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By John Hibdon

## Report of University High School Inspector

Believing that the report submitted to the University authorities by Mr. W. S. Taylor, High School Inspector, of the conditions as he found them in Pecos High School might be of interest I am taking the liberty to submit the same.

The physical conditions of the Pecos High School are fair. The building is large and roomy and is moderately comfortable. It is heated by steam but the system is not a good one and should be remodeled.

The equipment of the school is meager. Good seats and black board space may be found in most of the rooms; the library is very poor; charts and maps for history are badly needed; source and reference books for history are almost entirely lacking. The problem of equipping the school properly has just been undertaken this year. Mr. Yoe has had but three months to work on this and has not had time to properly carry out his plans.

The discipline of the school is splendid.

The routine of the school is not satisfactory to the visitor nor to the superintendent. Practically every student in the High School is taking five subjects and some six. The superintendent plans to put the school on a sixteen unit basis next year; of this I heartily approve.

The work in every subject was in much better condition than the visitor expected to find it. The instruction is splendid and the work on the whole in good shape.

History is exceptionally strong considering the fact the school has so little teaching equipment. The instructor is a wide-awake, enthusiastic teacher and she is getting results. The recitations were interesting and the note books and maps in good condition.

Latin is fair in every year. The instruction is thorough and the work of the pupils fair to good. The children are working earnestly and are gradually getting a better grasp of the subject; the trouble has been a very meagre preparation. The visitor believes that the work is strong enough to merit affiliation.

Mathematics is on a par with Latin. The children are doing their work well and are enjoying it.

The visitor spent little time in the sciences. The work in general science has been handicapped because no laboratory manual for the text has been available. The back work in this will be done before March and the note books submitted. The equipment is fairly good and the recitation visited was extremely interesting. The visitor recommends that one unit credit be given in this subject.

Suggested:

1. That affiliation be granted as follows if the work submitted meets the approval of the University readers: American History, 1-2 unit; Civics, 1-2 unit; Latin 3 units; general science 1 unit. Total, five units.

2. That the course of study be reduced from a 20 unit to a 16 unit course.

3. The superintendent and principals are new this year and have not had time to re-organize the school nor to do a large number of things that need to be done. They are alive to their problems and if given the co-operation of the town the prospects for a splendid school system are indeed bright for Pecos. The present quarters of the High School are crowded and a more commodious building suitable for High School work should be provided.

W. S. TAYLOR,  
Visitor of Schools.

Under the circumstances we feel highly gratified at this showing. The criticisms offered are kindly and to the point. It takes time as well as energy and money to build up a good school system. I wish to emphasize the fact that we have only half accomplished the task set for the year as to the note books and examination papers must be up to the standard or we will not yet receive affiliation. It behooves every pupil to do their very best from now on and I want to pledge the hearty co-operation of every parent to that end. The principal criticism of the visitor was to the lack of suitable reference books for the library and also the lack of maps and charts for the history classes. I trust that some way may be found to overcome this.

These additional five units, if secured, will give us 15 units credit with the University, or entrance without examination. This also entitles graduates to full entrance into other colleges and universities of the state.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to visit the school.

Respectfully,  
THOS. J. YOE.

## Missionary Society Elects Officers

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church elected the following officers for the year 1917:

President, Mrs. John Hibdon.  
First Vice President, Mrs. J. H. Walker.

Second Vice President, Mrs. Ben Randals.

Superintendent of Social Service, Mrs. O. O. Curtis.

Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. J. G. Love.

Superintendent of Publicity and Mission Study, Mrs. Albert Sisk.

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Agent for Missionary Voice, Mrs. I. T. Kesler.

Organist, Mrs. H. N. McKellar.

The year 1916 has been one of blessing for the Pecos Auxiliary. Standing upon the threshold between the old and the new year it behooves us to look back over the months that have passed and see how our Father has blessed and guided us. To note the successes of our efforts to see wherein we have failed in our part and learn how we may do better next time; to thank Him for His love and guidance and then to face right about, step out upon His promises into the new year, and do what lies in our power to make ourselves more useful in the perfecting of His work.

SUPT. OF PUBLICITY.

## SUCCESSFUL NIMRODS RETURN

The Enterprise is indebted to John Baker for a fine piece of venison which made several messes of as fine meat as ever went down the throat of any editor. He took his family and with Charley Oates went out to the Davis Mountains in the U ranch week before last and they succeeded in bringing down two fine bucks and an antelope. John has not had much to say of his hunt except that he had a most delightful time and from this The Enterprise man suspects he was not successful in bringing down any of this meat, however, he brought back the meat just the same and it was as fine as could be.

Last week O. H. Beauchamp and E. B. Kiser returned from the U ranch and Davis Mountains where they had been on a deer hunt and they returned with plenty of meat and three fine hides and a fine pair of antlers. O. H. was successful in bringing down two of these fine bucks and Ed Kiser got the other. These parties are proud of their hunt and should be so. They have good reason to be for there be many who have gone in quest of game and returned empty handed.

President Waite of the Texas Christian University, and Clifford Weaver, Endowment Secretary of the same institution, and both of Fort Worth, were in town Wednesday, arriving on the belated No. 5. President Waite made an interesting talk at the Christian church Wednesday night in the interest of the University.

The Enterprise, for the present \$1.00 per year—not better but the BEST.

## BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE ORGANIZE

In response to an invitation from our pastor, there were seven young women met on December 10th just before the evening service to talk about the pressing need of a Young People's organization in the church. These young people immediately organized themselves into a body, having for their object self culture.

At the meeting on last Sunday evening there were twenty-two present and the plan we have on foot for such organization has met with much encouragement. At the first meeting we had one man present and at the last one there were eight who pledged their support.

To this organization just perfected, there will be five divisions, which are as follows: Literary, Social, Business, Music and Devotional. Each division will have its respective chairman, and each chairman will appoint their assistants.

The officers elected to serve a term of six months are the following:

President, Mrs. R. G. Hargraves; Vice President, Mr. Vernon Hicks; Secretary, Miss Margaret Joplin; Treasurer, Mr. J. C. Wilson; Chairman Literary Committee, Mrs. W. H. Brown, Jr.; Chairman Music Committee, Mrs. T. Y. Casey; Chairman Social Committee, Miss Marie Graffius; Chairman Business Committee, Mr. J. V. Hanson; Chairman Devotional Committee, Mrs. Tom Lewis.

It is our purpose to give one program each month to each committee, except the Social Committee. It is optional with this committee as to how often they will entertain the Union. We hope it will be real often.

With such a band of willing workers and an earnest desire on the part of each member to make the organization stand for something worth while for themselves and their church, we feel that success is assured. Without this hearty support from every individual, we will fail in what we propose to accomplish.

Although we are going to carry on the work of our organization on somewhat different plans than the usual Baptist Young People's organizations in our churches, it is to be known as the Baptist Young People's Union. It was suggested that the four initial letters would also stand for "Back Your Pastor Up," and we hope to not fall short of that either.

Our first program will be rendered on next Sunday evening at 6:30, in connection with the evening church service. This will be a musical program, and Miss Nannie Mae Collings is the special Chairman for that program. The program you will find in another place in this paper. Let all our people, old and young, come and enjoy the program we are to have, and especially will it be enjoyed when we remember that it is to be on Christmas Eve, a fitting time for Music, Christmas Cheer and Gladness.

REPORTER

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Just call and inspect our stock and you will find many articles which will appeal to you and your loved ones as the proper thing for a holiday gift—one which will be appreciated for many months to come.

**D**ON'T forget, that we go on a cash basis the first of January and will be ready and better able to serve you than ever before, but you must bring the cash along. In this connection we might say to those who owe us that we would appreciate a settlement before the first of January. We need the money and would like to close all accounts and start the new year with a clean record. You can assist us materially by coming forward at once.

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# HOLIDAY GREETINGS



Nature has a law of compensation by which she gives to each one of us some particular talents or aptitudes. John Doe, who was born 57 years ago, was favored by nature with an extra robust face and a luxuriant growth of hair, so much so that, about Christmas time of each year, his services as a model for Santa Claus posters, or as a pseudo Santa Claus, in the department stores, are very much at a premium. He need not look for a job, the jobs are looking for him.

## Is it Santa Claus?

By Nancy M. Hayes

At a quarter to twelve on Christmas eve Teddicums woke with a start:

There was somebody tugging him by the sleeve, and he turned with a thumping heart. "Now, don't make a sound!" said brother Jim, "As sure as ever I'm here—it's him!"

"Is it true?" whispered Teddicums—"Santa Claus! Oh, isn't this simply great! Can't you light up a match, Jimmy—quick—because if you don't it will be too late! I'm longing to know just what he's like. And if he's brought me a motor bike!"

"Well, I'm puzzled," said Jim. "Pr'aps, if we look (They say that he hates a spy). He won't leave the ball and the picture-book. But jolly well pass us by."

