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### The Marathon Mystery

A Story of Manhattan

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#### SYNOPSIS PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Godfrey, a newspaper reporter, is talking with his friend Simmonds, a detective, when the janitor of the Marathon, an apartment house, comes in with the story that a murder has been committed. At the Marathon, Miss Croydon, an acquaintance of Godfrey, is found with a pistol in her hand in a room with a dead man. She denies being responsible for his death and claims that she came to his room to secure family papers which he claimed to possess. She alleges that the murder was committed by a stranger who came into the room, but states that she fired a shot at the assailant of the deceased. The bullet from her pistol was found imbedded in the wall.

Later, Jimmy, a well known crook, is arrested for the murder, but he insists on his innocence until told that Miss Croydon will appear as a witness against him. Then he suddenly asks to be locked up.

Drysdale, fiancé of Miss Croydon, calls on Godfrey, who tells him the story of the murder. Drysdale explains that he called at the Delroy residence on the night of the crime and found Miss Croydon absent and her sister, Mrs. Delroy, greatly agitated. Miss Croydon returned suddenly and declined to explain her absence. Drysdale expresses faith in the innocence of Miss Croydon.

At the coroner's inquest Miss Croydon states positively that Jimmy, the Dude, is not the guilty man, and he is released.

Godfrey secures the record of the Croydon family, who formerly lived in France, but removed to England. Edith Croydon, eldest daughter, was educated in France; left school suddenly on account of ill health; subsequently married Richard Delroy of New York. Croydon and wife died in England, leaving fortune to daughter Grace.

#### CHAPTER V.

AS a matter of course, the affair at the Marathon created a great public sensation. The papers overflowed with details, theories, suggestions to the police, letters from interested readers.

It has long been a habit of mine, when any particularly abstruse criminal mystery is before the public, to pin my faith to the Record. Its other features I do not admire, but I knew that Jim Godfrey was its expert in crime, and ever since my encounter with him in the Holladay case I have entertained the liveliest admiration of his acumen and audacity. If a mystery was possible of solution, I believed that he would solve it, so it was to the Record I turned now and read carefully every word he wrote about the tragedy.

I was sitting in my room on the evening of the second day after the affair, smoking a postprandial pipe and reading the Record's stenographic report of the coroner's inquest, when there came a knock at my door and my landlady entered. She held in her hand a paper which had a formidable legal appearance.

"Have you found another apartment yet, Mr. Lester?" she asked.

"No, I haven't, Mrs. Fitch," I said. "I'm afraid I've not been as diligent in looking for one as I should have been."

"Well, I've just got another notice," and she sighed wearily. "They're going to begin tearing down the house day after tomorrow. I can't find another house, so I'm going to put my furniture in storage. I've told the men to come for it tomorrow."

"All right," I said. "If I can't find an apartment to suit, I'll put my stuff in storage, too, and stay at a hotel for awhile. I'll know by tomorrow noon, Mrs. Fitch."

I settled back in my chair and took up my paper again, when a sudden thought brought me bolt upright. Here was an apartment, two rooms and bath, just what I wanted, empty—and, moreover, so situated that I should be admirably placed for close at hand study of the tragedy. I glanced at my watch. It was only half past 7, and I hurried into my coat in a sudden fever of im-

patience lest some one else should get there before me.

Twenty minutes' walk brought me to the Marathon apartment house, and as I stepped into the vestibule I saw sitting by the elevator a red faced man whom I recognized instantly as Higgins, the janitor. He rose as I approached him.

"You have an apartment here to rent, haven't you?" I asked.

"Not just now, sir," he answered. "There will be next week—if the walk-in' delegates leaves us alone. You see, th' house is being remodeled."

"Oh," I said, more disappointed than I cared to show. "I thought perhaps there was one I could move into at once. Next week won't do me any good."

He moistened his lips and scratched his head, eyeing me undecidedly.

"May I ask your name, sir?" he said at last.

I handed him a card which had also the address of my firm, Graham & Royce. He read it slowly.

"We've got one apartment, sir," he said, looking up when he had mastered it; "two rooms an' bath—but it needs a little cleanin' up. When do y' have t' have it?"

"I have to move in tomorrow," I answered, and I told him briefly why.

"May I look at this apartment?"

He hesitated yet a moment, then straightened up with sudden resolution.

"You see it if you want to, sir," he said, "but first I must tell you that it's soot fourteen, where they was a—a murder two days ago."

