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ALL HANDS POINT



PATTILLO & GAMBLE

For Reliable Merchandise at Reasonable Prices

We carry the celebrated "ARROW" Brand collars and cuffs in all the very latest styles, also one of the largest and most complete line of Men's SHIRTS ever brought to Canyon. We are offering the following values in ladies' dress goods:

Fancy Dress Goods,	Worth 60c,	. Now	at5ōc.
Fancy Scotch Cheviot,	Worth \$1.25	Now	at \$1.00.
Fancy Flannelette, (high colors)			
All Calicoes, (except oil colors)	=	. Now	at

We are absolutely headquarters for fresh fancy and staple groceries. Always in the lead with the best, freshest and cheapest. These figures are convincing: See?

10 pounds Arbuckle Coffee	1.00.
18 pounds Standard Granulated Sugar	\$1.00.
100 pounds Standard Granulated Sugar	\$5.30.

Anything Else You Want Sold Proportionately. PATTILLO GAMBLE.

CUT UP YOUR LANDS.

There is good land in Randall county for sale, plenty of it, and at a very reasonable price but the present owners refuse to cut it up in parcels small enough to suit the average prospectors from the northeast-the farmer. Not many days since a man who had sold his property at Clarendon, was here and expressed his intention to purchase 80 or 160 acres within three miles of town. He remained two days, found several sections that suited him in He even offered to take as much as 320 acres, but it was a section or more, or nothing so he returned acres near his old home. This is ings as above indicated. only one of several instances that have come to the knowledge of the must change if we desire to settle them there want your trade. up the country and the sooner the change is brought about the better for us. Smaller parcels and more the Ads don't tell the truth rehomes. On this line the News quotes from the Hale Center Messenger as follows.

All this country needs to make it a farming country is the farmerthe man who will apply well known

ple it had just as well remain in patrons realize and appreciate. somebody coming. Take a big Helpful to bring them? Why does Hale home merchants that they al to Clarendon and purchased 100 duce their clients to sell their hold- cash.

> Read the Advertisements in Test their sincerety about quali down on the bunco list.

Prices Are Rock Bottom. land is to be owned by a few peo- prices, which most of the home Deacon, swallow quick, there's new being rapidly taken up.

the hands of those who own it. This same representative also drink but for mercy's sake hurry. Some people say we will have plen- said that their firm received a The old man drank lustily and then ty of settlers when we get a rail- good share of the trade natural the fun began for it was pure vine- of The Semi-Weekly News to road, that people will flock here by by tributary to this town which gar and the very strongest kind .the thousands on the advent of a is nothing more than could be Amarillo Star. railroad. Why don't they flock to expected in this age of fierce Potter, Randall, and Deaf Smith competition, but the News would counties, if it only takes a railroad like to remark in behalf of our county's population exceed that of ways have, and declare their Deaf Smith or Randall and out side of determination to continue giv-Amarillonearly double that of Potter Ing their home customers the county with her four Ry's? We are benefit of real bargains where thoroughly convinced that the the sales are accompanied with plains will never be much more the cash. It is not reasonable Cheap Rates to the Panhanquality and price but no one would than it is, till her lands are offered to suppose that any merchant sell him the amount he wanted. for sale in small tracts, and our can make great slashes in his real estate men can be of a great prices to the customer on the deal of assistance if they will co- credit system who goes some operate with other interests and in- where else to spend his ready

News. This condition of affairs the News. The people who put brother who is a church member line. These rates are upon a enthusiastic prohibitionist, but trip for parties of five or more ters wish to see the boxes opened ty and prices anyhow, and if nevertheless agrees with Paul that persons traveling together on and will let me know of such deport the matter to the News and sake" went to a friend of his, whom lege of stop overs at pleasure at goods get in, with a cordial invitait will immediately put them he believed had some whiskey and all points North of and includa little snifter would be just what in which to return. A representative of a large I need. Can't you let me have it? In view of the fact that the scientific principles to the cultivat- retail and wholesale grocery His friend protested that he would Panhandle is enjoying the most ion of the soil, one of which is to and dry goods house in Ama- not, but the deacon insisted, and rapid growth of any section of give a crop a reasonable amount rillo, while in conversation with finally his friend said, "Deacon, I Texas, for which there is ample of working. It is the custom on the News man at the Victoria aint going to let you have it, be- reason, this move upon the part the plains to plant a crop and then Hotel this week, had occasion cause you'd tell it on me in spite of "The Denver Road" is a wise wait for the harvest. With the to refer to the low prices our of the world." But the deacon one and will doubtless result in proper cultivation this country is merchants-conspicuous among loudly protested that wild horses the splendid agricultural and as safe a farming country as any which were the firms of Pattillo would not drag it out of him. At business opportunities of that part of West Texas. What this & Gamble and the Canyon Mer- last his friend winked at his assist- section becoming better known 1-2 dozen 15c. Stew, 20c half dozcountry needs is an immigration cantile Co.-were making as ant, who quietly slipped out side, and appreciated within a very en, 3oc dozen. Meals at regular of farmers who will farm the farms. [special inducements to keep the and said "All right I'll give it to short period of time. This sec- hours, short orders any old time. We do not need men who will buy local trade from going else- you' and he reached back and got tion of Texas abounds in re- Fresh bread, pies and cakes always large tracts of land but men who where. He confessed that the bottle. Just then a noise was sources and the land, being still on hand. All of this happens every will buy small tracts. If all the they were "rock bottom" heard out side and he said, "Here available at very low prices, is day at Lair's city restaurant. Don't

