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PROGRAM AT NEW SCHOOL BLDG. ATTENDED BY LARGE AUDIENCE

Under the auspices of the local Parent-Teachers' Association a splendid program was enjoyed in the auditorium of Mason's New High School building last Friday night. Quite a large crowd filled the commodious auditorium on the occasion, the significance of which was a dedication of the recently completed building. For various reasons dedicatory exercises had been postponed until this time.

At the appointed hour Superintendent P. A. Bennett who acted in the capacity of master of ceremonies, called the house to order, and with Miss Marie Brockman at the piano, America was sung; an appropriate invocation by Rev. Roy G. Rader followed, after which Rev. J. J. Ray, pastor of the local Christian Church, delivered a much appreciated and quite impressive address. A vocal solo by Miss Genevieve King was sweetly rendered and drew much applause. County Attorney, Roscoe Runge, a member of the local school board, made an interesting talk. An instrumental duet by Misses Maybelle Loring and Mary Heinrich was an enjoyed number of the program. Miss Esther Christillis gave a talk in appreciation on behalf of the student body and her remarks were greatly applauded. Superintendent Bennett gave a brief talk and emphasized some education statistics on the various High Schools of the State and compared the local school with those of other towns in Texas. A song by seven male voices preceded the closing number, which was a well delivered talk by Mrs. Bertha Montgomery in behalf of the Parent-Teachers' Club.

PROGRAM FOR P. T. MEETING TO BE HELD NEXT MONDAY

The Parent-Teachers will meet at the new school building next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Aside from the general business session, the following program will be carried out:

1. Discussion on National Congress of Mother and Parent-Teachers Association and its Relation to Child Welfare. Mrs. Martin D. Loring.
2. Song—Primary Grade.
3. Explanation of the Sheppard-Towner Act—Mrs. Eli E. Jordan.
4. Song, "Annie Laurie"—Miss Genevieve King.
5. Mason in Relation to Child Welfare—Mrs. John T. Banks.

MRS. BETTY BROOKS, AGED MOTHER OF F. BROOKS OF VOCA, AT POINT OF DEATH

(From Brady Standard)

F. Brooks, prominent and well-known Voca citizen, was in Brady yesterday and gave out the sad news that his mother, Mrs. Betty Brooks, was at the point of death at her home in Mason county, and five miles from Fredonia. Mr. Brooks had just left her bedside Sunday after spending four days and nights attending her. Physicians called to her aid, have abandoned all hope for her recovery, her advanced age of nearly 87, and the fact that she is unable to take more than the tiniest bit of nourishment, adding to her rapid decline.

Mrs. Brooks is one of the pioneer citizens of the Fredonia community, having lived there for over a quarter of a century, and being known to and loved by all the citizens of that section. For the past five months she has been in feeble condition and had to be helped in bed and out, but recently her condition has become grave, and she is conscious only at intervals. She is being constantly attended by her daughter and husband, who make their home on the old Brooks homestead with her mother.

Mr. P. C. Baxter, of the Kateney section, was in Mason Monday and took a renewal on his News. Mr. Baxter reports that his community withstood the recent cold spell very well. He stated that many birds froze to death during the period.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Mebus left the first of the week for San Antonio. It is announced they will probably locate in that city, but if they fail to get into something they will go to Port Arthur in view of locating in that city.

Gone but Not Forgotten



FAMOUS NOVEL MADE INTO FILM BY ALICE JOYCE

"The Scrab Ring" is the title of the Alice Joyce production which will be shown at the Star Theater on Saturday night. It was made under the direction of Edward Jose, one-time director for Sarah Bernhardt, and is based upon a popular novel published under the name of "A Desperate Heritage." This novel was written by Harriet Gaylord, and has found ready sale with lovers of detective fiction. It is a strong society play which offers Miss Joyce what is said to be the most emotional role she has undertaken in her screen career. The star will have added laurels, after this film picture has been shown, throughout the country for it proves that in this new type of role Miss Joyce is excelling anything she has done in the past.

Beautiful scenic backgrounds, exquisite sets, costumes that are sure to please the women, the last word in fashions, elements of love, suspense and mystery cleverly interwoven in a story that holds the attention from the first flash, are the things of which "The Scrab Ring" boasts and which will make for it an enviable place in the hall of fame.

DANCE AT SMITH HALL SAT'DAY

A dance is to be given at the C. C. Smith Hall on Saturday night of this week, according to plans that are being carried out at present. The music for the occasion will be furnished by a negro jazz orchestra from San Antonio.

It is expected, if the weather is favorable, that a number of visitors from adjoining towns will be in attendance.

ADDITIONAL CONTESTS WILL BE ADDED IN COUNTY MEET

In addition to the athletic events given for girls in the constitution the following will be offered:

Double goal shooting relay for juniors and seniors, five on a team.

All Standing Relay for juniors and seniors, three on a team.

Potato Shuttle Relay for juniors, four on a team.

One Hundred Yard Dash for seniors.

Fifty Yard Dash for juniors and seniors.

Basketball Throw for Distance for juniors and seniors.

Baseball Throw for Distance, for juniors and seniors.

ANNIE MOGFORD,
Director Girls' Athletics.

Roy Doell was absent from his place of business Saturday on account of illness.

CLEANING DAY SET BY C. T. CLUB; CO-OPERATION ASKED

The Clean Town Club of this city has set next Thursday, February 22, as a day to be observed in Mason as "general clean-up day". It is a desire of the Clean Town Club to have all of the trash and rubbish about the streets, alleys and private premises of our city properly disposed of before the coming of the March winds. They would like for everybody to join in on this movement and help to make the effort of giving Mason a good cleaning up preparatory for spring, a successful one.

What's going to be the answer? Our civic organization needs and is asking the active co-operation of every business house and every property owner of the city to carry out their plans. It is no "one man's job", but united effort can accomplish the plan very easily. What do you say, are you in?

It is announced the local Boy Scouts are ready and willing to lend their assistance and the Clean Town Club is preparing to exert its collective strength and working facilities. Financial assistance will be asked from the business section of Mason and everyone will be asked to do something that will make the campaign a successful one.

MAX REICHENAU STILL IN SAN ANTONIO RECEIVING TREATMENT

Mrs. Max Reichenau returned to Mason Monday from San Antonio where she has been with Mr. Reichenau for several days. She reports Mr. Reichenau as some improved, but states it is very slight. He is suffering from an injury sustained several weeks ago on one of his hands and infection developed blood poison. He has been in San Antonio the past couple weeks in a sanitarium under the special care of a specialist.

Max Martin went to San Antonio the first of the week for a visit with his family.

Mrs. Morrow Home From Market

Mrs. Winnie Morrow, proprietor of Morrow's Hat Shoppe, returned home a few days ago from market, where she bought a supply of seasonable millinery and ladies ready-to-wear. The ladies ready-to-wear is an addition to the business of Mrs. Morrow, but she is of the opinion this line goes hand in hand with millinery and is in hopes the demand will justify her entering the venture on a larger scale. New spring styles are now being shown at the Morrow Hat Shoppe and an advertisement elsewhere in the News invites the public to inspect them.

KILLING OF MARSHAL LEE RODDY AT PECOS

The following account of the killing of City Marshal Lee Roddy, of Pecos City is taken from the Pecos Enterprise:

"M. L. Roddy was shot down at about 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon of this week at the office of the Service Motor Company and Arthur E. Hayes is held without bond, charged with the killing.

