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Upswing of Food Prices is Lower

Washington, Aug. 31.—Food is costing more throughout the country this month, but the recent upward price trend has slowed its rate of advance.

Labor department officials studied retail food prices reported by 51 cities and their conclusion was that while the general level rose more than 8 per cent between June 15 and July 15, the increase in August was only two per cent.

Today's prices at the retail grocery were said by the department to be back to the approximate level of February, 1932, and 18 per cent above April's prices, this year's low.

Of the 42 commodities included in the survey, 32 were priced higher this month, eight were lower and two unchanged. The increases reached 46 of the 51 reporting cities.

Raymond Moley Retires From State Department

Hyde Park, N. Y., Aug. 31.—Raymond Moley, intimate of President Roosevelt and recent storm center of the administration, is going to edit a new national weekly to be published by Vincent Astor, another friend and distant relative of the chief executive.

The sudden retirement of the Columbia professor and close advisor of the president was announced Sunday after a talk between the two.

The first break in the official family of the president followed closely by an almost open rupture in the state department between Secretary Hull and Moley, the assistant secretary.

Mr. Roosevelt is very friendly to both Moley and Hull and all those involved say everything is all right. Certainly there is no break in the friendship between the president and Moley who has been the key man of his group of advisors during the last two years.

First Fall Wool Clip Shorn in West Texas

San Angelo, Aug. 31.—First fall wool shorn in West Texas was stored this week with the Sonora Wool and Mohair company by W. A. Miers, who also has on hand his large spring wool clip which he is holding for better prices.

Heavy yields of mohair are reported among ranchmen who are now doing their fall shearing of goats. Mohair shearing is in full swing, having started earlier than the clipping of fall wool.

BRUCE BARTON

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We have quoted some men of conspicuous success, but the same sound principles apply to every walk of life. Great progress will be made in the world when we rid ourselves of the idea that there is a difference between work and religious work. We have been taught that a man's daily business activities are selfish, and that only the time which he devotes to church meetings and social service activities is consecrated.

Next Week: Numbing Grip of Ancient Creeds.

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Lone Star Gas Co. Adds 400 Employees

A half million dollars has been added to the annual buying power of north Texas and southern Oklahoma by the Lone Star Gas system, which has just completed plans for operating under the gas utility code approved by President Roosevelt. Approximately 400 employees, mainly in gas field, compressor station and pipe line operation, have been added to the payroll. The local gas company is a part of the Lone Star system.

Announcement that the company had signed the code and is supporting the president's recovery efforts to the fullest extent was made by L. B. Denning, president, who urged every citizen to cooperate in the movement.

"The Lone Star system did not make reductions in wages nor reduce working forces during the depression period to the extent adopted by many concerns," said Mr. Denning. "The high standard of instantaneous twenty-four hour natural gas service necessary for the comfort and well-being of consumers requires the company at all times to maintain an organization of skilled and experienced men. This demand does not permit reduction in either wages or working force to the extent permitted in other lines of business upon which this obligation is not imposed."

The natural gas industry is entirely in sympathy with the President's N. E. A. program and will cooperate in every reasonable way to make it a success, according to Mr. Denning.

"In our opinion, the success of the National Recovery program depends on the cooperation of every citizen," he said. "People generally must begin to purchase the things denied themselves through fear of lack of funds. It is hoped the present movement will again establish complete confidence and continue the upward trend so that even more men may obtain employment."

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for every word of sympathy and deed of kindness in assisting us during our recent sad bereavement, the loss of our husband and father, and we want to also thank each one for the beautiful flowers.

Mrs. L. A. Watts and Children.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Marion Davies Gives Fine Performance as "Peg O' My Heart"

Marion Davies gives the finest performance of her entire career in the delightful "Peg O' My Heart," which comes to the Queen theatre Monday and Tuesday. Never before, it is reported, has the vivacious star clothed a character with such sincerity and sympathy.

The talking picture version of the play that has been acclaimed in the theatre for more than twenty years, has a freshness and sparkle all its own. There is not a lagging moment or a flaw in the simple clarity of its sweet romance. It is just the kind of picture people want to see these hectic and troubled days.

Miss Davies' Peg is individual and not patterned from the Peg created by Laurette Taylor. Yet her interpretation of the role is none the less genuine and familiar in character. All the hoyden charm of the little Irish lass is intact.

The film marks the debut as a leading man of Onslow Stevens, who gives promise of filling a new berth in the popularity of feminine fans. Stevens has a distinct personality of his own that registers strong in a quiet and repressed manner of performance.

Others in the splendid cast of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer feature are J. Farrell MacDonald, Juliette Compton, Irene Browne, Tyrrell Davis, Alan Mowbray, Doris Lloyd, Robert Grieg, Nora Cecil and Geoffrey Gill.

Michael, the dog in the film, captures honors all his own. He is well worth watching for.