This story must have originated from the facts of an episode which given in the News not long since, though minus the church memberit is pretty much the same.

dle.

the Public's knowledge of the true conditions holding in North stops when your time is out. west Texas-(The Panhandle)-"The Denver Road" has put in A story comes to us from a effect round-trip party homeneighboring "dry town." A good seekers rates to points along its and a county official, besides a very basis of one fare for the round if any of the good brothers or sis-"a little spirits for the stomach's one theket, and carry the privi- sire, I will notify them as soon the said to him. "Look here friend --- , ing Vernon, Texas; passengers I am feeling awfully bad and think being allowed a limit of 30 days

print matter to fill up Reading. space, Much of this is really harmful reading. It is the aim give helpful reading, Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them Ask your neighbor.

The Farmers' Has many. It is not took place here some time ago Department the theory of farand compares with the story ming written by college professors and others up North on conditions that don't fit Texas. It is the actual experiences of farmers here at ship and deaconship. Otherwise home who have turned over the soil. Special If you are not taking The Stayer you should. Offer It is helpful to the best interests of your town and county. For \$1.75, cash in advance, we will For the purpose of enlarging mail you The Stayer and The Galveston or Dallas Semi-Weekly News for 12 months. The News

> I will have a few boxes of nice Clocks, Silverware, Cut Glass ware and Musical instruments coming in within the next few days and tion to the opening of boxes.

M. C. CHAMLEE.

I have purchased the business of the Rogerson Hotel and shall conduct same at the old stand. Nice well-furnished rooms with good board, good service at \$15 a month or \$4,a/ week. Best accommoda, tion for the price in town.

MRS. J. I. WILLIAMS, Proprietress.

OYSTERS-1 dozen fried, 25c,

Our Cut Price Sale Still Continues

We will put on sale 3 dozen Street Hats at greatly reduced prices.

Our \$3 Hats will go this sale at \$2.25. Our \$2.25 Hats go this sale at \$1.05.

We alsohave a large stock of cotton and woolen blankets which we will sell at great reduced prices.

Men's Cotton Fleece-Lined Underwear

Our \$1 Suits go in this sale at the very low price of 80c. Our \$1.20 Suits will go at \$1. We also have the celebrated Wright's Health Underwear, also a nice line of Woolen Underwear.

Everything in our line is as cheap as can be bought anywhere. If you are looking for strictly cash bargains do not be beguiled into going to other towns but call on us and get our prices, as we have determined to sell goods just as cheap as anybody. The 10 per cent discount for cash sales in the dry goods department is still granted to our customers.

CANYON MERCANTILE COMPANY

CANYON CITY NEWS. CANYON CITY AND HEREFORD (THE STAYER.)

GEO. A. BRANDON, Prop.

A Weekly newspaper devoted to the interests of Randall county and published at office on West Evelyn

Papers sent out of the county promptly discontinued at expiration of time paid for.

SUBSCRIPTION. One Year, \$1.00 Canyon City. Thomas Zook, a Six. months,

giving Day.

took it -the man what owned it year, just about a record break kicked, but he can't help is er for each. I do not know the

What about putting the Board of Trade advertisement on your envelopes? Come in and see it.

have all its country friends call town of the Panhandle, but in when in town. A good warm while she is growing and devel fire to sit by as long as the coal oping in all other respects, she

"busted" Decatur project seems road was extended south, the to have taken a new lease op big shippers drove their cattle life. This building of railroads for hundreds of miles or more for bonuses may yet prove a to Amarillo, the-big shipping fine money getting scheme on station, going right past Canthe Plains. The new company you City and Hereford. Now has added round houses etc., to these two new towns catch all make it more catchy.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Cures Colds on Nature's Plan.

