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The Marathon Mystery

A Story of Manhattan

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CHAPTER I.

A SUDDEN gust of wind wrenched the door from Godfrey's grasp and slammed it with a bang that echoed through the building.

"Anything doing?" he asked as he flapped the rain from his coat.

Simmonds, the grizzled veteran of the central office, now temporarily in charge of the devious business of the "Tenderloin," shook his head despondently.

"Not a thing. Only," he added, his eyes gleaming suddenly with appreciation, "you were right about that Delanne abduction case. It was all a faked up story on the mother's part. She confessed this evening."

"I thought she would if you kept at her," said Godfrey, sitting down with a quick nod of satisfaction. "She hasn't nerve enough to carry through a thing like that; she's too pink and white. How does it happen, you're alone?"

"Johnston's gone down to Philadelphia to bring back Riggs, the forger. Fleming's got the grip. Bad night."

There was a certain similarity in the faces of the two men, especially in the expression of the eyes and mouth. Age, however, had given to Simmonds' features a trace of stolidity which was wanting in those of his companion. He had been connected with the central office for many years, was dean of the force, in fact, and though he had developed no special genius in his dealings with crime he possessed a matter of fact industry and personal courage which had frequently achieved success.

In the end his chief had come to trust him greatly, probably because the brilliant theorists of the force made so many unfortunate mistakes.

Godfrey was a brilliant theorist and something more. He was not so patient as Simmonds, but then he was much younger. He had more imagination, and perhaps his greatest weakness was that he preferred picturesque solutions to commonplace ones. During his three years' connection with the force he had won four or five notable victories, so notable, indeed, that they attracted the attention of the Record management. The end of it was that Godfrey resigned his badge and entered the Record office as criminal expert, climbing gradually to the position of star reporter. Since then the Record had not waited on the police; indeed, it had been rather the other way around.

It was with Simmonds that Godfrey had long since concluded an alliance offensive and defensive. The one supplemented the other—the eagle gave eyes to the mole; the mole gave the eagle the power of working patiently in the dark. Simmonds kept Godfrey in touch with police affairs; Godfrey enabled Simmonds to make a startling arrest now and then. Godfrey got the story. Simmonds got the glory, and both were satisfied. It may be added that without in the least suspecting it the mole was considerably under the influence of the eagle. Brains naturally lead industry. Besides, the blind must have guidance.

They listened until the gust of wind died away down the street, then Godfrey arose and began to button up his coat.

"Nevertheless," he said, "I've got to be moving on. I can't stay loafing here. I wouldn't have stopped at all but for the chance of seeing you."

"Oh, don't go," protested Simmonds. "I was mighty glad to see you come in. I was feeling a little lonesome. Wait till this squall's over anyway and have a smoke."

Godfrey took the proffered cigar and relapsed into his chair.

"I'm only human," he said as he struck a match, "and besides there's a fascination about you, Simmonds. There's always a chance of getting a good story out of you. You know more about the criminal history of New York than any other man living. I think. Hello, what's this?"

The door flew back with a crash, and a man rushed in—a heavy set man with red cheeks—who stopped, gasping, clutching at his throat.

Godfrey had a flask to his lips in an instant.

"Come, brace up!" he commanded sternly, slapping the stranger on the back. "Take a swallow of this. That's it."

"It seems to me I know him," remarked Simmonds, looking at the flushed countenance with contemplative eye.

"O' course you do," gasped the stranger. "I'm Higgins—the Marathon!" And he jerked his head toward the door.

"Oh, yes," said Simmonds. "You're the janitor of the Marathon apartment house, just across the street."

"Well, what's happened at the Marathon?" demanded Godfrey. "Out with it!"

"It's murder!" cried Higgins hoarsely. "I seed him a-lyin' on his back—"

He stopped and covered his eyes with his hands. Simmonds had quietly opened a drawer and slipped a revolver into his pocket. Then he took down the receiver from his desk phone.

"That you, sergeant?" he called. "This is Simmonds. Send three men over to the Marathon right away."

He put back the receiver with a jerk. Godfrey twisted the janitor snarply around in the direction of the door.

