

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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3-4 INCH OF RAIN FELL TUESDAY NIGHT

SOAKING RAIN COVERS LOCKNEY COUNTRY—3 INCHES RAIN IN LAST 2 WEEKS

Another good rain fell in the Lockney country beginning about midnight Tuesday night. About 3-4 of an inch fell in about four hours time, giving the ground a good soaking.

The rains of several days ago were about 2-4 inches, bringing the total rain fall at this point up to 3 inches within the past two weeks.

Sufficient moisture is now in the ground for planting cotton, feed and all kinds of row and garden crops, and farmers will be planting just as soon as they are able to get into their fields.

Most farm lands in the Lockney country are in first class condition and thoroughly prepared for planting, and a good crop of cotton and all feed stuff is in prospect.

The wheat crop will be lighter this year than it was last year, but still there will be a very fair crop on some farms. Some farmers who have decided their wheat would not make sufficient grain to justify harvesting have plowed it under preparatory to planting cotton and feed, while others claim with a good season like we now have and a few showers during the growing season they expect to make 12 to 15 bushels of wheat to the acre this year.

Reports from down in the state are to the effect that on account of the dry weather and the rains being so late coming this year, that the feed crops are practically a total loss and the cotton crop will be cut short of the average year. The fact that cotton will be late down in the state gives the boll weevil a better chance to destroy the crop, and the fact makes the cotton crop in the boll weevil section very doubtful.

Here on the Plains where the boll weevil cannot survive the cotton crop will be large, and as the rains have been sufficient to prepare the land and for the land to be in first class shape before our planting season has begun. Cotton and feeds planted on the Plains by June 1st make good crops, and some time later planting has plenty of time to mature before frost falls.

The rich soils of the Plains country enables the farmers to grow a crop quicker than any other section of the state, and here in the Lockney country where cotton and wheat overlap we have three money crops to bank on—wheat, cotton and feed.

BURLINGTON RAIL EXTENSION MAY GO INTO NEW MEXICO

Vernon Sullivan with a party of El Paso engineers visited Roswell last week and conferred with members of the local Chambers of Commerce relative to the construction of a railroad northeast from El Paso to the Texas Plains.

While on the survey, the party visited Carlsbad, Lovington, New Mexico Seagraves, Brownfield, Lubbock and Plains, Texas, and are returning via Roswell, Artesia, Hope, Dunken and Pinar, New Mexico. Rumors are current that the proposed railway will represent a continuation of the Burlington extension into West Texas.

RUSK SPRINGS, OKLA., WOMAN DIED HERE

Mrs. W. J. Walker of Rusk Springs, Okla., died at the A. J. Crager home in Lockney Wednesday night of last week, and her remains were shipped to her home at Rusk Springs Friday morning.

She had come to Lockney for the benefit of her health, and the cause of her death was Asthma.

Undertaker Grady R. Crager prepared the body for shipment.

INCREASE OF 500 IN POLL TAX ASSESSMENTS

Tax Assessor C. M. Meredith's summary of assessments made for Floyd county, completed this week indicates a very healthy growth in the population of the county, the figures in his summary showing an increase over 1924 of 500 poll tax assessments.

These figures raise the total poll tax assessments in the county considerably above 4,000.

WICHITA BOOSTERS HERE LAST FRIDAY

STOP HERE FIFTY MINUTES—GIVE CONCERT AT DEPOT AND UP TOWN

The Wichita (Kansas) Trade Excursion arrived in Lockney on time last Friday afternoon at 2:05 o'clock and spent fifty minutes here meeting the Lockney people and entertaining those present with vocal and band music.

The children who met the train were given balloons as souvenirs.

The band played several selections at the depot and then were brought up town by local cars, where they gave a concert on the streets, also a quartet of the boosters sang several selections.

The excursionists were loud in their praise of our small city and were surprised to find all brick business houses and paved streets. They complimented the citizenship of the town on their wide-awake progressive spirit and congenial way in which the people of Lockney received the excursionists.

LOCKNEY FILLED WITH PLENTY OF GREAT BOOSTERS

The Panhandle has many boosters and enthusiasts—and then the Lockney folk. The Lockney folk are in a class to themselves when it comes to co-operating in their community's behalf. Their anticipation of a new railroad, a line of the Fort Worth, Denver & South Plains, is in a measure the cause of the super-enthusiasm but they have a lot to keep them on the "front row" in addition to that.

This community probably has the best soil in the Panhandle, it has an inexhaustible supply of shallow water obtainable as shallow as eighteen feet and an ideal climate. Lockney is where wheat and cotton overlap, that is one of the crops is just as adaptable to the soil and climate as the other and there is no better place on the Plains for either. With the railroad built, as proposed Lockney will make other Plains towns step mighty rapidly to keep up with her.—Amarillo News, May 3.

GABE GARRETT'S COMEDIANS COMING

Gabe Garrett's Comedians will show in Lockney next week. This company was billed to show in Lockney last week, but owing to the fact that a revival was in progress postponed their engagement until next week.

MRS. G. A. THOMAS UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. G. A. Thomas, who has been suffering with a severe attack of rheumatism and tonsillitis for the past three weeks, underwent an operation the past week, and had her tonsils removed. She is resting better at last reports, and it is hoped will soon be able to be out again.

A. R. MERIWETHER HAS HIS TONSILS REMOVED

A. R. Meriwether and family went to Amarillo the latter part of last week, where Mr. Meriwether had his tonsils removed. He had been suffering from effects of tonsillitis for some time. He is able to be out again now.

Arrest Two for Burglary

Plainview May 1.—Two men are being held in the Hale county jail in connection with the burglary of the Jeffus-Deloch grain company safe not long ago. Constable D. M. Thomas and Santa Fe Officer W. B. Jones brought the two men from Canyon Saturday.

They are T. M. Navajo and Wm. Quinn and they are also believed to have some connection with several other robberies in this district, notably the rifling of the Abernathy Cafe and safe at Tulla.

REMODELING SEWER AT HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

The sewer system at the Lockney school is being remodeled at this time. Mr. Hyman of Amarillo, has the contract for the work and the sewer disposal is being enlarged. The plant as installed last year was found to be inadequate, and the board has seen fit to enlarge and remodel same.

JOIN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND HELP BOOST TOWN

Lockney Needs Live Commercial Body and It Is the Duty of Every Citizen to Give Their Support—Help the Committee Put Over Their Program by Joining at Once.

The Chamber of Commerce met in its first night meeting, at the First National Bank, Monday night with about thirty representative business men present, and plans were made for getting more enthusiasm into the Chamber of Commerce work in Lockney, and a membership drive was inaugurated to get every red-blooded citizen of Lockney and community into the organization.

The purposes of the Chamber of Commerce is to build Lockney and Lockney community, and in order to get the best results it is essential that every citizen of the community do his or share toward helping the organization in its forward move. It is just as much the duty of one citizen as it is another to help build the community, and every resident, business or professional man and farmer will be asked to join the organization and lend his support to helping to do the things that must be done for the community, and to help put over things that are to come within a short time in the advancement and building of our town and surrounding country.

Lockney on Threshold of Big Growth

Today Lockney, and the Lockney country is facing the biggest growth in its entire history. Within two or three weeks time the railroad question is going to be settled, and construction work will begin. Lockney will be called on to do its share in this proposition probably by the time this article is read by our subscribers, and it must be done without any delay. The railroad committee has been on the job continually ever since the proposition first came up, and they have done good work, not overlooking anything that would tend to help Lockney and the Lockney country. We have shown the railroad people the advantages of the Lockney country, and they have realized that we have just what we have claimed, and Lockney has been put on their map.

Now, it is up to Lockney and the Lockney country to get busy and care for the problems of building our community and not fall down on the great opportunity that has presented itself. With the coming of the railroad there are many new businesses and enterprises that will be forthcoming and it is up to the citizenship of this community to have as many of these as possible build in Lockney. There will be compresses, oil mills, flour mills and various other labor using concerns that will desire to come to Lockney, and all these things will help wonderfully in the building of a nice little city in "The heart of the best farming section of the Plains." Every man, woman and child who lives in the Lockney country should have the development of the country at heart, and each one can help in the matter of building the Lockney country by contributing his or her mite, whether it be in money or in personal service, and to this end the campaign for membership in the Chamber of Commerce will be waged. Every new enterprise, business or farmer that is added to the Lockney country helps every citizen of the community, creates better marketing facilities, causes more money to be in circulation in local channels and helps to build for a more stable and dependable country.

Outside Help Will Come

If you attend to the affairs of the community at home and make of your home community a live, wide-awake town, outside capital will come in and help you. Outside people with means are looking for places to invest money where they know the people have progressive spirits and are doing their dead level best to build up their home town and the country surrounding. But capital never wastes any time on communities where the people are not trying to do something for themselves. We can make Lockney and the Lockney country the one shining spot of the entire Plains if we desire to. It takes money and time to build cities and develop communi-

ties, and if we all put our shoulders to the wheel we will soon find new material helping us roll the wagon up the hill. In climbing the ladder to financial supremacy every person has found the first one thousand dollars the hardest to get, and this is so with every proposition that confronts each town, community, or individual, they find the pulling hard at the beginning, but as the wheels begin to turn the load is easier to handle and when once they top the rise and start down the hill it takes no effort at all to keep the wagon rolling. Let us all begin to help ourselves by helping our town and community to go forward.

Have Best Farming Country

No body in the entire country can question the fact that the best farming country on the entire Plains is situated in the Lockney country. Here the soil is deep and fertile, the water is shallow and plentiful and the climate is as fine as any part of the country, and here we can raise any kind of field and garden truck, and berries, grapes, and fruits, than can be raised anywhere in the temperate zone, and here we do not have to depend on any one crop for a money crop. Here cotton and wheat overlap, and both are a success, and the feed crops can always be depended upon. Our crying need is for farmers, more farmers and better farmers. There are vast areas in the Lockney country today that need more men to farm them. No such a thing as intensive farming has never been heard of in this section, and today men are farming large areas, merely planting in many cases and depending on the crops to take care of themselves, and many people have made a success of this kind of farming on account of the rich productiveness of the soil.

Irrigation Is Coming

The Lockney country receives as much rainfall as any other section of West Texas, and for the past two years we have had a little more moisture than any other section surrounding us, but we are so situated that we can avail ourselves of shallow water and can irrigate our farms, and by irrigation can insure a big crop every year. The time is coming and coming fast when we are going to be able to handle the pumping proposition with electricity in the Lockney country. The local electric people are working to that end at the present time. The Texas Utilities Co. is stringing high lines all over the shallow water belt, and as soon as the demand is sufficient they will be able to supply the farmers with electricity to pump irrigation water from the shallow wells onto their crops.

The world outside are just now beginning to realize that the shallow water belt is the best farming country of all Texas, they don't realize what it means to see 2,000 to 3,000 gallons of pure water spurting from a well every minute until they come to this section and actually see these wells in operation. The advantages of irrigation in this section discounts all other irrigation districts. The water here does not have to be treated before it is put on the crops, it is 99.6 per cent pure. Every person who has a foot of land can have an irrigation well, as the entire section is underlaid with a vast lake or underground river of running water. No channels, canals, etc., are necessary, and you can get your own water at any time by merely cutting on the pump. The day is not far distant when there will be a farmer on every 40 to 80 acre tract in the Lockney country, and practically every acre will be in cultivation as the ground is level and there are no rocks, creeks, hills or other obstacles to keep all the land from being farmed.

Is Great Poultry and Dairy Country

The little things of the farm, as they are often termed, are quite big items in the Lockney country, here all kinds of poultry does well, and nearly every breed of chicken, turkey, etc., is found in abundance. There are farm-

LUBBOCK ACCEPTS PROPOSAL OF DENVER TO BUILD LINE

Action Is Result of Two-Day Parley Between Citizens and the Officials

Lubbock, May 2.—The Fort Worth & Denver Railway Company's proposition for a South Plains railroad has been accepted. The new railroad will be known as the Fort Worth & Denver South Plains road.

This announcement was made last night following a two days session between officials of that road and a large number of citizens of Lubbock.