The most successful medicines are those that aid nature. Cham berlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It aids expectoration, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions and aids nature in re storing the system-to a healthy condition. It not only relieves, it cures the cold effectually and permanently, and is unquestionably the most successful medi cine in use for this purpose. It is pleasant to take and contains no opium or other harmful drug. For sale by Thompson Drug Co.

from a week's 'trip to Kausas or more, left Monday for Por- up as by magic and in less than City. He accompanied L. A. tales where she will probably ten years you will see a network Knight, who shipped cattle to remain for the winter with her of electric railways by which you that point last week

"The opening up of shipping points west of Amarillo through the extension of railways into that section has robbed Amarillo of much of her former glory as a cattle shipping point. The shipping business is being divided up between the towns located along the Pecos Valley branch of the Santa Fe, and this season, it is said, the honors have been pretty equally divided between Hereford and Kansas City commission man, who has just been over the ter-Next Thursday is Thanks ritory, in speaking of Hereford and Canyon City as shipping points says: "Both these points We needed the canal; we are doing a beavy business this exact number of cattle handled at the two towns but should judge it is well upward of 25, 000 each, and the season is right at its prime. Amarillo used to The News would be glad to be the all-important shipping is falling back in the magnitude of her cattle trade. In former As will appear elsewhere the days, before the Pecos Valley this southern business that used

> Texas Stockmen. C. T. De Graftenreid, of Ceta was one of our visitors Tuesday. Some two weeks ago while oil ing a windmill he succeeded in getting two of his fingers torn off and is now carrying his arm in a sling. He informed the News that at Plainview, on Dec. 2, he would offer for sale self." It is my honest conviction all of his fine bulls. M. S. Lusby went home with him, to pho their might and with the means and tograph some of his stock.

to go to Amarillo, simply on ac-

Mrs. W. H. Hightower, who emigration to this country of any has been visiting her daughter, country and you will see houses on L. T. Lester returned Sunday Mrs. L. T. Lester, for a month every quarter section, towns spring

ADVERTISE THE PLAINS!

The following communication from E. R. Gober, clipped from the Hale Center Messenger is such a worthy appeal for the development of our country by the present methods at hand-chief among which is the medium of advertising-that ve deem it worthy of reproduction.

To people of Hale Center and surrounding communities: time has come for a great co-operative movement in advertising our country and keeping up with the procession and aiding and fostering

civilization. There can be no greater character developed in man than love for his fellow man and to aid and as sist him in securing a place which he can call home where it is possible to beautify it at a minimum cost, till it will equal in grandeur the home of the millionaire. Our shallow water with abundant wind to run windmills of large pumping capacity and our rich alluvial soil adapted to grow, almost any kind of trees, both for bearing and ornamental, all kinds of shrubbery, make it the deal spot of these Un-ly cured by Chamberlain's Stomited States for home-making. Then shall we be so selfish as to try to deprive the millions of people who are in search of a home, some large and some small, the right of citizenship with us, for and in preference of a few ballfaced cattle and bush tailed ponies of which to support one man and family requires from 2 to 8 sections of land that would make 8 to 16 good homes. It would bring a class of orchardists, truck farmers and gardeners into our count of the extension of the midst that would develop the counrailroads southward."-West try and astonish you with the possibilities of its productiveness, then when railroads see your enterprising disposition to develop your county and country they will become interested and you will have all the railroads you want and that at once, for it is an old maxim and a true one,"that people are always ready to help him who helps him-

that if the people will rise up in

advertise this country as it should

be that you will see the greatest

that will equal any part of this country. Now all this can be accomplished only one way and that The following is the program and his pocket book to the tongue beginning at 10 a. m. do all that is in my power that is ance," by congregation. honorable and right to develop my Scripture Reading-Rev. J country and to change it from a D. Ballard. cow ranch to a densely populated, thrifty and progressive country, phens, that we may have larger and better schools, churches and more so- congregation.

J. P. Allen, a young man who 10:15-Reading of President's has spent the last two months Proclamation, Mamie Conner. with Lee Vausant endeavoring regain health, left last Praise," Mrs. A. Ernsberger. Saturday evening for his home gentlemanly young fellow and ful," Paper, Mrs. J. R. Dean. cold out here for him.

Sick Headacke.

This distressing ailment results from a disordered condition of the stomach and is quick ach and Liver Tablets. For sale by Thompson Drug Co.

Thanksgiving Program.

is through co-operation. Let every to be rendered at the Baptist man put his shoulder to the wheel church Thursday, November 26,

and say, by the help of God I will 10:00-Song, "Blessed Assur-

Invocation-Rev. J. E. Ste-Song-"Trust and Obey," by

10:10-History of Thanksgiving, Paper, A. S. Rollins.

10:20-Solo, A Song of 10;25 Some of the things

in Paris, Texas. Mr. Allen is a for which we Should be Thank we regret exceedingly that he; 10:30-Quartette, "Rejoice in

cannot remain here. He says the Lord," Messrs. Stephens, the winter promised to be too Thompson, Ernsberger and Wil-

10:35-Recitation, "The Chop-

per's Child, ' Minnie Long. 10:40 Duett, Misses Burrow and Brandon.

10:55-Address, Rev. J. D.

Ballard. Song-"Blest Be The Tie," by congregation.

Benediction-Rev. Kilbourne,

M. F. SLOVER

DRUMMER'S RIGS A SPECIALTY.