Ed Lancaster Opens Philco Radio Shop

Ed V. Lancaster has opened the Philco Radio shop on Kent street in the building next door to Wood grocery and will carry a complete line of Philco radios and rent sets. For the past two years, Ed has operated a radio shop in the residence district on Oak street and with the fall season has moved to a location in the business section.

Associated with him as a partner is T. C. White, formerly with the Hall Music company, Abilene and with Bob Abey, of Fort Worth, who has had 13 years experience in the business. He has just moved here with his family from Stamford.

Elliott Roosevelt Gets Newspaper Job

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 31.—Elliott Roosevelt, son of President Roosevelt, Saturday joined the staff of a Los Angeles newspaper as its aviation reporter.

The president's son was general manager of the Gilpin Air Line here for several months but resigned after he had gone to Nevada to establish residence for a divorce from his first wife. He has had many hours in the air as passenger, as observer on technical flights and at the controls.

His articles will be written for the Los Angeles Examiner.

Revival to Come to Close Sunday Night

The young people's revival, sponsored by the Methodist church, has resulted to date in 27 conversions and reclamations, a number of whom have joined the church, and each service is marked by sincere enthusiasm and a devout religious fervor.

Rev. Roy N. Johnson, the young evangelist, will speak Friday morning especially to the older people and shut-ins. Friday evening his theme will be "Wages, or what I learned in a state prison." Saturday evening he will preach on the subject, "The Call of the Other World."

The revival comes to a close with the Sunday night service.

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Labor, capital, business—every citizen in the land has ample cause for joy in the confident, cheerful expectation of the months to come when more and more men will haul on those old overalls with a pleased expression and those magic words on their lips: **BACK TO WORK!**

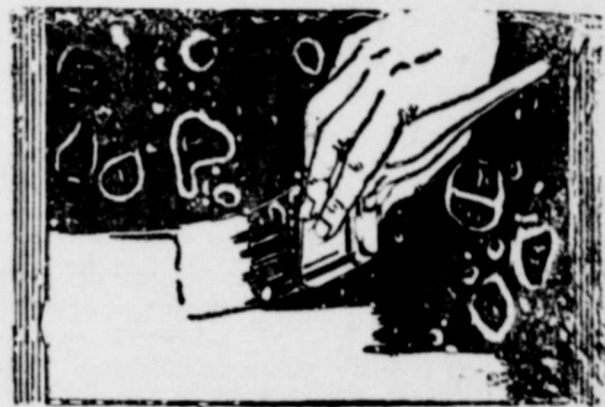


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WHISPERING ROCK

by JOHN LEBAR



THIRD INSTALLMENT.

SYNOPSIS: . . . Ruth Warren, living in the East, comes into possession of three-quarter interest in an Arizona ranch, left to her in the will of her only brother, reported to have died while on business in Mexico. With her ailing husband and small child she goes to Arizona to take possession, thinking the climate may prove beneficial to her husband's weakened lungs. Arriving at the nearest town, she learns that the ranch, "Dead Lantern," is 85 miles across the desert. Charley Thane, old rancher and rural mail carrier, agrees to take them to "Dead Lantern" gate.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

Neither the girl nor her husband seemed anxious to start up the road. It was when this fact became plain to them both that Ruth cried, "It'll be sundown before long—we simply can't stay here."

Warren nodded. "We'd better start, I guess."

Ruth looked back toward the gate. Beyond, her eyes sought the occasional stretches of dusty highway as it wound up the valley . . . eighty-five miles to the first thing which could be called civilization, eighty-five miles to a policeman. She shivered; but turned to her husband with a smile which was meant to be brave. "All right, dear; let's go. If we get shot we'll just get shot—we can't stay here and we certainly can't go back."

For two long, hot, dusty hours they walked on with never a sign of human things. The awesome silence enveloped them, penetrated them, until their very thoughts seemed like small independent voices. They felt watched by a grim, thousand-eyed spirit. The occasional rabbit or coyote which ran before them looked back furtively, then went on to give news of their coming. When rarely they spoke, the words passed between them in a low frightened voice, as though speech were forbidden.

They came among the lower footings of the mountains. No longer could their eyes follow the two parallel paths through the dead grass for any distance. Constantly, the road dipped into ravines, skirted low hills, crossed gulches and arroyos covered with coarse gray sand. The man's lips were bluish-white, his breathing rasped, short and quick. The girl plodded doggedly in the dust, red of face, sweat-grimed.

The sun winked from behind a jagged peak and was gone. The man and woman stared at the mountain—dun-colored, utterly desolate. David clutched his mother tightly at the sound of her voice. "Where are we—" she moaned. "Oh, Kenneth where are we?"

He shook his head, but could not afford breath for speech.

The girl picked up her son and started forward desperately.

At the bottom of the next arroyo—well filled with live oak trees—the wheel marks of the Indian's wagon turned to the right and disappeared up the river of sand. It was strange how they missed those fresh wheel tracks.

