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THE MYSTERY OF GRASLOV

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CHAPTER I. THE FATHER AND THE LOVER OF AN AMERICAN GIRL.

THE great Transiberian railway had progressed as far to the eastward as the Obi, and trains carrying soldiers, convicts, sightseers, railway constructors, laborers and supplies, with some goods for trade with Manchuria, ran from Moscow.

The possibilities of this immense line of railway made the people of European Russia gasp. It opened up such a prospect of trade as they had never dreamed of. It gave them a speedy entrance into a region of their domain the crossing of which had formerly occupied months and involved much hardship.

"What a change there was from the old sledges or foot trains of convicts to the swiftly-moving cars that were drawn by the puffing, screaming locomotives, at once a source of delight and terror to the people whose territory they crossed!

Among those who had made this change so remarkable a success was James Gordon, an American engineer, who had charge of much of the advance work of the road.

Gordon was a typical American, ready to go anywhere to build a railway so long as the pay was sufficient to make it an object for him to take his daughter with him.

For Frances Gordon was her father's companion, secretary and comfort.

Left motherless at an early age, she had been brought up by strict aunts till she revolted. Her father had been surveying a route across New Mexico for a new road, fondly and longingly thinking of his daughter in her far-away home in New York, when, lo, the young lady herself, then aged nineteen, put in an appearance mounted on a broncho and accompanied by a half breed guide, to whom she spoke in so authoritative a tone that he bowed before her slightest wish in abject obedience. Since that day Frances Gordon was to be found wherever her father was.

A year and a half after they had finished the work in Mexico they journeyed together to Russia, where Gordon was to take charge of the important part of putting through the railway that was destined to revolutionize the trade and commerce of the world.

This great railway had progressed as far as the Obi river, in the government of Tomsk, Siberia, when a meeting of managers, engineers and government officials was ordered at Moscow. Thither from the Obi journeyed James Gordon and Frances.

Thither also journeyed Nicholas Neslerov, prince of the empire and governor of the province of Tomsk.

Prince Neslerov was one of the wealthiest nobles of the land, was about thirty-five years of age and had, besides his exalted position as governor of Tomsk, estates in various parts of Russia, particularly a fine one at Graslov, in the government of Perm.

It was after the convention, which had to do with certain concessions and arrangements that were necessary as the road drew near the border of Manchuria, the crossing of certain mountains, the bridging of certain streams, that Mr. Gordon was preparing to return to the Obi, where the western end of his operations was laid, the operations themselves reaching eastward to Lake Balkal, in Irkutsk.

To him one day as he sat smoking at his hotel in Moscow came Prince Neslerov.

"Good morning, your excellency," said Gordon, who had met the prince at several conferences and now knew him because of the fact that the operations had passed almost across his province. "Glad to see you. When do you return to Tomsk?"

"I shall not be long behind you, my friend," replied the prince. "It is a fact, however, that upon your answer to a certain question which I shall put to you depends many of my acts in the immediate future. M. Gordon, you are an American."

"So I believe; I have heard it hinted at," said Mr. Gordon, wondering what was coming.

"And I am a Russian of the Russians."

"That, too, I believe, is a well-authenticated fact."

"I am wealthy, a governor of a province and shall soon be promoted to a better station. Since you entered the rude territory in the southern part of my government we have met frequently; we have been friends."

"Yes," replied Gordon, rather dubiously stroking his chin.

"When you needed protection, my power protected you."

"I believe you," said Gordon, falling to remember the time when he needed

the protection of the prince.

"I merely express myself thus to recall to you my friendship," said the prince. "Now I come to the real errand that brought me here. I love your daughter."

"Eh?" exclaimed Gordon, rousing himself an instant perceptibly.

"I repeat, I love your daughter. I want her for my wife, my princess."

A cloud of smoke came from Gordon's lips. He was looking at a distant church tower with eyes that saw no church.

"You seem surprised," said the prince. "Is it a matter of surprise that a man should love so noble and beautiful a young woman as your daughter?"

"No," said Gordon slowly, "and if it were I would be used to it by this time. You are not the first."

A slight pallor appeared on the cheeks of Neslerov.

