

SENTENCE SERMON
"Good men sometimes tolerate badness in other men. Why, even our judges are tolerant. It amounts to discrimination against woman."—Mrs. Mina C. Van Winkle, Washington Post Lieutenant.

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FEW "REFORMED" MEMBERS IN CONGRESS

SYRIAN RELIEF SOCIETY WOULD AID DISTRESSED

Organized in Ranger, It Extends Over West Texas Raising Fund.

The Syrian Relief society, having its headquarters in Ranger, was organized recently for the purpose of relieving the distressed peoples of Syria without distinction as to their sect or religion and has been raising a fund for that purpose. A letter from the treasurer of the organization indicates that money is being received for the fund, but more is needed.

Officers of the society are: Ameen Hassen, president; D. Joseph, vice president; J. M. Hagan, secretary; J. Hassen, secretary-treasurer; Samuel K. Wasaff, general counsel; Joseph, Ameen Hassen and D. Hassen, directors; John Hassen, D. Joseph, Ameen Williams, D. W. Wiley, A. Joseph and Ameen Hassen.

Following is the letter sent out by John Hassen:
"There is no doubt that you are well informed of the barbarous action which was taken by the French forces against the Syrian population in the eastern part of Syria and the hundreds of tons of explosives they dropped from their airplanes over the hundreds of villages and towns which they destroyed and the thousands of women and children who were killed or rendered homeless.

"Their last act of barbarism was committed against the ancient city of Damascus on Oct. 18, 19 and 20, 1925. The reason for this was that about 60 rebels entered the city and the French forces demanded from that city \$500,000 in gold and 3,000 rifles and if they did not meet their demands in four hours they would bombard the city. Then the news hastily aroused the people and they began leaving the city to save their lives, especially the women and children, but they were met with an iron hand, for the Goddess French forced them back to their homes. Before the hour expired the natives could only raise a little more than half of the money and 1,649 rifles which they presented to the French authorities and asked them in the name of God and humanity to spare their homes and helpless women and children. When the four hours expired, the bombardment of the city began, which resulted in about 3,000 being killed, which number was largely composed of women and children under 5 years of age and they are still bringing out bodies from under the debris. After this barbarous act, the Frenchmen executed 24 of the best citizens of that country who were being held as prisoners and tied their bodies on a number of camels, head down, which action was never known to be committed by heathens, much less by civilized people, as the French pretend to be. Besides this, a number of villages near Damascus were burned by the French forces, leaving the women and children homeless.

"Now, we, the American-Syrians and the American-Syrian sympathizers who believe in the freedom of all mankind and in the name of humanity held a meeting in Ranger, Texas, on Sunday, Nov. 8, 1925, for the purpose of raising sufficient funds to send to the distressed people of Syria without any distinction as to their sect or religion.

"The funds are now held in the hands of a duly elected officer who is under heavy bond and who keeps a regular set of books, showing every name and every dollar paid and issuing a receipt for all contributions. The secretary and treasurer must render a clear report at least once a year or oftener if necessary, showing names of contributors and every dollar paid out, to whom, and when. All papers must be signed by the secretary and counter-signed by the president or vice president.

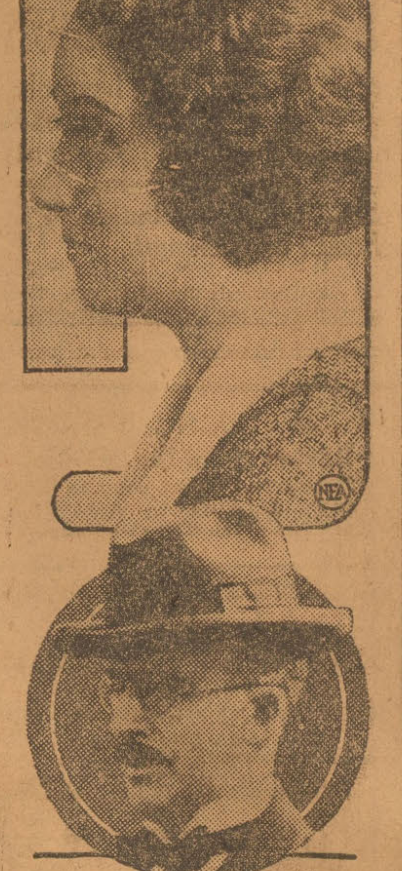
"The contributions to date have been very satisfactory and more coming in daily. Inasmuch as we know you are a true friend to humanity, we come to you with our appeal which we trust with the facts before you that you will favor us with as much as you feel like contributing. There is nothing compulsory about this. Make all checks payable to the above named society. We are sure that you will do all that you possibly can toward this worthy cause.

"The organization would appreciate it if you will mail us the names of the ones who you think will be willing to contribute to this worthy and just cause. We would also like to know if you would serve on a committee if you are called upon to assist. An early reply will be very much appreciated."

YOUTH ORDAINED MINISTER IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FORT WORTH, Dec. 29.—Horace Gilmore, 19, has been ordained a Christian minister, and is believed to be the youngest in Texas. Rev. Mr. Gilmore, a student of the Texas Christian University, has been preaching for three years. Rev. Chalmers McPherson, Bible professor at T. C. U., delivered the ordination ceremony.

15 Years



With a prison term of 15 years hanging over his head, Roscoe Warren, 38, of Kansas City, Mo., has married Miss Dorothy De Croft, 19, who says she is willing to face whatever the future will bring. Warren is out on bond pending appeal. He is convicted of killing John C. Deskin.

YEAR'S BUDGET FOR BOARD OF DEVELOPMENT

Ranger's New Chamber of Commerce Ready To Begin Work With New Year.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Ranger Board of City Development was held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms last night with nearly all members present, only those being absent who were out of the city on business. Dr. L. C. G. Buchanan, vice-president, presided.

