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# Lockney Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY LEADS ALL WEST TEXAS IN VALUE OF CROPS PRODUCED. LOCKNEY IS IN THE HEART OF THE BEST FARMING SECTION OF THE PLAINS, AND IN THE GREAT SHALLOW WATER BELT

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## PHONE AND MAIL SERVICE DISCUSSED

MESSRS. HILL, GOODWIN AND ANTON MEET WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

As announced in the last issue of the Beacon Messrs. Anton, Superintendent of the Slaton Division of the Santa Fe, and Mr. Hill, district manager for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, were present at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday at noon.

Mr. Anton of the Santa Fe was informed as to the nature of the proposition he had been asked to Lockney to discuss with the citizens, and emphatically informed those present that nothing could be expected of the Santa Fe in the way of better train or mail service, but on the contrary that the train schedules would be changed on March 15th so as to make the passenger and mail service really worse than it is at the present time, as the evening train from the South would arrive at Plainview between 6 and 7 o'clock in the afternoon on the new schedule. He advised the Chamber of Commerce to look to the Esteline car lines to get their mail service as he considered that our only relief from our present situation. He stated that the line cars and private cars had taken all the passenger service away from the branch line, and that he did not consider that a motor car or extra train service in order to handle the mail would be a paying proposition, as the special mail cars would be unable to secure enough passenger traffic to justify their being run. He promised no better service than we have at present, and all indications are that the service will be even worse after the 15th of March.

The Commercial Club will take steps to get a seven days' mail service over the Lockney-Esteline mail line, and petitions will be prepared to present to the postoffice department to that effect.

Messrs. Hill and Goodwin of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company were present and the citizens informed them in a plain, but courteous manner as to the service we had been receiving for some time past and the various grievances were listened to with interest by the gentlemen and various ways of overcoming the various grievances and getting better service were discussed at length. Mr. Hill gave the club to understand that it was his desire and the desire of his company to give efficient service, and that he would work to that end and see what he could do toward giving Lockney a telephone service that would meet the requirements of the supporters of the telephone company in this city, and would see if he could not arrange matters so that the town would have an ever ready man to look after the telephone service and "trouble shooter", and an efficient crew in the exchange to care for the business of the town. Mr. Hill remained over Tuesday to look after the telephone business and to see what should be done in regard to same at once.

A committee composed of T. H. Stewart, R. E. Patterson and H. B. Adams, were appointed to go before the Commissioners' Court at Floydada, and request the court to reconsider the withdrawal of the highway officer in Floyd county. H. S. Holin has been special highway officer for about four years, drawing a salary of \$40 a month, which amount comes out of the auto tax of the county, and at a recent meeting of the Commissioners' Court this office was abolished. On the part of the office of deputy sheriff not paying sufficient to employ an officer by itself, the office of highway and deputy sheriff were combined. The order of the Commissioners' Court annulling the highway officer, leaves the deputy sheriff's office by itself and the funds derived from it are not sufficient to demand the full time of an officer, therefore if something isn't done about the matter Lockney is to be without a deputy sheriff in the future. The committee went to Floydada Monday afternoon and conferred with the Commissioners' Court (in session there that day) and were informed that owing to all the auto tax money being tied up in the injunction case, that the county had no funds with which to pay the highway officer, and therefore, not anything could be done about the reinstatement of the officer. The judges stated that the fully realized

## FIRST NATIONAL IS COUNTY DEPOSITORY

FLOYD COUNTY FUNDS AGAIN AWARDED TO LOCAL BANK—ONLY BID RECEIVED

At the meeting of the Commissioners' Court Monday the First National Bank of Lockney was again chosen as depository for the county and common school district funds. There was no competitive bids on the depository, and the First National Bank's bid was 3 1/8 per cent on county funds and 1 per cent on school funds. The bid this year was a little less than the bid of last year, owing to the fact that the bank was asked to put up a surety bond for the handling of the county and school funds, as a demand for a surety bond had not been registered during the previous years.

DESIRE TO GIVE LOVING CUPS IN ATHLETICS

A meeting was held at the First National Bank, on Wednesday, Feb. 12th, 1925, composed of representatives from the Floydada High School, Floydada P. T. A., Lockney Mother's Club, and Lockney High School. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss plans for increasing an active interest in Floyd county in interscholastic league work. Floyd county has a record of fostering one of the most active organizations in the state. But it was the opinion of the representatives present that a more efficient method could be found for rewarding the winners for the different contests participated in. A plan was discussed and agreed upon whereby the federated clubs of the county assisted by school representatives would undertake a movement to furnish loving cups for the winning contestants. The advantage of this plan can readily be seen when we compare it with the methods in the past. The method heretofore has been to reward the winners by ribbons, banners or medals. The awards were not made to schools but to individuals and the process of raising funds has had to be repeated each year. This makes it a costly method.

If loving cups could be offered in each event they would be awarded to the school and not to the individual. The school winning these cups would keep them for one year then they would be offered for competition again. In order for a cup to belong permanently to a school it would have to be won three years in succession. You can readily see that this plan would be less costly and would stimulate keener competition in the different events. A cup will last at least three years, and from that on up to ten. As the schools of the county will do their best to keep it from becoming the permanent property of any one school.

Lockney Mothers' Club has agreed to sponsor the movement here, and they together with the high school have agreed to make an effort to place eleven of the cups in the county.

Funds will be raised in different ways and several business men have already signified a willingness to donate a cup to some special event. The plan as outlined above was agreed upon and accepted by the representatives and will form a working basis for committee and school authorities all over the county. It is hoped that the plan will meet with a ready response from business men and patrons of the school all over the county. Work for the raising of these funds must begin immediately in order to get the cups back in time for the county meet which will be held in Floydada on either the last Friday and Saturday in March or the first Friday or Saturday in April.

### Visits of the Stork

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer O. Baker, Sunday morning, Feb. 8th, at 5 o'clock, a girl.

ed the need of the deputy sheriff at Lockney, but did not see how the county could secure the funds for carrying for the office. The sheriff informed the committee that the fees as deputy sheriff were so light that it would be impossible for an officer to remain on the job, unless some revenue was received from other sources.

There were thirty-two members and visitors at the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

## MORGAN WILL BUILD BRICK BUILDING

PROPOSES TO BUILD TWO STORY BUILDING ON LOTS SOUTH OF BAKERS STORE

N. W. Morgan is making arrangements for the construction of a brick building just south of the Baker Mercantile building on Main street. The structure will be 30x100 feet, and will probably be a two story structure. The lower floor will be used for his implement business and the upper story will be used as lodge hall, or cut into rooms for offices.

Mr. Morgan contemplates beginning the construction just as soon as the weather is warm enough to keep the concrete work from freezing while drying out.

### William K. Early Dead

William K. Early, age 79 years, 8 months and 8 days, died at his home in Lockney Sunday night after a prolonged illness of several months.

William K. Early was born in the state of Georgia, on May 31st, 1845. He came to Texas when he was 20 years of age, settling at Abilene many years ago, moving to the Plains about 20 years ago, and has been a resident of Lockney for the past five years.

He joined the Baptist Church when he was eighteen years of age, and was married to Miss Mary Frances Reeves on Feb. 26, 1871. To this union four children were born, three of whom survive him. His wife also survive him. The children are Mrs. C. P. Julian of Trinidad, Colo., Mrs. C. A. Joiner of Hale Center and Bert Early of Lockney, all the children being present at the funeral.

Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church in Lockney Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Y. F. Walker officiating, and interment was in the Lockney cemetery.

The pall bearers were: L. M. Faulkner, Will A. Malone and A. E. Bledsoe of Plainview; Wm. McGehee, W. O. Starks and C. A. Wofford of Lockney, all old-time friends of the deceased, who lived at Abilene when Mr. Early live there.

The out-of-town relatives attending the funeral were Mrs. C. P. Julian of Trinidad, Colo., and Mrs. C. A. Joiner of Hale Center (daughters), W. E. Reeves and son, Roy, of Matador; Elbert and Lee Reeves of Wayland College, Plainview; Miss Maisey Reeves of Floydada; Frank Early, nephew, of McAdoo.

Mrs. Early is a sister of Ed Reeves of Lockney.

Mr. Early was a very highly esteemed citizen of Lockney, and many of the places of business of the town closed during the funeral services.

Interment was under the direction of Garner Bros. of Plainview.

### W. W. FULKS DEAD

W. W. Fulks, age 70 years, died at his home in Southeast Lockney Sunday morning at 2 o'clock and was buried at the Lockney cemetery Sunday afternoon. Funeral services were held at the family residence by Elder Graves.

Mr. Fulks had been a citizen of Lockney for the last ten years, and leaves a wife and one nephew, R. W. Fulks of Lockney.

Mrs. Fulks is a sister of Mrs. F. M. Johnson of this city. One sister of Mr. Fulks survive him, she living in Missouri.

The family moved to Lockney from Central Texas.

### James C. Dutty Dead

James Clark Dutty, age 50 years, died at his home in Plainview Friday morning, following a week's duration. Hemorrhage of the brain was the cause of his death.

Mr. Dutty was formerly a resident of Floyd county, living northeast of Lockney.

The remains were brought to Lockney Saturday and funeral services were held at the Lockney Baptist church, conducted by Rev. J. W. Saffle of Plainview. Interment was in the Lockney cemetery.

Mr. Dutty leaves a wife and several children.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Adams, Douglas and Milton, and Miss Clem Blankenship spent Sunday south of Hale Center visiting G. W. McIlroy and family.

## DISTRICT COURT MEETS MARCH 2nd

SPRING TERM OF COURT WILL HAVE MANY CASES TO BE DISPOSED OF

The spring term of district court in Floyd county will begin Monday, March 2nd.

The first week of court will be given over to empanelling the grand jury trying non-jury and default cases and setting cases for trial.

The docket will be large this year as many felony cases will be brought up for trial. The Hobart-Miller case from Amarillo has been transferred to Floyd county and will probably go to trial on Monday, March 23.

The following is the jury list for the second week, to report Monday March 9th:

J. W. Massingale, Chas. Weigand, J. B. Wigginton, Paul Snodgrass, T. F. Love, J. W. Malone, T. H. Clark, V. A. Thorn, L. Utsman, W. B. Hatchett, P. H. Carzine, J. L. Elmore, G. W. Bas, H. T. Bridges, J. H. Fowler, Bert Bobbitt, T. C. Assiter, E. L. Boothe, T. R. Webb, C. A. Womack, C. L. Zimmerman, R. W. Watson, D. M. Moore, O. M. Watson, H. S. Sanders, G. E. Tangahill, S. E. Stiller, G. M. Tate, C. B. Sims, A. L. Sparks, A. L. Glass, H. T. A. Byars, Bob Reeves, A. P. Barber, E. R. Lovranne, W. Edd Brown.

### FLOYD COUNTY SELECTED FOR HOBART TRIAL

Case Will Probably Be Set for Hearing On March Twenty-Third

Amarillo, Feb. 10.—Judge Henry S. Bihop yesterday afternoon entered an order in the district court, changing the venue of the case of E. T. Miller and Mrs. Ruth Hobart, charged with murder, to the district court at Floydada, Floyd county.

The case will be called there when the next term of court opens on Mar. 2, and at that time will probably be set for trial, beginning March 23.

Both Miller and Mrs. Hobart were present in court when the order was entered, and each made new bond in the sum of \$10,000 for their appearance at Floydada. A. T. Cole, attorney of Clarendon was present as attorney for Mrs. Hobart and Alex M. Mood as attorney for Miller. Harmon Hobart, brother of E. W. Hobart, in connection with whose death on July 14 Miller and Mrs. Hobart were indicted, came here from Iola, Kas., and was also present in court.