"You do not mean that she—your daughter Frances—is already promised?"

"No," answered Gordon. "I don't know that she is, but I do know that you are not the first who has asked for her. Even now you may be too late."

"Impossible! I have seen no one of my—of her own—station near her."

"We in America," said Gordon, "look upon this question of station or rank with different eyes than you do. If a man suited Frances, all the rank, titles and wealth in the world would make no difference."

"She is different from girls in Europe," said the prince, biting his lip.

Gordon let out a joyous guffaw.

"I should say she was!" he said. "Different! Why, she is a real, whole, healthy woman. She doesn't smoke

cigarettes, gamble at cards and race after titles and wealth. Not my girl, prince. Frances has a healthy mind and is as noble as she is good looking. But she has a mind of her own, if it is healthy, and—well, she is my boss, I can tell you!"

"You charm me. I am more in love than ever."

"Won't do a bit of good, I tell you. If I thought you were the finest man on earth, my wishes would not prevail upon Frances to marry you. She will make her own choice, when it is made, and it will stand."

"You lead me to believe this choice has already been made."

"No, I did not mean that, prince. It might be so, for all I know to the contrary. Frances might love a man and not yet be ready to tell me, although there is nothing secretive about her. We have each other's confidence."

"Still it could not be possible that she would be in love and you not know it."

"It might, and I will tell you why. She has refused to marry the man I chose for her, the finest young man, in my estimation, on earth."

"Then you have already given your allegiance to a lover."

"I gave it to the lover, but Frances would not marry him. I have no objection to your knowing who it is. It is Denton, the bridge builder. Jack Denton was the son of one of my oldest friends. Old Denton was at one time worth a lot of money, but lost it through the rascality of a man he trusted. Jack was a sort of genius and asked me what profession to take up. I told him bridge engineering. He is one of the best at the business now and is only twenty-five. He is out near the Obi. The big iron bridge we are to put across the Obi will be his work."

"It is a fascinating profession your daughter refused him?"

"Yes, and it was a great disappointment to me. Jack and she have been friends since they first went to school. He loves her, and his love is the kind that a father likes to see his girl get. But she won't have him for some rea-

son. Said they could never be romantic lovers or some such argument. Couldn't love him because she had known him all her life. Thought it was easier to love a stranger, I suppose, who could bamboozle her."

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"A prosaic friendship such as that is not dangerous," said the prince. "Have I your permission to enter the list?"

"My permission is worthless. You can ask Frances if you like, but it won't do a bit of good. You are too rich, and Frances has peculiar notions."

"There is some one in whom your daughter is much interested, and perhaps you have not heard. It is my duty to inform you, although, I myself do not attach much importance to the thing. There is a blacksmith—"

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"Does Frances—does your daughter love that man?"

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"Well," said Gordon, laughing, "if it does in this case neither you nor I can prevent it. I am sure, however, the girl is fancy free, and, as for him, he is too simple and sensible to look upon their friendship as more than ordinary. They met in this way: When the road was crossing into Tobolsk, I wanted some peculiar ironwork done, and she went with me. The stature and strength and the handsome face of the young ironworker pleased her, and she talked with him. She saw that he was a magnificent specimen of a man and fitted by nature to adorn a higher station. She is trying to assist him in improving himself."

"You take this very coolly," said the prince. "But, being Russian, perhaps our customs are so different that this free intercourse between a girl like your daughter and a mere ironworker seems more to me than to you. Then you assure me there is nothing more than mere friendship between these two."

"No, I do not assure you of anything of the kind. I do not know. I think, though, if there was Frances would tell me. If there is, she will have her way; if there is not, the same."

"But if this blacksmith asked her to marry him would you consent?"

"I'd have to."

"Do you consider such a thing probable?"

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"I am pleased at your candor," replied the prince. "I shall soon have an opportunity to speak to her myself. I trust that this conversation will not interrupt our friendship."

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The prince bowed and took his departure, and Gordon, laughing, turned into the hotel.

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We are authorized to announce the name of
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We are authorized to announce the name of
JOHN ROWAN,
as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Randall county, subject to the action of the voters at the polls, November election.