Examining trial was held Thursday and today before Justice of the Peace Max Krauskopf, Hayes was refused bail. Hayes is represented by Attorney Jno. B. Howard of Pecos and Judge Howell Johnson of Fort Stockton. District Attorney Biezo Holt, assisted by Judge Pen Palmer, have charge of the prosecution.

The evidence in the examining trial shows that Hayes shot anywhere from four to six shots and Roddy either one or two. Only one of the shots took effect and that in the gut of Hayes which struck Roddy in or in the vicinity of the heart and death was instantaneous.

The Enterprise does not know what lead up to the tragedy nor does it think it advisable to publish same if it did know.

Mr. Roddy was an old settler in Pecos and had been most of the time since coming here some sort of peace officer, acting in the capacity of constable part of the time and for the past few years marshal of the town. He was considered a crack shot and fearless.

Mr. Hayes is prominently connected and has been a resident of Barstow and Pecos for years."

Called to San Antonio

Dr. C. L. McCollum was called to San Antonio the first of the week to be at the bedside of his brother, Mr. Jim McCollum, who it was stated was critically ill and not expected to live.

It is said the Moore Banking Company, of Llano, will secure a State charter and become a State Banking institution.

Jess Posey was in Mason a short time last week. He stated his wife and children were visiting relatives in Brady. Jess says he has been in Fort Worth since last September.

Mrs. Bertha Todd returned to Mason last Friday from Llano, where she spent a few days visiting with relatives.

A. J. Lindsay was on the streets Saturday shaking hands and mixing with friends. Mr. Lindsay had a recent attack of apoplexy, but has improved sufficiently to be out again.

MR. WILLIAM LESLIE DIED MON. NIGHT; AGED 83 YEARS

In the death of Mr. William Lowrey Leslie, which occurred at his home in the city Monday evening at 10 o'clock, Mason and the surrounding community mourn the loss of an old settler. He had attained the age of four score and three years, having been born on July 11, 1839, in Monroe County, Tennessee.

He was a man of generous impulses and never forgot the hospitable ways of the pioneer, but he is gone! Another name is stricken from the ever lessening roll of our old settlers, and a widowed wife in the sunset of life, and a lonely home, are left to attest how sadly they will miss him. It must be so; these tender human ties cannot be severed without a pang. Yet in such a death there is really no cause for grief. His life work was done, and well done. He had passed his golden wedding day and wearied with life's duties and cares, weary of suffering and waiting, he lay down to rest.

In 1867, deceased was married to Miss Mary Fry and to the union twelve children were born, seven boys and five girls. The mother and nine children survive, namely Messrs. John, Chas., George and Frank of this city, Wilcox and Jess, of McAllen, Mrs. S. C. Brockman and Miss Mackie, of Mason and Mrs. A. O. Johnson, of Elgin. All with the exception of Mrs. Johnson, were attendants at the funeral, Mrs. Johnson being unable to be here because of illness. Surviving also are sixteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, also one brother, Mr. J. W. Leslie of this place, and one sister, Mrs. A. A. Lee, also of Mason.

Mr. Leslie was a Confederate soldier and served throughout the war between the states. He was made a captive by the Federal Army and made a prisoner near Delaware for twenty-two months until the close of the war. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie came to Texas in 1877 and settled in Mason County on a farm a few miles east of Mason. He engaged in active farming until twelve years ago, when he retired. He bore adversity bravely and enjoyed prosperity quietly. Funeral services were held at the family residence on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and Rev. Roy G. Rader, pastor of the local M. E. Church, of which deceased had been a member for many years, officiated.

Active pall bearers were Messrs. Ed Smith, Wes Smith, J. S. King, Ben Hoy, John Banks and Chas. Hofmann. The honorary pall bearers were Messrs. Julius Splittgerber, Hugh Shetter, Holmes King, H. S. Wood, Chas. Grote and August Heinrich.

Not for him be our tears! rather let us crown his grave with garlands; few of us will live as long or as well, and fewer yet will the Angel of Death greet with such a loving touch.

Out-of-town parties here for the funeral included Messrs. Jess and Wilcox Leslie, Miss Mackie Leslie and Misses Edith and Averil Bellows.

COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION THIS WEEK

The Commissioners' Court is in session this week with County Judge Banks, presiding and Commissioners Doell, Herring, Jordan and Butler its attendance.

This is one of the court's busiest sessions of the year and it is likely they will be in session all of this week and a portion of next week. The first few days of this week were taken up with matters pertaining to allowing accounts, approving reports and checking scripts.

It is said Dr. W. W. Beach was appointed County Health Officer to succeed Dr. C. L. McCollum, and Will Land was re-appointed County Road Superintendent. Other information concerning the present term of court will appear in a subsequent issue of the News.

Make it a box of King's chocolates. Owl Drug Store. 28-17

"GRANDMA'S BOY" AT THE STAR THEATER FEB. 22, 23 AND 24TH

500
GOOL
CIGARETTES
10

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Lincoln's Double Lives In Nevada

Judge Chas. I. Bell, county judge at Reno, Nev., is not only accounted "the man who looks most like Lincoln," but is exactly Lincoln's height and weight, six foot seven, 180 pounds, and was born in a log cabin in February. As a youth in Texas he shot deer, turkey, split rails and excelled at wrestling and frontier sports. He has been cowboy, rancher, miner and traveling salesman. Since coming to Nevada in 1865 he has been in public life. He has never impersonated the character of the great emancipator except for government drives or in national holiday parades.



LIANO COUNTY MAN MAKES NOVEL TRAP FOR BUZZARDS SNARES HUNDREDS OF BIRDS

Llano, Texas.—Owing to the fact that the buzzards are depredating ranches in this county to a large extent by killing calves, pigs, lambs and other young stock, A. F. Moss, one of the largest ranch owners in this section has devised a means of eliminating the vultures of the air to some extent.

He has erected on his home ranch a pen about fifty feet square and some ten feet high. It is built of strong wire netting and covered with the same material. At the ground a snare opening, some fifteen inches high, is seen left, and around this place of entrance meat is scattered, while a hog, sheep or any other dead animal found on the ranch is placed just inside the pen. The buzzards, in their eagerness to reach the bait, walk into the trap, but, finding themselves imprisoned they never look down for a place to exit, but, like the quail, constantly look up.

Four hundred of these birds were killed in the trap last week and Mr. Moss says he has about 150 in there at the present time. He believes that in due course of time the buzzards will be eliminated to a good extent about his home.

Let your next tire be a Gate's Super-Tread, Sold by Otto Schmidt. 13t

R. W. Sanders... as... Monday, February 3, 1925.

Mr. Sanders was... March 1, 1925. He... to Texas when... settling in the northern part of the State.

quite a number of years ago he moved to Mason, making this his home until death.

When but a young man he obeyed the gospel, and so far as we know he lived a Christian life.

At the time of his death he was living with his second wife who before marriage was Mrs. S. J. See, besides her, he leaves three daughters, none of whom were here at the time of his death, his illness being of such short duration.

Dear loved ones, weep not as those who have no hope, remember there is only a short time of weary waiting, only a little while to toil here on this

IF YOU HAVE
Malaria, Piles, Sick Headache, Costive Bowels, Dumb Ague, Sour Stomach, and Belching, your food does not assimilate, you have no appetite.

