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COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES

W. B. Bean Elected County Surveyor-- Election Judges Appointed by the County-- Auditor's Report

On the tenth day of January, 1921, there was begun and holden a regular term of the county commissioners' court, with the following officers present:

Hon. K. C. Miller, presiding officer.
F. C. Mellard, county commissioner, precinct No. 2.
Edwin F. Hill, county precinct No. 3.
E. W. King, county precinct No. 4.
Ira Cline, sheriff.
J. H. Fortner, county clerk.

It was ordered to issue to Thurston and Grider, accountants, of El Paso, employed to audit books of the county, on account \$500.

It was ordered that W. O. W. lodge rent be raised to \$10 per month.

The county attorney, J. C. Fuller, was authorized to employ Dewitt Murray as assistant county attorney and to pay him not to exceed \$150 out of the fees of the office, the county and court assuming no responsibility to pay any of said fee.

It was ordered that the delinquent tax list for 1919 be published by the Marfa New Era in full.

The tax assessors' attention was called to the provisions of various laws governing his duties and especially to Articles 7547, 7564, 7565, 7566 and 7571, civil statutes of 1911.

It was ordered that the tax assessor do not accept renditions of lands that are sub-divisions unless more specifically and particularly described.

Commissioner E. W. King was instructed to ascertain from County Surveyor W. F. Cook the cost of platting the town of Presidio and surveying Sur 5, on which said town is located.

Tax collector ordered not to issue any automobile license on any automobile until the said automobile is rendered for taxation with the tax assessor for the coming year.

Petition received by the court from citizens of commissioners' precinct No. 4, asking that the Cibalo creek, where it passes through Presidio, be worked on, etc., and asks for a jury of view.

By order duly entered D. Alarcon, W. T. Millington, J. Humphris, Capt. Jerry Gray and A. M. Avant, five free holders of Presidio county, were appointed as a jury of view.

An application having been filed, signed by the required number of property owners of Presidio county, to change that part of the road running from Marfa to Valentine, between the Tigner lane and the county line, to place the same along the south side of the G. H. & S. A. railway right of way; it was ordered that the county surveyor proceed as soon as possible to survey a strip of land 90 feet wide along the south line of said railroad right-of-way, beginning at what is known as the Tigner lane, and ending with the Presidio-Jeff Davis county line, where the said right-of-way intersects said county line, and file in the court the complete field notes of said strip of land.

January Special Term
The final report of Thurston and Grider was filed, and, they having completed their contract, the clerk was ordered to issue scrip in the sum of \$850 as the balance due them on said contract.

According to the auditor's report, it appeared that a number of county officials and ex-county officials were due the county sums of money, and the clerk was ordered to notify same.

A note due the Marfa National Bank in the sum of \$5000 and interest was ordered paid.

February Regular Term
On Feb. 14 was begun and held a regular term of the commissioners'

court, with the following officers present:

Hon. K. C. Miller, presiding officer.
T. C. Mitchell, commissioner precinct No. 1.
Edwin F. Hill, commissioner precinct No. 3.
E. W. King, commissioner precinct No. 4.
J. H. Fortner, clerk.
J. E. Vaughan, sheriff.
F. W. Cook, having failed to qualify as county surveyor, W. B. Bean was elected to fill said office.

Official bond of W. B. Bean as county surveyor in the sum of \$500, with J. C. Bean and G. F. Grubb as sureties, was examined and approved.

Official bond of A. Clayton as constable of precinct No. 4, with George H. Candlin and T. Trtega as sureties, in the sum of \$500, examined and approved.

The sheriff was given authority to discharge the present janitor at any time and to employ another in such an event at \$60 per month.

The salary of J. C. Fuller, county attorney, was raised to \$75 per month.

The following election judges for the different election precincts were appointed:

Election precinct No. 1—A. M. Avant, presiding judge; Gus Raetzsche, associate judge; N. P. Barclay, associate judge.
Precinct No. 2—Ben Joe Buchanan, presiding judge; C. P. Arthur, associate judge.
Precinct No. 3—Jacob Baldwin, presiding judge.
Precinct No. 4—R. R. Kleinman, presiding judge; W. T. Millington, associate judge.
Precinct No. 5—F. R. Russell, presiding judge; M. I. Jiminez, associate judge.
Precinct No. 6—Roy Gingle, presiding judge.
Precinct No. 7—Charles Brite, presiding judge; T. T. Neill, associate judge.
Precinct No. 8—D. D. Kilpatrick, presiding judge; J. J. Kilpatrick, Jr., associate judge.
Precinct No. 9—Gus Elmendorf, presiding judge; Joe Humphris, associate judge.

Report of Amos Kerr, county treasurer, filed and approved.

Quarterly report of W. J. Yates, J. P. precinct No. 4, with check for \$38.25, examined and approved.

It was ordered by the court that notices of bids for county depository be published as provided by law.

Championship Game at Alpine
Next Monday, Feb. 28, the boys from El Paso high school and Fort Davis high school will meet on the Alpine court for the basketball championship of West Texas.

These teams have won the championship in their districts and will meet next Monday to decide which team will represent West Texas in the state contest at Austin next month. In order to permit El Paso to return home on the afternoon train, the game will be called at 1:30 p. m. A nominal admission of 35 and 20 cents will be charged to help defray the expenses of bringing El Paso out to this part of the state.

Both teams are in prime condition and will fight hard, so a good game can be looked for.

Be out and root for your district.

Croy-Morgan
Married on Wednesday evening at the residence of T. J. Morgan, Rev. C. S. Harrison officiating, Leo Dewey Croy and Mrs. Sarah Jane Morgan.

Washington's Birthday
Feb. 22 passed off in Marfa quietly and peacefully. There was no observance of the day, except a holiday by the schools, banks and postoffice.

ABOUT THE CITY

Doings and Things Proposed--Various Activities and Local Melange

A PROLOGUE TO THE PLAY

I heard the Spirits singing in the ancient caves of work:
"You are playing, manchild, playing where the evil demons lurk;
Yet I would not have you falter or count the awful cost,
Lest your Soul grow old within you, and your zeal for sport be lost.