"Go ahead," he commanded, and pushed rather than led him out into the storm.

They made a dash for it through the rain, which was still pouring in torrents. Halfway across the street they descried a cab standing at the farther curb and veered to the right to avoid it.

"Here we are," said Higgins, running up a short flight of steps into a lighted vestibule. "It's in soot fourteen—second floor."

They sprang up the stairs without thinking of the elevator—one flight, two. Higgins began to choke again.

A single door stood open, throwing a broad glare of light across the hallway.

"It's there," said Higgins, and stopped to gasp for breath.

The others ran on. For an instant they stood upon the threshold gazing into the room at a huddled form on the floor, with a red stain growing and growing upon its breast—at a woman staring white faced from the farther corner—a woman, tall, with black hair and black eyes.

Then Godfrey stepped toward her with a quick exclamation of surprise, incredulity, horror.

"Why, it's Miss Croydon!" he said.

CHAPTER II.

SIMMONDS had dropped on one knee beside the body. He was up again in an instant.

"No need for an ambulance," he said tersely. "He's dead."

The words seemed to rouse the girl from the ecstasy of horror which possessed her, and she buried her face in her hands, shuddering convulsively. Godfrey caught her as she swayed forward and led her gently to a chair.

"Perhaps you don't remember me, Miss Croydon," he said. "Godfrey's my name. It was only the other night at Mrs. Delroy's I met you. It was Jack Drysdale who introduced me. You know I'm an old friend of his."

"Yes," she murmured indistinctly. "I remember quite."

An exclamation from Simmonds interrupted her. He had picked up a small pearl handled revolver from the floor in the room.

"Is this yours, miss?" he asked.

She nodded faintly.

He snapped it open and looked at the chambers. One had been discharged. He sniffed at the barrel, then held it out to Godfrey. The odor of burned gunpowder was plainly discernible.

Godfrey's face hardened as he turned to the janitor, who had regained his breath and stood staring on the threshold.

"My friend," he said, "shut the door."

He stopped as he heard the tramp of heavy feet approaching along the corridor.

"Wait," said Simmonds. "There come my men. I'll be back in a minute."

Godfrey nodded curtly and waited until Simmonds closed the door after him.

"Now, Miss Croydon," he said, "tell me quickly how it happened."

She came here to—to keep an appointment. She stopped, her voice dying away, unable to go on.

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too, see there," and he pointed to the red marks about the wound. "It wasn't shot from the corner, that's sure. Let's see what he's got in his pockets."

The examination was soon made. There were only a pipe, a knife, a few loose coins and an old pocketbook containing a little roll of newspaper clippings and a receipt for a month's rent for suit fourteen made out to Thompson.

"Thompson," repeated Simmonds, "and a lot of clippings. Can you identify French, Godfrey?"

"A little," answered Godfrey. "Let me see." He took the clippings and looked at them. They assuredly, Sept. 16, explain. As he mumbled, "I have to go to the most interesting door."

happened here, they thoughtfully to the girl, "no one in the hall?" to the girl, "not a soul in sight."

"You're sure of that?"

"Sure! O' course I am. There's a light in the hall—an, anyway, they ain't no place anybody could hide."

"He might have gone into one of the other rooms, mightn't he?"

"They was all locked—'m certain o' that."

Godfrey took a thoughtful puff or two.

"Well," continued Higgins, quieting down a little, but still keeping one eye over his shoulder, "as I was sayin', I throwed open th' door, an' there was th' girl leanin' agin th' wall an' Thompson on th' floor with a big blood spot on his shirt front. I went give one look at 'em an' then I went down th' steps three at a time an' over th' station. I tell you, it purty nigh done me up."

He was interrupted by a tramp of feet that came down the stairs. It was Simmonds and the coroner.

"Well, we searched the house," said Simmonds.

"Nobody there?" asked Godfrey.

"Not a living soul. I didn't really expect to find anybody; but we went through every room—even to the suits which are occupied."

Higgins opened his mouth suddenly; then as suddenly closed it.

"Did you find the doors all locked?"