"A murder?" I repeated. "Oh, yes; I did see something about it in the papers. Well, that doesn't make any difference; I'm not afraid of ghosts."

"Then that's all right, sir," he said, with a sigh of relief, and motioned toward the elevator.

The car stopped and he led the way down the hall.

"Here we are," he said, pausing before a door and producing a bunch of keys. "Which reminds me that I'll have t' git a key fer you—the other tenant lost his—leastways, it wasn't found on him. Or maybe you'd rather I'd change th' lock?"

"Oh, no," I assured him. "Another key will do, and we entered together. I examined the room with keen interest. Evidently everything had been left just as it was on the night of the crime; only the body had been removed, and it, I knew, was at the morgue waiting identification.

Higgins led the way into the bedroom and opened the door of the bathroom beyond.

"I shall bring my own furniture," I said. "But I haven't any carpets. Perhaps I can buy these. They seem pretty good."

"They are, sir," agreed Higgins.



"It's soot fourteen, where they was a—a murder."

"They're good carpets, and as good as th' day they was put down. It'll make it lots easier for us if we don't have t' take 'em up."

"All right," I agreed. "Find out what they're worth. When can you have the rooms ready?"

He looked at me and scratched his head again. Then, remembering suddenly the nature of janitors, I took out my purse and tipped him.

"Have them ready by tomorrow afternoon," I said. "Get a man to help you, if necessary. I'll expect to be at home here tomorrow night."

"That's all right, sir," he assured me instantly, and just then the elevator bell rang. "There," he added, "it's them confounded artists, too lazy t' walk downstairs. I'll be back in a minute, sir."

I looked about the room. There was the corner where Miss Croydon had covered, and from which she had shot at Thompson's assailant. There was the spot where Thompson himself had fallen. He had lain extended on the carpet, while the—what was that? A tiny sparkle caught my eye, a reflection of the light overhead. I sprang from my chair and stooped above the place, but could see nothing. I returned to my chair and again caught the reflection. This time I marked it exactly in the pattern of the carpet, went to it carefully, put down my hand—nothing—yes, a little hard point pressed into the carpet, so minute I could not pick it up. I moistened my

finger, and an instant later under the light I saw that I had found a diamond!

"Well, have y' got it all fixed, sir?" asked a voice from the door, and I turned with a start to see Higgins standing there.

"Yes," I answered, rousing myself with an effort; and I gave him such directions as occurred to me. "Has any one else been in the rooms?" I asked.

"Say, that's funny!" he cried. "I'd purty nigh fergot it. Early this mornin' they was somebody—a woman." He came close to me and dropped his voice to a hoarse whisper. "D' y' know who I think it was? That Croydon woman!"

I stared at him in amazement.

"Weren't you sure?"

"No; she had a veil wrapped round her head an' she was dressed different. But it was her—I know it."

"And what did she want?" I asked, more and more astonished.

"She wanted t' see th' rooms, but I told her they was closed. I tell you, I was dead afeared t' come up here with her. How'd I know but she'd take a shot at me? Then she wanted t' rent 'em sight-unseen, an' offered a month's rent in advance, but I told her we didn't rent suits t' single women, which was true. Maybe I was kind o' rough, but I was a-skeered t' have her around, fer I kind o' believe she's crazy, so purty soon, after some more talkin', she give it up an' went away."

As we went down in the elevator the car stopped. A man and a woman were waiting to be taken up. At the man I did not even glance, for his companion held my eyes. Such fierce, dark, passionate beauty I had never seen before, and my nerves were still tingling with the sight of it as I left the building and turned westward toward my rooms.

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**NEW YEAR'S GREETING.**

The year 1906, just departing, has been a prosperous one for our country generally and especially so for the Texas Panhandle. No portion of the Panhandle has prospered more than the Plains country and no part of the Plains more so than has Canyon City and Randall county.

Good crops have been made: crops, especially small grain, which have not only demonstrated the great natural fertility of our soil but its special adaptation to the successful growing of wheat. Twenty bushels average the county over for 1905 and twenty-five for 1906, with some fields making a record of over forty bushels per acre. Other crops have also yielded well, cattle have done fine and fat hogs are plentiful.

All these things mentioned are not new to Plains people, they are used to them, but the outside world has "caught on" and a general advance in land values has been the natural consequence. Inside of this good year, 1906, Randall county land has trebled in price and still the rise is on and from all appearances on to stay.