"So toss the Ball of Emprie with its fatal coat of Fire,
And dig for gilded nuggets with the pangs of hot Desire;
Or blow your filmy bubbles in the bright face of the sun
Though you know they'll tarnish, vanish, e'er your playing day is done.

"Come, spin your humming top of Thought; or brood with sullen lip
As you scrawl upon the canvas, or load the merchant ship.
Come tell some old, old story, or rehearse some ancient creed;
Or with many a lipse of wonder draw the music from the reed.

"Let your playful hand in cunning devise a giant eye,
And through long hours of darkness guess the secrets of the sky;
Or peer with curious longing in that silent underbourne
Where microscopic beings are playing in their turn.

"Or raise Love's swaying ladder to the dizzy heights of Woe;
Or walk in desert places where the thorns and thistles grow;
Where the Manchild gropes in Darkness and holds his quivering breath,
As he meets within the Shadow his last playfellow, Death."

I heard the Spirits singing: "Laughter is the strongest prayer,
And depth of Faith is measured by the Mirth that toys with care;
And he who plays the hardest and dares to laugh aloud,
Beyond the Cavern's shadow may some day WORK with God."

Mayor's Court

This week the mayor's court has been busy. About 40 cases were tried. Pleas of guilty were entered. Boys that play must pay the piper.

Efforts Being Appreciated

Every person in Presidio county should appreciate the efforts that are being made by the sheriff in cleaning up the jail and courthouse yard. Perhaps never in the history of these institutions have the premises been as clean as they are at present and many compliments have been heard on the good work done by Sheriff Vaughan.

Cleaning Up

Not only is the court house yard being made a thing of beauty, but the sheriff, assisted by the city marshal and rangers, this week made a cleanup of another kind. Twelve bootleggers, gamblers, drunks, speeders and peeping Toms were taken in and made to see the error of their ways before his honor. Surely the ways of the transgressor are hard, and he can only kick himself for bumps.

To Stage an Old Fashioned Minstrel

N. L. Casner, the popular manager of the Casner Motor Company, has been busy the past several weeks getting up an old-fashioned negro minstrel show, which will be staged some time in the near future at the Opera House for the benefit of the Marfa Chamber of Commerce. Everybody enjoys an old-fashioned minstrel show, and Mr. Casner reports that he has secured some real minstrel talent, and as he himself has had quite a lot of experience in home talent plays, it is assured that the play will be a success in every way. The date will be announced later.

Baptist Church to Make Repairs

A committee consisting of C. T. Mitchell, W. A. Mimms, W. H. Colquitt, J. C. Bean and Mr. Hoover was appointed to look into the matter of making some needed improvements to the Baptist church building. The Baptist people in Marfa are few in numbers, but are progressing nicely under the able leadership of their pastor, Rev. C. S. Harrison. While there have been times when the outlook was rather discouraging, yet, considering the number of members of that church, there is perhaps a

larger percentage of attendants at the regular services than at any other church in town. Just what the improvements will be to the church building will not be known until the committee investigates plans, gets prices, etc.

"Marse" Henry

"Marse" Henry Mayfield was in Marfa Tuesday from his ranch near Valentine. He was looking as young and active as he was nearly 60 years ago when he was dodging bullets and "rustlin' rations" in the Confederate service. He is one of nature's noblemen—even if he did years ago rob Bill Bell of his fat goat, and then got Bill to assist in the butchering. They divided the spoils between them and it was the next day when the discovery was made that Bill was patcoopers criminis in stealing his own hog.

Dr. Darracott Back Home

Dr. J. C. Darracott has returned from a stay of six weeks at Nashville, Tenn., on the general examining board of the Johnson City Sanitarium, an institution run by the public health department of the government. Dr. Darracott reports that this institution will accommodate 2000 patients and the six weeks' stay there proved of untold benefit to him in the way of study and observation. He met and worked with some of the most prominent specialists of the United States. He says he is glad to get back home where the sun shines all the time in such contrast to the cloudy, damp weather of Tennessee.

Marfa Chamber of Commerce Meets

Another meeting of the directors and members of the Marfa Chamber of Commerce was held last Saturday night. There was a quorum of directors present. The committee on membership reported that it had met with very good success and it is expected the Chamber will have around 100 paid members before the work is finished. The membership fee is only \$18 per year, and there is no reason why every man in Marfa should not join the organization. Many things are constantly coming up in every town that require the attention of some organization, and there is no body better fitted to attend to these matters than a live Chamber of Commerce. If the committee has not yet called on you they will do so, and The New Era hopes that no one will refuse to become a member.

MARFA GREATLY INTERESTED

Orient Road Extension--El Paso Taking Notice--Marfa to Chihuahua via Orient as Near as to El Paso

HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS PLAY TO A LARGE AUDIENCE

Feb. 2 the high school boys and girls gave an interesting three-act comedy at the Opera House. Although the weather was not at all favorable, a splendid audience greeted the young actors. All deserve mention for the excellent manner in which their parts were played and especially should Skeeter, Miss Diana, Aunt Jubilee and Mollie be commended for their successful performance. Mollie surely had almost the presence and good looks of the successful professional and Miss Diana came very near counterfeiting the real thing in her indignation at the seeming trifling of Ted, who finally proved to be a real hero and a gentleman—and so the play closed with wedding bells sounding in the distance.

The following was the cast:
Skeet Kelly, Hotel Clerk...Otho Joyce
Diana Garwood, the Heiress,
Elizabeth Fennell
Miss Loganberry, the Spinster,
Gladys Medley
Ira Stone, the Villain...Ben Pruett
Aunt Jubilee, the Cook...Eva Jones
Mr. Man, the Mystery Donald Church
Jim Ryker, the Lawyer,
Rudolph Mellard
Mollie Macklin, the Housekeeper,
Tommy Simpson
Henrietta Darby, the Widow,
Bernice Adams
Ted, the groom...Joe Mitchell
Elsie, the Bride...Lorene Sittle
Senator McCorkle, the Father,
Ernest Jones

Scene: Office and reception room of the Rip Van Winkle Inn in the Catskill Mountains:
Act I. An afternoon in April—What has happened to Ted?
Act II. The same night. Who was the burglar?
Act III. The next morning. Who was Mr. Man?

