floor of the building.
MARRIAGE LICENSES
 Marriage licenses issued since Jan. 1:
 Tom Wilson and Miss Urtla Noes, Eastland.
 B. O. Young and Miss Odessa Pratt, Putnam.
 O. C. Gaultney and Miss Elizabeth Peprong, Eastland.
 Bernard C. Johnson and Miss Ruth M. Bucy, Rising Star.
 H. B. Elps and Mrs. Joyce Robinson, Waco.
 John Moore and Miss Nancy Nobles, Gallup, N. M.
 M. B. Knox and Mrs. Nancy Bowen, Ranger.
 E. W. Ash and Miss Ruby Crosby, Gorman.
 Oscar Fisher and Miss Farris Ray, Eastland, route 2.
 Walton Bassett and Miss Rommie Meyers, Ranger.

PATTERSON BUSY WITH TERRACE DEMONSTRATIONS
 County agent J. C. Patterson has been a very busy man the past year and every indication is that he will continue to be busy throughout this year. Today he is engaged in giving a terracing demonstration on the Hill Guy farm in the Bear Springs community.

Lindy "Takes Off"—A Future Possibility



SOCIETY

GORMAN PASTOR TO PREACH
 Rev. W. E. Glass, pastor of the Baptist church at Gorman, will preach at the Central Baptist church, Wednesday night, and has a vital subject scheduled for discussion. Every member of the church is urged to hear him.

REV. AND MRS. W. H. JOHNSON ENTERTAIN
 On the evening of January 3, the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson was the scene of a delightful hospitality extended to the Baptist members of the high school and college faculty and board of trustees.

Christmas decorations gave cheer to the party. After the guests had enjoyed a friendly conversation they were gathered around the table laid with handsome linen, upon which nestled a center decoration of roses and ferns. The place cards, hand-painted in holly and candle design, were the work of Miss Christine Schmuck. Against the artistic background, a new year's feast was spread before the guests.

Those present were Dr. W. L. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bachman, Mrs. Elizabeth Meredith and Misses Hortense Ross, Mildred Mihills and Christine Schmuck.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY HAS GOOD MEETING
 The Missionary Society of the Central Christian church met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mozelle Cherry.
 The program was in charge of Mrs. R. S. Holloway, and included talks from Brother Randolph Clark, Rev. H. B. Johnson, Mrs. L. R. Herring. After the program a delicious salad course was served by Mrs. Cherry, who was assisted by her niece, Mrs. Doris Rogers.
 Those present were, Brother Randolph Clark, Rev. H. B. Johnson, Mrs. R. S. Holloway, Mrs. Bascom Johnson, Mrs. H. B. Johnson, Mrs. L. R. Herring and daughter, Lonelle, Mrs.

W. W. Housewright, Mrs. Carey Alderson, Mrs. R. C. Edmonds, Mrs. C. M. Edwards, Mrs. Hendricks, Mrs. Waller, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Litton.

NEW ERA CLUB TO MEET
 The regular meeting of the New Era Club will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Gholsen hotel.

The subject for the day is, "Good Taste in Homes," and a variety of sub-topics will be discussed. "Windows and Walls," "Curtains, Mirrors and Pictures," "Rugs and Where they Come From" and "The Small Furnishings of Yesterday and Today," will be discussed by members.

Texas Flowers To Rule San Antonio Fine Art Exhibit
 SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 10.—Texas wild flowers as seen by artists from all parts of the United States will vie in their brilliant hues in an exhibition opening here Feb. 1 in competition for \$14,500.
 Ten major prizes and 10 honorable mention prizes carrying \$100 awards each have been offered by Edgar B. Davis, noted art lover.
 Entries for the contest already are beginning to arrive. Boxes with the pictures have come from Philadelphia, Chicago, New York and the west.
 A similar exhibition was held last year in the Witte museum, a municipal art center erected in Brackenridge park. A peculiar conflict between nature and art was noted in that exhibit. While a landscape naturally spreads out in a lateral vista to the observer, nearly every wild flower painter presented canvases of greater height than width. Bluebonnet scenes predominated in the exhibit but there were many paintings of the prairies covered with Indian blankets and other bright hued wild flowers.
 The Albatross has the largest wing spread of all birds, according to an answered question in Liberty.