This case was tried here at the last term of the district court, the trial being held in December, and taking more than two weeks. The jury was discharged without having reached a verdict when two of its members became seriously ill.

Sureties who yesterday went on Mrs. Hobart's bond were A. T. Cole, Clarendon; H. Lott, Clarendon; and Mrs. M. J. Miller, Amarillo. Those on Miller's bond, are W. H. Brummett, Charles E. Willmering and M. L. Phillips, all of Amarillo.

### A Correction

We have been asked to make a correction concerning the implement store at Hale Center by Eldon Morgan, which was published in last issue of the Beacon. We stated that N. W. Morgan & Co. were opening the store, when it should have been Morgan Implement Co., of which Eldon Morgan is the proprietor.

Yours very truly,  
E. J. SWEENEY,  
President, Sweeney Automotive and Electrical School.

## MAKES \$7,500 WORTH CROPS ON 1-2 SECTION

FARMER LIVING NORTH OF LOCKNEY HAS GOOD CROP YEAR

A. S. Hanna, living 25 miles northwest of Lockney, was in to see us the first of the week to renew his subscription to the Beacon, and in conversation stated that he had a half-section farm, of which 254 acres were in cultivation, and that the past year he had made 50 bales of cotton off 100 acres, or 1-2 bale to the acre on the average, and had sold 2,200 bushels of wheat off 99 acres of land, and that he had 65 acres of feed crops that would average more than a ton of heads to the acre. He figures his farm has this year brought him better than \$7,500.00.

### ODD FELLOWS WILL HAVE HOME COMING

Members of the Odd Fellows lodge met last Thursday night in the hall over Crager Furniture and perfected plans for regular meetings of the lodge.

The Odd Fellows will hold a home coming meeting at the hall over Crager Furniture Co. next Thursday night, Feb. 19th, at which time all Odd Fellows are urged to be present.

There will be refreshments served, and all members of the Order, whether their membership is in Lockney, or elsewhere are urged to be present. Members who have withdrawal cards or have allowed their membership to lapse are asked to come re-enter the Order and help put the Order on its feet again.

Remember the home coming takes place next Thursday night, Feb. 19th, and there will be good eats for all.

### MRS. W. R. EVANS UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. W. R. Evans of Lockney was carried to Plainview sanitarium Monday, by Dr. A. T. Reed, where she underwent an operation Monday afternoon for appendicitis. She was in a very critical condition, as gangreen had set in on the appendix.

### LETTER REGARDING MR. OLEN D. HARRIS

Kansas, City, Mo., Feb. 3, 1925.

Dear Sir: Your readers will be interested to know that Mr. Olen D. Harris of your community is now attending the Sweeney Automotive and Electrical School at Kansas City, Mo. He has enrolled for the complete automotive and electrical course and upon graduating will receive the degree of Certified Automotive Mechanic.

Mr. Harris says he is well pleased with the Sweeney System whereby he is learning mechanical work by practical work and actual experience under the personal supervision of competent instructors.

The school is proud of him for he has entered upon his work with a zeal that means success. His willingness to work shows his ambition to make something of himself. It is the guests of the school that he will return to his home community and eventually get in business for himself.

Yours very truly,  
E. J. SWEENEY,  
President, Sweeney Automotive and Electrical School.

### TEXAS SCHOOLS GET \$500,000 CHECK

Treasurer Gives That Sum to Apply On the Available School Fund

Austin, Feb. 10.—A check for \$500,000 was handed the Department of Education Tuesday by the State Treasurer to apply on the available school fund. The money is paid from the general revenue on appropriation by the legislature. It is one of the largest amounts ever paid by the treasurer on a single warrant.

This leaves the general revenue with about \$100,000.

Within a few days the general revenue will have several hundred thousand dollars and will be safely out of the deficit.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cox and family attended the funeral of H. L. King at Plainview last Sunday afternoon.

## SENATE VOTES FERGUSON AMNESTY

FULL POLITICAL RIGHTS RESTORED TO EX. GOVERNOR FERGUSON

Austin, Feb. 10.—The Texas Senate, following a debate lasting three and a half hours, at 6:30 tonight passed finally the amnesty bill restoring former Gov. James E. Ferguson to full political rights, removing all penalties of the 1917 impeachment verdict and seeking to wipe out the stigma itself. The bill now goes to the house for action.

The vote on final passage of the bill was 21 for, 6 against, two present and not voting and one paired.

Constitutionality Argued

It was the contention of those opposed to the amnesty bill that it was unconstitutional. Senator A. E. Wood of Granger had introduced a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment that would give the legislature the right to restore Ferguson. There is nothing in the Constitution that forbids the legislature from granting amnesty. It was the keynote of the arguments of those supporting the bill that it was within in the legislature's power to give amnesty.

Senator Lloyd E. Price of Daingerfield, the only member of the special senate committee opposed to the bill, and who had sent in a minority report led off the debate for the opposition, claiming that the legislature sought, through the bill, to assume the powers of the judiciary. He spoke for an hour, followed by Senators Pierce B. Ward of Cleburne, and Walter C. Woodward of Coleman. Both the latter were for the amnesty bill.

### AUTO THIEVES KILL RANGER POLICEMAN

Jim Daniels, Considered One of Nerviest Officers in West, Slain

Ranger, Feb. 8.—Jim Daniels, age 33 years old, peace officer in Ranger since before and through the days of the oil boom and considered one of the nerviest men in West Texas, was shot and killed at 6 o'clock Sunday morning, presumably by automobile thieves who met him accidentally.

Daniels, on duty all night, had reported off and was on his way home. Residents in the suburban district through which he was passing heard pistol shots. Soon two cars were heard driving away. A boy looking from an adjoining house saw a man lying in the street and summoned the police. He saw a touring car and coupe disappearing.

Daniels was wounded in the left shoulder and the upper part of his heart, both by .22-caliber bullets. He fired five shots from his pistol before he fell, and glances in the road indicated he had shattered the coupe in a number of places.

Within an hour the officers had found a deserted touring car on the Caddo road, about two miles from the scene of the shooting. Its gas tank was empty. The license number had been taken off. The car was identified as one stolen at Seymour, Baylor county, about midnight Saturday, at which time a coupe was stolen from there also. The coupe has not been located.

Two suspects are being held by the police for investigation.

Mr. Daniels was unmarried and is survived by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

### SANTA FE CHANGES THROUGH TRAINS

Amarillo, Feb. 10.—Transfer of two transcontinental trains from the Northern to Southern route, bringing them through Amarillo, together with schedule changes on other trains have been announced by Santa Fe officials here.

The change of the Chicago to Los Angeles trains will be effective March 15. The new trains will be Nos. 1 and 10, which formerly were operated by way of La Junta, Colo., and Newton, Kan.

All trains now operating through Amarillo will be maintained with slight changes in schedule.

Mr. Johns Casey and Miss Lovilla Cox went to Amarillo Wednesday for a visit of several days, with his sister, and her aunt, Mrs. G. C. Fairley.



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#### THE CITY ELECTION

The city election will soon be at hand. The first Tuesday in April being the regular election day. There

are three aldermen, mayor, city marshal and city secretary to be elected. Messrs. A. J. White, A. P. Barker and Leslie Floyd are the retiring aldermen, J. H. Byington, retiring mayor, R. E. Hadley, retiring city marshal, and Floyd Huff retiring city secretary. As to how many of these men will stand for re-election we have not so far been informed. There has been considerable talk on the streets in reference to the election and many suggestions as to candidates have been made and more especially has there been talk concerning the prospective candidates for the offices of mayor and city marshal. In mentioning names for the office of mayor G. A. Thomas, manager of the Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co. is being urged by many of his friends to make the race. T. Z. Reed has signified a desire to make the race also. Whether Mr. Byington will consider running again we have not heard.

In the city marshal's race, O. E. Bailey has already announced for the office. Mr. Hadley, the present marshal, has not committed himself, and friends of T. B. (Barlow) Hill are urging him to make the race. Mr. Hill has been city marshal in Lockney twice before and has many warm supporters in the town.

Along the suggestions for aldermen, three to be elected, the present incumbents have a good support, while some desire to keep part of them and substitute for others. Carl McAdams and E. E. Dyer have been suggested as aldermen, also Mr. Dyer has been suggested as a candidate for mayor.

So far for city secretary no one has raised any objections to the present incumbent, Floyd Huff, and all seem to be satisfied to keep Floyd just where he is at. He has done an excellent work in this capacity and the people as a whole seem to be well pleased.

1925 should mark a new epoch in the history of the town, and in choosing officers progressive wide-awake men should be chosen, men who desire to make as good a town out of Lockney as possible. In the city marshal race we should elect a marshal who would enforce the law without fear or favor to any one. We are of the opinion we will have something definite to "Who", in the city candidates by the tell the people about "Who" will be next issue of the Beacon.

#### LOCKNEY MUST HAVE BETTER MAIL SERVICE

We have discussed and re-discussed

the mail proposition in Lockney, and so far we have not bettered the condition one bit. There is no relief to be found by waiting on the Santa Fe railroad, and we now have a promise from this source of even worse service than we now have. Lockney's size and business demands a seven day's mail service, and a mail service that will give us better connections with the outside world. This can be obtained by getting our mail over the Estelline-Lockney route, if we will circulate a petition in Lockney and over the line from Lockney to Estelline asking for a seven day mail service and taking the matter up with the postoffice department. This was attempted once before and would have probably been accomplished had it not been for one Lockney man queering the proposition (probably unthoughtedly) with a postal inspector. There is no other town the size of Lockney in this section (except Floydada) that does not have a seven day mail service, and there is no reason why we should not have the service. Arrangements can be made so as to leave Estelline on the arrival of the Fort Worth & Denver mail train, between 10 and 11 o'clock each morning, that will put the mail into Lockney by 4 or 5 o'clock every afternoon, which is about 18 or 20 hours ahead of the mail coming over the Santa Fe into Plainview at 3:15 each afternoon, as our mail has to lay at Plainview until one o'clock the next day. It is up to Lockney to get the service from Estelline each day or else put on a car line that will bring the mail from Plainview each afternoon, as the railroad can not be relied upon to accommodate the people along this line.

#### IMMENSE WEALTH IS INVESTED IN CARS

Automobiles are getting thicker than flies in the summer time. Floyd county has more than 2,000 motor vehicles, which means an outlay of about \$1,750,000, and yet not near all the people of the county are owners of cars. There are more than 10,000 inhabitants in the county, making about one car to every 5 people. In some counties there is a car for every three people, and this will soon be the case in Floyd county. Cars are fine things to have, yet in many cases they are very sorry property. If a person has a car for business purposes it is alright, and is generally a paying proposition. If a person has a car for pleasure only and is able to afford it, that is alright too. But if a person has a car for pleasure and has to skin the gas and garage men in order to run it, can not pay his grocery, dry goods, hardware and drug bills, because he uses the money to keep the car going, that isn't alright by a long shot, and there are many such cars and people in Floyd, and every other county in the State of Texas. The filling station and garage men get a larger per cent of cold checks than any other line of business, because of the car owners who are not able to own or run a car. Many people are car crazy, they will leave their essential bills unpaid and use the money to buy cars, buy gas, or have their car repaired in order to be constantly ready for a joy ride. Today there are many cars in Floyd, and other counties, that are still running with the 1924 numbers on them because the owner has not the price of the 1925 license, and the owners are running the risk of being fined for operating their car. Lots of men will spend their last dollar and give a mortgage on their crop in order to secure a car in which to joy ride, and then expect some bank or merchant to carry them over to make another crop, or credit them until they can work long enough to pay their debts. But few men, farmers or townsmen, who give all their money and a lot of notes for a car, ever pay any debts they are not made to, because they spend all they make after they get a car for gasoline and upkeep of the car. Just think how many of these 2,000 cars Floyd county has, are not earning one penny for the owner, but on the other hand are draining his pockets all the time. Possibly two-thirds of the cars in Floyd county are necessary to the handling of the business of the owners, but that other one-third cause more worry and cold checks for the business men than any one other item in the county. There is one thing noticeable about Floyd county cars that shows the people have not reached the peak in the automobile craze yet. There are fewer big cars in the county than in any other county we have been in for some time. Small and medium priced cars are more sensible investments for the people, because the first cost of the car is much smaller, then the gasoline consumption is much less, and the repair bills are lighter, therefore, the small car owner gets more miles for his money and can come nearer paying for his tin wagon and getting something to live on. Big cars soon break little men, and little men in big cars do more damage to the mercantile world than any other class.

