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MODEL FATHER CONFESSES CHILD MURDER

RATLIFF'S MOTION FOR CHANGE OF VENUE IS STILL UNDECIDED

WITNESSES EXAMINED THROUGH TODAY

Many Believe Could Get Fair Trial In County

The defense in the case of Marshall Ratliff, charged with robbery with firearms in connection with the robbery of the First National bank of Cisco, on December 23rd, which is being heard before Judge Geo. L. Devener of the 91st district court, was still putting on testimony in support of their motion for a change of venue filed when the case opened Monday morning, when the court adjourned at noon today. A total of 18 witnesses had been examined at that time and attorneys for the defense stated that they would probably offer 10 or 15 more. Attorneys for the state have subpoenaed 85 witnesses to testify on this phase of the case.

Ratliff, when he entered the courtroom this morning, was met by his mother, who kissed him affectionately. He told his attorneys that he was feeling fine. Outside of this answer to their questions, Ratliff spoke only once or twice to those about him during the proceedings this morning. Occasionally he smoked a cigarette. He paid close attention to the testimony given by the witnesses.

Mother Leaves Court.

Mrs. Rilla Carter, Ratliff's mother, was in the court room when court opened and requested that Clerk W. B. Collier ask the court if she might remain in the courtroom. Being a witness in the case, the attorneys objected to her presence and she retired.

Due to the early hour at which court convened this morning only a few spectators were present at the opening. Within an hour after court opened, however, the court room was filled to capacity.

The defense in their motion for a change of venue, stated that the defendant, Ratliff, because of the great amount of prejudice against him in the county and for the further fact that there existed in the county a dangerous combine of men-to-wit the bankers, who are members of the Eastland county and state bankers' associations, who are in a conspiracy to convict him, can not get a fair and impartial trial in the county.

Bankers Impartify.

Questions being asked the various witnesses deal with these facts. Among the witnesses examined this morning were two bankers, Homer Brelsford, Jr., of the Texas State bank of Eastland and W. W. Housewright of the Citizens State bank of Ranger, who said that their banks had paid assessments made by the Texas State Bankers' association in the case of the Odessa bank where two alleged bandits were slain by officers. No payment had been made by either of these banks, these witnesses stated, in connection with the Cisco bank case.

Walter Gray, former Eastland county treasurer, former banker and at present engaged in private investments, was the first witness called by the defense. Witness testified that there were about ten banks in the county and that each bank had an average of eight directors. It was witnesses' information that the banks that were members of the state bankers' association, had been asked to contribute \$5.00 each to rewards being offered by the state bankers' association for the death of bank bandits. Witness stated that he had lived in Eastland county about 26 years.

On cross examination by the district attorney Gray stated that he knew of no combination of men nor of any conspiracy to secure the conviction of the defendant, Ratliff.

Many Have Opinion.

T. L. Overby, president of the Texas State bank of Eastland, was called to the stand. Witness stated that he had resided in Eastland county 35 years. He had read of the Cisco robbery in the newspapers and had heard the matter discussed and had heard nothing favorable to the defendant. It was his opinion that the defendant could get a fair and impartial trial in the case. He, himself, had an opinion in the matter which was not favorable to the defendant. This opinion, witness stated, might be changed by testimony, however.

Geo. Morrow, barber of Gorman, who has been a resident of Eastland county for 14 years, stated that he had read detailed accounts of the Cisco robbery in the papers, had discussed it with customers and others, (Continued on Page Two)

First Lady of the Democrats



Mrs. Woodrow Wilson is shown surrounded by a group of democratic national committeewomen at the party's gathering in Washington. Mrs. Charles L. Donohoe, California, is holding a large souvenir key in front of Mrs. Wilson. To the left is Mrs. Emily Newell Blair, vice chairman of the national committee.

Higher Rendition Is Urged at Gathering

Ranger Citizens At Mass Meeting Voice Sentiment Continued Nine Months School

Twelve prominent citizens of Ranger spoke on the school situation Monday night at a mass meeting called by the school board and the Chamber of Commerce and they all voiced the same opinion, that if it was necessary to raise property valuation in order to have a nine-months term of school in 1928-29, then that was the only thing to do.

All of the speakers brought out that it was useless to think of having less than the school term required by the universities in order to insure affiliation.

John M. Gholson, president of the board of trustees and of the Chamber of Commerce, in opening the meeting of some 300 taxpayers of Ranger, told of the loss of property that was subject to rendition and of the taxable property that would give a small revenue that was burdened with back taxes but not worth the money it would take to sue to recover.

Mr. Gholson stated that Ranger received about \$25,000 from the state for the support of the schools but that this amount and \$5,000 more was turned back to apply on interest and retirement of school bonds. The school term this year will show a deficiency of about \$10,000, said Mr. Gholson. Mr. Gholson, in speaking of the cost of running the Ranger schools stated that it takes approximately \$110,000 a year. Of this amount \$70,000 is used in the general running expenses for the nine months period while the remainder is used in paying interest and retiring the school bonds.

Mr. Gholson stated that some people who were rendering their property where the schools could collect only \$20 school taxes had three or four children in school who were costing the city of Ranger \$6 a month. That is the average cost for one month for one pupil, and the enrollment of Ranger schools is increasing every year.

A rising vote of thanks was extended the Prairie Oil & Gas company, the Gulf Production company and their companies in the Ranger field, who voluntarily taxed property that had been moved before the first of the year and was not subject to taxation, but who allowed the tax officials to levy regardless, when informed of the critical school situation. The Prairie Oil & Gas company moved \$269,000 worth of oil that had been in storage but paid school taxes on the oil to the amount of \$2,690. The Gulf Production company removed the removal of \$64,000 worth of storage oil.

E. A. Ringold, tax collector, cited the reason for the shrinkage in tax rendition when he told that people who had bought houses from the major oil companies rendered them for taxes for what they paid for when they were worth twice that amount.

The general spirit of the meeting was that of the 12 men who voiced their opinions in the matter. Everyone at the meeting agreed that it was out of the question for Ranger to have less than a nine months period of school and that it would be suicide to Ranger to cut the term short. The large representation of Ranger citizens agreed that the only way out

of the dilemma was to render the taxes higher in order for the school to derive enough to avoid a deficit at the end of each term.

Marvin Collier acted as chairman of the meeting and those making short talks relative to the school problem were John M. Gholson, L. B. Pearson, Dr. W. C. Palmer, Raymond Teal, Dr. L. C. G. Buchanan, E. A. Ringold, L. H. Flewelling, J. C. Smith, Hall Walker, J. Frank Champion, J. G. Harwell and Roy W. Gilbreath.

Senator Holbrook In Eastland For Sister's Funeral

Senator T. J. Holbrook of Galveston is in Eastland to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Lula Holbrook-Stegall, who died last Thursday in California. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 3:30 at the Church of Christ. Until that hour the remains will rest at the home of Mrs. Dr. W. S. Poe.