Beyond this arroyo the road rose to descend presently into a deep gulch. The banks on either side fell sheer to the bottom of coarse, bare sand—a great channel plowed by cloud-bursts in the mountains. A distance ahead a large brown boulder thrust its bulk through the sand. The young man and the girl kept their eyes upon this rock—an oasis, a place to empty their shoes. The road, too, bent slightly to pass the rock.

They rested a moment, until the deepening dusk, the awful silence

forced them to their feet. They took but one step then froze to statues, terror leaped into their faces: a voice, low, intimate, whispered into their ears. "Go—back. Go—back."

"Ken—!" Ruth screamed the word. The man and woman clutched each other, staring wildly. The gulch was still barren, nothing moved, not a rabbit could have been hidden. Yet the hollow whisper came again, at their very ears. "Go—back. You—must—go—back! Go—"

Like wild things, the man and woman ran blindly forward. Immediately the whisper was lost, dying away on a single word. The two stopped again and clung together trembling. The darkness was coming quickly—already the banded walls of the gulch had taken on weird mystery from the light. With terror-widened eyes the man and girl looked from one bank of the gulch to the other, conscious of no thought or plan.

Then Ruth caught her breath in an hysterical sob, another followed. Warren gripped her shoulder with the agony of the sudden cough which presently was flecking his white lips with red. . . .

A dog barked friendly. Some distance ahead the gulch turned to the right and the road rose out of it by another incline. At the bottom of this cut in the bank sat a small black dog.

"Dog!" announced David, squirming about in his mother's arms. As far as he was concerned, all was again

well with the world. Something of this feeling came to the parents. With a backward glance, which now held wonder instead of blind fear, they went forward with quickened step. When they were quite near, the dog—one of whose remote ancestors had undoubtedly been part Spaniel—moved out of sight at the side of the incline. A few more strides again brought the man and girl to a rigid halt. In the shadow of the bank stood the most gigantic woman they had ever seen. Nearly six and a half feet in height, her huge arms folded across her breast, she stood as straight as the sheer bank behind her. Her face, hawk-nosed, had the dignity of an Indian chief's and the color of a southern negro. "Where you-all think you're goin'?" she demanded, her voice a deep ominous rumble.

It was a moment before the girl could make a sound; then the words poured themselves out shrilly. "I'm Mrs. Warren, the sister of Harry Grey—I own three-quarters of this ranch—take us to Jep Snavely at once—at once—at once!"

The giantess bent her head slightly unfolded her arms, and turning started up the incline, the little dog frisking before her.

Warren took an uncertain step forward, tottered, and fell in a heap.

"Help us!" cried the girl, dropping beside her husband.

The huge woman came slowly down to them. She stooped and lifted War-

ren in her arms. "Come," she rumbled, and strode out of the gulch, carrying the man more easily than the girl carried the child.

At the top of the gulch the girl saw the ranch house and buildings. She also saw a man leave the barn and walk swiftly toward them. He had a bucket in his hand—a bucket of milk.

"Who are you?" The man stopped close to the girl. His tall, wiry body was tense, sinuously alert. His pale blue eyes, almost white against the dark tan of his clean-shaven face, shifted constantly with small quick movements as though focused in turn upon every point of her face. "Answer me!" His voice was imperious, high-pitched—"What are you doin' here?"

The girl caught her breath sharply. "I am Ruth Warren and this is my husband—" She indicated Warren who was now standing, supported by the giant woman. "My husband must have rest at once—a bed."

"That don't mean nothin' to me—what're you doin' here?"

"We—I am the sister of Harry Grey."

"What!" he thrust his face within a hand's breath of the girl's. "You lie! Grey tol' me his own self he didn't have no folks!"

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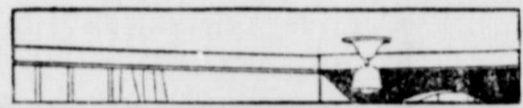
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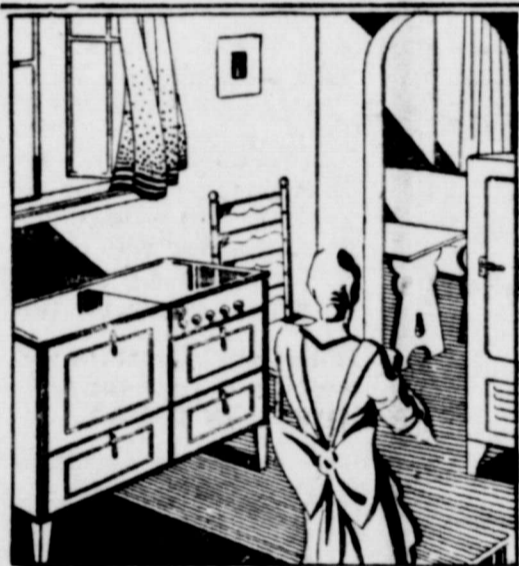
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