FOR BEST PRICES IN TOWN ON

Paint, Lead

G. CONNER,

LAND, LIVE STOCK AND

Thousands of acres of fine Grazing and Agricultural lands at from \$1 to \$5 an acre, owing to loca tion and improvements.

can find accommodations for travel Canyon City, Texas.

Notary Public, Abstracters in office opposite Northeast corner of Square. Inquiry Solicited.

Local.

The K. P's. will give a banquet Tuesday, night.

Mrs. D. A. Park is reported very sick this week.

rived Saturday.

The News is glad, to say that Rev. J. E. Stephens will remain with us, the conference having so decreed.

Franklin. He says that everything their yearly circuit. is prosperous in that part of the state and that 12-cent cotton had put new life in the people. It is a pleasure to visit the old home under such favorable conditions.

The brick dirt sent North from here to be tested by Messrs. Powell and Potter, has been tested thoroughly and the report, received Wednesday, is that it makes first class brick.

A telegram to Mrs. Sam Lofwhich left here Monday was injured by a wreck 25 miles this Drug Store. side of Kansas City, but that all who left here with it came out What you need for Constipawithout material injury.

R. M: Peeler sold 100 acres of

W. S. Potter conveyed to Charlie Laymen last week a \$200.

said to be well healed financially

and five horses were stolen from the Janes Ranch in Lamb county. Wednesday evening the stock were recovered near Mobeetie in the possession of a young man who gave his name the theft. -

L. A. Lockridge, of Tarrant Co., who sometime ago exchang ed Tarrant realty for the I. L. Edwards ranch, near Happy, has purchased the W. C. Kenyon residence; consideration,

the photographer.

O. C. Davis, the depot agent, states that this week will practically wind up the stock shipments at this point.

R. A. Campbell says that a hard winter is as certain as fate. He bases his judgment on the fact that one of his neighbors, I. N. Hicks, has laid in a good supply of coal. He says that he has watched Hicks for some time in connection with weather conditions and has never known his prognostication in that direction to fail.

The latest novelty in damage suits is an action by a Philadelphia man against the Philadelphia & Reading, the Central Railway of New Jersey, and the Pullman Car Company, as pay for and in consideration of "his heroism, coolness and forethought" in saving life and property in the disaster at Westfield, Jan. 27. He modestly asks for \$10,500 cash, and three life opens a new field for a certain class of men licensed to practice law.

All Ladies wanting long waist Corsets will do well to call on Mrs. Street.

Subscribe for the News NOW.

Coming Monday Night.

On next Monday night Nov. 23, will appear in our city for Mr. Perdue's household goods ar- Mr. Tompkins." The company per head town on its route, is known fay. I mixed car of cows and calves. orably on all sides of sus. The them a hearty welcome by a Marion, Kansas. large turnout and show the R. W. Foster returned Tuesday management that we are worthy Monday were those listed by from a visit to the old folks at Ben of having our city booked on the News in last issue to have

The company is twenty strong The shipments from this with full band and orchestra, point for the season, total 965 traveling in their own private cars to date, Monday, and out pullman. Twice each day the of this number, G. C. Long got band will appear, at 11:30 a. m. for his people, the Nat. Live J. T. and W. B. Campbell par- and 7:30 p. m. with a free con- Stock Commission Co., 402 cars. chased 4 sections of land from cert on the principal streets. The News is informed that this the Ceta Valley Land & Cattle The management has secured company is so well pleased Co., paying for same, \$12,720. the K. P. and Odd Fellows hall with Mr. Long's work in its which they will convert into an behalf that he is continued in opera house. Stage will be er. his job as representative and at ected, fitted with their own spec- an -increase - of salary now ial scenery. The hall will be amounting to \$125 per month. well seated and heated.

Mr. Tompkins" is one well The prices, generally, have worth seeing and abounds in been away below those previouston states that the stock train laughter-producing situations. ly received by the stockmen,

tion.

When troubled with constipathe east half of section 31, blk tion, what you need is a remedy U 5, H. & G. N. land to R. G. that is sure to produce the de-Oldham; consideration, \$3,300. sired effect. A remedy that is J. J. Dillard, mild and gentle in its action. A house and lot in the Southeast in a natural and healthy condi- on the 2nd of the mouth, that a portion of town; consideration, tion. A remedy that is easy new company had been organiz-The Colorado coal strikess are Tablets meet all of these re- On account of the financial and have expressed a determination and you will never wish to take have been delayed, with the to stay out to the bitter end no another dose of pills. Use them D. D. & W. Ry Co., but it will matter who suffers. This demands as directed and they will cure be taken up by the new comeight hours work with ten hours chronic constipation. Price pany, and all claims paid as I L. T. LESTER PRESIDENT. One day last week, six mules ranted. For sale by Thompson the new company has strong