The new road will run from Childress, through Silverton, Petersburg, and Lockney and will enter Lubbock coming into the city from the south. Lubbock has agreed to furnish a right of way from the eastern part of the county to the western extremity of the city, and 85 acres for a terminal, all to cost \$175,000.

State permission has already been obtained for this road and local committees will take the street Monday to raise the funds to fulfill Lubbock's end of the contract.

Motion on the proposition was made by B. O. McWhorter, who in 1909 was active in seeking such a road and the house rose in a body on the vote.

The meeting was presided over by Oscar L. Slaton and talks were made by Judge George R. Bean, Judge Pink L. Parrish, Dr. J. D. Hutchinson, Dr. R. A. Sowder, Floyd R. Friend, W. K. Dickinson, Sr., Kemple Ellis, A. C. Fay, Judge E. L. Klett, Sam C. Arnett, C. E. Maedgen, A. B. Weaver, J. A. Rix, R. W. Black.

Persons in the Lockney country today that are making their bank accounts grow along the poultry line, and yet have plenty of stuff for home consumption, and thousands of chickens, turkeys, etc., find an outlet from the Lockney country to the northern and eastern markets.

The dairy business here is growing larger each year, and many gallons of cream and pounds of butter are being shipped out each day to other places. Many people live off the poultry and dairy products in this section and have their other crops to pay for their homes, buy their farming tools, automobiles, trucks, etc.

You Should Help

There are many things we could mention about the Lockney country that are worth telling the world about that are absolute facts, and each reader of the paper knows are facts, but what we need is to let the people outside who do not know these facts learn about them, and this is the mission of the Lockney Chamber of Commerce, and the Lockney Chamber of Commerce is just what the people of Lockney make it. If only a half dozen men run it and support it, the town will only reap benefits in that proportion, but if the entire citizenship of the community belong to it and support it, then the community will reap benefits in that proportion. It is the duty of every citizen of the community to become a member of this organization and to support it with their money and boosting. If we can get a membership of several hundred we can build our town and country up wonderfully and the load will be light on us all, but we must have support if we intend to accomplish anything worth while.

The meeting Monday night was presided over by President Z. T. Riley and good talks were made by G. A. Thomas, D. C. Lowe, Sr., Dr. A. T. Reed, C. R. Wilkinson, D. P. Carter, Dr. Henry and others.

A motion prevailed to inaugurate a membership campaign, and twelve men were appointed by the president to carry on the campaign. These twelve men are divided into two teams of six men each. One team will be known as the "Reds" with G. A. Thomas as captain, and R. G. Morgan, C. R. Wilkinson, R. E. Patterson, T. B. Hill and Carley Ayers as members. The other team to be known as the "Blues" with Artie Baker, captain, and Burton Thornton, Ed Reeves, H. P. Coleman, R. L. Gass and J. H. Brooks as the members. These two teams will put on a six weeks campaign in which they expect to get every citizen of the town and farmer in the community to enlist as a member of the organization. They will meet at Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co. this afternoon and formulate plans for carrying on the campaign.

C. R. Wilkinson in a talk about building needed residences in the town, stated that he would be willing

OFFICERS FIND STILL ON MULLIN FARM

GET COIL AND BOILER, BUT THE BOOZE IS MISSING—BOYS ARRESTED

On Saturday night Erskin and Edgar Mullins in company with another party, were arrested in Plainview for being implicated in the sale of intoxicating liquor, according to a statement made to the editor by a local officer.

The charge on which the boys were arrested was that one of them had sold a 1-2 gallon of liquor to a man in Plainview, who had given him a check and cash in payment for same, a bystander seeing the transaction and turning them in. They were placed under arrest, according to reports, and at last accounts were still being held at Plainview.

Sunday, Deputies Sheriff C. R. Sturdivant and Haggard of Plainview got in touch with Sheriff J. E. Maddox, Deputies Harve Bolin and Smith and Constable Marion Day and they went to the J. W. Mullins farm, 12 miles northeast of Lockney, where a search was made for a still. A copper coil and boiler was found in a cotton seed house and negro shack and confiscated by the officers. The belief of the officers is that the still had been torn up and the material found brought to this place only recently, as no liquor or mash was to be found and the still was not in operating condition at the time found. We are informed that Mr. J. W. Mullins was arrested, and later turned loose to appear in Floydada on a future date.

The still was brought to Lockney Sunday, and later carried to Floydada by the sheriff's department.

COTTON ASSN. DISTRICT CONVENTION MAY 19th

Floydada Will Be Host to Farmers From Nine Counties of District Number 19

Two important meetings of members of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association, one of them district-wide in importance, will be held in Floydada during the month of May, as a result of which nominations will be made for two directors for the association governing board to be chosen at a general election to be held at a later date by mail.

This district-wide meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th, and county delegates from ten counties comprising the 19th District of the Cotton Association will be here. The counties which will be represented are Cottle, Motley, Floyd, Hale, Farmer, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Hall and Childress.

Preceding this district meeting the primary convention in Floyd county to select delegates to the district convention will be held on Saturday, May 9th. This convention is called for 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Both meetings will be held in the district court room here.

The board of directors of the Cotton Association insists that there should be a full representation of the membership at each of these conventions, pointing out that it is highly desirable for every member to have a voice in the selection of the managing heads of their association.

MISS VELMA LYLES DIED OF INFLUENZA THURSDAY

Miss Velma Lyles, 32, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lyles of Campbell community died at her parents home on Thursday morning, April 23. Funeral services were held at the Cemetery Chapel Thursday afternoon at four o'clock with Rev. Marvin Brotherton in charge.

Miss Lyles had been sick with influenza for over a month and her death was due largely to the ravages of that disease. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lyles two brothers, C. M. Lyles and C. B. Lyles of Campbell, three sisters, Mrs. E. J. Barker of Lockney, Mrs. O. A. Beck and Mrs. E. B. Chestnutt of Campbell.—Floydada Hesperian.

to give some lots to parties desiring to build homes in Lockney, to help to take care of the demand for houses in the town.

The next meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be next Monday night at the First National Bank, and all citizens and business men of the town are urged to be present.

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LOCKNEY NEEDS ONE HUNDRED NEW HOMES

There is a great demand in Lockney today for houses to live in—rent houses, houses that can be bought on good terms, etc.

The town is full up and yet there are scores of people who are living in any kind of quarters—renting rooms, etc.—and the demand is increasing every day, and will continue to grow larger and larger each week in the future.

Now is the time to build and now is the time to buy lots to build on. In a few weeks lots in Lockney are going to begin to double and triple in price, and those who are able to buy lots now should get building lots while they are still low in price.

The Denver road will begin construction of the line from Carey to Lockney within the next month, when construction work begins property values in Lockney will leap high and higher, and the person who wants a lot to build on will be in hard luck if he waits until the price advances before buying.

Now is the time to build, as now you can let a contract for your building and get workmen on the job at reasonable wages.

After a few weeks workmen will be scarce and wages will be high. Better arrange at once to build you a home, while the building is good.

Lockney also needs men who are able to finance the building of extra houses for rental purposes. Four and five room houses will rent for from \$20 to \$35 per month and the demand for such houses is great. There has not been a vacant house that a family could live in in Lockney for the past two years, and at least a hundred or more families who have desired to move here and make their homes, have been forced to go to other places where they could secure houses to live in. Never a week passes that numbers of people inquire of the Beacon man of where they can secure a house in Lockney to live in, and we are sorry to say our answer has been the same for the past two years—'There is no houses in Lockney available.'

Let every person who has sufficient means to pay the initial payment on a home, build and pay the balance out like rent. Let men who have some extra money build rent houses. We must have more houses if Lockney is to thrive, and the demand is getting heavier every day. Help build your town and prosper.

TEXAS BOGUS CHECK LAW

Article 1422. Certain Wrongful Acts Included.

Within the meaning of the term "swindling" are included the following wrongful acts:

1. The exchange of property upon the false pretense that the party is the owner or has the right to dispose of the property given in exchange.

2. The purchase of property upon the faith and credit of some other person upon the false pretense that such other has given the accused the right to use his name in making the acquisition.

3. The obtaining by false pretense the possession of any instrument of writing, certificate, field notes, or other paper relating to lands, the property of another, with the intent that thereby the property owner shall



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be defeated of a valuable right in such lands.

4. The obtaining by any person of any money or other thing of value with intent to defraud by the giving or drawing of any check, draft or order upon any bank, person, firm, or corporation with which or with whom such person or drawing said check, draft or order has not at the time of the giving or drawing said check, draft or order, or at the time when in the ordinary course of business such check, draft or order would be presented to the drawee for payment, sufficient funds to pay same, and no good reason to believe that such check draft or order will be paid; provided, that if said check, draft or order is not paid on presentation the return of same shall be prima facie evidence of the fraudulent intent of said person drawing or giving said check; and provided further, that if such check, draft or order is not paid within fifteen days after the same is returned unpaid, it shall be prima facie evidence that no good reason existed for believing that said check, draft or order would be paid and it shall also be prima facie evidence of intent to defraud and knowledge of insufficient funds with the drawee.

5. The special enumeration of cases of swindling above set forth shall not be understood to exclude any case which by fair construction of language comes within the meaning of the preceding article.

6. This act shall be cumulative of all other laws on this subject and should any section or provision be declared unconstitutional such decision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this act.

This means that should the maker of such check fail to make it good within fifteen days after payment has been refused by the bank, it shall be prima facie evidence of intent to defraud.

Floydada people will rejoice with their neighbors in the good fortune to which they are now headed—the good fortune that will come with more railroads and more development incident thereto. Every town thinks of itself as a potential railway center and all the railroads of one kind or another that are to be built, in this country, will not have been built in another ten years.

Floydada, like every town, would like to be the city to which present railroad arrows are pointing. But this country has too big a future before it for any railroad to make or mar it. The South Plains and Floyd county in particular are great now. Their possibilities, about which we talk so much, we can hardly conceive ourselves. We only half believe what we know to be true—that the development of the past ten years is merely an indication of what is coming. That's true, an another ten years of development, no greater even than the past ten years, means much building in store for Floydada. Jealousy has no part in the makeup of a real town builder. Floydada will not be jealous of its neighbors. Floydada citizens will only be all the more determined to build well for the future.—Floydada Hesperian.

IMMENSE AMOUNT LOANED TO FARMERS

Texas farmers to the number of 72,928 have availed themselves of loans totaling \$147,877,998 from Federal land banks, joint stock land banks and Federal intermediate credit banks since these agencies were first established by law, according to the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. During this period the Federal land banks and joint stock land banks had applications for loans totaling \$170,473 and of this \$143,758,394 was granted, the loans being safeguarded by 13,161, 664 acres of land in the state having an appraised valuation on land and buildings of \$381, 305,129.

The entire range of farm life is covered in the purposes for which the loans were secured, states the Foundation. Seventy-three per cent of the loans were used for the payment of mortgages, 9.5 per cent for the purchase of land mortgaged, 7 for the payment of various debts, 3 for buildings and improvements, 1.5 per cent for implements and equipment, and two per cent for the purchase of livestock.

Total loans closed by these three were \$1,675,150,963 distributed among 1,112,033 borrowers, states the Foundation. Of the Federal Land Bank loans totaling \$1,067,428 was apportioned among 347,742 borrowers; joint stock land bank loans to the amount of \$514,947 were distributed between 87,002 individuals; and 697,289 borrowers of intermediate credit bank funds received \$91,775,075.

The extent to which the farm loan banks, the joint stock land banks and the more recently organized intermediate credit banks are being used by farmers in this and other states is an indication that these new financing institutions are finding their places in the credit structure of the nation to the well-being of the farmer.

NEW BUILDING WILL DOUBLE SANITARIUM

Addition Will Extend East from the Present Building on Property Recently Bought from Jordan

Plainview, May 5.—The capacity of the Plainview Sanitarium will be more than doubled this summer, according to Dr. E. O. Nichols, member of the firm of Nichols & Guest, owners. Plans are now in preparation.

The present building is 115 feet in length. The new addition will be 120 feet, totaling 236 feet. It will extend through the alley east on the property recently acquired from J. N. Jordan.

