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Over The Plains

Wheeler County has had another bad hail storm, the crops looked very promising until the last catastrophe, which makes it hard on some of the farmers in that vicinity who would otherwise have had bumper crops.

Quite a little interest is being shown in the surrounding communities in the Cow Boy Reunion to be held in Los Vegas, New Mexico, the 4th, 5th, and 6th of July, several parties have signified their intention of going down, and taking in the good time.

Two twin sons of Mr and Mrs Elmer Jones, Hedley, Texas were burned to death at that place in a barn, June 23rd, it is supposed that the little boys were playing with matches and set the hay in the barn on fire. This should serve as a warning to parents, to not let children have matches.

Wheat harvest is in full swing and shortage of hands is the cry. A goodly number of men who usually come to the wheat fields have enlisted in the army.

Clean-up day, where a town scours her alleys and removes all rubbish to the dump pile, is a day that is being observed by several of our sister towns. It might be a good thing for us to think about something like this.

McLean had a dose of the inadequate fire protection last week, fire was discovered in one of the principal business blocks of the city and only quick work and absence of a high wind saved the major portion of the business section from being wiped out.

Plainview has decided to build a new Presbyterian church to cost around \$10,000. The building is to measure 90X60 feet and have Sunday School rooms and a basement.

Clarendon is to have a big celebration the 1st to 4th of July. Running, horse races, Ford and motorcycle races, and ball games, ending with a barbecue, will be the larger portion of the entertainment.

Miami is not the only town that loses ball games, by large scores. Memphis defeated Wellington 12-0 and 22-4 in a couple of games played at Wellington last week.

Notice

There will be preaching at both hours Sunday at the Baptist church. My theme will be "Restricted Communion" many do not understand why it is that Baptists believe and practice Restricted Communion, and we cordially invite you to attend these services and I am sure I shall do my best to help you in every way. You are always welcome.

H. P. Wilsford.

Social Evening

Last Saturday evening, at the G. M. Counts' home, south of Miami, quite a crowd of young people spent a very enjoyable evening. Mr. Counts gave the party in honor of his two nieces, Misses Gardener and Fowler, of Waco, who are visiting him.

The evening was spent in the playing of parlor games and contests. Some forty young people were present, and all in for a good time. At mid-night the jolly crowd departed, all expressing their appreciations of the evenings entertainment, and voting the entertainers accomplished.

B. Y. P. U.

Subject: Consecration. Scripture reading, 2 Cor. 6:1-18 by leader Miss Osborne.

Song 133 prayer Dedication, Rom. 6:13, Myrtle Matthews

Active life, Phil. 1:21, Jessie Hoffer Willingness to bear cross, Luke 9:23, Mr. Holmes.

Reason for consecration, Miss George Song

Danger of refusing, Heb. 4:11 Mr. Fortenberry Assurance, Rom. 8:14-16 Mrs. H. P. Wilsford

Holy life, Rom. 6:13-14, Jim Wells Gods help, Cor. 16:9 Mr. Hill

Make a hearty decision to be the Lord's, H. P. Wilsford Song Business Benediction.

A Pulling Contest

A good bit of excitement was caused by a matched pulling contest between Les Donley in his Maxwell and J. J. Calvert in his Dodge automobile. The deep sand near the Equity Elevator was used as a test and each car was loaded with the same load and took turns in performing stunts. The first was on low speed and both the cars made the test easily. The next was stopped in the deep sand and mud, but when started the Dodge spinned its wheels and cut through to the hard dirt below, burying itself over the hubs but after considerable pulling it got through. The Maxwell stayed on top and got through without spinning the wheels. The outcome was that the crowd considers both cars extra good pullers, but with the favors falling to the Maxwell. Dodge was 12 minutes and Maxwell 4 minutes making the pull.—Forgan (Okla.) Eagle.

Resolutions of Respect

Miami, Texas, June 29th, 1916 To the officers and members of Miami Lodge No. 48, I. O. O. F. We, your committee appointed to draft Resolutions of Respect, to the memory of our late Brother N. J. Fidler, beg to submit the following:—

Whereas, it has pleased the Supreme Ruler of Heaven to remove from among us, and promote to higher things, our beloved Brother, Nelson J. Fidler And Whereas, in his death Miami Lodge has lost one of its truest and most loyal members, his family a loving and faithful husband and father, and his neighbors a true friendship neighbor, Therefore be it resolved, Ist

That thought we miss our brother, we bow in humble submission, to the will of Him, who is Odd Fellows, we recognize, as the Author of all good, and realize, that His Will, not ours be done. 2nd.

And, that we extend to his afflicted family and friends, our heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of trouble, and commend them to Him who doeth all things well. 3rd.

That, we drape our Charter in mourning for a period of thirty days, and that a copy of these resolutions be spread on our minutes, a copy published in the Miami Chief, and a copy presented to his wife.

Respectfully submitted Roy Trowbridge Committee H. A. Talley C. C. Carr

Railroad Question

Santa Fe Railway employees in road and yard service have been mailed a circular letter on the eight hour day demand. The letter is very largely documentary, setting out full the demand for the eight hour day and time and one-half for overtime of March 29th; the reply of the roads on March 31st; and the final reply of the railway representatives at the close of the New York conference June 15th.

In the final reply after a 15 day conference without an agreement, the railroads proposed that the matter be submitted to the Interstate Commerce Commission and in case it should be found the Commission was without authority under the law to go before Congress to secure necessary legislation. Or the railroads were willing to submit the entire question to arbitration under the Newland's Act. The representative of the employees stated that it would be necessary to refer the matter to the individual members.

This letter signed F. C. Fox General Manager, closes, "while this company feels very strongly that the existing basis to pay yields adequate compensation and provides favorable working conditions, it recognizes that where opinions differ neither party should reserve to itself the exclusive right to settle them. Therefore the offer of the railroads to refer the pending questions to the Interstate Commerce Commission or to arbitration under the Federal law is eminently reasonable."

"I trust that after careful consideration your judgement will decide in favor of a peaceable solution upon the equities of your request and that you will take no action which will involve a possibility of the interruption of traffic on this line.

A. M. Hoover

Building Activity

Our little city has by no means been still from a building standpoint this year. Many nice improvements have been made to several of the smaller dwellings, some additions to part of our business section and contractors told us that some other substantial dwellings were to be contracted soon.

Mr. Dials splendid new stucco bungalow is practically finished and occupied. This is among the nicest dwellings in our city.

Mrs. Hall's new house is also about complete, making another splendid addition to our residence section.

Thomas O'Loughlin, who purchased the H. J. Newman place is having it rebuilt, adding several new rooms, two large porches, etc. When completed, he will have one among the finest homes in Miami.

W. E. Stocker has just had completed a new business office near his elevator and moved into same this week.

Junior Class

Subject: Concerning light Scripture reading 1 John 1:4-10 by leader, Louise Hoffer.

Prayer Song God is light 1 John, 1:5 Audry Cooper

Father of it, Jas 1:7, Flora Philpott Christ is light, John 8:12 by Alice Lard

The bible is light, 2 Pet 1:19, Dan Graham Song Walk in it 1 John 1:7 James Humphries

Believe in it, John 12:36 by Mary Graham Wear it Rom 13:12, Ada Humphries

It is joy, Est. 8:16 by Robert Lyons Song Business Benediction

FEED. For Sale, 3,000 bundles of kafir corn. 5c per bundle any amount. See H. M. Lomax on Cotton place.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCH OF GOD—Meets to practice singing every Friday evening at 7 p. m. Bible lesson every first day of the week at 10 a. m. Preaching on 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.



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HEBBERT C. HILL
The Miami Marke

Panhandle State Fair Catalogues

The catalogues of the Fair to be held in Amarillo September 12-16, are out and one was received at this office and from its pages we have decided that this will be the largest and best Fair ever held in this country and the amount given as premiums is surely inviting to exhibitors the state over.

Apparently the officers are putting forth every effort to make this years Fair a complete success and the list of Officers, Directors and Honary Vice-presidents proves conclusively that the best material of the country is being used to great advantage.

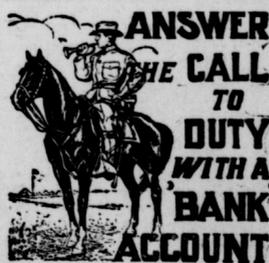
The catalogue is complete and strictly up to date and may be had by writing Panhandle State Fair Association, at Amarillo.