The main purpose of the meeting was to hear the report of the budget committee, read by W. W. Housewright, which calls for an expenditure during the year of \$9,500, the estimated amount to be collected from the tax allowed for the board of city development on the tax values of about \$4,500,000. The report was approved.

L. R. Pearson, chairman of the committee on constitution and by-laws, submitted a report which was approved after discussion and a few minor changes. Mr. Housewright suggested a standing committee which should advise with the Ranger city commission from time to time on the work being done by the board of city development and work to be done. This was agreed to.

Brady's Hens In Egg-Laying Contest Make Fine Showing

O. R. Brady has received the first month's report on his pen of single-comb white leghorn chickens entered in the laying contest at A. & M. college, showing his entry had tied with one other for sixth place. The record of his pen for November was 72 eggs.

Mr. Brady said it was probable he would have made fifth place, but one of his hens that was making a splendid record was stolen from its pen when November was about two-thirds gone. Its place has been taken by a substitute hen and Mr. Brady has sent another to take the place of the substitute.

The hens entered by the Brady leghorn farm are of the Tancred strain. More than 100 pens have been entered in the contest, coming from more than a dozen states in the union, so that sixth place is an attainment not to be despised.

MODERATING TEMPERATURE THROUGHOUT TEXAS TODAY

DALLAS, Dec. 29.—Following two days of the coldest December weather in the history of this section, moderating temperature was forecast for today and the remainder of this week.

DEATH STALKS AHEAD OF MEN PLOTTING EVIL

Headless and Dismembered Bodies All That Remains of Three Suspected Bandits.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Dec. 29.—Authorities were investigating today the mysterious death of three men, whose headless and dismembered bodies were found on a railroad right of way near here this morning. The men are believed to have been police characters, victims of their own nitroglycerin, which they had purposed using in bank robberies.

Late last night the town was disturbed by an explosion, the concussion coming from direction of the refineries and believed at the time to be an inconsequential blast at the Sinclair works.

RUSSIAN POET ENDS LIFE OF UNBRIDLED WAY

Soviet Husband Of Isadora Duncan Scribbles Poem In Blood and Dies.

MOSCOW, Dec. 29.—Leaving a poem scribbled in blood, Sergee Esenin, eccentric poet husband of Isadora Duncan, has committed suicide at his home near here. "He was possessed," said an admirer, "of an unbridled spirit which developed into something akin to wildness when he was under the influence of liquor."

The dancer married the Russian poet in 1922. He was many years her junior. They came to America and there were reports of trouble between them and whispers that she had a black eye upon one occasion when she failed to appear for a performance.

Miss Duncan was fulsome in her praise of the young Russian's poetic talent, but after they had been some time in Paris and Berlin he returned alone to his native country and reports of a divorce were current. Anyhow, Miss Duncan regarded the marriage as no longer existing, especially since it had been contracted under the soviet auspices.

Condition of Father of President Remains Unchanged Today

PLYMOUTH, Vt., Dec. 29.—The condition of Col. John C. Coolidge, 80-year-old father of the president, was reported unchanged today. He is reported well, his nurse said. Colonel Coolidge is confined to his bed as a result of faulty circulation, causing paralysis of his right leg.

Briand's Financial Plan for France Gets Cabinet Approval

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Premier Aristide Briand gained fresh laurels today when the cabinet approved the financial plan of Finance Minister Doumer and one of the ministers resigned. Developments of the last few days indicated that some radicals of the regime might walk out, which would have created confusion anew, and when the cabinet convened today it was admitted that only the skill and influence of Briand could rescue the situation.

Anthracite Coal Mine Agreement to Be Sought Today

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Representatives of the coal miners and coal mines. Major W. W. Inglis, chief of the mine owners' negotiating council, and several of his associates arrived last night. John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, came this morning from the Middle West, where he spent Christmas. The meeting is to be held at the Union League Club this afternoon.

Despite the wish of the miners and mine owners to resume work at the mines, it is reported the operators are determined to stand firm for the old wage scale at which the miners shall return to work, after which a new five-year scale would be arranged.

Lead Irish



Here are Notre Dame's dual captains for the 1926 football eleven, Eugene Edwards, quarterback, and Tom Heardon, halfback. The election resulted in a deadlock, so the members of the team decided the two should rotate the honor. Both are redheads and each is a junior.

Beaumont May Seek Reinstatement in the Interscholastic Race

AUSTIN, Dec. 29.—Roy Henderson, director of athletics of the interscholastic league, said today no motion had been filed to reinstate a meeting of the executive committee for Eastland will meet in the 88th district court room tomorrow afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock.

STONE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL COIN CAMPAIGN PLANNING

Judge Tom J. Cunningham, chairman of the Stone Mountain memorial coin campaign in Eastland, announces that a meeting of the executive committee for Eastland will meet in the 88th district court room tomorrow afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock.

Firemen Save Animals and Birds at Fire in Dallas

DALLAS, Dec. 29.—Fire of undetermined origin caused damage of about \$12,000 on the second floor of the Prince company building early today. Firemen searching the structure to see that no injured persons had been left behind rescued 20 canary birds, a monkey and several dogs and cats.

Fires Take Toll of Life and Property in Bryan and Nearby

BRYAN, Texas, Dec. 29.—One dead, four injured and \$50,000 damage was the toll of fires in Bryan in the last 24 hours. The four injured were firemen trapped under a falling wall of the Christian church which burned Monday with estimated loss of \$30,000. The dead man is John Taylor, negro, living 10 miles northeast of here, who burned to death after striking a match while driving a gasoline tank truck.

CONGRESSMAN ATTACKS NON-PRODUCTIVE "TALK"

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 29.—An attack on the national administration for its alleged failure to provide relief for mid-western agriculture was delivered today by Congressman I. J. Dickinson, speaking before the All-Iowa agricultural conference here today. "I am sick and tired," Dickinson declared, "of men who sit around and talk about relief plans that are sound without doing something about it."