For Inspector of Randall county, subject to the action of the Democratic nominating convention, if such be held:
R. E. FOSTER
(Re-Election)
W. A. JENNINGS
G. R. STRATTON

The News office can supply you with visiting cards in blank or printed, also with Linen type writer paper, white or colored. You can also get STAR envelopes at this office.

Editor Shafer, of the Plainview Herald, was in town Monday and Tuesday and spent some of his time a welcome visitor at the News office.

Don't Do It Again!

All persons are hereby warned not to haul any dead animals or other waste or refuse upon any of the "Block" lands. All persons doing so after this notice will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
H. Y. EVANS, Agent.
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Correspondents to the News must sign their true names as well as their nom de plume to articles sent in. They can rest assured that the true name will not be divulged by this office without consent of the owner.

Three of our townsmen, if no more, honored the memory of good St. Patrick by "The Wearing of the Green" on the 17th. Two ladies also were dressed out in green but whether purposely for "the day" or not, deponent knoweth not.

SOMETHING NEW IN REALITY

We handle Hardware, Implements, Vehicles, Windmills, Pipe, Wire, Coal and Grain. We want to show you our goods; the sight of an article creates a desire to possess it and that desire is the demand that makes the world go round.

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We also handle the new John Deere Disc Plows. This is the latest and most perfect construction of the mechanic for workmanship, and finish; easy to handle and will do good work. Can be changed from a single to a two, three or four discs. Regulated to raise plow behind same as in front. Discs can be set so as to cut from 8 to 14 inches each. You can turn this plow to the right as well as to left. Seeing is believing. Come in and look at this plow.

We also have all kinds of field seeds, such as Corn, Cotton, Milo Maize, Kaffir Corn, Millet, Alfalfa and other field seeds.

CANYON CITY HARDWARE AND GRAIN COMPANY.

COUNTY DEMOCRATS.

Last Saturday evening at the Court House the county democratic executive committee held a session to consider, among other matters, the advisability of putting out a county ticket. All of the members were present.

Hon. R. A. Campbell, county chairman, briefly stated the object of the meeting and invited all democrats present, especially candidates, to express themselves, for or against, this question of county nominations, stating that it was the desire of the committee to follow the wishes of the rank and file of the party in this particular. Following this invitation short talks were made by R. A. Sowder, Esq., T. F. Reed, G. W. Palmer, P. H. Young, J. E. Rogers, G. G. Foster, Prof. John Rogers, Judge Buie, A. S. Rollins, Esq., and one or two others. All of the speakers except two favored a primary ticket. Many others were present, nearly a courtroom full, and almost all democrats, 'twas said, but for the time being they failed to make known in words their feelings on the question at issue. After opportunity had been given to all to speak the mass meeting adjourned and the committee went into executive session.

In the committee room the only point made was, that should county nominations be decided upon, the primary form would be adopted; and, without any further action of any kind which amounted to a decision the committee took a recess until tomorrow, Saturday, at 2 p. m. when another session will be held at the Court House and the question of county nominations and perhaps other matters of importance settled.

THESE OTHER MATTERS.

The national convention meets on July 6, and then there are district and state conventions and if Randall county wants representation the executive committee must provide a way. In case of the national and district conventions there could be no objection to the county convention or general mass meeting plan and it could be held any time.

And then comes the state ticket. In case no county nominations be had then a mode of passing on this ticket, primary or convention must be adopted. A general mass meeting or county convention would well

answer this purpose as also the additional one of electing a county chairman and executive committee for the next two years.

All of these matters are up to the present executive committee and they will no doubt come in for a consideration at tomorrow's meeting.

Commissioners' Court will meet in special session on Saturday, April 2nd, 1904, to destroy the unused poll tax receipts in compliance with the Terrell election law.

J. A. Grundy has accepted a position as salesman with the Canyon City Hdw. & Grain Co.

The Democrats of Hall county, through their executive committee, have declared for a primary to nominate a full ticket, national, state and county.

The grand jury at Hereford has so far returned three bills, two felonies and one misdemeanor.