There is no question but that this year will witness the completion of the Orient railroad from Marfa to Palomer, Mexico, thus connecting the gap between Chihuahua and the present terminus of the road in Texas. The Orient will use the P. track from Alpine as far as Marfa.

Next month a conference will be held, according to the authorities, by prominent officers in the United States and Mexico interested in the building of this great railroad system, eventually connecting Kansas City, Mo., and Topolobampo, on the Pacific coast of Mexico.

The editor of the Herald, G. A. Martin, in writing of the Orient and the benefit to be derived from that road by El Paso, in a recent issue of his paper says:

By way of the Mexican Central to Chihuahua (measuring railroad distances on the same map) it is 219 miles, and from Chihuahua to Topolobampo, along the survey of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient railroad, it is but about 350 miles, or a total from El Paso of not over 560 miles.

The closest Pacific coast seaport at present is San Diego, about 781 miles from El Paso. Los Angeles is 818.

Not Many Missing Miles

Not so many miles of railroad remain to be built to connect El Paso with the seaport of Topolobampo and not so many remain to be built to complete the dream of Arthur Stillwell of a direct line from Kansas City to Mexican tidewater.

The completion of this line would place El Paso closer to the Mexican west coast than any other American city.

Mexican maps show the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient road completed through the Sierra Madre from Chihuahua to Sanchez, a distance of more than 400 miles.

The Mexico & Northwestern road took over the line west of Chihuahua to La Junta, just west of Pedernales, where one of the fiercest battles of the early Mexican revolutionary days took place, but the Orient runs south and west from there.

Leaving the Mexico Northwestern at La Junta, which is north of Winara, west of the Sierra Madre, the Orient comes back to the east side of the mountain range, through very rough country, and, running for a distance on the east side, crosses the range again at Creel, to Sanchez, where lack of funds and the revolution stopped the work.

Only a Short Gap

From Sanchez south to another La Junta, a small town situated in the forks of the Rio Chinipas and the Rio Fuerte, there is no road, but the country is not as bad, according to topographical maps, as the Sierra Madre country, already built through.

From the southern terminus of the line out of Chihuahua to the northern terminus of the line out of Topolobampo, the distance shown on the railroad survey, is only about 50 miles. This is all that lies between a through line from El Paso to Topolobampo.

Trains have been operated south to Sanchez and trains are operating north from Topolobampo to La Junta in the Rio Fuerte.

Would Shorten Our Haul

If the gap is built in between Sanchez and La Junta, the road would be completed and El Paso would have an outlet to and an inlet from the Mexican Pacific coast.

This would not only enable goods to be brought here from tropical Mexico, Central and South America and the Orient, but it would enable El Paso merchants to get goods to the west coast of Mexico much quicker than by the present route.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST TAKEN FROM "THE SHORTHORN"

At the February meeting of the History Club it was decided to give a sum of \$70 to the athletic fund of Marfa Hi. Aside from this donation, money will be given toward sending delegates to Austin, in Inter-scholastic League work. The students appreciate the interest shown by the ladies of the club and are working to merit the reward. An art exhibit, consisting of copies from the great masters, is to be brought here under the auspices of the History Club. The date is to be announced later.

ALUMNI NOTES

The Class of '20
Tyler Wilkinson, valedictorian, is attending school at Texas Christian University.

Aline Duty, salutatorian, is living in San Antonio and is teaching a music class.

Luella Tyler went to the College of Industrial Arts the first term, but since her operation has been taking a physics course at Marfa High.

Mrs. John Dudley (nee Ruth Parish) is living in Birmingham, Ala.

Forrest Avans, who got highest honors among the boys, is attending school at Southwestern University.

Albert Gregg is attending the University of Georgia.

Perry Kerr is in charge of the office of the Bishop-Jordan Company.

Leonard Howard and Owen Aiken have positions in town, Leonard at his father's business and Owen at the Overland-Marfa Company.

On Saturday night Miss Hightower entertained at the home of Mrs. Howell, honoring her sister, Miss Rebecca Hightower.

The color scheme of red and white was carried out in decorations of ribbon and hearts. Tables were set for "hearts" and everybody played until about 10 o'clock, when delicious refreshments of red and white brick ice-cream and angel-food cake were served. Twenty-five guests enjoyed this lovely party.

Mrs. George Dillman, nee Kitty Porter, an alumna of Marfa High, arrived Saturday with her little son, to visit her mother, Mrs. A. M. Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Gourley and daughters, Frances and Marion, are temporarily living at Presidio on account of Mrs. Gourley's health.

Miss Hightower's sister, Miss Rebecca Hightower, is still in Marfa and expects to remain for some time.

"HONEST ADVERTISING" BILL PASSES SENATE

Austin, Texas.—The Hertzberg "honest advertising" bill has passed the senate by viva voce under suspension of the constitutional rules. It had passed to engrossment with only four senators opposing it.

Among the latter was Senator McNealus of Dallas, who declared such a law would hurt the country newspapers. He charged that the bill is fostered by the medical fraternity and the ad leagues to drive the patent medicine companies out of business.

The bill would make it unlawful for any person or firm to misrepresent merchandise or stocks by statements in newspaper advertisements, circulars or other means. Similar legislation was offered several years ago by Senator Witt of Waco, who was then a member of the house.

Cattle For Mexico

Ten cars of mixed cattle from Fort Stockton and six cars from Girvin were shipped to Wichita, Kan., last week by the Olliphant ranch near Fort Stockton. Leroy Stone of Hoven sold two cars of calves, which were shipped from Fort Stockton to a commission house in Houston. John S. Oats of Fort Stockton sold to John Highsmith of Marfa a car of calves, which are to be shipped across the Rio Grande.—San Antonio Express.

Silver Shipments

Every week about 12 bars of silver weighing 125 pounds each from the Shafter mines are shipped by express from Marfa. Virtually for years the only silver produced in Texas comes from this Presidio county mine.

New Spring Hats in all the latest modes and styles at "Milady's Shoppe."

"AIN'T IT THE TRUTH?"

Retail shoe prices still pinch.—Forbes (New York).

We had loose management; now we have tight money.—Washington Post.

The only nation that isn't distressed by coal prices is hibernation.—Tacoma Leader.

The price of hard coal has now gone down to about twice the pre-war figure.—Detroit Free Press.