HOOVER SAYS AMERICA COULD BOOST PRICES

Reprisals For Rubber Market Possible With Wheat Or Cotton, Not Encouraged.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The United States would be demanding \$8 a bushel for wheat and 75 cents a pound for cotton if this country were to follow the example of Great Britain in boosting the prices of her monopoly, Secretary of Commerce Hoover said today.

Fire in Fort Worth Restaurant Opening Day Causes Big Loss

FORT WORTH, Dec. 29.—Believed to have been caused by an explosion, fire damaged the kitchen and dining room of the Pangburn cafeteria, 307 Houston street, last night about 11 o'clock. The cause of the explosion was not determined, damage was estimated at \$60,000.

S. M. U. TO HAVE NEW FOOTBALL STADIUM

DALLAS, Dec. 29.—Plans will be completed at the January meeting of the Athletic committee for a new football stadium at Southern Methodist University.

Nickel Plate Merger Argument Continues Before Commission

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The last stand against the proposed "billion dollar" Nickel Plate railroad merger was opened here today, when Thomas B. Gay, associate counsel for the minority stockholders of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, presented final argument before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Tariff Changes in Favor of Farmers Urged by Capper

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Unless an immediate modification of the tariff law is made in favor of the western farmer, an economic upheaval will take place, Senator Capper said today.

Cabinet Government Proposed in China

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The state department was informed today by American Minister McMurray in Peking that Pann Chi Jui has relinquished his complete authority as provisional chief executive in China in favor of a responsible cabinet form of government with She Shih Yung as premier.

President Looks For Year of Prosperity

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—President Coolidge feels that 1926 presages another year of prosperity and general conditions favorable, it was said on his behalf today.

Last of Indictments Against B. K. Wheeler, Senator, Dismissed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The indictment charging misuse of office against Senator Burton K. Wheeler, democrat, Montana, was dismissed here today by Justice Benning Bailey of the District of Columbia court of appeals. The court said there was not sufficient violation of the law charged in the indictment.

MANY DEATHS ATTEND COLD WAVE IN NORTH

Forty-seven Known Dead From Asphyxiation and Exposure. Miners Suffering.

Temporary relief from the cold blast that brought death and suffering over the country came today in generally rising temperatures. States north of the Mason and Dixon line may look for relief tomorrow, but it was indicated low temperatures would prevail along the eastern seaboard tonight.

Sub-Zero Weather Takes Toll of 19 Lives in Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—A final check-up today showed the sub-zero weather had taken a toll of 19 lives in Chicago. Many are in hospitals suffering from exposure to the terrific cold and two of these may die.

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Boy is Accidentally Killed While Hunting

PALMER, Dec. 29.—Funeral services were held today for Maurice Maddox, 14, who was accidentally shot and fatally wounded while hunting near here with three other boys. The accident occurred while the youths were scuffling over a shotgun.

Thousand Rumanian Peasants Perish in Flooded River Lands

VIENNA, Dec. 29.—Floods in the Transylvanian section of Rumania have trapped peasants seeking refuge in tops of houses and trees, and Budapest declares that a thousand have perished. Hundreds were rescued from their perilous perches.

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ASPIRANTS FOR PRESIDENCY IN STUDIOUS MOOD

Many Hope 'Cal' Doesn't Run Again, Others Willing To Oppose Him.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—A national capital girl was reading in a literary society session of MacFarland's Junior High school a newspaper story as to the religious affiliations of members of Congress. The table has recently been published by a "paper strength"—that senators and representatives are a truly pious lot. Most of the "belong to church."

This student reader of the article received a fine list of various religious denominations and among them was this notation: "Reformed—House, 3; Senate, 0."

"Good gracious," gasped another girl. "Only three reformed men in congress, and those in the House? I knew the Senate was wicked, but is it so terrible?"

The Reformed Church is a strict sect, indeed. But the girl had other ideas.

One of the "political prisoners" sentenced during President Wilson's administration and freed by Mr. Coolidge after a rather bitter newspaper campaign is trying to "rub it in" on the government. He has come to Washington and opened what he calls the "Open Speech Book Shop."

Both senate and house admittedly contain numerous potential candidates for the 1928 Presidency. In the republican camp, aspirants to the nomination are much embarrassed by inability to guess whether Mr. Coolidge desires to succeed himself. All undertakings thus early at obtaining delegate pledges are necessarily predicated on the stipulation "if Cal doesn't run again."

Among senate possibilities the Vice-President is considered first, and of course there is tremendous wonderment as to what "Borah means to do." Governors of Iowa, although in poor health, is looked upon as no unimportant quantity in the event of a convention fight, and Willis of Ohio, Watson of Indiana and several eastern men also have their respective followings.

In the house the number is even greater, for it is well remembered that Presidential lightning has more frequently struck on this side.

There is much lively interest here as to Governor Pinchot's purposes with respect to 1928. It is the frankly expressed opinion on Capitol Hill, and especially among Pennsylvania members of congress, that the Keystone State governor intends being in the running in the Republican national convention.

Among the Democrats, alignment is more freely possible, owing to there being no such complication as Presidential influence exercises among the Republicans. More talk of a "good Southern man" is heard now than ever before marked the plans for a Presidential battle. Of course, most of the men given support in the 1924 Democratic convention have friends who prefer aid in the next contest. Senator Copeland is expected to be a new entrant. Swanson's present work gives him public attention to a helpful degree.

"This town's weather reminds me of Texas," opined Senator Mayfield upon a recent sunny day. "I didn't know winter was so pleasant this far north." To which Senator Nye, the new and unplaced arrival from North Dakota, added: "Makes me think of North Dakota—same fine, bracing air; same nipping breezes and same gusts sweeping your hat off as you turn the corner of a tall building."