This upward tendency in the country has affected the tax, such things always do, and Canyon City during 1906 has about doubled its population. Substantial residences, many of them, have been erected all over town; others are being started and more yet are contracted for. In the way of business houses brick and concrete are rapidly taking the place of lumber; four large bricks are now nearing completion, one concrete was just begun last week and three more are waiting on the contractors. In fact it has been progress all along every line; money has been plentiful, we are getting on our feet, we might say, and labor, both skilled and unskilled, has found steady employment and at good wages.

Yes, 1906 has been a good year, a fat year, and from present indications 1907 will be one of equal profit to the country generally. The News has several reasons for this prediction among which are the excellent condition of the fall sown wheat and the almost positive assurance we have of a large immigration of practical farmers from the middle states this winter and spring. There are other reasons equally as potent but those given already are sufficient for the time.

And so, thankful for the blessings of 1906 and with faith in this, our Plains country, strengthened by its experience, the News confidently looks forward to 1907 for a year of even greater and better things. Such is the retrospect of The News editor as the sands of 1906 are running low and so with praises to God, from whom all blessings flow, he heartily extends to each of The News readers the old time honored greeting—

A Happy New Year.

**CAR SHORTAGE PLEA NO GOOD.**

Recent investigations touching the plea of "car shortage" now being put forward by the railroads goes to show that they have been misleading the people. At Kansas City alone there are said to be banked up on the various yards over 4000 empty freight cars. Topeka shows over 300 empties, Springfield, Mo., 375, Wichita 350 and so on all along down the line empties on almost every siding. A special from

Kansas City to the Dallas News recently is authority for the startling statement that "railway officials themselves are holding 3000 empties at Kansas City until the grain market gets right." Public carriers speculating on the misfortunes of some and the miseries of others of the common people. What a spectacle if true, and why should it pass unavenged?

All over Oklahoma, the Texas Panhandle and some other great prairies of the southwest there is today a coal famine on hand, the worst on record and at the very worst season of the year for it. Suffering, great suffering and even death, "his said, has already been occasioned by it and without speedy relief the outcome is gloomy indeed.

There is plenty of coal at the mines wanting a market. The dealers have had their orders in "months ago." So, say ours in Canyon City, and that being the case the fault, all of it, lays at the door of the railroads and they should undoubtedly be held responsible for it.

Some time ago The News was inclined to consider the plea of "car shortage" good, but in the light of recent developments it won't go any longer. It may be that some high railroad officials, as the Dallas News correspondent intimates, have allowed speculation to so warp their judgment as to blind their eyes when the public interests are concerned, or again, it may be that the railroads are sadly mismanaged; in either case they are and should be made answerable to an outraged people.

**Applies to Us Also.**

The News realizes that the people of Armstrong county are now face to face with a very serious proposition—the removal of the Santa Fe railroad track from Panhandle to Washburn and relaying it from Panhandle to Amarillo. If our people make proper effort, we have no fear whatever of the result; if they rest quietly at their homes and do nothing to retain what of right belongs to them, then they must expect to lose. There is no question but what a large majority of the representatives are opposed to the main principle involved, that is, the abandonment of a railroad after having been built, and especially for no public good but solely in the interest of one town to the detriment of another. The only thing necessary for our citizens to do is to send a delegation of representative citizens to Austin to properly present the case to our law-makers. To do this it is essential that there be concert of action. To do the necessary work money will be required for railroad fare and hotel bills. As every taxpayer and every loyal citizen of Armstrong county is interested in this matter it must not be left for the few to bear the burden; every one must do his part. Austin will be flooded with representatives from Amarillo and our people must be up and doing. Don't rely on the other fellow doing it all; do your part.

Claude News.  
And not only does this apply to us at Canyon City and in Randall county, but to every other small town upon a railroad anywhere else in the state, for once established such a precedent as the instance at bar and might the mere force of members coupled with great wealth at any one point will place all the lesser lights at its mercy.

Yes, the people of this county, close neighbor to Armstrong, should and will help the weaker party, the one sought to be wronged in this matter, and so should right thinking people all over Texas.

Talia recently had a Democratic mass meeting, called by the county chairman, in which Senator Bailey was endorsed by a vote of 25 to 20. According to the Talla Standard it was a lively affair, and like a violent, thunder storm did much toward clearing the political atmosphere of that place. Why not have a mass meeting of Democrats here for the same purpose? Are the present champions of our junior senator afraid of the result?