Bailey's show had made its appear- York. I will say that we will ance and its natural influence upon possitively build the road and the small boy would have been we are looking to your town as Lindsay. He was lodged in nothing in way of comparison to and county to stay by their the Mobeetie jail charged with the excitement created among the proposition. citizens Wednesday morning by "I am contemplating making the arrival in town, from Plainview, an overland trip between this ton was bought by A. L. Anderson meeting of the Directors at Ft. As has been announced be thing could surely be reckoned with a repair shop, a round house fore the ladies of the Baptist some degree of reason in the event and a division headquarters and church will serve a dinner on that it is made a leading crop in make you a good town out of Thanksgiving day at the bach- the Panhandle, and that is that a Lubbock; this would make the elor quarters of M. S. Lusby, Mexican boll weevil or any other entire bonus \$40,000. kind of a weevil for that matter, would not last long, our reason for make contracts and give you an six six six six which easily occurs to all who have assurance that the road will be lived here for any length of time. built. Mr. Weevil would have about the same luck as did the hive of bees that was brought here for experiment, they awoke one calm. April day to find themselves scattered Vice-pres. & Gen. Managerover seven different states.

> A petition asking for the removal of Sheriff Hughes was this week presented to Judge Webster at Stratford. This removal suit has been instituted by the prohibitionists because of the long continued open violation of the local option laws.—Livestock Champion.

from Canyon City stock pens you say they are just giving their this season than at any other money away to help the printer? point on the Pecos Valley line, this side of New Mexico. Amarillo Livestock Champion please take notice.

The News knows of a big Dallas house that sells merchandise in passes. His success along this this town, delivering by express successful merchant he never lets line, possible with some juries, and through the mails, when many up asking the people to trade with of the articles can be had here of our own merchants for less money. This house spends thous- that was a good newspaper adverands upon thousands of dollars for tiser to fail in business? Short he never reads the advertisements advertising-they discribe goods, crops and unforseen reverses may you may notch it "on the palin's" quote prices and keep everlasting- get him down, but they never keep that his judgment about prices is

CATTLE SHIPMENTS.

MONDAY.

John Hutson, 4 cars of calves the first time, The Nobles Dra- purchased from Baird Bros., matic Co., presenting "The Gay some sixty days since, at \$12.50

while not as yet having this -Robinson, of Marion, Kansas, The Hutson calves go to Kancitizens will no doubt insure sas City, the Robinson car to

> The other cattle shipped gone Saturday.

This week will likely close the The opening bill, "The Gay fall shipments of range cattle. Tickets on sale at Thompson's and so from the standpoint of the producer, they have been very unsatisfactory.

> Still Kicking, but Under Another Name.

Decatur, Texas, 11-5-'03.

Lubbock, Texas.

remedy that leaves the bowels. "Dear Sir:-I wrote you fully and pleasant to take. Cham ed to build the railroad as proberlain's Stomach and Liver jected by the D. D. & W. Co. quirements. Give them a trial flurry in St. Louis, matters 25 cents. Every box is war- have said in previous letters, John Hutson Vice-Pres. financial backing in Houston, St. Louis and the Equitable Life The announcement that Mollie Assurance Company of New

of three bales of cotton. The cot- place and Roswell, after the and sent here for shipment. The Worth, Tuesday, Nov. 10. We fact that this is the first cotton ev- will say to your town and couner brought here causes some to ty that if they will add \$10,000 speculate on its growth on the more to the \$30,000 already Plains a few years hence. One promised, that we will construct

"We are ready to sign, and

"Keep matters going and write me fully.

Yours truly,

J. M. HEALY,

Ry Co."-Lubbock Avalanche. Pointed Paragraphs.

Texas, New Mexico & Pacific

It is always a safe rule in business to follow along the lines, laid down by the men who get there.

Some men in business say that advertising doesn't pay. What about the millions spent in that way by More stock has been shipped the big catalogue houses? Can

> When money is scarce or high priced you must offer greater inducements to get it.

> The successful office seeker talks the people into giving him what he wants, and so it is with the

Did you ever know a merchant him there-he always, rises again, very limited.

U FIGURE IT WE CAN SAVE YOU MONEY!

Our stock of furniture is a winner. We are constantly adding to the quality without increase in the price. We are constantly substracting from the cost in many grades without reduction in quality. Multiply your wishes as you will, you'll be surprised how well our stock keeps within the reach of your pocketbook. Divide your expenditures between parlor and bedroom as you wish, our stock still meets your needs. If you want Furniture-a little different and better than the ordinary-let us show

Thomas Brothers

BURTON-LINGO CO.,

Dealers In

Fence Stays,

Lumber, Post, Doors,

Lath, Sash, Shingles,

Building Blocks and Mouldings.

CAPITAL SHAREHOLDERS LIABILITY SURPLUS . UNDIVIDED PROFITS

\$50,000. 50.000.

OFFICERS.