THE WEARING OF THE GREEN

Farewell for I must leave thee,
My own, my native shore,
And doom'd in foreign lands to dwell,
May never see thee more;
For Laws, our tyrant laws, have said,
That seas must roll between,
Old Erin and her faithful sons,
That love to wear the green.
Oh! how we love the green.
Oh! how we love the green.
On native land we can not stand
For wearing of the green.
Yet wheresoe'er the exile lives
Tho' oceans roll between,
Thy faithful sons will fondly sing
"The Wearing of the "Green."

My father lov'd his country,
And sleeps within her breast,
While I that would have died for her,
Must never be so blest;
Those tears my mother shed for me,
How bitter they had been,
If I had prov'd a traitor to
"The Wearing of the Green."
There were some that wore the green,
Who did betray the green.
Our native land we can not stand
Thro' traitor to the green.
Yet wheresoe'er our fate may be,
When oceans roll between,
Her faithful sons will ever sing
"The Wearing of the Green."

My own, my native island,
Where'er I chance to roam,
Thy lonely hills shall ever be
My own beloved home;
And brighter days must surely come,
Than those that we have seen,
When Erin's sons may boldly sing,
"The Wearing of the Green."
For we love to wear the green.
Oh! how we love the green.
Our native land we can not stand
For wearing of the green.
But brighter days must surely come
Than those that we have seen,
When all her sons may proudly sing,
"The Wearing of the Green."

Dr. Beaumont, the oculist, who will be here one day fitting glasses, has a very good reason for traveling and soliciting your patronage. When you know him thoroughly you will find him a man you will be compelled to respect for his professional ability and the plainness with which he will state your case.

S. B. Tadlock returned from some of the towns just south of here a few days ago, where he has been doing dental work. The doctor has ceased to be a widower and will no doubt quit his "running around" as his wife returned today after an extended visit to her parents at Stamford.

Beginning this Week.

The Russian serial beginning in the News this week should be of unusual interest to readers just at this time. Its scenes and some of its principal characters are connected with the Siberian railway, along which today, Russia must move her men and supplies to combat the Japanese. While a story of great interest from beginning to end it is drawn from real life and existing conditions and therefore has an historical value not found in the cheap novels of our times. It is from one of the world's greatest travelers and authors and is not only full of interest but clean all the way through and will engage and hold the attention of the most fastidious reader. It is one of the latest copyright serials not purchasable in book form for less than \$1.50.

Read its opening chapters and then talk—the News would be pleased to know how its readers appreciate this new feature of its columns—the high grade historical serial?

T. P. Service loaded a car Monday with his household goods and some horses and will accompany it himself going by freight train to his old home, Newton Station, Miss. His car cost him \$223. Mrs. Service and children will go by passenger train. The expense of "going back" will not fall far short of \$400. Looks like a bad move to the News but it hopes that Mr. Service will not regret it.

Is your eyesight failing? Dr. Beaumont has made a specialty of fitting eye glasses for 20 years. Come to the Victoria hotel Wednesday morning, the 30th, and have your eyes examined. The instruments he uses are the best in the world. Prices no more than if you were in Chicago.

Donley county went dry by over two to one.

School land abstracts made for all who wish them by Buie & Rollins, abstracters for Randall county.

Our stock of paint is moving rapidly. You will have to hurry if you "want a go" at our high-grade Paint at low-grade prices.
CANYON LBR. CO.

"Tassie," our Hoffman school house correspondent, promises regular visits to the News columns. They will be appreciated.

Every purchaser or owner of land should have a complete abstract of his title and he can get same by applying to Buie & Rollins, abstracters for Randall county.

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Made in 8 colors and Clear to match all kinds of woods.
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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 section in Texas.
WHY?
Because only recently have the public at large 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
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of lands, cannot help enjoying a most rapid growth, and that is what is happening in the Pan-Handle.
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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
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Local.

Miss Carrie Jordan is visiting friends in town this week.

Mrs. Oscar Hunt has been quite sick for several days.

Our Lakeview letter will appear next week.

Miss Hannab George, sister of Mrs. (Dr.) Black, is here visiting.

Miss Lillie Leonard returned last Tuesday from Mobeetie where she has been teaching school.