And while they wondered if they should peep, somehow, the bears fell off to sleep! But the curious noise went on all night—Scampering, rush and run—Fill the darkness flew and the day dawned bright. And the rats had had their fun. And the rascals chuckled, "Well, what a fuss! If they'd only known that it was us!"

—Little Folks.

**Her Habit.**  
"Isn't it too bad?" asks the lady with the Russian boots. "Mrs. Gonso has sued her husband for divorce and is going to marry that musician as soon as it is granted. And she and Mr. Gonso were married last Christmas day."

"I expected it," said the lady with the new hair. "Lucy Gonso never got a present that she didn't try to exchange."—Life.

**Christmas Literature.**  
The kiddies write to Santa Claus. They forward mail in pecks, but father hasn't time, because he's busy writing checks.

## CHRISTMAS

**C** for the Christ Child, so helpless, so sweet,  
**H** for the Holly we lay at His feet.  
**R** for the Riders three, seeking their lord,  
**I** for the Incense with which they adored.  
**S** for the Shepherds, who heard angels sing;  
**T** for their Triumph in finding the King.  
**M** for all men of peace and good will.  
**A** for the Angels, whose songs the cave fill.  
**S** for the Star which shone out on that night,  
So radiant so hopeful, so glorious, so bright.

## OLDEST CHRISTMAS CUSTOM

Decorating Houses, Churches and Streets With Evergreen Popular Since Dawn of History.

**P**ERHAPS the very oldest of all Christmas customs is that of decorating our houses, churches and streets with evergreens. At the very dawn of history began the worship of the trees, or forest worship, and the groves were man's first temples.

All our instincts, our passion about nature, are forest memories, for forest worship was universal.

In later times to each god some tree was dedicated: Apollo had the laurel, Jupiter the oak, and Greece for ages had its sacred groves.

The forest worshippers could not worship without giving, because to worship is to give, and these boughs and garlands were the oldest gifts of man. Before he had learned to shape offerings of his own rude skill he could bring to the sacred trees and hang up on them the first flowers and greenery of spring and the perfect fruits of autumn.

These gifts, remember, were never, as with us, decorations; they were sacrifices.

The Romans, with a fine eye for beauty, used to garland their temples and homes and gathering places and even the big Coliseum with boughs of green and ropes of flowers. This particular custom was received by the Christians with a special sort of approval, recalling, as it did, the fact that our Lord entered Jerusalem amid the strewn branches of the multitude.

We must not forget the welcome and lovely mistletoe and holly. Indeed, Christmas without them would not, with us, seem quite complete.

Mistletoe was for ages regarded as sacred by the old British pagans—the Druids—and was surrounded with

## TIMOTHY HAY ON EARLY SHOPPING

By JOHN STOCKBRIDGE.

**Y**OU can say for me," stated Timothy Hay, when seen this morning by a reporter, "that this do-your-Christmas-shopping-early stunt is all off with me now and for-

ever, one and indivisible, world without end, amen.

"I started to do my Christmas shopping early," continued Timothy, giving his flivver a disciplinary kick as it growled at a passing terrier, "but it was right on the start that I overtook, discovered and otherwise apprehended the Senegambian in the woodpile.

"Christmas shopping, you are at liberty to quote me as saying in your valuable medium, is bunk if you add an 'early' to it.

"It was about Thanksgiving time, if I recollect rightly, that we were first admonished to do our Christmas shopping early. It struck me as the proper thing to do. I decided I'd do it.

"Naturally, the thought first came to me what to give myself for Christmas. I always hand myself some slight token of my esteem at the happy yuletide. It compensates for what other folks hand me. A little gift doesn't have to cost very much to make a hit with me if I give it to myself with the proper spirit.

"It's the giving, rather than the receiving, of this gift that brings me the more pleasure, anyway.

"Well, gasoline has been going up pretty steadily lately—you notice I do not talk in dialect in spite of my rural name and predilections; if I talked in dialect I would say gas was goin' up



"I Decided on a Haircut for My Christmas Gift to Myself."

purty stiddy—and, due to the increased cost of living expenses, I decided that it behooved me to economize.

"So I decided on a haircut for my Christmas gift to myself, and I decided to get it early on account of the poor,

great mystery and sentiment, little understood by us.

It was supposed to possess healing powers and that it could ward off evil spirits. The reverence paid to this little parasite seems to have been restricted to it, only, when it was found growing on the sacred oak trees in the Druids' groves.

Once every year the Druid high priest cut it with a golden sickle, blessed it and distributed the sprays among the people, praying aloud that each one who received it might receive divine blessings, of which it was the symbol. Having received the sprays, the people hung them above the doors to propitiate the gods during the year.

The only remaining significance attached today to the mistletoe is the idea that if a maiden is not kissed under it on Christmas day she will go unwed throughout the year. This idea goes so far back into the past that one cannot trace it.

It is because the mistletoe is rare and not easy to get that we found and brought forward the holly, which, though lovely, is used only as a substitute for the mistletoe.—New York World.



All Happiness be yours to-day.  
May Yuletide peace attend you.  
May friendly Fortune on you smile  
And many blessings send you.

## Christmas Message.

"Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

"The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

This is a day for magnifying the blessings of peace, not selfishly, but with the rejoicing that should attend the reminder that we have a cure for the troubles of the world and a part in the spreading of the remedy. Let the songs of joy be carried into every corner of gloom. If peace is to achieve victory, its spirit of gladness must be irrepressible. No less today than two thousand years ago is it the mission of peace to show by example that in good will alone lies the happiness of the people.

tired shopgirls who are wishing the store would close so they can crowd in a few more dances with the dashing young ribbon clerks three aisles over. "Whereupon I got a haircut, a good, short one.

"The rest of the story is soon told. I got it cut again last night, and I had to wait for six customers ahead of me who were telling the barbers to shave 'em extra close so it would last over to Monday.

"That much for early Christmas shopping. I bought the junk for the folks after they'd locked the street doors last night and have just been making the rounds of the drug stores to pick up the odds and ends I've forgotten. No more Christmas shopping in mine. Giddap, Dobbin."

And with a peremptory cluck to his steed, Timothy Hay motored away in high dudgeon.—Denver Times.

## Cultivate Good Manners.

"What a rare gift," said Bulwer. "Is that of manners! How difficult to define—how much more difficult to impart. Better for a man to pursue them than wealth, beauty, or even talent, if it fall short of genius—they will more than supply all. He who enjoys their advantages in the highest degree—namely, he who can please, penetrate, persuade, as the object may require, possesses the subtlest secret of the diplomatist and the statesman."

## One Certainty.

Wille stopped hacking the planc with his little hatchet long enough to ask his father:

"Papa, is Santa Claus going to bring me a saw and a chisel?"

And it was with the air of a man who knows just what he is, talking about that the father replied:

"Not if I can head him off, my son."—Youngstown Telegram.

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"Nikle," responded Johnnie.  
"That is not the way the dictionary spells it," said the father.  
"You didn't ask me that. You asked me how I spelled it."

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Jack—Then you won't elope? And I imagined that you loved me!  
Bess—Oh! And you let your imagination run away with me!—Town Topics.

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## VALUES OF CHEESE

WIDE RANGE IN FOOD PROPERTIES TO BE NOTED.

Presence of Cream is Main Factor in Deciding the Degree of Nutriment Contained—As Prepared by Wise Chef.

Cheeses range in food value from a little over 400 to 2,585 calories. This latter food value is that of the cream cheeses, but the ordinary cream cheese has only 910 calories per pound.

This wide difference is due to the fact that a great deal of water may be dried out of a cheese, and also a great deal more cream be present in some cheese than others. There is practically no cream in cottage cheese, and the water content may be extremely high, as much as 77 per cent.

For this latter reason a cottage cheese with butter and cream and nuts has only the food value of a moderately rich cream cheese, but because a larger quantity of it is eaten as a portion there may be some danger of getting too much food for the body to care for, although the digestion itself is not so overworked.

Formerly flavor was put into cheese by different types of curdling. Today the practice is to put all sorts of flavors in just before the cheese is served. When this leads to overeating it is bad practice. But notice what the chef does. When that final course of coffee and cheese comes to you, perhaps you will have served you something the size of a silver dollar, made like the old-fashioned small tart. In a thin little disk of cottage cheese he has made a little outer wall by putting the cheese through a pastry syringe, or "spritzer," and in the center is about half a teaspoonful of currant jelly.

Recently I chose from a public menu what proved to be a particularly palatable and filling conclusion to a light luncheon. Cottage cheese had been worked smooth with a little cream or rich milk, and to this had been added pecans chopped so fine as to be unrecognizable to the eye, and thoroughly mixed.—Exchange.

## HIGH COST OF LIVING

This is a serious matter with housekeepers as food prices are constantly going up. To overcome this, cut out the high priced meat dishes and serve your family more Skinner's Macaroni and Spaghetti, the cheapest, most delicious and most nutritious of all. Write the Skinner Mfg. Co., Omaha, Nebr., for beautiful cook book, telling how to prepare it in a hundred different ways. It's free to every woman.—Adv.

