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**VICTOR WOLF HAS HEAVY LOSS SATURDAY BY FIRE**

Victor Wolf suffered a heavy fire loss Saturday evening at about 6:30 o'clock in the total destruction of his barn and granery. The fire had a good start before being discovered, and although the fire department responded to the alarm, nothing could be done towards extinguishing the flames in time to prevent the complete destruction of the buildings and contents. The further fact that no fire plugs were within reach of the hose, left the firemen with only the chemical hose, and the fire had already gotten such headway that no effort was made to use this apparatus.

The origin of the blaze is a mystery. Mr. Wolf does not smoke, and no matches or fire were anywhere within reach of the buildings, and the only plausible explanation is that of spontaneous combustion in the large amount of cane stored, although it had been in the barn 2 months. The barn was a substantial one, with double walls, and the granery, which was separated only by a driveway, was comparatively new, having been built only a couple years ago. Mr. Wolf lost some harness, tools and implements, 900 bundles sugar cane, 200 bushels oats, 125 bushels barley, 20 bushels shelled corn, 1000 pounds cotton seed, 100 pounds Sudan grass seed, and 100 pounds maize. Fortunately he had not completed the harvesting of his corn, and so saved what was left in the field. The heat of the fire was so intense as to carry burning shingles for long distances, the burnt embers being scattered far and wide over the adjoining pasture. Fortunately, the

wind carried them away from Mr. Wolf's house, and the residence of C. A. Gavit, which was directly in the path of the embers, was far enough distant to escape being caught.

Mr. Wolf's loss was partly covered by insurance, he having \$500 on his buildings, and \$1100 on the contents. A fire insurance policy will mean a wonderful help should disaster overtake you. The cost of insurance is small—the benefits many. "Better safe than sorry." Insure today with Anderson & Carrithers.

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**E. P. LEA APPOINTED COUNTY ATTORNEY, VICE W. J. BRICE, RESIGNED**

The Standard, in its report last week of the special session of commissioner's court, overlooked the fact that the court, before its adjournment, appointed E. P. Lea county attorney, vice W. J. Brice, county attorney-elect, who tendered his resignation on account of ill health forcing his removal from the county. Mr. Lea has held the office of county attorney the past two years, and in previous years has held the office of Justice of the Peace, and of City Attorney for several terms, which makes him the best-qualified and logical man for the office.

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**HOWELL-HYDE CO. FINDS MERCURY SANDS AT 430 FT.**

The Howell-Hyde Co. struck a showing of oil in their new hole on Survey 812, 13 miles north and east of Brady on the Capps tract, last Friday, and operations were at once suspended by C. W. Purcell, superintendent in charge, pending development of the find. The showing was had at about 430 ft. in what is believed to be the Mercury oil sands. The well had been spudded in only about ten days previously, the exact location of the new hole being 2500 ft east and 150 ft. south of the northeast corner of Survey 812, and 1 1-2 miles north of Well No. 1 drilled by the company.

B. C. Hyde, one of the members of the syndicate operating on the tract, arrived this (Tuesday) morning, and, in company with Mr. Purcell, proceeded at once to the well, where preparations have been made to give the sands a shot of nitro-glycerin in order to test out the extent and abundance of the oil.