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and... with... over... hands... home... Monday afternoon Revs. Garret, Bader and Ray held funeral services at the home of the deceased, surrounded in words of comfort for the sorrowing relatives and friends, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Gooch cemetery.

She'll be delighted with a box of King's del... Candy... Drug Store

HERMAN McDUGALL

Another one of Gillespie County's sons has passed away into the great beyond. Herman McDougall died last Tuesday morning after a brief illness. Death came into his home as a surprise. The deceased reached the age of 46 years and is survived by his widow, Ella, nee Jordan, six children, Raymond, Andrew, Ruid, Marvin, Herman and Woodrow; five brothers and four sisters.

He was laid to rest in the Fredericksburg cemetery Wednesday afternoon, Rev. G. H. Hony officiating.—Fredericksburg Standard.

Editorial

THE BULWARK OF AMERICAN LIBERTIES IS THE COUNTRY NEWSPAPER

Play Whiskey Faro With Uncle Sam

Seemingly love does not laugh more heartily at locksmiths than bootleggers laugh at Uncle Sam. The sweethearts steal a kiss or two through latticed windows risking discovery at any moment, while the bootleggers race illicit fast motor boats inside the three mile limit on the same principle—an accepted understanding that they are working on a percentage that cannot fail.

The game has come to be known as Whiskey Faro. It is played consistently and persistently. The ships gather one by one outside the three mile limit each loaded to the Pliansol line and weighted below the line with the stuff that cheers. When the big vessels are all at anchor, the auxiliary rum runners are gathered in sufficient number to create a favorable impression and then the word is given, and a dash is made for the shore line.

As a rule Uncle Sam has two or three revenue cutters always on the alert for the bootlegging racers. But forty boats make the dash, and according to all experience it is quite impossible for the government to catch more than three in any one raid. Consequently, the boats take their chances, and if three be seized, the percentage of loss runs to approximately seven per cent, which is a very profitable margin.

Evidently sectional prohibition does not work much better than did state enactments. If the dries are to succeed then they must blot up the whole world, or arrange fences and gateways on the ocean.

The Farmer Is Seeing The Light

Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, Chairman of the farm bloc, says: "The legislation which must be enacted in the near future to help cure the agricultural situation is in no sense class legislation. Agriculture is the only foundation upon which the state and nation can securely rest."

Capper also insists that Congress must put through the complete rural credit plan and it must pass a constitutional amendment prohibiting tax-exempt securities.

The programme is ambitious, but in the main sound and constructive. Evidently the farmer, however, has come to see the evil effect of inequitable and unscientific taxation.

In our hunger for money we created the tax-exempt security and urged the rich to absorb it. When we discovered that the wealth from which business and farmers must draw their loans was withdrawn from its productive function and thrown en masse into tax-exempt securities we realized the fault.

The tax-exempt security is an expedient makeshift appeal that this country does not and never has needed. Had Secretary McAdoo advertised the several Liberty Bond issues in a business-like way instead of depending on a spurious patriotic press agent free advertising exploitation of United States securities, our finances would be in a different condition today.

Abolishing tax-exempt securities is a wise thought, but getting down to equitable taxation is a just thought and justice must prevail.

Punchettes



SLOT MACHINE CHARITY

Faith, Hope, and Charity are the only permanent virtues. All the other virtues and all the other graces are temporary.

Charity dominated and controlled by love is personal.

The greatest dynamic that has ever moved any one is the dynamic of love.

Whenever you reduce love to a mechanical basis or you reduce charity to a slot machine method of administering, you have blown out the light of love and you have chilled the personal touch, and have robbed virtue of its heart.

Whenever you administer charity by proxy or by an organization, which is more interested in investigation, registration, tabulation, and confiscation of the domestic skeleton then it is administering charity, you have turned the sweetest sentiment on earth into mockery, a curse, and an object of contempt.

Let each family in each church be responsible—personally responsible—for some unfortunate family. Let them administer to that family personally, visit it, clean its house, clothe its children, feed its hungry, nurse its sick, educate its ignorant, and sing the songs of cheer and happiness and thus dispel its dullness and gloom.

Then, and only then will you eradicate suffering and put real charity back on its throne.

Cursed—thrice cursed be the slot machine charity.

ALBERT BIRD FINDS INDIAN SKELETON ON BENNETT

Albert Bird was in town on business Tuesday and while here exhibited to a News representative a small brass ring and several beads which he had found with an Indian skeleton on Bennett Creek at the Holden Rocks.

While working there a few days ago he unearthed a skeleton in the rocks near the surface, and about the bones of the one Harry Hunter, he found several hundred beads and fifty-seven small brass rings, evidently the jewelry that the Indian was wearing at the time he was buried.

Mr. Bird stated that the large jaw bones, together with others, showed the skeleton to be that of a "Buck." Mr. Bird feels quite sure there are other Indian remains at these rocks, as the place was at one time the home of one of the tribes, and he feels quite sure that this particular spot was their burial ground.

Mr. Bird expects to make further search and see what may be discovered about the spot where the one time Mon-

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arches of the Forest held their war councils or smoked their pipes of peace.—Llano News.

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From the Linotype Bulletin we not that Editor Marvin Hunter, of the Baudera New Era, has installed a new linotype in his office and is "stepping out." Editor Hunter was formerly owner of the Melvin Advocate in this county and his friends will be glad to learn that he is doing nicely. In addition to editing the New Era Mr. Hunter finds time to write many special frontier articles for the magazine section of the Dallas News and the San Antonio Express and they are all interesting reading.—Brady Sentinel.

CATARRHAL DEAFNESS

is often caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing. Unless the inflammation can be reduced, your hearing may be destroyed forever.

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ROBERT J. MOTLEY

Robert J. Motley, 37, died at the family residence, 818 Avenue A, about 1 o'clock this morning. Mr. Motley complained of feeling badly, according to statement of Mrs. Motley, and got up to take some soda, for indigestion, which was his usual remedy for sour stomach or "heart burn" as it is called. He took the soda, and swallowed some very cold water. Immediately afterward he complained of pain in his chest which rapidly grew worse, and before a physician could reach him, he died, the immediate cause of death being acute indigestion. Deceased leaves a wife and several small children. Interment will take place at Junction, in Kimble county, but final funeral announcement will not be made until the arrival of relatives from Junction, who are delayed because of bad roads, as they are traveling in cars.

For some time Mr. Motley had been connected with a meat market in Brownwood.—Brownwood Banner-Bulletin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Schroeder, of this city, went to Junction last Friday morning and attended funeral services in the afternoon. Mr. Motley was a brother-in-law to Mrs. Schroeder and a brother to Mrs. G. W. Herring, of this county.

Mr. Motley is well and favorably known in Mason, having resided here at one time.

I am always in the market for fat hogs and chickens. Get my prices. J. J. Johnson. 314f.

SOMETHING NEW

Whitman's Pink Package at **MASON DRUG COMPY.**

Eagle Brand Typewriter Ribbons, 80c

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TOM SIMS SAYS

Hunt the brighter side. Less than a month before congress adjourns. Spring suits will be noisy, especially spring divorce suits. Our idea of a good time is wondering if we know a good time if there were no bad times.

In spite of all the things movie stars have to cry about, they still use glycerine for tears.

Voting machines are being installed in Pennsylvania. These are mechanical, not political.

We never could cry over the suffering of a woman who has lost a \$100,000 necklace.

After reports a shortage of red-headed girls, but some people think none would be a shortage.