The addition will be built of interlocking tile, stuccoed to correspond with the old building. It will contain a full size basement with rooms for 35 nurses. Steam heat will be installed to supply the old building as well as the new addition. On the second floor will be large operating rooms, also fracture and X-ray rooms. An electric elevator will be installed.

There will be a large sun porch on each floor, also a porch across the east end on the first floor.

On the first floor there will be a large lobby and examining rooms and offices for the surgeons.

LOCKNEY SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE NEXT WEEK

Successful Year's Work Is Drawing to Close—Prof. W. D. Biggers Re-elected Superintendent

Friday, the 15th, will be the close of the Lockney Public Schools for the 1924-25 term, which has been probably the most successful school year in the history of the school.

The last week of school will be filled with various entertainments, and other school activities, and the baccalaureate sermon will be preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning, May 10th, and the class play of the Senior class will be given next Thursday night at the school auditorium.

Prof. W. D. Biggers has been re-elected superintendent of the school for next year, and a faculty is being chosen at this time.

Lone Star Home Demonstration Club

The Lone Star Home Demonstration Club will meet at Mrs. Ted Lindsay's home, Tuesday, May 12. Subject, Making the Most of the Meal Hour. Demonstration on setting the table and serving.—Reporter.

Baccalaureate Sermon And School Play

The Senior Class wishes to extend a cordial invitation to all citizens of Lockney and surrounding communities, to attend the baccalaureate sermon, at the Baptist church, Sunday, May 10, at eleven o'clock.

We also wish to announce our play, "Son John," which will be given at the High School auditorium Thursday evening, May 14th.

Time of play and admission will be announced later.

RALLS VOTES BIG BOND ISSUE FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Ralls, May 4.—The people of Ralls, Saturday voted 238 to 104 for the issuance of \$65,000 school bonds, providing for the construction of a modern fire proof building here.

The more than two for one victory for the bond issue is looked upon here as an indication of the willingness of the people of this vicinity to provide the best in educational facilities for the youth of this community.

Recent developments here and the subsequent increase in population has caused present buildings to be crowded to capacity, making it imperative that another building be provided for the beginning of the next term.

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Mrs. E. R. Waller returned to Lockney Sunday to again make this her home, after living at Plainview for some time. Ernest Waller went to Plainview Sunday and brought his mother over to Lockney.

Mrs. F. M. Kester went to Canyon, Monday to attend the District meeting of the 7th District Federation of Clubs as a delegate from the Lockney Mothers Club, which was in session Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. She will visit her son, Lynn, who is attending school at Canyon.

THE PASSING DAY WILL H. MAYES Department of Journalism University of Texas

Would Reform Senate Proceedings.



Vice President Dawes, in an address at Boston, stated that he expects to devote his energies during his term of office to bringing about reforms in senate proceedings. He stated that every new member of the senate, regardless of ability or qualifications, has to take irresponsible positions on committees, and is made to feel that he is of little consequence in that august body. In other words, he is mildly hazed, the hazing being done with due senatorial courtesy. The effect of such treatment is to weaken the influence of new members and to prevent any constructive work on their part until they have learned the proper degree of respect that should be shown the dignified body.

Every Senator an Autocrat.

After serving an apprenticeship in small places and proving himself fitted by time for senatorial responsibilities, a member of the United States senate becomes the most autocratic individual in the government, according to Dean Wigmore, in an address at the University of Texas. The rule of "senatorial courtesy" is so strictly enforced, says Dean Wigmore, that it is impossible for any measure to get favorable consideration from the senate so long as a single member of that body opposes it. For that reason measures are tied up indefinitely or so long as any senator desires. "Senatorial courtesy" impedes legislation, places unlimited power in the hands of individuals, and encourages graft and even tyranny.

Selling Official Influence.

If half the reports be true, the national and state governments are being victimized by officials who are getting more money from selling official influence than from their salaries. Occasionally a case gets talked about so much that mention of it is found in the press, but by far the greater part of this official graft is never given any publicity. Around almost every capital in the country may be found officials who are brazenly using their positions for their personal gain and at the expense of the government they have been elected to represent.

Grandmothers Were Flappers.

People talk about flappers as if they were something before unheard of. Girls of today differ very little from those of a hundred years ago by whatever name they may be called. A reading of the publications of that period will show that the women paid just as much attention to dress then as they do now, that they were as coquettish as they knew how to be, that they flirted recklessly, that they occasionally smoked and even imbibed liquors, that they went for "moonlight rides" with the young men, and did about the same things that the modern girl does. The young men were just as foppish as today. They powdered and perfumed and wigged themselves. They became hysterical at times and drank so much that the girls occasionally met and passed resolutions not to go out with young men when they were drinking.

Precedent Does Not Justify Wrong.

The fact that our grandparents were just as bad does not justify us in wrong doing. With all our opportunities for improvement we ought to be better than any generation that has preceded. It is true that there are more opportunities and temptations in wrong doing than ever before, but with the experience of former ages we should be stronger in powers of resistance. The world is growing better in spite of the fact that there may be glaring inhumanities that occasionally cause us to think that it is headed back toward barbarism.

Energies Are Too Much Scattered.

In selecting a theme for a vesper service talk this week, I couldn't get away from the text: "Whatsoever thing thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Special emphasis was placed on the word IT. In this day there is little trouble in finding something to do, most of us are tempted to try to do too many things. We scatter our energies until we do nothing well. This disposition to do a little of everything is ruinous to many. It is found in business, in our studies, in our church activities, in every walk in life. No person can justify himself in undertaking to do more than he can do well.

Modern Women in Business.

The opening of the Woman's World Fair in Chicago is a forward step in the activities of womanhood, and shows that women are not only confident of their ability to succeed in whatever they undertake but that they are proud of the progress they made. The next few decades will doubtless demonstrate that there is no field of human effort in which women may not succeed just as well as men despite the handicap of prejudices.

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TEXAS

By Phoebe K. Warner

Arthur Brisbane, the highest paid and the most widely read editorial writer in America says:

"According to the Census Bureau all the property in the United States three years ago amounted to about \$320,803,862,000. It is a great deal of money, but you may be sure that it's much less than the United States is worth. Property developed, the STATE OF TEXAS will be worth more than the total wealth of the United States as now estimated."

Theodore Price, editor, Commerce and Finance, and another of America's leading financial authorities, has this to say:

"I intend to send my CHILDREN to TEXAS before I send them to Europe, for I do not believe our American youth can appreciate what they have to be thankful for until they have seen TEXAS. I am advising all my New York friends to do likewise."

This is what two of the biggest thinkers in America think of our Lone Star state. How many of us right here at home half appreciate

our own state heritage? How many of us are making any effort to have our own children "See Texas First?" How many of us know anything about the WHOLE State of Texas? When vacation time comes, if it ever comes in your family and home, how many of us spend a dollar or a day looking for something to see in Texas? Most of us hop into our cars, step on the gas and turn our headlights toward some other part of the country and when we come back we know more about some other state and comparatively less about our own. Did you know that we Texans spend almost \$10,000,000 every year outside of Texas posting up on the beauties and virtues of other states and helping them build better roads and better schools with our money and then come home feeling like there's nothing worth while in Texas and allow a \$50,000 appropriation to be killed that might have made it possible for a million Texans to see something beautiful at home once a year? What kind of patriotism do you call that?

Educational Patriotism

Do you realize that literally thousands of Texas people send their children to other states to be educated

and then bring them back and for the first and the best jobs at home for them? And then those foreign educated boys and girls put in a half-hearted year of service, no it is not always service, it is sometimes a real bore to themselves and everybody else, because they feel too highly educated for Texas. Such folks come back and go into our own schools and they do not even know anything about the colleges and universities of Texas to teach our native Texas boys and girls. But that's not the end of the story.

While this is going on every year and in almost every school in Texas our taxpayers and our church folks are supporting some of the best colleges and universities in America and often when their students are through school and ready for a position for which they have been trained with Texas money, they have to get outside the State to find the position Texas trains them to fill. So it goes. Texas is training men and women to do the work of the world while the world is training a few to come back and help run Texas. Perhaps it will all come out right in the final day. But there is room for a little deep thought in this educational work.

For one we believe the teachers in our grades at least should be Texas trained and Texas loving teachers. Our children should be taught to know and love Texas first. Don't you think so?

The Knockers

One of the meanest things we do in Texas is knocking every other part of the state but our own particular section. That unintentional meaningless habit of thinking we can't boost our own part of the state without saying something real little and mean about every other part of the state has cost Texas millions of dollars in negative advertising. Those are the very stories folks like to tell in other states. "Why," because they say "you can't believe a thing those Texans say because every part of the country knocks every other part." The spirit we need most in Texas right now is a state-wide spirit. A spirit of pride and of friendliness for every other section of Texas. North, South, East, and West and Central. Each is a part of the whole. None of us really want Texas divided. But we seem to want the other part to fuss about rather than to build up. Let's Stop knocking the other members of our great state family. I don't mind the neighbors knocking me so much, but it sure makes me hot when some of our own family are always trying to find fault with what I am trying to do. I am only a part of them and they are a part of me and, if we only knew it we are simply knocking ourselves whenever we are knocking any part of our state or any member of our family. Let's get acquainted and we don't feel so much like knocking. A few more of us had better take Theodore Price's advice and "send our children to Texas before we send them to Europe" and then we will all be as proud of Texas as the two great editors.

Our Roads

Here are some facts and figures that directly tell us where most of our spare time and money are going. Sometimes we feel terribly poor and overworked in Texas. And we feel like somebody ought to pity us and help us some way. Seven years ago Texas owned \$200,000 motor vehicles. Today there are 800,000 motor vehicles in the state. For these cars and trucks \$600,000,000 have been paid. And it costs approximately \$350,000,000 every year to own them, to keep them oiled and gassed and retired and running. Last year these 800,000 motor vehicles covered—now be sure and count all the 000000's—5,000,000,000 miles. Yes, Five Billion Miles in Texas. Few of us know anything about millions and billions but that is the way we measure things these days. Every time all the gasoline tanks were filled it cost the people owning these cars \$1,200,000. The spare tires alone parked on the back of these cars to meet an emergency represented \$16,000,000. The state spent \$15,000,000 on its public schools last year. More money rode around on the hind end of your automobile last year just waiting for something to happen than was invested in the education of our million and a quarter children. Very likely as long as we spend more on "spares" than on education we will hold our place at 37th in education. But the auto has come to stay. There is no doubt about that. And we are glad the automobile, while it eats up a pile of money, is doing more to educate all the people than any other tool or text book in existence. What we need now is more good roads for these autos so that our oil and gas and tires and cars will last longer and go farther. As Texans we are bound to go. We've got to go to get anywhere in Texas. We are so big and far apart. And then there are \$5,000,000 of us. \$5,000,000,000 miles is only a thousand miles each year. How far do you suppose you rode last year? Now the next and the only economical thing

to do is to Build Good Roads from one end of Texas to the other. Put a tax on gas so that the man or woman who ride most and get the most good out of the roads and does the most to wear them out will help to pay for them. And we will all save more on gas and tires repairs every year than the good roads will cost us and how much more you will enjoy your ride. The U. S. Good Roads meeting will be held in Houston April 20 to 25. If you are a delegate go and boost for more good roads and economy for Texas.

THE PROBLEM OF PICKING OUT THE RIGHT HUSBAND

By DOROTHY DIX

A young woman asks me what sort of man a girl should marry. Well, to begin with, she should pick out a man who possesses the common, or garden variety of domestic virtues. She should marry a man who is moral and sober and industrious and kind and generous, for no woman can be happy who has to sit up nights for the drag of a drunken footstep, or who has to keep an eye on a philanderer, or who has to try to galvanize a loafer afflicted with the hookworm into action, or who has to get money out of a tightwad.

A weaking who has to be jollied into being good, and watched to be kept out of mischief, may be very attractive as a sweetheart, and make a powerful appeal to a girl's maternal instinct, and the well-known passion for reforming things that every woman possesses, but when you are married to him it doesn't take you long to get sick and tired of him and to wish you had a real man for a husband. Being a stay and a support to hubby isn't what it is cracked up to be. A woman would like to do a little of the leaning herself, and have some good and substantial prop to lean on.