There isn't anything in America worth as little as a ruble—unless it be a corkscrew.—Louisville Post.

A falling star is like prices. It makes a great show of falling, but never lands anywhere.—Cleveland News.

Difference between a coal profiteer and a gunman seems to be that the latter uses a gun.—Brooklyn Eagle.

The roar of the big guns has been succeeded by the roar of men who think they are big guns.—Richmond News-Leader.

The unpardonable sin in a person of a different race or religion from ours is to be smarter than we are.—Ohio State Journal.

"Food Prices Break," says a headline. The line seems incomplete without the addition of the word "Father."—Moline Dispatch.

Most of the warring nations have quit listening for the roar of the big guns and are waiting for the dinner-bell.—Columbia Record.

The only parallel for Mexico we can think of is the behavior of a small boy for the two weeks just preceding Christmas.—New York World.

The people who are yelling the loudest about hard times are the people who have had to reduce their profits to about 500 per cent.—New York World.

According to a headline, the government will prosecute coal-profiteers. Too bad, too bad! All along we have been hoping that they would be punished.—Marion Star.

Bradstreet's says: "Commodity prices have fallen 40 per cent." It's too bad the people we buy from don't seem to know it.—Forbes (New York).

About twenty years from now the immigrants now coming in will be worrying about the flood of aliens coming to our shores.—Buffalo News.

When prices are going up, some merchants find it a pleasure to follow daily quotations, but when the tendency is downward they become stone blind in both eyes.

And now the nebula Drier, in the constellation Cetus, is speeding away from the earth at the rate of 1,250 miles a second. What has it against us?—Omaha World-Herald.

By pressing a finger to the neck and elbow of a person Johnny Coulton renders his subject utterly helpless. Building contractors have attained the same result without personal contact.—New York Evening Post.

A flywheel in Rochester burst loose, flew 30 rods over three houses, and smashed into a Miss Ewell's dining-room, but Miss Ewell was in the kitchen and escaped injury. What a lesson to the women folks!—New York Call.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Presidio County, Texas, will receive sealed proposals from any banking corporation, association or individual banker as the depository of all the funds of Presidio, Texas, for the ensuing two years, beginning March 1, 1921, and ending March 1, 1923; said proposals shall be opened by the Commissioners' Court of said county at Court House in Marfa, Texas, at 10 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, the first day of March, 1921, and the banking corporation, association or individual banker offering to pay the largest rate of interest per annum for said funds shall be accepted, provided the Commissioners' Court may reject any and all bids. Separate bids on daily balances and sinking fund may be made. Said bids or proposals shall be accompanied by a certified check for the sum of \$500, as a guarantee of good faith on part of the bidder.

Witness my hand at Marfa, Texas, this, the 22nd day of February, A. D. 1921.

K. C. Miller, County Judge, Presidio County, Texas.

******* TWENTY-ONE YEARS AGO. ***** Marfa New Era, Feb. 21, 1900 *******

Dr. Beardsley will preach at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

John Erickson returned this morning from a trip to the quicksilver mines.

R. L. Livingston and wife, who went up to El Paso this week, will go to Mexico for a visit before returning home.

Miss Mary Peterson, after spending a month or so here with her sister, returned to her home Sunday night.

Rev. W. B. Bloys will hold regular services at the Episcopal church tomorrow morning and evening. All are invited to be present.

Mrs. Bogel requests those who are to take part in the "District Squel" to meet at the school house tonight for general rehearsal—8 o'clock.

Toad Farmer is interested in getting up a Fourth of July celebration in which "Storming the Alamo" would cut a big figure. Toad is a genius all right.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian church will meet at O. N. Turner's next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The Bible class is especially invited to attend.

The public school celebrated George Washington's birthday by giving public exercises Thursday afternoon. A school was held Thursday, Friday was taken as the holiday.

The Public School Library is in receipt of 52 large quarto volumes from the department of the interior, Washington, sent through the kindness of Congressman J. L. Slayden.

Deaths

At El Paso, Thursday morning, Pat Hancock Coleman, aged 6 years and 20 days, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Coleman, formerly of this city but now residing in New Mexico.

The sad news of little Pat's death was sent to this place Thursday morning, when telegrams were received asking friends of the family to make the necessary arrangements for the funeral. The bereaved parents, with the remains of their beloved child, arrived here at 1 p. m. yesterday morning.

The funeral took place at 10 a. m. from the residence of X. W. Pulliam, Rev. W. B. Bloys officiating.

The heartfelt sympathy of all goes out to the bereaved parents in their sorrow. Pat was the only child, and naturally the parents were greatly wrapped up in him. He was taken down some time ago with measles, from which he had almost recovered, but he got a back set, which finally developed into pneumonia and resulted in his death.

Mrs. Coleman and Pat also are prostrated with grief and the numerous friends of the unfortunate couple in Marfa can do naught to appease their suffering except to extend to them the sincerest sympathy.

Died—In East Las Vegas, N. M., Feb. 18, Elene Coleman, wife of J. H. Coleman, aged 27 years. Funeral services were held at the North Methodist church Monday afternoon, after which her remains were laid in their last resting place in the Masonic cemetery. She leaves a grief-stricken husband and two small children and numerous relatives and friends to mourn her loss. Though the all-wise hand of God has seen fit to take her away just in the bloom of womanhood, her influence still is with us, and she, who was a sister true and a model wife and a loving mother, has gone to that home which is free from care and strife. "Loved ones taken away makes Heaven merrier and gives to life a goal." A Loving Hand.

Mrs. Laura Peters, wife of Wash Peters, died Monday evening about 5 o'clock and was buried Tuesday afternoon. The deceased had been here for several days under medical treatment, but all efforts to save her life and the loving care and attention of mother and sister and kind neighbors was of no avail. She leaves a husband and four children, the youngest only a few weeks old, several brothers and sisters and a mother to mourn her loss. Two of the children were taken in charge by Mrs. R. E. L. Tyler, the deceased's

sister, and two by Ike Adams, her brother.

John Coleman came in from Liberty, N. M., this morning to attend the funeral of his nephew, Pat Hancock Coleman, which took place this morning. John has met with a terrible bereavement since leaving Marfa, in the loss of his most estimable wife, and the heartfelt sympathy of his many friends here goes out to him in his sorrow. His two children are in New Mexico in charge of Mrs. Guyon, his mother-in-law, and Miss Ada, his sister-in-law.