"Tall building!" exclaimed Senator Hale. "Who ever heard of one in your state? Do all you fellows live in sod shanties and shacks?" Senator Capper, who is something of a prairie native himself, looked his scorn at Hale. "Of course you don't use sod for building purposes in Maine," he said. "That's the only thing you can grow there to eat, isn't it? Eggvesetetaoinnu eat, isn't it? Except, of course, the pine needles you use afterward for toothpicks."

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BIBLE THOUGHT.
Eternal Life: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. This do, and thou shalt live.—Luke 10:27, 28.
Prayer: Abroad in the love of God he shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who is given unto us.

MOSUL OIL QUESTION.
The council of the League of Nations passed upon the Mosul oil territory dispute between Great Britain and Turkey by awarding all but a small portion of the disputed territory to Iraq, over which Great Britain holds a ruling mandate from the league, and under which a contract has been made for the oil. The council also extended the British mandate from five to 25 years.
The Turks have not definitely decided on their next step, but it is not probable that they will defy the league unless an alliance should be entered into with Russia. Meanwhile the settlement of this question, together with the prompt adjustment of the Greece and Bulgarian frontier dispute, has greatly enhanced the prestige of the league.

What is Americanism? The best answer ever written to this question was given by one who is admittedly an authority. He said: "This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their revolutionary right to dismember it or overthrow it. Sounds a bit shocking as an American preacher and by some would be considered 'red.' But the author of that statement was none other than Abraham Lincoln. It would be well for those who seem to think they own the government to keep this answer in mind.

All railroad records for freight traffic have been broken by more than a billion tons. Many roads will pay increased dividends and many will issue new stock to their shareholders. Senator Capper of Kansas, believes Uncle Sam could co-operate with the farmer on the same principle that he acts as price-fixer for the railroads. But the financial group that controls the railroads protest that such action would be socialistic, if not anarchic. And there you are.

By a vote of 54 to 16 the faculty of the College of New York refused the demand of the students for the abolition of compulsory military training, notwithstanding the fact that the students voted 2,092 to 345 for it. The students are in a fighting mood and do not seriously regard the ban placed on discussion of the question by the officials.

Great Britain has just paid to the United States \$92,000.00 as its half-yearly installment on its debt settlement. Chancellor Churchill asserts that if Great Britain had been given the same terms as Italy the British government would pay about \$11,000,000 this year instead of \$160,000,000.

It is now possible to call up cities in the Holy Land from the land of the Pharaohs. Telephone wires have been stretched across the desert of Siani over which the Israelites traveled during their wanderings in the wilderness. The world grows smaller and smaller.

The new tax bill will have no publicity clause—no provision for public inspection of income taxes. The house decided that question emphatically by a vote of 165 to 23.

ACTIVITIES IN SOCIAL CIRCLES IN EASTLAND
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TONIGHT.
Pastime Club meets with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McMillan at 7 p. m.

WEDNESDAY.
Prayer meeting at all churches.
Wednesday Bridge Club meets with Mrs. Harry Logsdon.

BYARS-REDING WEDDING.
Miss Willa F. Byars and Mr. A. N. Reding were married in Breckenridge, Dec. 24, at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church, Rev. C. P. Shiner, performing the marriage service.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Reding are well known in Ranger. Mr. Reding has been engineer at the Lone Star plant but is to be transferred to Breckenridge on Jan. 1, where he will be assistant chief engineer for the same company.

Mrs. Reding has lived in Ranger for several years and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Byars. For the past three years she has been employed by Dr. A. N. Barkinder, as his office assistant, and has made many friends there by her sweet and charming personality.

A SURPRISE PARTY.

Several friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Faulk met at their home Monday night and surprised them. There were a number of contests arranged quickly for the entertainment of the guests, among them being a prize for the fastest chewing gum expert, which went to Mrs. Pat Downing; another was a coca-cola drinking contest, which was won by Mrs. Opal Madding. Miss Gladys Downing won first prize in a prune eating contest and Mr. Will Hunter first prize in a donkey tail-pinning contest. Several other funny and novel contests were enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hunter, Oliver Hunter, Mignon Hunter, Mrs. Oscar Dial, Mrs. Pat Downing, Miss Gladys Downing, Miss Opal Madding.

CHRISTMAS TRIP IS PLEASANT EVENT.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stewart and family have returned to Ranger after spending the Christmas holidays at Dublin and Carlton with their parents and other relatives. "We had a delightful time, enjoying every minute of the time," said Mr. Stewart. "The splendid weather helped, of course, and we did not even mind the extreme cold that descended on us before we got back home."

PERSONALS.

Mrs. John Dunkle and granddaughter, Peggy O'Donnell, and Mrs. Robert Gordon and children spent Christmas at Best, Texas, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Donnell, who are located there for the time being. Mr. O'Donnell accompanied them home, and remained until today.

Mrs. Denman and her daughter, Miss Lucile, of Springfield, Mo., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Reavis.

Miss Sylvia Thurman of Breckenridge spent Christmas in Ranger the guest of Mrs. Fred Conway.

Claude Disharoon of Paris who has been one of a house party at the home of his sister, Mrs. Covington, at the Lone Star Plant, has returned to his home in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Butler of Sweetwater, mother and father of Mrs. Con Hartnett and Mr. Jack Oxford of Electra were Christmas guests at the Hartnett home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hartnett and son of Weatherford are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Milliken and of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hartnett.

Mrs. Julia Milliken of Weatherford spent Christmas at the home of her son, Charles Milliken in the Cooper addition.

Mrs. L. B. Frazier of Olney was a Christmas guest of her daughters, Mrs. E. E. Crawford and Mrs. J. M. Ralston. Christmas dinner was enjoyed by Mrs. Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, Nicol Crawford, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralston and Jimmie at the Ralston home.