**ON NEW-YORK'S EAST SIDE.**

How New Year's Day is Celebrated in the Italian Colony.

The little boys and girls of Mulberry street, on New York's queer east side, keep their pockets, purses and savings banks ready for New Year's. This is their great day. Whether or not The American Santa Claus put anything in their stockings on Christmas, their own uncles and aunts cannot get off without strena de capo d'anno (New Year's gift). The strena is confined to the children and to cash. It is to be distributed by the relatives and friends of the household on New Year's day, when calls and congratulations are in order.

"Buon capo d'anno!" (A good head of the year?)  
"Lo stesso a voi per cento anni!" (The same to you for a hundred years!)  
When the greetings are over the guests will be treated to vermicelli served with a special sort of sauce and salad and "merisano" prepared with oil and lemon juice. The thought of the New Year's feast makes the black eyed children smack their red lips and their time is taken up with discussing it as well as with making forecasts as to how much of a strena they will receive and how much they will put in his or her little hand before leaving.

The old folks in Italy, too, are thinking gratefully of the great land beyond the seas over the wine and vegetable which they have bought with American money. If strena is here only given to children an exception is made for the old people at home, to whom a New Year's gift is sent three or four weeks in advance so as to reach its destination in time for the great religious and civil holiday. The Mulberry street bankers do a rushing business in capo d'anno remittances.—New York Herald.

**THE NEW YEAR IN JAPAN.**

The Day When the Mikado Has to Get Up at 5 o'clock.

Quiet and curious New Year customs exist in Japan, where the 1st of January commences with a religious festival celebrated at 5 in the morning. At the time the mikado dressed in Japanese costume, proceeds from the palace, followed by his deputies arrayed in ancient style and the foreign diplomats in regalia dress. He enters a small building or temple, prostrates himself to the east, west, north and south, and all present pray for the prosperity of the nation.

Later at a ceremonial breakfast the emperor and empress receive their family and court for three hours, the toasts being thronged. At the expiration of that time the real year begins, and a formal luncheon is served from which each guest is expected to take a cup and savor each souvenir.

Among the people the earth and heaven are propitiated by offerings of rice and vegetables, and a piece of red paper are pasted on the doors as a sign of good luck. This color is used exclusively save in cases where a death has occurred within a year, when blue paper is used instead of red. The day ends with people still saluting each other and attending the plays at the theaters, where gorgeous robes and monotonous voices are the distinguishing features.—New York World.

**New Year's on the Ganges.**

To know whether one will outlive the year is almost universally regarded as a very desirable piece of knowledge, and to acquire it the men and women of different nations resort to various stratagems to divine fate to stand and deliver. The practice of the Ganges lights a tiny candle and fixes it upright on a bit of board, which he launches on the waters of the sacred stream, if it remains afloat until he can reach 777, the perfect number, he regards his prospects as good for the year. If it goes out the omen is unfavorable. He gives himself the benefit of expedition, too, for instead of counting in prose or fashion—one, two, three, four in the old slow style, he counts by leaps and bounds—five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, thirty—and thus takes advantage of the flickering candle and fluctuating wave and increases his length of days by the glossiness of his tongue.—Pittsburg Press.


**Watching the Old Year Out.**

Watching the old year out has been a common custom in many lands. In most countries it assumes with the seasons the phase of devotion. In many countries where Roman Catholicism is the prevalent form of faith the year is begun with midnight masses. Among the Greek Catholics the same usage prevails. It declined in the Church of England, but was revived by several of the dissenting bodies, the watch night of the Methodists being merely a modification of the once general practice. Among the convivially inclined, however, watch night is taken anything but seriously, and the new year is welcomed with such signs of rejoicing as to one who did not understand the customs would seem to indicate that all men were heartily tired of existence and glad to see their years go by as speedily as possible.

**The First January New Year's Day.**

Cesar selected the feast of Janus, the two faced god of war, as the year's great milestone, because the statue of this god seemed to look back into the past and forward into the future; hence on New Year's day we are still paying tribute to a heathen god. Prior to the reform of the calendar the Romans observed the 21st day of December, the winter solstice, as the beginning of the year. This date and the summer solstice, the 21st of June, as well as the vernal and autumnal equinoctial changes in March and September, have come in for first place in the year at various times in the history of the world.

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I really ought to make.  
Mom's promised to stop gossipin',  
An' so has Sister Sue.  
I guess I'll resolve a bit.  
Le's see—what shall I do?