Human nature is what makes us all hate autoists while walking and hate pedestrians while driving.

The sad thing about having a wife is she is liable to want the baby named after some movie star.

Trouble with sleeping late on Sunday is you have a hard time getting hungry again for dinner.

No matter what you do, some one always knew you would.

Very few people get on by merely trying to get by.

Alimony will not put the cat out at night.

Too many who catch on to things quickly let go the same way.

A boy seldom swears before his dad before his dad swears first.

The rest of your days depend upon the rest of your nights.

Our language tickles us. The man at the bottom is up a tree.

Most of us have an ambition not to have to have any ambition.

When a man turns green with envy he is soon ripe for trouble.

Love makes the world go round foolish.

Where there's a still someone will show you a way.

Rumor that girls will show their ears is four years old this spring.

Only four more income tax payments before Christmas.

In Reading (Pa.) about 600 gallons of booze was seized in one raid. Reading maketh a full man.

France's new slogan seems to be, "They shall not pass—their payments."

Germany is building America a giant airship which she could fly over on her reparation arguments.

The Northwestern Stone Works burned in Chicago. It seems that their stoves burn too well.

Blind pianist lost the church's money playing poker, which is harder to play than piano.

Our bootlegger tells us when he was seized with the grippe, it kept him in longer than when he was seized with the suitcase.

Ex-King Fredericks of Saxony claims the Diet keeps him poor. Many of us are kept poor by our diet.

Figures show Dartmouth boys spend only five minutes a day with girls, so we would hate to see the Dartmouth girls' figures.

Seven aviators will try to fly around the world this spring. Spring always makes one feel like that.

The United States has 229,887 policemen. This is the reason Ireland has trouble handling riots.

After getting elected mayor of Ransom (W. Va.) a woman changed her mind and refused to be mayor and we Pure white beaver was caught near Fort William (Ont.), which may have turned pale from overwork.

Miss Martha Miller is a famous big game huntress who fainted before a New York audience because she had never seen such strange things.

Galvanized roofing at R. Grosse's.

Uncle John's

A MAN WITHOUT PRINCIPLE NEVER DRAWS MUCH INTEREST, EH?



Twin-bed Tales

Time and Place—The Perkins Bedroom at 10 p. m.

Mrs. Perkins (softly): "John!"
No answer.

(Not so softly): "John, wake up!"
"Ho-hum. Whatja want?"

"Did you mail that letter I gave you this morning?"
"Yep!"

"Are you sure?"
"Positively! I'm not so forgetful as all that, I reckon. I remember mailing that letter as soon as you gave it to me."

"Oh, well, I just wanted to make sure. That was a letter I sent to mother telling her not to come next week because I—"

"Gosh! Why didn't you say so at first! Where the blankety-blank-blank are my pants? Throw over that collar, will you! I'm just going out for a little air. Be right back!"

Never Fail Cure

Hubby: "Well, Marie, I cured that boy of ours from smoking."
Wife: "How did you do it?"

Hubby: "I left those Xmas cigars you gave me out on the dresser."

How to Know

"Good advice is the kind that you remember too late that you forgot to take."

The Pest

Sung to the "you-know-the-tune"
My sweetie has a kid brother,
The darnest darn pest you can find,
And if it wasn't for his mother,
An early grave he would find.

One night the lights went out in the parlor,
A quarter I slipped to the kid,
And downstairs he went
To the gas meter bent
And slipped in the quarter, he did.

A Specialist

Mrs. J: "Did that man say he would help clean house and beat rugs?"
Mrs. S: "No. He said that wasn't what he worked at. He said he only worked "at intervals"—and this wasn't one of them."

Yes—

—but what made the bridegroom shiver
* * * "The wedding was performed out doors and the thinny clad bride shivered with cold." * * *—News item, Marietta (O.) Times.

Broadway Patter

"Dreamed last night I was eating shredded wheat."
"Yeh?"

"Woke up this morning—half the mattress gone."

Smart Boy

"Lissen, dearest, I must confess. My first wife said if I married again she would return and haunt us."

"And you dragged me into this!"
"Aw—let her dig! I buried her face down."

The Wine Glass

Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow?
Who hath contentions? Who hath wounds with cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at wine!

They that go to seek mixed wine when it gives color in CUP; when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.

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From Our Early Files

From Mason News, Feb. 18, 1898:

Miss Ida Mann returned to San Antonio last week, after a visit with the family of M. Moran.

T. D. White, of Roswell, N. M., left Tuesday for Austin, after a visit here with his brother, J. W. White, and family.

Born—A girl to Mr. and Mrs. John Geistweidt on the 15th.

Seth Gooch is here from California for a visit.

John Simmons, 10-year-old boy of Mrs. Dona Blake, nee Simmons, was drowned in the Comal river near New Braunfels last Tuesday.

Miss Flora Allison and Mr. Louis Ayers were married Wednesday evening.

R. W. Landrum, who left some years ago for California, has returned to Llano to assist in developing the Gooch mine.

Chas. Bierschwale returned Wednesday from attending Federal Court at Austin.

From Mason News, Feb. 14, 1908:

A rain which amounted to 2 inches fell last Saturday.

Mrs. J. D. Payne entertained several ladies Thursday afternoon at 42. Miss Gertrude Stewart is ill with pneumonia.

The C. L. Hofmann Band is to give a mask ball at Geistweidt Hall on the 14th.

L. F. Eckert is quite sick with pneumonia at the home of D. F. Lehmborg.

F. H. Kothmann, Sr., passed his 73rd birthday last Tuesday.

Claude Polk excavated a human skull in his field recently.

Marriage License—Mr. John Holland and Miss Minnie Ficker.

Kansas City parties are in this section looking for steers. Mrs. John Rainey and children are here from Rotan visiting Mrs. Bernhard.

G. W. Monk and family are visiting in Mason after an absence of over 20 years. Mr. Monk is a brother to Mrs. S. B. Capps.

ESSAY ON PANTS

Pants are made for men and not for women. Women are made for men and not for pants. When a man pants for a woman and a woman pants for a man, that makes a pair of pants. Pants are like molasses—they are thinner in hot weather and thicker in cold weather. There has been much discussion as to whether pants is singular or plural. Seems to us that when men wear pants it is plural, and when they don't wear pants it is singular. If you want to make the pants last, make the coat first.—Ex.

CARDBOARD—BLOTTERS

The News has a good stock of cardboard in assorted colors; also have the large white blotters.

Take in the picture show at the Star Opera House each Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 7:15 o'clock.

Jack-rabbit campaigns, conducted in four States by the Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, have been particularly effective during the past year. In Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and Texas great numbers of jack rabbits were destroyed by traps and poison. These rodents were unusually destructive to alfalfa, cotton, hay, muskmelon, lettuce, grain, and other crops. In 10 counties of Idaho 32,235 pounds of bait treated with 2-150 ounces of strychnine were used on 312,350 acres of land. By poisoning and by drives, 640,050 jack rabbits, according to actual count, were destroyed in that State. In 6 counties in Washington 155,500 were reported killed, and in 4 counties of Oregon it is estimated that 350,000 were destroyed. In 3 counties of Texas 35,000 jack rabbits were accounted for.