BEAUTIFUL PICTURE FOR HODGES OAK PARK SCHOOL

"The Interior of a Cottage," reproduction of the famous painting by Israel, was given the Hodges Oak Park School of Ranger, as an award for selling the most tickets to the art exhibit held last week at the First National Bank Building. The students of the school sold 397 tickets to win the first prize.

AUSTIN.—Game conservation in Comal county began under Prince Solm's colony, state game commissioner Will Tucker was told at a dinner given by the Isaac Walton league at New Braunfels.

S. V. Pfeiffer, son of one of the pioneers, told of the game restrictions enforced by Captain Deuschel, who was in charge of furnishing a wild meat supply for the colonists. As a result of continued game conservation, Comal county now claims more deer to the square mile than any other county in the state.

Moody Will Close His First Year As Governor Jan. 18

By United Press.
 AUSTIN, Jan. 10.—Governor Dan Moody's first year as governor will expire January 18. Some of his friends expect that he will close on that day whether he will seek a second term.
 The first year has been marked by a reorganization of the state highway department; reorganization of the state prison system and receipts from the prisons and other sources that justify the prediction of a substantial tax rate cut.
 One of the notable policies of his administration has been a near return to the Neff policy against pardons for convicts. Though many fur-loughs and other forms of clemency have been extended, the first year's total of full pardons was but three. Two of these were to boys sent to the penitentiary before they were 17. In the year but one death sentence was commuted. Twenty-nine existing clemencies were revoked.

Injured Says He Can Identify Hit And Run Driver

Henry Lewis, Colorado city, who received severe cuts in the automobile accident Saturday afternoon in which R. E. Spears, Midland, was killed and Ed Smith, Colorado city, was injured, was in Ranger today conferring with Ranger police in regard to the identity of the driver of the car which caused the accident and failed to stop and render aid.
 Lewis, whose lip was cut in two by the glass, said that both he and Smith, who is still in the Pedigo hospital at Strawn, could identify both the driver of the car and his woman companion.

Lewis described the car as a new model Dodge coupe, painted green and equipped with a khaki top, rumble seat and wire wheels. The car is said to have been seen in Ranger since the accident and it is believed that the driver lives in this vicinity.
 "The car passed us just west of Ranger," Lewis said, "and we didn't see it again until we passed it just a few miles west of where the accident occurred. Soon after passing them, we looked around and saw that they were coming at a rapid speed. We moved over and when the car passed they immediately turned in our path and crashed our front. The lady of the car looked around after the crash and laughed, just as we went over in the ditch."
 Lewis said that Smith could positively identify the occupants if he could see them.

GAME WARDEN WARNS CLOSING OF SEASON
 Deputy Game Warden Jess Williams of Eastland states that the open season on squirrels closed January 1 and that the quail season closes January 16.

Feminine Furs



Peach satin pajamas grow exceedingly feminine when bedruddled with marabout to help keep off the evening's chill.

Lucky to Touch Chief Headsman French Believe

By United Press.
 PARIS.—When Anatole Deibler, a functionary of the ministry of justice, comes into the office at rare intervals, the clerks jump up from their desks and touch his overcoat, his umbrella, his silk hat. Anatole Deibler, the "lord high executioner" and Frenchmen believe that touching his garments brings luck in gambling and in affairs of the heart.