Mrs. Harry Logsdon is in Fort Worth, where she will meet her sister, Mrs. Vandeventer, of Iowa, who will be her guest for the next few weeks.

Mrs. Jeanette Chapman of Dallas is spending the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Dutton on Walnut street.

PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURTS OF THE COUNTY

Proceedings of the Eastland county district courts:
Eighty-eighth Court Orders—W. W. Bates vs. W. T. McCleskey et al., Texas Employers Insurance association granted leave to intervene in this case; Ella Baugh vs. McCleskey et al., Texas Employers Insurance association granted leave to intervene in this case; United States Fidelity Guaranty company vs. T. E. Murphy et al., agreed judgment for plaintiff.
Ninety-first Court Orders—S. A. Cooksey et al. vs. H. H. Cooksey, partition suit, judgment favoring plaintiffs; S. A. Cooksey vs. H. H. Cooksey, order authorizing receiver to sell and deliver property involved; G. W. Fisher vs. John Winston, motion to dissolve injunction granted.

HASKELL PLANS FOR POULTRY TRADES DAY

HASKELL, Dec. 29.—Haskell will have a Poultry Trades Day shortly after the first of the year, W. P. Trice, county agent says.

Trice is anxious to stimulate interest in the industry among farmers and to point out the profitability and poultry raising.

An expert will be on hand to give free advice on poultry raising, culling, and so forth, and raisers will be invited to bring their birds and eggs to town to demonstrate to the buyers.

MANHOOD SUFFRAGE IN JAPAN HIGHLIGHT OF THE PAST YEAR; NATURAL DISASTERS TAKE TOLL

By MILES W. VAUGHAN (United Press Staff Correspondent)

TOKYO.—Japan faces 1926 with confidence the Empire is well on its way toward consolidation of its place among the great powers of the world. Many of the difficult problems the nation faced with the beginning of the present year already have been solved or are well on their way toward solution. The others are not great worry.

The year 1925 has been a critical one in the nation's history. The greatest step in advancement of the cause of liberalism since the Emperor Meiji thrust Japan into her place in the society of nations was made early in the year in enactment of the Manhood Suffrage Bill by the Diet last March. In one-swoop parliament made some 10,000,000 new Japanese voters, granting the franchise to all independent men over 30 years of age. These new voters will cast their first ballots in the next general election, which may come early in 1926.

A radical step also was taken in the signing of the Russo-Japanese Treaty in Peking, Jan. 20. By this treaty Japan granted Russia full diplomatic and consular recognition and prepared for an immediate resumption of complete trade relations. China furnished the chief source of irritation in international relations during the year. Beginning with the anti-foreign riots in Shanghai in June, as the result of strike in a Japanese owned cotton mill, the Chinese situation took a major part of the time of the Tokyo foreign office through the remaining months of the year. The Japanese policy of forbearance and extreme measures to win the friendship of China soon became apparent and did much to overcome the bitter hostility all Chinese have felt toward this country since presentation of the notorious 21 demands.

This policy also was firmly followed during the Peking Customs Conference, Japan taking a leading part in aiding China in her fight for customs autonomy.

The end of the year finds American-Japanese relations the most satisfactory of any time since the enactment of the exclusive law by the Washington Conference. No major points are under negotiations and no serious clouds on the horizon. Charles MacVeagh, new American ambassador, assumed his duties this month (December) succeeding Edgar A. Bancroft, who died suddenly in Karuzawa, a Japanese summer resort, last July.

The Imperial Family also had a most happy year, crowned with the birth of the first child of the Prince Regent and his consort on Dec. 6. The impaired health of the Emperor shows little change and there is no hope for his recovery.

An adverse trade balance of more than 645,000,000 yen has been decreased considerably, yen exchange on the dollar has improved following the government's action in beginning the export of gold to the United States, and there has been a general healthy consolidation in the internal economic situation.

The rice crop of 1925 was the best in years and the food supply of the nation for the next year seems assured despite the alarming increase in the birth rate—some 700,000 during the year.

The year witnessed the usual number of disasters, for which Japan has become widely known since the great earthquake of 1923. Losses from natural disasters probably were more than one billion yen.

More than 300 people were killed and property damaged upwards of 100,000,000 yen in an earthquake which razed three villages in the Tokyo-Oka district in western Japan in the spring. Some three hundred people were drowned and huge property damage caused by floods in Korea and Formosa. Thousands of houses were inundated by a series of terrific rain storms in Tokyo and Osaka in the late summer.

The Imperial parliament burned in Tokyo in the fall with a loss of some millions of yen while other disastrous fires occurred in the capital and provincial cities.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

By E. R. Waite, Secretary Shawnee, Okla., Board of Commerce.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK That good-will is a great business asset. That often good-will is the biggest part of a business. That good-will is easy to get if the right methods are used. That reputation for honesty and square dealing pleases the public. That when a business pleases the public it gets their good-will, and the good-will of the public means increasing business.

That many cities could profitably follow the example set by progressive business concerns in cultivating the good-will of the outside world. That the more good-will they get, the faster will they march ahead in the "March of Progress and Prosperity."

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U. S. and Holland Dispute Sovereignty Tiny Isle of Palmes in South Pacific

By WILLIAM R. KUHN'S (United Press Staff Correspondent) MANILA.—Twenty years ago Palmas Island might have disappeared with its 700 inhabitants beneath the Pacific in an earthquake and the world would never have discovered the loss. It is only since 1906 that the fame of this insignificant speck of South Sea land has been spreading all over the world.

For in that year Palmas Island became the center of a controversy between Holland and the United States, both countries claiming sovereignty. By the terms of an agreement recently entered into between the Netherlands and the United States, the status of the island will shortly be submitted to arbitration by a tribunal whose personnel has not yet been designated.