### The Headdress Fixes Age.

One handsome woman I know, who is purely of the Louis-XV type, with gray hair, bright eyes and a quiet manner, completely killed her good looks and added ten years to her age by adopting the Castle style of hair dressing. And that is what unbecoming headdresses can do to women of forty and fifty! At this time in a woman's life she still wishes to be considered youthful, and she can look young and be young, if only she is careful of her diet, her conduct in public, and—her headdress. A suitable coiffure, the style of which is changed frequently enough, to avoid becoming monotonous and commonplace in appearance, will work miracles for a woman, regardless of the fact that she has all but reached "years of discretion."—Lucile in Harper's Bazar.

**THAT GRIM WHITE SPECTRE,** Pneumonia, follows on the heels of a neglected cough or cold. Delay no longer. Take Mansfield's Cough Balsam. Price 50c and \$1.00.—Adv.

### Making Him Useful.

Walter Damrosch is quoted as telling of a visit of Paderewski to an English country house, where one afternoon a countess remarked to the famous pianist:

"Oh, Mr. Paderewski, you play, don't you?"

"Yes, madame," the master replied. "Then," said the countess, "would you mind turning my daughter's music?"

## CAPUDINE

### —For Headaches—

Try it and be convinced. Good for aches in back and limbs also—Assists Nature to get right and stay so. It's Liquid—easy to take.—Adv.

### Nothing to Brag About.

Visitor—You don't know who I am, Jimmy—Naw.

Visitor—Aha! I know who you are, though.

Jimmy—Aw, that ain't nothin'—I know that myself.

Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills contain nothing but vegetable ingredients, which act gently as a tonic and purgative by stimulation and not by irritation. Adv.

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# Seasonable Medicine

As Winter approaches it is advisable to help Nature maintain the highest possible standard of health

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### An Aged Puppy.

The old farmer had been haled before the magistrate to show cause why he hadn't taken out a license for a pet terrier.

"Who, he's nobbut a puppy," he exclaimed in defense.

"Yes, yes, so you say," said the clerk. "But how old is he?"

"I couldn't tell to a bit," was the reply. "I never was much good at dates, but he's nobbut a puppy."

On the other hand, evidence proved that the dog was long past puppyhood, and the bench inflicted the usual fine. Talking it over afterward, the farmer exclaimed:

"'Ang me if I can understand it! Last year and year afore that, I tole the same tale 'bout the same dog, an' it wor allus good enough afore. Who's bin meddlin' wi' law since last year?"—London Tit-Bits.

### Patriotism.

Myrtle—Why don't you paint the sky blue?

Mary—'Cos I've only got Prussian blue, and I'm not going to use that till the war is over.—London Opinion.

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"The girls in our village don't want the soldier boys sent away any more." "What's the kick? We must have defenders."

"Of course. But they suspect a lot of them are getting engaged to I was girls."

### Asking Too Much.

Mistress—In your last place, Bridget, did you pay for the dishes you broke?

Bridget—Pay for thim? Av course not. D'ye think I'd be after workin' for nothin'?

### Obsolete.

"Do you think the word 'obey' ought to be dropped from the marriage ceremonial?"

"No. Let it stay. It doesn't make any more difference in the actual result than the electoral college."

### Best Excuse.

"Does your husband ever tell you, when he stays out late at night, that it was because somebody gave an interesting talk at the club?"

"No."

"How interesting! Doesn't he ever give you any excuse at all or make any explanation?"

"Never. He works on a morning newspaper."

### Opalized Woods of Montana.

While people everywhere have heard of the wonderful petrified forests of Arizona, few of them are aware of the existence of another petrified forest in Montana of equal extent. The latter is held to be much more remarkable in many ways than the Arizona forests.

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### Misled.

"You don't know much about the current styles."

"Not much," assented Farmer Corn-tassel. "When my boy Josh come home wearin' clothes in the latest fashion I thought he was payin' a freak election bet."

### No Wonder He Wonders.

"I wonder if she loves me for myself alone?"

"Why do you wonder?"

"She used to snub me before I got my car."

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### Practical Polonius.

"The times are out of joint," moaned Hamlet.

"Maybe you're just the chap to qualify as bonesetter," urged old man Polonius.

And many a man fails to make good because he loves to take things easy.

## HELPFUL HINTS

Raisins and such things sometimes get dry and hard and lose a good part of their goodness. They would not do this if kept in glass jars.

Do not leave a spoon in anything you are cooking; it conducts away some of the heat and besides, is not good for the spoon.

If you cannot go to sleep at night, try holding a hot-water bottle to your stomach. It draws the blood to it and away from the brain.

Do not have hats and coats hung in the kitchen. They give out odors and impurities, as well as absorb odors from the cooking.

When the lower ends of your window shades get soiled and cracked, take them off the rollers, turn them the other end up and tack them on nicely, and they will last for a long time.

Two potatoes grated in a basin of warm water give better results than soap in washing delicate flannel or woolen goods, ribbons, etc.

Piano keys can be cleaned, as can any old ivory, by being rubbed with muslin dipped in alcohol. If very yellow, use a piece of flannel moistened with cologne water.

### Tea Baskets.

Make a short sweetened pie crust, roll thin and partly bake in sheets. Before it is quite done take from the oven, cut in squares of four inches or so, take up two diagonal corners and pinch together, which makes them basket-shaped. Now fill them with whipped cream well sweetened and flavored and return to the oven for a few minutes.

### For Wicker Furniture.

For cleaning wicker furniture make ready a painful of warm soapsuds to which has been added about three tablespoonfuls of liquid ammonia. Scrub well with a stiff brush, rinse with a cloth dipped in clear warm water and place out in the open air to dry.

### To Prevent Eggs Bursting.

To prevent eggs bursting while boiling, prick one end with a needle before placing in the water. This makes an outlet for the air, and keeps the shell from cracking.

### Coffee Custard.

Two cupfuls milk, two tablespoonfuls ground coffee, three eggs, one-quarter cupful sugar, one-eighth teaspoonful salt, one-quarter teaspoonful vanilla. Scald milk with coffee and strain. Beat eggs slightly; add sugar, salt, vanilla and milk. Strain into individual molds, set in pan of hot water and bake until firm.

### Place pieces of flannel or of blotting paper between fine china plates. This will prevent them from being scratched.

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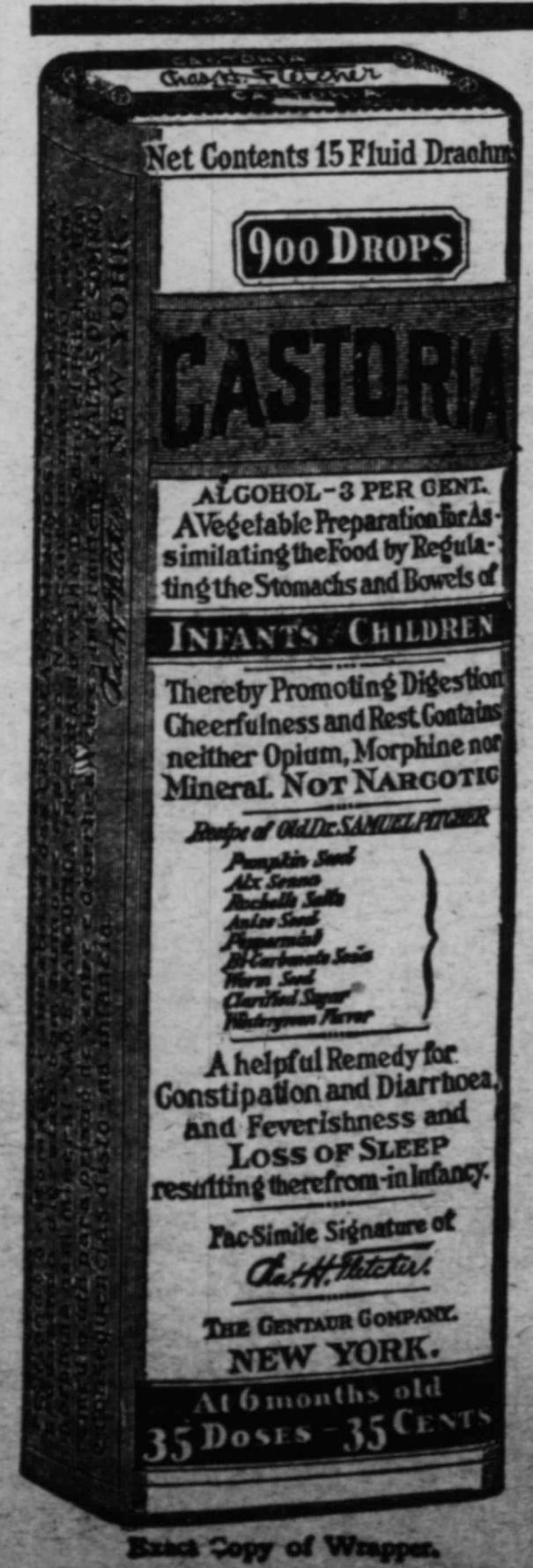
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A. G. Barefield, a prominent citizen of Toyah, was in Pecos between trains Wednesday, shaking hands with his many friends in town.