The communists in the chamber of deputies recently made a motion to cut out the wages of the man who officiates when a murderer is to be executed. Deibler gets 20,000 francs (\$800) a year for his services. There was a time when the public executioner was a highly paid official. In those days he was called "Monsieur de Paris" and got a fixed sum for each execution. In addition he was allowed to go to the central markets and obtain free of charge all the vegetables he desired. He got one per cent ad valorem duty on all cakes brought into Paris for Christmas. He was allowed to rent windows overlooking the place of execution and

these brought high prices, especially when a noted person was decapitated, broken on the wheel, whipped or otherwise tortured.

Toward the end of the eighteenth century the cost of living increased and the executioner's wages were raised to 18,000 francs a year, very high for those days. It was explained that the executioner had heavy expenses being obliged to "have his hair curled, to be powdered and elegant, with silk stockings and silver buckled shoes."

In the year 1793 there were 86 public executioners in France, one for each of the departments into which the country was then divided. By 1849 the number had been reduced to one executioner for each district appeal court. In 1870 the number was brought down to three, one each for France, Corsica and Algeria. The present holder of the title has corsica also in his bailiwick.

The last of the historic Sanson family, which held the job of executioners for seven generations, starting in 1688, was a spendthrift and had many debts. One day he pledged the guillotine to obtain money to ward off an importuning creditor. A few weeks later he was called on to execute a murderer but had to admit he had no guillotine. The government was forced to redeem the pledge so that justice could be done. Sanson lost his job.

Honolulu is preparing to erect a new city hall and a number of schools.

Women, Weak, Tired Rundown and Nervous

or who suffer ovarian pains, pains in the lower part of the stomach, bearing down pains, female weakness, headaches, back-ache, melancholia, despondency, nervous derangements, flushes of heat, fleeing and indefinite pains, whites, painful or irregular periods, should write to Mrs. Ellen Lovell, 7786 Mass., Kansas City, Mo.
 She will entirely FREE and without charge to the inquirer advice of a convenient home method whereby she and other women say they have successfully relieved similar troubles. The most common expression of these thankful women is "I feel like a new woman." And others, "I don't have any pains whatever anymore." "I can hardly believe myself that your Wonderful Method has done so much good for me in such a short time." Write today. This advice is entirely free to you. She has nothing to sell.

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Four of every five radio sets in Australia are from America.

The Ranger Building & Loan association has received an inquiry from far away Boston, Mass., relative to the rates of interest, membership fees, etc.

Called meeting Ranger Lodge No. 738, A. F. & A. M., Tonight, 7:30 o'clock. Work in F. C. degree. Visitors welcome.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION—Ranger Masonic temple, Sunday afternoons Thursday nights; all degrees.

LOST—Black suede pocketbook containing two vanity cases and money. Finder please return to Vera Bell Watson, Citizens State Bank, Ranger.

WANTED—Repairing furniture, stoves, refinishing, upholstery. Phone 276, 121 N. Austin st., S. J. Trantnam, at Ed Meyers Furniture Store, Ranger.

WE are giving you the worth of your money at our rummage sale at Third and Spring road, Ranger.

WE will set our incubator Monday, Jan. 2, and each Monday thereafter. Let us do your hatching. Dudley Bros. Hatching, 105 S. Marston st., Ranger.

FOR RENT—A lovely southeast bedroom to woman, one who types required. Mrs. W. K. Jackson, Eastland.

FOR RENT—5-room house 1101 Pershing street. Phone 56, Ranger.

FOR RENT—Three room furnished house and one unfurnished house. Phone 412-J, Ranger.

FOR RENT—Modern 4-room house. Phone 420, Ranger.

FOUR ROOMS and sleeping porch, garage, close in. W. W. Paschall at S. & H. Store, Ranger.

FOR RENT—Modern 6-room house. 713 Travis. Phone 617, Ranger.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT—Two-room apartment. Langston Apartments, Phone 429, Ranger.

FOR RENT—Two, three and four-room furnished apartments. Apply at 115 N. Dixie st., Eastland. Phone 526.