Miami Market To-day

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| The Chief 1 yr. | \$1.00 |
| Wheat No. 2 | .90 |
| Oats | .85 |
| Corn | .70 |
| Maize per dwt | .60 |
| Heads | 8.00 |
| Hay Sudan | 11.00 |
| Alfafa | 12.00 |
| Butter | .25 |
| Eggs | .12 |
| Hens | .07 to .11 |
| Turkeys | .11 |

ROAD NOTICE

To whom it may concern: be it known that on and after July 1st 1915, there will positively be no travel allowed from the county road through the S Edge ranch to Codman Samuel Edge

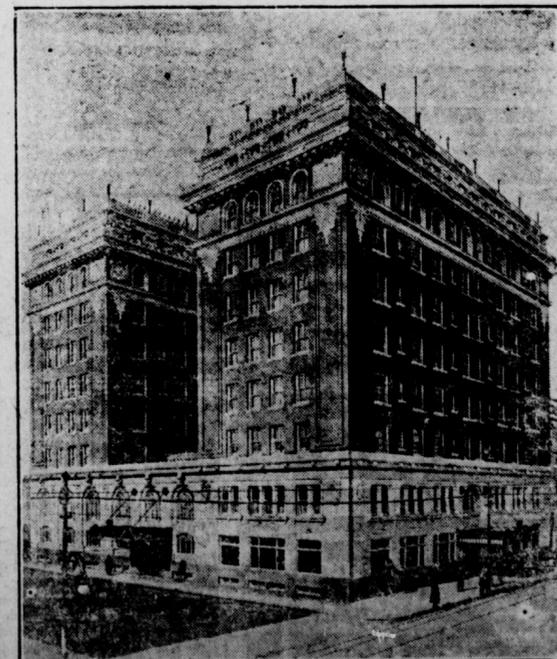


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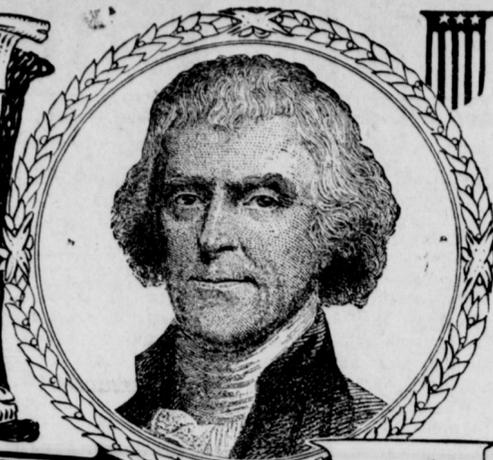
THE BANK OF MIAMI

(Unincorporated)

Roberts County Depository

OUR CHARTER OF FREEDOM

The interesting story of the writing and signing of the Declaration of Independence—July 2 or August 2 better entitled to celebration than July 4.



Thomas Jefferson

POPULAR history has fastened upon our impressionable minds a poetic picture of the signing of the Declaration of Independence as a graceful and formal function, taking place July 4, 1776, in a large, handsomely furnished chamber in Independence hall, Philadelphia. To give the necessary touch of vivacity to the picture there is the scene of the small boy darting from the door as the last signer sets his autograph to the precious parchment and dashing down the street, calling to his grandfather, to "Ring! Oh, ring for liberty!"

Our ideal proclamation of the charter of American freedom must be shattered in the cause of truth. The Declaration of Independence was signed behind locked doors, and was not generally signed upon the Fourth of July at all. The city was not breathlessly awaiting the event outside, nor did the Liberty bell peal forth on that day the triumphal note of freedom.

The accredited historian of the United States department of state is Galliard Hunt, Litt. D., LL. D., now chief of the division of manuscripts in the Library of Congress.

"There is really no reason for our celebrating the Fourth of July more than July 2 or August 2," said Doctor Hunt recently to an inquirer. "It was not until the latter date that the document was generally signed."

"The Virginia bill of rights, of which George Mason was also the author, was drawn up and adopted in the last colonial assembly in Virginia prior to the Revolution. The bill of rights is in effect a part of every constitution in the land today. It is beyond doubt that this famous document, of which his elderly friend was author, was largely drawn upon by Thomas Jefferson when he wrote the Declaration of Independence.

"The fundamental principles of government set forth in Mason's bill of rights were the same as those in the English petitions to the king, the acts of the long parliament and magna charta.

"You know, perhaps, that it was another Virginian, Richard Henry Lee, who presented to congress, on June 7, 1776, a set of resolutions containing the words, 'That these united colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved.'

"It was as a result of the favorable voting upon Lee's resolutions that the well-known committee, composed of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Robert H. Livingston, was named to draft the document. The committee assigned the task of preparing the instrument to the Virginian. Jefferson was the master political mind and it was by no mere chance that he was called upon to write the document which has been termed 'the best-known paper that has ever come from the pen of an individual.'

Drafting of the Declaration.

"Thomas Jefferson was the personification of method," remarked Doctor Hunt, "and immediately upon receiving his commission, to write the declaration he retired to the two rooms he rented as a working place at Seventh and Market place, Philadelphia, and prepared to give his country one of the greatest monuments of human freedom.

"The department of state owns the first draft of the Declaration which Jefferson presented to the committee for its approval. His conferees made a few alterations, which are clearly shown in the text, and Jefferson has written beside each change the name of its author, making the document of inestimable value.

"The fair copy which he made for presentation to congress, and which bears the congressional amendments and alterations, is lost.

"The latter is the formal Declaration of Independence laid before congress on June 28, 1776. It was then read and ordered to lie on the table until July 1. On July 2 a resolution was passed declaring the independence of the United States, although the exact form of the proclamation as prepared by Jefferson was debated upon until July 4, when, with some alterations and amendments, it was signed by John Hancock, president of the congress, and the signature attested by Charles Thomson, secretary of congress.

"July 2 was actually the date of separation of the colonies from the mother country. On July 3 we find John Adams, whom Jefferson called the 'colossus of the colonies,' writing to his wife, Abigail, in the following words:

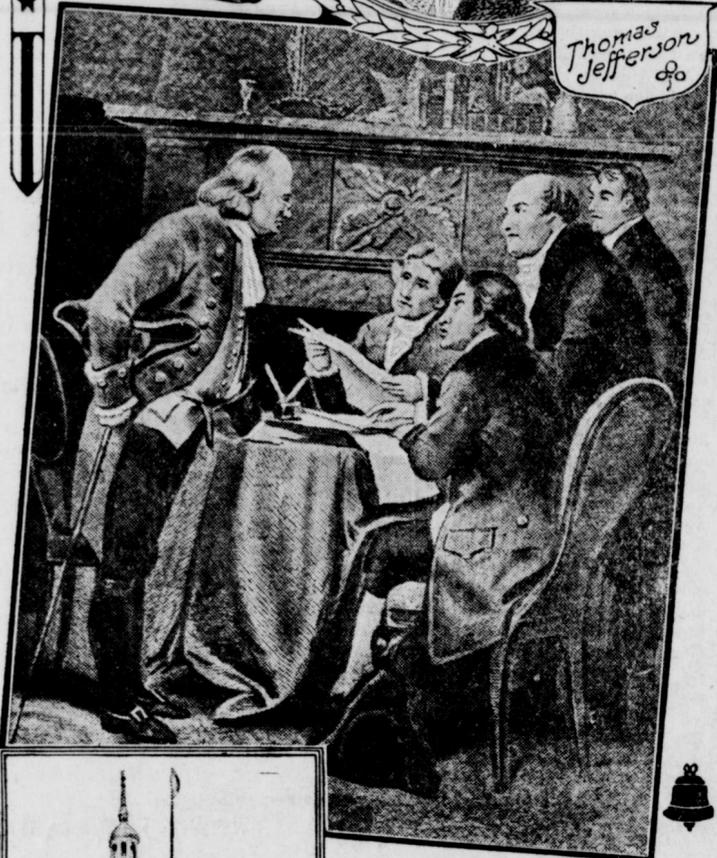
"Yesterday the greatest question which was ever debated in America was decided, and a greater perhaps never was nor will be decided among men."

Great Day Was July 2.

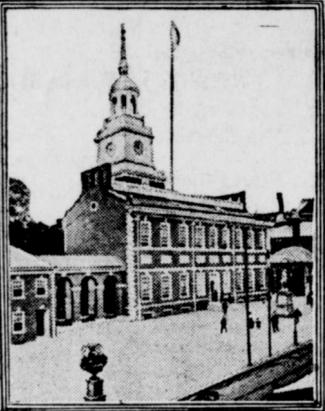
"In a second letter, written the same day, he said: 'But the day is past. July 2 will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty.'

"There is little doubt but that the participants in the event considered July 2 as the true date of independence for the colonies, but popular fancy seized upon the 4th, the date of acceptance of Jefferson's formal and detailed setting-forth as the proper date of celebration.

"John Trumbull's famous painting of the scene, hanging in the rotunda of the capitol, is a poetical piece of work and gives many of the portraits of the signers with faithfulness, but it is somewhat fanciful. No stifen hangings draped the windows of that stifling room on July 4, 1776, and the beautiful order in which the men are ranged up for signing the immortal document is also fictional.



Drafting the Declaration of Independence



Independence Hall

was read to the people July 8, when the Liberty bell was rung and the first public celebration was made in honor of the event."

Signed August 2.

"July 19 congress ordered that the Declaration passed the 4th be fairly engrossed. It was very beautifully done on parchment. This is the document which received the signatures of all the members of the Continental congress present in Independence hall, August 2, 1776. By this time, however, the membership had changed slightly, so that the 'signers' were not identical with the body of delegates who had declared for independence a month before. Presumably it was at this time that Hancock, making his great familiar signature, jestingly remarked that John Bull could see it without his spectacles. One or two of the signatures were not actually affixed until a later date than August 2.