To anyone who has visited Palmas and looked over the population, it appears that a question of far more

profound bearing on the international situation than who owns the island, would be why anyone should want to own it. But, admitting that it would not bring more than \$100 in the south sea island real estate market, there is a fine point of national prestige which must be adjusted before Dutch-American relations can resume their normal course.

Due to centuries of intermarriage, the unclad, half-starved people of Palmas have degenerated until they are incapable of the slightest physical exertion and owing to a complete lack of sanitation, fully 90 per cent of them are afflicted with terrible skin diseases. There are 25 lepers on the island in various stages of the disease and no attempt has ever been made to isolate them.

The island is two miles long and about three-quarters of a mile wide. There is a hill about 320 feet high at the extreme northern end which comprises about one-fifth of the total area, and the remainder is a low, flat plain rising only several feet above the level of the sea.

The Lab-u-ds, as they call themselves, would probably feel flattered with so much attention if they knew what it was all about. They have a cloudy idea that it has something to do with the white pgle which stands on the beach in front of the headman's hut, and what kind of a piece of cloth should be attached to the top. The older and wiser heads have probably observed that when the white man comes down from the Philippines in the north, he runs an American flag to the top of this pole; but when the white man comes up from Celebes in the south he removes the American flag and substitutes the banner of Holland. But it would require more than these simple ceremonies to disturb the lazy drift of a life that has not changed perceptibly in a thousand years.

Population Small The population of Palmas is divided roughly among 150 males, 300 females and 250 children of both sexes. They all live in one settlement of 73 shacks built of nipa and closely huddled together near the southern end of the island. The town has three streets or lanes between the houses. The majority of the people are of an amazing low order of intelligence and so they fear almost to move from one spot to another without the permission of the headman.

Their only contact with the outside world is once yearly when the Dutch resident governor at Menado, Celebes sends a gunboat to the island for the purpose of collecting a head tax of about \$2.50 each from the men between 18 and 60 years old. Occasionally, perhaps once or twice yearly a tramp trader happens along and picks up any surplus copra that the natives have for sale. There is one small store on the

island and that is operated, as all small stores in the orient are operated, by Chinese. All articles are priced in coconuts and there is no other currency in circulation.

Crimes of violence are virtually unknown. There are no firearms or fighting weapons of any kind on the island and the only crimes on the headman's record in recent years is that of stealing coconuts.

Dutch Claim

When Governor General Wood was governor of Moro Province in 1906, he made a tour of inspection through the waters south of Mindanao and accidentally discovered the flag of the Netherlands waving from the flagpole on Palmas Island. He made inquiry and was informed that the flag was there by the order of the Dutch resident governor in Menado, Celebes.

Governor Wood reported the case to the Secretary of War in Washington, emphasizing the fact that the island was plainly within the region designated by the Treaty of Paris and ceded to America by Spain. This report was submitted to the Dutch Foreign Minister by the American Minister to the Hague on March 31, 1906.

On October 17 of the same year, the Dutch charge d'affaires in Washington sent a letter to the Secretary of State inclosing a communication from the Dutch Minister of Colonies, briefly outlining the Dutch claim. Quoting in part from this document, the facts in support of Dutch sovereignty were set forth about as follows:

"The island of Palmas has been tributary to native princes under the suzerainty of the Netherlands since the formation of the East Indies Company. The inhabitants here paid taxes to the Netherlands since early in the 19th century."

The next few paragraphs cite various acts of sovereignty by the Dutch Government in proof of possession. It is pointed out, for example, that

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the island is visited once each year by Dutch authorities. "From these facts," concludes the exposition, "it would appear that the island is a Netherland's possession; and Spain never questioned the right of the Netherlands to raise the Dutch flag there. Moreover, allowing that it falls within the sphere described by the Treaty of Paris, it is but natural that Spain would not dispose of an island which never formed a part of her territory."

The American claim rests on evidence of a totally different character and will doubtless give the arbitrators when they meet, a delicate bit of international law to adjudicate. A search of the Spanish historical archives in Madrid showed that Spain's claim rested on the simple fact of discovery in the days of the early explorers.

TWO ESCAPED CONVICTS SURRENDER AT DALLAS

By United Press. DALLAS, Dec. 28.—Bill MacDonald and Cecil Hastings, two of 15 prisoners who escaped from the Imperial prison farm near Houston, 10 days ago, surrendered here today and were placed in jail. Murray Fisher, the jailer, said the two men phoned him Sunday night, told him where they were and asked to spend one more night at home. Hastings was convicted here and MacDonald in Fort Worth, and each is serving a two-year sentence.

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himself, and Barbara picks up a red scarf left in the room by the unknown woman companion of the dead man. Bruce has joined the real estate firm of Manners, Stone and Reynolds, which is promoting Vale Acres, a mammoth real estate project. Lydia Stacey, a rich widow, refuses

to invest in Vale Acres when Bruce fails to respond to her blandishments. Barbara gets many letters from a girl named Violetta, which she answers in the lovelorn column. She reads of Bruce's marriage to Violetta Cranby, a box factory employe, and realizes that she has engineered Violetta's campaign to win him. Lydia Stacy informs Andrew McDermott, managing editor of the Telegraph, of crookedness in the Manners, Stone and Reynolds firm. Manners leaves town with the firm's bank deposits. Bruce thinks Barbara is responsible for the newspaper publicity given the affair. Jerome Ball tells Barbara he is going to be married. Her mother dies suddenly and she leases an apartment in town. McDermott asks her to take his young daughter, Fancy McDermott, to live with her and to act as chaperon for the girl. Barbara consents. On the day after her mother's funeral, Barbara prepares to leave the house. NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY CHAPTER XXXII