FURNISHED apartment. 532-W, Ranger.

FOR RENT—4-room apartment, partly furnished on Young street. Call Mrs. Weir, 97, Ranger.

FOR RENT—Two-room furnished modern apartment. Mrs. Nannie Walker, Ranger.

FOR RENT—Two-room apartment. Langston Apartments. Phone 419, Ranger.

APARTMENT for rent; will take children. Phone 458, Ranger.

WANTED—Second hand furniture. Ed Meyers, 121 North Austin street, Phone 276, Ranger.

SECOND-HAND furniture bought and sold at the right prices. Main Street Second-Hand Store, 530 Main st., Ranger. Phone 95.

SINGER sewing machine, almost good as new, cheap, for quick sale. One 4-wheel trailer, all around good shape. N. Sudderth, 918 Vitalious st., Ranger.

FOR SALE—Modern 6 room house. Servant quarters and garage. Two corner lots. Call 168, Ranger.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Hudson coach. Hicks Rubber Co., Eastland, Phone 13.

ACREAGE at Olden, shallow water, good prices, easy terms. L. V. Ford, Olden.

RABBITS FOR SALE—Chinchillas, Rufus Reds and baby rabbits. Selling out. Myers Filling Station, mile East of Olden on highway.

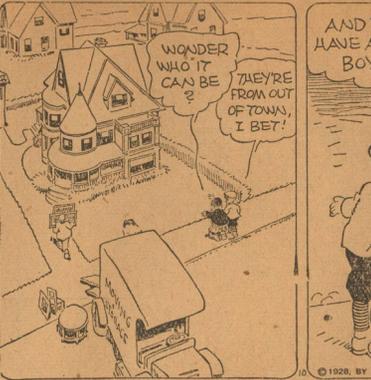
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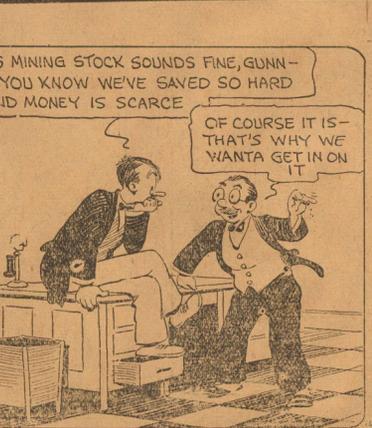
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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



Mom'n Pop



The Blazing Horizon by ERNEST LYNN

THE STORY THUS FAR The story is laid in the Indian territory and along the Kansas border in the '80's, when a fight was being waged by the "Boomers" for the opening of the territory to settlement.

Chief characters are: Tony Harrison, orphaned at 13 when his father was murdered in a poker game, Pawnee Bill, adventurer, Indian interpreter and showman, Joe Craig, who takes Tony to the Bar K ranch to live.

Then, that the cow business isn't so bad. Why don't you stay in it? "Chiefly because it don't keep my blood stirred up. My circulation's sluggish somewhat and I require considerable gallivanting around.

any better. It may be he's saving us hereby opening the gates and letting in a flood of riff-raff is crazy. But I've stopped arguing with crazy people.

flickered for a moment in Joe Craig's eyes. "Bill, you don't know how much of a hold that boy's got on my affections. If anything happened to him I'd—"

somewhat to know that he'd be too far away from Benton to give him much thought. Craig thoughtfully considered the suggestion.

CHAPTER XXVI Late in the fall Titus Moore left for a prolonged visit in Virginia. He had yielded to his wife's numerous persuasive letters, but chiefly he wanted to see Rita.

up a sluggish circulation by settling on a quarter section. "Oh, I'm no farmer, Craig. My brother Al would like to get a claim; just to be in the run will be enough for me.

ing much money on a project that might be unrooted any day. But with the leasing of the land from the Cherokees he felt a little more secure in his position, and Craig had set himself the task of completing the fence before the colonel's return from the east.