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Mrs. G. N. Gentry arrived Thursday from Midland where she is using her talents in successfully directing the young American idea "how to shoot," to spend the holiday season with the Judge and brighten the way for him.

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Miss Vera Hines returned home Monday from Barstow, having returned from El Paso to Barstow two weeks ago with the Houghton child whom she was nursing. The child is getting along nicely.

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 .....Choir  
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 Benediction

Mrs. S. L. Rodgers left last week for her home in Sulphur Springs after an extended visit to her son, P. M. Rodgers. She was accompanied home by her little granddaughter, Helma, who is the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Rodgers. The little lady will spend Christmas in Sulphur Springs and then return to her parents.

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While it has been hard to get, yet with our purchases of April and May from the largest importers, we are able to show you a line that we are positive will please you and at prices not as high as you would expect, for we have the small pieces as low as 25 cents and the fancy dressing sets as high as \$25.00.

**Our Perfumes and Extracts**

While mostly American made goods, we have for years displayed such exquisite odors and packages in the Richard Hudnut line that the most fastidious customers are well satisfied with them and give their preference to the American line. These lines we have never had so complete and delightful before as we are showing this year, for we have the popular priced packages at 25 and 50 cents as well as the most expensive up to \$8 per ounce.

**Our Smoking Friends**

Have by no means been forgotten for we have the most complete and elaborate line of Pipes, Cigar Holders and Cases, in cases and plain, that we have ever displayed. Prices from 25 cents up to \$15.00.

**Our Toys**

Are fascinating every child in town and many of the grown-ups; for they are very attractive, and while they are American made goods, they are better than any we have ever had; not in years have we featured Toys so strong as this season. WITH A LARGE STOCK OF FIREWORKS.

While we bought early, while we went after the goods hard, and to the very largest factories in the country, yet many of these items have come in very late and we have just succeeded in completing our stocks and to make "dead sure" that we have no holiday goods to "carry over" we have marked every item down to the bottom, yes, so low that you won't find it necessary to send your money away this year to save a part of it, for we can save you money at home this time:

Be Sure to Visit Our Store Early, Before the Best Items Are Sold: MAIL ORDERS FILLED PROMPTLY.

**CITY PHARMACY**

**Holiday Headquarters**

PECOS, TEXAS PHONE 36

This is the year you can save money and get satisfaction by coming early.



## SIXTEEN THOUSAND LEAVE BORDER SOON

TROOPS FROM FOURTEEN STATES INVOLVED IN HOMEWARD MOVEMENT.

### START WITHIN A FEW DAYS

Probable the Last of the Designated Forces Will Be Under Way by Jan. 9.

San Antonio, Texas.—Sixteen thousand additional state troops will leave the border for their home states within the immediate future, Major General Funston has announced, after receiving orders from the war department to make designations for that number. The troops are from 14 states and are located at eight stations. They will move in three groups, one group at a time as transportation facilities are made available, rolling stock used to transport the first group returning to accommodate the second group and then finally the last group.

Department headquarters announced that organizations included in the first group will be entraining within a few days, that the second group will be leaving here within 10 or 12 days and the third group about Jan. 7 to 9.

Withdrawal of these troops will leave approximately 75,000 militiamen on duty along the border and at inland points within easy reach of the border. In making the designations General Funston considered primarily the length of time the various organizations had been in the federal service.

### WON'T REPEAL ADAMSON LAW.

So Says Author of Measure in Discussing Rail Brotherhood Conferences.

Washington.—Reports that railroad and brotherhood heads in peace conferences have planned to propose the repeal of the Adamson law and the substitution of a working agreement of their own making for it aroused Representative Adamson, author of the law, to declare that congress would "spank both sides to the controversy if necessary."

Mr. Adamson, who is the house representative of President Wilson in railway legislation matters, is willing to co-operate in any plan employes and employers may evolve for the interpretation of his law as applied to working conditions, but will vigorously oppose repeal of it, as he thinks will the majorities of both houses. "Congress will not agree to any repeal of the Adamson law," he said.

### 11,000 Germans are Made Prisoners.

French troops have regained the entire occupancy of the Chambrettes farm northeast of Verdun and about the center of their advance of last week. Prisoners taken in the latest French thrust on this front now total more than 11,000 in addition to 115 cannon and 107 machine guns captured or destroyed. Paris also reports the repulse of several German offensive attempts in the Somme region.

### Anglo-French Losses 5,100,000.

Unofficial estimates made in Berlin place the losses of the French army to date at 3,800,000 men and the British losses at 1,300,000. The Anglo-French losses on the Somme to the end of November are estimated at 800,000, the British share being 550,000. The German losses on the Somme are declared to have been less than 500,000.

### Pankhurst Mobbbed and Later Arrested

London.—Sylvia Pankhurst, the militant suffragist, and a number of sympathizers endeavored to hold a "demonstration" at the East India dock gates to demand peace. A big crowd assembled and mobbed the speaker. The police interfered and rushed Miss Pankhurst and her friends to the police station, followed by a demonstrative crowd. The prisoners were held under bail for examination before a magistrate.

### Seventeen Americans Killed by Sub.

London.—Seventeen American muleteers and 11 members of the crew of the British horse transport ship Russian were killed when the ship was sunk by a German submarine in the Mediterranean on Dec. 14, the British admiralty announced.

### Ninety-One Americans Aboard.

Newport News, Va.—There were 91 Americans on the British stock transport Russian, reported sunk in the Mediterranean on Dec. 14, by a submarine. Sixty-eight of them were white cattlemen and 23 were negroes.

## AN EPITOME OF EVENTS

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN HAPPENINGS SERVED UP IN ATTRACTIVE STYLE.

### EUROPEAN WAR HAPPENINGS

Everything Important That Could Be Confined to a Small Space is Found Here.

Of the four men seriously injured as a result of the fire which damaged the Cleburne hotel, two are dead one is under treatment, and another has been taken to Fort Worth. The latter two, it is expected, will recover. Floyd Abshire of Denison, who was badly burned about the face, arms and chest, died. D. W. Rich was the name of the man who died.

Duval West of San Antonio, reported in news dispatches from Washington as having been agreed upon for the position of United States district attorney for the western district of Texas to succeed Judge Thomas S. Maxey, is a native Texan, his parents having been pioneer settlers in that state.

There will be no midnight masses in Paris on Christmas eve. The holiday services will take place wholly in daylight in order to economize in lighting and fuel.

The Greek government has accepted the ultimatum presented by the entente allies, says a dispatch from Athens. All Greek troops are to be withdrawn from Thessaly, according to the demands, and only a certain number of soldiers are to be concentrated in the Peloponnesus.

Apprehension and confusion created by the Teutonic peace proposals and heightened by vulnerable technical conditions caused another violent outburst of liquidation in the New York stock market. Hundreds of millions of dollars evaporated into thin air as a result of the week's drastic reaction. United States Steel alone showed a shrinkage of about \$86,000,000.

A Mexican reached the border from Villa's camp at Creel, 50 miles west of Minaca, in the Guerrero district of Chihuahua, with proposals for the United States government, according to which Villa would refrain from the further destruction of foreign life and property in Mexico on condition that the United States would not interfere in any with his campaign against the Carranza government.

W. G. Lee of Cleveland, Ohio, president of the Brotherhood of Railway trainmen, publicly announced that negotiations are under way in New York between the leaders of the brotherhoods and men high up in the chambers of the operating departments of the railroads looking to a settlement of their entire controversy out of court before Jan. 1, when the Adamson law is scheduled to go into effect.

A dispatch from Petrograd says: "The Duma has unanimously passed a resolution against the acceptance of the German peace proposals after a spirited speech by the minister of foreign affairs."

The French troops in an advance Friday north of Douaumont (Verdun front) and between the Mense and Woivre rivers, captured more than 7,500 prisoners and several heavy guns, according to French official communication.

The total German casualties reported in the German official lists for November, says a British official statement, are 166,176 officers and men, making a total since the war broke out of 3,921,869.

"Confident that we are completely the victors, I made a proposal to the enemy to discuss the question of further war or peace," said the German emperor in addressing the troops in Alsace recently, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam.

A caucus of the conservative party in the Reichstag adopted a resolution which declares that the peace offer made by the central powers is based naturally on a program of concrete conditions.

British troops have taken the offensive in the region Kut-el-Amara in Mesopotamia and have occupied Turkish positions on the Hal river, says an official statement. British forces secured ground to a depth of from one to one and a half miles.

There is considerable test drilling under way throughout the North Louisiana oil section, but no unusually important developments have been reported lately.

Overland automobile dealers from the New England states and the middle west contracted for 26,225 cars for the 1917 season, more than \$23,000,000 worth. This brings the total business of the convention held last week in Toledo, Ohio, up to \$125,000,000.