Nor does it satisfy a woman to know that her husband's heart is right if his disposition is all wrong. The love that doesn't express itself in tenderness might just as well not exist at all. Furthermore, no woman can long stay in love with a man who doles out pennies to her. Among the most reconciled of widows are those whose spending money is their husband's insurance money.

So, my dear girl, in picking out a man to marry, choose one who has the rock-bottom qualities of which all good husbands are made. Then select the man who is most like yourself. Marry your spiritual twin brother, so to speak.

Take no stock in the theory of the attraction of opposites. That is nature's sardonic little joke on humanity, and she perpetrates it for the sake of the species, with no concern for the happiness of the individual, when she brings two people together who have not a thought, nor a habit in common, and who fight like Killenny cats as soon as their passing allure for each other has worn off.

The people whom we love more and more the longer we know them, people with whom we live in peace and happiness, are not those who cross us and contradict us and argue with us, and with whom we have to be continually on our guard for fear we will do the wrong thing or bring up a forbidden subject. They are the people who have the same ideas, and ideals, and religion, and views that we have; who like things cooked the way we like them; who enjoy the same plays and books, and vote the same ticket.

Irvin Cobb says that the Civil War wasn't really fought to abolish slavery. It was fought over the question of hot bread versus cold bread. Be that as it may, all of us know plenty of homes where a husband and wife waged a forty year's war over apple. We know families that have been disrupted and children who have been orphaned by a lip-stick and hair bob, and we could point to plenty of cases where the grounds in the coffee pot have been the real grounds of divorce.

This being the case, in choosing a husband pick out one as you would a hat. Get one that becomes you and that brings out your best points, not one that swears at you, either metaphorically or actually, and that emphasizes your every defect. Study your type in men as you do in millinery.

It is because women don't do this, and that they trust to be able to make over the thing they grabble up because it somehow hit their fancy, that so many of them land in the divorce court.

Therefore, study yourself and pick out your husband accordingly. If you are a clothes-mad girl, if your idol lives on the Rue de la Paix, if frocks and hats and jewels tempt you as irresistibly as drink does a sot, don't marry a poor man, whom you will ruin with your extravagance and with whom you will be in perpetual wrangle over bills.

Pick out a man who not only has plenty of money, but one who will

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Society

Federated Club Meeting At Lone Star

A very entertaining and instructive meeting of the Floyd County Federated Clubs was held at Lone Star on April 25, 1925.

Several of the surrounding communities, besides Floydada and Lockney were well represented.

The following program was rendered:

Piano Solo.—Mrs. Roy Perry.
Welcome Address.—Mrs. Charlie Merrick.

Response.—Mrs. Tate.
Reading.—Herman King.
Address.—Mr. Price Scott.

Reading.—Mrs. E. O. Stevenson.
Address.—Prof. Parson.

Noon.
Song.—Mrs. Perry and Miss May Foster.

After Dinner Remarks.—Mr. Zeb Reed.

The Need of Country High Schools.—Prof. Leo Cooper.

Song.—Mrs. Parsons.
Famous American Mothers.—Judge E. C. Nelson.

Song, "Mother Machree."—Mrs. E. C. Nelson, Jr.

Reading.—Leona Griffith.
Round Table Discussion led by Mrs. Stapleton.

Reading.—Pauline Stevenson.
A short talk was given by Mrs. Tate on the advantage of a Parent-Teacher's Association to a community.

The next meeting will be held the last Saturday in September at Aiken.—Reporter.

Lockney Home Demonstration Club

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 14th, and the following program will be rendered:

Answer to roll call with a good

health habit to be cultivated in the home.

Order of business.
Leader.—Mrs. Will McGheeche.
Subject.—Health Habits for the Home.

Topics for discussion:
Why Worry.—Mrs. T. H. Stewart.
The Worth of a Tooth Brush.—Mrs. C. McAdams.

A Daily Vocation.—Mrs. Savage.
Habits to Cultivate.—Mrs. Kate Collier.

Exercise and Health.—Mrs. Greer.
Habits Which Spread Disease.—Mrs. Whitt.

What Can This Club Do to Better the Health of this Community?—Miss Faulkner.

Providence Home Demonstration Club

The next meeting of the Home Demonstration Club will meet with Mrs. T. E. Cowart, Monday, May 11.

The place of meeting was changed from Mrs. Carpenters to Mrs. Cowarts on account of sickness.

Eighth Grade On Picnic Saturday

The pupils of the Eighth grade spent Saturday in the canyon at Claude Crossing on a picnic excursion. They were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gruver, Mr. and Mrs. Fields, Mrs. Joe Anderson, Jim Harper, Mrs. F. M. Keister and B. F. Thomas.

A big time is reported by all.

P. T. C. Society

The P. T. C. Society rendered a good program last Friday night. We are going to try in every way to make these programs better. If you miss the next program on May 29th we think you are going to miss something worthwhile. These programs are free and we would like to have a crowded house.

New officers were elected last Friday night: Ed Holmes, president; Mr. Fay Moore, vice president; Mrs. Elmer Mickey, secretary-treasurer; Mr. W. J. Thompson, Sergeant-at-arms;

Miss Ruby Tinnin, critic. The new officers say they are going to make the "P. T. C." a big success through the summer months. We still intend to present a play and a program every month. Our next regular play night is May 15th. Don't miss it.—Ed Holmes, president.

Miss Lydia Day Married at Clovis

Miss Lydia Day, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Day, of Lockney, was married to Mr. Marvin Jones at Clovis, N. M., last Sunday.

Miss Day has been attending the West Texas Teachers' College at Canyon for the past two years, and was very popular among the younger set of Lockney.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones will make their home in Clovis.

GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS SUNDAY AS MOTHER'S DAY

Austin, May 5.—All men and women of Texas were called upon to give praise to "Mother" Sunday, May 10, today by Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson in her formal proclamation setting aside Sunday as Mother's Day.

"In the name of those mothers who have gone before and of those mothers who yet bless us with their presence, that we may set aside one day of all the year to give them of the honor they deserve, I set apart Sunday, May 10, as Mother's Day," the proclamation said.

"I call upon all men and women of this state, wherever they walk or worship that day to give praise and thanks for mother. Let her know, should she be living, that the first words and understandings and thoughts have not been forgotten by the passing years. If she has passed on to her reward, think deeply of the love and understanding she gave you and give thanks to the one who said, 'as one whom his mother comforteth, that he gave her to you.'"

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DALLAS ENTRY

First Passenger Train Expected to Enter City May 15

Washington, May 4.—The Interstate Commerce Commission Monday authorized the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway to acquire terminal facilities at Dallas, Texas, and operate under trackage rights of the Chicago, Rock Island and Gulf railroad, from Fort Worth to Dallas.

Granting of the application removed the last obstacle to the Fort Worth and Denver City extending through service to Dallas.

Celebration Planned

Dallas, May 4.—The Fort Worth & Denver City expects to operate its first passenger train into Dallas on May 15.

An elaborate celebration will be staged in connection with the arrival of the initial train. Official representing many southwestern railroads will participate in the ceremonies.

The Denver's trunk line terminus is at Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Dyer were in Plainview Monday afternoon attending the funeral of Mr. Dyer's aunt, Mrs. W. C. Mathes.

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Sunday School Lesson

(By REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D.D., Dean of the Evening School, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)
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Lesson for May 10

PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN TREASURER

LESSON TEXT—Acts 8:26-39.
GOLDEN TEXT—"The entrance of Thy words giveth light."—Ps. 119:130
PRIMARY TOPIC—A Man Did What God Told Him.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Philip and the Ethiopian Treasurer.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—How Philip Won the Ethiopian.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Use of the Bible in Evangelism.

I. Philip Meeting the Ethiopian (vv. 26-30a).
1. Leaving Work by Divine Direction (v. 26).

The Lord called Philip away from a great work in Samaria and specifically directed him to this man. Abrahamlike, he obeyed the divine command not knowing why he should leave the work in Samaria and go into a desert place. As he journeyed on by faith he espied the state chariot of the Ethiopian treasurer. The Spirit of God directed him to go near and join himself to the chariot. The tactful question put to the treasurer gained him a seat by the side of this dignified officer. The mission which at first seemed so unpromising was now clear.

2. An Officer of State Seeking the Way of Salvation (vv. 27-28).

The Ethiopian had been to Jerusalem to worship. Despite his high official position he was not ashamed of the worship of God. The journey from that far off country required much hardship and expense, but to the one whose soul yearns after God, this is all joy.

3. A Providential Meeting in the Desert (vv. 29-30).

The coming together of these two men was clearly the predetermined way of God.

II. Philip Preaching to the Ethiopian (vv. 30b-35).

1. The Ethiopian's Employment on the Way (v. 30).

His occupation at the time of this meeting was reading the Word of God. At the invitation of the Ethiopian Philip joined himself to the chariot and found him reading from the 53d chapter of Isaiah. This is a most excellent way to spend one's time while traveling.

2. The Absolute Need of a Preacher (v. 31).

The Ethiopian was reading one of the clearest testimonies to the Messiah in the Old Testament, yet he was unable to get anything out of it. The fact that the Ethiopian, a great statesman, needed an interpreter of the Scriptures, even such a plain passage as the 53d chapter of Isaiah, shows the absolute need of a preacher. The gospel must be experienced before one can be a witness to its saving power. The human mind is blind to spiritual things, making the work of an evangelist indispensable. If a statesman of this rank was unable to grasp the meaning of such a clear passage, it should not be thought strange that for the rank and file of men a guide is needed. God has designed that through the foolishness of preaching the world should be saved. Preaching the Word of God will always be necessary.

3. Philip's Message (vv. 32-35).

He began at the Scriptures which the Ethiopian was reading and preached unto him Jesus. This shows us that the person represented in the 53d chapter of Isaiah as suffering instead of others was Jesus instead of Israel, also that the central theme of the preacher's message should be Jesus. He did not preach Jesus as a great teacher, but as a Savior who had suffered and died instead of sinners. He preached Him as the one who had offered Himself as a ransom.

III. Philip Baptized the Ethiopian (vv. 36-38).

As a result of Philip's preaching the eunuch proposed baptism. When Christ is truly preached, men naturally desire to confess Him in baptism. Where this feeling is lacking, the gospel in its fullness is evidently not preached. The Ethiopian might have offered many excuses for neglecting this important ordinance, but like every man who is honest before God, he was willing at any cost to render obedience. The proof that men really believe in Jesus is their willingness to render obedience to His Word. It is faith in Christ that saves, but those who have genuine faith desire to seal it in baptism. Having secured from the Ethiopian the proper confession, Philip baptized him.

IV. The Ethiopian Rejoicing (v. 39).
Confession of Christ always brings joy. Those who obey the commandment of the Lord can go on their way rejoicing.

Truth

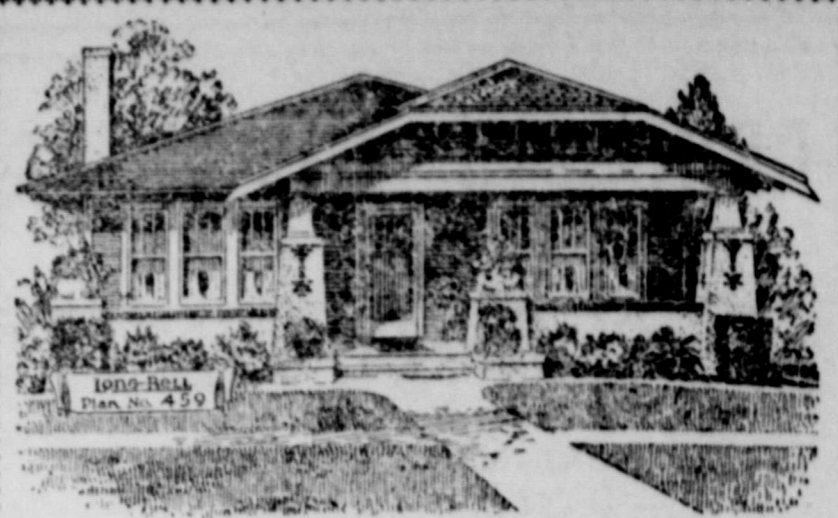
Truth is as impossible to be soiled by any outward touch as the sunbeam.—Milton.