D. A. PARKICASHIER. TRAVIS SHAW ASS'T. Cas.

DIRECTORS

L. T. LESTER.

JOHN HUTSON, J. N. DONOHOO,

J. L. Howell, F. M. LESTER.

We invite you to open an account with us. We guarantee as liberal accommodations as are warranted by the account and prudent

55/56/56/56/56/56/56/56 SOMETHING ATTRACTIVE

You can always depend on something well worth while when you come here. We furnish the things you like to carry away with you. The price is right; the goods are pleasing; our methods are attractive. Come and get the most attractive things you ever bought for the

CANYON DRUG COMPANY

does not, ultimately, bring about the best results to a community.

THE PAN-HANDLE

is NOT on a boom, but is enjoying the most rapid growth of any

Because only recently have the public at larger realized the opportunities which this northwest section of Texas offers. The large ranches are being divided into

SMALL STOCK FARMS.

Wheat, Corn, Cotton, Melons and all kinds of feed stuffs are being raised in abundance, surpassing the expectations of the most sanguine. A country abounding in such resources (tried and proven), together with the

LOW PRICE

of lands, cannot help enjoying a most rapid growth, and that is what is happening in the Pan-Handle.

has on sale daily a low rate_home-seekers ticket, which allows you stop-overs at nearly all points; thus giving you chance to investigate the various sections of the Pan-Handle. Write A. A. GLISSON.

General Passenger Agent, Fort Worth, Texas, For pamphlets and full information.

When you hear a man say that

Yesterday's train was over six hours late.

Go to REDFEARN & Co for Gent's and Ladies' shoes.

A Winter Love Cong.

The sad fields velled in falling snow-They are not sad to me: Not chill to me the winds that blow, However chill they be.

The eddying flakes that speed away. . With music they drift down Through myriad lacing branches gray, On dead leaves crisp and brown,

No bloom upon the whit'ning hill, No leaf upon the tree; The music is sad music-still, It is not sad to me. For song, with my heart's muffled might

Keeps measure; blow for blow; My love's sweet breast is warm and And softer than-the snow. -Robert Burns Wilson.

A One-Sided Argument

By Howard Beck Reed

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For two weeks the small town of Clifton, situated in the center of Engfand's galaxy of nobility's quiet country homes, had forgotten its usual torpidity, aroused like the fickle Avon, on whose banks it rests, from a brooklike serenity to a maddened whirl of waters. Mrs. Leighton's ball, in its preparation, had taxed the slow-moving town to the uttermost.

And now the all-important moment had arrived. Here and there on the ball-room floor, that shone like the surface of a sleeping lake, which appearance was further enhanced by the. palms and similar plants that clustered round the margin, were groups of men and women. The latter in their white gowns and gracefulness might well make ideal swans to furnish the completion of the simile.

Yet at this minute, beauty, even in this miniature Daphne, was not the principal recipient of worship. A man, who had just entered and was paying his devoirs to the hostess, was the cynosure of all eyes. Certainly, Sire George Vartray, poet, author and explorer, was a magnet both in appearance and manner. He could lay no claim to being handsome, but the intimation of genius which always astion their latest and most beautiful taken the place of his cynicism. bijou has. The men regarded him "How does the argument go?" and

The painfully-conscious object of not press the question. this attention turned from his hostess found himself looking at the most be women invariably de witching bit of femininity he had ever

His hostess was speaking; he comment. calm.

having successfully passed her colthat he is wrong,'

extent, was dumb

ny that Lady Leighton has laid at of your makeup. world.



The cynosure of all eyes.

quagmire and he was floutdering low. helplessly around for some sound his strong point, and he knew every admitted to himself that this girl had broken down his guard, and that the point of her attraction had very near-

ly reached carte. of the sin of the world must be laid by fictitious capitalization of industrial at woman's door," he said, rather combinations in the United States lamely

"What is your argument?" she said, with a smile that made the cynic wish that with his great mind he might prove that he was where someone else ought to be, and that if he was not where he should be he was rapidy evolving the clusive question of where he might have been.

"The Dickens," he thought to himself, "only one point can I remember. I wonder why the argument that woman, sweet woman, should rule the home and guide the various inhabitants into the proper channel, and if they drift astray, that she is the one to blame; why is that the only thought that comes to me?" To the girl he seemed bewildered, and she readily knew that he was lost.

"Never mind, Sir George, tell me of your travels, please." If the law of gravitation keeps man from flying off at a tangent, a woman's "please"

certainly overcomes this law. Of course he would; he had abundant material here for speech, and soon lost himself in descriptions of wild lands and wilder people, with a lack of boasting that fairly captivated the girl. Chancing to look up from the alcove into which they had hidden themselves, unconsciously, on the man's part, at least. Sir George



Miss Weaver. serts itself, and is a siren more as; which seemed to say to him, now sured of success than even handsome thoroughly abashed: "How about the ness, was clearly marked in his impenetrability of cynicism now?" He glance and mien. From the ladies the remembered guiltily that, according looks spoke of non-disembled admira- to that physical law, but one thing tion as they always show a man of can occupy the same place at the distinction, like the peculiar attrac- same time, and wondered what had

with early, but with that species of then gazing at the blushing, speechenvy in which respect holds an hon-ored place. less couple, and being gifted with the ordinary womanly instinct, she did