"I'll resolve, I guess, to quit  
A-splittin' kindlin' wood;  
Then pop 'll have to do that work,  
Like fathers always should.  
An' then, while I'm a-doin' it,  
I'll resolve to quit  
The Sunday school, fer gain' there  
With me don't make no hit."



"I GUESS I'LL RESOLVE A BIT."

"I'd like to resolve some way  
To git myself a goat;  
I want a buttin' billy ram  
With whiskers on his throat.  
An' then I'll resolve, I guess,  
To heat up Tommy Hunt;  
He's took an' stole my girl from me,  
The doggone little runt!

"I reckon that's enough fer me  
To resolve just now;  
At any rate, I'll make that do—  
It's plenty, anyhow.  
Le's see—I start on New Year's day.  
Well, that ain't very fur.  
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The proposition of Senator Bailey that all those members of the Legislature who feel inclined to vote against him should resign at once is not at all astonishing when the source is considered. Had all that is now known of the Senator's relations with his friend Pierce been in possession of the people prior to the primaries this, Bailey's contention, might have something in it, but it so happened, and the fault lays chiefly at the Senator's own door, that the damaging testimony against him was unknown then and to say now that his sins should be overlooked merely because he stands as a Democratic nominee of a perfunctory primary is to speak foolishly.

Fine Candies—Best in town at Wilson's.

Town was full of folks on Christmas eve and all busy trading.

All kinds of Racket Goods School supplies and Confectionery at Wilson's. Try us.

Judge Eckman is back home from Mineral Wells feeling much better, he says.

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

Nash Hicks is among those coming home for Christmas times.

J. W. Dixon, who is teaching near Fanchon, was in town Christmas eve.

**Call and see the large assortment of Fine Lamps at The Canyon Hardware Co.**

Rather short on local items this week—took Christmas in part.

The Seydler Mercantile Co. has decided to dispose of its entire clothing stock at cost. See their ad on first page.

Wilbert Peterson, the Jeweler is now prepared to do all kinds of engraving and do it right. See him about it.

**Whimsical Voices**

BY J. J. T.

**CLUBS ARE TRUMPS.**

The prehistoric skull, 'tis said, Was very thick and full of grub— And proved a most inviting head Whereon to test the power of Clubs. They say, our prehistoric sires Abode in caves and dined on shrubs, And warmed them by volcanic fires, And introduced the use of Clubs. They say, when man his caudal shed And stood above his fellow cubs, The ideas that enlarged his head Were forced there by the use of Clubs. They say, as time kept gliding by, The women learned the use of tubs, And, simply by the goo-goo eye, Controlled the Boss who held the Clubs.

Ages before the flood, they say, Old SNOBS was never fond of SNEBS; So just to pass the time away, They cracked each other's heads with Clubs.

Today, the ladies, bless their souls, Have learned how diamond diamond rubs; They fish for joy in flowing bowls, And conquer time with Counter-Clubs.

City Council Proceedings.

At the Friday meeting of last week a contract was let to "Gunny Sack" Robinson to grade the public square and the several streets leading therefrom for one block out. This contract includes the gutting which is to be ten feet out from the property line at which point the curb line of the sidewalks have been fixed. The work is to be completed during January and when finished is subject to approval by the city authorities. The price to be paid is fifteen cents per square yard for the dirt actually removed. The rough estimate of the total cost on this is about \$150. Parties having this contract are already at work on it.

Misses Lola Word, Isabel Prichard and Helen Carter and Messrs. J. P. Hicks, Willie Word, Robert Campbell and Nash Hicks are spending the holidays at home.

R. H. Wright of Greenville, Texas, and recently of the Greenville National Bank is now assistant cashier of the Canyon National Bank. Mr. Wright comes to us highly recommended as a gentleman and as an efficient bank official and has met with a cordial welcome at the hands of our people.

I have a limited amount of home grown nursery stock that I can furnish my neighbors, cheap, including trees, shrubs, berries, etc. Phone me your wants and I will dig them for you. A. N. HENSON.

A Wild West show, bucking horses and mules, etc., and a "turkey walk" furnished lots of amusement for a portion of our people on Christmas day.

The residence T. H. Rowan is having put up on the quarter block he recently purchased from John Hutson will probably cost him \$2500 or better.

Mrs. John Hibdon arrived Sunday and Mr. Hibdon, wife and baby boy are at home in the Hitchcock house south of The News office.