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<p>Wednesday, December 8th EILEEN PERCY —In— <b>HER HONOR THE MAYOR</b> 5-REEL COMEDY DRAMA A sparkling comedy drama of Cupid in politics—from the Broadway stage success. The story tells how the first woman Mayor of a middle Western town sets out to destroy the corrupt forces that had undermined the town government and how, at the same time, she settled her own private problems, including the one great problem that is every woman's. The theme of a woman in politics is handled in an entirely novel way in "Her Honor the Mayor." Don't miss it. Also starting— "RUTH OF THE ROCKIES" 2-Reel Serial</p>	<p>Thursday, December 9th ALICE LAKE —In— <b>SHOULD A WOMAN TELL</b> 6-REEL DRAMA It is a tense, human and infinitely appealing story of a woman confronted with one of life's greatest dilemmas. Neta Maxon, daughter of hardy, somewhat grasping parents. Never until circumstances led her out into the world of wealth, knowing the ways of men, came to a point in her life when she must herself make a great decision. It presents one of the most perplexing, and at the same time most human, vital problems a woman is called upon to face; the question of whether or not to reveal to the man she is to marry an incident of her youth which may rob her of him. FOX NEWS 1-Reel Current Events</p>	<p>Friday, December 10th ENID BENNETT —In— <b>FUSS AND FEATHERS</b> 5-REEL DRAMA Another of those lucky strikes that are few and far between nowadays, even in the golden state—was made by Pete Baldwin—who for years has tried to coax a living from the flinty rocks of the mining camps. His only daughter, Susie, is the pride of the camp where Pete struck it rich; but they have gone to San Francisco and doubtless will be seen no more in starvout burgh. Wherever they go they will assuredly make friends. Doesn't this interest you? Don't you want to know what really did happen to the miner and his daughter? You can find out by seeing "Fuss and Feathers," with Enid Bennett as the star. Also— "TEN KNIGHTS WITHOUT A BARROOM"</p>	<p>Saturday, December 11th WALLACE REID —In— <b>THE SOURCE</b> 5-REEL DRAMA He was a genius bum; he realized it and it hurt when he saw a girl eye him with contempt; but that look made him find himself and he made the same girl fall in love with him. The story is highly dramatic and shows the breaking dam and the rush of waters through the timber country. It is an out-door play with the big timber country for the background. It is needless to say that "The Source" is one of the best screen reproductions—depicting life in a great woods ever presented to the motion picture loving public. Also— "LIGHTNING BRYCE" 2-Reel Serial.</p>	<p>Monday, December 13th <b>HOME TALENT PLAY</b> By BRADY HIGH SCHOOL DRAMATIC CLUB</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 14th LEW CODY —In— <b>THE BELOVED CHEATER</b> 5-REEL DRAMA A rollicking tale of two men, a girl and a kiss in the dark. Fifty-seven varieties of love-making in the picture. Do you believe in kissing? Lew Cody in the "Beloved Cheater" will convince you. Would you take a chance and let your best friend teach your fiance how to kiss? or, second thought, perhaps, you had better see Lew Cody in the "Beloved Cheater" and solve this question for yourself. A romantic comedy, with a surprise twist. Also— OUTLAW OF WILDERNESS 1-Reel Adventure Scenic</p>
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Table with financial data: No. 165. BANKS OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION of the Mercury State Bank, at Mercury, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 15th day of November, 1920, published in The Brady Standard, a newspaper printed and published at Brady, State of Texas, on the 7th day of December, 1920.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of McCulloch. We, J. F. Cawyer, as president, and R. N. Beakley, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

"HONEY MINE" SOUGHT BY ATLANTA MAN NEAR RICHLAND SPRINGS, TEXAS The famed, fabled, fabulous "honey mine" of Texas has again been located, and this time near Richland Springs, Texas, our neighbor on the east. While not posing as a pessimist, or attempting to wet-blanket any enterprise, The Standard editor here and now registers the opinion that whoever may attempt to uncover or recover this mine of honey is most certain to get "stung" in the endeavor. Concerning the "honey mine" the Richland Springs Eye-Witness reprints the following news dispatch from Fort Worth: Fort Worth, Nov. 30.—C. B. Rees of Atlanta, who is in Fort Worth trying to locate the biggest "bee hive" in the world, received information which may result in him locating the "honey mine." According to information, the "mine" is located on Brady creek near Richland Springs. Rees came here after reading in a magazine of the place where bees have swarmed for years and which has never been robbed of its honey because of being in the side of a perpendicular rock cliff. One man is said to have been stung to death while trying to rob the "mine." Another was seriously injured when he tried to blast the rock away from the cave of sweetness. According to Rees, it is the intention of his company to erect a "honey refinery" near the cave. "Experts have estimated that there is 100,000,000 pounds of honey in the mine which is valued at \$50,000,000,000.

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STOCKHOLDERS MEETING. The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Brady National Bank of Brady, Texas, will be held at its banking house in Brady, Texas, on the second Tuesday in January, the same being the 11th day of January, 1920, at 2:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it. E. L. OGDEN, Cashier.

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SUBSCRIBE THREE PER CENT OF CAPITAL STOCK TO NATION-WIDE MOVE TO FINANCE EXPORTING AND MARKETING OF ALL SOUTHERN PRODUCTS.