A. N. Woodard of the Ceta neighborhood was sighted on our streets Monday and Tuesday.

H. T. McGee, of Amarillo, was in town Wednesday looking after some real estate interests.

The members of the Leisure Club, Prof. Ernsberger president, are invited to make our office their headquarters.

Don't compare our grade of Paint with the "Cheap John" paint claimed to be "just as good."
CANYON LBR. CO.

The ladies of the Christian church will give an "Easter egg hunt" on Saturday before Easter Sunday, in the Hutson pasture, south of town. The hunt will begin at 3 o'clock. Admission 5 cents.

The Baptist Young People's Union will render a special program at the Baptist church Sunday night. Everybody invited to attend.

W. L. Brodie and wife, of Eaton, Colo., after a week's visit to his mother, Mrs. Eli Dunlap, returned home last week.

We may not have the very cheapest paint in price, but considering the quality we are the cheapest.

CANYON LBR. CO.

A good rain fell Wednesday night south of here, beginning at Emma, in Crosby county, and probably extending on down south of the T. & P. Ry.

J. L. McGue and family left the beginning of the week for Dolores, Colorado, where they expect to make their future home. Mr. McGue sold all he owned except his town property.

It has been reported that the passenger steamer which was destroyed a few days ago on its voyage from San Francisco to Seattle, had on board a brother to our fellow townsman, William Newberry. He perished in the disaster.

No reason why a purchaser of school land should not have an abstract of his title, when Bule & Rollins can make them on short notice.
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Miss Earline Garrison had the misfortune to cut her foot so badly Sunday evening that she has not been able to attend school this week.

Not the cheapest—don't claim to be; not the biggest, but we will be; but the best in the line that we are and the best is always the cheapest.
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Eye glasses and spectacles, rimless or with rims, at prices to suit your judgment and pocket. Any worthy poor bringing recommendations shall be fitted entirely free; good glasses will be given them. Dr. Beaumont at the Victoria.

D. N. Redburn, a Jeweler, originally from Missouri, but recently from Miami, arrived here Wednesday. He will engage in business here—see his notice elsewhere. His family will arrive in a few days.

The last report from Portales regarding the development of artesian water is to the effect that a small stream is coming out at the top at a depth of over 300 feet. The indications for a good flow of water are most encouraging.

Charlie Thomas had the misfortune Wednesday of being thrown from his horse while attending to his cattle on the ranch 6 miles south of town. He was pretty badly shaken up but nothing serious is expected to result.

In the cyclone which swept over a portion of Hunt county, March 17, Bob St. Clair, brother of our townsman J. W. St. Clair, was instantly killed. He was residing with his brother-in-law, John W. Haney, who married a sister, when the residence, a two-story, was completely wrecked, a scantling being driven through his body. Mrs. Haney was also injured but not seriously.

For several reasons the auction sale was not had at the Club rooms Monday night. The sale was postponed to Monday night next, when it is hoped, everyone desiring bargains in such articles as are usually found in an up-to-date club room will be present. Tables, chairs, wash-stand, various parlor games, lamps and the complete gymnasium apparatus will be among the low-priced bargains. Next Monday night, 28th inst., at 8:30 p. m. sharp, the gong will sound and the sale will commence. Bring the ladies out.

HOFFMAN PARAGRAPHS.

Measles have visited nearly every home in this community, but every one, has gotten along alright.

Ellie Finch, who came to the plains for his health, is improving. We hope that he may rapidly regain his lost treasure, for health is a great blessing.

F. Hoffman and Miss Bertha Holtzer attended church at Paladuro, Sunday.

Rev. J. T. Burnett delivered two very able sermons last Saturday and Sunday to the people at Paladuro church.

Spring time is here with her gentle wooing and sweet breezes, and is putting new life in every one. Many are building and adding more to their homes, painting and cleaning and fixing up to live on the plains. Good. I hope this disease may scatter all over the plains, and help this to be the prettiest country on earth.

Mrs. St. Clair and Miss Mae Lair, of Canyon, visited J. R. McLean and family Friday and attended church Saturday.

Stock of all kinds are doing fine on account of the mild winter.