#### A NUISANCE TAX

The best that can be said for the proposal introduced in the House to tax cigars and cigarettes is that it would have all the evils of the "nuisance" taxes of war-time, with more difficulty of collection and less certainty of revenue production.

The "nuisance" taxes were war measures; they were levied generally upon every article that could be classed as a luxury. The people suffered them as war measures, necessary perhaps in an extreme emergency, but the Federal government, with all its facilities of collection, abandoned them as quickly as possible. If the Federal Government had difficulty in their collection and felt them really a nuisance, as the public undoubtedly did, how will the State fare in the matter of their collection.

The proposal that now confronts the Texas lawmakers does not levy a general tax on luxuries. It does not even tax all tobacco products; it merely singles out cigars and cigarettes. No reason for this singling out has been advanced. Perhaps it lives in the bit of flattery Mrs. Ferguson handed the cigar and cigarette smokers in her first message when she declared "that cigar and cigarette smokers are usually the most generous of men and will not mind paying such a tax when the fund goes to the cause of education."

Whether cigar and cigarette smokers are more generous than those who chew or smoke a pipe or those who smoke not at all, there is no way of telling. However, granting for the sake of argument that her statement is true, there would seem all the less reason for levying a tax against them. Generous men pay their taxes and pay liberally and certainly they should not be singled out because of their generosity.

But there is a much more serious aspect to the measure than one would conclude at first glance. The bill in levying a tax on cigars and cigarettes would simply be adding further taxes on the individual citizen. The manufacturers would not pay it. The wholesalers would not pay it. The retailers would not pay it. Regardless of at what source it is levied, the tax will be passed along to the consumer. The man who buys his cigars and cigarettes over the counter will be the man to pay the tax. And he's the man that's already groaning under a tax burden, national, state and city, that has been growing by leaps and bounds these last few years. And incidentally, he's already paying a tax on his cigars and cigarettes for the heavy taxes levied on tobacco products during the war are still in effect and are carried right on into the retail price of each article.

The collection side presents even more difficulties. There are perhaps more than 500 dealers in the city of Fort Worth alone who handle cigars and cigarettes. There are as many or more in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and numbers in every city and town throughout the State. How is the State going to determine whether any dealer has paid the correct tax? How is it to determine whether he is buying from a dealer in the State who has paid the tax or is buying from a dealer outside the State who doesn't have to pay the tax? How is the State to enforce such a law without great cost and isn't there a great prospect that the evasions, cost of enforcement, etc., will offset a great part of the revenue those sponsoring the measure estimate it will return.

Then, too, there is nothing to prevent individuals from ordering their boxes of cigars and cartons of cigarettes from dealers in neighboring states. These will be tax free, as interstate shipments, the individual will save the tax and the State will lose it. The net result will be the wholesale houses and retail dealers in border towns of other states will do a thriving business; that money that otherwise would be spent in Texas will be sent outside, and that our own business concerns who pay taxes and help support the government, will suffer.

The Star-Telegram is in favor of any necessary, legitimate tax program to support the State, and particularly the cause of education. But it does feel that in looking about for something to tax the State had better find something that will prove less a nuisance to the public, less detrimental to the business houses, and offer easier collection and more certainty of revenue production. The cigar and cigarette tax offers none of the desirable features mentioned. It ought to be dismissed without serious consideration.—Star-Telegram.

#### SWEETWATER TO PAVE MORE STREETS

Sweetwater, Feb. 7.—The third project in Sweetwater's paving program was entered upon this week when the city commission awarded a contract to the West Texas Construction Company for paving about six blocks at a cost of approximately \$56,000. The two streets to be paved are in the downtown section.

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000 exemption allowed a single person—and for the last three months he is entitled to an exemption of \$25—one-fourth of the \$2,500 exemption allowed a married person.

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#### ROAD PROBE IS USED ON HOUSE

Austin, Feb. 7.—Charges of "irregularities" and "discrimination" in the State Highway Department were made in the House Saturday by Rep. John T. Smith of Travis county in a resolution offered in the House calling for the appointment of a committee from the House to make an investigation of the affairs of the department.

The resolution went over until next week, as the time for the consideration of the measure expired before a vote could be taken on its adoption or rejection. As soon as the resolution was presented, Rep. Kemble of Fort Worth moved that the resolution be referred to the committee on motor and motor traffic, but on motion of its author, the Kemble motion was tabled 60 to 40. This vote indicates that the House is favorable to the resolution.

Smith declares in the resolution that during the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1924, counties of the State have issued \$16,784,000 in road bonds "which is fast exhausting their borrowing capacity" and in view of these conditions, "we owe it to the taxpayers of Texas," to bring out the facts.

Smith alleges in the resolution: "That there are irregularities in the office of the Highway Commission of Texas, that there has been discrimination in favor of a certain contractor and against other contractors in the matter of road building in Texas; that the department is top-heavy with useless expenses and makes no attempt to practice economy and that many contracts have been let under peculiar circumstances."

The resolution provides for the appointment by the speaker of "a committee of five members of this House to make any charges that may be preferred," the committee also to be vested with authority to compel the attendance of witnesses and to have records and books of the department brought before the committee for investigation.

#### PLANS FOR ROAD AMENDMENT DROPPED

Previous plans of the Texas Highway Association for seeking the submission of a constitutional amendment to define the state's powers in highway construction and maintenance have been abandoned.

Announcement to this effect is contained in a statement issued through the association's headquarters here Friday, and is based on the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Texas in the Limestone County case.

The statement, which follows, was authorized by W. E. Lea of Orange, president; W. T. Wheeler of Fort Worth, secretary; Leonard Tillotson of Sealy, chairman and Judge O. C. Dancy of Brownsville, of the legislative committee.

"The decision of the Supreme Court in the case appealed from Limestone county disposes of a question of ownership of highways in the state in terms so specific, that all points thus far raised against the authority of the State to establish a system of highways have been brushed aside.

"The authority to control roads built, even in part by the county or local funds, and the authority to provide for maintaining such roads under immediate supervision, is affirmatively determined in behalf of the State in the decision. The opinion likewise specifically upholds the right of the legislature to operate a highway department to effect the establishment and maintenance of a system of state highways.

"The legislature is further declared to have acted within its constitutional powers in enacting the present state highway law, and there is at this time under the decision, nothing in the way of the full and undisputed right of the State to carry out the plans of the Highway Department.

"Under this authority no additional constitutional authority would seem to be required to vest the legislature with the authority to enact all necessary laws to equip the highway department for carrying on the State's road building plans, as laid out in the highway act.

"This association will not, therefore suggest the submission of the constitutional amendment defining the State's powers in highway construc-

tion and maintenance, as was contemplated."

#### LEGALITY OF COMMUNITY TAX TO BE TESTED SOON

Washington, Feb. 9.—The legality of the community tax in Texas and several other states is to be thoroughly tested in the courts, according to Secretary of Treasury Mellon.

Mellon believes that Texas and the other states having community tax laws "possess a valuable privilege not enjoyed by the country as a whole." The litigation which is to determine whether the regulations of the treasury recognizing community tax laws is to come to the California case, which has been pending for sometime.

California has never been able to have its community tax laws recognized as Arizona, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Washington have. The result has been that there has been paid into the treasury by California, under protest, approximately \$77,000,000 in income taxes.

If a court test shows that the California law must be recognized by the Federal Government then this \$77,000,000 must be refunded. On the other hand Secretary Mellon expects litigation to result in the upholding of his contention that the federal government does not have to recognize the community tax laws of any state.

Approximately half of the community tax returns made in the United States in 1922, the last year for which there is a complete record, were made in Texas. There were in the last year 13,279 such returns from Texas on net income of \$106,677,956. In the entire country there were 2,750 such returns on net income of \$208,180,073.



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This, of course, was exclusive of California, which has never succeeded in having its community tax law recognized.

Secretary Mellon's contention that recognition by the Federal Government of the community tax statutes of the few states having such a law gives the citizens of these states an unfair advantage over citizens of other states not having such laws has been stressed by him a number of times.

"Since the surtax is graduated, the right to split the income between two people, as under the community tax statutes, is a great advantage to the taxpayer," Secretary Mellon said. "For example, under the present law the surtax of a net income of \$100,000 is \$17,020, whereas the surtax on two incomes of \$50,000 each is but \$7,080, a saving of nearly \$10,000 of tax."

Congressman John N. Garner and Fritz G. Lanham of Texas, both of them have made an exhaustive study of community tax laws, think there is no question that the Texas law will stand the tests of the courts.

When Secretary Mellon sent his tax bill to congress a year ago it contained a clause of non-recognition of community tax laws. Congressman Garner obtained the elimination of this clause.

Rep. Lanham, pointing out that the community tax laws restrict the right of either husband or wife in handling such property and said that Secretary Mellon's proposal in effect would make one person pay not only his own taxes, but also the taxes of another. "I am confident that the Texas law, at least, will stand any court test," Lanham said.

An opinion of Attorney General Stone has just held that under the law of California the interest acquired in community property by the husband or wife on the death of the other spouse was not subject to the Federal State Tax. It is understood that the treasury is willing to allow this decision on inheritance tax stand unchallenged for all the states, and will litigate only on the income tax.

#### AN APPRECIATION

We wish to express our deep and heartfelt appreciation to our friends for their many kind and thoughtful attentions during the long sickness and death of our loved one, and we assure you that you have helped to lighten the load and drive away the gloom and sadness of such hours. We pray Divine blessings upon each of you and trust that when the dark hours come upon you, you may be surrounded by a host of friends who will just as lovingly help you to bear the burdens.—Mrs. W. K. Early and family.

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### PLAINVIEW SANITARIUM NEWS

The 12-year-old son of J. L. Reagan of Hale Center will soon be able to leave the sanitarium after several weeks confinement, suffering from a broken leg.

J. M. Henderson of Hale Center was able to go home Friday after several days in the sanitarium suffering from Mastoid.

Howard, the 5-year-old child of J. C. Hutchison of Tullia underwent an operation for Mastoid Tuesday last. Dr. McFarling assisted in the operation. The child is much better today.

G. W. Hay of Plainview is in the sanitarium under treatment of physicians.

Mrs. W. H. Sparks was in the sanitarium several days after having a needle removed from her knee, which gave her considerable trouble.

The 6-year-old girl of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Smith is doing nicely. She had both legs broken when run over by an automobile at Lockney several weeks ago.

Mr. W. Newton of Happy is in the sanitarium under medical treatment of physicians.

Mrs. H. C. Kell of Quitaque underwent an operation Tuesday for Hernia. Mrs. Kell is doing nicely.