The \$2,000,000 fund appropriated by congress for the relief of dependent families of enlisted men is virtually exhausted and emergency legislation will be asked to continue it, as a deficiency of nearly \$5,000,000 would be shown by the end of the fiscal year.

Nation-wide prohibition took a long stride toward congressional consideration when the house judiciary committee unexpectedly voted to recommend adoption of the resolution to submit a constitutional amendment forbidding the manufacture and sale of liquor for beverage purposes in the United States.

The crew of the United States submarine H-3, two officers and 25 men, were rescued in a breeches buoy from the damaged submersible, in which they were trapped when the craft grounded on a sand pit in the surf off the Northern California coast.

President Wilson will receive one electoral vote from West Virginia, although Hughes carried the state. Colonel S. A. Scott, Republican elector, who was placed on the ticket following the resignation of J. W. Dawson, was defeated, receiving a smaller vote than Orlando Dupue, Democratic elector.

The \$30,000,000 omnibus public building bill, which failed at the last session of congress was re-introduced in the house in revised form. Under it no postoffice buildings would be authorized hereafter at places where postal receipts are less than \$10,000 annually.

Legislative measures aimed at destruction of the liquor traffic continue to accumulate in congress as both houses are deluged with petitions from all parts of the country urging adoption of the national prohibition constitutional amendment and passage of other anti-liquor measures, including the Sheppard bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor in the District of Columbia.

The consummation of a transaction where the Caddo Oil and Reining company of Louisiana acquires several Northwestern Louisiana oil, gas and refinery properties, for which about \$2,500,000 was paid, is announced. The new company is capitalized at \$10,000,000 and has plans for large operations, especially the drilling of many new wells.

After fifteen years of experimentation in breeding and selection, plant specialists of the department of agriculture have developed a second variety of the valuable Egyptian cotton grown in this country. The new variety is said to be superior in several respects to the variety now in use.

Relief for the congested conditions along the lines of the St. Louis & San Francisco railway system in Oklahoma is promised in a few weeks. Attention of the general officials of that road was called to delays and general congestion by G. A. Henshaw of the Oklahoma corporation commission recently after a visit to Tulsa, where complaints had been made.

Flour prices were demoralized in New York by a break in wheat and dropped almost 50¢ a barrel, with spring patents quoted at \$3 a barrel. This is \$2 a barrel decline from the recent high point.

An omnibus fish hatchery bill which has passed the house carries two items for Texas, one being the establishment of a fish culture station on the gulf coast for salt water fish, the other to establish a hatchery in northwest Texas.

The war department is paying out \$75,000 a day to the dependent families of enlisted men of the regular army and the national guard, Major General Sharpe told the house military committee.

William C. Nixon, president of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, died in St. Louis last week. Death was due to heart disease. Mr. Nixon had been president of the railroad since its organization a few weeks ago.

## TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

In the election as to whether or not the city of Bowie shall own its electric light plant, 204 votes favored city ownership and 92 against.

The Governors' conference in session in Washington voted to meet next year in Salt Lake City, Utah, at a time to be selected by the executive committee.

Fire destroyed the laundry at the state insane asylum at Austin. The loss was \$11,000 on the building and \$225,000 on machinery. No insurance was carried.

William J. Boaz, an early settler of Tarrant county is dead. Mr. Boaz was 76 years of age. He was reported to be one of the wealthiest men in Fort Worth. It was said by business acquaintances that his estate is probably worth \$1,000,000.

Never in the history of Palo Pinto county have the farmers been so much interested in agriculture as the present time. Peanuts, potatoes and all kinds of feedstuffs will make a big gain on the acreage heretofore set aside for cotton.

All records for value of the country's important farm crops were exceeded this year despite the smaller size of the crops. Their value was placed at \$7,641,609,000 by the department of agriculture in its final estimates of the year. That is \$1,750,000,000 more than the same crops were worth last year.

In affirming the judgments of the district court and the court of civil appeals in the case of the Guaranty Life Insurance company vs. the city of Austin, from Travis, the supreme court held that the city of Austin has the right to tax the securities of all insurance companies on deposit in the state treasury.

E. R. Campbell of Houston and James B. Stubbs of Galveston, attorneys for some of the breweries which were parties to the suit by the state for penalties, injunctions and dissolution, have discussed a plan of sale and reorganization of some properties with Attorney General Looney and assistants.

With the sight of one eye destroyed and suffering from severe burns about the arms and face, Miss Minnie Lee Norwood, 17, of Naacogoches, was in a serious condition as the result of an explosion in the chemistry laboratory of Southern Methodist university, at Dallas, while the class was making an experiment with chlorine gas.

Contract for the general construction of the new state land office building has been awarded. The legislature appropriated \$300,400 for the new building. It will be fireproof throughout. It will be four stories in height, with a large basement and built of gray limestone from North Texas.

Bonds of the San Antonio, Uvalde & Gulf railroad with a par value of \$3,647,000 were sold to John T. Milliken, multimillionaire manufacturer and mine owner of St. Louis for \$785,000.

Claiming that it is imperative that the laundry of the state insane asylum, which was destroyed by fire, should be rebuilt as soon as possible, the board of managers will request Governor Ferguson to create a deficiency for replacing the building and equipment. It is estimated that between \$40,000 and \$50,000 would be necessary.

Governor Ferguson has appointed Charles Gibbs of Midland as Judge of the seventh judicial district to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of S. J. Isaacks.

Badly charred, wrapped in a bed quilt that had been saturated with kerosene oil, the lifeless body of Miss Julia Rabe, a student of the University of Texas, was found in a mesquite thicket near the home of her brother, Rev. Charles M. Rabe of San Antonio.

The total value of exports from the port of Galveston for November was \$41,252,024, according to figures compiled by the customs service.

The Dallas officers of the Western Union Telegraph company distributed over \$22,000 in Christmas bonuses among its Dallas employes last week. The checks ranged in amount from \$40 to \$117, or 6 to 7 per cent. Every messenger boy who had been with the company for one year was given \$25.

## EAT INSECT PESTS

BIRDS ARE REAL FRIENDS OF THE AGRICULTURIST.

Investigations Have Proved Beyond All Doubt That Feathered Creatures Take High Place in Ranks of Farmers' Helpers.

There seems never to have been a time when Americans as a people were giving so much thought to birds as now. The sentimental virtues of birds and their economic uses are being written of frequently and extensively by professional and amateur biologists and ornithologists, and even a vast number of bird observers of perhaps limited professional or technical attainments in this department of science are writing and talking at length in behalf of the birds.

The discussion of the economic values of birds is one of the questions of serious importance to the whole country. It has been pointed out by students of this subject that a tree swallow's stomach recently examined contained 40 chinchbugs and fragments of many others, besides ten other species of insects. The stomach of a bank swallow showed that it contained 68 cotton boll weevils, one of the very dangerous and destructive insect pests of the United States. Thirty-five cliff swallows had eaten an average of 18 boll weevils each. Two stomachs of pine siskins from California contained 19 black olive scales and 300 plant lice. The stomach of a kildeer taken in Texas contained more than 300 larvae. A flicker's stomach held 28 big grubs. A night hawk's stomach contained 34 May beetles, the adult form of the white grub. A New York night hawk had eaten 24 clover-leaf weevils and 357 ants, and another night hawk, 349 grasshoppers, 52 bugs, three beetles, two wasps and a spider. A big-tailed grackle taken in Texas had eaten in one meal about 100 cotton boll weevils, besides other insects. A ring-neck pheasant, a bird which the state of New York is taking great interest in propagating, showed upon examination of the crop that it contained 8,000 seeds of chickenweed and a dandelion head. More than 72,000 seeds have been found in a single duck's stomach taken in Louisiana.

The investigations by the United States biological survey and the biological and agricultural bureaus of the various states leave no room for doubt that birds play an important relation to agricultural interests, though there often seems a tendency to dwell on the harm that even a much-despised English sparrow has its part to perform in protecting the agricultural interests of the United States, and the bureau of the biological survey has given a great deal of attention to this much-abused bird. It has collected them from all parts of the United States and made an examination of 4,000 stomachs, the results showing that during the colder half of the year the food of these birds consists almost entirely of seeds of weeds. It has been estimated by entomologists that the annual loss caused in the United States by insects is \$700,000,000 and that were it not for birds the loss would be much greater. Careful students have said that without the aid of our feathered friends successful agriculture would be impossible. The amount of weed seed disposed of by birds, in their depleted numbers, is impressive, and everybody knows that the problem of weed destruction is very important to agricultural interests.—Washington Star.

### Discoveries Made Later.

Justwed—But you knew me thoroughly before you married me! At least you said that you could read me like a book.  
Wife—But one sees so much at the second reading that one overlooks at the first!—Town Topics.

### Some Possible Good in War.

"While war," writes the London Economist, "impoverishes us by preventing our increasing our wealth, it also is teaching us to work harder and to go without many things that we used to think essential. If the nation faces its after-war task wisely and bravely it may yet astonish the world by the rapidity and completeness of our triumph over it."