B. T. Jobuson and family visited J. M. White last week.

C. H. Hitchcock and son went to Canyon Thursday.

We would be glad to hear from all parts of our county. How can we expect our kind editor to gather county news if there are no correspondents. So wake up and let's help to make our home paper interesting to all, and one of the best papers on the plains. Success to the News.

We are needing rain badly in our community.

As this is leap year we are very much in sympathy with our lone bachelor, but as he seems able and strong we think he will have courage to answer any question that may be asked (?) so look out.

TASSIE.

The News is more than pleased to have "Tassie" as a correspondent of Hoffman community and trust that more of our friends will write the happenings of their neighborhood to the home paper. As "Tassie" truly says, along this line only, can a good country paper be made.—Ed.

Dr. Beaumont and his assistant, F. W. Crane, will be at the Victoria hotel for one day, Wednesday 30th inst. They will be pleased to meet any one suffering from defective eye sight. They having made a specialty of the most complicated cases of refracture for years, are prepared to give you the benefit of their experience; also the most modern instruments, only found in the largest cities, for determining the glasses required.

The ladies of the Baptist church will have some nice cooking for sale at R. G. Oldham & Co's. on Saturday.

The Woman who Dresses Well



And the woman who wants to—will both find that this store is the best place to buy your wearables for Eastertide. The largest assortments are here, and the prices are the very lowest. In our Millinery Department you will find new, special items of more than passing interest bearing on your needs for this important dress occasion. This season's creations are extremely modish and attractive.

Our Street and Trimmed Hats will be on display Saturday. Be there and get first choice.

A shipment of Men's and Boy's Clothing just received from the Mayfield Woolen Mills is rich beyond comparison for beauty of design and exclusiveness of effect. Early buyers and lovers of the substantial will be thoroughly gratified at this almost complete collection of clothing.

Canyon Mercantile Company.

News Roll of Honor.

Under this heading will be found the amounts received on subscription to the News during the past week, and names of the parties paying. This will serve as a receipt to those of our subscribers forwarding money by mail.

Joe Service.....	\$1.00
J. W. Greenfield.....	1.00
J. L. McGue.....	1.00
J. L. Wilson.....	1.00
J. E. Rogers.....	1.00
Mrs. B. F. Smith.....	.50
T. P. Service.....	2.00
O. I. Smith.....	.50
J. D. Foster.....	.25

Miss Ella Donald, of Denton, a niece of Mrs. C. T. Word, is visiting her this week.

Reading Circle Program.

To be held Friday evening, April 1, 8:15 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Donohoo.

1. Prayer.
2. Quotations from Lowell.
3. Biography of Lowell, Miss Odell.
4. Reading, "Longing," Miss Earhart.
5. Music.
6. Reading, "After the Burial," Miss Maud Brandon.
7. Reading, "The First Snow-Fall," Mrs. Merrill.
8. Music.
9. Current Events, Mr. Hodges.

D. N. Redburn, Jeweler and Optician, has permanently located in this city, second door east of Bank, and is prepared to do all kinds of high grade watch repairing, glass fitting and everything in this line and will be pleased to talk it all over with you. Prices reasonable. Satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded.

Another Panhandle Book.

The News has recently received from John H. Wills, of Amarillo, Texas, a nicely gotten up booklet of 40 pages entitled "Facts from the Farmers and Stock Raisers of the Panhandle of Texas." It gives the experience of our oldest settlers touching what they have done in the past and what in their opinion, the rich earth of this part of Texas will do for the homeseeker from other parts if they will but tickle its bosom. Among those who have contributed to its pages from this county are:

Sheriff Upfold, C. T. Word and County Judge, A. N. Henson. The booklet is also tastefully illustrated with scenes on the canyon, of stock, wheat and oats in the shock, street pictures, business houses and residences, and also a panhandle map. It also gives the rainfall at Amarillo from 1892, to 1903.

While the booklet itself fails to mention it, the News feels sure that it is intended for distribution, and it advises those of its readers who live "away off" and who are now leaning in this direction to send for a copy. It appears to have been published by Mr. Wills, so write him about it.