Fred Mulkey of Happy is in the sanitarium having just gone through an operation for appendicitis. Dr. Webb of Happy was down and assisted in the operation.

Jess Perdy recently underwent an operation for appendicitis and is doing nicely at this time. Dr. Garner came over with Mr. Perdy from Turkey and assisted in the operation.

Jack Rivers had a mastoid operation Wednesday last at the sanitarium. Dr. Garner came over and assisted in the operation. Mr. Rivers lives near Turkey.

Dick Thompson of Clovis, N. M., underwent an operation for Hernia Wednesday, the 4th. His condition is very good at this time.

J. M. Boyer of Silverton is in the sanitarium under medical treatment of physicians.

Mrs. J. C. Hays of Tullia underwent an operation Wednesday the 4th at the sanitarium. Dr. McFarling came down and assisted in the operation.

Mr. P. H. Flynn's daughter was operated on Thursday morning the 5th. Mr. Flynn lives near here. The young lady is resting well at this time.

Mrs. Clara Stoker is in the sanitarium under treatment of physicians.

Miss Fesal of Hale Center was in the sanitarium this week and had her tonsils removed.

Mr. G. J. Perkins was recently taken to the sanitarium undergoing an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Perkins stood the operation well and will return home soon.

Mr. Horace Belew spent several days in the sanitarium this week under treatment of physicians.

Mrs. R. Thompson of Plainview had her tonsils removed the first of the week at the sanitarium. She was able to leave the next day.

Mr. S. T. Couch just west of Hale Center was able to leave the sanitarium Saturday having recently undergone an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Couch is doing nicely.

Wayne, the 7-year-old son of A. B. Stevens of Quitaque is now able to leave the sanitarium after an attack of pneumonia.

Richard McCrarry of Hale Center is recovering after undergoing an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Roy Irick of this city is in the sanitarium recently undergoing an operation. Mrs. Irick's condition at present is very good.

Mrs. J. C. Edwards of Abernathy had her tonsils removed at the sanitarium the early part of this week.

Mrs. Floyd Rush of Silverton had her tonsils removed Sunday at the sanitarium and left for her home the next day.

Mrs. Floyd Busby of Silverton had her tonsils removed at the sanitarium the latter part of last week.

The 13-year-old son of A. J. Smith of near Tullia underwent an operation last Sunday for Hernia. The boy withstood the operation well and at present is doing fine.

Mrs. Lon McDaniels had her tonsils removed Sunday at the sanitarium.

Dr. Mayhugh of this city is recovering after recently undergoing an operation for appendicitis. The Doctor has been in a very bad condition but is much improved at this time.

Miss Mamie Huff is recovering rapidly after an operation for appendicitis. At this time her condition is very good. Miss Huff formerly worked at Carter-Houstons.

Miss Hazel Witherspoon is in the sanitarium suffering with infected tonsils.

Little Marie Roney is in the sanitarium again. Marie is much improved and great hopes are held out for her final recovery.

S. T. Bogan of Quitaque is undergoing treatment at the sanitarium.

Mrs. R. E. Stark of Kress, Texas, was able to go home this week after several weeks in the sanitarium suffering with a fractured hip. Mrs. Starks is near 70 years of age.

Mrs. S. B. Upton of Lorenzo is in the sanitarium under the treatment of Doctors.

J. H. Harlin of this city is in the sanitarium under the care of physicians.

Mrs. R. I. Wesley of Happy, Texas, is under treatment of physicians at the sanitarium.

The two-year-old baby of E. B. Newkirk of Happy, Texas, underwent an operation for mastoid at the sanitarium Saturday morning.

Colvern Henry Marries Miss Mary A. Mitchell

Dr. and Mrs. S. M. Henry received a letter Wednesday announcing the marriage of their son, Colvern, to Miss Mary A. Mitchell of Norman, Okla., on Monday, Feb. 2nd. Judge George Allen of Cleveland County, Okla., performing the ceremony in his office. Mr. and Mrs. Henry are both students in the medical department of the Oklahoma State University, being in their third year in this department. They are now making their home in Oklahoma City.

The many friends of Mr. Henry in Lockney extend them congratulations.

Anderson-Prickett

Mr. Claude Anderson and Miss Anna Prickett were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Prickett, in this city, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Y. F. Walker officiating.

The bridal couple left immediately for Alvarado, Texas, where they will spend their honeymoon visiting with Mr. Anderson's relatives.

The wedding was a quite affair as only the immediate family and Miss Iris Mae Fox and Mr. Otis Anderson,

brother of the groom, were present. The young people have many friends in Lockney who join in extending congratulations.

T. B. Cox and Miss Rosie Hooten Married

T. B. Cox of Lockney and Miss Rosie Hooten of Tullia, were married at 11 o'clock Sunday morning in Canyon. They returned Monday to the farm where Mr. Cox lives, 7 1/2 miles north of town, where they will make their home.

Miss Hooten is the daughter of Mrs. L. B. Hooten of Tullia, but who until last year lived in the Lockney community. Mr. Cox is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cox of Lockney. The young folk have a host of friends here who wish them all the pleasures of a married life.

J. M. Floyd and Miss Bill Braswell Married

News was received by friends from Dr. J. M. Floyd this morning that he and Miss Willie Braswell were married in Amarillo last night (Wednesday). The wedding was quite a surprise to their many friends, although it was expected at any time. Their friends have a warm welcome for them on their return. They will be away it is said for several days on their honeymoon.

"Kid" Party

Last Friday evening, Feb. 6, the Senior class entertained the Junior class at the home of Miss Lillie Bowman, by giving them a "kid" party. The house was beautifully decorated in Junior colors, pink and green.

At about 7:15 the guests began to arrive in "kid" costume, of course. "Kid" games were played throughout the evening and at the end refreshments were served. The colors of both classes were carried out in the ice cream cones, stick candy, pop corn balls and favors.

At a very late hour, entirely too late for kids, everyone departed, after having expressed their enjoyment of the evening's entertainment to their hostesses and host.—Reporter.

Draws Sordid Sketch of London Slum Life

About nine o'clock the miserable little fish shops of London, which punctuate the obscure facades of the long tenement rows like big lamps, are crowded with women and children carrying dishes and baskets, writes Alfons Paquet in the Frankfurter Zeitung.

Even as late as ten o'clock children play on the pavements and weary, dowdy women sit on the steps of their tiny unlighted houses, whose windows glint vacant and dusty into the darkness. Women also gather in clusters on the street corners. Silhouettes of men stand out in front of brightly lighted soup and baked potato caravans. Candy stores and fruit shops are still open.

In the middle of a row of darkened show windows electric lights shine brightly on the varnished coffin of an undertaking parlor. All these little details add up sharp and ruthless, as they do, in China.

Until eleven o'clock the corner pubs are packed with humanity. Each has three or more entrances leading to a little narrow room separated from the private bar by a light partition extending from the wall to the counter. The bartender with his barmaids presides in the middle of this horseshoe counter, directing things in a fog of tobacco smoke and whisky-fumes.

Men stand as closely together on the sawdust-covered floor as their half-drained glasses on the wet, narrow ledge in front of them. Dirty hands empty again and again the pot of highly salted shrimps beside the door.

Dr. H. H. Ball and F. M. Kester spent Wednesday at Lone Star examining the eyes and teeth of the school children of that community in the Nutrition work.

Ross Bryant of Fort Worth, was here this week visiting his brothers, E. R. and R. D. Bryant, while en route to Roswell, N. M.

L. A. Gunn went to Texico, N. M., Saturday to bring Mrs. Gunn home. She has been visiting in Texico for about a week.

### Bees That Lay Eggs in Bricks and Wood

Sometimes as you are looking at an old wall you will notice that the mortar between the bricks contains a number of deep pits. If you probe into various holes you will be startled eventually by the exit from one of them of a small, but very angry, bee. You have, in fact, disturbed the mason bee in his home. The hole in which he was lurking was made by his powerful jaws.

The female lays eggs in little receptacles at the bottom of the hole and places a store of food beside each egg. The hole is then sealed up with a mixture of clay and mortar, softened with the bee's saliva. The eggs are left to themselves, and when hatched the young bees eventually eat their way out into the open.

The cousin of the mason bee is called the carpenter bee. He burrows into woodwork, choosing generally the underside of the beam, to protect the hole from rain.

At the bottom of the hole an egg is laid. Then comes a partition of mud and wood chips; then another egg, and so on till the hole is filled. The carpenter then seals it securely and leaves the eggs to look after themselves, and when hatched the bees eat through each partition till they get out.

### Artist's Fee Too High Even for Profiteer

One of the good stories about the famous painter, Meissonier, is in regard to his experience with a new-rich gentleman who had erected a private theater at his chateau. Meissonier was just then at the height of his fame and was spending months painting pictures and selling them for about \$300 a square inch.

The rich man conceived the idea that what his theater most needed was a drop curtain painted by the famous artist, so he went to the studio and proposed the matter to him.

"How large is the curtain to be?" asked the painter.

"It will be 30 feet high and 35 feet wide," was the reply.

"My friend," said Meissonier blandly, "it would take me 30 years to paint such a curtain, and it would cost you \$6,000,000."

### Counting the Cost

"Don't fidget!" snapped mother. Little Bertha stopped toying with the lid of her chocolate box and endeavored to concentrate upon the movie. But it was a very dull affair, and her mind soon came wandering back to the box.

In two minutes her small fingers were busy again.

"Bertha, don't fidget!" repeated her mother.

Once again the child obeyed, but once more the production failed to hold her fingers away from the lid of the chocolate box.

"Now, Bertha," exclaimed her mother, "I warn you."

Bertha opened her eyes wide. When her mother spoke like that she was not to be disregarded. Glancing doubtfully at the dull screen and then at the tempting lid, she whispered: "Would it be a hairbrush, nummy, or just your hand?"

### Town Has Long History

Nice or Nicaea in ancient times was a town in Bithynia, a small country of Asia Minor and a province of the Roman empire. It lay to the south-east of the Sea of Marmora. During the Second century before the Christian era Bithynia was an independent kingdom and Nicaea was the seat of the royal government. Nicaea is celebrated as having been the scene of the first general council of the Christian church, which sat from June 19 to August 25, 325, and adopted the creed, which, taking its name from the name of the town in which the council met, is known as the Nicene creed. This creed emphasizes the divinity of our Lord and the doctrine of the Trinity. It is the fundamental creed of all Trinitarian churches the world over.

### Mind Had Slumbered

A curious case on record is that of a blacksmith, Paul Stengel, who was kicked in the head by a horse while in the middle of a sentence addressed to his assistant, and rendered unconscious for several days. On recovering, his mind was an absolute blank, until one day he fell down a flight of steps, pitching on his head.

He was picked up in a dazed condition; and on recovering his senses the first words he uttered were the completion of the sentence that had been

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### Took a "Day Off"

The longest night in history, September 2, 1752, was when the Gregorian calendar was adopted in England, through the influence of Lord Chesterfield. The calendar arranged by Julius Caesar, by not making sufficient allowance for leap year, had caused the English date to become 11 days behind the right time. These days were omitted after September 2, so that the next day was reckoned as September 14.