Terlingua Note.

All roads leading to Terlingua are bad.

In fact, so bad are the roads leading to Terlingua that the department could not find anybody to run the mail contract.

Every inducement was offered to would-be bidders. Alpine was shown to be 70 miles from here (or just south of Butcher's Knife), and the contract called for a 36-hour trip. On paper it looked easy enough, but these roads are not made on paper.

It is amusing to hear how anxious all the towns on the railroad are to prove they are within the 70-mile radius from Terlingua. Marathon is 75, Alpine is 70 and Marfa claims 90. The freighters swear they are all over a hundred and that there's not a mile to choose between them, but then, freighters "don't know nothing" about roads.

Places not doing one-tenth the business this place does have a daily mail service, and it was deemed so necessary by the various mining companies to be able to correspond with the outside world that a private mail service has been established between Dysart (Alamito), and the mines. The mail leaves Marfa for Dysart on Sundays at 9 o'clock a. m. and will be sent on from Dysart Mondays by horseback messenger, arriving at the mines about noon on Tuesdays, as the distance by the trail is only about 35 miles. The return mail will connect with Dysart on Saturdays, getting into Marfa the same evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Murray accompanied by Miss Golby, spent a few days at the mines last week. The ladies were very much pleased with the looks of the country, but objected to the drinking water.

Professor Jenny, of the United States geological survey is here making a study of the country. The professor, who is accompanied by his wife, will make a prolonged stay, and whatever he says will have great weight with the investment seeking public.

Henry Dryden is here getting ready to make 150,000 bricks for the M. & M. Company.

When Terlingua is the county seat of Brewster county—five years soon pass—our wise heads will say "I told you so!"

W. E. Bell received another report last Tuesday from El Paso, which he will soon have in running order.

Last week the Excelsior Mining Company shipped 37 flasks of quicksilver—a ton and a half of liquid silver and worth \$2000.

At the mines last week we saw Professor Jenny and wife, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Murray, Miss Golby, Newt Page, of Marathon; Doc Gourley, Tom Gourley, J. A. Adams, John Gaughran, J. P.; H. Dryden and Weiss, of Alpine; R. C. Todd, Henry Bernard, James Bishop, Charlie Raymond, Dr. Beakly, Crenshaw, McHarmon—who has struck it rich—Wood Senders and a host more.



BOTH MEN AND WOMEN are invited to test the merits and economy of our dry cleaning, dyeing and pressing. We make apparel look like new. No danger to the flimsiest fabric or daintiest feathers. The sooner you test our methods the sooner you will have solved the question as to how to avoid "the high cost of living."

LEWIS THE TAILOR SNAP IT!

Well, no wonder the coal operators Judging by some of the steaks the couldn't afford to give the miners butchers are selling, the packers are more pay. All they were making using the leather that the shoe men was 150 per cent profit.—New York can find a market for.—New York World.

PRICES REDUCED

Pianos, Player Pianos, Grands

WE HAVE REDUCED OUR PRICES NOW, INSTEAD OF WAITING UNTIL OUR FACTORIES HAVE REDUCED PRICES—BEING WILLING TO TAKE OUR LOSSES NOW AND DO OUR SHARE IN BRINGING THE READJUSTMENT PERIOD TO A CLIMAX AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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"PERSONAL CONTACT"

A Small City Chamber of Commerce, With a Lesson and a Love Story

(By Tom S. Elrod in Leslie's Weekly)

Norman Phillips, editor and publisher of the Central City Tribune, made a half unconscious motion with his right thumb before he read the card a stranger had presented him. His thumb passed lightly over the face of the card to determine if it was engraved or merely printed. If the latter, his first thought would be whether it was the product of a newspaper or job printing office. Newspapers had a way of giving free advertising to all sorts of ventures, good, indifferent and so on. Job offices had a habit of getting the work of the very people the newspapers had boosted. So the thumb motion and the thought were second nature. By that time Phillips had read enough to know that the card was presented by John North, newly chosen secretary of the Central City Chamber of Commerce.

Phillips brushed a pile of exchanges from a nearby chair and motioned to it.

"Sit down, Mr. North," he invited.

"So you are the new secretary."

"Yes," North admitted, "and I suspected that the best thing I could do would be the first thing—that of calling on the editor of Central City's leading newspaper and getting a line on local conditions. You know I came from over in Ohio, where I have been doing commercial secretary work for the past eight years. Every town has its own problems, and while I am more or less familiar with your state in general, I wish to know about Central City in particular."

Phillips allowed his keen eyes to take in the young man, detail for detail. Apparently about 29, straight nose, good chin, rather eager eyes, plenty of dark-brown hair and a somewhat expressive mouth.

"Doctor," said the editor, "you've got a mighty sick patient to cure. Do you suppose you can do it?"

"I can give some all-fired big doses of civic medicine, if you'll outline a few of the symptoms. Is the town feverish, suffering from lack of pep, or what?"

Phillips went over and closed the door to his little private office. He smiled as he resumed his seat, as if he dreaded a duty that must be performed.

"You'd find all this out for yourself," he began, "if you went prying around into Central City's affairs, so I might as well tell you. I suppose you met all the members of the committee who went over to confer with you and offer you the lead job. You were over here two weeks ago, if I remember correctly, and saw a few of the high spots. That part of Central City you saw was all dressed up in its best big and tucker, putting on airs for company. Now, when a stranger comes in here to ask me about our town, or when I have occasion to write some of this blurb stuff about the place, for the paper, Central City becomes the garden spot of the world. It has more progressive, broad-minded citizens per capita than any town, anywhere. It has the best schools, the best this, the best that, and absolutely the best other. Labor and capital dwell together in tranquility and perfect unity. The sun shines when it should, and there is a proper amount of rainfall. But that's for outside consumption. I understand you're after the truth."

North nodded.