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Canyon City is beginning to "look up" of late. The town was recently incorporated and now a move is being inaugurated to organize a commercial club. Canyon City is a good, clean town and a splendid business center. It will continue on a STORE WATCH & CLEANING. Estimates made, reasonable prices. **ALL WORK GUARANTEED.**

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ence of about 30 minutes at points intermediate to Ft. Worth and Texline.

City Council Proceedings.

At the session held Tuesday night, the following business was done, to wit:

A. S. Rollins was appointed city attorney; A. B. Axtell city engineer; Brent C. Taylor assessor and collector, and Travis Shaw treasurer.

A resolution was adopted requesting the engineer to establish and furnish a grade of the Square and several blocks adjacent thereto for the purpose of basing an ordinance requiring conformity in building and as a basis for improvements, sidewalks, etc.

The city was divided into three wards as follows: No. 1 embraces all that portion of the city lying east of the court house; No. 2 takes all that part of the city situated north of a line running east and west through the center of the court house, and No. 3 includes all south of No. 2. T. H. Rowan drew the long term for No. 2 and J. Frank Smith the long term for No. 3.

An ordinance was adopted levying a tax on all occupations taxable under the statutes and amounts permitted thereby. This will be published in full next week.

A resolution was adopted recommending the immediate organization of a Commercial Club like body. This is published elsewhere.

A resolution was adopted imposing a tax to take effect on other nations.

John's Cough Remedy Friday night has been since it was first introduced to the public. It is as good a medicine for a child as for an adult. This remedy is famous for its cures of colds and croup, and can always be depended upon. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

Canyon City's government is getting well in harness and they promise for Canyon a clean vigorous administration which can not fail of success. The address of Mayor Jasper N. Haney was full of wholesome advice and is worthy of careful perusal by the citizens of any town, who wish a clean, progressive community.—Tulia Standard.

Wanted—Some young man to purchase for me a box of those nice chocolate Bon Bons at the Thompson Drug store.

DURING DECEMBER



STOVES-- With "BUCK'S" leading we carry the best.

Some Special Prices For this Month.

2 Cars Of Buggies, Surries and Hacks, and we want to **2 Cars** sell all of them during this month--Our prices ought to do it. Call in and look them over.

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HOFFMAN PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. A. B. Cage gave a Thanksgiving dining that was much enjoyed by all present. Turkey roast, cranberries, pumpkin pies, cake and ice cream, and all kinds of vegetables raised at home, even to hominy made from corn raised on the farm. Why not be thankful for a home in the great Panhandle?

Mack Womble left last Sunday for Goodnight where he entered school Monday.

Misses Mollie and Luna Hitchcock spent Monday night with Mrs. B. T. Johnson.

L. A. Pierce and C. H. Hitchcock shipped some cattle Saturday.

J. C. Coker of Deaf Smith was in our midst last week hunting young mules for sale.

Since the great fire in Deaf Smith, farmers have come over in our community in search of feed and grass for their stock. Glad they can be accommodated. H. S. Burnham and son have gone South to gather a bunch of cattle for Bivens at Amarillo.

TASSIE.

(Note—As account of Miss Hitchcock's marriage appears in another place we have omitted that portion of our correspondent's letter.—Editor.)

J. M. Gibson is adding a room and gallery to his residence.

Mrs. J. W. Howell died Monday evening and on Wednesday the body was shipped to the old home, Van Alstyne, for interment. Mr. and Mrs. Howell came here about two months ago. They have no children. Mrs. Howell was afflicted with "lung trouble" when she came here and passed away from that cause. Mr. Howell, who went with the body of the departed, will return sometime next week.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat reports the marriage of Miss Nettie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hitchcock of this county, to William Y. Sheppard of that city Wednesday of last week. Miss Hitchcock has been residing at St. Louis with relatives. The groom is cashier for a real estate firm.

Strayed Cattle—During the late storm I lost 20 head of stock cattle in some of the following brands: ST with bar under on left side; Z on left hip or H on left thigh. I will pay for information leading to their recovery and also for feed and pasture.