Makes Life Worth While

It is faith in something and enthusiasm for something that makes a life worth looking at.

Godliness

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WORK ON OIL MILL STARTS THIS WEEK

Plainview, May 1.—J. M. Hardaway of Terrell was here last week and made final arrangements for the erection here of and the plans are to have the mill working by autumn.

It will be located opposite the Bely gin, north of the Harvest Queen Mills.

While here Mr. Hardaway contracted for the side track which will be put in by the Santa Fe. A representative of the company will arrive this week to superintend the mill's erection.

LITTLEFIELD VOTES \$100,000 ISSUE OF BONDS FOR SCHOOL

Littlefield, May 5.—Last Saturday the people of this school district voted an additional \$100,000 bonds for the erection of a new primary school building. This building is very much needed, and will greatly relieve the crowded condition of the schools.

J. H. Brooks and E. C. Cox was doing jury service in county court at Floydada the first of the week.

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PLAINVIEW SANITARIUM NEWS

The 8-year-old girl of Frank Bayne of Silverton had an operation for tonsillitis last Sunday, returning home the next day.
Mrs. J. E. Hannah, and 10-year-old son, were in the sanitarium on last Monday, both having their tonsils removed. The Hannah family live near Lockney.
The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hatch of Plainview had her tonsils removed last Monday.
Leo, son of T. R. Hardcastle of Silverton was in the sanitarium this week for an operation and X-ray treatment.
Cathlyne Looper is doing nicely since having her tonsils removed at the sanitarium last Tuesday.
Mr. F. M. Armstrong, underwent an operation Wednesday, and today is doing nicely.
Mrs. H. D. Spence of this city underwent a successful operation for

mastoids on the 22nd.
Miss Lillian Bowman of Lockney was in the sanitarium for medical treatment on last Wednesday.
The 18-year-old son of Mrs. Mattie Umberson of this city underwent a tonsil operation on Thursday.
Mrs. Charles B. Martin of Kress, a teacher in the public school at that place had an operation on Thursday.
Dr. Mayhue of this city is in the sanitarium under care of physicians. We trust to see the Doctor out again soon.
The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Phipps of near Hale Center had an operation Saturday, the 25th.
Mr. R. R. Hughes of Silverton was operated on Friday night for appendicitis. Dr. Moore of Silverton assisted in the operation.
Little Christine Nance of this city had her tonsils removed at the sanitarium last Saturday.
Miss Ruth Grounds of Happy, Tex., had her tonsils removed Saturday

morning. Dr. Webb came down and assisted in the operation.
Miss Ida Gober of Roaring Springs is in the sanitarium, and will undergo an operation for mastoids today.
The little son of F. M. Dillard of Lockney sustained a broken arm last week and was taken to the sanitarium and medical aid administered.
Mrs. H. B. Farley of Turkey, underwent an operation at the sanitarium last Sunday. Dr. Garner assisted in the operation.
W. W. Howell was in the sanitarium the first of the week for medical aid.
G. W. Scott of Silverton is in the sanitarium suffering from a broken leg, which he sustained while jumping a rope with children. Dr. Baker came over with Mr. Scott.
Mr. T. W. Attaway of Plainview who had an operation several days ago is doing nicely.
Mrs. Gladys Greenshaw of Abernathy is able to leave the sanitarium after having an operation for appendicitis some few days ago.
Mr. W. W. Labue is able to leave the sanitarium today after undergoing an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Labue lives in Plainview.
Chas. Garrett of Quitaque is doing nicely after an operation.
The son of George Pyle who recently moved here from Oklahoma, is able to sit up after an operation for appendicitis.
Nora Hill is doing well since having an operation for appendicitis.
Frank, the 7-year-old son of B. C. Starks of Kress is improving after an operation for mastoids in the sanitarium several days ago.
J. H. Holland, who underwent an operation some time ago, is very much improved.
Mrs. W. M. Crow of Talia is rapidly recovering since an operation for appendicitis. Dr. McFarling assisted with the operation.
Mr. Everett Emberton sustained a broken collar bone and was in the sanitarium this week. Mr. Emberton lives near Dimmitt.
Clifford Brown, son of Harry Brown of Quitaque, is doing nicely after an operation for appendicitis.
Mr. A. J. Sams of Lockney who has been in the sanitarium several days will have an operation today.

FLOYDADA

From Hesperian
Miss Roxye Ivey, for twelve years principal of the Primary School of the Floydada Public Schools, has left for San Francisco to sail this week for the Philippine Islands, where she will teach.
Mrs. Bertha E. Turner, wife of J. M. Turner of Silverton passed away early Wednesday morning at the Smith & Smith Sanitarium after a serious illness lasting about ten days. Mrs. Turner was brought late Sunday evening to the sanitarium in an effort to save her life, but she was in too weakened condition to be put on the operating table.
Mrs. Turner was 44 years of age and was the mother of a large family. She is survived by her husband and several children. F. C. Harmon prepared the body for burial and shipped it to Silverton Wednesday forenoon.
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Dozier Dillard, Alciño, April 24, a girl.
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Cook, Alciño, April 26, a girl.
C. M. Wilson accompanied by his mother, Mrs. John Wilson of Lockney left last Sunday for Dallas where he will attend the Southwestern Photographers Convention, returning the latter part of this week.

ATTORNEY GENERAL HOLDS THAT CUT-OUTS MUST GO

Austin, May 4.—The first interpretation of the new anti-cutout law has been made by the Attorney General's Department in an opinion to John W. Hornsby, Travis County Attorney, in which it is held outright that cut-outs must come off automobiles and motorcycles, the same as a person is forbidden to carry a pistol, even though he may not use it. The law becomes effective June 18. It is further held that the law applies solely to the elimination of cutouts and that it does not prevent the use of gases from the muffler for other purposes, such as the operation of devices on the car. The opinion was written by L. C. Sutton, Assistant Attorney General, and after acknowledging receipt of the request for a construction of the new act reads:
"At the instance of Senator W. S. Moore, the writer of this letter prepared Senate bill No. 222, which is the subject of this communication, and while, of course, what he may have thought at the time of preparing the bill has no weight whatever in interpreting the language used, I will state that it was never dreamed at the time of preparing this measure that it would ever be contended that it did more than to require the use of a muffler, and prevented the use of the ordinary muffler cut-out."
Mrs. Ryan Spogle has been confined to her home several days this week on account of illness.

WORK WILL START ON HIGHWAY THROUGH COUNTY

J. F. Hankins, District Supt. of Maintenance, Says Work Starts In Ten Days

Following a conference Monday afternoon with the Commissioners' Court of Floyd county, J. F. Hankins, District Superintendent of Maintenance of Highways, with headquarters in Lubbock, announced in Floydada that work on Highway No. 28 which extends the length of Floyd county, through Lockney and Floydada, will begin within a week, weather permitting. The highway will be put in excellent condition.
Mr. Hankins was accompanied here for the conference with the commissioners by John B. Wilmuth, foreman of construction for the highway department in Floyd and Hale counties. Their conference had to do with the leasing of two sets of road building machinery owned by the county, the deal being closed while Mr. Hankins was here. Both of these sets of machinery, as well as a road-building machine belonging to the department, will be put to work in this county, Mr. Hankins said.
This work will be done to standard specifications of the highway department for dirt roads. It will represent the first work done in this county by the state since the adoption of the "seven per cent" system as a part of the highway department's program, and the passage of the law allocating part of the license money for automobiles to be expended by the highway department. In this county, this fund paid in to the department has been in excess of \$20,000.
John B. Wilmuth, foreman of construction for Hale and Floyd counties stated that on the completed job to be done in this county the crown of the road will be 26 feet in width. Following its building the "patrol system" will be used in maintaining it with at least one man at work on the 40-mile stretch, making repairs where needed, all the time with special draggings following rains.—Hesperian.

EMERGENCY FEED CROPS ARE NEEDED

Director Walton Urges Raising of Sufficient Feed on All Farms

By T. O. Walton, Director Extension Service, Texas A. & M. College.
The importance to the interests of Texas farmers of making a supreme effort to grow feed crops in 1925 can not be overemphasized. The spring has been very unfavorable for Indian corn. Much corn that has been planted has not come up to a stand and where stands were secured, hundreds of acres have died from the lack of moisture. Fall and winter oats are dying. In fact, taking the central part of the state as a whole, it would be difficult to picture a more unpromising prospect for a feed crop than the one we now have. The usual time for planting oats and Indian corn has passed. Cotton prices are reasonably high and, while the season is far advanced, yet every experienced farmer knows that there is still plenty of time to plant and harvest a good cotton crop. All these conditions create a condition that tempts the farmer to plant his acreage to cotton.
Unfortunately we can not know with certainty what is the best thing to do under all conditions or the safest thing to do in an emergency like the one with which we are now confronted. We can rely upon experience in a degree. This is the only safe course.

Follows Safe System

Experience has demonstrated over and over again that no matter what the price of cotton may be, the farmer cannot afford to grow this crop on feed brought on the market. In every Texas county there is a prosperous and in many communities many prosperous farmers. He is a good man to watch. His example will most likely be worth following. He has already made up his mind what he will do in the present emergency. In nine cases out of ten he will not give up the fight to grow feed crops even under the present discouraging conditions. He counts the costs and he knows that he can not grow cotton to purchase feed to grow more cotton in 1925.
Then what are his plans? The writer talked to such a farmer in a Texas county last week. He is a successful and a prosperous farmer. When he was asked what he would do for a feed crop in 1925, he said: "I cultivate 125 acres of land each year. Ordinarily fifty acres are planted to cotton and seventy-five acres to feed crops, and I planned in January to divide my acreage on that basis in 1925 but the drouth has created a problem for me. My oat crop will be a complete failure, my corn has not sprouted and my pasture and hay meadows are doing no good, so I must plan to meet the emergency. I can not afford to buy feed for my live stock. It will break any farmer to do this. It's a desperate case, so I shall be com-

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pled to save twenty-five acres of my cotton land for feed and forage crops. As soon as we have rain I shall replant my corn acreage to milo maize and June corn. I shall plant twenty acres to peanuts later in the season and the twenty-five acres of oat land I shall sow to millet and sweet sorghum, with five acres more to cowpeas for grazing or hay. I believe with all these crops I shall harvest enough feed to carry me through next year. At any rate," said this successful farmer. "If it is wet enough later to grow cotton it will be wet enough to grow some of these feed crops. If I miss one I'll hit lucky on some of the others."
There is not much doubt but that this man will have feed with which to produce his 1925 crop. Furthermore, he will profit in the long view by following this plan.
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bigham of Killeen, Texas, were here Sunday visiting Mrs. Bigham's sister, Mrs. J. B. Jarnigan and family.

Mrs. J. D. Donaldson of Wichita Falls, has been here for several days at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. G. Aubrey Thomas.

Personal Mention

Prof. J. J. Wilson of Floydada was in Lockney on business Saturday.

Prof. Jackson of Idalou was in Lockney Saturday on business.

J. B. Teaff was detained at home a few days the past week with the flu.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Griffith is reported to be very seriously ill.

T. C. Carpenter and family of Floydada were here Sunday visiting O. R. Medlin and family.

C. A. Womack and family of Olton spent Sunday here attending church and visiting friends.

Mrs. Lucille Hannon of Clovis, N. M., is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Griffith.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Broyles and Miss Olga Broyles will leave Sunday for Fort Worth for a visit of some weeks.

Mrs. R. L. McMurty and children and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Nolan of Tulia spent Sunday in Lockney, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Morris.

Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Reed left Tuesday for Temple, Okla., Dallas and Honey Grove, Texas, for a visit of about two weeks with relatives.

D. E. Smith of the Circulation Department of the Electric Star, is here this week visiting his son, G. E. Smith, who lives out on Mickey route.

Mrs. G. E. Welch and son of Big Spring arrived in Lockney Thursday of last week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Shackelford.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gass returned Saturday from Cuero and Port Lavaca, Texas, where they had been visiting Mr. Gass' parents and other relatives.

Artie Baker and family left Saturday for Wichita Falls, Fort Worth and Mineral Wells, where they will visit and also attend the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention.