"This is the treasured Declaration of Independence now in possession of the department of state," said Doctor Hunt. "It is kept in a hermetically sealed case, which is opened only by special order for very special reasons. It is faded, and it would have been better if this engrossed copy had been made on paper rather than parchment. It is so faded that few of the signatures are recognizable. Nothing can now be done which will permanently benefit it.

"I believe the main cause of the fading was the impression taken in 1823, by order of President Monroe. Two hundred facsimiles were then made to give a copy to each of the then living signers and others. Taking the impression removed the ink."

THEY BELIEVED IN AMERICA

One hundred and forty years ago some half-hundred men, sent by their communities to concert measures for securing their "rights as Englishmen," became convinced that these could not be obtained save by ceasing to be "British subjects" and declaring themselves "American citizens."

Let us look behind the formal phrases of the immortal Declaration to the faith of these men and of the people for whom they spoke. What was the faith that made vital their appeal for the justice of their cause and the righteousness of their undertaking?

They believed in themselves; in their ability to do right and justice. They believed in the competence of stalwart manhood to govern itself and to provide for the common welfare. They believed they could make better arrangements in government than men had made before them. They believed in themselves, in their people, in America.

Americans of late have done a great deal of fault-finding with America. There is not so much now as a year or two ago. The spectacle across the Atlantic tends to hush it, and to give new point to the saying that "other countries" are what make Americans so proud of their own. In the light of that spectacle and of our own

history let all true Americans today highly resolve on a new birth within their own souls of the faiths of those men 140 years ago, of faith in themselves and of faith in America.

OF GREAT MOMENT IN HISTORY.

The declaration of American independence was of unequalled moment in history. As the result of that fact, the United States of America has risen to a greatness which has changed the face of the world. In a little less than seven score of years it has changed us from a nation of people scattered thinly along the coast of the Atlantic, to a nation of over a hundred millions of people stretching over the whole continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and even into the lands beyond the seas. Moreover, in wealth and in material energy, as in numbers, it now far surpasses the mother country from which it sprang.

TRIBUTE TO THE DECLARATION.

The historian Buckle was cordial and sweeping in his praise of the Declaration. He said among other things: "That noble Declaration ought to be hung up in the nursery of every king and blazoned on the porch of every royal palace."

If such were the brilliant historian's idea, it was as Professor Tyler remarked, "because the Declaration has become the classic statement of political truths which must at last abolish kings altogether or else teach them to identify their existence with the dignity and happiness of human nature."

The Liberty Bell

By GRIF ALEXANDER.

It is bulk without motion; a muck that knows lack;
A huge lump of metal; a bell with a crack;
A giant grown weakly; a day without noon;
A song lacking music; a tongue out of tune;
A tale still untold that it never can tell—
So why should we cherish the Liberty Bell?

It was molded in glory and hallowed by age.
It was loved by the patriot; blessed by the sage.
'Tis a composite poem by sentiment fed.
The glowing oration of millions now dead.
'Tis a song that we love and we know very well.
Like the flag 'tis a symbol—the Liberty Bell!

Forever vibrating with freedom it lives!
It gives what it's getting; it gets what it gives.
The good it still praises; the bad it still blames;
And all the world over its message proclaims.
It speaks through our hearts. It is we who must tell
The world of the word of the Liberty Bell!

SAVED BELL FROM BRITISH

Patriotic Philadelphians Carried It to Allentown, Where It Was Buried

NO INCIDENT of Revolutionary times finds a more vivid and dramatic contrast in this day than the first trip of the Liberty Bell from Philadelphia, writes John A. Sheatz, ex-state treasurer of Pennsylvania, in the Philadelphia Press. That trip was to Allentown a year and two months after it became the Liberty Bell, at the time when Howe's army, victorious over the Continental forces at the battle of the Brandywine, was advancing for the capture of the city.

When the bell left for the San Francisco exposition last year it departed with the God-speed of the whole undivided city. It was escorted to the train by the First city troop and by the great assemblage gathered for the Fourth of July exercises on Independence square. It passed through streets thronged with veneration people. On the train it was under the escort of a large body delegated by the constituted municipal authorities. Its passage across the continent was a triumphal progress. A hundred cities along the route poured out their citizens to do it reverence as it passed and it was received at the other rim of the continent in reverential awe by a countless multitude.

Contrast With First Trip.
That is how the Bell travels today. It was very different in September, 1777. Not that first trip to Allentown it went, not in daylight, but in the dead of night. Not with the music of bands and escorted in honor by multitudes, but in silence and under the guard of only one man. It went not in a special train but in a creaking old farm wagon loaded with manure, the better to conceal it.

For at that time there were many Tories in Philadelphia. These included families then counted among the foremost citizens. When the city was evacuated by the Continentals, these Tories came out of the obscurity in which they had been prudently lying and began preparing a welcome for Howe and his army. The following winter was a time of rare festivity for the British officers. The British were expected by the

city authorities, upon taking possession, to confiscate the church bells as spoils of war for the purpose of molding them into cannon. That was recognized as one of their rights as captors. It was to prevent this seizure that the executive council ordered the removal of the state house bell and the bells of Christ church and of nine other churches to Allentown by way of Bethlehem. I don't know why Allentown was selected unless it be that it was far enough away to keep the bells safe from the British.

Had Small Escort.

John Jacob Mickle, a soldier of the Continental army, was one of those detailed for the removal of the bells. To him the state house bell was entrusted. John Jacob Mickle was the son of Johann Jacob Mueckel (the German version of the name), and arrived in Philadelphia on the sailing vessel "Hope" in the early part of 1733. On August 27, 1733, he took the oath of allegiance to his adopted country. He was a farmer at Whitehall, Lehigh county, when the War of the Revolution broke out.

At Bethlehem Mickle's wagon broke down and the state house bell was transferred to the wagon of Jacob Lester, upon which it was hauled the remaining four miles. In the records of the Moravian church at Bethlehem is the following entry: "The bells from Philadelphia brought in wagons, the wagon of the state house bell broke down here, so it had to be unloaded, the other bells went on."

Buried Under Church Floor.
The state house bell and the chimes of Christ church were buried beneath the floor of Zion Reformed church, Allentown. This church was built in 1762 of logs, rebuilt in stone in 1770, and again rebuilt later. The Rev. Abraham Blummer was pastor of the church at the time and assisted in the work of burying the bells. A tablet commemorating the event has been placed upon the church front and also a stained glass window with like purpose in the church.

After the evacuation of Philadelphia by the British, the bells were brought back and put in their respective places in the latter part of the year 1778.

Country Honored Lafayette.
It is said that "Republicans are ungrateful." That was not the case concerning Lafayette. Congress voted him the sum of \$200,000 and a township of land; and, with the progressive development of the United States, the grateful American people named after him many cities, towns and counties, and erected monuments and statues to his memory enough for any measure of ambition.



The flag at Lexington

By the rude bridge that spans the flood,
Their flag to April's airs unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood
And fired the shot heard 'round the world.

The farmers of Lexington carried the cornet or standard of the Three County Troop. This banner was devised in the counties of Essex, Suffolk and Middlesex, Massachusetts, in 1659. The office of color bearer of this troop was a sort of inheritance in the Page family. The standard was carried in King Philip's war in 1676. When the Minute Men were organized Nathaniel Page III of Bedford took the old flag for use at drill. At the midnight alarm Captain Page snatched up the standard and carried it with him to Concord, where it "waved above the smoke of that battle."

The flag is now preserved under glass in a fireproof safe of the public library at Bedford, Mass., and can be seen by arrangement with the librarian, according to Peleg D. Harrison, in whose volume, "The Stars and Stripes and Other American Flags," the history of the banner is related.

The ground is maroon or crimson; colored satin damask emblazoned with an outstretched arm, in the hand of which is an uplifted sword. This representation is the color of silver, as are three circular figures that are probably intended to represent cannon balls. Upon a gold colored scroll are the words "Vince aut Morituro" (Conquer or Die). The flag is about two feet by one foot six inches. The original fringe appears to have been taken by a Bedford girl to trim a dress for a military ball. That was, of course, before the standard was borne by the embattled farmers.

The TURMOIL

NOVEL
BOOTH TARKINGTON
AUTHOR OF
"MONSIEUR BEAUCAIRE"
"THE CONQUEST OF CANAAN"
"PENROD" ETC.
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SYNOPSIS.

Sheridan's attempt to make a business man of his son Bibbs by starting him in the machine shop ends in Bibbs going to a sanitarium, a nervous wreck. On his return Bibbs is met at the station by his sister Edith. He finds himself an inconceivable and unconsidered figure in the "New House" of the Sheridans. He sees Mary Vertrees looking at him from a summer house next door. The Vertreeses, old town family and impoverished, call on the Sheridans, newly-rich, and afterward discuss them. Mary puts into words her parents' unspoken wish that she marry one of the Sheridan boys. At the Sheridan housewarming banquet Sheridan spreads himself. Mary frankly encourages Jim Sheridan's attentions, and Bibbs hears he is to be sent back to the machine shop.