This is not an advertisement of either Mr. Wills' or his booklet but a small tribute to that gentleman's method and enterprise in his laudable endeavor to bring our country and its wonderful resources to a knowledge of thousands who today know it but vaguely, if at all.

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Drowned in the Lake.

Chas. Bundy, of Amarillo, who came here a few days ago to aid in the brick work on the new school building, lost his life in the lake on the Block lands

about one and a half miles below town, Monday evening. He and a fellow workman, Will Benton, went to the lake duck hunting, and Bundy shooting one waded in to get it and getting into deep water was drowned.

Search for the body was made by dragging that evening and continued until 1 a. m. It was renewed in the morning and the body was found within twenty feet of the bank.

Tuesday the remains were

shipped to Amarillo for interment. Deceased was about twenty-three years old and leaves a wife surviving him. His wife's people live at Amarillo, where she returned Tuesday.

RANDOM THOUGHTS.

Few purer men today, in politics or out of it for that matter, are upon the human stage of action than the great Nebraskan, William Jennings Bryan, and yet we are informed that the Democratic powers that be are "done with him."

Done with him, why? Is it because his principles are unsound, and therefore undemocratic? O, no! nothing of that sort. Where then shall we look for the reason?

Behold, it stands out plainly to be read of all men—he stands like a rock in the way of their success—between them and the pie counter. Mr. Bryan stands squarely for principles—win or lose—while those who so bitterly oppose him are seemingly willing to pay any price to get at the spoils.

We are gravely informed by Democratic leaders, among whom are stated to be our two Texas Senators and thirteen of our sixteen Texas Congressmen, that the key to success lays with the thirty-nine votes of New York and that it can be had only at the price fixed by the empire state—that New York "name the man and word the national platform."

This sale of a birthright Mr. Bryan is unwilling to sanction—he won't sell at any price—and so it is proposed to cast him out and not only him but Mr. Hearst or any other man who stands in the way of this New York deal.

"Never had a show." How often have we heard this expression and what thoughts does it awaken? It generally comes from some human wreck on the stream of time who from the very beginning of its discretionary movements has allowed itself to drift aimlessly with the tide. It is the complaint of life's failures; men and women, who stranded financially, and frequently morally as well, lay the blame for their misfortunes upon everything and everybody except where it properly and justly belongs—upon their own puny selves.

That success along the pathway of life is within the reach of almost every individual who will work for it, no matter how poor or how obscure his or her origin may be, history abundantly proves. True, they may not shine in military life as did "The Corsican" or U. S. Grant, or head the councils of a great nation as did Lincoln or Cromwell; nor even become merchant princes like Stewart, or kings of one of the world's greatest industries as did Carnegie, but they can succeed now, as in the past, in attaining full measure of gain for the amount of energy expended. The fact is clear that thousands upon thousands of the brightest names which adorn the pages of history have risen not only from obscurity but out of poverty's lowest vales. Who has not read the beautiful lines of Longfellow, in which he says:

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime;
And departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."

The opportunities of today are indeed far more numerous than in the past. High birth does not cut the figure it once did—merit is now the winning card. The present high viceroy of Russia in the far east rose from the mudsills of society as did also the present head of the Catholic church. These are only two instances of the many thousands who today occupy a front seat in the world's great affairs.

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Black Voile, chiffon finish, 46-in wide... \$1.75	Embroidery Pongee in the latest color... 50	Light Weight Mercerized Mascalines... 35c yd.
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Grey Tweed for walking skirts 42-in wide... 50	36-in Madras 15	A nice line of Poplin Rayee and Madras.
The largest line of neckwear ever brought to Canyon City.	Ramsey Tweeds 25	Complete line of "ARROW" Brand collars.
	Imitation Voile 30	
	Oxford Suitings 15	
	Novelty weaves in flaked French suitings 40 and 50c per yd.	

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line cannot be presidents, popes and men of great name, but they can attain what the world calls success—the degree of it being limited by their ability.

Every individual can "have a show" provided they work to that end.