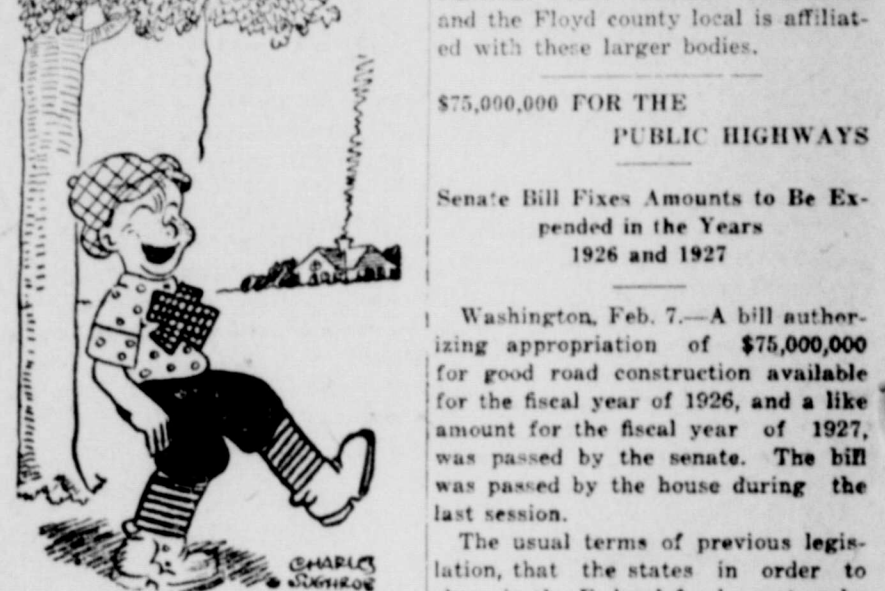
### All Right This Time

Said a hunter to a farmer who rode beside him: "I wouldn't ride over those seedlings if I were you. They belong to a disagreeable fellow, who might make a fuss."

"Well," said the farmer, "as him's me, he won't say nothin' about it today."

### MICKIE SAYS—

WHEN 'TH' EDITOR OF A COUNTRY NEWSPAPER GOES HOME AT NIGHT 'N FOLKS HOLLER "PRETYN GOOD PAPER 'DDON!" WHY HE GETS SO PROUD 'N HAPPY HE WOULDN'T TRADE JOBS WITH 'TH' EDITOR OF 'TH' LONDON TIMES!



Mrs. Theo Griffith spent Saturday visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Hanlon in Clovis, N. M.

Chas. Walters of McGregor, Texas, was here this week visiting his uncle, Z. T. Riley, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McGavock of Littlefield were in Lockney Sunday visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. A. J. White and son, Jimmie, were on the sick list the first of the week.

Artie Baker went to Brownfield Monday on business.

W. W. Collins left Monday for a business trip to Altus, Okla.

A. R. Meriwether spent Sunday in Lubbock on business.

Miss Ollie B. Davis left Monday for Plainview, where she joined her sister, Miss Blanche Davis, who was suffering from an attack of appendicitis, and accompanied her to their home in Weatherford, where Miss Blanche will probably undergo an operation.

Norton Baker was up from Lubbock Sunday visiting relatives.

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### Weather Experts to Make Study of Ocean

The influence which the ocean has upon the weather is very great. "The study of the waters of the oceans," declares Lieutenant Commander George E. Brandt of the United States navy, "will yield results worth millions of dollars to the agriculture and industry of the nation, because from this study we can get a better understanding of the weather, and will probably be able to predict the weather a year in advance, especially the periods of rainfall and drought and their duration." Commander Brandt says that the waters of the ocean are a great reservoir for storing and distributing the heat which comes from solar radiation. During each hour of sunshine more heat is being added to this great reservoir. This heat in turn is given off again by the ocean, influencing very materially the weather over land and sea. Observations made by the Smithsonian institution show that the radiation of the sun varies considerably from time to time. It is this variation, says Commander Brandt, which makes the study of weather so complicated. "Since the waters of the ocean act as an intermediate reservoir," he says, "the full effect of a change in solar radiation is not felt until some years after the change takes place."

### Porcelain Has Long Been Known to World

Porcelain factories and stores are mentioned in Arabia in writing of the period of 800 A. D. The Arabian geographer, Mohammed-el-Idrisi, who lived in Sicily at the court of Roger II, published, about 1154, a geographic work in which he told of the town of Djantoy, where "Chinese glass" was made. He added that there was "no finer trade than that of a potmaker or a pot designer," according to the Detroit News. Toward the middle of the Fourteenth century, Ibn Batuta, the Arabian traveler, described Chinese ceramic as the most beautiful in the world. The Chinese manufactured dishes and porcelain ware for a very long time.

In the history of the great Chinese empire, one reads that only certain towns and villages went in for porcelain industry. The finest chinaware was made in the province of Saxi. It was so beautiful and so much like the finest crystal that it never was exported, but was exclusively reserved for the use of the Chinese emperors.

### Italian Lazzaroni

The name "Lazzaroni" was given to a class of vagabonds in Naples, Italy, which, in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth centuries, formed a distinct caste. They annually elected a chief, called Capo Lazzaro, who was recognized by the authorities and frequently took an active part in political affairs. In 1647, headed by Masaniello, they overthrew the government and for a few days held possession of the city. In 1708, instigated by Cardinal Ruffo, and led by Michele Storza, they successfully resisted the attacks of the French. The Lazzaroni had no homes nor regular occupations. They wore ragged clothes, were filthy in their habits, and slept in the open air. They were so-called either from Lazarus, the beggar, or more probably from the hospital of St. Lazarus, which served as a place of refuge for the destitute of the city.—Kansas City Star.

### Planes Spread Terror

The terrifying effect of airplanes upon wild fowl is so great that if any general use should be made of them in hunting, the result would be exceedingly disastrous, according to a bulletin of the biological survey of the Department of Agriculture. Probably no other single method of pursuit of wild ducks and other game birds could parallel their deadly effect in reducing the number of wild fowl.

It is for this reason that the biological survey has called upon all sportsmen and conservationists interested in the maintenance of this country's supply of wild fowl to gather and forward to it in Washington accurate information concerning such violations of law.

### Weights and Figures

The grain is the one unit which is the same in troy and avoirdupois weight. An avoirdupois pound is 7,000 grains, a troy pound 5,760. The avoirdupois ounce is 437.5 grains, and the troy 480 grains. A hundred avoirdupois pounds of gold would be worth \$29,160.67.

The American billion is expressed by a unit and nine ciphers—1,000,000,000. In Germany, France and elsewhere in Europe the same figure is called a milliard. The British billion and the German, too, is expressed by a unit and 12 ciphers—1,000,000,000,000.

### Weather and Health

Different kinds of weather affect different people in different ways, but as a rule we feel better when the sun is shining. Damp is an enemy of health; a cool, bracing day a friend. Doctors frequently order their patients a "change of scene," and they are now learning that the benefits of such a change are greater even than they had thought, because a change of scene usually means a change of climate as well. Temperature, the amount of moisture in the air, the height above sea-level—all these things can affect our health.

### Historical Record of Use of "Poison Rings"

Throughout history the "ring of death" has played a dramatic part. At first it was designed as a means of quick and easy escape from a terrible fate, the horrors of the torture chamber or the disgrace of slavery to a hated enemy. Hannibal, the Carthaginian general, turned to the poison contained in his ring when he was on the point of being given up to his enemies. The Athenian orator, Demosthenes, is said to have carried a similar ring, relates the Mentor Magazine.

Time brought about the invention of a new kind of ring of death, the poison ring, designed for the purpose of premeditated murder. The poison rings of the Borgias are famous in history. Some of them still exist, one bearing the date 1503 and the motto of Cesare Borgia. Beneath the bezel of this ring there is a sliding panel, and when this is displaced there appears a small space where the poison was kept. Such rings simply afforded a ready supply of poison at need, but another type constituted a death-dealing weapon. The bezel was wrought in the shape of a lion, the hollow claws of the animal admitted the passage of a subtle poison through them, and it is conjectured that the death wound could have been inflicted by turning the bezel of the ring inward, so that a hearty grasp would produce a slight puncture in the victim's hand.

### Exhibition of Fakes to Help Out Critics

An exhibit of counterfeits, imitations and copies of works of art was held in London a short time ago. The object of the exhibition, which included pictures, drawings, furniture, carpets, metal work, ceramics and sculpture, was to help students, collectors and critics in the study of problems of quality and originality, as also of period and school. In many cases this object was furthered by comparison of the copy with the original, or the imitation with an authenticated example of the style and period aimed at; and works produced for innocent purposes of record, reproduction, duplication and repetition and examples of restoration and repair, as well as works intended to deceive, are included.

At any rate, as regards the pictures, one comforting conclusion is that it is, on the whole, easier for the forger to imitate those qualities which appeal to the collector as collector—such as "the tone of time" and cracks in the surface—than the basic qualities of a great work of art, such as drawing and design.

### Island of Legend

The Island of the Seven Cities was an imaginary island, abounding with gold, and adorned with superb houses and temples, whose lofty towers were visible at a great distance. According to a legend that prevailed at the time of Columbus, this island was settled by seven bishops who, having fled with a great number of people from Spain and Portugal, when those countries were conquered by the Moors, took to the ocean, and finally landed on an unknown island. After their arrival, the bishops burned the ships to prevent the return of their followers, and founded seven cities. It is said that those navigators who visited the island in after years were never permitted to return.—Kansas City Star.

### Fish's Change of Color

As a quick-change artist the parrot fish has few equals. Swimming about in the tropical waters, the parrot fish is a clear turquoise green during the daytime. Finding a quiet nook among the stones and weeds, its color fades to a dull olive. Further changes go on whilst it sleeps. Numerous reddish brown spots appear on its body.

Placed in an aquarium having a plain green bottom, the parrot fish retains its coat of green and does not put on night clothes. But if a few large stones are dropped into the aquarium, corresponding blotches appear on the sleeping fish.

### The Glove in History

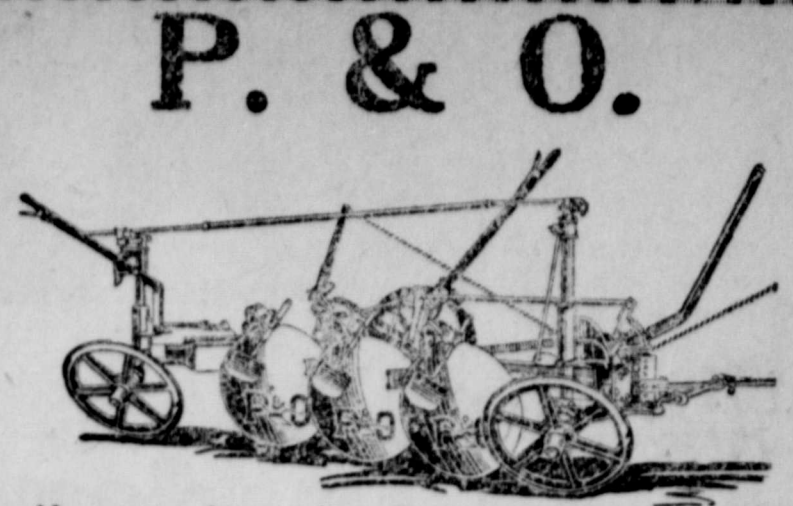
The use of gloves dates back to remote times. Xenophon sneered at the Persians for wearing gloves to keep their hands warm. The Greeks and Romans also scorned the use of gloves. The glove appears to have become a well-known article of dress in England about the Fourteenth century. The materials used for making leather gloves are principally the skin of deer, sheep and lambs, goats and kids, the latter being the most important, though far more kid gloves are made of sheep than of kid leather.

### Natural Steam Harnessed

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### Doubtful Compliment

Bobby, aged six, was playing with a little girl. One of his schoolmates passed by and began to sing: "Bobby's got a girl, Bobby's got a girl!" Bobby got a girl, Bobby's got a girl!" "Aw, go on!" retorted Bobby. "You've got one yourself, and she's worse'n mine!"—Everybody's Magazine.