Miss Cora Hendrix of Oklahoma, is spending the holidays with friends in our city.

In Line With the Pure Food Law.

The National Food and Drug Act which takes effect Jan. 1, 1907, does not effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in any manner. No special labels are required on this remedy under that Act, as it is free from opiates and narcotics of every character, making it a safe remedy for mothers to use with their children. This remedy has been in use for so many years, and its good qualities are so well known, that no one need hesitate to use it when troubled with a cough or cold. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

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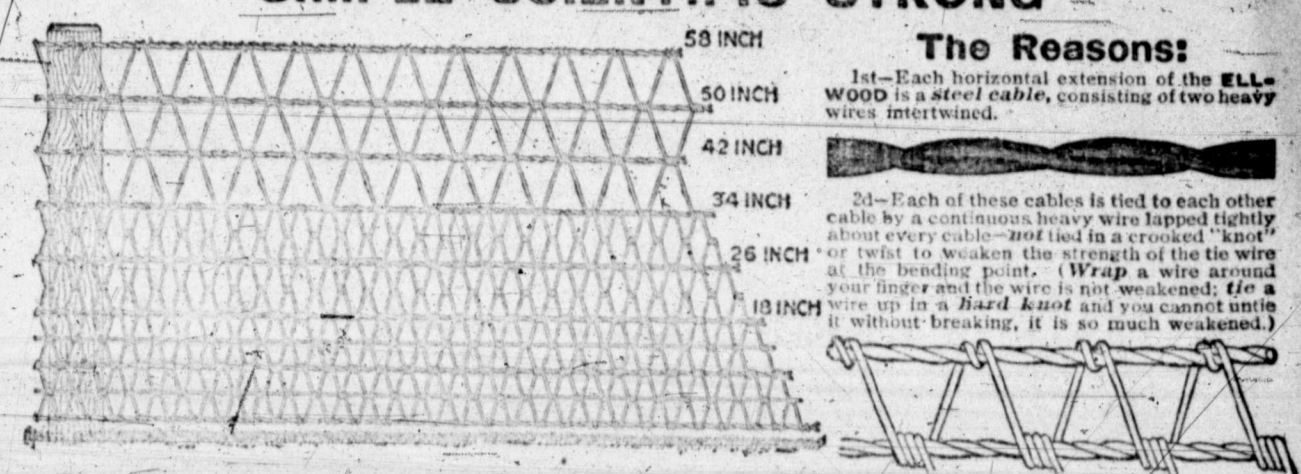
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RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts \$377,674.87	Capital Stock \$100,000.00
U. S. Bonds and Premiums 164,746.05	Surplus and Profits 33,132.10
Banking House and Fixtures 9,888.50	Circulation 100,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer 5,000.00	
Cash & Exchange 215,052.86	Deposits 479,779.78
<b>Total \$712,911.88</b>	<b>Total \$712,911.88</b>

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

**Of Interest to Mothers.**

There is one subject which always interests the mothers of young children, and that is how to treat their coughs and colds, or to ward off a threatened attack of croup. For this purpose we can recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It always proves beneficial. In cases of croup it should be given as soon as the croupy cough appears so as to prevent the attack. Keep it at hand ready for instant use. Many mothers do so and it saves them much uneasiness. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Terra Blanco Association will convene with the Baptist church here Friday night, and continue until Sunday night. On Friday night at 7:30 Rev. J. W. Foster will preach at the church with the discussion of the work of the Master on Saturday, Saturday night and Sunday. On Sunday Rev. O. W. Bean will preach at the church at 11. Sunday night Rev. S. C. Bailey will preach at 7:30.

**Local Weather Record.**

The week just past has been exceptionally fine. Christmas was a beautiful day and so we may say of all the days since last Friday.

Lost—In Canyon City Dec. 26, gold filled watch, Waltham movement, "J. J. Simpson" engraved on inside of case. Finder please leave at Gober, Hume & Kenyon's.

Services at the Presbyterian church Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Subject at 11 a. m., "The all Important Question for 1907." Come. A. B. HAYNES, Pastor.

Real cedar Christmas trees, grown in Randall county, nicely decorated and well loaded with presents were displayed in all our churches Christmas eve and the several entertainments preceding the arrival of Santa Claus who officiated at the distribution, were heartily enjoyed. It was a merry Christmas, sure enough and a generous one—not a person in town being overlooked unless by chance.