"Lady Isabelle, you were real unto a young lady, who stood at her kind to speak so of Sir Vartray, I am side, and his face nearly lost its usual sure he is not guilty of such crime as sume none of them cared to occupy expression of reserve, and took on you imputed to him," said Miss Weav- it. one of the utmost interest as he er regaining her self-control first, as

> "Perhaps he has been absolved," was Lady Leighton's meaningless

aroused himself with an inward start And now Sir George somewhat and resumed his mask of indifference. gladly, but not altogether free from although try as he would to take no unwillingness, wrested himself from notice, his feelings were anything but the house which, in a single evening, nad seen the destruction and subse-"Sir George, my protege, Miss quent evacuation of his aerial man-Weaver, who is to grace my court, sions, which had taken years to erect.

"Can it be possible?" he mused, as lege training. Lily, this is Sir George he glanced around his den and ad-Variray, of whom you have so often joining apartments, "that I have been heard. He is a terrible cynic and 'barking up'the wrong tree?' " And woman hater, but I will leave you to then, as though from an inspiration: gether. Probably you can penetrate "How infernally lonesome this place his sarcastic mail and convince him is-I never noticed it before!" He blushed, guiltily, and glanced inquir-For the first time in his life Var- ingly around at the bust of Cicero, tray, the bitter denouncer of society whose mouth, usually so firm and in general, whose pen and tongue stern, seemed to his heated imaginawere equally eloquent in propounding tion to take on a slight smile. "I those theories, or words of satire that think I'd better retire, I must be loschafed the social world to such an ing my mind." Poor man, how often you think you are losing your mind "I cannot believe the harsh calum- when it is an altogether different part

your door, Sir George; but if it be- He awoke the next merning feeling true. I am sure you have received a very little refreshed, as the truth was wrong impression of my half of the he had slept little and thought much. Whether it was by chance or a nat-"Princess Ida herself could not have ural outgrowth of that thought, that said it with more grace, and so that afternoon found him with Miss Weavit would carry more conviction," said er. And whether it was the same in-Vartray, and then wondered what had conceivable chance, or the same hard thinking or not, the afternoons for a week found him at the same place. Perhaps he was gaining points for his

argument. This particular afternoon in June was-enough to set one's being aglow with brotherly love and inspiration. One felt like saying with Lowell, "O, what so rare as a day in June!" It found Sir George and Miss Lily on a rustic garden-seat, in a small clump of trees between the Vartray and

Leighton estates. "Why is it, Sir George, after all I have heard and read of you, you connot refute a single argument of mine regarding this woman question?"

And then he told her: "Can you not see, I'lly, why I cannot but have the greatest respect for womankind, when love you? I admit I have been blind, but will, with your help, endeavor to undo what I have done."

She said she did see, but how in the world she did so when her head suddenly come over him. This was was so close to his shoulder, the robin as near a compliment as he had ever on a branch above, who had ceased given and it startled him. He felt singing to listen, could not underthat he was fast losing ground. His stand. So he began his song again theories had suddenly become a in sympathy with the two hearts be-

And from that time on Sir George thought Repartee had always been Vartray was a different man. When they first met, their theme had been; thrust and parry, but somehow they "He sings to the world, but she to her all eluded him and he involuntarily nest;" but now-ah, well, that is understood. So perish all cynics!

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"What is a woman's weapon?"
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What is a woman's weapon?" I asked a lover true. He turned him to a maiden With eyes of heavenly blue, Her velvet lips were parted, All innocent of guile, And eagerly he answered: "Her weapon is a smile."

What is a woman's weapon?" asked a poet then. With sudden inspiration He seized upon his pen. Oh, I could name a thousand!" He cried in accents clear; But weman's surest weapon, I grant you, is a tear."

Ite Haunted College

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This is the tale told me by Hal Burton, soldier, Bohemian, globe-trotter, and good fellow generally, one gloomy winter night when we sat, snug and warm by the blazing hearth of a roadside inn, sipping our ale, puffing our pipes and listening to the howling of the fierce blasts without. "It was during the Franco-Prussian war thirty years ago,", began Burton, that the strange adventure which I

am about to relate took place. "When that memorable struggle began the United States was in a state of profound peace, both at home and abroad. After the campaigns we had passed through, life in the army was insufferably, hull. Tiring of enforced idleness, I and some half dozen others of the younger officers threw up our commissions and set out together for Europe in search of adventure.

"We offered our services to the French. They were immediately accepted and we were sent to join the army at the front.