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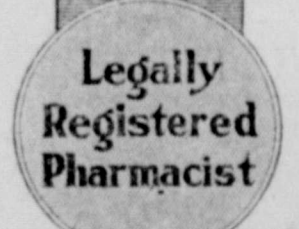
### TEXAS RAILROADS REPORT

MILLIONS IN 1924 INCOMES	2.22 per cent; net operating revenue \$52,362,765, an increase of \$13,839,675, or 35.93 per cent.
Austin, Feb. 6.—Net operating income of Texas railroads for the period of 11 months ending Nov. 30, 1924, was \$34,876,704, which is an increase of \$11,046,136 or 46.36 per cent as compared with the corresponding period in 1923, according to a comparative statement by the Railroad Commission.	Freight revenue for the 1924 period was \$156,135,787, an increase of \$17,263,968, or 12.43 per cent; passenger revenue, \$34,197,445 a decrease of \$1,327,406, or 3.74 per cent.

For the 1924 period the total operating revenue was \$204,310,340, an increase of \$17,138,342, or 9.16 per cent; total operating expenses \$1,511,947,375 an increase of \$3,298,667 or 0.22 per cent.

The statement is considered by the commission one of the most flattering made by the railroads in several years and disclosed that the railroads are enjoying good business.

Sidney Williams who has been quite ill with flu pneumonia, is reported to be better at this time.



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### TWO LAWRENCE BOYS ARE CAUGHT AFTER SLAYING

Fugitives Taken By Lone Officer After Shooting At Phoenix

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 6.—Will and "Babe" Lawrence, said to be Oklahoma outlaws and alleged slayers of Haze Burch, Phoenix policeman, were captured atop Temple Butte, nine miles east of here, at 1 o'clock today by Marshal R. L. McDonald.

McDonald was informed by a Mexican that he had seen the two men climbing the butte at noon. The officer, accompanied by his informer, immediately went to the spot and effected the arrests. The men offered no resistance to the officer, who covered them with his gun before they were aware of his presence.

The Lawrence brothers are said to be wanted at Wewoka, Okla., for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Joe P. Morgan, near Fort Worth, June 16, while the latter was en route from Sanderson, Texas, to Muskogee, Okla.

A reward of \$1,000 for the arrest of the slayers of the policeman was offered by the city and State Thursday night.

Nationwide search for two men who shot and killed Haze Burch, member of the Phoenix, Ariz., police department, was begun Friday, according to a dispatch received from there.

The men who killed Burch are believed to be A. B. "Babe" and Will Lawrence, who are fugitives charged with the murder of Deputy Sheriff Joe P. Morgan, near Fort Worth July 6. Morgan, with a fellow officer from Oklahoma, was returning from Sanderson with the Lawrence brothers,

charged with stealing an automobile. After the killing, the Lawrence brothers escaped and although hunted through several states, were never caught. Their first appearance recently is believed to have been in Arizona.

The Phoenix policeman surprised two men in the act of siphoning gasoline from an automobile. They fired on him, inflicting abdomen wounds from which he died within 24 hours.

Burch, on his deathbed, identified pictures of the Lawrence brothers as the men who fired on him.

An abandoned automobile found near the scene of the tragedy was found to correspond with an automobile of similar description alleged to have been stolen from Wewoka, Okla., by the Lawrence brothers. It was equipped with food and bedding, apparently for a long trip.

The Lawrence brothers, regarded by two deputies as "mild characters", took a pistol from Morgan's holster and shot him as they were driving toward Fort Worth, tied the other deputy to a tree and then fled in the car. County Detective Harry Hamilton, searched through Arkansas and Louisiana for the pair, but they successfully covered their tracks and were not caught.

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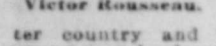


# The Free Traders

By Victor Rousseau

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Victor Rousseau has had a most interesting career. The fact that he has been in all parts of the world, leading an adventurous life, and has been accounted for his great versatility as a writer. Although he has written many stories, there is no sameness about his work. His plots are extremely ingenious and his characters always refreshing. Born in England, he was educated at Harrow and at Oxford university. He has lived in several of the British colonies and is especially familiar with the Canadian Northwest and with South Africa. In the latter country and while still a very young man he fought with the English Volunteers in the Boer war.



Victor Rousseau.

Coming to the United States about twenty years ago, he engaged in newspaper work and kept at it about three years, when he was offered and accepted the position of assistant managing editor of Harper's Weekly. While in that position, some of his novels and short stories made their first appearance, and after a very satisfactory service he resigned to devote his entire attention to fiction writing. His output both in novels and short stories has been unusually large and was only interrupted during the World war, in which he rendered useful services both to Canada and the United States.

During recent years his literary affections have been centered principally in the country to the north and much of his time has been spent there. He has lived among the French Canadians of the Northwest and among the trappers, miners and others of the Northwest and has written splendid stories of both sections. The romantic and thrilling life of the Canadian mounted police appeals to him particularly and he has presented some fine pictures of the force which are in order between the northern boundary of the United States and the land of the midnight sun. The chief character in "The Free Traders" is one of these policemen, a fine type of the silent, fearless and reliable men who constitute the force. It is an unusually thrilling story, but quite in keeping with the traditions of life in the northwestern wilds.

## CHAPTER I

### Sergeant Anderson Rides Into Little Falls

Lee Anderson, sergeant in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, had been leading his horse up the last hill. Now he stopped at the top and lit his pipe, letting the animal snatch a few blades of the sparse grass that grew among the ferns and raspberry brambles beside the cart track.

There were, perhaps, thirty-three or four years to his credit. His rather lined, deeply sunburned face and throat contrasted markedly with the edging of white flesh at the V-top of his open shirt. Lee, in his prospector's clothing, appeared to be typically one of those reserved, quiet, self-contained men whom the north breeds.

His rather heavy horse, a combination of pack and saddle, was well laden behind the rolled blankets that formed a parapet across its shoulders.

Lee inhaled with delight the warm, steamy exhalations of the earth, rich with the added debris of the year. He turned and looked forward, beyond the settlement of Little Falls, lying at the foot of the slope in front of him, the last of the settlements on his side of Stony range.

It was an unkept, untidy little place, created by the advent of the lumber companies a few years before, and straggling among the knee-high stumps of what had been virgin forest within the decade.

After his belated return from France, only to find the old Northwest mounted, of which he had been a member, merged in the new Dominion body. Lee himself had been stationed at Manistowish. He had been in the police eight years before the war. It was the only life that appealed to him. His service had expired during his term at the front, but his first act on returning had been to rejoin.

Inspector Crawley had sent for him a few days later.

"Anderson," he said, "I want you to be ready to start for Stony range in the morning to pick up a man named Pelly. He's on the list of 'wanted'—headed it for some time, in fact. I guess you don't know anything about the case, though."

"No, sir. It must have happened while I was in France."

"Oh, it happened a dence of a time before you went to France, Anderson. Twenty-five years ago, more or less. Might have left the poor devil alone, especially as he's been a fugitive so long. But it's murder, Sergeant, and—well, the new police have got to show themselves just as efficient blood hounds as the old force. The papers in the case have just come through Ottawa.

"This man Pelly appears to have killed a man in Toronto in the nineties for insulting his wife. Those details are not given. It appears a



And Now at Last—the Range Lay in Front of Him, Uplifting Its Wild Peaks into the Glory of the Autumn Sunset.

because there'll be nothing doing till spring. But don't let 'em get wise to your job. So you'll leave your uniform behind you, Sergeant, and conduct your inquiries as inconspicuously as possible. And in a case like this, one man's better than two. That's why I'm sending you alone.

"Finally, you'll bear in mind that Pelly's arrest comes first. Soon as you locate him, bring him out of the range."

At dawn Lee was upon the road. There had been rumors—recurrent rumors of a gold find in Stony range that summer, but the nearer Lee got

to the range the less explicit the news became.

He passed a number of men on their way south, morose and sullen, but ready enough to pour out their grievance that a summer's prospecting had failed to show even a trace of color anywhere.

Lee had listened to their stories and then gone on, leaving the impression that he was a prospector on a belated journey to the range.

And now at last the range lay in front of him, uplifting its wild peaks into the glory of the autumn sunset. Lee felt his heart uplifted too. This was life at its most zestful—the world spaces, and the hunting of the king of all created beings—Man.

So, leading his horse, Lee passed down the long slope toward the settlement of Little Falls. Soon he was abreast of the first shacks, set in the clearings among the stumps. Then came rows of uniformly ugly wooden cottages, a small mission church with a tin roof, a bank, and a small hotel announcing itself by a dilapidated shingle.

Lee fastened his horse to the hitching post in front and entered. On the right of the interior passage was the dining-room, on the left the parlor, with the furniture piled up in corners and the floor strewn with duff-bags and blankets.

A passage ran past a flight of rickety stairs, and from a room at the end of this came the clamor of voices.

Here Lee found the bar, packed tight, and running wide open. Behind the mahogany stood a fat and cynical-looking landlord.

"How about a room and stabling for the night?" asked Lee.

The landlord slid a schooner of beer from one end of the bar to the middle, and turned to Lee, his fat body quivering, apparently with mirth, though his face did not relax anything of its sullen, cynical aspect.

"Strablin'?" You said it, Room? You c'n have six foot by four of the parlor floor, stranger," he answered.

"Pretty full, eh?"

"Fuller 'n h—'s full of fire-logs."

"Loggin' crews signing up?"

"Loggin', nothin'. Town's full of these here fool guys that's been prospectin' Stony range all summer. Got cold feet all to one and all quit together. Feeling pretty sore over it, I guess. Ya ain't aiming to start for the range yerself this time of year?"

"I guess there'll be time to wash a few pans of dirt," answered Lee.

"Then maybe I'll board my horse here and trap a bit this winter."

He led his horse into the stable, gave it some corn and raked out a bale of hay, and carried his blanket back to the hotel parlor, where he staked out a sleeping claim upon the floor.

A small negro boy, carrying a large bell, came out of the kitchen and began to ring it, swaying to and fro with a cheerful grin, as if he were tied to the clapper.

At the sound of the cracked tones the men began to straggle out of the bar into the dining-room, where they took their seats on long benches, either side of a long table covered with a stained, tattered oilcloth, on which were placed cheap knives, forks, spoons and plates.

Next appeared a thick-set young squaw who began to hand out portions of a greasy dinner, consisting of suspicious meat, beans, and potatoes that had apparently been frozen to death in bed.

Lee, who had taken a seat opposite the door, surveyed the other guests with that quiet watchfulness which was a part of his nature as well as of his training. For the most part he summed them up as being of the average prospector type.

Among them, however, appeared to be a few of those hard-bitten characters who are to be found in every gold rush. Most of them had been drinking hard, and all seemed embittered by their experiences of the summer. They were freely cursing their ill-luck.

Lee's attention was first drawn to the two men who were seated opposite him by the fact that they took no part in this chorus of demoralization. A glance showed him that they were not prospectors, and that the understanding between them was an intimate one.

One was a short, thick-set, muscular red-haired man, with one of the hardest and most repulsive faces that Lee had ever seen. The other, apparently his partner, was a huge half-breed with a great muscular torso covered with black hair, and long gorilla-like arms.

"Ef I had that guy here what started that yarn about the gold in Stony range?" began a man on Lee's right.

"Ah, for the love of Mike, cut out that spiel, Bill!" shouted another across the table. "Ef you think you're the only real fool's been summerin' in the range?"