Lacking sympathy and understanding of a fine nature, isn't it possible that a slave-driving father could practically force his frail, dreaming son to suicide by making him do work which he is fitted to do neither mentally nor physically? Would the father likely feel guilty of murder in such circumstances?

CHAPTER VII—Continued.

"Bibbs!" Edith's voice was angry, and her color deepened suddenly as she came into the room, preceded by a scent of violets much more powerful than that warranted by the actual bunch of them upon the lapel of her coat.

Bibbs did not turn his head, but wagged it solemnly, seeming depressed by the poem. "Pretty young, isn't it?" he said. "There must have been something about your looks that got the prize, Edith; I can't believe the poem did it."

She glanced hurriedly over her shoulder and spoke sharply, but in a low voice: "I don't think it's very nice of you to bring it up at all, Bibbs. I didn't want them to frame it, and I wish to goodness papa'd quit talking about it; but here, that night, after the dinner, didn't he go and read it aloud to the whole crowd of 'em! I thought I'd die of shame!"

Bibbs looked grieved. "The poem isn't that bad, Edith! You see, you were only seventeen when you wrote it."

"Oh, hush up!" she snapped. "I wish it had burnt my fingers the first time I touched it. Then I might have had sense enough to leave it where it was. I had no business to take it, and I've been ashamed—"

"No, no," he said, comfortingly. "It was the very most flattering thing ever happened to me. It was almost my last flight before I went to the machine shop, and it's pleasant to think somebody liked it enough to—"

"But I don't like it!" she exclaimed. "I don't even understand it—and papa made so much fuss over its getting the prize, I just hate it! The truth is I never dreamed it'd get the prize."

"You have to live it down, Edith. Perhaps abroad and under another name you might find—"

"Oh, hush up! I'll hire someone to steal it and burn it the first chance I get." She turned away petulantly, moving to the door. "I'd like to think I could hope to hear the last of it before I die!"

"Edith!" he called, as she went into the hall.

"What's the matter?"

"I want to ask you: Do I really look better, or have you just got used to me?"

"What on earth do you mean?" she said, coming back as far as the threshold.

"When I first came you couldn't look at me," Bibbs explained, in his imperious way. "But I've noticed you look at me lately. I wondered if I'd—"

"It's because you look so much better," she told him, merrily. "This month you've been here's done you no end of good. Anybody could look at you now, Bibbs, and not—not get—"

"Sick?"

"Well—almost that!" she laughed. "And you're getting a better color every day, Bibbs; you really are. You're really getting along splendidly."

"I—I'm afraid so," he said, ruefully.

"Afraid so! Well, if you aren't the queerest! I suppose you mean father might send you back to the machine shop if you get well enough. I heard him say something about it the night of the—"

"The jingle of a distant bell interrupted her, and she glanced at her watch. "Bobby Lamhorn! I'm going to motor him out to look at a place in the country. Afternoon, Bibbs!"

When she had gone, Bibbs moaned pessimistically from shelf to shelf, his eye wandering among the titles of the books. The library consisted almost entirely of handsome uniform editions. They made an effective decoration for the room, all these big, expensive books, with a glossy binding here and there twinkling a reflection of the flames that crackled in the splendid fireplace.

There came a chime of bells from a clock in another part of the house, and white-jacket appeared beamingly in the doorway, bearing furs. "Awready, Mist' Bibbs," he announced. "You ma say wrap up wawm f' you ride, an' she cain' go with you today, an' no f'gt go see you' pa at fo' clock. Aw ready, suh."

He equipped Bibbs for the daily drive Doctor Gurney had commanded; and in the manner of master of ceremonies unctuously led the way. In the hall they passed the Moor, and Bibbs paused before it while white-jacket opened the door with a flourish and waved condescendingly to the chauffeur in the car which stood waiting in the driveway.

"It seems to me I asked you what you thought about this 'statue' when I first came home, George," said Bibbs, thoughtfully. "What did you tell me?"

"Yessuh!" George chuckled, perfectly understanding that for some unknown reason Bibbs enjoyed hearing him repeat his opinion of the Moor.

"You ast me when you fir' come home, an' you ast me nex' day, an' mighty near ev'ry day all time you been here; an' las' Sunday you ast me twicet." He shook his head solemnly. "Look to me mus' be some'm mighty lamidal' 'bout 'at statue!"

"Mighty what?"

"Mighty lamidal!" George burst out laughing. "What de 'at word mean, Mist' Bibbs?"

"It's exactly the word for the statue," said Bibbs, with conviction, as he climbed into the car. "It's a lamidal statue."

"Hi!" George exclaimed. "Man! Man! Listen! Well, suh, she mighty lamidal statue, but lamidal statue heap o' trouble to dus'!"

"I expect she is!" said Bibbs, as the engine began to churn; and a moment later he was swept from sight.

George turned to Mist' Jackson, who had been listening benevolently in the hallway. "Same he aw-ways say, Mist' Jackson—I expect she is! Ev'ry day he try t' git me talk 'bout 'at lamidal statue, an' aw-ways, las' thing he say, 'I expect she is!' You know, Mist' Jackson, if he git well, 'at young man go' be pride o' the family, Mist' Jackson. Yes, suh, right now I pick 'im fo' fir' money!"

"Look out with all 'at money, George!" Jackson warned the enthusiast. "White folks 'n 'is house know 'im heap longer 'n you. You the only man bettin' on 'im!"

"I risk it!" cried George, merrily. "I put her all on now—ev'ry cent! 'At boy's go' be flower o' the flock!"

This singular prophecy, founded somewhat recklessly upon gratitude for the meaning of "lamidal," differed radically from another prediction concerning Bibbs, set forth for the benefit of a fair auditor some twenty minutes later. Jim Sheridan, skirting the edges of the town with Mary Vertrees beside him, in his own swift machine, encountered the invalid upon the highroad.

The two cars were going in opposite directions, and the occupants of Jim's had only a swaying glimpse of Bibbs sitting alone on the back seat—his white face startlingly white against cap and collar of black fur—but he flashed into recognition as Mary bowed to him.

Jim waved his left hand carelessly. "It's Bibbs, taking his constitutional," he explained.

"Yes, I know," said Mary. "I bowed to him, too, though I've never met him. In fact, I've only seen him once—no, twice. I hope he won't think I'm very bold, bowing to him."

"I doubt if he noticed it," said honest Jim.

"Oh, oh!" she cried.

"What's the trouble?"

"I'm almost sure people notice it when I bow to them."

"Oh, I see," said Jim. "Of course they would ordinarily, but Bibbs is funny."

"Is he? How?" she asked. "He strikes me as anything but funny."

"Well, I'm his brother," Jim said, deprecatingly, "but I don't know what he's like, and, to tell the truth, I've never felt exactly like I was his brother, the way I do Roscoe. Nobody could ever get him to do anything; you can't get him to do anything now. He never had any life in him; and honestly, if he is my brother, I must say I believe Bibbs Sheridan is the laziest man God ever made! I hate to say it, but Bibbs Sheridan'll never amount to anything as long as he lives."

Mary looked thoughtful. "Is there any particular reason why he should?" she asked.

"Good gracious!" he exclaimed. "You don't mean that, do you? Don't you believe in a man's knowing how to earn his salt, no matter how much money his father's got? Hasn't the business of this world got to be carried on by everybody in it? Are we going to lay back on what we've got and see other fellows get ahead of us? If we've got big things already, isn't it every-

man's business to go ahead and make 'em bigger? Isn't it his duty? Don't we always want to get bigger and bigger?"

"Yes—yes—I don't know. But I feel rather sorry for your brother. He looked so lonely—and sick."

"He's gettin' better every day," Jim said. "Doctor Gurney says so. There's nothing much the matter with him, really—it's nine-tenths imaginary. 'Nerves!' People that are willing to be busy don't have nervous diseases, because they don't have time to imagine 'em."

"You mean his trouble is really mental?"

"Oh, he's not a lunatic," said Jim. "He's just queer. Sometimes he'll say something right bright, but half the time what he says is 'way off the subject, or else there isn't any sense to it at all. For instance, the other day I heard him talkin' to one of the darkies in the hall. The darky asked him what time he wanted the car for his drive, and anybody else in the world would have just said what time they did want it, and that would have been all there was to it; but here's what Bibbs says, and I heard him with my own ears. 'What time do I want the car?' he says. 'Well, now, that depends—'

that depends,' he says. He talks slow like that, you know. 'I'll tell you what time I want the car, George,' he says, 'if you'll tell me what you think of this statue!' That's exactly his words! Asked the darky what he thought of that Arab Edith and mother bought for the hall!"

Mary pondered upon this. "He might have been in fun, perhaps," she suggested.

"Askin' a darky what he thought of a piece of statuary—a work of art! Where on earth would be the fun of

that?" No, you're just kind-hearted—and that's the way you ought to be, of course—"

"Thank you, Mr. Sheridan!" she laughed.

"See here!" he cried. "Isn't there any way for us to get over this Mister and Miss thing? A month's got thirty-one days in it; I've managed to be with you a part of pretty near all the thirty-one, and I think you know how I feel by this time—"

She looked panic-stricken immediately. "Oh no," she protested, quickly. "No, I don't, and—"

"Yes, you do," he said, and his voice shook a little. "You couldn't help knowing."