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He swore softly. "The damned little cuss." "Not so little," Pawnee Bill corrected. "There's full grown men working on the Bar K smaller than what he is."

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WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER, NEA Service Writer.

WASHINGTON—Anyone who has seen the supreme court in session may regard the justices as cold and austere gentlemen, but these nine venerables are not as cold as you might think.

In the sacred precincts behind that great bench, which take the shape of a lobby where the court may sneak back for a drink—or water—or to consult precedents, burn two wood fires. Artfully concealed behind two large screens at either end of the exposed ends of the lobby, which stretches the width of the courtroom, they cannot be seen from the body of the courtroom beyond which ordinary persons may not penetrate.

The hidden fireplaces are kept in action partly for warmth and partly for ventilation. Sometimes, no doubt though your correspondent never has heard it—the wood crackles with a loud pop audible in the courtroom, inexplicable to any but justices and attaches of the court.

The furnishing of the private lobby behind the rear partition of the dais seating the nine justices is quite simple. A bookcase holds 272 bound volumes containing all previous decisions of the court, and a table has water for the thirsty justice.

A door through the partition and onto the dais is used as an entry to the bench by Chief Justice Taft and Justices Holmes and VanDevanter. Three others step up onto the bench from the right and the others, after

passing through the lobby from the left.

Who knows Senator James A. Reed's middle name? Not that it is a matter of tremendous import at this time, but Reed is a candidate for his party's presidential nomination, and to have a president whose middle name was a secret from his inquisitive countrymen would be unthinkable, wouldn't it? The congressional directory and who's who are ignorant and inquiry at the great Missoula office was met by refusal to give it. In the absence of the senator himself it was said very politely that the senator regarded his middle name as his own private business and he never used it, anyway.

Well, if Reed is nominated, someone will dig it up for sure. Middle names of other possibilities have been exposed to the world—Alfred Emanuel Smith, Albert Cabell Ritchie, Herbert Clark Hoover, Frank Orren Lowden, Charles Gates Dawes, Frank Bartlette Willis, and so on. None of the candidates has such a juicy middle name as the late President Warren Gamaliel Harding—inasmuch as Senator David Ignatius Walsh is not a candidate—unless it's Reed.

Of course, Reed may have a very common, ordinary middle name, such as Aloysius, Adoniram, Abijah or Absalom, and on the other hand it might be some such intricate name as Archelaus, Ahasuerus or Adonibizok.

Calvin Coolidge managed to get along in life without any middle name at all. Thomas Woodrow Wilson moved faster after he made his middle name his first name.

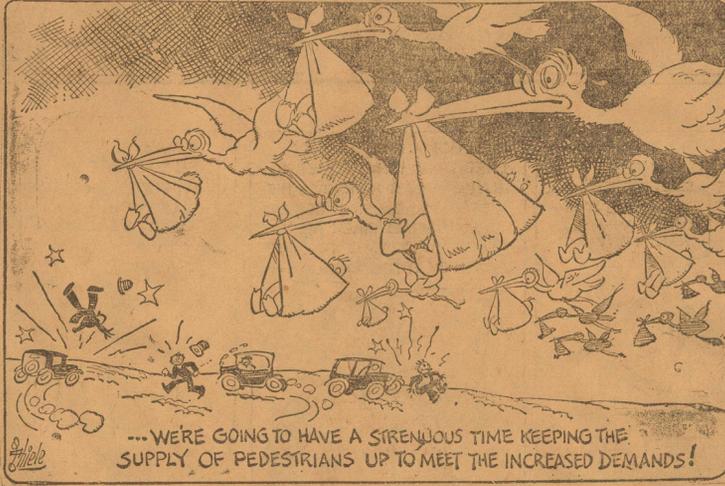
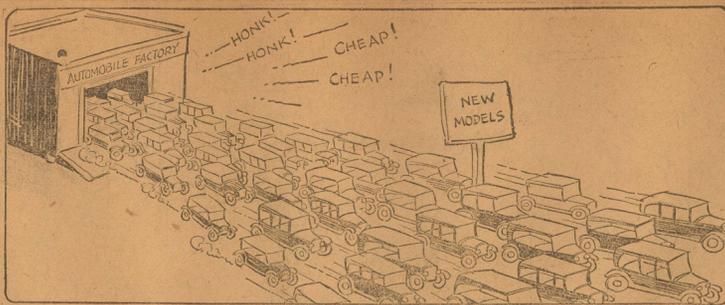
Politicians have generally been careful about parting their names in the middle. Such effete practices are regarded as fatal in the rugged west, but some easterners have survived. Senator James Thomas Hoffman is J. Thomas and sometimes even Thomas J.; Congressman Abram Piatt Andrew of Massachusetts became A. Piatt and James Zacharie Spearing of New Orleans, a better than average congressman, is J. Zach. The only governor guilty of that sort of business is A. (Arthur) Harry Moore of New Jersey.