Senator Holbrook, who was a member of the Texas delegation attending the democratic Jackson Day dinner in Washington last week, has announced his candidacy for congress in the seventh district. He will oppose Congressman Clay Stone Briggs.

Senator Holbrook's parents, pioneer Eastland county citizens, who for many years lived in the southern portion of Eastland county, now live in Eastland. His sister, Mrs. Dr. W. S. Poe has lived in Eastland many years.

Judge Delays Court to Learn Of Baby's Tooth

ABILENE, Jan. 17.—Operations in the district court were suspended for a short time while Judge Miburn S. Long, presiding magistrate of the tribunal and incidentally one of the youngest district judges in Texas took time off to get the latest details in his five-months-old daughter's testing progress.

Judge Long was seated on his bench busily engaged in hearing a civil case when Deputy Sheriff Frank Whaley tiptoed to his side and whispered for a moment in his ear. The judge's face, court attaches say, was overspread with a grin and then a smile.

Then the wheels of justice were halted and Judge Long made a dignified dash to an anteroom and a telephone.

In a few minutes he came back and resumed court. There was a look on his face that indicated deep satisfaction.

After the case under consideration had been disposed of court attaches were informed by "his honor" that Emily, his baby girl had a tooth.

DAIRY WORK IS BEING PUSHED BY PATTERSON

Bull Circles Being Organized In Several Communities Of Eastland County.

The introduction of purebred sires is conceded to be the most economical method of building up a paying dairy industry in Eastland county, according to J. C. Patterson, county agent, in preparing the following statement of plans to be followed in promoting a "Purebred Sires Campaign."

Jersey bull circles are now being organized and orders are being booked for high production bulls for these circles. Meetings were held last week at Scranton and Shady Grove where local committees were appointed to canvas the situation and determine how many bulls would be purchased in those communities. Similar meetings will follow at other points over the county.

A purchasing committee will be selected from members of the proposed associations who will buy Jersey bulls to be used in Eastland county. This committee will have the aid of representatives of the A. & M. college extension service for the American Jersey cattle club. Animals purchased will be tuberculin tested and guaranteed to be serviceable. Naturally such animals will be registered. For the protection of owners and any banks which may assist in financing purchases animals will be insured.

Anyone interested in procuring one of these bulls may well discuss the matter with his banker, chairman of commerce secretary or the county agent. It is hoped that the first shipment of bulls can be made early in February. Since there will probably not be a full carload of bulls bought at this time it will be possible to purchase a few registered or even grade cows. "I feel sure that our purchasing committee will be glad to buy females for those requesting and authorizing them to do so," said Patterson.

In a general way a bull circle is organized to consist of the owners of four bulls. A bull may be owned by one or several individuals. At the end of each two years bulls are exchanged within the circle until each block has used each bull, this gives members approximately eight years bull service at the cost of one bull. The minimum requirement will be that they be from cows having an official record of at least 500 pounds of butterfat in one lactation period. Sires of this class should practically double the production of heifers over that of their dams, for common grade cows.

There are a great many cows in the county which are excellent producers and very profitable to their owners. Such cows should be bred only to the very best of bulls since service to an ordinary bull will result in heifer calves less productive of milk and fat than their dams. If any improvement is to be attained better sires must be used at all times.

A tabulation of records of cows in cow test associations has been made by the bureau of dairy industry and the results show that the average production of the dams of those daughters. The yearly butterfat production of the dams was 260 pounds. When the records of all immature cows were figured to maturity the average yearly milk production of the dams was 4,695 pounds and that of the daughters 7,607. The average yearly butterfat production of the dams was 179 pounds and that of the daughters 300. On an average the daughters exceeded the dams by 92 percent in milk and 67.6 percent in butterfat production. These figures give some idea of the result that may be expected when average cows are mated with purebred dairy bulls of high production.

Open Diplomacy Will Be The Rule At Conference

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 17.—Open diplomacy will rule at the sixth Pan-American conference under a decision reached today at a meeting of chiefs of 21 delegations.

Upon motion of Honorio Pueyrredon, Argentine ambassador to the United States, seconded by Charles Evans Hughes, the chiefs voted 16 to 5 in favor of open sessions both for committee and plenary meetings.

Here Is Dorothy Schneider



The hurt for the slayer of five-year-old Dorothy Schneider of Mount Morik, Mich., has spread across the nation. The girl's mutilated body was found in a pool after a search that began when Dorothy failed to come home from school. The picture above shows Dorothy's mother and her father (inset) with Dorothy (left) and her three-year-old brother, Kenneth. A prominent Owosso, Mich., churchman has confessed to the crime.

OPPOSITION TO SMITH LOOMS OVER TEXAS

Dallas Democratic Leaders State to Oppose Nomination By Party in June.

DALLAS, Jan. 17.—Any move in Texas to bolster the fight of Governor Al Smith of New York for the democratic nomination will be opposed, Dallas democratic leaders announced today.

Representative George C. Purl in a statement issued today urged others to join in keeping Smith from winning the democratic nomination.

Purl indicated that plans will be made for an active fight against Smith when Thomas B. Love returns from Austin.

One Rebel Leader Reported Killed By U. S. Marines

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 17.—One of the leaders of General Augusto Sandino's rebels has been killed in a battle with the United States marines, according to official advices today.

The leader, General Mendes, was leading a group of Sandino's followers near San Albino Sunday morning. In a short skirmish Mendes was killed and another rebel injured.

There were no marine casualties. The equipment of the rebel troops was captured, the official advices said.

Meanwhile the United States marine forces in Nicaragua were being inspected by Major General Lejeune, commander of the United States marine corps.

METHODIST WORKERS' BANQUET POSTPONED

The workers' banquet for the Eastland Methodist church, which was to have been held Wednesday night, has been postponed until some future date on account of the inclement weather, according to an announcement made this morning by Rev. F. E. Singleton, the pastor.

RECENTLY IS ELECTED AN ELDER IN CHURCH

Showed No Emotion As He Prayed Sunday At Communion

By United Press.

OWOSSO, Mich., Jan. 17.—W. A. Seegmiller, Owosso, left today for Ionia to act as attorney for Adolph Hotelling, confessed murderer of Dorothy Schneider of Mount Morris.

Seegmiller conferred with Glenn D. Mathews an Ionia attorney regarding procedure to secure a sanity examination for Hotelling.

Despite his interest in the slayings, Hotelling was known in his home town as an industrious carpenter and a devout churchman. Since a recent church election he has been elder in the Owosso Church of Christ. For nine years he has been one of its most generous contributors and hardest workers.

"Sunday morning he knelt at our communion table and offered what I believe was his first prayer on such an occasion," said the Rev. J. W. Frye. "He seemed not at all disturbed nor did he show any emotion as I recall."

Neighbors said they never saw him push a child. In fact they regarded him as a model father. His chief interest they said were church work and carpentering.

The peaceful calm of life in Owosso was disturbed last night when threatening groups gathered in front of the Hotelling home and crew in size until dispersed by police.