"But I do!" she denied, hurriedly. "I do help knowing. I mean—Oh, wait!"

"What for? You do know how I feel, and you—well, you've certainly wanted me to feel that way—or else pretended—"

"Now, now!" she lamented. "You're spoiling such a cheerful afternoon!"

"Spilling it!" He slowed down the car and turned his face to her squarely. "See here, Miss Vertrees, haven't you—"

"Stop! Stop the car a minute." And when he had complied she faced him as squarely as he evidently desired her to face him. "Listen. I don't want you to go on, today."

"Why not?" he asked, sharply.

"I don't know."

"You mean it's just a whim?"

"I don't know," she repeated. Her voice was low and troubled and honest, and she kept her clear eyes upon his.

"Will you tell me something?"

"Almost anything."

"Have you ever told any man you loved him?"

And at that, though she laughed, she looked a little contemptuous. "No," she said. "And I don't think I ever shall tell any man that—or ever know what it means. I'm in earnest, Mr. Sheridan."

"Then you—you've just been flirting with me!" Poor Jim looked both furious and crestfallen.

"Not one bit!" she cried. "Not one word! Not one syllable! I've meant every single thing!"

"I don't—"

"Of course you don't!" she said. "Now, Mr. Sheridan, I want you to start the car. Now! Thank you. Slowly, till I finish what I want to say. I have not flirted with you. I have deliberately courted you. One thing more, and then I want you to take me straight home, talking about the weather all the way. I said that I do not believe I shall ever 'care' for any

man, and that is true. I doubt the existence of the kind of 'caring' we hear about in poems and plays and novels. I think it must be just a kind of emotional talk—most of it. At all events, I don't feel it. Now, we can go faster, please."

"Just where does that let me out?" he demanded. "How does that excuse you for—"

"It isn't an excuse," she said, gently, and gave him one final look, wholly desolate. "I haven't said I should never marry."

"What?" Jim gasped.

She inclined her head in a broken sort of acquiescence, very humble, unforthably sorrowful.

"I promise nothing," she said, faintly.

"You needn't!" shouted Jim, radiant and exultant. "You needn't! By George! I know you're square; that's enough for me! You wait and promise whenever you're ready!"

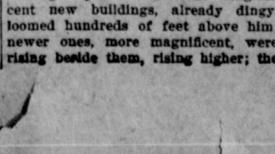
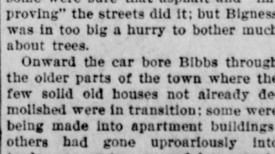
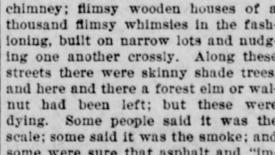
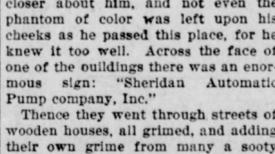
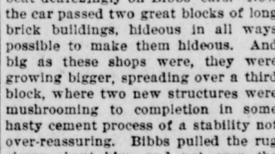
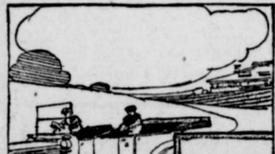
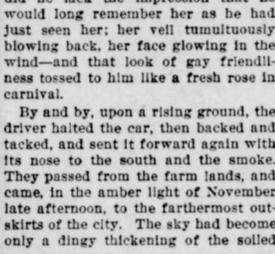
"Don't forget what I asked," she begged him.

"Talk about the weather? I will! God bless the old weather!" cried the happy Jim.

CHAPTER VIII.

Through the open country Bibbs was borne flying between brown fields and sun-decked groves of gray trees, to breathe the rushing, clean air beneath a glorious sky. Upon Bibbs' cheeks there was a hint of actual color, but undeniably its phantom. This apparition may have been partly the result of a lady's bowing to him upon no more formal introduction than the circumstance of his having caught her looking into his window a month before. It seemed to Bibbs that she must have meant to convey her forgiveness. Nor did he lack the impression that he would long remember her as he had just seen her; her vell tumultuously blowing back, her face glowing in the wind—and that look of gay friendliness tossed to him like a fresh rose in carnival.

By and by, upon a rising ground, the driver halted the car, then backed and tacked, and sent it forward again with its nose to the south and the smoke. They passed from the farm lands, and came, in the amber light of November late afternoon, to the farthest outskirts of the city. The sky had become only a dingy thickening of the soiled



streets were laid open to their entrails and men worked underground between palliades, and overhead in metal cobwebs like spiders in the sky. Trolley cars clanged and shrieked their way round swarming corners; motor cars of every kind and shape known to man babbled frightful warnings and frantic demands; hospital ambulances clamored wildly for passage; steam whistles signaled the swinging of titanic tangle and claw; riveters rattled like machine guns; the ground shook to the thunder of gigantic trucks; and the conglomerate sound of it all was the sound of earthquake playing accompaniments for battle and sudden death.

And in the hurrying crowds, swirling and sifting through the brooding camp of iron and steel, one saw the camp followers and the pagan women—there would be work today and dancing tonight. For the Puritan's dry voice is but the crackling of a leaf underfoot in the rush and roar of the coming of the new Egypt.

Bibbs was on time. He knew it must be "to the minute" or his father would consider it an outrage; and the big chronometer in Sheridan's office marked four precisely when Bibbs walked in. Coincidentally with his entrance five people who had been at work in the office, under Sheridan's direction, walked out. They departed upon no visible or audible suggestion, and with a promptness that seemed ominous to the newcomer. As the massive door clicked softly behind the elderly stenographer, the last of the procession, Bibbs had a feeling that they all understood that he was a failure as a great man's son, a disappointment, the "queer one" of the family, and that he had been summoned to judgment—a well-founded impression, for that was exactly what they understood.

"Sit down," said Sheridan.

It is frequently an advantage for deans, schoolmasters and worried fathers to place delinquents in the sitting posture. Bibbs sat.

Sheridan, standing, gazed enigmatically upon his son for a period of silence, then walked slowly to a window and stood looking out of it, his big hands, loosely hooked together by the thumbs, behind his back. They were soiled, as were all other hands down town, except such as might be still damp from a basin.

"Well, Bibbs," he said at last, not altering his attitude, "do you know what I'm goin' to do with you?"

Bibbs, leaning back in his chair, fixed his eyes contemplatively upon the ceiling. "I heard you tell Jim," he began, in his slow way. "You said you'd send him to the machine shop with me if he didn't propose to Miss Vertrees. So I suppose that must be your plan for me. But—"

"But what?" said Sheridan, irritably, as the son paused.

"Isn't there somebody you'd let me propose to?"

That brought his father sharply round to face him. "You beat the devil! Bibbs, what is the matter with you? Why can't you be like anybody else?"

"Liver, maybe," said Bibbs, gently.

"Boh! Even ole Doc Gurney says there's nothin' wrong with you organically. No. You're a dreamer, Bibbs;

that's what's the matter, and that's all the matter. Oh, not one of these big dreamers that put through the bag deals! No, sir! You're the kind of dreamer that just sets out on the back fence and thinks about how much trouble there must be in the world! That ain't the kind that builds the bridges, Bibbs; it's the kind that borrows fifteen cents from his wife's uncle's brother-in-law to get ten cent's worth of plug tobacco and a nickel's worth of quinine!"

He put the finishing touch to this etching with a snort, and turned again to the window.

"Look out there!" he bade his son. "Look out o' that window! Look at the life and energy down there! Look at the big things young men are doin' in this town!" He swung about, coming to the mahogany desk in the middle of the room. "Look at what your own brothers are doin'! Look at Roscoe! Yes, and look at Jim! I made Jim president of the Sheridan Realty company last new year, and it's an example to any young man—or ole man, either—the way he took hold of it. Last July we found out we wanted two more big warehouses at the pump-

works—wanted 'em quick. Contractors said it couldn't be done; said nine or ten months at the soonest; couldn't see it any other way. What'd Jim do? Took the contract himself; found a fellow with a new cement and concrete process; kept men on the job night and day, and stayed on it night and day himself—and, by George! we begin to use them warehouses next week! Four months and a half, and every inch fire-proof! I tell you Jim's one of these fellows that make miracles happen! I tell you these young business men I watch just do my heart good! They don't set around on the back fence—no, sir! They're puttin' their life-blood into it, I tell you, and that's why we're gettin' bigger every minute, and why they're gettin' bigger, and why it's all goin' to keep on gettin' bigger!"

He slapped the desk resoundingly with his open palm, and then, observing that Bibbs remained in the same impassive attitude, with his eyes still fixed upon the ceiling in a contemplation somewhat plaintive, Sheridan was impelled to groan. "Oh, Lord!" he said. "This is the way you always were. I don't believe you understand a darn word I been sayin'! You don't look as if you did. By George! it's discouraging!"

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"What would you do? Loaf?"

"No, sir," Bibbs' voice was almost inaudible, and what little sound it made was unquestionably a guilty sound. "I suppose I'd—I'd try to—to write."

"Write what?"

"Nothing important—just poems and essays, perhaps."