At five o'clock next day Barbara went through the house. The last moving van was just pulling away. A woman was sweeping the last heap of trash out of the lower hall. Barbara came down the stairs, wearing her hat and coat. She paid the woman and locked the door after her. Then she made the rounds of the downstairs. The rooms were bare, and the blinds were drawn. She took a last look around the lower hall. Then she went out and closed the front door. As she was passing through the gate, she saw Bob's car racing down the street. "Hello, Babs. Just came to get you. Hop in." Barbara smiled at him and obeyed. "I don't know when I've been so glad to see anybody as I am to see you tonight, Bob." "Thought you might be. Wasn't going to let you eat alone this night, anyhow. We'll run down to Pierre's and have a steak with mushrooms. I told him to broil a nice one for us. Then, after dinner, I'll go with you to your new home and help straighten up." Barbara turned grateful eyes toward him. "Honestly, Bob, you're a life saver tonight. I didn't know how I was going to get through it alone. And as for food—the very thought of it would have sickened me and hour ago. And now — I shouldn't wonder if I ate some of that steak." "That's the stuff, old girl." Bob patted her arm. "It's wonderful to have somebody like you to depend on, Bob," she said, as they waited for the steak.

Bob looked at her quizzically. "I guess everybody needs someone, Barbara." She flushed. When she spoke again it was upon a different subject. "When he passed today in the Vale Acres story?" "Nothing much," answered Bob. "Young Reynolds swears he's not guilty and McDermott is inclined to believe him. But they sent me over to talk to that guy, Stone, and I'll eat my hat if he isn't as guilty as sin. Maybe he didn't get any of the bootle, but he knew what was going on and expected to. And now he's as nervous as an old maid aunt. "Clinging to the Reynolds kid for dear life. Hopes to pull through clear, because of the young fellow's good reputation." "Does Reynolds have a good reputation," asked Barbara, looking at her plate. "Seems to," replied Bob. "Everybody seems to be surprised to learn there's something wrong with a firm he's connected with. Only thing I've heard against him is his choice of a wife. "Got married several months ago to a girl—they say she's a pretty cheap sort. Nobody can ever tell in cases like those. There are sometimes circumstances the world doesn't know." He spoke with calm frankness. Barbara laid down her fork and knife and sat back. "How rotten," she said, "to jump at conclusions like that. How do you know there were 'circumstances' as you put it?" Bob stared at her amazed. "Why, what on earth, Barbara? I didn't mean anything. Didn't know you had any interest in this Reynolds chap. I—I'm sorry." Barbara's face changed. "I haven't," she said. "It's just that I get tired of hearing idle surmise blast reputations. I've seen so much done by gossip, especially since I've been in this work. I shouldn't have spoken to you like that." Bob was smiling again. "Never mind," he said. "My feeling aren't hurt. I know we humans do get in the habit of ripping people to shreds. But it's a bad habit, and I try to avoid it." "This time, though, I was talking just sort of naturally, as one newspaper man to another. Poor Reynolds. I'm afraid nobody can damage his name much further. The world will always believe he was guilty with Manners." Barbara pushed her plate away, the food half eaten. "I am not so very hungry, Bob," she apologized. "You'll forgive me for not eating, won't you? These last few days have been just too much." Bob looked disappointed. But he went on eating his steak without saying anything. At last the silent dinner ended. Barbara rose hurriedly, as Bob paid the check. "We must rush," she said, "for all my stuff is standing in piles right in the middle of my new apartment, I'll bet." They hurried out of the restaurant. The building in which the new apartment was located was on a residence street. It was just nine o'clock when the racer landed at the door and Barbara climbed over the side. "I'd like to come in and help you, Barbara," said Bob gravely. "But I've been thinking perhaps you'd rather I didn't. Maybe you want to be alone." Barbara took his hand impulsively. "No, indeed, Bob," she reassured. "I want you to come in. Please don't mind my jumpy nerves tonight. I'm not myself you know." "Yes, Babs, I do know. And I'm sorry about it all." The little flat was in exactly the state of chaos that Barbara expected. She gave one look at the heaped-up boxes and scattered furniture in the living room and sat down suddenly on the window sill. There were tears in her eyes. "Oh, buck up, old girl," shouted Bob, diving into the midst of the debris. "We'll clean this up in a jiffy." But Barbara had to wipe her eyes before she could face him. At midnight, the place was beginning to show signs of being habitable. Bob paused in the center of the living room and, thrusting his hands in his pockets, leaned back and looked at the pictures that Barbara had hung. "Every single frame's crooked, Babs," he said. Barbara descended from her ladder and stood beside him. "So they are," she admitted ruefully. "Well, I never was meant for a picture hanger anyway." "Man was not made to live alone," quoted Bob, "and woman wasn't either. You need a little male picture hanger all your own, Babs." Barbara smiled at him. "Are you proposing to me, Bob?" Bob turned and fled. At the door he turned back. "I should say not. Heaven forbid. Gosh no!" "Well, that's not so complimentary either," reproached Barbara. "But come back and all will be well. I promise not to accept, even though you should propose." Bob returned cautiously on tiptoe, and stood beside her, poised for flight. "Nope, Babs," he said solemnly. "I'm not a marrying man. I'll never fall. I believe firmly in the institution, but not for myself. I love to stand off and see my friends get married, and say 'Bless you, my children,' and then go about my nice independent business." "You are always urging domesticity on me, though," retorted Barbara. "You forget that I'm just as much of a vagabond as you. And my wings would be as hard to clip as yours." "Why should anybody want to settle down with one man, when there are so many good travelers around, just waiting to be friends for a while and say godby without regrets?" Bob was rubbing a bruised finger. "But there's the trouble, Babs," he said. "You just find one of these good travelers and she decides to travel away. It's such an uncertain arrangement. But anyhow, it's better than the ball and shackles." He climbed the ladder, whistling. "You and I'll be good friends anyway, won't we," asked Barbara, looking up at him from the foot of the ladder. "You tell me," replied Bob, tilting his head to one side and surveying the picture. When he had gone whistling away, a little after midnight, Barbara sat down in one of the living room chairs and looked about her. This place was hers. No echoes would sound through it save from her own steps. She rose and went into the little