McCulloch county bankers in a meeting held last week for the purpose of discussing the aims of the Federal International Banking company, and the matter of their participation in the move, voted unanimously to take stock in the company, which has as its purpose the financing of methods of exporting and marketing Southern products, cotton in particular. Each of the banks will subscribe for stock in the new corporation to the amount of 3% of their capital stock.

The Federal International Banking Co., with headquarters at New Orleans, La., is a proposed corporation having a capital stock of from \$6,000,000 to \$12,000,000, and its stockholders are to be composed of banks and banking institutions of the Southern states. Each of the banks are permitted to take stock in the new financing company to the amount of 3% of their combined capital stock and surplus. The move has already gained widespread favor, and banks and bankers all over the South have given their endorsement of the project by voting to take stock in the proposed company. Subscriptions are to be closed on December 10th, at which time the Federal International Banking Co. is to be incorporated in a sum totaling the stock subscriptions made at that time.

The meeting of the McCulloch county bankers, at which the move was discussed and acted upon, was held on Wednesday of last week in the offices of the Commercial National Bank. Present and participating in the matter were the following: Tom Sellman, cashier of the Bank of Rochelle; O. E. Rice, cashier of the Rochelle State Bank; Tom Beasley, cashier of the Bank of Mercury; W. F. Roberts, Jr., cashier of the Lohn State Bank; E. A. Baze, cashier of the Melvin State Bank; E. L. Ogden, cashier of the Brady National Bank; W. D. Crothers, cashier of the Commercial National Bank of Brady. One-fourth of the total amount subscribed is payable with application for stock; while the three-fourths balance is payable in installments. The amounts subscribed by the various banks was as follows: Lohn State Bank ..... \$900.00 First State Bank, Melvin.... 450.00 Bank of Mercury ..... 300.00 Bank of Rochelle ..... 600.00 Rochelle State Bank ..... 600.00 Commercial National Bank... 3,900.00 Brady National Bank ..... 3,000.00 Total ..... \$9,750.00

The Federal International Banking Company will devote its efforts primarily to finding a market for the cotton crop to the South and to facilitate the exporting of the staple. However, its efforts will not be confined to this one staple alone, but will be extended so as to include wool, cattle and all products of the South.

LOCAL BRIEFS

C. Davenport, who has been living out on Route 1, last week moved back to the place formerly farmed by him in the Calf Creek community, and where he will make a crop the coming year.

The wise old stork brought a bundle of happiness into the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davidson, Jr., Sunday morning, December 5th, when he left a fine 12-pound girl. Quite naturally Mr. and Mrs. Davidson are delighted, and Grandpa and Grandma M. L. Stallings are none the less so. Mother and babe are reported doing splendidly and Father Davidson is wearing a smile that refuses to fade.

S. W. Espy this morning received the news of the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Annie Knight, who is at present with her daughter in Temple, Texas. Mr. Espy came to Brady with the expectation of leaving for Temple on the Santa Fe train, but missed connection on account of not knowing of the change in schedule. He left on the Frisco accommodation this afternoon for Brownwood, where he will take the Santa Fe train to Temple.

W. E. Weeks is here from Stephenville and expects to move out the picture machine and movie fixtures and equipment of the Strand theatre on the west side of the square for shipment to Stephenville, where he has decided to locate. Mr. Weeks will be unable to obtain a building for his theatre in Stephenville before the first of the year, but as soon after the New Year as the building can be remodeled and equipped he expects to open for business there.

Martin Baze was greeting his friends in Brady last Saturday, having come up from Junction with the foot ball eleven of the Junction high school. Martin rooted strong for his boys, but was unable to maintain their reputation as the undefeated champion high school eleven, San Saba high taking the honors from the Junction boys. The Junction team had played everything from Ozona to San Antonio, according to Martin, with never a defeat.

Mrs. Ed Baker and children were in Brady Monday, being enroute from Junction to Virden, Okla. Mr. Baker, who had been employed on the Beasley well near Junction, had gone to Virden following the shutting down of the Beasley well something like a month or more ago, and is employed with J. D. Vance, also formerly employed as driller in the McCulloch county territory, in drilling for oil in that section. Mrs. Baker has arranged to ship their household effects to Oklahoma, and the family will make their home, for the present at least, at Virden.