Mrs. Z. W. Shackelford, Mrs. G. E. Welch and son, and Mrs. J. F. Counts Sr., and daughter, left Saturday for a visit of several days at Friona and Farwell, Texas, with relatives.

Sam Adams of Hubbard City, Tex., was here Saturday and Sunday visiting J. B. Jarnigan and family, and is prospecting for the location of a gin plant at some point on the Plains.

T. H. Stewart and family left Sunday for Mineral Wells, where they will attend the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention the forepart of this week, and will visit with Mrs. Stewart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Holland.

W. F. McGehee and son, Ralph, came in from Spring Place, Ga., Monday. Mr. McGehee had been in Georgia for about a year, and Ralph had been over there for several weeks visiting. They were on the road fourteen days visiting relatives while en route.

STRAY HORSE—Bay horse, white spot in forehead and collar marks, about 7 years old, 15 hands high.—R. L. Lackey, 14 miles east and 2 miles north of Lockney.

VICTORY CROWNS BOOSTERS FIGHT FOR W. T. C. C. MEET

Mineral Wells, May 6.—The 1925 convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce belongs to Amarillo. Ahilene withdrew from the contest on the roll call immediately after Amarillo had voted. When San Antonio's name was called, that city cast its 339 votes for Amarillo and moved that the election be made unanimous. Resulting in a demonstration that shook the municipal auditorium. This took place just a few minutes before 5:00 p. m. The selection of the convention city was made this afternoon on account of the heavy rain.

Selection of Amarillo as the 1925 convention city was generally conceded, but it was a great fight and the boosters never missed an opportunity to push Amarillo. The Amarilloans arrived in the auditorium at 12:30 o'clock and staged demonstrations for two hours before the afternoon session began.

The selection of the convention city is always the great feature of the convention every year. The nominating speeches are usually gems, and the ones today were remarkably well given and brought forth round after round of applause.

Just before the afternoon session began Miss Katy Myril Parks, sponsor of the Old Gray Mare Band of Brownwood, stood on a table on the stage, waved Amarillo banners and led a demonstration. The Pullman porters, a negro quartette, gave several numbers.

GENERAL RAINS FALL OVER ALL PLAINS SECTION

Precipitation Ranged from Small Showers to One Inch in Reports

General rains fell over the Panhandle and South Plains early yesterday morning and Tuesday night. The precipitation ranged from light showers to one inch rains.

Reports to the Western Union indicate heavy rains from Canyon south to Sweetwater. Hereford enjoyed its

first real rain in many months Tuesday night when more than an inch fell. Detailed reports received by the Western Union shows Texhoma got one inch; Meadows one-half inch; Tahoka one inch; Hereford one inch; Plainview one inch; Sudan one inch. An inch of rain fell over most of the South Plains from Amarillo to Sweetwater.

Swisher County Gets Rain

Tulia, May 6.—A general rain amounting to one-half to three-fourths of an inch fell over Swisher county last night. This makes about 1 inch of rain since last November. In spite of the fact that no more moisture has been had than one inch, there is going to be considerable wheat made in Swisher county; much of the wheat is headed and maturing at this time; the present rain will assist in bringing late plantings of wheat out to where a fair yield will be made.

CHILDRESS WINS 1925 MEETING OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Clarendon Woman Was Elected As President at the Meeting In Canyon

Canyon, May 6.—The fourth annual meeting of the seventh district, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs closed its session at Canyon today after choosing Childress as its 1925 meeting place.

Mrs. James Trent, Clarendon, was elected president, Mrs. W. B. Price, Hale Center, first vice president; Mrs. J. T. Whitmore, Snyder, second vice president.

The meeting went on record favoring a stronger school system and better prepared teachers for Texas, and demanding that the standards of certification be raised as fast as conditions will allow.

The seventh district has had the largest attendance of any district in the Texas Federation, 243 being present. Five state officers, Mrs. R. E. Buchanan, Fort Worth, who is state parliamentarian; Mrs. J. W. Fields, Haskell, state citizenship chairman; Mrs. W. R. Potter, Bowie, second vice president; Mrs. Day Mills, Texarkana state credentials chairman; Mrs. L. A. Wells, Amarillo, state chairman, were distinguished guests. Mrs. W. R. Potter and Mrs. J. W. Fields are candidates for the state presidency. A trip to the picturesque Pala Duro canyon was the closing social event of the three days meeting.

MARRY A GIRL WHO HAS HER FILL OF BEAUX AND CLOTHES

By DOROTHY DIX

A young man said to me the other day:

"No girl with a rich father for me. I am poor and ambitious and have my own way to make in the world, and I want a wife who will be a real helpmeet to me, so when I marry I am going to pick out a girl who has always had to count her pennies and who knows how to work." "Perhaps you will get her, and perhaps you won't," I replied. "Girls are kittle cattle, and you never can tell from her past performances what one is going to do in the future. I have seen so many butterflies turn into grubs after marriage, so many pacemakers settle down into stay-at-homes and so many demure little wrens turn into fly chickens that I have quit prophesying about what sort of a wife any girl will make."

Taking it by large, though, I think that the rich girl is more likely to make an economical, industrious wife than the poor girl for the simple reason that she has had her fill of the frothy pleasures of life and has been satiated with them, while the poor girl, who has never had any play time they are full of irresistible allure.

"You know it is the things that we haven't had that we crave the most. It is the forbidden fruit that we are willing to risk our necks to get. No eyes are so coreteous as those of the window shopper. No soul so eaten up with the desire for pleasure as that condemned to drab existence.

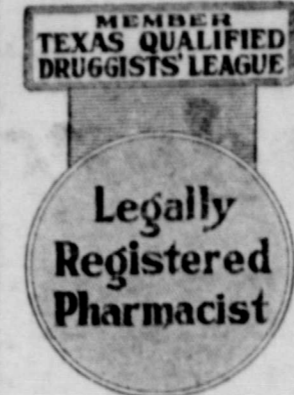
"The girl who has always been able to buy pretty clothes is never as clothes mad as the one who has had to pinch and scrimp to get every bit of finery.

"The most extravagant women are not the rich women. They are poor women, who suddenly come into money, and who throw it about for the sheer joy of spending.

"All of their lives they have wanted imported frocks, and hats, and jewels, and furs, that they have never been able to have, and so, when they find that they can indulge their desires, they load themselves down with diamonds and pearls, and become more animated clothes racks."

"It is the same way about society. If I were a man who wanted a wife who would be a fireside companion, I wouldn't pick out a simple little country maiden who had never been to a restaurant or seen anything more than a movie in her life. I would select a girl who danced the slippers off her feet at a hundred balls; who

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Your Conversation "SAVVY"

The Spanish are very particular. They have a verb "saber," meaning to know, while the verb "conocer" means "knowing acquaintances." It is a serious breach of grammar to confuse the two. "Savvy" is a corruption of "saber" brought in from Mexico over the border. When you ask someone, "do you savvy?" some think you are using a bit of slang of Spanish-Mexican descent.

was sick and weary of cabarets and restaurants; who had grown critical of the theatre and who was fed up on receptions, teas, and luncheons. I would know that she was dog tired of it all, that the gilt had worn off the gingerbread of pleasure and that she ready to settle down and go about the business of life.

"That sort of a girl makes the sort of a wife who finds her happiness in her home. She gets more thrills out of her babies than she does out of jazz, and her idea of a pleasant evening is a comfortable chair and a good book, with her husband contentedly smoking on the other side of the drop light, instead of chasing around to all-night clubs.

"But it is perfectly natural that the country girl, who has never seen the bright lights, should go crazy over them. Theatres, cabarets, restaurants are all new and alluring to her. She is intoxicated with the glamour and glitter, and excitement of the things she has wanted and never had, and she drags her poor protesting husband around with her in an endless round of amusements.

"If I wanted a wife who would be a good cook and housekeeper I would just as soon take my chance on a girl who didn't know a gas range from a radio as I would one who was a blue ribbon cake maker. Generally, the girl who has had to do the family cooking is so tired of the pots and pans for life as soon as she is married. The wedding march is a signal for her to come out of the kitchen, and the man who marries her, thinking that he is getting a good cook finds that he has to hire some other woman to do the cooking for her.

"But to the woman who has never had a home, home making is the most enthralling of all occupations. There is poetry and romance for her in every table, chair and dish. Cooking is an art and a science that she studies with enthusiasm, and she glows with achievement.

"That is why that some of the most wonderful housekeepers you find anywhere are professional and business women. They come to their task with all the zest and vim that we bring to a new undertaking.

"The girl who has had plenty of money is almost sure to make a more thrifty wife than the girl who has had nothing. Everything goes by comparison, and her husband's moderate income seems so little to the girl accustomed to her father's big income that she feels that she must save every cent. Whereas, the girl, accustomed to her father's scant pay envelope, her husband's larger earnings seem inexhaustible riches. Three thousand dollars a year is chicken feed or money to throw at the birds, ac-

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cording to the way you look at it. "Furthermore, if I wanted a wife I wouldn't be jealous of. I would pick out a girl who had had lots of beaux and all the love making she wanted before marriage. It is the women who have never had enough romance who get flirtatious and man-crazy when they are forty. "There is nothing like having had a thing, son," I said, "to rub the bloom off it. And he is a wise man who chooses a wife who has cut her wisdom teeth on life before he gets her." DOROTHY DIX



The Tree Traders

By Victor Rousseau

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I—Lee Anderson, Royal Canadian Mounted Police sergeant, is sent to Stony Range to arrest a man named Pelly for murder. He is also instructed to look after Jim Rathway, reputed head of the "Tree Traders" illicit liquor runners. At Little Falls he finds Pelly is credited with having found a gold mine, and is missing.

CHAPTER II—At the hotel where Anderson stops, a girl, obviously out of place in the rough surroundings, appears. A halfbreed named Anderson hears called Pierre, and a companion, "Shorty," annoy the girl. Anderson interferes, earning the enmity of the two men.

CHAPTER III—The girl sets out for Stony Lake, which is also Anderson's objective. He overtakes her and, with two men with whom he had trouble the night before.

CHAPTER IV—Pierre and "Shorty" ride on, Anderson and the girl following. In the hills the road is blown up, before and behind the two. Anderson, with his horse, is hurled down the mountain side, senseless.

CHAPTER V—Recovering consciousness, Anderson finds the girl has disappeared, but the finding of her hair, evidently hurriedly cut from her head where it had been caught by her falling horse, assures him she is alive and probably in the power of Pierre and "Shorty." On foot he makes his way to Stony Lake. There he finds his companion of the day before, and Rathway, with a girl, Estelle, a former sweetheart of Anderson's, who had abused his confidence and practically wrecked his life. Rathway strikes Estelle, and after a fight Anderson, with Estelle's help, escapes with the girl.

CHAPTER VI—Anderson's companion's mind is clouded and she is suffering with a dislocated knee. Anderson sets the knee.

CHAPTER VII—Memory of her past life practically gone, even to the extent of remembering her name, Anderson and his companion go on.

CHAPTER VIII—The two plan to make their way to Moravian Mission, of which Father McGrath has charge. Their experiences and their mutual danger have naturally drawn them together, and their acquaintance ripens into mutual love.

CHAPTER IX—The girl remembers that her name is Joyce Pelly and that she is the daughter of the man Anderson has been sent to arrest. Torn between her love for her father and her regard for Anderson, the girl practically drives him from her.

CHAPTER X—In the forest Anderson stumbles upon the entrance to a gorge. He investigates and is convinced he has located Pelly's mine. In a rude tunnel he is attacked by an unseen adversary, whom he takes to be Pelly. A knife thrust which would have been fatal is turned aside by the girl's hair in his blouse. Escaping, he returns to the cabin, to find Joyce gone. He follows her trail to the mission of Father McGrath.

CHAPTER XI—McGrath repulses him, but Joyce feels her love return and welcomes him. Her memory has been in a measure restored. Lee visits the mine again, finding there the grave of a woman marked "Helen." Pelly and the skeleton of a man clutching a revolver on which are the letters "C. P.," without doubt Joyce's father.