Mrs. Hotelling gathered her children around her. There were five, the youngest Patricia 4 years old. She was adopted by the Hotellings when an infant. The others were Viola, 12; Devere, 16; Mrs. Freda Monroe, 20 and Mrs. Joseph Wagner, 24. Both the married daughters lived in Owosso and they went to their mother in her grief.

"If he did it something in his brain snapped," sobbed Mrs. Hotelling.

United States Honors Birth Of Franklin Today

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Benjamin Franklin's birthday will be celebrated throughout the United States today, and not—if the Benjamin Franklin memorial committee can bring it about, as the birthday of "Franklin, patron saint of thrift," but as that of "Franklin, the patriot."

J. Henry Smythe Jr., chairman of the memorial committee, feels that the thrift tie-up with Franklin's name has been carried a trifle too far, and the committee strongly is of the opinion that Franklin had other admirable qualities and performed other valuable services which the nation is in some danger of forgetting.

This year, it is recalled, is also the 150th anniversary of the signing of the treaty of alliance with France, which Franklin engineered Feb. 6, 1778, and is also the bi-centennial of young Ben's first venture as a printer.

Many groups and organizations, including the printers who have a strong claim, have appropriated Franklin as their "patron saint" and his numerous statues throughout the nation will be shrines today.

President Green of the American Federation of Labor last year proclaimed Franklin as the official patron saint of the entire organization, and the Cartoonists of America, when organizing, praised the versatile Ben as the first cartoonist of the new world.

New York city is the home of the International Benjamin Franklin society, whose head is John Clyde Oswald. Special efforts have been made by this organization to get schools to remember Franklin on his birthday.

WASHINGTON FIRE BUG KEEPS FIREMEN ON RUN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Seven fires charged to a pyromaniac terrorized the national capitol from midnight to dawn today. All the city's fire fighters assisted, also near by assistance from Baltimore and Virginia cities helped in subduing the blazes and an alert citizen who reported one fire gave information which resulted in the arrest of a world war veteran as a suspected fire bug.

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Ratliff's Motion Still Undecided

(Continued From Page One) He believed that a jury could be obtained in the county that would give the defendant a fair and impartial trial. Witness had an opinion in the case which was not favorable to the defendant.

M. R. Newnam, auto dealer of Ranger and a member of the board of directors of the Citizens State bank of Ranger, said he had no opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant. I knew no reason why the defendant could not obtain a fair and impartial trial in the county.

B. W. Brewer of Eastland, who is a bank clerk, stated that the placard advertising the reward offered by the state bankers' association for dead bank bandits, was on display in the Eastland bank in which he was employed.

John Mays of Eastland, who has been in the county more than 20 years said that he had an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant and that his opinion was not favorable to the defendant. Witness, until a short time ago was conducting a hardware business in Older. He knew of no reason why the defendant could not get a fair and impartial trial in Eastland.

C. A. Bobo, hardware merchant of Ranger, stated that he had been in Eastland county 25 years. He had heard some discussion of the Cisco bank robbery but had no opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant. He knew of no reason why defendant could not get a fair and impartial trial in the county.

E. E. Wood of Eastland, former district clerk, former deputy tax collector and for many years an abstractor in the county, stated that he had lived in he county 38 years. He had an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant, but he believed that a jury could be secured in the county to give him a fair and impartial trial. He did not believe he could qualify as a juror.

R. L. Meadows of the Cook community, the first witness called this morning, stated that he had resided in the county 30 years. Witness could see no reason why the defendant could not get a fair trial in Eastland county as well as in any other county in the state.

Frank Lovett of Eastland, assistant cashier of the Texas State bank of Eastland, stated that he had resided in he county 27 years. He said that his bank was a member of the Eastland county bankers' association and also of the state bankers' association. Witness had an opinion which was unfavorable to the defendant, but he believed that a jury could be obtained in the county that would give the defendant fair and impartial trial.

R. H. Ables of Desdemona, a pumper for an oil company, had an opinion which was not favorable to the defendant. W. W. Housewright, vice president of the Citizens State bank of Ranger, said that the notice of reward offered by the state bankers' association had been posted in his bank. Witness stated that the First National bank of Cisco was not a member of the Texas State Bankers' association.

Case Widely Discussed. Hall Walker, cashier of the Citizens State bank of Ranger, had an opinion that the defendant was guilty but stated such opinion as he had could be changed with the proper evidence. There is no organization of any kind working for the conviction of the defendant, witness stated. Witness stated that he population of Eastland county was about 65,000 and that about 25,000 of these resided in the rural communities.

All of the witnesses placed on the stand were questioned carefully by defense attorneys as to the newspapers they read, the accounts in them of the Cisco robbery, etc. Virtually all of them had read numerous accounts of the holdup and had heard nor read nothing favorable to the defendant. On cross examination, however, state attorneys elicited the testimony from most of them that the things they had read heard and discussed had pertained principally to bank bandits and not to the defendant, Ratliff, personally. Some of them did state that Ratliff's name had been mentioned in some of the reports they read in the newspapers.

Three newspaper men were placed on the stand and questioned as to the extent of publicity given the Cisco case and each testified that it had been given wide publicity not only in the local Eastland county papers, but in the state papers as well.

Society and Club News MISS JANET E. LAMB Phone 224

WEDNESDAY. The Eastern Star study club will meet at 7:30 p. m. at the Mason c hall. Rotar- club luncheon 12:15 Gholson Hotel. Delphian chapter meets with Mrs. W. W. Housewright, subject "Three Eighteenth Century Poets."

EASTERN STAR MEETING. The regular meeting of the Eastern Star was held Monday night at the Eastern Star hall. There was a good number present. Special music was rendered by Miss Helen Howdeshell, Mrs. F. S. Shafstall and Mrs. Walter Harwell, with Mrs. Cole at the piano.

LADIES AID SOCIETY. The Ladies Aid society of the First Christian church met at the church Monday afternoon and planned the program of work for the ensuing year. Discussion of this program occupied the entire time of the session.

KITCHEN SHOWER FOR MISS GHOLSON. Mrs. Roy A. Jameson and Mrs. Aubrey M. Jameson entertained at the home of the latter Monday afternoon with a kitchen shower and bridge honoring Miss Helen Gholson whose marriage to Mr. Alton W. Cherry will take place Wednesday morning.

A wigwam was arranged and little Anna Frances Wallace was the Indian maiden who presented Miss Gholson with a piece of bark, on which a verse was written telling Miss Gholson to follow to the teepee where all the gifts had been placed.

There were five tables of bridge, the high score prize going to Mrs. E. E. Crawford, a set of mixing bowls, low to Miss Doris Rogers, a skillet; and the guest prize presented Miss Gholson was a tea kettle. Those receiving high and low score presented their prizes to the honoree.

Carnations decorated the tables and refreshments were served to the honoree, and Meses. W. E. Wallace, Buddy Armer, Lute Lawton, Walter Branhany, Harry A. Loggion, M. H. Hagaman, Eddie Horigan, John D. Gholson, Howard Gholson, C. C. Craig, W. L. Bowden, J. T. Gullahorn, E. E. Crawford, Louis Fleck and Frank Branhany; Miss Doris Rogers, Mmes. K. K. West, Breckenridge, J. M. Ferrel, Eastland and M. C. Vande Venter of Keokuk, Iowa, were the out of town guests.