J. T. MORROW,
Canyon City, Texas.

The need of sidewalks and street crossings all over town and especially about the business portion and West Evelyn street by the churches and on to the school building was clearly demonstrated during the last week.

Property Bargains.

I know we are ugly but we have some real bargains in real estate. Here are a few of them: 1/2 block \$500; 1/4 block \$325.

5-room house 1/4 block, good barn, sheds and well—close to school, \$1500.

5-room house 90 ft front, close in, \$1500.

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Local Weather Record.

Since Friday last we have had drying weather and with the exception of Wednesday, which witnessed a strong wind from the West, all the week has been ideal.

Wheat that grows and everything else year ought to be, and no doubt is, booming.

On the first of the month C. P. Hutchings became manager at the place of J. D. Gamble, who, 'tis from, is rich enough to retire from business.

Eight for the South Plains is being taken on the new road as far as Tulia. The work of laying the steel has gotten some six miles below Tulia and with favorable weather it is "laid off" by those in charge to have the "iron horse" into Plainview by the contract time, Jan. 1st, '07.

The Woman's Book Club met with Miss Wilson Thursday evening for the purpose of selecting books that the secretary might make the order at once.

Dirt was broken Monday on the J. L. Prichard concrete building. The contractors, Axtell & Davis, say they will rush the work through to completion.

C. R. Burrow moved into his new residence Saturday, and G. H. Crider of Marion, Ky., will move into the house he vacated, today or tomorrow. Mr. Crider expects to enter the real estate field here.

Mrs. Cook is here visiting her sister, Mrs. G. W. Palmer.

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PERSONAL AND OTHER MATTERS THAT CONCERN OUR CITIZENS.

Mass Meeting Called.

Resolved that it is the sense of the city council of Canyon City, that the business men and citizens in and about this town should assemble in mass meeting and organize a business man's club, of some name, to be determined on at such meeting, for the purpose of procuring, considering and dealing with any and all propositions or enterprises that may be presented or that can properly be encouraged by such club looking to the building up, growth and prosperity, present and future of the town. And to this end a mass meeting is called for next Tuesday night at the court house at 7:30 P. M. CITY COUNCIL.

The News heartily endorses this move and would like to see everybody out on that occasion.

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\$100,000 of surplus money to loan on approved security. Call on First National Bank, or L. T. Lester, Canyon City, Texas.

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Editor J. M. Shaffer of the Plainview Herald was with us Tuesday. He was up to see about a lot of paper stock, some six shipments, which had accumulated at our depot, and which he needed badly in his business at Plainview.

The News editor for this week had to stay inside and do the work of a printer who failed to show up. His last known abiding place was Dallas and he promised to be here Monday without fail, but he came not, and as printer don't lie, he must have been killed in one of the recent wrecks between here and that point. "Peace to his ashes."

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There is not a particle of opium or other narcotic in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and never has been since it was first offered to the public. It is as safe a medicine for a child as for an adult. This remedy is famous for its cures of colds and croup, and can always be depended upon. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

J. B. Thomas has sold all his interests here and this week will move his family and household goods to Cordell, Okla. He has purchased there an 8-room residence in town and ten acres of land at \$1950. W. F. Taylor also bought a residence in the same town at \$1275 and an alfalfa farm of 160 acres near by at \$5,000. Mr. Taylor intends moving there but cannot say when he will get off.

"What's in a name" has been asked by others since the words issued from the mouth of the immortal Shakespeare, but all the same people contend for the name when it comes to Flour. The most popular name, judging by the past, is "GLOBE" when it comes to the highest production of flour. You will be convinced that there is something in a "name" if you try it. On sale at the Canyon Mercantile Co.

Those who think the mail order houses do not advertise heavily should have seen the express offices at Ft. Worth recently when they were sending out 40,000 catalogs to different parts of West Texas. They were shipped to Ft. Worth by freight, it taking ten freight cars to transport them. The printing of these large catalogs cost not less than \$1 each and the express from Ft. Worth to the different towns cost many thousand more. If the farmers have to pay the small advertising bill of the local merchant, wonder who pays for the catalogs of the mail order house?—Taylor County News.