Wanted—All the turkeys, chickens and eggs in the county in exchange for cash—Lee Shifflett, at Campbell's Grain store. Mch. 11-4ts

Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the sheriff or any constable of Randall county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon H. S. Burnham by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 47 Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 47 Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the County Court of Randall county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Canyon City, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in April, A. D. 1904, the same being the 11th day of April A. D. 1904, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 7th day of December, A. D. 1904 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 157, wherein Canyon Lumber Company, a firm composed of J. M. Rockwell, A. A. Rockwell and C. M. Hardin is Plaintiff, and H. S. Burnham is Defendant, and said petition alleging that the Defendant H. S. Burnham is indebted to Plaintiff, by his certain promissory note for \$25.00, dated April 1st 1903, and due November 1st 1903, with 10 per cent interest from date, and providing for 10 per cent additional on the amount as attorney fees if collected by an attorney or by legal proceedings, alleging the same had been placed in the hands of Bule & Rollins, attorneys for collection and suit is herewith filed on same, and that said note was due and that defendant had failed and refused to pay the same or any part thereof to plaintiff's damage in the sum of the principal interest and attorneys fees due on said note.

Herein full not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, J. H. Garrison, Clerk of the District court of Randall county. Given under my hand, and the seal of said court, at office in Canyon, this 10 day of March A. D. 1904.
J. H. GARRISON,
Clerk, District Court, Randall Co.
By G. N. Harrison, Deputy.

Notice of Trustee Sale.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF RANDALL.

Whereas on the 1st day of September 1903, W. E. Bates and wife Sarah S. Bates, did execute and deliver to A. S. Rollins Trustee for the benefit of J. I. Campbell and W. B. Campbell a certain Deed of Trust to secure the payment of one certain promissory note for \$951.50 dated Sept. the 1st, 1903, and due six months after date with ten per cent interest per annum from maturity and whereas it was provided in said Deed of Trust that if default be made in the payment of said note when it shall be due, and payable then the said Trustee shall be and he is hereby authorized and empowered when requested so to do by the legal holders of said note after such default to sell the said property at public auction for cash at the door of the county court house in Randall county, Texas, after having given notice of the time and place of such sale as prescribed by the statutes of the state of Texas in making sales of real estate under execution, and after such sale to make the purchaser thereof a good and sufficient deed to the property sold with usual warrants and covenants, and whereas default has been made in the payment of said note, and the same is now due and unpaid, and I have been requested in writing by J. I. Campbell and W. B. Campbell the legal holders of said note, to sell the below described property in satisfaction of said note and deed of trust. Therefore know all men by these presents, that I, A. S. Rollins, will as such Trustee proceed to sell the below described property at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door of Randall county, Texas, on the 1st Tuesday in April, A. D. 1904, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. The same being the 5th day of April 1904, the proceeds of said sale to be applied as provided in said deed of trust. Said property is described as follows:

First Tract, being all of survey No. 29, in Block B5, Cert. No. 15-3554 issued by the Commissioner of the General Land Office to the Houston and Great Northern Ry. Co. and patented to the Texas Land Company, on the 29th day of December 1880, by patent No. 202 Vol. No. 61 and containing 60 acres of land.

Second Tract, being 120 acres to be taken off of the West side of the West half, of survey No. 30 in Block B5, located by virtue of Cert. No. 15-3554 issued to the Houston and Great Northern Ry. Co. Said west half purchased from the State at \$1.00 per acre on 40 years time and 3 per cent interest on which all interest to Nov. 1st 1902 has been paid, together with 1-40 of the principal. Said 120 acres to extend North and south one mile, and extend East a sufficient distance to contain 120 acres. Each of said tracts in Randall county, Texas.

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Don't Fool With a Cold.

From the New York Sun.
We must repeat our warning against pneumonia, the most dangerous disease that prevails in this city, and which is extraordinarily prevalent at this time. Be on the guard at all times against taking cold. Look out for it if you take it. Gladstone used to go to bed and send for a doctor whenever he had a cold, and consequently he got well in a very short time.—The "Sun" is right and their warning should be heeded. For colds there is nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It prevents any tendency of a cold toward pneumonia. It always cures and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

For Sale.—A good family carriage horse and harness—also an almost new tull leather top and leather trimmed buggy. At the News office.

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