WASHINGTON.—Jim Reed vs. Dawes? If that should be the 1928 lineup, politics certainly would again be politics. What a rip-roaring, hell-busting campaign it ought to be. The fact is that although neither the vice president nor the Missouri senator has any assurance of being nominated by his party, the chances for the nomination of both apparently were never better than they are at this writing.

That despite the fact that one of your correspondent's latest tips is that Secretary of the Treasury Mellon will come out for secretary of commerce Hoover within a month and that Reed's strength just now cannot compare with Governor Al Smith.

If Mellon comes out for Hoover and if Hoover comes out for himself

If this Intensive Production of Autos Gets Any Worse—



January will be a very large political month. The democrats will have their Jackson Day dinner, pick a convention city to discuss views and representatives of all the dry organizations are expected to meet and read the riot act to both parties. Heaven only knows what else may happen and it may be a month of announcements of candidacies.

Hoover leads the republican field and Smith the democratic. Hoover has far more formidable opposition in the shape of rival candidates than Smith, but he hasn't any two-thirds rule to beat.

Dawes, it is generally agreed, is his big threat. Dawes may have lost some slight strength lately because of the report that he is a candidate of the international bankers and larger corporations, which very likely is true. But that won't hurt much. Personally Dawes without any hypocrisy, is for Lowden. There is a man who will go a long way for a friend and there is actually good reason to believe that he is merely his own second choice.

Dawes is unquestionably still Lowden's second choice, but Lowden is out to win for himself and, one hears, is incensed at bold assertions that he is really no more than a stalking horse for his friend Dawes.

Meanwhile, Hoover's strength increases as the word spreads that he will be the administration candidate—meaning that he will have the Coolidge-Mellon support.

Ordinarily, such support might be expected to prove decisive, but even if it is planted behind him it doesn't spell success for Hoover. The republican party, more than ever this year, has the middle west to consider. Most of the politicians remain to be sold on Hoover and the southern delegate situation is still up in the air.

It may be that Hoover has proved to any intelligent man's satisfaction that he was not responsible for holding down wheat prices during the war and that he can easily prove himself eligible to the presidency despite his past residences abroad, but it is too early to predict with certainty that either or both these factors won't count as heavily against him as his enemies desire.

WASHINGTON.—Governor Al Smith is still shopping down south for a running-mate—or, at least, his friends are.

One hears that Joseph Daniels was not exactly haughty when it was suggested that he might have the democratic vice presidential nomination if Smith were nominated, but when Tammany heard that the nomination of Uncle Joseph might completely ruin Al's hopes of carrying his home state of North Carolina, he didn't hear much more about Uncle Joseph.

He is very far outside the dominant democratic organization of North Carolina, controlled by Senator Simmons, which hates Smith and Uncle Joseph with almost equal fervor. So the Smith team is still shopping and is said to have made eyes at several southern senators and governors, some of whom may be in the market, but none of whom want to break the news to the folks at home.