### Nothing Like Variety.

"What sort of speech shall I make here?" asked the spellbinder.  
"Know any good stories?" asked the local chairman.  
"A few."  
"Tell some of the best ones you know. The last speaker we had dealt entirely with statistics. What the voters want now is a little diversion."

### A Leap Year Risk.

Tom—Miss Plumpleigh has proposed to me three times, but somehow I can't make up my mind to accept her.  
Jack—Well, old chap, you are taking desperate chances. Suppose she should stop proposing?



# The Lone Star Ranger

A Romance of the Border  
by ZANE GREY

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"THE LIGHT OF WESTERN STARS"  
"RIDGES OF THE PURPLE SAGE" ETC.

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When it came to the outlaws themselves Colonel Webb was disposed to talk freely. The great name of the river was Cheseldine, but it seemed to be a name detached from an individual. No person of veracity known to Colonel Webb had ever seen Cheseldine. Strange to say of an outlaw leader, as there was no one who could identify him, so there was no one who could prove he had actually killed a man.

But in striking contrast to this mystery was the person, character, and cold-blooded action of Poggin and Knell, the chief's lieutenants. They were familiar figures in all the towns within two hundred miles of Bradford. Knell had a record, but as gunman with an incredible list of victims, Poggin was supreme. If Poggin had a friend no one ever heard of him. There were a hundred stories of his nerve, his wonderful speed with a gun, his passion for gambling, his love of a horse—his cold, implacable, inhuman wiping out of his path any man that crossed it.

"Cheseldine is a name, a terrible name," said Colonel Webb. "Sometimes I wonder if he's not only a name. In that case where does the brains of this gang come from? No; there must be a master craftsman behind this border pillage; a master capable of handling those terrors, Poggin and Knell. Of all the thousands of outlaws developed by western Texas in the last twenty years these three are the greatest. In southern Texas, down between the Pecos and the Nueces, there have been and are still many bad men. But I doubt if any outlaw there, possibly excepting Buck Duane, ever equaled Poggin. You've heard of this Duane?"

"Yes, a little," replied Duane quietly. "I'm from southern Texas. Buck Duane, then, is not known out here?"

"Why, man, where isn't his name known?" returned Colonel Webb. "I've kept track of his record as I have all the others. His fame in this country appears to hang on his matchless gun-play and his amity toward outlaw chiefs."

"Has Cheseldine's gang been busy lately?" asked Duane.

"No. Probably all the stock that's being shipped now was rustled long ago. Cheseldine works over a wide section, too wide for news to travel inside of weeks. There are some people who think Cheseldine had nothing to do with the bank-robberies and train hold-ups during the last few years in this country. But that's poor reasoning. The jobs have been too well done, too surely covered, to be the work of greasers or ordinary outlaws."

"What's your view of the outlook? How's all this going to wind up? Will the outlaw ever be driven out?" asked Duane.

"Never. There will always be outlaws along the Rio Grande. All the armies in the world couldn't comb the wild brakes of that fifteen hundred miles of river. But the sway of the outlaw, such as is enjoyed by these great leaders, will sooner or later be past. There's talk of Vigilantes, the same that were organized in California and are now in force in Idaho. So far it's only talk. But the time will come. And the days of Cheseldine and Poggin are numbered."

## CHAPTER XVI.

Next morning Duane mounted his horse and headed for Fairdale. He rode leisurely, as he wanted to learn all he could about the country. There were few ranches. The farther he traveled the better grazing he encountered, and, strange to note, the fewer herds of cattle. It was just sunset when he made out a cluster of adobe houses that marked Sanderson, half-way between Bradford and Fairdale. When he drew up before the inn the landlord and his family and a number of loungers greeted him laconically.

"Beat the stage in, hey?" remarked one.

"There she comes now," said another. "Joel shore is drivin' tonight."

Far down the road Duane saw a cloud of dust and horses and a lumbering coach. Presently it rolled up, a large mud-spattered and dusty vehicle, littered with baggage on top and tied on behind. A number of

passengers alighted, three of whom excited Duane's interest. One was a tall, dark, striking-looking man, and the other two were ladies, wearing long gray ulsters and veils. Duane heard the proprietor of the inn address the man as Colonel Longstreth, and as the party entered the inn Duane's quick ears caught a few words which acquainted him with the fact that Longstreth was the mayor of Fairdale.

Duane passed inside himself to learn that supper would soon be ready. At table he found himself opposite the three who had attracted his attention.

"Ruth, I envy the lucky cowboys," Longstreth was saying.

Ruth was a curly-headed girl with gray or hazel eyes. "I'm crazy to ride bronchos," she said.

Duane gathered that she was on a visit to western Texas. The other girl's deep voice, sweet like a bell, made Duane regard her closer. She did not resemble the Colonel, who was evidently her father. She looked tired, quiet, even melancholy. A finely chiseled oval face, that had something nervous and delicate about it which made Duane think of a thoroughbred, a mouth by no means small, but perfectly curved, and hair like jet proclaimed her beauty to Duane. When she looked at him, drawn by his rather persistent gaze, there was pride, fire and passion in her eyes. Duane felt himself blushing in confusion.

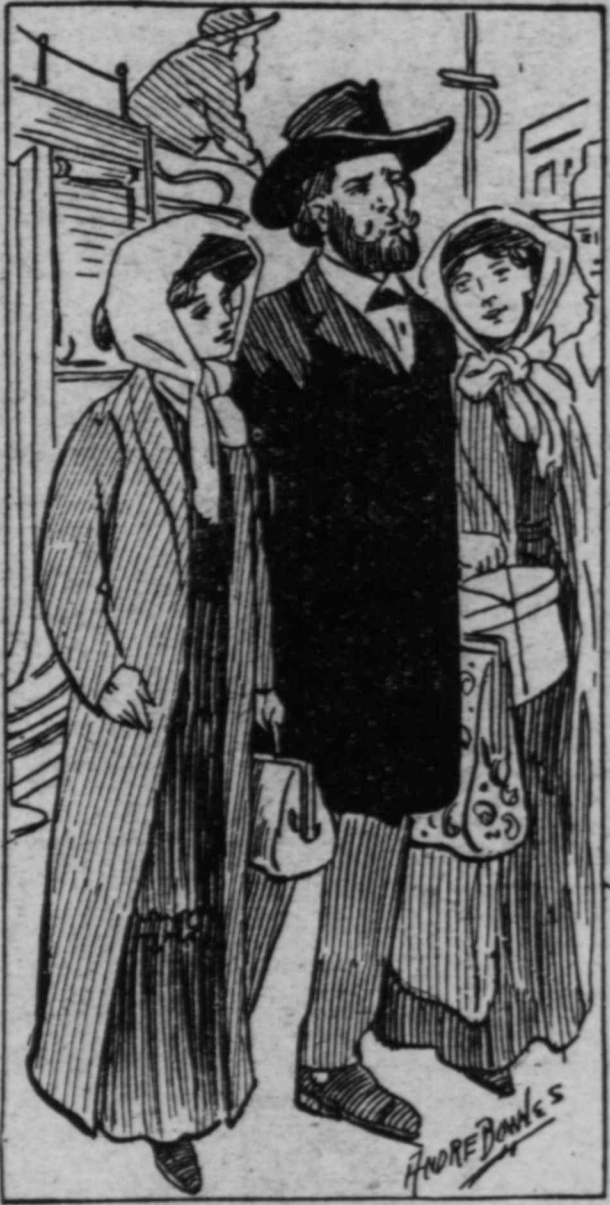
After supper the guests assembled in a big sitting-room where an open fireplace with blazing mesquite sticks gave out warm and cheery glow. Duane took a seat by a table in the corner, and, finding a paper, began to read. Presently when he glanced up he saw two dark-faced men, strangers who had not appeared before. They were peering in from a doorway. When they saw Duane had observed them they stepped back out of sight.

It flashed over Duane that the strangers acted suspiciously. In Texas in the seventies it was always bad policy to let strangers go unheeded. Then he went out into a patio, and across it to a little dingy, dim-lighted barroom. Here he found the innkeeper dispensing drinks to the two strangers.

"Hey somethin'?" one of them asked, leering. Both looked Duane up and down.

"No thanks, I don't drink," Duane replied, and returned their scrutiny with interest. "How's tricks in the Big Bend?"

Both men stared. It had only taken a close glance for Duane to recognize a type of ruffian most frequently met along the river. These strangers had that stamp, and their surprise proved he was right. Here the innkeeper showed signs of uneasiness, and seconded the surprise of his custom-



One Was a Striking-Looking Man.

ers. No more was said at the instant, and the two rather hurriedly went out.

"Say, boss, do you know these fellows?" Duane asked the innkeeper.

"Nope. They nooned heah, comin' from Bradford they said, an' trailed in after the stage."