J. L. Brown left this week for his home, Allen, Texas, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. J. S. Stockard.

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R. W. O'Keefe, wife and daughter, went to Fort Worth Wednesday, where Miss May will enter college.  
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**Dog Tax Notice.**  
All persons who desire to keep dogs within the city limits are hereby requested to please come forward at once and pay the tax.  
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City Marshal.  
A free railroad excursion is planned for Plainview tomorrow.



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COMMERCIAL CLUB PROCEEDINGS.

The club meeting Thursday night of last week was well attended and full of interest. New members were added as follows: E. A. Upfold, W. C. Baird, Travis Shaw, L. T. Lester, A. N. Henson and W. D. Scott, Esq. The business transactions were as follows:

A. S. Rollins, Esq., of the committee on by-laws reported the following which was adopted:

We the citizens of Canyon City and Randall county, in order to promote the upbuilding of Canyon City and the development of the resources of Randall county hereby join in the organization of a Commercial club.

Art. 1. The name of this organization shall be "The Canyon City Commercial Club."

Art. 2. The officers of this commercial club shall be a president, a vice-president and a secretary-treasurer, who shall serve without compensation except that the secretary-treasurer may be paid a salary not to exceed fifty dollars per month, to be fixed by the club at some regular meeting.

Art. 3, Sec. 1. All male inhabitants of Canyon City and Randall county above the age of 21 years shall be eligible to membership in this club.

Sec. 2. Each member shall pay fifty cents per month in advance as dues, and it shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to collect all dues owing by any of the members.

Art. 4, Sec. 1. There shall be three standing committees appointed by president of this club, which committees shall be composed of five members each and shall be known as the "Committee on Internal Improvements, Publicity, and General Welfare, respectively."

Sec. 2. The duties of the committee on internal improvements shall be to look after and encourage improvements of every kind within and near Canyon City and report same to the club in order that the club may lend its aid to all worthy enterprises.

Sec. 3. The duty of the committee on publicity shall be to formulate and distribute such literature and advertisements as will best place Canyon City and Randall county before the homeseeker and capitalist, and to eternally keep at it and never give up.

Sec. 4. The duty of the committee on general welfare shall be to keep a weather eye out and report all matters to the club requiring action, and to advise the club of the true status of the matter and in the absence of any action by the club to act for the club.

Sec. 5. The president, vice-president and the chairmen of the above standing committees shall compose the board of directors of this club, whose duty shall be to advise with the secretary-treasurer on any business of the club and to look after and control the financing and management of any undertaking of the club.

Art. 5. The president of this club shall preside at all meetings, and in case of his absence, the vice-president shall preside. The president shall also be chairman of the board of directors. The secretary-treasurer shall keep correct minutes of all meetings of the club and shall collect all money due the club and shall

pay same out only on written order of the board of directors.

Art. 6. There shall be appointed by the president of this club such special committees as from time to time may be necessary for the best interest of the club.

Art. 7. This club shall hold one regular meeting in each month which shall be on the second Thursday night of each month, and it shall hold as many call meetings as the president and board of directors shall deem necessary.

Art. 8. All the officers of this club shall hold their offices for a term of one year and until their successors have been duly elected and qualified, and the annual election of officers shall be held at the regular meeting to be held in June of each year.

Art. 9. All votes shall be by standing vote, and fifteen members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

Art. 10. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of this club by a majority vote of the members present.

In accord with these by-laws J. C. Hunt, Esq., was elected vice-president and the committees named formed as follows:

Internal Improvements—L. C. Lair, Dr. Ingham, J. C. Pipkin, W. T. Moreland and A. B. Axtell. Publicity—L. T. Lester, W. C. Baird, Geo. L. Abbott, A. S. Rollins, J. A. Wallace.

General Welfare—A. N. Henson, Dr. Stewart, C. P. Hutchins, B. Frank Bue and W. D. Scott.

The first named person of each of the three committees is chairman.

The proposition from Terrell for electric light and ice plant, was referred to the committee on internal improvements and to the secretary for reply.

On a showing being made by L. C. Lair there was still a balance due on right-of-way money for the Plainview railroad, and on motion duly carried the chair appointed J. F. Smith, J. H. Denbar and J. H. Garrison as a committee to raise the same.