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Records of the Bureau of Animal Industry show, early in 1923, a total of 9,116 livestock owners enrolled in the "Better Sires—Better Stock" campaign conducted by various States and the United States Department of Agriculture to improve the quality of domestic animals. Each of these persons has filed with the department a written agreement to use pure-bred sires of good quality for all classes of livestock kept. The number of breeding animals owned by the persons enrolled now exceed 1,100,000 head, and marked improvement in the stock is reported from time to time. Department records show clearly that the use of pure-bred sires stimulates also the use of pure-bred female live stock and brings about gradual improvement with each generation.

CHICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices.
J. J. JOHNSON
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District Court, scheduled to convene last week at Junction, was postponed until the regular meeting time for the court next September. This action was taken because of the "flu" epidemic prevailing in that county at this time.

Norris Exquisite Box Candy at Mason Drug Company.

Richard Lloyd Jones tells **DARE THE IMPOSSIBLE**

IN one of Maeterlinck's wonderful stories he tells of a powerful man of the Middle Ages who conceived great plans and executed them, but always with difficulty. Frequently he almost failed, and succeeded only by superhuman effort. Finally he found that a secret enemy was always working against his most careful plans, neutralizing his most strenuous exertions.

As the years passed he determined to find and destroy this enemy. Life was not worth living with this hidden foe forever encircling him with difficulties. One evening he went out for a walk. He saw another man approaching him. By that strange instinct which warns us of danger he knew that this man was his life-long enemy. He resolved to kill him.

As he approached, he observed that this man wore a mask. But, conscious that this was the antagonist of his life, he said as they met: "You are the man who from my youth till now has been pursuing me, thwarting me, almost defeating me. I mean to kill you, but I will give you a chance for your life. Draw and defend yourself."

The stranger said as he drew his sword, "I am at your service, but first see who it is that you would fight." He removed his mask and the man stood before himself.

This fable is true of every one of us. Where you think an enemy has injured you, look closely and nine times out of ten you will find yourself in the form of your habits.

It is a common practice to blame the world and not ourselves for our failings. Look deep enough and you will usually find that it is not the world that stands in your way, but you yourself.

If there is any evil in us, bad habits will develop it. And there is evil in all of us. Put your strength to the test, but never your weakness. Dare to try the apparently impossible tasks if they are tasks for good; never fear failure—all the world loves a good loser; and when you fail in the right, your defeat is only the beginning of final victory.

Day by day civilization is demanding more of each one of us—more that is pure and strong. Twentieth century society tolerates no weakness, no taint in individual workers. Today every man must be above suspicion. Each one of us must be proof against calumny. Everybody is lied about—sometimes by envy, sometimes by ignorance. Never resent a falsehood about yourself—after all it is a test of your reputation. Let your life, not your words, be your rebuke to slander. You defeat yourself when you stoop to the slanderer's low level.

Noble living is all the armor you need to wear. Silence is the most eloquent answer that can be made to the slanderer and it is the sure searchlight that will reveal the slanderer's shame and put him in complete disrepute.

Be so true to yourself that you never need to fear yourself and you will never need to fear the world.

poem
by **UNCLE JOHN**

Jes' a clumsy sort of feller, more or less inclined to fat;
allers been a ready seller—never matters where he's at. . . .
Eats his grub without a question—sleeps accordin' as he feels.
. . . Never has no indigestion, allers hearty at his meals. . . .
Plumb contented as they make 'em, all regardless of his fate,—has his habits—can't forsake 'em—yet, he's allers up to date. . . .

Our Humble Friend
Never saw a poker jealous of his neighbor's face or fame, though he might, with safety, tell us, two-legged hogs has swiped his game! Call him razor-back or Chester. Call him Duroc-red or swine. . . . Ain't no hog that seems to pester this old friend of your'n and mine. . . . Truly, we had ort to pander to the hog, in classic verse.—I would fain resent the slander which the lead-hog renders worse! Bacon, spare-ribs, ham, an' sausage, shoulder, backbone, chops galore. Let the medal grace his corsage—angels can't do no more!

HOMELY PHILOSOPHY
for 1923

THREE hundred and fifteen married men killed themselves in New York City in 1922, and 141 married women committed suicide in the same period of time. Only 151 single men and 56 single women killed themselves. The conclusion seems to be that the married folk are unhappier than the single folk, but it isn't so. It's all a question of percentage.

The married couples are in the majority, so more of them sought the great adventure. It's a great thing in a metro. polis of 5,000,000 people to find only 350 fools that want to get out of it. Such a preponderance of men and women from the very rich to the very poor, who are content to stay with us, is pretty good proof that the old world is a rather satisfactory sort of place after all. The best way to decide if the world is worth living in is to give it a trial for seventy-five or eighty years and then sum up.



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Society

Bridge Party

Last Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Seth L. Baze delightfully entertained a few friends at bridge, honoring Mrs. Neal Colemann, of San Antonio.

Red roses were used as decoration of the attractive home and the plate favors were red paper roses.

Two lovely score pencils were award of Mrs. Coleman as guest of honor.

A very dainty salad course was served the following guests: Meses, Kinney Eckert, W. I. Marshall, Tom White, Elgin Eckert, Walter Lindsay, Arch Metzger, John Lindsay, M. D. Loring, Neal Coleman, Misses Julia Berschwald, Zella Wood and Elizabeth White.

Woman's Literary Club

The Woman's Literary Club met on February 8th, at the home of Mrs. Belle W. Bridges. Topic for discussion was, "Poets of Today"—women.

The program for February 15th will be, "Largest Plays and Leading Actors and Actresses."

Program for February 22nd will be, "Robt. Chll—Quotations from Washington, Poems about Washington and the story of his life".

Presto Music Club

The Presto Music Club met at the High School Building last Friday at 8:30 o'clock. History and harmony lessons were had.

The following program will be rendered Friday, February 16th:

1. Piano Solo—Miss Maybelle Loring.
2. Reading—Daisy Dean Seamanist.
3. Piano Solo—Ethel Lehmann.
4. Song—Etta Marie Hofmann.

ALICE JOYCE WEARS EXQUISITE GOWN

Alice Joyce appears in an attractive evening gown in one of the scenes of "The Scorch King," which will be shown at the Star Theater on Saturday night. It is of a Hawaiian cut and is made of white kitten's ear satin. The skirt is cut in points and the waist cut decollete. Around the collets and neck is a row of full insertion, above which is a row of the same material with a narrow baby ribbon. The waist is belted in with a crushed girdle of the same material, from which hangs strings of small and large beads. At front, back and both sides is a fringe reaching from waist to the bottom of the skirt. From the shoulders over the arms hang streamers of fringe and strings of beads similar to those which cover the skirt. A rose adorns the waist at the breast. A turban effect of silver brocade Dresden ribbon is worn as headdress. Hose and slippers match the costume.

During her mourning period Miss Joyce appears in an attractive black

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CARD OF THANKS

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PONTOTOC BOYS AND GIRLS WIN

The girls and boys' basket ball teams of Pontotoc were winners over the Fredonia teams at Pontotoc last Sat. afternoon. The News was not furnished with the scores of the games, but here's how John E. Latham, of Pontotoc, sends the News a report:

Lost, Strayed or Stolen—One little old nanny goat, by the Fredonia basket ball teams; last seen at Pontotoc February 10, 1923. It wasn't much of a goat but we are anxious to recover it. Finder, return to owners and receive the thanks of the Fredonia basket ball teams.

Mrs. Myrtha McDougall went to San Antonio the first of the week for a visit with relatives and friends. Grover accompanied her down and while away did some buying for his store.

The eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Keller underwent a successful operation at the local sanitarium on Tuesday. The little fellow had his tonsils removed.

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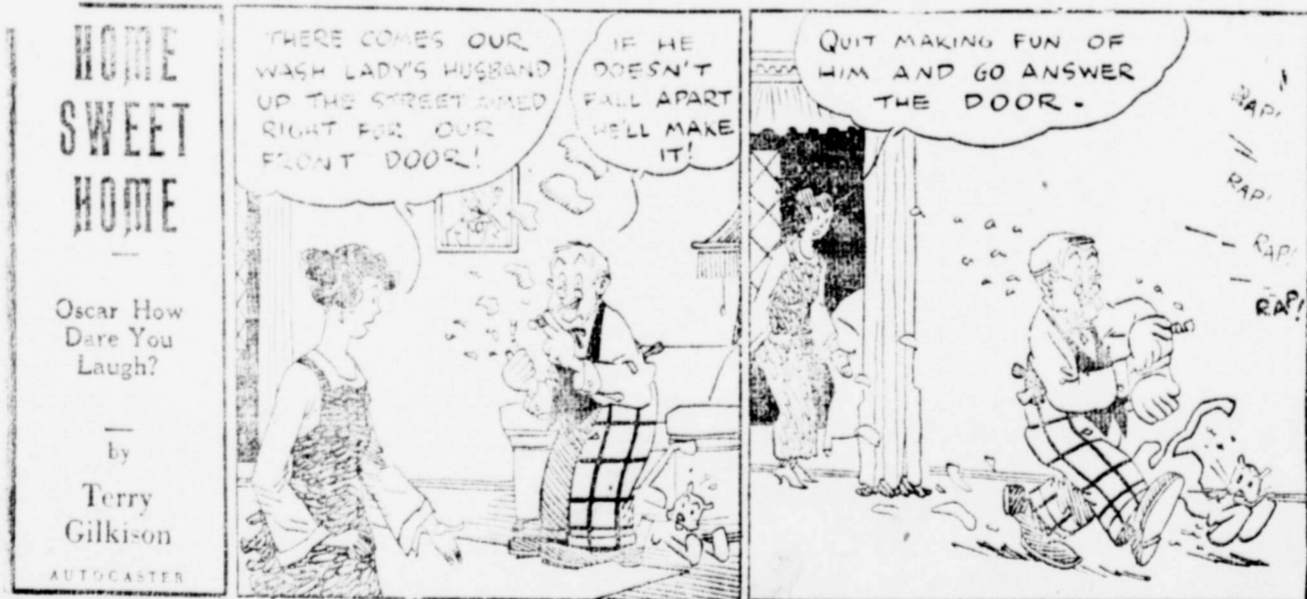


When Cyrena Van Gordon, prima donna of the Chicago Opera Company was a little girl at Camden, O., and the great Campanini told her she would be the greatest contralto in the world, a fine cook was spoiled. Later she got her musical education at Cincinnati. Even yet, however, her idea of a gala occasion is to invade the kitchen to cook "weal an' ammer"—a dish taught her by her grandmother. This is the recipe: "Take one pound of veal and one pound of ham, cutting into small cubes. Simmer until tender. No seasoning is necessary. Thicken the gravy, place in a baking dish and add two thinly sliced larded potatoes. Cover with thin rich biscuit dough and bake 20 minutes.

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Mr. and Mrs. Neal Coleman left Sunday for their home in San Antonio, after a couple weeks visit in the home of Mrs. Coleman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith.



HOME HABITS

HERE'S ONE FROM FRED DONAVAN, OSCEOLA NEBRASKA. MY UNCLE GROWS ABOUT LOSING HIS COLLAR BUTTONS UNDER THE BATHTUB!



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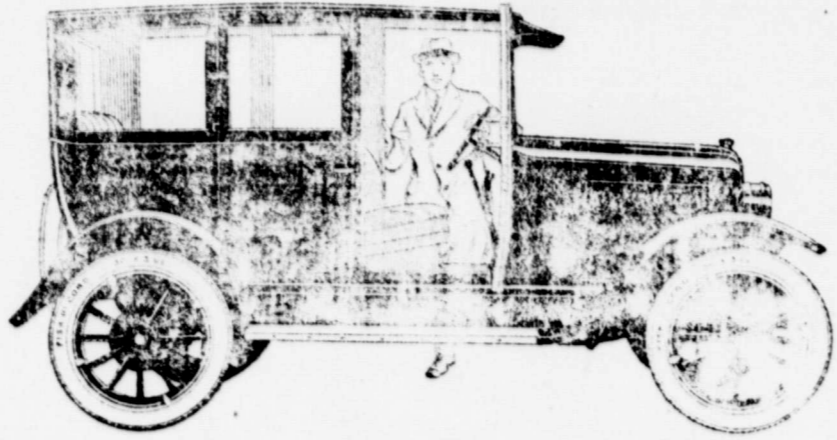
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There is another way, though of put-

ting your town on the map really, honest-to-goodness, put it there so that everybody knows you ARE there. It's no one man's job either, nor can any one individual accomplish this task. This is how it's done: When the citizenship of any town hide their hammers and forget to knock; when they discover the splendid habit of boosting their town and its best interests; when they are willing to lay aside in large measure their own personal interests, and pull and work for the public good; when they stand FOR progress and not in the way of progress; when they

tell others whom they meet about the best town of them all—their town; they will wake up to find their town sure enough on the map, the way that counts in the world's affairs.

The process of putting your town in its rightful place may seem a slow and a tedious one; the sacrifice you may be called upon to make may seem a bit heavy sometimes; you may think you are doing more than your share; but don't worry; don't get weary in the game; push right ahead strengthened by the thought that you are doing the right thing, and when victory really comes, which it surely will, the consciousness that comes to you of duty done will then repay you well for every effort made, for every sacrifice endured, and YOUR town will most certainly be on the map, to remain there a fitting monument to your efforts and to your sacrifice.

Believe in your town; work for your town; boost. If you can't say something good for your town, then at least, say nothing.

Hide your hammer and buy a horn.—The Dallas Merchant.

OFFICERS TRAP MEXICANS WITH BIG LOAD BOOZE

Word received from Junction told of the capture and arrest there last Friday night of three Mexicans with 186 quarts of liquor, which they are accused of transporting from the Mexican border, and which they were bringing, presumably, for distribution in this immediate section. The arrest was made by Sheriff Dee Gibbs of Kimble county, together with several rangers, the latter having trailed the Mexicans all the way from the border. The big load of booze was being transported in two cars, and is said to have contained not only Mexican tequila, but also some bottled in bond whiskey.

While the names of the Mexicans arrested have not been learned, local officers are of the opinion that they are some Mexicans well known locally, and for whom the officers had been laying in wait for some time on the suspicion of being responsible for the tequila circulating in this section. In fact Sheriff Waddill with several deputies had gone out on the London road Friday night following information as to the movements of the Mexicans, but were driven in by the rain that night. Next morning they learned of the arrest at Junction. Just recently the house of a local Mexican was searched by the officers, and while trace of contraband liquor is said to have been found, no actual evidence was uncovered.

Transporting of liquor is included in the category of serious offenses against the State, and conviction in the State courts is certain to result in heavy penalty with imprisonment in the penitentiary.—Brady Standard.