MISS GHOLSON HONORED WITH DINNER-DANCE. Mrs. W. L. Bowden and Mrs. J. E. T. Peters of Cisco, entertained Saturday night with a formal dinner dance honoring Miss Helen Gholson. The Green Lantern Tea room in Cisco was the attractive place chosen by the hostesses for the party.

GOING AWAY PARTY. Mrs. Saunders Gregg entertained the auxiliary of the Presbyterian church at her home on Pine street in honor of Mrs. James Cox and her mother, Mrs. Alice Armer, who have been loyal members of the Presbyterian church since boom days. Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Armer will leave this week for Breckenridge where they will make their home. After playing forty-two the guests enjoyed a most delightful social hour, during which time the hostess served a beautifully appointed luncheon.

The honorees were presented gifts from the auxiliary, maderia luncheon cloths and napkins to Mrs. Cox and a cameo pin to Mrs. Armer. Others present were Meses. Sam Thompson, G. R. Gettis, T. B. Tharpe, S. B. Baker, McDonald, Brogg, G. D. Robison, Katie Armer, L. L. Davidson, A. L. Duffer, J. J. Kelley and Walter Cash, Meses Catherine Robison and Minnie Gettis of Milwaukee.

PERSONALS. Mrs. Roy Earnest and her guest Mrs. T. H. Moler of Salt Lake City motored to Fort Worth Friday. Miss Moler is now visiting in Dallas and Mrs. Earnest returned home Monday.

J. B. Jones, formerly a clerk in the Gholson Hotel, is now night clerk of the new Blue Bonnet Hotel, San Antonio's newest hostelry. Floyd Singleton, proprietor of the Gholson, is president of the Blue Bonnet Hotel company.

John Hassen accompanied by D. Hassen will leave the latter part of the week for the New York market. D. Hassen resides in Stamford and has been visiting in Ranger for a few days.

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PRESIDENT LEAVES FOR AMERICA

By United Press. HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 17.—President Coolidge sailed for the United States at 7:43 a. m., today after a two-day good will visit to the Pan-American conference.

The final official function of the Coolidge Day celebration in this tropical paradise was tendered last night at the official state dinner in his honor given by the Cuban president, Machado. The Coolidges and 200 Pan-American convention delegates and their ladies attended the dinner in the presidential palace.

The banquet was superb. The finest foods were served with rare wines and liquors. President Coolidge, according to the guests, did not touch any of the alcoholic beverages.

COOLIDGE ARRIVES AT KEY WEST ON RETURN. KEY WEST, Fla., Jan. 17.—President Coolidge arrived at Key West aboard the cruiser Memphis shortly after 1:30 p. m. today. He was to take a short motor ride before boarding his special train for Washington late this afternoon.

Eastland County Gets First Good Rain In Months

The first real general rain that has fallen in Eastland county since the early part of last October, started falling early this morning and continued all day. The slow falling rain is welcomed by farmers all over the county as grain planted earlier in the year was in dire need of moisture.

The rain was general all over Eastland county, it raining practically the same at Eastland as in Ranger and reports from other parts of the county tend to indicate that the rain reached all portions.

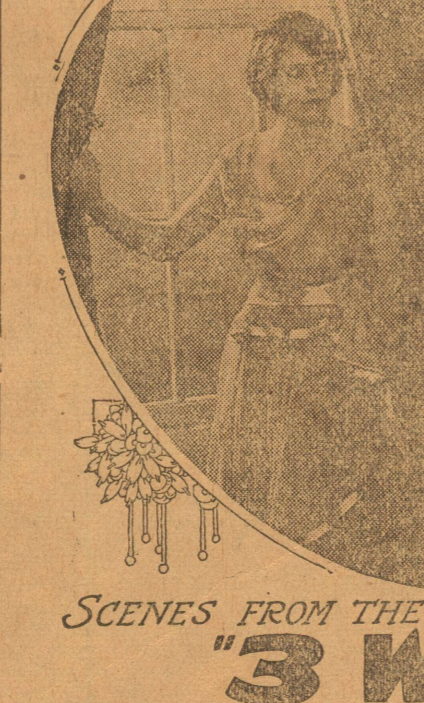
Indications are that the rain will continue through the night. JUDGE CUNNINGHAM'S MOTHER DIES IN COMANCHE. Judge and Mrs. T. J. Cunningham returned home this morning from Comanche, where they were called by the death of Judge Cunningham's step-mother, Mrs. Eliza Cunningham, widow of the late Aaron Cunningham, who died 14 years ago.

Mrs. Cunningham had been ill with pneumonia three weeks. Judge and Mrs. Cunningham have been in attendance at her bedside several days. The funeral was held Monday afternoon in Comanche. W. M. U. OF FIRST BAPTIST HELD MEETING. The ladies of the Women's Missionary union of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock and quitted. After this hour a business meeting was held, at which time plans were made for the tenth anniversary of the pastor's connection with the church Jan. 26.

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES. The Times Publishing Company charges for political announcements will be \$20.00 published in the Ranger Times and Eastland Telegram from date of receipt of copy until July 28, 1928. POLITICAL Announcements For Sheriff VIRGE FOSTER For County Tax Assessor FANNY BURKETT ELMER COLLINS For County Superintendent MISS BEULAH SPEER H. A. REYNOLDS

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Efforts to Push Tax Reduction Bill Blocked

By United Press. WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Republicans in both houses of congress blocked today the efforts of democrats to push action on tax reduction and downward tariff revision. Republicans on the senate finance committee voted unanimously to override the demands of democratic members for immediate action on the tax reduction bill.

The party, which consisted of representatives from Texas and Oklahoma, as well as New York and New Jersey, left this morning for Cisco where they will inspect subsidiary holdings in that portion of Eastland county.

The personnel of the party included Fred Lovett, New York; J. M. Miller, Newark, N. J.; B. M. Bell, Wichita Falls; W. W. McCarty, Wichita Falls; Chas. Griffith, Denver, Colo.; Paul Hale, Duluth; Clarence W. Bradford, Milwaukee; John Walker, New York; Will Owen, New York; J. Tracy Hale, Jr., Milwaukee; L. C. Brooks, Milwaukee; F. D. C. Sullivan, New York; T. M. Pettigrew, New York; W. W. Sharn, Dallas; A. B. Smith, Dallas; Paul Ache, Dallas; Welles Eastman, Annapolis; E. E. McLaughlin, Newark, N. J.; J. F. Sutherland, Annapolis; Harry Beeler, Dallas; Fred Moore, New York; E. E. Caultkins, New York; A. T. Keeler, New York; F. W. Shelton, Tulsa; M. Straube, Fort Worth; Hugh Sherwood, Fort Worth; A. C. Keys, Fort Worth; R. W. LaFrelle, Roy Cozard and Jack Bell of Wichita Falls.