"The truth is," Phillips resumed, "that the town's all shot up. A little bunch of pin-headed business men are trying to run it. They are public-spirited just so long as it helps their private business. Last summer a fellow went out and tried to raise money by subscription so we could have band concerts on Main street every Saturday night. The merchants all opposed it because, they said, people came in from the country on Saturday night without any inducement, and if a band was playing on the street (some of the visitors might listen to the music instead of fretting inside the stores to buy goods. So we offered to have the concerts on some other night, but the merchant princes got into a squabble about where the concerts were to be given. One fellow down the street here offered to donate 50 cents a week if the band would play in front of his store. He said it would attract attention to his place. That's the size of 'em. They have a merchants' association, and it's air-tight. They tell me just what to print and what to keep out. I've got a family to support, and I need the advertising. I just can't

plain tell 'em to go to—the place where they justly belong."

He stopped to fill his pipe.

"What about labor?" North asked.

"I was coming to that. Labor is pretty well organized, but a little under cover. The factory-owners have an employers' association, and whenever they get together they talk of nothing but open shop. That, and the general inefficiency of labor. They weep into their home-brewed beer and tell about the days when one good man, workign for half what men get now, would do as much in a day as three men will do under present conditions. The only difficulty between labor and capital in this matchless little city of 10,000 inhabitants and nearly as many souls is distrust, misunderstanding, envy, jealousy and a few other things. Outside of that everything's lovely."

"I wouldn't be surprised if I'd said too much. I don't want to frighten you away or give you a wrong idea, but you wanted the symptoms and I've detailed some of them. Do you still think you can do any good?"

"Do you think the patient is worth saving?" North inquired.

"Of course," Phillips replied, his expression changing. "Why, I'd fight for the old burg any day. What makes me so cuss-fired sore is that most fellows here sneer when you talk about civic patriotism, community loyalty and such like. If you've come here to preach the same doctrine, why it's a case of you and me both. You can count on me as long as I've got a linotype machine that'll cast a slug."

John North went back to his office with a half smile on his face. He was not surprised at what he had heard. A few talks with so-called leading citizens had shown him what was wrong. He might throw up the job and go elsewhere. He might stay and fight. It was characteristic of him and his work that he never gave serious thought to running away.

When he reached his office his stenographer, a local product, was making the place a little more tidy. Alice Post was a little more than 20 or 21—either age would have been a good guess. In a town the size of Central City, where everybody knows everybody else, her exceedingly attractive face would have been sufficient to win her a place in what the society editor of the Tribune called the younger set. In addition to the pretty face it appeared she had brains. Under the old regime at the Chamber of Commerce there had been little opportunity for her to use them. She had a faint hope, when John North arrived, that conditions might change.

"Some men were here to see you while you were out," she announced. "Who, what, why, when and how?" North questioned.

"Oh, some of the town's elect," she answered. "Luke Page, of the Page Wheel Company, was in to suggest that we already have enough

factories in Central City. He says additional factories would mean more competition for the present inadequate labor supply and a bigger demand for labor might mean higher wages. He thinks we should let well enough alone and encourage the factories we now have. Louis Dunn, who owns a department store—maybe you noticed it—was here to see you. He wants to know how soon we are going to get started on a new factory campaign. It's his idea that the greatest need of Central City is additional factories because that will mean more labor and more labor means more customers for the Dunn department store. Then there were some others; here's a memorandum of their names and desires. Practically all of them are after something that will help them. It seems mighty hard to get any of the local people interested in the bigger things."

"If you'll permit a suggestion," said North, "I'm inclined to think you're a girl after my own—my own way of thinking. In short, we've got a fine bunch of boosters here—for themselves. Am I right?"

Miss Post nodded and smiled, her face a trifle flushed.

"And yet," North went on, "we're not going to give up, are we? We're going right down the line, sister, and make a few things hum. And if I don't work along orthodox lines, that will be my fault—and yours. If we get results maybe they'll forgive us in the end. You've lived here some time, haven't you?"

"Since birth. I went to school here, then high school, then away to college. Father works in a factory. I know something of what the laboring men thing and how they feel.

During the past two years they have begun to flock by themselves. In a town like this we've always been a sort of big family. A man who amounted to something worked and it didn't make much difference where he worked so long as the job was honorable. Employer and employe belonged to the same lodges and churches, chummed around together and all that. Now they are beginning to pair off. The working-men here distrust anything the employing class does and the employers don't give labor credit for being honest. Can you do anything to change things?"

"No," the secretary shook his head slowly. "No, I can't do very much by myself, but I can point to a few new paths and it's up to the people whether they travel any of them. I can suggest things, but I can't carry them out. The folks here in Central City will have to do that."

North spent his first days in Central City in the business of getting acquainted. He had a passion for knowing people and listening to what they had to say. Little by little he learned all of the private grudges, the petty jealousies. He was warned not to become too closely acquainted with this man, and to shun that one lest he get in bad, as one newly made friend expressed it. He made a list of names and business classification of all visitors to his office. The list showed that the employing class was calling, but labor had not put in an appearance. It was his business to know why. Consequently he made it a point to call at the home of Alice Post and deliver a perfectly useless message about some work he desired done the following day. This, however, gave him an excuse to meet her father, a middle-aged man, intelligent-looking and in seemingly comfortable circumstances. At any rate his home was on a pleasant street and was one of those livable little places that make a visitor yearn to return.

"I've been rather busy meeting people since I got here," North explained to Jason Post, "but I haven't met many of you men who work in the factories. In looking over the membership list and the occupations of members I don't find any laboring men. How does that happen?"

"I'll tell you how it happens," Post replied with some heat; "it happens because any workman in this town who gets mixed up in that Chamber of Commerce gets fired from his union that very same day. Every union has passed that rule, and it goes. See?"

"But why?"

"You'll find out soon enough, if you don't know now," Post declared. "They call that organization the Chamber of Commerce. They might just as well call it the Employers' Association and be done with it. Why, a workman would be almost as welcome there as a mouse at a girls' party."

"But the town can't grow and amount to anything unless there is unity of purpose here," the secretary contended. "I find that a sort of class war has been declared. You laboring men are all employed, and making good money. Conditions in the factories are reasonably good. There's no reason why you fellows and your employers should not be on the best of terms, but I venture that you know of men who work in the shop with you who take a secret delight in slowing up work, who are anxious to make a mistake, who are happy when they hear the employer has had some kind of trouble."