"I see," said his father, breathing quickly with the restraint he was putting upon himself. "That is, you want to write, but you don't want to write anything of any account."

"You think—"

Sheridan got up again. "I take my hat off to the man that can write a good ad," he said, emphatically. "The best writin' talent in this country is right spang in the ad business today. You buy a magazine for good writin'—look on the back of it! Let me tell you I pay money for that kind o' writin'. Maybe you think it's easy. Just try it! I've tried it, and I can't do it. I tell you an ad's got to be written so it makes people do the hardest thing in this world to get 'em to do it: it's got to make 'em give up their money! You talk about 'poems and essays.' I tell you when it comes to the actual skill o' puttin' words together so as to make things happen, R. T. Bloss, right here in this city, knows more in a minute than George Waide Emerson ever knew in his whole life!"

"You—you may be—" Bibbs said, indistinctly, the last word smothered in a cough.

"Of course I'm right! And if it ain't just like you to want to take up with the most out-of-date kind o' writin' there is! 'Poems and essays!' My Lord, Bibbs, that's women's work! Why, look at Edith! I expect that poem o' hers would set a pretty high-water mark for you, young man, and it's the only one she's ever managed to write in her whole life! And Edith's a smart girl; she's got more energy in her little finger than you ever give me a chance to see in your whole body, Bibbs. I'm not sayin' a word against poetry. I wouldn't take ten thousand dollars right now for that poem of Edith's; and poetry's all right enough in its place—but you leave it to the girls. A man's got to do a man's work in this world."

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Estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on or before the July Term, 1916, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the Court House of said County, in the City of Miami, on the 3rd day in July, A. D. 1916, when said Account and Applications will be acted upon by said Court.

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- For Representative 124th district.
 C. W. Turman

Statistics estimate that the cost of a second years war in Europe will be \$33,000,000,000. We'd like to have that wad.

Both Hughes and Wilson had ministers before them for fathers, which ought to be some recommendation for the next president anyway.

President Wilson is a newlywed, and Mr. Hughes wife selects his neckties for him, now between the two the suffragets ought to take heart and back up.

\$1,800,000 was spent in the United States in 1915 for gas and oil used in motoring. This is certainly an enormous amount, and few people realize that this much money is involved in one small industry. Probably most of it was used in pleasure riding.

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 When a house floor is covered with filth all decent and self-respecting people get a broom and commence to sweep.

Mexico is the house floor today and the United States is the man with the broom. It is time to sweep.

For five years anarchy has been prevailing in that country, and for five years each day has seen the prevailing conditions just a little worse than the day before. It has been a retrograde movement since the day President Diaz fled.

Today we are witnessing the assembling of a new army of nearly a hundred thousand men, called to the colors because the president deems it wise to sweep the dirty Mexican floor.

That movement of the troops to the Mexican border may be but the prelude to a general war with Mexico. If such it is to be, then the American army should not be withdrawn until every vestige of filth has been swept from the republic to our south and a land once fair shall have been made over into a place of habitation for rational human beings.

It is not a pleasant task to undertake, but it seems to be a burden placed upon the shoulders of the American people. It will be accomplished with-fuss or feathers or bluster or blow--accomplished as the people perform their routine duties of life, for such is the American spirit.

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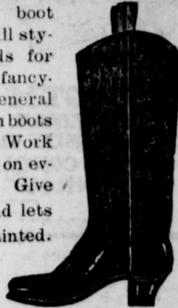
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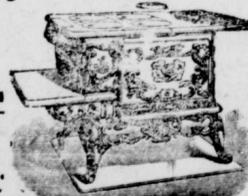
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Thanking you and with best wishes

Cap Rock Theater

Clarice Wren was up from Canadian Sunday visiting with friends and relatives.

The Children's Day exercises at the Presbyterian church Sunday night were well attended and everyone reports them good.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lyons are the proud possessors of a new girl who made her arrival Thursday of last week.

Frank Parsley and Leo Paris are driving a couple of new Oaklands around this week.

W. S. Roberts, one of Amarillo's popular real estate men, was in Miami Tuesday transacting business.

Town seems rather dull this week as most all the boys are out harvesting.

Jim Little of Shamrock was over this week, and also visited in Canadian.

Miss Connie Plemons spent Sunday in Canadian with her mother.

G. I. Lane was up from Canadian Sunday.

Several Miami people attended the picnic at Wheeler Tuesday and report a big time.

Clyde Mead has accepted a position with the Miami Merc. Co. and will be found there dishing out the prunes.

Robert Dial had a horse to fall with him Tuesday, knocking him unconscious for several hours.

Mrs. Oscar Ryan of Waxahachie is here this week visiting, at the Dan Kivlehen home. Mrs. Ryan states that Oscar is cashier on a road at that place.

Walter Cook and family came in Tuesday from an extended visit in Oklahoma and Texas near Ft. Worth. Mrs. Cooks father and mother returned home with them. They report a splendid time with exceptions of a few bad roads. Mr. Cook contracted a little malaria while visiting and has been confined to his room since reaching home, he is up some today.

We failed to mention in last weeks Chief that Mrs. B. Z. Williams returned to Houston with her brother and will spend a few weeks in that part of the state.

Little Pitchman and Gracie Counts who have been attending school in the south, came in last week to spend the vacation with their father, G. M. Counts.



The Nicest Girls in Town
are regular visitors to our soda fountain. All day and any day you can see them here sipping what we call soda, but they call "Just lovely." The young man who strays in here for a glass of our soda, thinks he has struck heaven and when he tastes the soda he is sure of it.

Central Drug Store

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S. S. 10 a.m. every Sunday
Preaching 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. We extend a hearty welcome to all to come and worship with us. H. P. Wilksford, pastor

A small cyclone scared the people of the Laketon country up considerably last week. No one received much damage but N. A. Gray whose barn and house were struck, tearing a hole in the roof of each, blowing away the chicken house and carrying away his header.

Judge and Mrs. T. M. Cunningham returned last week from Rochester, Minn., where Mrs. Cunningham underwent a successful operation. She is feeling much better now and will likely be restored to good health as soon as she recovers from the operation.

Mrs. E. S. Eades and daughter of Bayfield, Colorado came in last week and are visiting the O. C. Elliott and J. R. Webster homes.

Mrs. Ollie Fowler and children of Waco are here to spend the summer with her brother G. M. Counts

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Honk! Honk. The fatalities due to automobile accidents are distressing enough, but one encouraging fact in connection with them, as stated in a government report, is that during the last five years the number of fatal accidents has not increased nearly as fast as the number of cars. The cars have increased 775 per cent, while fatalities have increased only 258 per cent. This seems to indicate more careful driving at present.

IF YOU OR ANY FRIEND Suffer from Rheumatism or Neuritis, acute or chronic, write for my FREE BOOK on Rheumatism—Its Cause and Cure. Most wonderful book ever written. It's absolutely FREE. Jesse A. Case, Dept. C. W., Brockton, Mass.—Adv.

Rare Treat. Tommy wanted to go to the movies but his mother objected. "Aw, you never let me go no place," he whimpered. "Why, Tommy," exclaimed his mother, "what shocking bad grammar you use! Can't you speak more correctly?" "Sure I can," said the boy, "if you'll only give me a chance. You ought to hear me say: 'Yes, mother, you let me go wherever I want to.'"

Wash day is smile day if you use Red Cross Ball Blue, American made, therefore the best made. Adv.

Nothing Left. "You don't hear much lately about those terribly destructive tornadoes that used to be so prevalent throughout the Middle West." "No, you don't. It must be that the politicians out there are using all the available supply of wind."

THIS IS THE AGE OF YOUTH. You will look ten years younger if you darken your ugly, grizzly, gray hairs by using "La Creole" Hair Dressing.—Adv.

Lamb on May. What he considered the servile laudation of the month of May drove Charles Lamb to protest. "I do not mind the utmost rigors of real winter," he wrote to Bernard Barton, "but these smugly hypocriticals of May wither me to death. What lies you poets tell about May! It is the most ungenial part of the year."—London Chronicle.

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Although there are hundreds of preparations advertised, there is only one that really stands out pre-eminent as a remedy for diseases of the kidneys, liver and bladder. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is not recommended for everything. A sworn certificate of purity is with every bottle. You may receive a sample size bottle of Swamp-Root by Parcel Post. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Birmingham, N. Y., and enclose ten cents. For sale at all drug stores in bottles of two sizes—50c and \$1.00, also mention this paper.—Adv.

His Idea. Bill—I see students in Paris have formed an Anti-Collar League, declaring that collars are unhealthy and inartistic. The members pledge themselves not to wear any kind of neckwear.

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Tact. "What do you think of my comrades whom I introduced to you?" said the naval officer to the pretty girl at the naval ball.

"I think," she answered, glancing at the comrades mentioned standing around her, "that you have got me in a nice mess."—Baltimore American.

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Usually the early bird catches the worm for the benefit of the little ones who are in bed.

Selfish people are not selfish enough to keep their troubles to themselves.

STRENGTH OF THE NATIONAL GUARD

Table showing strength of the National Guard by state and territory, including columns for States and Territories, Total commissioned, and other statistics.