MILLS FIELD, San Francisco, Jan. 17.—Captain Charles Kingsford-Smith and Lieutenant George Pond took off at 8:11 a. m. today in the Fokker monoplane, "Spirit of California" in a new attempt to break the world's endurance record. The plane carried 532 gallons of gasoline and 22 gallons of oil. With the tremendous weight of the fuel supply the plane sped down the field for nearly a mile before it finally took the air.

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The personnel of the party included Fred Lovett, New York; J. M. Miller, Newark, N. J.; B. M. Bell, Wichita Falls; W. W. McCarty, Wichita Falls; Chas. Griffith, Denver, Colo.; Paul Hale, Duluth; Clarence W. Bradford, Milwaukee; John Walker, New York; Will Owen, New York; J. Tracy Hale, Jr., Milwaukee; L. C. Brooks, Milwaukee; F. D. C. Sullivan, New York; T. M. Pettigrew, New York; W. W. Sharn, Dallas; A. B. Smith, Dallas; Paul Ache, Dallas; Welles Eastman, Annapolis; E. E. McLaughlin, Newark, N. J.; J. F. Sutherland, Annapolis; Harry Beeler, Dallas; Fred Moore, New York; E. E. Caultkins, New York; A. T. Keeler, New York; F. W. Shelton, Tulsa; M. Straube, Fort Worth; Hugh Sherwood, Fort Worth; A. C. Keys, Fort Worth; R. W. LaFrelle, Roy Cozard and Jack Bell of Wichita Falls.

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McNARY-HAUGEN BILL AMENDMENT BE SUBMITTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Farm organizations reporting the McNary-Haugen bill will submit an amendment concerning the equalization fee designed to "soften" the opposition, it was revealed to the house agricultural committee today, by H. Gray, executive of the farm bureau. This amendment provides that the fee be used only if the federal farm board fails in an effort to stay farm crises by loans to co-operative societies.

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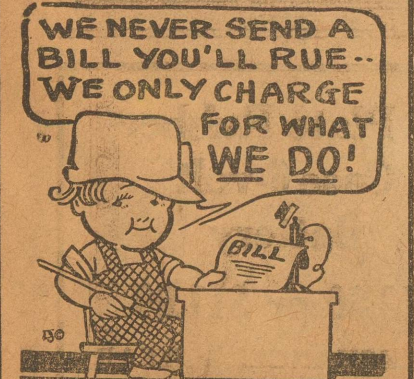
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By GUS

High school students in Chicago get arrogant with the law when caught in night club. Any kid will put up a bold front and be indifferent when caught at something he shouldn't be doing.

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It's not entirely the kids' fault. Their parents ought to know where they are, at least a part of the time, but in a big town like Chicago it's hard for parents to keep an eye on their kids and still go places themselves. If you are raising a family in a small town you have something to be thankful for.

If you have a normal healthy boy you should encourage him to go in for athletics while he is in school. The physical exercise he gets out of it will help develop his body and make a strong boy out of him. The mental exercise will be of great value to him in making quick decisions and acting on them.

A bigger advantage yet is that he will have to learn to play the game according to the rules and be a sportsman. When he learns that in athletics it is not hard for him to play fair in other lines.

Another thing is the disciplinary training. Blair Cherry's grandfather used to tell him, "Son, you have to learn to take orders before you can ever learn to give them."

The boys that can't take orders can't play on Cherry's team. It has taken some of them a long time to learn that, but they are learning it right along and are learning to play fair and according to the rules at the same time.

All of which was preparatory to saying that the percentage of high school athletes that get into trouble after they get out of school is very low in comparison with those who haven't participated in athletics.

If you have a good boy, athletics will make a better one physically if not morally. If you have a bad boy, athletics will make a better one out of him in every way.

If you think that is wrong, you might ask anybody that has a boy who has gone in for athletics.

Balcones Fault Bulletin Ready At University

AUSTIN, Jan. 16.—Announcement is made of the release of distribution by the bureau of economic geology of the University of Texas of Bulletin No. 2744 on "Igneous Rocks of the Balcones Fault Region of Texas." This bulletin, which has been prepared by Dr. John T. Lonsdale, geologist in the bureau of economic geology of the university, contains a detailed account of the igneous rocks found along the Balcones fault zone of Central and Southwest Texas, including a map showing the location of the various igneous masses found. The bulletin contains sections on the geology, petrography and petrology of the massive igneous rocks which include basaltic and phonolitic types. Sketches, photographs and photomicrographs illustrate the occurrence and composition of the rocks.

In addition to the section on the massive igneous rocks, the bulletin contains an account of the altered igneous material called serpentinite found in several of the oil fields and elsewhere. The occurrence, petrography and origin of this material are discussed, and, as in the case of the massive rocks, illustrations of various features of the rock are included. The bulletins also contain a section in which the relation of the various rock bodies to possible petroleum accumulation is considered.

According to Dr. E. H. Sellards, associate director of the bureau of economic geology, important scientific results have been obtained by Dr. Lonsdale in this study and the bulletin will be useful to all those concerned with the geology of the part of the state to which the report relates.

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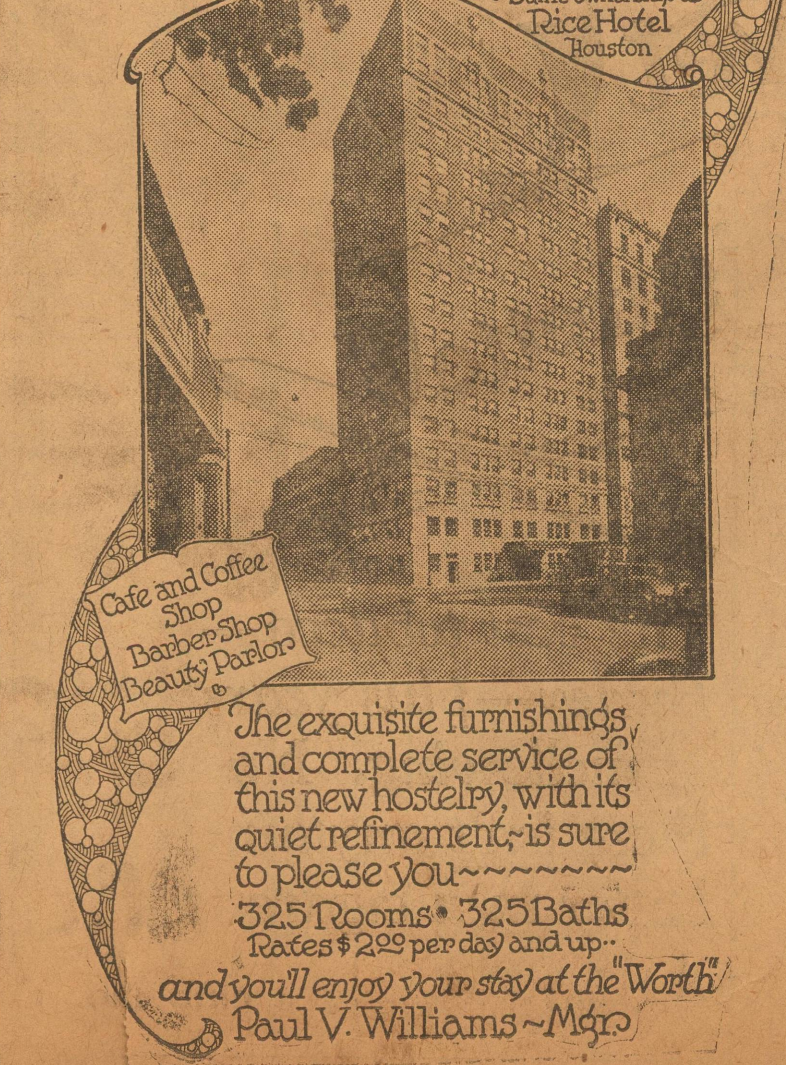
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Haynie Will Fly From Abilene To Fort Worth Meet