FLOCK TO NATIONAL FORESTS

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SOCIAL STATUS AND HEAT

Giving up their warm but expensive apartment in Hyde Park, the Smith family moved to a new two-family house a few blocks away. It was slightly less expensive and considerably colder, as the first frost revealed. Eventually Mrs. Smith mustered up enough courage to protest to the landlady, who lived on the first floor. That worthy was shocked to learn that virtually no heat had penetrated to the upper regions and could hardly believe it.

"You must have had heat," she insisted. "Why, we have the same janitor that fires the furnace in the millionaire's house across the street and I know they'd have heat this weather."—Chicago Journal.

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and the good medicine it was, I had been having a tired feeling when I'd get up in the morning. I would be stiff and sore, and had a slimy, bad taste in my mouth, but didn't think so much of it till I began to feel stupid and didn't feel like eating—then I knew I needed medicine. It was then I began Black-Draught, and I felt all made over, ready for any kind of work, ready to eat and sleep. So, for any return of this trouble, I take Black-Draught, and for 25 years it has been my medicine, and I wouldn't be without it at all. My work is constant. I am on my feet a lot. I am out of doors, and fresh air and Black-Draught are all the medicines I need. I recommend it to others for I know it is good."

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HIS TOMORROW

By JANE GORDON

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The man struggled on through the blinding snowstorm. The path was almost impassable. Bewildered, breathless, Paul Worthington paused, wondering what strange impulse had led him this desolate way.

He had left his office that afternoon, in a mad desire to hide himself and his misery.

The necessity to be absolutely alone, to think a way out of this terrible thing that had come upon him—Donnie, the brother whom he had loved and sheltered, to be proven now a thief!

Paul trembled at the memory of those screaming headlines in the morning paper, which had seemed to wipe out all joy for him, and hope forever. He went back in thought to the day of his mother's death, many years ago, and her plea that he, the older brother, would care for always and guard Donald. And he had dutifully kept his promise.

Paul could not reproach himself. All the reproach lay with Donald. What fiend had tempted him with gold?—the bank's gold, where he was trustfully employed.

"Donald Worthington, assistant cashier of the City Trust bank, absconds with funds." The newspaper headlines haunted the tortured man as he pressed on his way.

"Brother, well-known business man, has nothing to say."

"Nothing to say." What was there for Paul in his dumb misery to say? He had hurried to a trolley station, had boarded the first outgoing train, and, huddled in his seat, endeavored to think clearly, as they flew along. But the chattering passengers annoyed him, so Paul had stepped off at a lonely station. Where? He was not concerned to find out.

Now, as he walked and walked, the storm had overtaken him. He was lost, lost at a country crossroads.

A light beckoned suddenly. Paul could see no habitation, for the mantle of snow had covered the tiny abode. Exhausted, he leaned against the porch pillar as he hammered at the door. It was opened, slowly, as though the inmate feared intrusion. Paul was surprised to see a young

woman standing in the doorway.

"May I come in?" begged Paul. "I think I have lost my way."

The girl hesitated for a moment. "You are—?" she asked.

In bitterness he answered her. The news of his disgrace had preceded him; he realized this instantly in the young woman's quick sympathy.

"Mr. Paul Worthington," she repeated with emphasis on the first name, and added kindly, "Please come in at once, and rest by the fire."

The girl spoke no more until she had served her guest with coffee and sandwiches. Presently, refreshed and grateful, he turned to the young woman who quietly waited.

"You get the newspapers here?" he asked her significantly.

She nodded in answer. "Tommy Edmonds, who lives near here, brings my supplies and papers from the village store. I only came out yesterday."

"I read this morning of a Donald Worthington and his misfortune. Is it possible that you are the brother Paul referred to?"

"Quite possible." Paul's tone was abrupt with pain.

The girl spoke again. "I am sorry," she said. "And I think I know how you felt when you ran away. That is actually what you did do, is it not? You ran away." She reached for the discussed newspaper, holding out to him a page.

"I ran away too," she explained.

When he had read the second sensational article, Paul gazed amazed at his serene hostess. The article declared that Iron Taylor's daughter had disappeared the night before, from the home of the capitalist, who ruled with an iron hand. It was rumored that she had fled from an approaching marriage with a man of her father's choosing. A mysterious telephone message had announced she would be quite comfortable and no anxiety need be felt upon her behalf.

A picture of a charming young woman graced the newspaper page. It was the photograph of the girl who knelt on the hearth rug at Paul's feet.

"This little house was one of my favorite resorts last summer," she told him. "So when father became unreasonably insistent I recalled it as a good place to hide until he should be brought to reason. I intended to stay here for some time." Phyllis Taylor leaned forward. "Now, tell me," she said softly, "what were you going to do?"

"I don't know," the man answered slowly. "Everything was dark to me, then suddenly your light gleamed forth like a promise."

The girl arose. "I have decided," she said briskly; "for a time you will want to be alone. You shall stay here. There is plenty of wood and food. You will help me on to the crossroads tonight and then I shall send for father. He will come quickly to take me home. And, tomorrow," she smiled back at Paul, "some way I shall manage to get here to make sure that my guest is doing well. Tomorrow!" promised the girl—"there is always a brighter tomorrow after every storm."

And on a summer's day, when roses bloomed before the same little house, Paul reminded his wife of her hopeful words.

"You were my tomorrow," he said tenderly. "My peace, after the storm."

GOLD IN WORLD'S HISTORY

According to Ancient Chronicles the Metal Has Always Been in More or Less Abundance.

The quest for gold has from time immemorial led men to journey afar and undergo severe hardships, privations and dangerous adventure in varying climes. Ancient history, although deficient in records, manifestly was replete with epochs of gold discovery. For gold figures as an article of exchange and merchandise as far back as the time of Abraham, and when Solomon came to the throne he fairly plastered the temple with gold. At Babylon, in the time of Belshazzar, gods of gold were in conspicuous evidence and vessels of gold were provided for the king's guests. There were vast quantities of gold in Judea and in Egypt and India. There were beds of gold and goblets of gold in Persia, and in Hindustan the king sat on a throne of gold. Then Nadir Shah took a hundred million in gold from the single city of Delhi. Gold coins came into general circulation in Rome during the days of Julius Caesar. In the Jewish chronicle Ophir is frequently mentioned as a source of gold supply.

If you know of some news items that would interest News readers, phone it in. If you don't know the details, give us an idea and we will do our best to get the particulars.

German Resentment Against French



This first and exclusive picture shows German resentment against French invasion of the Ruhr, taken as thousands crowded the square around the Bismarck monument on King's Place in Berlin. German police could not control the crowd which was frenzied to the point of demanding war.

A study of the figures from 1850 to 1922, says the United States Department of Agriculture, shows that human population has increased at a greater rate than live stock. The number of hogs in this country varies more from year to year than the number of other domestic animals. Sheep have declined the most. There is increasing difficulty in supplying our population with sufficient meat while maintaining a surplus of meat products for export. The live-stock industry acts as a great storage reservoir for surplus grains, grasses, and forage crops. No great marketing nation has ever suffered famine from crop failure.