"We were encamped in a lonely spot in Alsace. Within our lines, near the camp, was situated a large building, formerly used as a medical college. At the opening of the war the services of the students had been brought into requisition, either as soldiers or surgeons, and the forsaken building had been left to care for it-

"Being so near the French camp, it seemed strange that the chief officers did not use the deserted college for their headquarters. But the place had a gloomy, forbidding look, and I pre-

"I belonged to the skeptical maing and the ground was soaking wet, I proposed to my tent-mate, a young American officer like myself, that we should move into the college for the night to shelter ourselves from the

"'No, thank you,' he replied; 'I'd rather sleep on the wet ground under a leaky tent than in a building tenanted by ghosts.

"Ghosts? Fiddlesticks!' I exclaimed. 'Do you mean to say you believe that nonsense?

"'Why shouldn't I?' he demanded quickly. 'I have heard say that all the medical students who have been killed in the war come back there at midnight to hold high revel, and I fully believe it. Why, I came past there late the other night and the building fairly shook with their ghostly carousals.'

"... Shook with the wind, more like-

"'All right; I've told you what I heard; if you think you can sleep there, go ahead. I prefer the tent.' "So saying, he rolled over on the damp ground and was soon snoring like one of the fabled Seven Sleep-

"The rain was streaming into the tent and was standing in pools on the possible. I gathered up my blankets,



Wrapped myself in my blankets. pass the rest of the night there.

by the somewhat narrow windows, lo- real." cated at regular intervals along two sides of the room.

long table, with a marble slab for a than two of the three colors red, yeltop, and ranged about it were a num- liow and blue.

ber of straight-backed chairs and benches, from which I judged that the apartment had been used as a dis-

secting room by the medical students. "All this I discerned by the lurid lashes of lightning, which occasionally lighted up the room from overhead

"After a hasty survey, I wrapped myself in my blankets, keeping on my uniform and sword, and, lying down on the floor, was soon in the land of dreams.

"I had looked at my watch just before lying down. It was then exactly eleven o'clock. How long I slept I know not. 1 suddenly awoke with a strange feeling of dread. My heart was thumping violently, and I could feel my hair standing on end from fright.

"Raising myself on my elbow, I glanced searchingly around the room. The air was filled with a peculiar, phosphorescent light, by which I was enabled to clearly discern even the smallest objects.

"Presently, at the further end of the apartment, a door which I had not before seen, swung open, and four uniformed men entered, carrying a nude body on a stretcher, followed

by a procession of about thirty.



Turned his eyeless sockets in my direction.

As they passed me I perceived that the corpse was stained and bloody, as if recently slain in battle,- I also discovered, to my horror, that the forms which at first I had mistaken for men, were skeletons. They were dressed in the regular French uni-form; but bereath each visor, instead of the bronzed face of a soldier, there was a grinning skull.

"After the third circle of the room had been completed they deposited their ghastly burden on the table previously mentioned:

rolled a uniform which was strapped sistance of his companions, dressed the body in it.

"When this operation was complet- Tanks, ed, the leader of the spectral crewstepped to the table, and, bending over it, he made a number of mystic signs; then, whirling slowly around three times, he stamped his right foot and turned away. Immediately the form arose from the table, gravely saluted his leader, then passed slowly down the line of his comrades, and took a place at the foot of the ranks.

The shadowy throng took up the line of march toward the open door by which they had entered the room. At the threshold the leader paused See Mrs. Street. and turned his eyeless sockets in my emanate a baleful gleam that froze my very marrow. Silently he motioned to his followers, and in obedience to

the signal they turned and faced me. "A shudder crept over me and the blood rushed back on my heart as I saw them reach for their scalpels. Drawing them simultaneously, they raised the gleaming blades aloft and bore swiftly down on me like a bayonet charge. Springing to my feet, I' drew my sword, and, swinging it in ground, and I was bent on finding a a circle around my head, I rushed dryer and more comfortable couch, if among the skelton warriors and forced a passage, though when I reached it I held in my right hand nothing but the hilf of my trusty weapon.

"With a flying leap I cleared the stairs and hurried from the building. Hastening to the camp, I awoke my tent-mate and related my harrowing experience; but he calmly remarked that it served me right for not listening to his advice, and then rolled over and resumed his interrupted slumbers.

"However, there was no further slee; for me that right, and I sat up, shivering - from cold and from the horrible experience I had been through, until morning.

"As soon as daylight appeared a party of us visited the deserted colin the room where the strange events had taken place. My blankets were found on the floor where I had aban invited to attend the service and the building; but when we examined wrapping them closely around me to the door through which I had seen keep out the driving rain, and set out the skeleton band enter, much to my for the old building, determined to surprise it was found locked and bolted: furthermore, there was no key "Groping my way carefully in the in the rusty lock, and after careful darkness, I came to a stairway, as scruting we found no visible evidence hour. cending which and passing through that the door had been recently opan open doorway, I found myself in a ened. Neither had the accumulated large, oblong-shaped room, with an dust of weeks on the heavy marbleunusually high ceiling, fitted with, sev- topped table been disturbed; yet notheral large skylights, evidently intend- ing on earth can ever convince me ed to supplement the light afforded that the scenes which I saw were not cincts one and three of Potter

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