When Duane returned to the sitting-room Colonel Longstreth was absent, also several of the other passengers, Miss Ruth sat in the chair he had vacated, and across the table from her sat Miss Longstreth. Duane went directly to them.

"Excuse me," said Duane, addressing them. "I want to tell you there are a couple of rough-looking men here. I've just seen them. They mean evil. Tell your father to be careful. Lock your doors—bar your windows to-night."

"Oh!" cried Ruth, very low. "Ray, do you hear?"

"Thank you; we'll be careful," said Miss Longstreth, gratefully. The rich color had faded in her cheek. "I saw

those men watching you from that door. They had such bright black eyes. Is there really danger—here?"

"I think so," was Duane's reply.

Soft swift steps behind him preceded a harsh voice: "Hands up!"

No man was quicker than Duane to recognize the intent in those words! His hands shot up. Miss Ruth uttered a little frightened cry and sank into her chair. Miss Longstreth turned white, her eyes dilated. Both girls were staring at someone behind Duane.

"Turn around!" ordered the harsh voice.

The big, dark stranger, the bearded one who had whispered to his comrade in the bar-room and asked Duane to drink, had him covered with a cocked gun. He strode forward, his eyes gleaming, pressed the gun against him, and with his other hand dived into his inside pocket and tore out his roll of bills. Then he reached low at Duane's hip, felt his gun, and took it. His comrade stood in the doorway with a gun leveled at two other men, who stood there frightened, speechless.

"Git a move on, Bill," called this fellow; and he took a hasty glance backward. A stamp of hoofs came from outside. Of course the robbers had horses waiting. The one called Bill strode across the room, and with brutal, careless haste began to prod the two men with his weapon and to search them. The robber in the doorway called "Rustle!" and disappeared.

Duane wondered where the innkeeper was, and Colonel Longstreth and the other two passengers. The bearded robber had wheeled once more. Duane had not moved a muscle, but stood perfectly calm with his arms high. The robber strode back with his bloodshot eyes fastened upon the girls. Miss Longstreth never flinched, but the little girl appeared about to faint.

"Don't yap, there!" he said, low and hard. He thrust the gun close to Ruth. Duane had a little gun in his pocket. The robber had missed it. And he began to calculate chances.

"Any money, jewelry, diamonds!" ordered the ruffian, fiercely.

Miss Ruth collapsed. Then he made at Miss Longstreth. She stood with her hands at her breast. Evidently the robber took this position to mean that she had valuables concealed there. But Duane fancied she had instinctively pressed her hands against a throbbing heart.

"Come out with it!" he said, harshly, reaching for her.

"Don't dare touch me!" she cried, her eyes ablaze. She did not move. She had nerve. She eluded two lunges the man made at her. Then his rough hand caught at her waist, and with one pull ripped it asunder, exposing her beautiful shoulder, white as snow.

She cried out. The prospect of being robbed or even killed had not shaken Miss Longstreth's nerve as had this brutal tearing off of half her waist.

The ruffian was only turned partly away from Duane. The gun was still held dangerously upward close to her. Duane watched only that. Then a bellow made him jerk his head. Colonel Longstreth stood in the doorway in a magnificent rage. He had no weapon. Strange how he showed no fear! He bellowed something again.

Duane's shifting glance caught the robber's sudden movement. He seemed stricken. The hand that clutched Miss Longstreth's torn waist loosened its hold. The other hand with its cocked weapon slowly dropped till it pointed to the floor. That was Duane's chance.

Swift as a flash he drew his gun and fired. Then the robber's gun boomed harmlessly. He fell with blood spurting over his face. Duane rushed out of the room, across the patio, through the bar to the yard. In the gloom stood a saddled horse, probably the one belonging to the fellow he had shot. His comrade had escaped. Returning to the sitting-room, Duane found a condition approaching pandemonium.

The innkeeper was shouting to find out what had happened. Joel, the stage-driver, was trying to quiet the men who had been robbed. The woman, wife of one of the men, had come in, and she had hysterics. The girls were still and white. The robber Bill lay where he had fallen. Like a caged lion Longstreth stalked and roared. There came a quieter moment in which the innkeeper shrilly protested:

"Man, what're you ravin' aboot? Nobody's hurt, an' that's lucky. I swear to God I hadn't nothin' to do with them fellers!"

"I ought to kill you anyhow!" replied Longstreth. And his voice now astounded Duane, it was so full of power.

Upon examination Duane found that his bullet had furrowed the robber's temple and had glanced. He was not seriously injured, and already showed signs of returning consciousness.

"Drag him out of here!" ordered Longstreth; and he turned to his daughter.

Before the innkeeper reached the robber Duane had secured the money

and gun taken from him; and presently recovered the property of the other men. Joel helped the innkeeper carry the injured man somewhere outside.

Miss Longstreth was sitting white but composed upon the couch, where lay Miss Ruth, who evidently had been carried there by the Colonel. The Colonel, now that he finally remembered his womenfolk, seemed to be gentle and kind. He talked soothingly to Miss Ruth, made light of the adventure, said she must learn to have nerve out here where things happened.

"Can I be of any service?" asked Duane, solicitously.

"Thanks; I guess there's nothing you can do. Talk to these frightened girls while I go see what's to be done with that thick-skulled robber," he replied, and, telling the girls that there was no more danger, he went out.

Miss Longstreth sat with one hand holding her torn waist in place; the other she extended to Duane. He



"More Nerve, Maybe."

took it awkwardly, and he felt a strange thrill.

"You saved my life," she said, in grave, sweet seriousness.

"No, no!" Duane exclaimed. "He might have struck you, hurt you, but no more."

"Did you kill him?" asked Miss Ruth, who lay listening.

"Oh, no; He's not badly hurt."

"I'm very glad he's alive," said Miss Longstreth, shuddering.

"Tell me all about it?" asked Miss Ruth, who was fast recovering.

Rather embarrassed, Duane briefly told the incident from his point of view.

"Cousin," said Miss Longstreth, thoughtfully, "it was fortunate for us that this gentleman happened to be here. Papa acouts—laughs at danger. He seems to think there was no danger. Yet he raved after it came."

"Go with us all the way to Fairdale—please?" asked Miss Ruth, sweetly offering her hand. "I am Ruth Herbert. And this is my cousin Ray Longstreth."

"I'm traveling that way," replied Duane, in great confusion. He did not know how to meet the situation.

Colonel Longstreth returned then, and after bidding Duane a good night, which seemed rather curt by contrast to the graciousness of the girls, he led them away.

Before going to bed Duane went outside to take a look at the injured robber and perhaps to ask him a few questions. To Duane's surprise, he was gone, and so was his horse. The innkeeper was dumfounded. He said that he left the fellow on the floor in the barroom.

"Had he come to?" inquired Duane.

"Sure. He asked for whisky."

"Did he say anything else?"

"Not to me. I heard him talkin' to the father of them girls."

"You mean Colonel Longstreth?"

"I reckon. He sure was some riled, wasn't he? Jest as if I was to blame for that two-bit of a hold-up!"

"What did you make of the old gent's rage?" asked Duane, watching the innkeeper. He scratched his head dubiously. He was sincere, and Duane believed in his honesty.

"Wal, I'm doggoned if I know what to make of it. But I reckon he's either crazy or got more nerve than most Texans."

"More nerve, maybe," Duane replied. "Show me a bed now, innkeeper."

Once in bed in the dark, Duane composed himself to think over the events of the evening. Why had that desperate robber lowered his gun and stood paralyzed at sight and sound of the mayor of Fairdale? This was not answerable. There might have been a number of reasons, all to Colonel Longstreth's credit, but Duane could not understand.

Next morning Duane walked up the main street and back again. Just as he arrived some horsemen rode up

to the inn and dismounted. And at this juncture the Longstreth party came out. Duane heard Colonel Longstreth utter an exclamation. Then he saw him shake hands with a tall man. Longstreth looked surprised and angry, and he spoke with force; but Duane could not hear what it was he said. The fellow laughed, yet somehow he struck Duane as sullen, until suddenly he espied Miss Longstreth. Then his face changed, and he removed his sombrero. Duane went closer.

"Floyd, did you come with the teams?" asked Longstreth, sharply.

"Not me. I rode a horse, good and hard," was the reply.

"Hump! I'll have a word to say to you later." Then Longstreth turned to his daughter. "Ray, here's the cousin I've told you about. You used to play with him ten years ago—Floyd Lawson. Floyd, my daughter—and my niece, Ruth Herbert."

Duane always scrutinized everyone he met, and now with a dangerous game to play, with a consciousness of Longstreth's unusual and significant personality, he bent a keen and searching glance upon this Floyd Lawson.

He was under thirty, yet gray at his temples—dark, smooth-shaven, with lines left by wildness, dissipation, shadows under dark eyes, a mouth strong and bitter, and a square chin—a reckless, careless, handsome, sinister face strangely losing the hardness when he smiled. The grace of a gentleman clung round him, seemed like an echo in his mellow voice. Duane doubted not that he, like many a young man, had drifted out to the frontier, where rough and wild life had wrought sternly but had not quite effaced the mark of good family.