"Old Pelly never found no gold mine. He was cracked about it. Ef he had, wouldn't others have got wise to it, with half the district hangin' about the range spilin' on him?"

"Nobody knows what happened to him, do they?"

"Jest disappeared. Mebbe he had a stroke in the woods or somethin'. Nobody's seen nor heard of him this good while past."

Lee absorbed this conversation without feeling that he had got very far. Pelly had discovered a probable gold mine, Pelly had disappeared; it began to seem probable that the report of his return was false. If these men had been prospecting the range all the summer, it was probable that if Pelly had returned to the vicinity they would have heard of it. In which case someone

would have corrected the statement that nothing was known about it.

While he listened Lee noticed that the two men opposite him were likewise taking in every word. The big breed was obviously under the influence of liquor, and his little companion was not only watching the company but also watching him. At times he would turn and whisper in his companion's ear. And once, in his close scrutiny of the company, he turned his gaze on Lee.

For a moment Lee felt chilled by the eyes of the little red-haired man. They were pale grey, glassy, venomous. They looked like a snake's eyes. Lee, though his gaze was as steady as the other's, did not like the look of the little red-haired man.

The conversation drifted. By two and threes the men began to make their way back to the bar. Lee had risen from the table and left the dining-room, intending to take a smoke on the stoop, when he heard a feminine voice, and found himself staring in surprise at a girl who had just come in and was in conversation with the landlord.

For this was not in the least the type of girl whom one might look for in such a place as Little Falls.

## CHAPTER II

### A Girl Rides Into the Range

She was perhaps two or three and twenty, slender, of medium height, with clear, grey, fearless eyes, and hair of pale brown with gold flecks in it, coiled up loosely about her head.

Her open mackinaw revealed an almost boyish figure, slender and well-waisted. She wore corduroy breeches and riding gaiters; and there was about her that hardly definable, but unmistakable air of breeding that crops out in such unexpected places along the Anglo-Saxon frontier.

From a respectful distance the men were staring at her, each asking Lee's



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unspoken question as to what such a girl was doing in Little Falls.

That she was riding into the range was evident. Had she been riding out, the men would have known of her. But—whose daughter was she?

There was no one in the now deserted range to whom she could be going. The only possible destination might be the Moravian mission on the other side. But—there were no women at the mission.

"Well, ya see, Miss," the fat landlord was saying, "we're party well filled up so fur as rooms is concerned. But the wife's over to Old Landing for a few days, an' I guess you c'n hev our room till she comes home. It's the first room on the right at the top of the stairs. You jest walk up and make yourself comfortable, Miss, an' I'll take your horse into the stable and see that he gets fed and watered. And supper's ready."

"Thank you, but I had mine on the road. And I shall be going on early in the morning."

By now the crowd of ex-prospectors had formed a wide circle about the girl, standing as far as the passage would permit, staring and scrutinizing her frankly, and looking sheepishly away whenever her embarrassed glance fell upon any of them. Lee, hearing a muttering behind him, turned, to see the big breed staring at the girl and whispering excitedly to his companion. His red-headed partner was tugging at his arm as if to restrain him.

"You d—n fool, Pierre!" Lee heard him expostulate.

Suddenly the breed shook off the other's grip and lurched forward, planting himself in front of the girl, he leaned toward her, with an expression on his face that brought the blood into her cheeks.

Before he could utter a word, however, Lee stepped quietly into the breach with that instinctive air of authority which he retained, despite the shedding of his uniform.

"That'll be all," he said crisply.

The breed turned on him and broke into a string of oaths.

"Say, whadya mean?" he shouted.

"You don't know me. He don't know who he's talking to, eh, Shorty? I'm Pierre Cauchon." He doubled a brawny forearm. "Say, young feller, you see dis? Dere ain't no man either

side of de range can say 'dat'll be all' to Pierre Cauchon. You t'ink you can fight, mebbe?"

Lee, mindful of the rigid code of conduct that bound him, shook his head.

"I never fight if I can help it," he answered.

The two men snickered, and there came a murmur of disgust from the crowd, which, till that moment, had been decidedly favorable to Lee.

The breed turned about. "He never fight if he can help it," he jeered. "You hear dat, boys?" He turned to Lee again. "Mebbe you like to set up de drinks, den?" he inquired blandly.

"I don't drink," answered Lee with complete equanimity.

"Well, whadya t'ink of dat?" cried Pierre to the crowd again. "He don't fight an' he don't drink. You sure are one d—n four-flusher," he grinned belligerently in Lee's face.

Lee, relieved to see, without turning his head, that the girl had taken the opportunity to slip away, returned Pierre's glare calmly. The breed was posing himself ready to strike, but something in Lee's aspect, some uncertainty, the inability to size him up, checked him. Perhaps he sensed how quickly Lee's right arm, hanging negligently before him, would rise to the defensive; perhaps he did not like the look of Lee's left.

He took refuge in irony. "Well, whadya t'ink of him, boys?" he demanded again of the men, who had formed a close circle around the pair. "He don't fight an' he got de nerve to say 'dat'll be all' to Pierre Cauchon. No, by gar, I guess you know better dan to fight," he continued, adding a foul epithet; and, grinning, he lurched insolently past toward the bar, shouldering Lee as he passed.

He looked back for an instant to see whether the other would accept the provocation, and, seeing that he showed no signs of doing so, he went on his way with Shorty. The crowd gave Lee the once-over contemptuously. It had no love for the bully, but an individual without the fighting instinct is not supposed to pose as a lady's champion and then back down.

The minds of the prospectors were too obtuse to see that Lee had simply been satisfied with gaining his point and enabling the girl to get away unmolested.

Lee paced the stoop for a while, finished a pipe, and went early to his blankets.

He interested himself in speculating who the girl was. She was almost certainly going to the mission; there could be no other destination. Perhaps he would see her again. He thought of the possibility quite without emotion. He ceased to think of her, and, tired after the day's ride, began to doze.

He was awakened when the men began to stagger into the parlor. Nearly all of them were drunk, some were rolling drunk, and, after sporadic, noisy altercations, they were soon sprawled out like logs all over the floor, and snoring loudly. Several times Lee was obliged to remove heads, arms, and feet from various portions of his anatomy.

He was just falling asleep again when the sound of a name, whispered almost in his ear, startled him into instant wakefulness.

Lee recognized the voice as that of the breed, Pierre Cauchon.

For a moment or two he could not imagine from where the man was speaking. Then he discovered that the voice came from the other side of the large, empty stove which stood at his head, a little out from the wall. His face and Pierre's were separated, therefore, by no more than the circumference of the metal container, though Pierre, of course, did not guess that Lee lay on the other side of it, nor that he would be likely to have any particular interest in what he was saying.

But the name that had startled Lee into wakefulness was that of Pelly. His subconsciousness, alert through slumber, had caught it and communicated the warning.

Before Lee had quite attuned his ears to catch Pierre's remark, Shorty, the other man, broke in:

"You fool, Pierre, you nearly give the game away tonight for shore. You ain't got no sense at all, buttin' in like that and frightenin' her away. You didn't s'pose she'd got our photographs in her pocket, did ya? The trouble with you is you cain't hold yer liquor."

Pierre growled: "I didn't have no chance to say a word before that four-flusher batted in. I wish I'd beat him up now. Mebbe I'll git the chance in the mornin'."

"Well, and why didn't ya? I'll tell ya why. Because you saw he ain't no four-flusher. He's tough, that feller is, an' he was watchin' ya like a cat. Don't ya make no mistake about that. And it's lucky you didn't get no chance to spill what ya was goin' to, or you'd shore have scairt the girl away."

"You listen here," he continued. "You keep out of this to-morrow till she's gone, and then we c'n ride hard and ketch up with her at sundown and explain that we're friends of hers."

Their voices became inarticulate. Lee strained his ears to catch the import of their conversation, but he could hear nothing but the low whisper of their voices.

"Well, I guess you're right, Shorty," said Pierre after a while. "We got to see she don't give us de slip, though."

Shorty snickered and whispered something to which the other clucked approval.

"She cain't, nother," he said. "There's only one way into the range, an' when we get her there we get her where we want her."

No more was said, and soon the smoring frons the other side of the

stove indicated that the pair had succumbed to sleep. But all desire for sleep was banished from Lee's brain.

There was the alternative of two courses of action: he could warn the girl in the morning, placing himself at her disposition; or he could keep her more or less in sight during his journey the following day, with a view to protecting her from the pair of ruffians whenever they made their appearance.

But he could not afford to take any action which would give the clue to his status and activities; and apart from that, he wanted to keep in touch with the two men, in case they could furnish any clue to Pelly's whereabouts—if he were alive.

Some time early in the morning he fell into a restless slumber, from which he was partly aroused by the sound of a horse's hoofs clattering in the yard. He wondered sleepily whether this was an early departure or some belated arrival, and then, turning over, managed to lose consciousness for an hour or two longer.

At last, when further sleep had become impossible, he sat up, struck a match, and looking at his watch, discovered that it was nearly six o'clock.

He threw his blankets over his arm, stepped over the sprawling limbs of the sleepers, and went out to the stable where he watered his horse, afterward kicking his heels about the place until, in the first glimpse of the dawn, the squaw came shuffling into the kitchen.

Lee went in. "Get me a cup of coffee and a piece of bread," he said, putting a fifty-cent piece into her hand. "That'll be enough for me. I've got to be movin'."

The woman filled the kettle from a pail of water on the kitchen table. Lee asked:

"You know that girl who came last night?"

"Me not know um," the squaw grunted, as she set the kettle on the stove.

"Don't know what time she's leavin', I suppose?"

"Girl um gone. Gone at four o'clock," grunted the squaw.

Lee whistled softly. That was her horse that he had heard, then. She was losing no time, whatever her business and destination might be. Lee fidgeted while the coffee came to the boil, and had just gulped down a cupful and taken a few bites at the bread and butter which the woman gave him when the landlord came sleepily in, and Lee took the opportunity of settling his bill.

"Well, you're shore off early," grumbled the fat proprietor. "Say, she beat you to it, though!"

"Who is she?" Lee inquired.

"Blamed if I know. Nobody hereabouts seems to know her. But shucks, Little Falls ain't more'n three or four year old! Guess she's the gal of one of the old-timers back from school or college. Or she'll be goin' up to the Moravian mission, like as not. Yes, sir, that shore must be it. She wouldn't be goin' to any of them hooch-runners up to Siston lake."

"That's Pathway's joint, isn't it?"

"So they say. A cunning look came into his eyes. "I guess we ain't bocherin' our heads none about that Free Trader outfit since they're there to stay. No, sir, it don't do to know too much about Captain Carcajou, now that the police is in with him."

Lee almost betrayed himself as he struggled not to display his indignation. "You mean the R. C. M. P.'s been bought by that scum in Montreal?" he demanded.

"That's what they're sayin' in these here parts. See here, stranger, ef that ain't so, why don't they git after that Captain Carcajou as they call him? You heard what he did to that camp of Indians last summer? Shore! Well, I ain't sayin' nothin' and I ain't speakin' for meself, you understand. I'm only sayin' what other folks say. Why, there's two of Pathway's gang in this here hotel."

"You mean the big breed and the red-headed man?"

"Shore I do." The landlord winked at him. "Hooch-runners from Siston lake."

"What're they doing here?" asked Lee.

"I guess they ain't here for no good. That's why I was wishin' yer no had the sand to stand up to 'em last night, boy!"

To be continued next week

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### A Long Distance View of Your Future Husband or Wife

Boys and girls run true to form; father is what son will be; mother typifies future of daughter.