Mr. Hoover, as his strength increases, must be doing some thinking along the same lines. Whereas the Smith people are figuring just now that the second man ought to come from the hostile south, Uncle Hoover is supposed to be looking around in the east.

He might pick Senator George Higgins Moses of New Hampshire, except that the capture of New Hampshire won't be so tremendously important in November.

He has doubtless looked about New York state only to find no republican who might otherwise be available who hasn't been thoroughly trounced by Al Smith and his gang.

He might try Governor Fuller of Massachusetts, but Fuller made many people sore in the Sacco-Vanzetti case, and we've got to get the senate onto the ticket somewhere.

Governor Fisher of Pennsylvania would like the job, but Hoover would carry Pennsylvania anyway—although some sort of a pre-convention deal might be made. It may even be that Uncle Hoover would appreciate some suggestions.

Surely no candidate is in a sorrier

pickle at this moment than Senator James Adonibizek Reed of Missouri. Senator Reed seems almost in the position of a gentleman hanging onto the rail of a burning ship with the sharks waiting for him in the water below, insofar as his chances for nomination are concerned.

Of course, the United States navy may come dashing over the water to rescue our hero at the last moment, but one fears not.

If Senator Jim has a substantial bloc of delegates at the democratic convention, they are likely to be just the delegates needed for Al Smith and if Senator Jim handed them over they might very easily nominate Al. But if Jim were to hang onto them, Al would hardly be likely to forgive him and then furnish the strength needed to nominate Jim.

Al and Jim may have a working agreement—although probably not—but someone will have to take the short end.

Demonstrate Big Passenger Bus On West Texas Route

"The Twin Coach," a mammoth passenger bus which is the product of the American Car Foundry company, was being demonstrated along the route of the West Texas Coaches Monday, being driven by a factory representative.

The new bus is the largest yet to be manufactured for inter-city transportation and was built along the lines of a street car. Two 55-horsepower motors are used for power and are located in the center of the car.

The bus will seat 38 passengers and all baggage is deposited overhead in the half-basket receptacles that run the length of the car. The body of the car is built low on the ground to allow a sufficiency of room for the passengers to walk up-right when entering the coach. Westinghouse air brakes are part of the equipment.

The West Texas Coaches have not as yet purchased the new transport, according to Maurice Rush, Ranger agent. The run the bus made yesterday was for demonstration purposes only.

Dr. R. O. Singleton Osteopath Opens Ranger Offices

Dr. Robert O. Singleton, for 13 years a practicing physician of Mineral Wells, and who has offices in the Crazy Hotel there, announces that he will practice in Ranger, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 to 6 p. m., with offices in the Guaranty bank building.

Dr. Singleton is well known in medical and military circles, being a major in the medical corps of the Texas National Guard and a past commander of the Ferris Anderson post of the American Legion.

He is a graduate of medicine and surgery, as well as in osteopathy, having attended school in California and Kansas City, Mo., and has had post graduate work in France.

PLAN FOR MUNICIPAL MARRIAGE MARKETS

LONDON.—As a result of the increase in divorce in England and the growing social importance of happy marriage, a newspaper drive has been started to have municipalities form social organizations for bringing together young people of both sexes.

So far the scheme has not met with much response from lord mayors and mayors throughout the country who were circulated by the drive officials.

The Lord Mayor of Cardiff is the sole exception. He replied that he would be willing to help in any way he could.

Pa says he has never doubted he is the light of Ma's life. She won't let him go out at night.

Sidney Prepares For Eucharistic World Congress

SYDNEY, Australia.—Sydney's show event for 1928 will be the world Eucharistic Congress, which will eventuate the attention of Roman Catholics in every country in the world on this fair city of the South, whose population of 1,100,000 is expected to be increased by 200,000 visitors during the congress.