At last she went to the door and opened it. A girl stood in the hall. She was richly dressed and carried a smart traveling bag. Her eyes were blue under the little velvet hat. She held her hand out to Barbara. "I'm Fency McDermott," she said. "Dad didn't expect me for two weeks, and he's out of town. But I just got tired of waiting and here I am." (To Be Continued)

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At five o'clock next day Barbara went through the house. The last moving van was just pulling away. A woman was sweeping the last heap of trash out of the lower hall. Barbara came down the stairs, wearing her hat and coat. She paid the woman and locked the door after her. Then she made the rounds of the downstairs. The rooms were bare, and the blinds were drawn. She took a last look around the lower hall. Then she went out and closed the front door. As she was passing through the gate, she saw Bob's car racing down the street. "Hello, Babs. Just came to get you. Hop in." Barbara smiled at him and obeyed. "I don't know when I've been so glad to see anybody as I am to see you tonight, Bob." "Thought you might be. Wasn't going to let you eat alone this night, anyhow. We'll run down to Pierre's and have a steak with mushrooms. I told him to broil a nice one for us. Then, after dinner, I'll go with you to your new home and help straighten up." Barbara turned grateful eyes toward him. "Honestly, Bob, you're a life saver tonight. I didn't know how I was going to get through it alone. And as for food—the very thought of it would have sickened me and hour ago. And now — I shouldn't wonder if I ate some of that steak." "That's the stuff, old girl." Bob patted her arm. "It's wonderful to have somebody like you to depend on, Bob," she said, as they waited for the steak.

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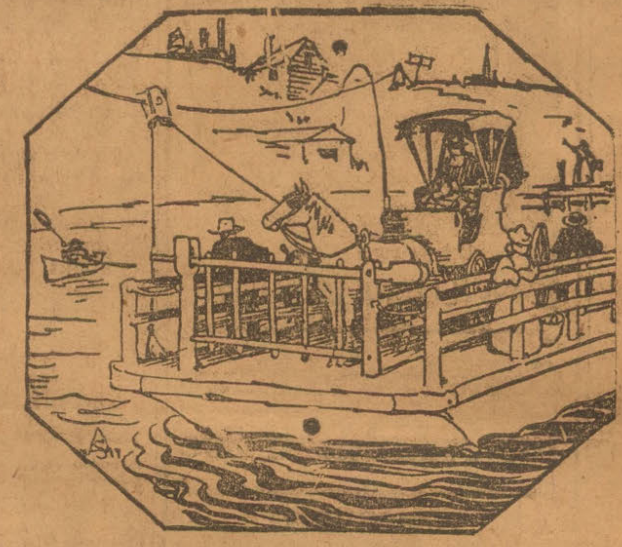
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Bob looked disappointed. But he went on eating his steak without saying anything. At last the silent dinner ended. Barbara rose hurriedly, as Bob paid the check. "We must rush," she said, "for all my stuff is standing in piles right in the middle of my new apartment, I'll bet." They hurried out of the restaurant. The building in which the new apartment was located was on a residence street. It was just nine o'clock when the racer landed at the door and Barbara climbed over the side. "I'd like to come in and help you, Barbara," said Bob gravely. "But I've been thinking perhaps you'd rather I didn't. Maybe you want to be alone." Barbara took his hand impulsively. "No, indeed, Bob," she reassured. "I want you to come in. Please don't mind my jumpy nerves tonight. I'm not myself you know." "Yes, Babs, I do know. And I'm sorry about it all." The little flat was in exactly the state of chaos that Barbara expected. She gave one look at the heaped-up boxes and scattered furniture in the living room and sat down suddenly on the window sill. There were tears in her eyes. "Oh, buck up, old girl," shouted Bob, diving into the midst of the debris. "We'll clean this up in a jiffy." But Barbara had to wipe her eyes before she could face him. At midnight, the place was beginning to show signs of being habitable. Bob paused in the center of the living room and, thrusting his hands in his pockets, leaned back and looked at the pictures that Barbara had hung. "Every single frame's crooked, Babs," he said. Barbara descended from her ladder and stood beside him. "So they are," she admitted ruefully. "Well, I never was meant for a picture hanger anyway." "Man was not made to live alone," quoted Bob, "and woman wasn't either. You need a little male picture hanger all your own, Babs." Barbara smiled at him. "Are you proposing to me, Bob?" Bob turned and fled. At the door he turned back. "I should say not. Heaven forbid. Gosh no!" "Well, that's not so complimentary either," reproached Barbara. "But come back and all will be well. I promise not to accept, even though you should propose." Bob returned cautiously on tiptoe, and stood beside her, poised for flight. "Nope, Babs," he said solemnly. "I'm not a marrying man. I'll never fall. I believe firmly in the institution, but not for myself. I love to stand off and see my friends get married, and say 'Bless you, my children,' and then go about my nice independent business." "You are always urging domesticity on me, though," retorted Barbara. "You forget that I'm just as much of a vagabond as you. And my wings would be as hard to clip as yours." "Why should anybody want to settle down with one man, when there are so many good travelers around, just waiting to be friends for a while and say godby without regrets?" Bob was rubbing a bruised finger. "But there's the trouble, Babs," he said. "You just find one of these good travelers and she decides to travel away. It's such an uncertain arrangement. But anyhow, it's better than the ball and shackles." He climbed the ladder, whistling. "You and I'll be good friends anyway, won't we," asked Barbara, looking up at him from the foot of the ladder. "You tell me," replied Bob, tilting his head to one side and surveying the picture. When he had gone whistling away, a little after midnight, Barbara sat down in one of the living room chairs and looked about her. This place was hers. No echoes would sound through it save from her own steps. She rose and went into the little



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