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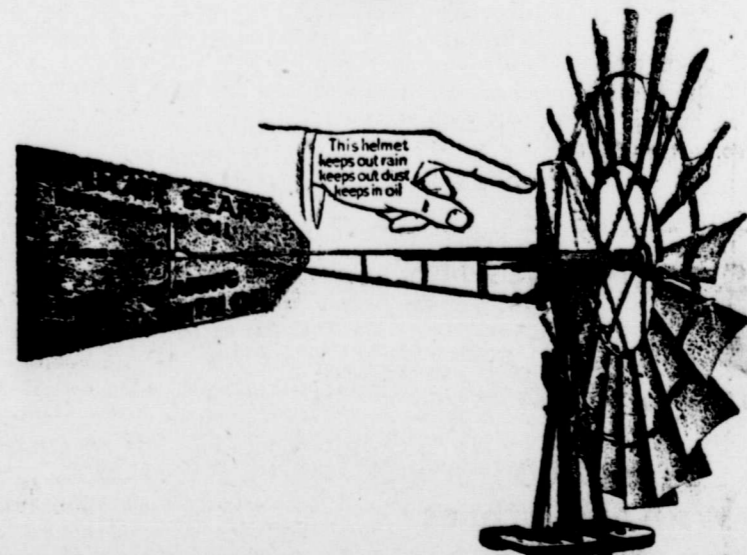
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CHURCH NOTICES

ATTENTION! BAPTIST CONGREGATION

The News has been requested to announce that a meeting will be held at the Baptist Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at which time the matter of securing a pastor for the local church will be discussed. It is urged that all members of the Church, and others interested, be present.

FIRE DESTROYED HOTEL BLDG. IN LLANO ON WEDNESDAY MORN.

Reports were received here Sunday afternoon of the destruction, by fire, of the Dan Carlos Hotel in Llano. It is stated the origin of the fire is not known, and the fire was discovered about 4 o'clock Sunday morning.

The building, which was one of the largest hotel buildings in this section of the State, was valued at something like \$100,000 and it is said \$25,000 worth of insurance was carried on it. The building was three stories and was owned by C. E. Schultz.

COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURAL CLUB MEETING AT PETERS PR.

On February 16th at 2:30 o'clock the house was called to order by the president.

After roll call the president read the constitution to the Club.

Then the minutes were read and approved, which was followed by a brief discussion of business.

A talk was made by Alta Bratton on the diseases of baby chicks, followed by a reading by Viola Bishop on hog-killing time. A talk on artificial breeding of baby chicks by Werner Schmidt, after which Howard Sorrels made a talk on fall hints for poultry breeders.

Milton Curran was appointed to take care of the Club Bulletin. Miss Sadie Westbrook was asked to buy birds to read some torn bulletins.

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The Expedition to the Llano River and San Saba Valley Led by Mr. Von Mausebach in 1817

First installment will appear in April issue of the Pioneer Pecan Press, San Saba, Texas. Subscribe now \$1.50 per year. 49-2tc

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Road work started this week in Kimble County on a 19-mile stretch between Junction and Roosevelt. This will complete the road through Kimble on the Old Spanish Trail.

Miss Theresa Galie, manager of the Fredericksburg Exchange for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company was in Mason a short time last week on business with the local exchange.

NOTICE

The Thaxton Patch is posted. No one will be allowed on said premises without our permission. Some stock have been stolen out of the pasture. We are reasonably sure we know who these parties are, but still it is necessary for us to keep everyone out. This is also a warning to parties who hunt with dogs and tear the fences down. The pasture will be watched; anyone caught will be prosecuted.

H. L. BRALY,
EUGENE BRALY.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kinsey and three daughters returned home Sunday after an absence of a couple of weeks visiting among relatives and boyhood friends of Mr. Kinsey in Coryell and adjoining counties. Mr. Kinsey stated it had been twenty-five years since he had been in that section and he noted many changes. He reported extra good rains in that section and that he encountered some very muddy roads while away and for several days was compelled to wait for roads to dry out in order for him to get anywhere.

CHICKENS

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LAUGHTER REIGNS, JOY POURS IN FIVE-PART LLOYD COMEDY

Harold Lloyd says that it took four months to dope out the ending of "Grandma's Boy"—that final laugh that made its first audience, when it was previewed in Long Beach, Calif., laugh so hard that it held up the next act for ten minutes. The hardest part of a comedy, contends Lloyd and his producer, Hal Roach, is the "gag" for the final fadeout.

"Grandma's Boy" is hailed as Harold Lloyd's most pretentious comedy in a lineup of laugh-producing photoplays that have not had one mark against them. Lloyd's newest comedy is always a step forward, and "Grandma's Boy" is a mighty big stride ahead.

It is in five reels and its laughs, thrills and suspense are built around a theme as serious as the psychology of fear. Lloyd is seen as the bashful small town boy, afraid of his own shadow. When his little old-fashioned grandmother comes to his rescue with her great wisdom and teaches him the meaning of self-confidence, he makes the sleepy little town of Blossom Bend—and the Girl in particular—sit up and take notice that the worm has turned!

"Grandma's Boy" is from the story by producer Hal Roach, and Sam Taylor and Jean Hayes. Fred Newmeyer directed, and the cast includes pretty Mildred Davis, Anna Townsend, Dick Sutherland, Charles Stevenson and Noah Young. It is an Associated Exhibitors feature comedy and will be shown at the Star Theater next week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Dan J. Hoerster, a girl, February 12th (Stillborn).

PUBLIC SALES

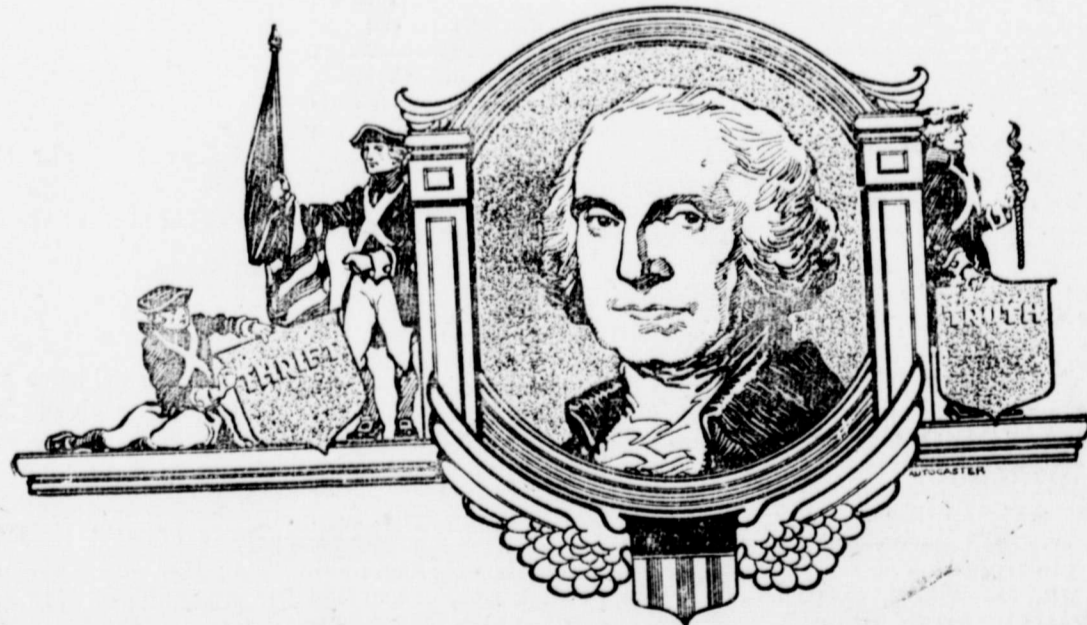
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