CHAPTER XII—Anderson is again attacked by his adversary of the day before. From words dropped by Joyce Lee recognizes his assailant as "Leboeuf," halfbreed, and Pelly's devoted friend. The finding of Joyce's hair in Anderson's house, convinces Leboeuf he is not an enemy.

CHAPTER XIII—Anderson breaks the news of her father's death to Joyce, the girl's sorrow being greatly lessened by the fact that the uncertainty of his fate is ended, and also that her duty in the case is ended. Father McGrath agrees to marry the couple.

CHAPTER XIV—The marriage takes place, and almost immediately Rathway appears and claims Joyce as his wife. The girl's mind clears enough for her to remember that, to save her father, whom Rathway had threatened to betray, she had gone through a ceremony with him in Montreal. Rathway's claim is beyond dispute, and Lee, heartbroken, surrenders her.

CHAPTER XV—In the cabin Joyce desperately repulses Rathway's advances. He overpowers her, and she calls to Lee to save her.

CHAPTER XVI—Hearing the call of the woman he loves, Anderson bursts into the cabin. Rathway and his gang overpower him. Rathway agrees to surrender his claim to Joyce if Anderson will reveal the location of the mine. Lee agrees and shows the way. In the mine they find a sack filled with gold which Pelly had dug. Rathway attempts to murder Anderson, throwing him into an underground stream. Leboeuf saves him.

ways' arms, burst through the door, and ran screaming along the passage. She got the front door open. "Lee! Lee! Come to me!" she cried in wild abandonment.

Then Rathway's arms closed about her from behind, and Joyce ceased to struggle.

CHAPTER XVI

Joyce or a Gold Mine

Lee did not go as far as the forest, which loomed out of the distance beyond the ridges of broken ground. He waited some little distance away, until the priest's sleigh had gone. Then he went quietly back toward the log house.

Lights burned inside. A strip of cloth had been pinned before the window of the largest room—the one in which Lee had camped with Joyce for a brief hour upon that afternoon of their arrival. This was the room that Lee had selected in his mind for their occupancy during their brief honeymoon.

But not the least spasm twisted Lee's face at the realization that another had supplanted him in that relationship with Joyce. There are some phases of emotion so tense that they appear to neutralize themselves by destroying their own manifestations.

Lee's expression showed not the smallest deviation from the normal now. It was quiet, dispassionate, and very cold. Softly Lee approached the window and, stooping, looked between the frame and the curtain of cloth.

The window on this side had a piece missing out of the corner, and over the little gap some one had pasted a piece of paper. With the barrel of his rifle Lee quietly made a small hole in it.

From there he could catch glimpses of the two figures. He heard their voices. He was in no hurry. He was waiting till they chose to finish their conversation. Then, in due time, Rathway would stand in a line with his sights and he would make an end of him.

And the wild turmoil in Lee's heart seemed divorced from his brain, which remained impassive and cold and steady as the piece of mechanism in his hands.

Rathway's voice grew louder. Lee saw the hunched figure gesticulating, the sneer on Rathway's face. Lee drew a bead. He might as well end the business after all.

But before Lee's finger tightened on the trigger, a hand upon his shoulder made him leap to his feet and start up, his rifle clubbed, ready to strike. He thought Rathway's men had surprised him.

But to his amazement it was a woman standing at his side; then in that cloaked and hooded figure that confronted him he recognized—Estelle once more.

She looked at him fixedly; she was deeply agitated, and caught at her breath before she was able to find her voice.

"You fool!" she exclaimed bitterly. "You fool! You had her in your hands and you let Jim Rathway take her away from you! You couldn't hold her—and now I come upon you to find you planning a cold-blooded cowardly murder—you, a policeman!"

At that something broke in Lee's heart. The realization of the act he planned came over him. He would have killed Rathway as heedlessly as any bloodthirsty forest beast. But Estelle's reference to the police touched his pride.

He let the rifle drop, grounding the butt.

"Listen to what I've got to tell you, Lee. I love him. Do you understand that? I suppose you think it's not my nature to love. But it is! It was you who couldn't hold my love. I hated and despised you. I never knew how much I loved James Rathway till I found out how much I hated you that morning when you came to our camp and struck him down so treacherously."

"Oh, yes, I have love and passion, and constancy in my nature, Lee Anderson. It was only you who couldn't draw them out!"

Her voice was vibrant, hoarse with passion.

"That girl will make a fool of you too, Lee Anderson, just as I did," she cried. "You'd be made a fool of anywhere, by any woman!"

But her words passed Lee by like the wind.

"I could have killed you that morning, as I could kill you now, unless I love James Rathway. And he'll love me again when you take this new attraction away out of his sight, where he can't find her. I thought you'd go away—but here you are, back again

with her, and all the work's got to be done over again.

"I was crouching near, and I overheard your dialogue, you and she, and the priest, and James Rathway. You gave her up—the woman you love—because she'd stood up before the altar with the man she hated and called herself his wife. I'd hold the woman I loved, were I a man, against God Himself, and all His cohorts!"

"Oh, if only I could find words to hurt you, Lee Anderson, to pierce that tough skin of yours! But I haven't time. Listen to me, now! You don't have to commit murder to get her. You fool, you blind fool, shall I tell you?"

She laughed with taunting menace. "Shall I tell you, Lee Anderson?" she repeated.

And suddenly came the sound of Joyce, screaming within the house. There came the noise of a struggle.

Even as Lee turned, Joyce was running along the passage toward the door. Instantly Estelle glided away into the shadows.

Joyce flung the door open; and then Rathway caught her from behind and swung her back toward him. His black beard hung over her face.

"Lee! Lee! Come to me!" Joyce ceased to struggle.

"Here!" answered Lee, and dashed

for you don't accept, or try any tricks on me, by heaven, it's your last minute!"

Lee nodded, took Joyce by the arm, and drew her inside the room. Rathway stood in the doorway, covering him with his pistol, but Lee quietly closed the door on him, and Rathway accepted the situation. Lee went back to the girl.

"Joyce, darling!"

"Oh, Lee, I can't hear it. I thought I could, but it's impossible. Oh, take me away, Lee! Help me now, as you offered to help me on the range, though we can never be anything to each other. Take me somewhere to safety, where I need never see that man again, or think of him, or of this place, or—ever remember anything of the past."

She clung to him, sobbing in terror and loneliness. Lee, holding her, raised her hands to his lips.

"Joyce, dearest, I'll do as you propose, then. I'll show him the mine, and then I'll take you away somewhere south, where you need never think of him or of this place again. And if that wretched marriage can't be annulled, I'll be contented to be your brother for the rest of our lives, dear."

He flung the door open. Rathway was standing uneasily behind it, and Lee felt pretty sure that he had been trying to listen with his ear to the ill-fitting jamb.

"I've decided to accept your proposition, Rathway," said Lee. "The terms are these: I guarantee nothing as to the mine; merely to conduct you to the place where Pelly worked for gold. I'll show you the secret entrance. This lady will accompany us, and you will leave your men behind. And we'll go unannounced."

"But I shall carry Mr. Anderson's pistol," Joyce interposed calmly, "and I shall see that the terms are fairly carried out."

Rathway shot a look of hatred at her. "I've no objection to that either," he answered, shrugging his shoulders nonchalantly.

"At sunrise, then," Lee began.

"At sunrise? God, man, do you suppose I'm going to wait till sunrise?" shouted Rathway. He took of his belt containing his pistol, and laid it on the floor. "We'll start at once."

Lee handed Joyce his pistol, then, going into the room, extinguished the candle, brought his gun, and slipped it into his pocket, and the three set out immediately. When they reached the rocky country carefully in case Rathway's aides were following them. He had expected treachery, but it was quite impossible for any spy to approach near enough to discover the entrance under the stone without being observed, as Rathway had himself discovered during his years of fruitless effort to follow old Pelly; and there was no sign of the three.

It occurred to Lee, besides, that Rathway was not likely to wish the entrance to the mine to be known to any of his aides.

Rathway was looking uneasily about him. "It's in the gorge, then?" he muttered. And, throwing off all pretense of concealment, "There's no way down. I've walked round and round the d-d place a thousand times."

Lee tilted back the stone and showed Rathway the hole beneath it. Rathway stared at it in amazement, uttering an oath as the stone came back into position.

"I shall go first," Lee said, "and light the candle. Miss Pelly—" Rathway muttered, but Lee could not bring himself to call her by the man's name—"will please follow me. You, Rathway, will come last."

Lee pushed the stone back far down on the ground, and, after showing the girl how to elevate it from beneath, descended. When his feet were on the first rung of the ladder, he lit the candle. In a moment Joyce appeared, and then Rathway behind her, clinging to the opening and looking down with uneasy suspicion.

"Hold tight to the rocks," Lee called. "It's slippery, and if you lose your hold there's a deadly drop below."

He led the way down, shifting the candle from hand to hand alternately as he descended, to illuminate the way for Joyce, until he reached the bottom orifice. Then he began slowly to complete the descent, instructing Joyce where to put her hands and feet, guiding her, and bracing himself against the cliff, ready to sustain her weight in case of a slip. However, all three reached the floor of the gorge without accident.

Rathway muttered, looking about him. In the moonlight Lee saw that he was dripping with perspiration. He was trembling with excitement.

Lee said eight fatal words: "The rock marks the entrance to the tunnel."

Rathway looked at it and nodded.

"I had some difficulty in finding it before," Lee added. He turned to the girl. "Joyce dear, I'm going to show Rathway something that I think it would be better for you not to see. Will you wait where you are for a few minutes? We won't go out of your sight."

"Very well, Lee," the girl answered quietly. She had understood what Lee meant immediately. Lee took Rathway through the laurel tangles and showed him Pelly's remains. He showed him the initials on the handle of the revolver.

Rathway stood dumbly staring at the skeleton. He was trembling even more violently than before.

"He must have fallen from the cliff," said Lee, indicating the broken bones.

"Aye, but where's your proof that it's Pelly?" Rathway burst out suddenly. "Why, man, there isn't a court in the land would admit that skeleton as proof that Pelly was dead. That's as like as not the body of his Indian, carrying Pelly's revolver."



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Rathway howled and felt for his pistol. Lee was upon him, pinning his arms to his sides, before he could draw it. But Rathway's men came hurrying along the passage. In an instant there was a furious melee. Lee tripped over a log thrust out, fell heavily upon his back, and struggled in vain under the weight of his four adversaries.

Quickly he was reduced to helplessness, his limbs held firmly. Momentarily he ceased to struggle, nursing his strength for a more violent effort.

He looked up into the grinning faces, at Rathway, standing over him, bearing arms outstretched, gasping for breath and consciousness.

Rathway pulled his pistol and covered Lee. "Pierre! Shorty! Krauer! You're witnesses that you saw this man spying outside this house."

They assented. Pierre grinned, Shorty swore, spat, and scowled, and Lee saw the half-healed scar of his pistol butt upon his cheek.

"You saw him assault me," Rathway continued. "Well, Anderson, I guess if I choose to shoot you like the dog you are, the law wouldn't have much to say about it. But I'll be reasonable. Get back to your quarters," he snarled to his aides, and the three men in surprise released Lee and went down the passage.

Lee leaped to his feet, confronting Rathway resolutely, but puzzled. Rathway held him covered.

"You must want my wife mighty bad to come back like a fox at night in the hope of picking her up under my nose, Anderson," said Rathway. "Well, I'm a business man, and I guess anyone can get most anything he wants if he wants it bad enough to be willing to pay the price for it. Maybe you can get her at the price, Anderson."

"Pelly's gold mine belongs to me under the law. She tells me you've found it and are holding the secret of it. All right. The price is Pelly's gold mine. The woman for the mine."

"What if you say to that, Anderson?" Rathway was trembling with eagerness. "I was willing to overlook the past and take her back, but if she doesn't want me and does want you, I guess I can't hold her against her will. So I'm ready to take my mine instead and close the bargain. What do you say to it, Anderson?"

Lee suspected some trick, but the anxiety on Rathway's face, the trembling tones of his voice showed that his avarice was a stronger passion than that for Joyce. And, despite the villainous of the proposal, Lee realized that in no other way could Joyce be saved.