HOW THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICAN ARMIES LINE UP ALONG BORDER.

Table comparing the line-up of United States and Mexican armies along the border, listing locations like Douglas, El Paso, and San Antonio with corresponding troop counts.

Condition of the National Guard in the Various States.

According to the latest war department records, the condition of the National Guard is as follows: Alabama—Medical department, good; field artillery, poor; infantry, fair and good. Arizona—Medical department, good; infantry, fair and good. Arkansas—First Infantry Companies B, D, F and K, poor; others good or very good. Second Infantry Companies C and K, poor; others good or fair. California—Medical department, good; cavalry, fair; field artillery, very good; coast artillery, good and fair; infantry, fair or poor by company. Colorado—Medical department, good; corps of engineers, fair; cavalry, good; field artillery, poor; infantry, good and poor by companies. Connecticut—Medical department, very good; cavalry, good and excellent; field artillery, very good by companies; infantry, excellent and very good. District of Columbia—Medical department, excellent; signal corps, fair; infantry, fair, good and excellent by companies. Florida—Infantry, very good and good. Georgia—Medical department, fair; infantry, fair and poor by companies; cavalry, good; field artillery, very good; coast artillery, good and poor by companies. Hawaii—Medical department, very good; infantry, good and fair by companies. Idaho—Infantry very good and good. Illinois—Medical department, very good; engineer corps, fair; cavalry, excellent and very good; field artillery, very good and good; infantry, very good and fair by companies; Seventh and Eighth Infantry, Chicago, excellent and very good. Indiana—Medical department, fair; field artillery, fair; infantry, good and very good by companies. Iowa—Medical department, fair; field artillery, good; infantry, fair and very good by companies. Kansas—Medical department, very good; field artillery, fair; infantry, very good and good by companies. Kentucky—Medical department, fair; infantry, fair and good to excellent by companies. Louisiana—Medical department, very good; cavalry, good; field artillery, fair; infantry, good, fair and poor by companies. Maine—Medical department, fair; coast artillery corps, fair and good; infantry, good. Maryland—Medical department, very good; infantry, very good and fair by companies. Massachusetts—Medical department, excellent; cavalry, very good; field ar-

good; infantry, excellent, good and fair by companies. New Hampshire—Medical department, fair; cavalry, fair; field artillery, good; coast artillery, poor; infantry, excellent and, very good. New Jersey—Medical department, very good; cavalry, good; artillery, very good; infantry, fair to good. New Mexico—Medical department, good; artillery, excellent; infantry, very good and good.

THE CALL TO ARMS

The militia of all the states were called to the colors in the following statement addressed to the governors of the various states by Secretary of War Baker: "Having in view the possibility of further aggression upon the territory of the United States and the necessity for the proper protection of that frontier, the president has thought proper to exercise the authority vested in him by the Constitution and the laws and call out the organized militia and the National Guard necessary for that purpose. "I am in consequence, instructed by the president to call into the service of the United States through you, the following units of the organized militia and the National Guard of the state of . . . which the president directs shall be assembled at the state mobilization point . . . (or at the place to be designated to you by the commanding general, eastern depart-



Brig. Gen. A. L. Mills.

ment), for muster into the service of the United States. "Organizations to be accepted into the federal service should have the minimum peace strength now prescribed for organized militia. The maximum strength at which organizations will be accepted and to which they should be raised as soon as possible is prescribed in section No. 3, "Tables of Organization," United States Army. "In case any regiment, battalion or squadron, now recognized as such, contains an insufficient number of organizations to enable it to conform at muster to regular army organization tables, the organizations necessary to complete such units may be moved to mobilization camp and there inspected under orders of the department commander to determine fitness for recognition as organized by the war department. "Circular 19, division of militia affairs, 1914, prescribes the organizations desired from each state as part of the local tactical division, and only these organizations will be accepted into service."

EVENTS LEADING TO MEXICAN CRISIS

The following brief chronology constitutes the highlights in the political history of Mexico, starting with the Madero revolution against President Porfirio Diaz, November 13, 1910, culminating in the present crisis, as follows: 1910. NOV. 23—Francisco I. Madero proclaims himself provisional president, and two days later Diaz resigns, sailing with his family for Europe May 31. 1912. OCT. 16—Second revolution started under General Felix Diaz. Two weeks later he is captured by federal troops and uprising apparently crushed. 1913. FEB. 21—Third revolution takes place and Victoriano Huerta proclaimed provisional president. Gustavo Madero executed. FEB. 21—Fourth revolution, this time against Huerta, started by Carranza, governor of Coahuila. OCT. 14—Huerta proclaims himself dictator and abrogates constitution. 1914. APRIL 9—Paymaster and seven sailors arrested in Tampico by Mexican soldiers. Though released a few hours later, Rear Admiral Mayo demanded an apology, punishment of the Mexican officer in charge and a salute of twenty-one guns. This was the beginning of the Tampico incident. APRIL 21—United States marines occupy customhouse at Vera Cruz and take charge of city. JUNE 24—Peace protocol signed by "A B C" mediators at Niagara Falls, Ontario. JULY 15—General Huerta resigns as provisional president. AUG. 14—Carranza, by agreement with General Obregon and General Iturbide, named provisional president, to succeed Francisco Carbajal, who held office one month after Huerta's resignation. NOV. 11—The outbreak of hostilities between Carranza and Villa takes place. 1915. JAN. 5 to MARCH 5—Sporadic fighting between Villa and Carranza forces. MARCH 9—Secretary of State Bryan warns Americans to leave Mexico. Two days later John McManus murdered by Zapatistas in Mexico City. AUG. 8—First big fight between Mexicans and American ranchers takes place in Cameron County, Texas—American soil. SEPT. 17—Six Carranza soldiers killed in fight with American soldiers near Donna, Texas. Oct. 19—United States formally recognizes Carranza de facto government. Will jubilation in Mexico City. NOV. 26—Three American soldiers wounded in fight with marauding Mexican troops near Nogales, Ariz. Forty Mexicans killed. 1916. JAN. 1—Villa atrocities against Americans become daily. JAN. 13—Fifty Americans massacred by Villistas near Chihuahua City. JAN. 15—Fight between American troops and Mexican soldiers near Fort Hancock, fifty-three miles east of El Paso. JAN. 17—Villa orders his troops to shoot all Americans on sight. JAN. 23—Eight Americans hanged by Villa's orders at Carujeta, Mexico. FEB. 18—Official report made to Secretary of State Lansing disclosed that total American murders in Mexico numbered 146 in three years. MARCH 1—Sporadic raids by Villistas across border become almost daily. MARCH 9—Columbus raid by 1,500 Mexican rebels under Villa. Seventeen Americans slain. MARCH 10—American troops under command of Colonel Dodd enter Mexico as vanguard of General Pershing's punitive expedition.

TELLS STORY OF MEXICAN AMBUSH

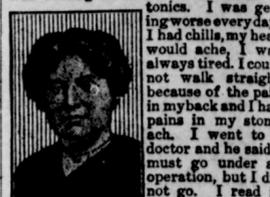
Escaped Trooper Gives Details of Tenth Cavalry Fight.

Carranza Troops Mowed Down Men and Horses With Machine Guns After Leading Them Into a Trap.

El Paso, Tex.—No more graphic story can be found in the record of the United States army than that told by one of the couriers from the ill-fated troops of the Tenth cavalry that was ambushed by Carranza troops. His story of the attack was told to General Pershing and included by that officer in his report to Washington. It was as follows: The following is the story he tells: "We had been marching since early Wednesday morning when we reached the neighborhood of Carrizal. Capt. Charles T. Boyd was riding ahead of the column. Just behind him was Capt. Lewis S. Morey, Lieut. Henry R. Adair was further back with the column. There were 65 men in the troop. Outnumbered 5 to 1. "From our position we could see some Mexican soldiers in the village. Captain Boyd sent forward a messenger under a flag of truce to ask permission to enter the town in search of the bandits that we were hunting. Gen. Felix Gomez sent back word giving permission to enter. "Gomez himself rode out to meet Captain Boyd. Captain Boyd gave the word for the column to advance. We were just starting forward when we noticed Mexican troops pouring out from behind different kinds of shelter—adobe houses and the like—and deploying to the right and left. It was battle formation. From the first glance we saw that they outnumbered us at least five to one. "Captain Boyd noticed their movement. To any soldier that sort of thing can mean only that an attack is about to be made. I saw Captain Boyd motion to the Mexicans and make some remark about it to Gomez. Gomez wheeled his mount around and signaled with his hands. Then he made a dash for his own lines. "At the same time a couple of machine guns, one at each end of the Mexican line, opened up on us. We were caught in our saddles in easy range, and we were good targets. I saw Captain Boyd fall. A moment later Captain Morey was wounded in the shoulder. "Lieutenant Adair gave us the order to dismount. We got out of our saddles in a hurry. Then he told us to throw ourselves on our faces and return the fire. Someone got Gomez just as he was reaching his line. The next minute Lieutenant Adair was hit. Both he and Captain Boyd are dead, I believe. "Horses Going Down. "The machine guns were still going. I could hear the bullets whizzing over us. Because of Lieutenant Adair's order we saved a lot of men. But the horses did not have the same luck. The bullets started to hit them, and they were going down as if their legs were suddenly cut out from under them. "The others, stung by the bullets and kicked by the dying horses, began to rear and plunge. The men in charge tried their best to hold them, but they broke away. Some of the men were killed trying to save their mounts. "When the horses got away we were marooned. We fought back and prevented the Mexicans from advancing in spite of their advantage in numbers and the machine guns. We began to fall back toward the hills as well as we could. "We recovered four horses and then the four of us were sent here to report. We left the rest of the troops in the hills. The retreat was slow because of the wounded. The Mexicans kept firing, but we were kept away by the accurate rifle fire of our men."