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A party of hunters—W. T. Banks, Sam Cole and George Shafer, all of Rochelle, and A. M. Banks of Dallas—occasioned considerable comment and excitement by their appearance in Brady last Thursday evening with the horns and part of the carcasses of four bucks, which they killed in a four-day hunt on the Lee Eckert ranch on the James river in Mason county. As luck would have it, each of the hunters bagged a deer. One of the bucks was reported as an old-timer in the James river section and which ranchmen said hunters had been laying for for the past several years. As a matter of fact, the hunters killed five deer, one of those killed being so far from camp and so heavy that the one who killed it was unable to swing it up in a tree where it would be safe from the hogs. He hid the carcass out, but when he attempted to lead his companions back to the spot, he could not locate the site of the killing. Kidney weakness, bladder troubles and digestive disorders are all within the curative power of Prickly Ash Bitters. As a tonic for the kidneys and urinary organs it has proved its value. Price \$1.50 per bottle. Trigg Drug Co., special agents. Waste Baskets. The Brady Standard. GET MORE EGGS. By feeding "Martin's Egg Producer." Double your money back in eggs or your money back in cash. Martin's Roup Remedy cures. Guaranteed by Trigg Drug Co.

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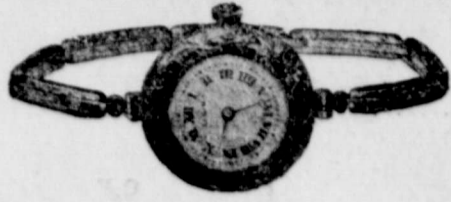
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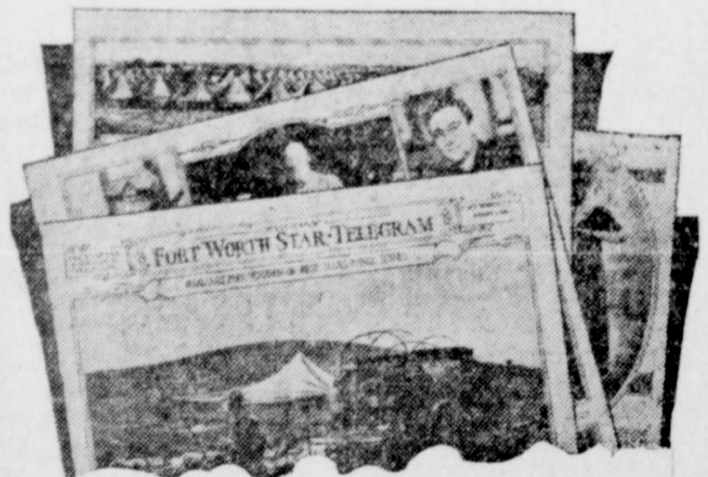
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## STUFF O' DREAMS

By CRAWFORD LUTTRELL.

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She unfolded the scrap of yellowed paper, punctured with pin holes, and read again, after a lapse of eighteen years, the words that had accompanied a fraternity emblem sent her in the faraway days of youth. "As this 'Star and Crescent' binds thousands of hearts together in the United States, so may it bind our eternal friendship. —M. M." He had underscored the words "hearts" and "our."

She had gone back home on a visit and, following the proverbial rule of rummaging the attic on a rainy day in search of entertainment, had found by chance a packet of old letters that she thought had been burned before she married and went away. The little fraternity pin that had graced her schoolgirl blouses had been fastened through that scrap of paper.

At the thought, memory turned the tide of time backward and she saw herself, a long-legged, big-eyed girl standing timidly at a window in the post office, asking for a package.

Clare looked through the little dormer window at the gentle, soaking summer rain. Mechanically she opened one of the old letters, still bravely flaunting the crimson and black of its college colors. He had written with the ardent assistance of twenty-one that he could never love anybody else and that her influence would mold his life. She could make of him what she willed. Age had its compensation, she reflected. She could never blindly trust again, never be hurt with the sharp blade of disillusionment whose keen edge only time could wholly dull. She looked at life through the fading eyes of thirty-five. They were too worldly wise to glimpse visions of such stuff as dreams are made of!

It was when she was passing through the hall below on her way to her room to freshen up a bit before dinner that she heard a deep, musical voice inquiring for her at the front door. Thinking that it was an old-time neighbor, she went quickly downstairs.

She recognized him immediately, although the slowness of youth had given place to the rotundity of middle age. His black hair was thinning. Only his eyes and his voice were the same.