He knew that even then Rathway was contemplating treachery, but there was nothing else to do. If he refused, Rathway would shoot him in cold blood—and the law would justify him.

"I must speak to Miss Pelly first."

"There's no Miss Pelly here," Rathway snarled. "If you mean Mrs. Rathway, you can have five minutes' talk with her to make up your mind. And

Lee obeyed the instinct not to tell Rathway that Leboeuf was alive.

"Besides," Rathway went on, "as for C. P.—Well, that might mean anything, Charles Patrick, or Clarence Peel. There used to be a Clarence Peel in this district who disappeared. I swear that's the truth, Anderson. Any old-timer will tell you that I'm not lying to you. Now, Anderson, you can't prove that's the body of old Pelly, just from those initials."

Lee wondered at Rathway's agitation. The man seemed quite beside himself. He twined his fingers in his black beard, and shambled away with his peculiar lunched slouch. Lee led him to the cross above the little grave.

"I think that's proof," he said quietly.

But Rathway, clenching and unclenching his fists, said nothing. Lee went back, calling Joyce, and they proceeded in the direction of the cave. Lee pointed out the pans and cradle, and the proofs of dynamiting.

"Aye, but the gold—where's the gold?" Rathway demanded.

"I have seen none," answered Lee, "and, if you remember, I made no guarantee as to it."

"How do I know you haven't taken it away?" Rathway shouted. "Aye, you may have stolen my gold as you stole my wife. You may be planning to take my wife and my gold away together."

Lee looked at him in amazement, for Rathway was nearly crazed by some passion, probably, Lee thought, the anticipation of obtaining the treasure of old Pelly.

"I've taken no gold and I've seen none," he answered. "I must again remind you of our agreement, Rathway."

Rathway pulled himself together with an effort. "Aye, that's all right," he answered. "This looks like Pelly's mine. Let's look inside. Have you been inside, Anderson?"

"I've only explored the entrance," Lee answered. "I brought no candle with me last time I was here."

Relighting the candle, he proceeded Rathway within. The sound of the distant roaring came immediately to their ears. By the candle light Lee saw fresh footprints on the sands. They were made by a man wearing moccasins, no doubt Leboeuf. He did not call Rathway's attention to them, and Rathway, absorbed with his eagerness to find the treasure, noticed nothing. Lee wondered, however, what the Indian had been doing in the cavern.

The cave grew narrower; then, just when Lee thought that they had reached the end, it suddenly vaulted out and up into a large chamber.

The roaring of the waterfall immediately became accentuated as the sounds echoed from wall to wall. By the light of the candle they could now see what looked like a sheer drop into darkness immediately in front of them.

They drew back from the edge hastily. But the next moment they perceived that what they had taken for a precipice was a river, inky black, a swift and perfectly soundless stream rushing through the cavern from side to side of the mountain.

It emerged through a low tunnel in the rock and disappeared through another, barely two feet in height, upon the other side. And the roaring that they heard was not caused by this stream within the cave, but by some distant cataract, either beyond the mountain or deep within the bowels of the earth.

There were evidences, in the shape of rusty pots and kettles, and disintegrating (the stream about the place, that this had been Pelly's headquarters, while on the opposite side of the cavern there was a deep sand tunnel extending into a smaller cavern under the wall, showing that Pelly had worked this part for gold. And the whole interior was piled high with wood ashes and remains of charred logs.

This seemed, in fact, to be the heart of Pelly's gold mine.

Suddenly Rathway, who had been wandering apparently aimlessly about the interior, uttered a shout and leaped toward the obscurity of the opposite wall. In another moment he had returned, dragging with him a large sack, from whose mouth tiny yellow particles exuded.

As if unconscious of the presence of Lee and Joyce, he knelt down, and, muttering feverishly, began untying the cord about the sack's mouth. The gaping sides disclosed a pit of gold.

Gold in fine dust, gold in nuggets. Rathway plunged his arms within the sack up to the elbows, chucking and rumbling. There was a fortune in that bag, the accumulation of old Pelly's years of nocturnal labors. It was impossible to estimate it, but it would make its possessor a very rich man for life.

"Well, I'm glad you've got it," said Lee.

But he was thinking bitterly of Joyce's loss.

He turned away. Suddenly some instinct caused him to duck and spin around. The flash of flame spurted almost into his face. He heard Joyce's crying through the cavern.

Rathway had pulled a second pistol from his clothes and fired at Lee at five or six feet distance.

The bullet chipped a sliver of granite from the wall behind his head. At the same instant Lee saw Joyce aim her automatic and fire deliberately at Rathway.

But of course no discharge followed the pulling of the trigger. Lee had known the automatic was empty, though it had not seemed necessary to warn Joyce.

As he sprang forward, Rathway brought the butt of the weapon smashing down upon Lee's forehead.

Lee dropped foolishly upon his knees; he saw Rathway's face, con-

vulsed with fury, over him; Rathway's arm, yellow with gold dust, raised to strike again. Lee leaped backward, overbalanced, fell into the stream.

He saw Joyce run forward and grasp at him as he was swept just, saw Rathway grappling with her—then he was in the whirling current and Joyce and Rathway and the cavern vanished as swiftly as a picture on the screen.

Lee was only dimly conscious of what was happening to him, for his senses reeled under Rathway's blow, and it was only an intense effort of the will that enabled him to keep his face above the water. He had a vague consciousness that he was being whirled through the depths of the mountain in complete darkness. The



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rock roof swept his hair, and the rock walls on his two sides formed a sort of hydraulic tube against which the stream tossed and buffeted him, hurling him from side to side in its fury.

And ever the stream grew swifter, and ever that ominous roaring sounded louder in his ears.

The river was carrying him toward some subterranean waterfall. Half-conscious, Lee visualized death among the grinding rocks—death in that viscous blackness that no ray of sun light had ever illuminated.

He knew in a dim way that this was the end, and resistance being impossible, resigned himself to the rush of the waters, gasping in a few mouthfuls of air whenever it was possible.

The tunnel was growing still narrower, and now the roaring sounded in his ears like thunder. The rock roof dipped to the water. Lee drew in one last breath. He went under. He flung up his arms, and his fingers scraped the roof—then touched only emptiness. The current hurled him to the surface again. He opened his eyes.

Starlight overhead, appearing between high, precipitous walls, that seemed to scrape the sky. A narrow gorge, through which the current whirled him still more furiously. In the distance a line of white, the boiling of the torrent about the rocks of the falls.

Involuntarily a great cry of anguish broke from Lee's throat. Again and again it broke forth, the spontaneous protest of the body against inevitable destruction.

Upon the brink of the gorge, which had a tiny ledge of rock or undercliff beside the water, a beacon fire leaped into view, far away. Silhouetted against it was the black figure of a man. Lee fancied that he shouted in answer. His head was growing clearer now.

The gorge had become as narrow as a hall bedroom, and the rush of the black torrent toward the falls terrific. It whirled Lee around and around like a ball. The line of white was coming nearer with awful rapidity. Lee saw the figure on the edge of it, tossing its arms as it raced along the brink, but if it was shouting now, its voice was indistinguishable in the roar of the torrent.

Great fallen rocks lined the banks. Lee grasped at them as he was swept by, but they always eluded him, always the current carried him away. Now he seemed poised upon the brink of the tumbling cataract. He grasped at a rock projecting out of mid-stream, missed it.

Something descended over his head, checking him. He seemed to float still in the current, which boiled about and past him. He reached out to the rock, found it, clung there. He reached up one arm and found that he was enveloped in the folds of a long fishing net. He saw Leboeuf upon the brink, not ten feet distant. The man was shouting, but Lee could not distinguish a word. He was pointing toward the shore, to the rock. Lee let himself go.

The great shoulders and arms strained themselves upon the net against the torrent. Completely emmeshed, Lee felt himself being slowly drawn, like a gigantic fish, toward the bank. There was one instant when the force of the current seemed to be pulling old Leboeuf into the stream. The huge body bent like a bow, there was an instant of suspense, then slowly the great shoulders swung back, and Lee grasped the rocky ledge through the folds of the net. He felt himself raised to the rock rim, felt Leboeuf's arms about him, and collapsed into unconsciousness.

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my dearie!" he cried triumphantly. "You're going to make that lover of yours tell you the secret of the mine. You'll do it when you've learned to love me. And, by heaven, I'm going to make you!"

She screamed and beat furiously at his face, impotent in his grasp. They wrestled to and fro. So violent was the girl's resistance that for a moment or two she held Rathway at bay, beating her fists in his face again and again, and drawing blood from his nose and lips.

The fury of her resistance only made her the more desirable in his eyes. He held her fast now, her arms forced to her sides again, his bloodshot eyes leering into hers, his black beard sweeping her cheek.

In the room they had taken at the rear of the house the three men, who were drinking and playing cards, hearing the girl's screams and the sounds of the struggle, burst late mirth, and came tiptoeing along the passage.

Joyce, making one final, desperate effort, broke once more out of Rath-

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FOR SALE—Minneapolis 24-inch separator in good shape. Will sell or trade for teams.—J. A. Goins. 33-3t-p

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CARD OF THANKS—To our friends and neighbors, we take this method of expressing our thanks for your kind aid and sympathy, during the sickness and death of our wife and mother, and for the beautiful floral offerings, for every word of cheer. May God bless you all.—J. A. Weathers and children.

COTTON SEED FOR SALE—We have 700 bushels second year Half & Half cotton seed raised twenty miles north of Memphis, Texas, which makes them fully acclimated. Made over bale per acre on 165 acres, well cared for at gin. Just the cotton for the Plains. \$1.65 per bushel delivered to your station, cash with order.—Farmers Union Gin Co., Two Modern Gin, Memphis, Texas.

3-DAY MEETING PLAINS HARDWARE MEN IS OPENED

Amarillo, May 4.—More than 150 delegates from the Paphandle and eastern New Mexico are here for the annual meeting of the Hardware and Implement Dealers' association which opened this morning. All business sessions are being held at the Amarillo hotel.

Value of attending these meetings were stressed by President J. T. Crawford, of Pampa, in delivering his annual address. The convention was opened by an invocation by Rev. F. W. O'Malley. J. N. Riggs of Amarillo introduced the visitors.

Problems often confronting hardware men are being discussed through a question box held by Mrs. L. E. Johnson of Roswell, N. M., during this afternoon's session. Other addresses on the program are by F. A. Heitman, president of the F. W. Heitman Hardware Co., Houston; by E. P. Thompson, Memphis; "Problems of the Day" by Rivers Peterson, editor of the Hardware Retailer, Indianapolis, Ind.

The Hardware and Implement men and their wives will be guests of the Board of City Development at a banquet in the Amarillo hotel at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

The visiting women are guests of a theater party this afternoon.

LEGAL NOTICE

FORT WORTH AND DENVER SOUTH PLAINS RAILWAY COMPANY hereby gives notice that on the 11th day of April, 1925, it filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, D. C., its application for a certificate that the present and future public convenience and necessity require the construction by it of a line of railroad extending from a connection with its existing line at Carey, Childress County, in a general southwesterly and northwesterly direction to a point near the center of Castro County, a distance of 130 miles, with a branch line extending from a point on the line described approximately 22 miles east of Plainview in a northerly direction to the city of Silverton, a distance of approximately 18 miles, and from said point about 22 miles east of Plainview in a southwesterly direction to the city of Lubbock, approximately 45 miles. The total mileage proposed to be constructed is approximately 193 miles, in Childress, Hall, Motley, Briscoe, Floyd, Hale, Lubbock, Castro, and Swisher Counties, Texas. The said line of railroad will run through the incorporated cities of Silverton, Lockney, Plainview, and Lubbock; and the village of Petersburg.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Department of Insurance, State of Texas. John M. Scott, Commissioner of Insurance. No. 463 Austin, Texas, March 23, 1925. To all whom it may concern: This is to certify that the Groom Mutual Hail Association, Groom, Texas, has in all respects fully complied with the laws of Texas as in conditions precedent to its doing business in this State, and I have issued to said company a certificate of authority from this office entitling it to do business in this State for the year ending the 18th day February 1925. Given under my hand and seal of office at Austin, Texas, the date first above written. Jno. M. Scott, Commissioner.

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