ABILENE.—The West Texas lawyer who stands at the helm of the world's largest regional chamber of commerce and a prominent West Tex as publisher will be in the air over West Texas Thursday. President R. W. Haynie of the West Texas chamber of commerce and Max Bentley, Abilene newspaper man, will take the air here early January 19 in order to conserve time and reach Fort Worth at the opening session of the West Texas chamber of commerce executive board meeting. The plane used will be one from the local airport. The conference which Haynie and Bentley are scheduled to attend is the first 1928 meeting of the West Texas chamber of commerce directorate and will take up many important matters, including plans for the tenth annual convention at Fort

Worth, the 1928 program and its ratification, and other activities. The climax of the day will be a West Texas radio program to be broadcast from station WBAP. The Stamford Firemen's band, Dick Rowland director, and W. P. (Billy) McDonald, Stamford, soloist are chief feature entertainers.

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DEL PRATT'S HIGH-POWERED KIDS MAY UPSET THE DOPE

Waco Led League In Club Batting Last Year And Played .564 Per Cent Ball During Season

(This is the second of a series of articles dealing with the prospects of Texas league clubs for the 1928 season. The teams are dealt in the order in which they finished the 1927 race.)

DALLAS, Jan. 17.—Assuming the same policy as last season, Waco will enter the field with a group of high-powered youngsters, such as competed for first place last season. Waco ended second in the percentage rating, nosing Houston out of this position late in the season.

Waco, playing 156 games, won 88 and lost 69, closing the year with a percentage of .564. Rated low as a pennant contender, Manager Derrill Pratt, former big time second baseman, led his youthful players through a successful fight. The team failed to crack at any time, although experts deemed the club lacked experience enough to keep it in the running.

Waco led the league in club batting, stringing up an average of .319 or 16 points above the league leading Wichita Spudders. It finished third in club fielding with an average of .967.

Pratt has done little to add power to his pitching staff during the idle months. On his roster for the coming campaign are Biggestaff, Caldwell, Ace Elliott, Jake Freeze, Rex Love, J. T. McNair, Oscar Turoco, Philip Weintraub, Arthur Jeschke

and John Bo Milindo. Ernie Shores, one of the leading hurlers for the Cubs last season with 14 wins and seven defeats, has gone up for trial with bigger company, as has Ray Bengue, who turned in 19 victories against 12 losses.

Turoco, the Cuban pitcher, who hurls in and out baseball, should be a winner this season. He won 15 games and lost 10 battles last campaign. Arthur Jeschke, a lefthander who burned up the sandlots around Chicago two seasons ago but who was ill last year, will report this spring. Advance notices mark him a honey. So do records in collegiate circles of Milindo, famed football player.

Elliott is expected to produce big things, if he settles his differences with the club and reports. Which he probably will do. He was the hard working hurler last year, appearing in 45 games to win 18 of the duels and lost 10. Caldwell won seven and lost 10 games, but he will be one of the regulars this time. There is Jake Freeze who attracted the attention of the Chicago White Sox, while in Baylor university, who was ineffective last year with a bad arm. His arm is said to be in more of a pitching condition now. He was in 27 games to win seven and lose five.

But it was not Pratt's pitching staff that kept his club in the race. It was his hitting power and has most of it back for 1928, even if no Willis Hudlins are in the box. He has Blackerby, former Beaumont slugger, Brown and Orr listed among the outfielders. In the infield are Jimmy Adair, Arthur Shires, Felix Vignare, Wayne Windle, L. W. Heumann, Johnny Conrad and then Pratt, himself, one of the few playing managers left in the league. Shires is one of the best. He hit .305 and fielded .990 and is fast. Pratt will handle again the second bag with Felix Vignare, a .315 slugger at third. Windle, who took the place of Andy Cohen, who by the way will succeed Hornsby on the New York Giants, developed into a first class infielder.

Behind the plate, Waco has Edgar and Wolgomat to work regularly and in spring training there will be Froy and Melvin Hamby. Hamby is likely to be carried on the regular list for a while.

A whole load of youngsters will be given a try and some fresh and promising material is included in this aggregation of beginners.

But Max West and Randolph Moore, two of the sweetest outfielders in the league in years, have gone up. Both were .300 hitters, West batting .365 and Moore .360. Only Del Pratt with a .395 average topped them.

Waco has a habit of taking on a bunch of youngsters and making stars out of them. But on paper at an early guess Waco is due to be the low club in the first division. The Cubs haven't the prospects of Wichita, Houston or Fort Worth.

Frog Basketeers Lose Many Games By Single Point

FORT WORTH—A point, a point, my coachman for a point!

There was one who would have given a kingdom for a horse, but not Coach Matty Bell of the T. C. U. Horned Frogs. Just one lonesome point, that's all he wants. But the Goddess of Points turns a deaf ear to the mentor's pleadings.

In fact, said Goddess, has been giving the Frog boss the icy stare for several years. Coach Bell seems to have a one point curse upon his head in southwest conference athletic circles, especially in basketball.

Last week the Frogs lost two games by a one-point margin. They dropped the first to S. M. U., 24 to 23, and the other to Baylor, 28 to 27. Last year they lost a pair by nearly the same scores, losing to Arkansas, 23 to 22 and to S. M. U. 25 to 24.

In football the Frogs have dropped several games the past few years by one point or among which notably was the 14 to 13 defeat handed them by S. M. U. in the 1926 season—a loss that missed a chance to tie for the championship for the Christians.

Saturday night's game with Baylor put several more gray hairs in Coach Bell's blonde thatch. The Frogs were figured to have an easy time with the Bears.

But the upset that cost the game did not worry the Frogs' mentor so much as the fact that only one point separated the teams as was true three days before the S. M. U. game and that failure to sink free throws again spelled defeat for the Frogs. With less than a minute to play Saturday night, a foul was called on the Baylor team and Acker, Frog guard, was awarded two free shots.

The score was then 28 to 27 as the game ended. Acker could either win or tie the game. He missed both shots. Practically the same thing happened against S. M. U.