If I were a young man I would give a girl's mother the once-over very carefully before I popped the question to the maiden. If I were a girl I would never say "Yes" to any man until after I had visited in his home and got a close-up of his father.

For ninety-nine times out of a hundred people revert to type as they grow older. What a girl's mother is at middle age, she is might apt to be at 40. The sort of a husband a man's father makes is just about the sort of a husband he will make.

The enamored youth who beholds Mabel slim and young, adorably innocent and ignorant, cannot imagine how she can be the daughter of that fat, stupid old woman who is such a bore; but a blind man should be able to see that as the mother is, Mabel will be when she puts on flesh and age shows up her lack of knowledge for the brainlessness it is. For it is only when the hair is gold or jet and glossy that we are indifferent to what it covers.

The very man who is fascinated by Sally's pep and laughs at her sharp speeches thanks Heaven that she isn't the vinegary tongued virago her mother is. But all she needs is time, and the wear and tear of life to set her nerves on edge a little more to make her even as mother is. And if he mar-

ries her the day will come when he will be as meek and humble and terrorized as her father.

It is not so much that the girl inherits from her mother as that the mother who reared her and the home in which she was brought up have formed her character and set her ideals, and it is just as hard for her to change them as it is to change the color of her hair.

If mother is an intelligent woman who reads and thinks, and a broad and tolerant outlook on life; if the mother is an interesting companion, you may be sure that when her daughter ceases to be a living picture she will never become a phonograph grinding out jazz. Her husband will never be bored. He will always have a wife who is a good chum, worth talking to and listening to.

If the mother has gracious manners; if she is tactful in dealing with those about her; if she is a considerate and tender in her treatment of her husband, her daughter will deal diplomatically with her husband and make her home a place of peace and love because she has been taught gentle manners and to show appreciation, and, above all, that a lady never loses her self-control or indulges in the language of a fishwife.

If the mother is thrifty, and industrious, and efficient she will teach her daughter how to spend and how to save, and how to be of some use in the world.

But if a mother's only idea of wo-

manhood is a baby doll! If she thinks that the chief aim of a woman in life is to dress herself up and get all the fun she can, then her daughter will be the daughter of the horse leech who is always crying "More! More!"

If a mother is a lazy and slovenly housekeeper, her daughter will lie around the house in soiled kimonos and feed her husband out tin cans; because she has been brought up to think that it is a waste of a woman's time to try to make her husband comfortable.

If a woman lives beyond her means, and is extravagant and wasteful, her daughter will keep her husband's nose to the grindstone, because she has been bred up on the theory that a woman must get all she can out of a man, no matter how she does it. If you don't envy a girl's father when you look at her mother, don't marry the girl, for there, except for the grace of God, you will be thirty years from now.

A man's father furnishes just as infallible a tip to a girl about the sort of a husband he will make.

If father is still a lover after mother's hair is gray; if he shows her delicate little attentions and is tenderly considerate of her then his son will make the sort of a husband that makes his wife bless her guardian angel every time she thinks of her luck in getting him.

If a man is generous to his wife about money, his son will make a liberal husband, because he has been brought up to believe that a wife is a partner and not an unpaid slave.

If father is a sort of providence from whom all blessing flow; if the very sound of his footsteps makes everybody brighten up as if the sun had burst through a cloud, then his son will make the kind of a husband on whom his wife can depend as on God Himself.

But if the father ancers at his wife and is contemptuous of all she does; if he is hard and tyrannical, the son will make a mean husband because he has been taught no chivalry toward women. He has never seen his father treat his mother with respect, so he will never treat his wife with respect.

If the father is a tightwad, the son will have a Yale lock on his pocket-book. If the father is grouchy and gloomy, and considers home a place where he is free to indulge in all the bad manners he dare not show elsewhere, his son will do likewise, because he has been taught that a husband does not have to be pleasant to a mere wife or make himself agreeable in his own home.

If you want to be happy though married, pick your in-laws first. There is no safer matrimonial dope than that.—Dorothy Dix.

### WHY AMERICA IS SO WEALTHY

(From the London Daily Mail, June 23, 1924)

Agitators demanding vast public expenditures frequently tell us that England is "rolling in wealth," that it

is "the richest country in the world." That was, perhaps, true decades ago, but matters are very different now. England is poor, very poor, if compared with the United States.

The United States are fabulously wealthy. Although they possess only about one-twentieth of the population of the world, they have half the world's wealth and have more than half the world's gold, diamonds, pearls, and precious stones of every kind.

The true wealth of a nation can best be measured by the condition of the masses. The prosperity of the American workers is almost unbelievable. More or less unskilled men, such as carters, milkmen, builders, labourers, etc., earn 45s. per day. Vast numbers of skilled workers earn 1,000 pounds and more per year.

The assertion that America's wealth belongs to the few, that the high cost of living counterbalances the high wages prevailing, is incorrect. The white population of the Republic is a little more than twice as large as that of this country. However, the United States have not merely the number of telephones and motor-cars that there are in this country but have fifteen times as many. To every three families there are two telephones and two motor-cars. Millions of unskilled workers have not only roomy houses which belong to them but have a telephone, a motor-car, and other luxuries of which English working men scarcely dream.

Before the war England's savings came to about 400,000,000 pounds per year. Although the American people are terribly extravagant, their savings are estimated to come to 2,700,000,000 pounds per year. Last year the Americans spent on motor-cars and trucks alone 750,000,000 pounds. If we add the expenditure on garages, etc., the motor-car expenditure last year exceeded 1,000,000,000 pounds.

It is frequently stated that the United States owe their vast wealth to the possession of their great natural resources, to the possession of a fruitful agricultural plain, extensive forests, rich mines, etc. That explanation is fallacious. Every student of American economics is aware that the bulk of America's vast income is not furnished by the farms, mines, and forests, but by the factories and work shops.

The United States are foremost in the world, not only by the productivity of their wheatfields, cotton fields, forests, coal mines, iron mines, etc., but also by the output of their manufacturing industries.

With existing arrangements this country can produce 12,000,000 tons of steel per year. That figure has never been reached. The United States can produce at least 55,000,000 tons per year. They produce far more than half of the world's steel and of products made of steel. Among other things they produce about 90 per cent of the world's motorcars, both in their own country and in branch establishments abroad.

In the city of New York alone vastly more building takes place than in the whole of the United Kingdom. The textile industries of the Republic consume considerably more cotton than the whole of this country. In the production of goods made from copper, brass, rubber, wood, leather, etc., America's superiority is overwhelming. In view of these facts Cobden's prophecy, "England is, and always will remain, the worship of the world," is ridiculous.

Why are the Americans foremost in the world, not only in the output of food and raw products but also in that of manufactured goods? The reason is obvious to all who are acquainted with economic conditions on both sides of the Atlantic.

England, the former stronghold of individualism and efficiency, has become a stronghold of Socialism. Owing to Socialistic influence 'ca' canny has become universal. The suicidal policy of restricting output has led to hostility to labour-saving machinery. The result is that the average American produces as much as three English workers.

Goods produced must be consumed. They are consumed and enjoyed chiefly by the working masses. Production being three times as great in the United States as over here, workers receive not merely three times as much money but receive three times as much real wages in the form of goods which they can buy. Hence the American workers are infinitely better fed, clothed, and housed than the British workers.

The American worker recognizes that prosperity consists in an abundance of useful goods and nothing else, and that such abundance cannot be created by insisting on high wages in respect of an utterly insufficient output. He recognizes that capital and labour-saving machines are his friends, not his enemies. Hence the American worker can afford a motor-car and other things which in this paradise of trade unionism, of Socialism, and of 'ca' canny are privileges of the rich and well-to-do.

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Decherd was indicted in connection with recent land fraud investigations here. He is alleged to have forged title to a piece of land in Dallas county. An English professor at the State University was the principal witness against Decherd.

Decherd faces five more charges. Trial of these cases will begin next

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### STATE BANK BILLS SIGNED BY GOV. MIRIAM A. FERGUSON

Austin, Feb. 7.—Two bills affecting state banks, and the Galveston tax remission bill, were included in a large number of bills signed by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson.

Both of the bank measures were introduced by Senator T. J. Holbrook of Galveston, as was the Galveston aid bill. One of the bills provides that guaranty banks may operate under either the guaranty fund system or a bond plan, and may change from one to the other, while the other repeals the law requiring banks to bond themselves six times the amount of their

deposits. Galveston is granted ten years additional remission of state taxes, the funds to be used in raising the grade of the western end of the city to the level of a new protective sea wall to be erected by the county.

The bill authorizing the Rio Grande and Eagle Pass to abandon Minera Station, and remove approximately a mile of track, was signed. The governor also approved the senate bill enacting the penal code prepared by the codifying commission appointed by the thirty-eighth legislature. Several school bills and a bill fixing the time for holding court in the fifty-third judicial district were signed also.

D. P. Carter is able to be back at the store, after a severe attack of flu, that detained him at his home for several days.

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More than eight hundred years ago there lived a king—an English king, one Henry, surnamed Beauclerc, Alexander McArdie relates in the Atlantic Monthly. Early in his reign gray-bearded councilors declared that in their opinion it would be nice to have a measure of length called a yard; and this should be the distance between the tip of royal Henry's nose and the end of the royal thumb.

The king's nose may have been large or small or tilted upward. Moreover, the distance may have been measured when the king's nose was swollen, for royal noses can hit a doornail in the dark just like common noses. And the royal thumb may have been stubby or spatulate. Henry, too, might have playfully extended his fingers and wiggled them with his thumb not quite at, but very near, the end of his royal nose; or he might have wiggled eight fingers with the thumb of one hand touching the little finger of the other. Twirling his fingers thus he could delicately convey to the court scientists who were conducting the royal triangulation just what he thought of them. But at all costs the deed was done and the Englishman of the Twelfth century achieved a yard.

### Dog Carried Danger Signal

A motorist who was driving through a small town in Canada one night was astonished to see a little red light dancing about close to the ground on the road ahead. As he drew nearer he saw that it was an electric bulb fed from a dry-cell battery fastened on the back of a little dog. The owner, a woman who was walking nearby, explained that the dog refused to stay off the streets at night, and that to keep him from being run over she had contrived the canine tail light, so to speak. No doubt the dog will soon become familiar with the rules of the road—will slow down and bark at all crossings, keep always on the proper side of the highway and never go more than 40 miles an hour except when he sees a cat ahead.—Youth's Companion.

### Stars in Southern Cross

The Southern cross is not a phenomenon. It is the popular name for a Southern constellation situated near the Antarctic circle, and therefore never visible in northern latitudes. It consists of four bright stars, to which fancy, aided by Christian associations, gives the cruciform shape. Two brilliant stars, which mark the summit and foot of the Southern cross, have nearly the same right ascension. The constellation, therefore, is almost vertical when passing the meridian, and these two stars act as pointers to the Antarctic pole.

### Early Monopoly

Monopoly in America began in 1623, declares Edward MacMahon, associate professor of history in the University of Washington. A cow was brought to a Pilgrim colony from England, Professor MacMahon said, and allotted to several families, including Capt. Miles Standish, a bachelor. Captain Standish soon bought control of the cow, share by share, and he and his relatives enjoyed an abundant supply of milk while neighbors went without, related the historian.

### Pest Imported in 1855

The cotton boll weevil was originally Mexican, having been found around Monclova, state of Coahuila, Mex. where as early as 1856 to 1862 it did such damage to cotton that cotton-growing there was abandoned. In 1885 the boll weevil crossed the Texas border into the United States. It encroached steadily from year to year until, in 1922, it infested practically the entire cotton-growing region of the United States. The only extensive uninfested territory lies in west and northwest Texas.

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