Colonel Longstreth apparently did not share the pleasure of his daughter and his niece in the advent of this cousin. Something hinged on this meeting. Duane grew intensely curious, but, as the stage appeared ready for the journey, he had no further opportunity to gratify it.

## CHAPTER XVII.

Duane followed the stage through the town, out into the open, on to a wide, hard-packed road showing years of travel. It headed northwest. To the left rose a range of low, bleak mountains he had noted yesterday, and to the right sloped the mesquite-patched sweep of ridge and flat. The driver pushed his team to a fast trot, which gait surely covered ground rapidly.

Early in the afternoon from a ridge-top Duane sighted Fairdale, a green patch in the mass of gray. For the barrens of Texas it was indeed a fair sight. But he was more concerned with its remoteness from civilization than its beauty. At that time, in the early seventies, when the vast western third of Texas was a wilderness, the pioneer had done wonders to settle there and establish places like Fairdale.

It needed only a glance for Duane to pick out Colonel Longstreth's ranch. The house, not more than a few minutes' walk from the edge of the town, was a low flat-roofed structure made of red adobe bricks. All was green about it, except where the fenced corral and numerous barns or sheds showed gray and red.

From all outside appearances Fairdale was no different from other frontier towns, and Duane's expectations were scarcely realized. As the afternoon was waning he halted at a little inn. A boy took charge of his horse. Duane questioned the lad about Fairdale and gradually drew to the subject most in mind.

"Colonel Longstreth has a big outfit, eh?"

"Reckon he has," replied the lad. "Doan know how many cowboys. They're always comin' and goin'. I ain't acquainted with half of them."

"Much movement of stock these days?"

"Stock's always movin'," he replied, with a queer look.

"Rustlers?"

But he did not follow up that look with the affirmative Duane expected.

"Lively place, I hear—Fairdale is?"

"Ain't so lively as Sanderson, but it's bigger."

"Yes, I heard it was. Fellow down there was talking about two cowboys who were arrested."

"Sure. I heered all about that. Joe Bean an' Brick Higgins—they belong heah, but they ain't heah much. Longstreth's boys."

Duane did not want to be over-inquisitive, so he turned the talk into other channels.

After getting supper Duane strolled up and down the main street. When darkness set in he went into a hotel, bought cigars, sat around, and watched. Then he passed out and went into the next place. It was full of men coming and going—a dusty-booted crowd that smelled of horses and smoke. Duane sat down for a while, with wide eyes and open ears. Then he hunted up the bar. He stayed in there for a while, and knew that strangers were too common in Fairdale to be conspicuous. Then he returned to the inn where he had engaged a room.

(TO BE CONTINUED)



## TOYAH NEWS

A. G. Barefield was a visitor to Pecos Tuesday.

Miss Arledge of Denison, is in Toyah visiting relatives.

Elliott Daniel is with the T. & P. as night clerk at the station.

Dr. and Mrs. H. N. Lusk were visitors from Pecos Friday.

The Toyah public school adjourned Friday until after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pope, and Rev. B. G. Richburg were visitors in Pecos Friday.

Mrs. C. W. Crawford left Tuesday for Odell to spend the holidays with her mother and sister.

Dr. H. N. Lusk of Pecos, was in Toyah Saturday in attendance upon the funeral of Mrs. H. T. Mitchell.

Carl Gargill arrived Saturday morning from El Paso to attend the funeral of Mrs. Gargill's mother, Mrs. H. T. Mitchell.

Ross Mitchell came down from Carlsbad Saturday to attend the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. H. T. Mitchell.

Mr. Calhoun, of the public school faculty, left Saturday for Sherman to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred East of Fort Stockton, were in Toyah Wednesday to attend the funeral of Fred's father, W. H. East.

Miss Annie Mae Ruhrop returned home this week from Milford where she is attending school to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mrs. Frazier and little daughter, Mildred, of Fort Worth, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilkes and family.

Mrs. B. F. Powell and two little sons left Sunday for Hamlin to spend Christmas with Mrs. Powell's brother and also her mother who is visiting there.

Mrs. Robertson and grandson, Clifford, of Stanton, are in Toyah to spend the holidays with her daughters, Mesdames M. A. Grisham and M. McAlpine and Miss Byrdie Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hopper and sons, Gus and Joe, left this week via auto for El Paso and Anthony, New Mexico, to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Tinnin.

Mrs. Thomas R. Roberts and two little daughters left Saturday for Marshall where they will spend the holidays. Tom will probably join them in time for the Christmas feast of turkey, etc.

Mrs. John Hibdon of Pecos, was in Toyah Friday and Saturday of last week administering to the broken hearts of the family of her deceased friend, Mrs. H. T. Mitchell.

Rev. J. H. Fitzgerald of El Paso, presiding elder of the Mexican work of the Methodist church in the El Paso district, was in Toyah Sunday and held quarterly conference and preached to his people.

F. J. Smith and Mrs. Mary Hamilton stole a march on their many friends in Toyah last Friday when they went to Pecos and were married, Rev. Richburg officiating. These are both splendid people and each have displayed good judgment in the selection of a life partner for they seem to be well suited each to the other. Their many Toyah friends wish them unalloyed happiness.

## Season's Greetings

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Rev. Henry O. Moore of Pecos, was in Toyah Tuesday.

Mrs. S. J. Austin left Saturday for El Paso where they will reside in the future. Mr. Austin has employment with the T. & P. Railway Co.

Rev. W. T. Gray, Superintendent of the Methodist orphanage at Waco, was in Toyah Sunday evening and preached a splendid sermon relative to the work of the Orphanage and received a liberal contribution for the great work of that institution.

### OBITUARY.

On Friday morning at five o'clock, December 15, 1916, Mrs. Mary Etta Mitchell, wife of H. T. Mitchell of Toyah, Texas, passed from time into eternity. A husband, two sons, two daughters and other relatives and many friends are sad and lonely because of her going and would not know how to arise and go forward if not for the Divinity of the Bible and its promise to the regenerated and faithful.

This beloved sister was born in the south at the outbreak of the war, hugged and rocked in the bend of the arms of one who loved and suffered, and saw her children during the period of reconstruction, suffer, labor and look Heavenward. These conditions were not against our sister giving her heart and affections early in life to the Savior of the world. We are informed that she ever afterward lived a life that positively pronounced her a Christian.

To her, the winds sang of God, the rivers murmured His power, the ocean roared His strength, the flowers blossomed His beauty, the birds caroled His joys, the sun shined His light, the placid lake spoke His calm, the Heavens declared His glory and the firmament showed His handiwork, and the dimness of blinded human eyes curtailed His image.

To her, God made it all, loved us all, gave His Son for us all, will finally resurrect us all and righteously assign His creatures to everlasting association with Himself or send them to everlasting doom.

The writer had been her pastor only a few months, yet her faithfulness to her church, family, friends and every one about her, comfortingly causes us to

believe that Jesus was not only her Savior but her Lord also.

Our sister was a Missionary Baptist religiously, and of the New Testament type, and lived and died in the faith.

After the funeral at the Baptist church, the remains were buried in the new cemetery and many flowers were placed on the clogs to wither, while hopes of her brighten.

Many relatives and friends are in sympathy and joy with the husband and children.

There is a Reaper whose name is Death,

And with his sickle keen,  
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath,  
And the flowers that grow between.

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J. J. Pope was over from Toyah Monday to be in attendance on the grand jury, of which he is foreman.

### Administrator's Notice.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Reeves

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the estate of M. L. Dismuke, Deceased

The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of M. L. Dismuke, Deceased, late of Reeves County, Texas, by Ben Randals, County Judge of Reeves County, Texas, on the 12th day of October, 1916, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to me at my office, in the First National Bank Building, in Pecos, Reeves County, Texas, my Post Office is Pecos, Texas, where I receive my mail. This the 9th day of December, A. D. 1916.

BEN PALMER,  
Administrator of the Estate of M. L. Dismuke, Deceased.

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### SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
County of Reeves

By virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the honorable district court of Tarrant county, on the 22nd day of November 1916, by the clerk of said court against C. B. Scott for the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Seven and no 1-100 (\$1,307.00)

Dollars and cost of suit, in cause No. 39852 in said court, styled Zadora Ims versus C. B. Scott and A. J. Scott and placed in my hands for service, I, Tom Harrison as Sheriff of Reeves county, Texas, did on the 26th day of November, 1916, levy on certain real estate, situated in Loving county, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Farm Lots 41, 42, 45, 46, 49, 50, 55 and 56. Everett L. Stratton sub-division of section 79, Block 33, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. and levied upon as the property of said C. B. Scott, and on Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1917, at the court house door of Reeves county, in the town of Pecos, Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. I will sell said real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said C. B. Scott by virtue of said levy and said order of Sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The Enterprise, a newspaper published in Reeves county.

Witness my hand this 26th day of November, 1916.

TOM HARRISON,  
Sheriff Reeves county, Texas.



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