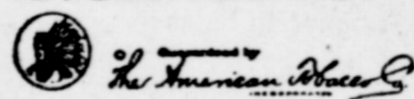
"Yes," Post was leaning forward and emphasizing his words with a clenched fist, "and there ain't a factory owner or storekeeper in this town but's out yelling his head off about the wages we're making and trying to get something on us. They ride around in their automobiles and

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H. H. Kilpatrick, Editor
 M. Wilkinson, Business Manager

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Friday, Feb. 25, 1921

Give Them a Place to Play

(By Denis A. McCarthy)
 Plenty of room for dives and dens,
 (Giltie and gare and sin)

Plenty of room for prison pens,
 (Gather the criminals in)

Plenty of room for jails and courts,
 (Willing enough to pay)

But never a place for the lads to race,
 No, never a place to play!

Plenty of room for saloons and stores,
 (Mummers must have the best)

Plenty of room for the running sores
 That rot in the city's breast!

Plenty of room for the lures that lead
 The hearts of our youth astray.

But never a cent on a playground spent,
 No, never a place to play!

Plenty of room for schools and halls,
 Plenty of room for art;

Plenty of room for teas and balls,
 Platform, stage and mart.

Proud is the city—she finds a place,
 For many a fad today.

But she's more than blind if she fails to find
 A place for the boys to play!

Give them a chance for innocent sport,
 Give them a chance for fun—

Better a playground plot than a court
 And a jail when the harm's done!

Give them a chance—if you slint them now,
 Tomorrow you'll have to pay

A larger bill for a darker ill,
 So give them a place to play!

NEW MEAT INDUSTRY

Marketing reindeer meat in the United States is one of the newest problems that has been put up to the bureau of markets, United States department of agriculture, for solution.

Alaska has approximately 200,000 reindeer, a number that leaves a considerable surplus over what is needed for home consumption.

Specialists estimate that Alaska is ready to market about 5,000 carcasses at present. The fact that the herds have increased from 10,000 head in 1905 to 200,000 in 1920 indicates how soon the marketing of reindeer meat will be a real problem.

During the last few years exports of this meat have increased rapidly. In 1914 only 75 carcasses were shipped into the United States. It is thought that within the next 15 years there may be between four and five million reindeer, with an annual surplus of 1,000,000 carcasses that must reach a market somewhere outside the territory. At present prices this surplus would be worth \$60,000,000.

It is reported that a company, with headquarters at Nome, has already established cold-storage plants for handling 12,000 carcasses each year. The meat will be held for shipment into the United States.

Distribution costs are high, but producing costs are low. At present rates it costs about \$140 a ton to transport reindeer meat from Nome to Minneapolis. The Eskimos own 70 per cent of the herds, and the only item of production cost is that of herding the animals. Alaskan reindeer weigh about 150 pounds to the dressed carcass, but the average weight can be increased to 300 pounds by cross-breeding the reindeer with the caribou, which is a larger and heavier animal.

Hughes will head the Harding cabinet. A good selection.

TURN OVER YOUR CAPITAL

Francis H. Sisson hits the keynote when he states that the producers and merchants who persist in holding their goods for prices that the public will not pay are, courting disaster and preparing to swell the number of commercial failures. They have not learned the elemental rule of successful merchandising that profits come from turning over capital. They are endeavoring to ignore the inexorable law of supply and demand. They are trying to shape business to their liking, in ignorance, apparently that practically every business today is directly or indirectly affected by world conditions that no individual or nation can control.

NEW SEEDS FROM SIAM

Seeds of a number of unusual plants have been recently received at the quarantine station of the United States department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., from J. F. Rock, one of the department explorers in Siam. Among these are a black-kerneled rice which is said to be extensively eaten by the natives of Siam, and another is a brown-tinted cotton, not hitherto known in this country. The seeds will be propagated in the plan detention station to guard against spreading any lurking plant disease which may have clung to them, and the second-generation seed will be tested out in various parts of the United States.

It is reported from Washington that the packers have there a most powerful lobby. Senator Knynon, joint author of the bill to regulate the meat packing industry of the nation said that this lobby seems to be more powerful than congress itself. This organization is not only well financed, but, with national and international connections, reaches to the farthest corners of the world, and so far has demonstrated its ability to prevent effective control of its illegal practices and combinations.

Reports from the various commission firms throughout the country are to the effect that the past two weeks a heter feeling to the cattle trade looks as if the bottom had been touched. It is yet very far from satisfactory, and it seems as if there is no demand for cattle anywhere, and the better posted cowman has begun to think that the price prevailing today will remain for some time, although it is to be hoped that they are wrong and that better prices will be quoted in the very near future.

"O, listen! That's the train whistle. Step on the accelerator and we'll try and get across before it comes." These remarks, or last words, will be repeated in Marfa some of these days if the people persist in crossing the railroad track just ahead of the trains. Many times there have been narrow escapes, but a chance will be taken some of these days that will be fatal. The people will then wake up to the fact that they have been very foolish in this respect. Stop it before it's too late. It is extremely dangerous, besides being foolish, to take such risks.

Congressman Blanton stirred up a hornet's nest the other day in Washington when it was learned he had sent to the Texas press an article for publication telling how he had prevented a big sales job, and requested the press to assist in creating a public sentiment against such a prospective raid. Congressman Hutton Summers was the maddest hornet in the bunch, and for a few minutes the atmosphere was lurid with words—every one, except the venerable Joe Cannon, joining in the tumult.

The scientists are now telling us that by proper care man can easily live from 150 to 200 years and even longer. We are anxious to learn all about what constitutes "proper care." The old saying, "What is one man's meat is another man's poison," has often been shown, and therefore we should study our particular meat.

We have been advised even from our youth to tread lightly and speak gently on religious and political subjects, especially while at the table or in company. It appears when you wish to discuss these subjects go off and talk to yourself. You may be misunderstood and taken up as being a non compos mentis.

An attorney in El Paso has been convicted of highway robbery and given five years. Lawyers should be careful and not rob on the public highways.

Statistics show that in the United States 20,000 children are accidentally killed every year.

MARFA GREATLY INTERESTED IN COMPLETION OF ORIENT

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 about way through Nogales, Hermosillo, Guaymas and Mazatlan.