"How very much like a fairy story this is," she laughed when they were seated in the candle-lighted old parlor. "I have been in the attic all the afternoon. I found some of your old letters there and a little yellowed slip of paper which still bears the pin holes of the fraternity emblem you sent me long ago."

"I still have that pin," he said and looked at her without smiling. "It is locked in a little black box in my desk."

She laughed, although her lips were not quite steady in her mirth. "It has been so long since those far days when we flirted and pretended to know all about love. Oh, well, I rode for a hard fall and the tumble was sufficiently painful to guard against another one."

"You aren't bitter?" He leaned forward, his disconcerting brown eyes never wavering from her face. "You wouldn't be you, if you were!"

"You don't believe, surely, that this aging shell covers the girl you used to know, Milton? She died, ever so long ago."

"She couldn't die," he corrected her, and his eyes smiled as they had smiled, warning and waking her heart years before. "Tell me about yourself, everything," he urged.

She twisted the narrow gold band on her finger. "There is really nothing to tell. I've had quite an average life."

"You married—let me see—how long ago?" he questioned.

"Fifteen years."  
She was wholly unprepared for what followed. "Clare, I am sure that you and your husband, too, will understand what I am about to say to you. It would be foolish not to refer to my love for you—it has played too important a part upon my life. Your abiding faith made me what I am, and today I stopped off here, in your little home town, to try to get your present address in order to write to you and gratefully acknowledge all that I have been privileged to tell you."

"Your wife—"

"I told her, before she died, just what I am telling you."

"I hadn't heard, Milton. I'm sorry—you must know—"

She wondered what to say to him, and, finding no words, sat silent, clasped tense hands in her lap. He rose to go. "Surely your husband will not mind my pilgrimage here to tell you this, to thank you for the beautiful part you have played in the great scheme of things for me. The human equation—no man escapes it or wants to escape it," he amended. "I believe my train goes in a short time. I will have to say good-by now, although I say it reluctantly."

"He would have been glad," she whispered, sudden tears coursing down her flushing cheeks, "if he could know."

"Then he—"

"I have been a widow, Milton, for many, many years."

"Would you mind," he asked gently, taking her hands in his, "if I stayed over and waited for another train?"

She looked up at him and something deep in his brown eyes that the years had failed to change, made her know that even at thirty-five one can believe in the grosser fabric of such stuff as dreams are made of.

## MEXICAN COTTON PICKER ON C. C. JOHANSON HOME PLACE CLEANED BY FIRE

Juan Lumberas, a Mexican cotton picker, employed by E. Coffee on the C. C. Johanson home place, five miles east of Brady, was cleaned out by fire which was discovered at about 5:30 o'clock on Wednesday evening of last week. The house occupied by the man and his family, together with its contents, was completely destroyed, not a single article being saved from the flames.

The origin of the blaze is attributed to rats gnawing matches, as there was no fire about the place, and no other cause can be assigned.

Lumberas, with his wife and two children, and a brother and a sister had been here for about a month past, coming here from near San Antonio, where the boll weevils had ruined the crop he was making there. In this, the second misfortune, the family not only lost everything they possessed, including all clothing except that which they wore, but about \$20 in greenbacks and silver, which they had in the house in a glass container, was also destroyed. The heat was so intense that the greenbacks were burned to ashes, and all the silver coins were melted into an unrecognizable mass of metal, the coppers and nickles alone being practically unaffected by the heat.

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Once more I am looking forward to my visit with all my little friends—and in just about three weeks I will be on my way.

These are busy times up in Toyland, and Mrs. Santa and all my helpers are kept mighty busy packing the big sleighs for my trip to you on Christmas eve—so I may not have time to write again. But I do want all my good little friends to write me and tell me what they would like to have me bring them for Christmas.

Send your letters to the Editor of The Brady Standard, who is my good friend, and who will see that they reach me all right.

In the meantime, be good children, and remember Old Santa loves you all, and is going to have many pretty things in his pack for each and every one of you.

Hoping you all have a merry Christmas, and with love and good wishes, I am,

Your old friend,  
SANTA CLAUS.

**Very Much Marked.**  
"His attentions to you have been marked, have they not?" said the young woman's experienced friend.  
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The other day Jones heard a conundrum, and decided to try it on his wife.

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