Pope Pius has appointed Cardinal Bonaventura Ceretti as his representative. The cardinal spent several years in Australia as apostolic delegate, and left many friends here. His appointment was received with great approval, as his linguistic ability and his knowledge of European affairs and of literature won him great respect here.

Authorities in charge of organization of the congress have been notified that Cardinal Hayes of New York and Cardinal O'Donnell of Dublin are certain to come to the congress. Cardinal Borne, head of the

church in England, is another probable visitor. Altogether it is expected that seven cardinals will be in Sydney for the great function.

Pilgrims are coming from all parts of the world to attend the congress. Every country in Europe will be represented. Three vessels have been chartered to bring visitors from the United States, and another has been secured for a Canadian pilgrimage. The Matson Line is making its newest and largest steamer, the Malala, the flagship of the fleet from the United States. Accommodation at all Sydney's leading residential hotels and fashionable boarding houses has been reserved en bloc by the congress organizers. The visitor who comes to Sydney at that time without being connected with the congress will have to sleep in the parks.

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Dreadful Year Is Predicted By Old London Almanacs

By United Press.

LONDON.—Worldwide catastrophes, including wars, floods, earthquakes and violent industrial upheavals, will make the year 1928 one worst in history, according to the popular prophetic almanacs published here.

Old Moore's almanac probably the best known, predicts wars and rumors of wars throughout the world. Industrial unrest will occur at intervals. The political parties in Britain will undergo startling and unexpected changes, with at least one big upheaval likely to set Britain in a ferment.

Western nations are urged to guard against the awakening of China with its consequent reaction on Oriental temperament.

In the first of the five eclipses which occur during the year, three of the sun and two of the moon, it is predicted that every effort will be made to bring about the fall of the British Government, and to involve Britain in warfare. Political enterprise from Rome will endanger the peace of Europe, the forecasters say, and the Mediterranean Basin will become a seething cauldron by the first week in August.

The next eclipse, it is prophesied, will witness martial feelings in Italy towards Austria. Secret plots against Britain will be hatched. War in the East will be followed by active warfare in many places.

A revolution among transport workers and mysterious deaths in high places feature the third eclipse, says Old Moore. Otherwise the period is a blank.

The falling of the fourth eclipse on the horoscope of Mussolini is a final warning to the projector of the Roman Empire, it is predicted. Mussolini is told to beware of France. There is a sign of active hostilities from Rome eastwards. This will be followed by a great earthquake. Europe will face many exchange problems, and Britain will be no exception.

Danger to London is predicted in the final eclipse. There will be great alarm among the inhabitants and a hasty exodus. The city will be under a "cloud" greater and more distressful than the worst of its historic fogs. The people will have to face great hardships in regard to food supplies and transport service of all kinds.

Some compensations are offered. The people will become more sober, while religious effort will receive a good deal of encouragement. Good weather is predicted.

As a final warning, however, Old Moore foreshadows the spread of Russian propaganda in India and China.

Raphael, "the Prophetic Messenger," has no soothing oil in his almanac.

He predicts floods, earthquakes and widespread death and disaster early in the year, to be followed by a crescendo of disaster at the year end. December will be marked by great storms, and devastating earthquakes affecting America, France and Europe. Britain will be faced by the danger of a great mining disaster.

March brings news of wars and declarations of war. Mussolini may be endangered, the almanac states, while Fascism is likely to fall as a house of cards. A fearful fire and a railway accident, hurricanes, and seismic shocks will follow.

Sickness, labor revolts, a great spread of drug victims and other forms of vice, a wave of crime and an outbreak of pests of various sorts, are also predicted in the new year.

London and other big British cities will be terrorized by a crime wave and hoodlum violence in August, it is prophesied. Great fires and incendiarism will occur simultaneously.

Such is the extent of Raphael's forecasts.

The year has seen quite a little flying by the ladies—both away from their husbands and at them.

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