Coach Bell promises his frogs many pointers on the matter of sinking free shots for much needed points this week in the preparations for the Texas Aggies. The Frogs play the Farmers here Saturday night.



Australia's return to the Davis cup competition with an invading force headed by the veterans Gerald Patterson and Jack Hawkes will warrant more than casual interest on the part of the United States Lawn Tennis association.

As the sponsor for the cup and the one most responsible for its elevation to one of the most valuable international trophies, the United States regretted to see Australia withdraw from the competition two years ago because for years without the Australians there would have been very little competition.

Socially, the United States will welcome the Australians back because they are well known and popular, but their status now will not be like that of a guest as it was when the Australians were fighting some other nation here to get into the challenge round against the American cup defenders.

As a host nation during the days when Australia and Japan were doing most of the fighting for the cup, the United States couldn't take sides but it was a secretly admitted fact that the high minds of the tennis association preferred to have the Australians in the challenge round. The Australians were a better drawing card than the Japanese.

May Meet Americans. Australia, however, now returns as a rival and if form holds, as it usually does in tennis, the Americans and the Australians may meet in the final round of the American zone winner to decide which team shall meet the winner of the eliminations in the European zone.

There may be a disposition on the part of the public to underestimate the strength of Australia because Patterson and Hawkes have had so many chances in the past against the Americans and were found short.

Patterson and Hawkes, however, are still very good players. They certainly cannot have gone back farther than Tilden and Johnston. It may be that Tilden has slipped more than Patterson because the decline of Tilden seems to have been a physical one and Patterson, a big, strong, rugged fellow, ought to be just as strong now and have as much endurance as he had the last time he played in this country.

If Bill Johnston does not come back and Tilden persists in his intention to leave the association flat and go to Europe while the eliminations are being played in this country, the United States will be in a very poor condition to meet the Australian threat.

French Dopped to Win. Even with Johnston in there the chances would be dubious, for Johnston would have to depend upon minor league assistance and the Australians certainly are not bush leaguers on the court no matter how far they may have gone back.

In spite of the optimism felt by the tennis association, it has been pointed out frequently that the United States not only has a mighty slim chance to win the cup back from France this year but that it is not a dead cinch that the American team will be able to win its way through

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LOST AND FOUND
LOST—Latter part of last week, a white gold bar pin, three small stones. Finder phone 314, Ranger for reward.

LOST BOOK—Social Life in Insect World, property Texas State Library. Duncan, phone 37-W, Ranger.

LOST—On highway between Ranger and Cisco, brown leather suitcase, containing clothing. Please return to Mr. Ryter at Black, Sivalis & Bryson, Ranger.

5-AGENTS AND SALESMEN
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7-SPECIAL NOTICES
I WILL GET your car license for 50c until the 21st. Office open until 8 o'clock.—J. N. McFatter, Justice of the Peace, Ranger.

NOTICE—Good water delivered anywhere in Ranger from country club filling station. Red cab Chevrolet truck. Quick service, 50 cents per barrel, just call 609-K, we will do the rest. M. L. Stagg, manager.

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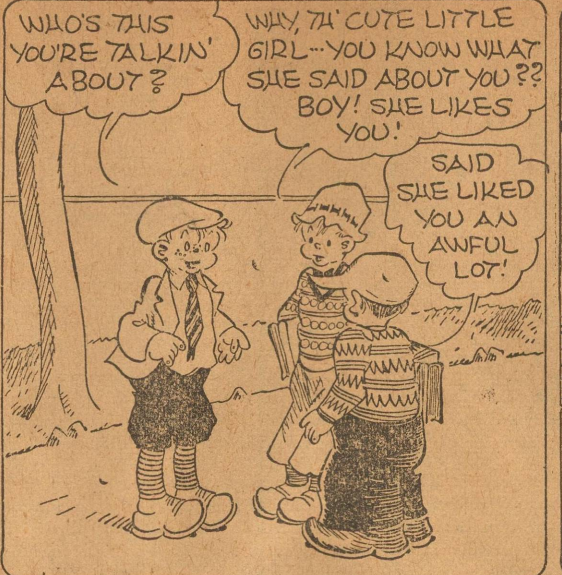
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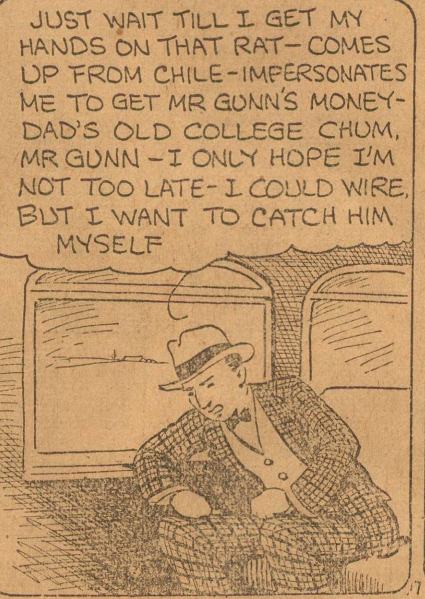
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THE STORY THUS FAR
The story is laid in the Indian territory in the '80's, when a fight was being waged for the opening of the territory to settlement. Chief characters are: Tony Harrison, orphaned at 13 when his father was shot in a poker game; Pawnee Bill, adventurer, teacher, Indian interpreter, showman; Joe Craig, who takes Tony to the Bar K ranch to live; Titus Moore, owner of the Bar K. He was able to grasp what Joe Craig, Lafe Whitney, Heck Sherman and the others refused to face squarely—that the day of the cowpuncher in the Indian territory was passing. He had made up his mind to talk to Joe Craig about it and tell him he was thinking of leaving. And because he was grateful to Craig, he would wait until his 21st birthday. Craig had adopted him—not legally, it was true, but