For Sale in Town—Fifteen and one-fourth acres in most desirable portion of Canyon City, west of depot. Will sell either by block or all together. Apply to owner, K. F. McRAE, 4ts Happy, Texas.

W. F. Taylor expects to leave for his new home next week. He has sold his residence either to C. N. Harrison or J. H. Hall at \$2800. If Hall takes it Harrison will get the place he is in now (the Dean residence), at \$1900, and should Hall move into the Dean house Harrison goes into the Taylor residence.

Just Received at the Canyon Hardware Co. a Fine Line of Hand-Painted China.

Sheriff Slover on Wednesday arrested a man giving his name as W. E. Gillin under the charge of theft of a horse in Childress county. The prisoner was taken to Amarillo and turned over to the Childress sheriff Wednesday night.

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R. G. OLDHAM



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Cash & Exchange 215,052.86	
Total \$712,911.88	Total \$712,911.88

I certify that the above is correct. D. A. PARK, Cashier.

Our serial story begins in this issue. It is justly celebrated as one of the very best and in addition to being interesting it is clean all the way through. Read the opening chapters and you will be anxious to finish it.

Rev. W. E. Hawkins, the new Methodist pastor, arrived with his family on Wednesday. At his former home, Claude, he was very much liked both in and out of the church and from what those people say of him, The News is glad to have him come to Canyon City.

Arthur Todd, who has been at "the case" in The News office for the past two months, quit us on the first to enter school. He is an agreeable, steady boy and in time would make a good reliable printer.

J. G. Cruikshank left on Tuesday evening for a visit to his friends and family in the historic Lake Hopson. A way Canada, in't if I was a quick like.

Call an addition to see a sortment says she, "I'll go says I. I'll be back added t' my friend. 't wait; I must be toward th' door. As a Chris says, an' stepped five or friend it. City News one fourteenth, as waitin' at th' Thompson was ter an' I'd have when blessed if in she walked, unfounded I eyes! But in own, tryin' t' be ten min- not shot an' had't hap- had got bullet in lectively, it all is asked

THE Register

Ten Strike Stock located in Pas Apply

If you have something of value for sale at a fair price try an ad in The News.

It is reported that Berne Wilson and Miss Fronie Bell were married at Plainview this week.

LOST—Tuesday evening a pair of white bed blankets. Finder please return to office.

W. W. Stephenson has bought the Rev. J. T. Burnett property across the railroad at \$1050.

Thomas Bros. promise a dress factory for Canyon within sixty days.

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He was interrupted by a tramp of feet that came down the stairs. It was Simmonds and the coroner.

"Well, we searched the house," said Simmonds. "Nobody there?" asked Godfrey.

"Not a living soul. I didn't really expect to find anybody; but we went through every room—even to the suits which are occupied." Higgins opened his mouth suddenly; then as suddenly closed it. "Did you find the doors all locked?" "Every one; the hall windows bolted on the inside and the trap in the roof hooked in place. There's only one way

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"Oh, no," retorted Simmonds coolly. "you didn't do it. But I'm not quite sure you've told us all you know."

Higgins sprang from his chair, fairly foaming at the mouth with rage, but Simmonds calmly disregarded him.

"I've left a man on guard in fourteen," he said. "Goldberg wants to bring his jury around in the morning to look at things. Here's your keys," and he handed the jangling ring back to the janitor and went out.

"They ain't no cause t' suspect me. I ain't done nothin'," grumbled the janitor. Then he looked meditatively at his keys, which he still held in his hand. "Funny," he murmured. "Funny. I don't know when they went out."

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purse, which he slipped back into the
pocket from which he had taken it.
"Now," he added, rising to his feet,
"we'd better get the girl's story."
"Miss Croydon," he began abruptly,
though perhaps in a gentler voice than
he would have used toward the aver-
age suspect, "were you in the room
when this man was killed?"

"Yes, sir."
"You know him?"
"Only slightly," she answered cool-
ly, disregarding Godfrey's stare of
amazement. "His name, I think, was
Thompson."
"You had an engagement with him
here?"