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Astoria, N. Y.—"For two years I was feeling ill and took all kinds of tonics. I was getting worse every day. I had chills, my head would ache, I was always tired. I could not walk straight because of the pain in my back and I had pains in my stomach. I went to a doctor and he said I must go under an operation, but I did not go. I read in the paper about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and told my husband about it. I said 'I know nothing will help me but I will try this.' I found myself improving from the very first bottle, and in two weeks time I was able to sit down and eat a hearty breakfast with my husband, which had not done for two years. I am now in the best of health and did not have an operation."—Mrs. JOHN A. KOENIG, 502 Flushing Avenue, Astoria, N. Y. "Every one dreads the surgeon's knife and the operating table. Sometimes nothing else will do; but many times doctors say they are necessary when they are not. Letter after letter comes to the Pinkham Laboratory, telling how operations were advised and were not performed; or, if performed, did no good, but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was used and good health followed. If you want advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass. Disappointed Hopes. "I told that inveterate gossip, Mrs. Gabby, that I saw young Highly taking lunch with a married woman at the fashionable restaurant." "And was he?" "Sure. It was his mother."

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Salvini's Descendants. Salvini, the great Italian tragedian, made it a condition that none of his sons should act in Italy so long as he remained on the stage. So Gustavo was banished to the other countries of the continent and acted in Russia and Austria with some success. Alexander learned the English language and played in this country until he died at an early age. Tomaso is not an actor in Italy and is said to have inherited to a greater degree than any of his brothers the talents of his father. Salvini was married twice; first, Clementine Caszola, an eminent Italian actress, who died, leaving him three small children. Many years later married an Englishwoman named Leticia Sharp, by whom he had two children. His grandchildren have attracted attention in art and other circles in Italy.

Activities of Women. Thirty women are practicing dentistry in Missouri. Miss Mary Robertson is a United States deputy marshal in Topeka, Kan. Fifteen women will attend the Democratic national convention as delegates. For the first time in the history of the Republican conventions, women were employed to assist in gathering data. Mrs. Robert Lansing, wife of the secretary of state, is one of the "bookies" in the woman's camp near Washington.

Blessings of poverty only look to millionaires.

In this Matter of Health

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There is nothing like the weather as a topic of conversation. "That remark," observed Senator Sorghum, "leads me to infer that you have never concerned yourself much about the tariff."—Washington Star.

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By WILLIAM A. RADFORD.

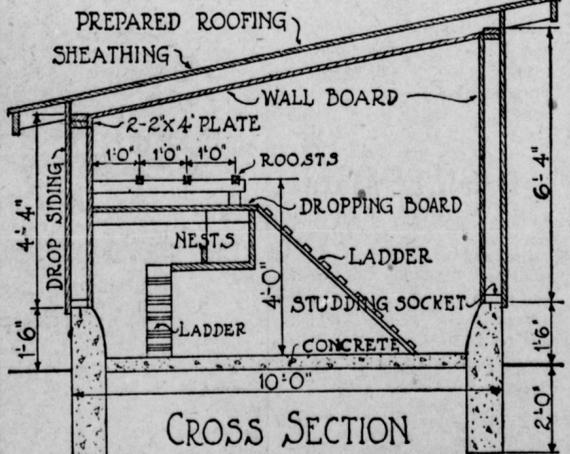
One of the best ways to build a poultry house is with a shed roof. In addition to being fine for the poultry it is also easy to build.



of sight in price, plenty of sunshine will keep the hens on the job, which means that the man who owns them is paying for a well-lighted house easily out of what they make for him.

It is absolutely necessary to have a concrete foundation, as it is very discouraging to rats and mice to attempt to dig through this material.

Burned lime is placed over the ground several inches deep and is packed down hard. Sufficient water is then put on the lime to slake it properly so that it will form a pasty mortar, which is then allowed to dry and harden.



Cross-Section Showing Details of Construction of Shed Roof Poultry House.

lime to aid in the making of egg-shells. A floor like this becomes worn in spots and has to be renewed at times, but it is very easy to place lime in the depressions, that are worn by the hens, and put a little water on it.

Facing the south, and this provides good ventilation without causing any drafts, which are very dangerous to poultry. Very little headroom is needed by chickens, so the back of this house is only made five feet ten inches high, while the front is seven feet ten inches. A small place such as this can be kept warm by the poultry.

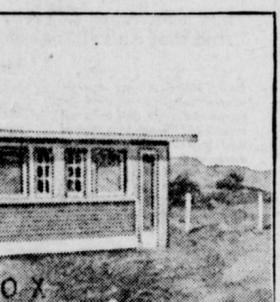
Poultry houses are often neglected in regard to appearances. There is no particular reason for this except that the building is small and people think that it will not make any difference. The necessary paint to make a nice-looking chicken house can be had for very little money and it can be applied easily in a short time.

The walls are generally made of drop siding, and the inner walls can be made in several ways.



One of the best is with wall board. Wall board is a nonconductor of heat and cold and is also airtight and vermin proof. It makes a smooth, tight wall that can be readily painted with whitewash or crude oil and there are no nooks and corners to harbor the vermin that always get into the chicken house more or less.

The roof can be made of a sheathing which is covered with prepared roofing. The inside wall is made of



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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Frost precinct has voted \$150,000 bond issue for good road purposes by a vote of 290 to 142.

The contract for the construction of a \$50,000 school building at Fort Stockton has been awarded.

Contractors have been awarded the contract for the erection of a \$10,000 brick school building at Arden, Irion county.

At an election held in the Dawson good roads district a bond issue of \$100,000 was authorized for road improvement.

The city of Ennis has let the contract to a Fort Worth firm for the building of a sewage disposal plant at a cost of \$15,000.

The Lubbock board of directors of the chamber of commerce has decided to exhibit again this year at the Texas state fair at Dallas.

The contract for Plainview's new high school building has been awarded. The building complete will cost from \$50,000 to \$55,000.

The contract for a two-room addition to the Fred Douglass colored school at Corsicana has been let, the consideration being \$4,329.35.

Improvements aggregating \$12,000 in cost are under way at the Austin country club, and when completed the club house will be as attractive as any in the state.

A Minden, La., lumber and timber dealer has contracted with the Katy railway to furnish 500,000 cross ties. About 50 men are employed to get out the ties.

The Red River Oil company is completing a new gasoline refinery on its lease northeast of Electra. This is the third refinery of its kind in Electra.

Ardmore, Okla., citizens raised \$50,000 in 50 minutes toward building a modern hotel to cost \$150,000. Only \$5,000 more remains to be raised, and that amount will be forthcoming.

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Speedy. "Does that new watch of yours keep good time?" "You bet it does! There isn't a clock in town that can keep up with it."

It's the henpecked man who crows loudest when he gets away from home. "Why do you want to get a divorce?" "Because I'm married."

The Effects of Opiates.

THAT INFANTS are peculiarly susceptible to opium and its various preparations, all of which are narcotic, is well known. Even in the smallest doses, if continued, these opiates cause changes in the functions and growth of the cells which are likely to become permanent, causing imbecility, mental perversion, a craving for alcohol or narcotics in later life. Nervous diseases, such as intractable nervous dyspepsia and lack of staying powers are a result of dosing with opiates or narcotics to keep children quiet in their infancy. The rule among physicians is that children should never receive opiates in the smallest doses for more than a day at a time, and only then if unavoidable.

A woman gets a lot of satisfaction out of her belief that other women envy her. Disappointing Movie. "I've seen it—'tain't no good." "E gets 'ung, don't 'e?" "Yus, but they don't show yer that."

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Four-year-old Marjorie was sent by her father to get the egg from a nest in a fence corner, where a certain hen persisted in laying each day. To her great astonishment she found a soft-shelled egg in the nest, and leaving it she ran back to her father, exclaiming, breathlessly: "O, papa, I didn't bring the egg 'cause it isn't finished yet."—Cleveland Leader.

Methodist Women Gave \$278,000. The amount raised last year by the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, for the work in the foreign field was \$278,792.29. The amount given during the week of prayer for the new work in Japan was \$13,751.71.

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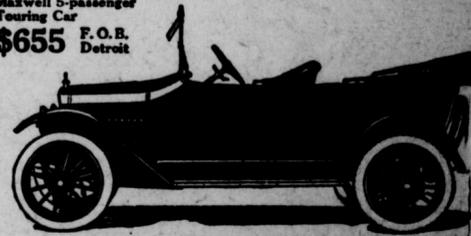
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