for the house. "I'm figuring this will be her last visit to the Bar K for a long time."
"You mean it's that serious?"
"I mean the colonel will want her to stay in Virginia, where there's more comforts, and people to wait on her. The colonel don't feel any too good about it, Tony."
Half an hour later they heard Rita's voice hailing them. They were putting a new set of shoes on Craig's horse and when she drew ear they saw a mischievous light in her eyes. She was bareheaded and wore a divided skirt.
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"That's just what I'm aimin' to do," she averred, mimicking him. "Oh Joe," she added, "you don't know how wonderful it is to come back to this again." She extended her arms in an ecstatic gesture, threw back her head and inhaled lungfuls of the clear autumn air.
Her manner suddenly changed again to one of banter. "Is the young man with you," she inquired of Craig, "indispensable? Tony," she added severely, imperiously, "I want you to ride with me."
Tony felt a sudden surging thrill and seven years dropped away to bring crowding into his mind the picture of a little red-haired girl commanding a shy, reluctant boy to play with her. But he fell into the little game. "I'm too busy," he grinned and turned his back.
Her eyes danced. "Joe," she commanded, "make him come."
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"I guess you better go, Tony," Craig said weakly and passed a broad hand over his mouth.
As he saddled Cherokee for her and another horse for himself, he could not help marveling—she was capable of so many moods. Less than an hour ago she had been a strange, aloof being; now she was another person entirely.
They rode directly to the little eminence that commanded their favorite view, and Rita, who had scarce ly spoken during the ride, told him of her mother's illness.
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"There's nothing we can do. The doctor thought the sea voyage might help her, but it didn't." She gazed southward toward the Salt Fork, a cold silver ribbon beneath the late afternoon sun; and her eyes were melancholy. "I suppose the least we can do is to make her happy."
He saw a suspicion of moisture in her eyes and frowned. "It's not as bad as that, is it?"
"No, I suppose not," she admitted, forcing a little smile. "I just get alarmed at times—just because she's my mother, I suppose. I don't want to lose her, Tony," she added fiercely.
"No," she said softly, "you don't. She's a wonderful lady. He added solemnly, "I often wonder what my mother was like. She died when I was a little boy, just learning to walk."
She reached out her hand impulsively. "Poor Tony," she said, "I'm beginning to realize," she resumed after a long silence, "what a trial I've been to mother at times."
He murmured something in protest, but she hastened on. "Yes I have; she's worried a lot about me—I've been rather stubborn and willful—very much of a trial."
He hated to hear her reproach herself, and told her so. "You mustn't talk like that; you're worried, that's all. I reckon I'd feel the same way if she was my mother—the only difference being that I'd have something to reproach myself with, and you haven't; you're just scaring up things."
"No, I'm not," she insisted, shaking her head stubbornly. "No I'm not, Tony, do you understand?"
"Understand?" he repeated in bewilderment.
She laughed nervously. "Oh, Tony, you do—you must. Once just because I'd said I'd give anything to have Cherokee for my own, you offered him to me. Don't you suppose I know how much it hurt you to say I know how much it would make me happy. Sometimes the only way we can make others happy is by hurting ourselves, isn't it?"

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ALL OVER THE WORLD



May Lillie, Pawnee Bill's wife, at the height of her career as a Wild West show performer.

Moore, is troubled because of his sympathy for Payne's cause.
CHAPTER XXII
Early that fall a letter from Pawnee Bill brought Tony Harrison to Caldwell.
"I'm organizing a wild west show to take out next spring and I want you as fancy rider and roper. Another thing: I've been saving my money and I think I can manage, but I might find rough going and I want to know how much I can borrow from you in case I need it."
"I've got about two thousand dollars in the bank," Tony told him. "I've been right free and easy with it or it would be a lot more. You can borrow up to the limit on that."
"You'll cut in on the profits—if any, I'm obliged to you."
"Not at all. I like to see money work. Mine's been lyin' around inactive for so long it must be covered with moss."
To seal the bargain they adjourn-

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License Must Be Paid By Jan. 20 On Automobiles

According to R. A. Thompson, state highway engineer, unless automobiles, trucks and other vehicles have 1928 license plates attached by January 20, they will be subjected to a twenty-five percent penalty if operated upon the highways without payment.
The provision will be strictly enforced and orders have been given to all county officers to see that the motor vehicles have their license plates in place. The license and weight inspectors of the highway department are being instructed to file complaints against the owners of all unregistered automobiles which are found to be operating on the highways after January 20, with the view of enforcing the penalty provision of the state law.

DRILLING REPORT

Ditto Oil interests, Taylor No. 1, well record, plugging record, Brown county, dry hole.
T. B. Slick, Clara C. Starr No. 2; monthly gas reports for November and December; Brown county, size casing 6 inch.
The Prairie Oil and Gas company, W. H. G. Chambers No. 3, statement after shooting.
J. H. Shell and others, Neil K. Shaw No. 4, intention to shoot, Brown county.
Southern States Gas and Fuel Co., Mrs. Sallie Capps No. 2, intention to drill; Brown county, Francis Hunt survey, depth 1600 feet.
J. H. Ray No. 2, intention to drill; Brown county, depth 1600 feet.
B. L. Mollenkopf, Fannie Love No. 1, intention to drill, Coleman county, depth 1500 feet.
Pandem Oil Corp., A. L. Curry lease "B" well No. 2, intention to drill; Brown county, depth 1500 feet.
Blanchard & Parter, Mrs. S. C. Kester No. 1; intention to plug, Brown county, depth 1350 feet. Producer.
If General Sandino is captured he shouldn't be shot. Bring him to the United States and make him a prohibition officer.
The parking ban in Chicago's loop is declared a success. The aim is now unobstructed.

Virge Foster Of Rising Star Is In Race For Sheriff

Virge Foster of Rising Star authorizes the placing of his name in the announcement column as a candidate for sheriff of Eastland county, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.
While he has made his home in Rising Star for the past 40 years, or practically all his life, Mr. Foster is well known all over the county, having served as deputy sheriff very efficiently under Bob Edwards and has also served in different capacities as a peace officer for the past several years, including chief of police of Rising Star, game warden and other offices. Mr. Foster was also employed for some time in Rising Star Mercantile stores and has a wide acquaintance over the county.
In discussing his candidacy, Mr. Foster stated that he felt that his experience as a peace officer placed him in position to serve the people in a most capable and competent manner and should he be elected would bend every endeavor toward bringing all violators of the law to justice impartially and without fear or favor.
Mr. Foster also stated that it was his purpose to visit every part of the county before the primaries in the interest of his candidacy and that he would greatly appreciate the support and influence of all.
Mr. Foster has always been held in very high esteem and it goes without saying that his many friends will be interested in his announcement.
When Lindbergh flew over Nicaragua why didn't he drop a little of that good will cement on the enemy?

Three Wise Fools Will Appear At Connellee Soon

John Golden's "Three Wise Fools" said by many prominent critics to be his greatest stage success will be presented at Connellee theatre, Eastland on Friday night, Jan. 20.
The title of Austin Strong's play refers to three staid old bachelors, prosperous and distinguished—a judge, a physician and a financier, who share one residence, an old-fashioned home in Washington Square, once the stronghold of New York's ultra-conservative blue stock aristocracy, and who, like the "Three Guardsmen" of Dumas, are "One for all and all for one."
These three old codgers made love to the same girl when they were in the "budding strong of youth when

all its prospects please." They all three live with her memory ever alive as one great event of their lives.
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"Three Wise Fools" has four elements to endorse it—it was written by Austin Strong, author of "Seventh Heaven" and other meritorious plays; it was originally produced by John Golden who also produced "Turn to the Right," "Lightning," "Seventh Heaven" and many other eminently successful plays, it has received the unanimous approval of the New York and other reviewers; and audiences everywhere have found in it the richest stage entertainment.

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NOTICE
In spite of the extremely low prices we are going to give you a chance to get more for your money. With every purchase you will receive the amount of your purchase in Auction Money, with which you can buy merchandise at the Auction Sales. There will be three sales. The first on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 2 o'clock. The second on Wednesday, Jan. 25, and the last on Saturday, Jan. 28. Remember no real money accepted during Auction Sales.
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