The following resolutions submitted, and read by J. C. Hunt was declared by unanimously. It bears on the proposition to establish a National Park in the canyon and reads as follows:

To the Legislature of the State of Texas when convened in regular biennial session on the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1907:

The Commercial Club of Canyon City, Texas, speaking for the people of this section of the country, would respectfully show and call the attention of the legislature of the state of Texas to the following:

We have in this, Randall county, Texas, one of the most picturesque canyons in the west today. It is not exceeded in beauty and grandeur by the Grand Canyons of Colorado. This canyon has its beginning some distance above and west of Canyon City, Texas, fed by ever living springs. Some three or four miles below Canyon City this canyon begins to get deeper and wider, and for twenty or thirty miles its course is marked by its great depth and natural scenery. Its depth is from 200 to 1500 feet and its width is from one-third to five miles. It is the head waters of Red River. It has its many springs of soft and some mineral water. Here you find deep bluffs, steep precipices and rugged and majestic scenery. There grows on and in this canyon a great abundance of timber, vines and other vegetation. Here grows the cottonwood, hackberry, walnut, sycamore, and the cedar trees, grape vines, Virginia climbers, maiden hair ferns, and many other running and clinging vines. These vines adorn the sides of the canyon, growing from the rocky walls, climbing up and hanging down, reaching from crag to crag as artistically as if twined and trained by the hand

of an artist. Here you find beautiful water falls from 50 to 100 feet fall and caves and natural kitchens, with overhanging rocks. From the bottom of this canyon looking up for hundreds of feet you will see layer after layer of rock, and from its sides the fern, grass, trees grow out with as much freshness as if in deep and fertile soil; great boulders lying in the valley below as if thrown out by some sub-terrestrial disturbance and, in all, making this one grand and majestic scene animating and pleasing to the eye. In this great canyon once roamed the panther, the bear, and the buffalo which has become almost entirely extinct if not entirely so in this canyon, but here still can be found the wildcat, wolves, deer, antelope, the mink, opossum, coon, squirrel and the jack rabbit. Many quail and prairie chickens can be found and many more birds of richest hue. This is the home of the buffalo, and although the buffalo is almost extinct in these parts, except the domesticated, it should be set apart for his habitation and preservation. One of our generous hearted citizens, Col. Chas. Goodnight of Goodnight, Texas, has expressed a desire to assist in the work of securing this great canyon, or a part of it, as a game reserve and will donate his great herd of buffaloes and the cross breed, the catalo, whenever it is properly set aside as a game reserve. We most respectfully ask the legislature of the state of Texas to lend its aid in the propagation of this enterprise, and to memorialize the congress of these United States to set aside for the purpose as aforesaid so much of this canyon as will be sufficient for the home of the buffalo and other game where is the natural and characteristic home of the same. We would suggest that congress be asked to set aside for this purpose an amount of money sufficient to purchase and put in proper order, fence, etc., as will protect it from the ravages of time and trespass. We would respectfully ask the legislature to cede jurisdiction to the United States so that it can properly take charge of this desired reservation and make for all time to come such a game reserve as will keep sacred to the people intact a natural game reserve for the fast disappearing buffalo and other game once so numerous in this country.

Notice. In accordance with the provision of Sec. 37, Article III of the Constitution of Texas, notice is hereby given that the Amarillo Commercial Club and various citizens of Amarillo, intend to apply to the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Texas, to be convened in the City of Austin on the Second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1907, for the enactment of a special law authorizing and providing for the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas to abandon and take up all that part of its line of road and track between Panhandle, in Carson County, Texas, and Washburn in Armstrong County, Texas, which was formerly constructed and owned by the Panhandle Railway Company, being about 14.72 miles of railway, and acquired by the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas, under and by virtue of an act of the Twenty-sixth Legislature known as H. B. No. 123 and appearing as Chapter XXV in the published laws of said Twenty-sixth Legislature, and requiring the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas, in lieu thereof, to construct and maintain its road on a direct line from Panhandle in Carson County, in a south-westerly direction to Amarillo, in Potter County, Texas; and prescribing the terms, conditions and regulations under which said old line may be so abandoned and taken up and such new line constructed and maintained.

Witness our signatures, this Nov. 12, 1906. AMARILLO COMMERCIAL CLUB, By JEFF D. BARTLETT, President, and JOHN K. SHIREMAN, Secretary.

J. L. SMITH, A. EBERSTADT, J. C. PAUL, W. H. FUQUA, R. L. STRINGFELLOW, C. E. OAKES, R. B. NEWCOME, H. B. SANBORN, WILL A. MILLER, Jr.

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