"Yes, sir; on a private matter which
cannot concern the police."
Simmonds passed that over for the
moment.
"Will you kindly tell us just what
happened?" he asked.

"I drove here in a cab," she said,
speaking rapidly, "which I told to wait
for me. In the vestibule I met the
janitor and asked to be conducted to
suit fourteen. He brought me up here
where Mr.—Mr. Thompson was wait-
ing. I entered and closed the door.
We were talking together when the
door of the inner room opened and a
man came out. Before I realized what
he was doing he had raised a bar of
iron he held in his hand and struck
Mr. Thompson upon the head. Then,
standing over him, he drew a revolver
and fired one shot at him. I had
shrunk away into the corner, but
thinking him a madman, believing my
own life in danger, I drew my pocket
pistol and fired at him. Without even
glancing at me he opened the outer
door and disappeared. The janitor
rushed in a moment later."

"Did your shot hit him?" asked
Simmonds.
"I don't know. I think not. He
showed no sign of being wounded."
Simmonds stood looking at her. God-
frey turned to an examination of the
opposite wall.

"Miss Croydon's shot went wild," he
said, curiously elated at this confirma-
tion of her story. "Here's the bullet,"
and he pointed to it imbedded in the
woodwork of the bedroom door.
Simmonds took a look at it, then he
returned to the inquiry.

"Did you know this intruder?" he
asked.
"No, sir. I'd never before seen him,"
she answered steadily.
"Will you describe him?"
She closed her eyes, seemingly in an
effort at recollection.

"He was a short, heavy set man," she
said at last, "with a dark face and
dark mustache, which turned up at the
ends. That is all I can remember."
"And dressed how?"

"In dark clothes. He wore a slouch
hat, I think, drawn down over the eyes.
I didn't see the face clearly."
The answer came without hesitation,
but it seemed to Godfrey that there
was in the voice an accent of forced
sincerity.

"What did he do with the bar of
iron?" asked Simmonds.
"As soon as he struck the blow, I
think he—he threw it down. I remem-
ber hearing it fall."

"Yes—here it is," said Godfrey tri-
umphantly, and fished it out from un-
der a chair which stood near the wall.
"See, Simmonds, it's not a bar, it's
what—"

He examined it. It was an
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"It seems to be straight," he
said, "but I think about it?"
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are you going to do?"
"I'm going to quiz the janitor and
then search the house. Maybe the
other fellow hasn't had a chance to get
away yet. I wonder what's going on
out there?" he added as they returned
together to the other room.

They could hear a commotion of
some sort in the hall, the hum of many
voices, the shuffling of many feet.

The commotion swelled to an uproar
as Simmonds opened the door and
closed it quickly behind him. Godfrey
heard his voice raised in angry expo-
sultation, and he chuckled grimly to
himself as he turned to Miss Croydon.
He gazed at her with interest, search-
ingly, pondering how best to surprise
her secret—at the bent head, with its
crown of dark hair, shadowed by a lit-
tle velvet hat; at the rounded arms, the
graceful figure.

He paused yet a moment, looking at
her, at the slender hands, the little ear,
and he pictured to himself what her
training had been, how she had been
fenced away from the rough places of
the world, the unpleasant things of life.
Certainly she could never have com-
mitted such a crime as this or even
connived at it.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,
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IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT,
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Before me, J. A. Tate, Clerk of the
County Court in and for said Coun-
ty, personally appeared the Members
of the Commissioners' Court, whose
names are below subscribed, who
upon their oaths, do say: That the
requirements of Art. 867, Chapter 1,
Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes
of the State of Texas, as amended
by the regular session of the Twen-
ty-fifth Legislature, have in all things
been fully complied with, and that
the cash and other assets mentioned
in the quarterly report made to and
filed in this court by R. B. Redfern,
County Treasurer of said County, for
the quarter ending the 31st day of
Oct., 1906, and held by him for said
County, have been fully inspected and
counted by them at this Term
of said Court; and that the amount
of money and other assets in the
hands of said Treasurer are as
follows, to-wit:

Total amount of cash in the Funds
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Subscribed and sworn before me this
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J. A. TATE,
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