East of Chihuahua

East of Chihuahua, a stretch of road has been built from the state capital to the town of Falomir, on the Rio Conchas. As surveyed, there is a stretch of about 75 miles to be completed to Ojinaga, which is across the Rio Grande from Presidio, Texas; and from Presidio to Alpine the distance is shown to be only about 75 miles. The filling in of this 150-mile gap would give Chihuahua a connection with Kansas City, as the road is completed from Kansas City to Alpine.

The construction of that 150 miles and the building of the 50 miles between Sanchez and La Junta would connect Kansas City with the Mexican tidewater town.

Stilwell's Great Idea

Arthur Stilwell promoted this railroad is the shortest tidewater road from "the heart of the United States" and was making excellent progress with it until the Mexican revolution came on. He started construction from Kansas City southwestward; from Topolobampo northward; and from Chihuahua in both directions—east and west—and kept his men working as long as the money held out, and the money kept coming as long as peaceful conditions remained in Mexico.

If Mexico had remained at peace for a few months longer, "the Stilwell shortline," as it was called, would have been completed, and El Paso and Kansas City would have benefited.

While El Paso is not on the Stilwell line it taps the line at Chihuahua over the Mexican Central, or what is perhaps a little nearer, over the Mexico Northwestern, by way of Casas Grandes, Pearson and Madera, at La Junta.

Difficult to Build

The construction work on the Stilwell road was one of the most difficult pieces of grading, tunnel building and cutting on the American continent, but the roughest part of the country has been traversed.

The line from Topolobampo is said to traverse one of the richest agricultural regions in semi-tropical Mexico, much of the country being also rich in minerals. The line comes north out of Topolobampo through La Mehis and San Blas (where it crosses the S. P.), touching at Fuerte, Sinaloa, to the forks of the Fuerte and the Chinipas rivers, and it is said that if the country returns to normal, even that short stretch of road will be a money maker.

West of Chihuahua

The stretch of road west of Chihuahua to Sanchez runs through one of the richest mineralized regions of the state of Chihuahua, touching at Minaera, Alamosa, Boyceona and other mining towns in that region.

East of Chihuahua, the line to Falomir runs through a sparsely settled section, and it will not pay for operations unless on through hauls. This line has never paid the company any returns and trains have seldom operated over it since the revolution began.

With the resumption of mining in western Chihuahua, the western branch is expected to prove productive, and there is the hope expressed among shippers and merchants that it will be possible to raise the money to connect the northern terminal of the line out of Chihuahua, so that El Paso will get the benefit of the short water haul.

Oregon Promises Help

The receiver, general attorney and officials of the road, who attended the inauguration of President Alvaro Oregon on Dec. 1, made the declaration on passing through El Paso on their return to headquarters at Kansas City, that the president had promised to give them every possible help to complete and open the through line at the earliest possible opportunity. The road was started on a concession granted by the Diaz government, which promised a subsidy for its construction. However, after the revolutions came, the subsidy not only stopped but the bandits and revolutionists destroyed much of the company's property.

ORIENT RAILROAD COMPANY ELECTS NEW DIRECTORS

San Angelo, Tex., Feb. 22.—The Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad is steadily regaining its feet, aided by a federal loan of \$2,500,000 and prospects for the early comple-

tion of the system into Mexico at two points are growing brighter, it developed today at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Texas division held here. Houston Harte, publisher of the San Angelo Standard, was elected a director, succeeding Herbert S. Garrett, who resigned last year to accept a position with the Texas Company at Cisco. Harte will also be assistant secretary. This was the only change made.

Directors re-elected were: W. T. Kemper, Herbert F. Hall, W. P. McLucas and Clifford Histed, all of Kansas City; Albert Debernardie of

Wichita, Kan.; M. L. Mertz, of San Angelo; W. L. Aldwell, of Sonora, and James Rooney, of Fort Stockton. Hall will again be chairman. Mr. Kemper, receiver of the Kansas and Oklahoma divisions, was retained as president; Debernardie, first vice president and general manager; Histed, second vice president; Mertz, third vice president and treasurer; and M. C. Lucas, secretary. Alex Collins, local lawyer, was re-elected general attorney, and Clifford Histed was named general solicitor for the Texas system, headquarters of which are located here.

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JURY FUND, FIRST CLASS	
Balance last Quarter	\$1,021.63
To amount received during Quarter	1,668.87
By amount paid out during Quarter	257.66
By 11-2 per cent Commission on amount received	23.31
By 11-2 per cent Commission on amount paid out	2,403.63
Amount to Balance	\$2,690.50
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND, SECOND CLASS	
Balance last Quarter	\$2,403.63
To amount received during Quarter	1,900.95
By amount paid out during Quarter	\$816.41
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount received	30.33
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount paid out	12.25
Amount to balance	\$3,296.86
GENERAL COUNTY FUND, THIRD CLASS	
Balance last Quarter	\$4,155.85
To amount received during Quarter	\$3,296.86
By amount paid out during Quarter	\$1,066.57
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount received	\$7,387.88
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount received	119.54
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount paid out	111.77
Amount to balance	1,350.37
COURTHOUSE AND JAIL FUND	
To amount received during Quarter	\$1,350.37
By amount paid out during Quarter	\$317.12
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount received	23.06
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount paid out	215.75
Amount to balance	4.44
COURTHOUSE AND JAIL FUND, SPECIAL CLASS	
Balance last Quarter	\$340.17
To amount received during Quarter	\$120.74
To amount received during Quarter	\$1,589.15
To amount received during Quarter	275.53
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount received	\$13.98
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount received	4.19
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount paid out	.21
Amount to balance	\$1,846.30
HIGHWAY FUND	
Balance last Quarter	\$1,846.30
To amount received during Quarter	\$784.75
To amount received during Quarter	771.36
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount received	\$11.72
Amount to balance	1,544.39
FUND, NINTH CLASS	
Balance last Quarter	\$1,556.11
Amount to balance	\$1,556.11
FUND, SEVENTH CLASS	
Balance last Quarter	\$1,864.68
To amount received during Quarter	26
By amount paid out during Quarter	\$62.90
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount received	7.50
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount paid out	.94
Amount to balance	1,313.75
R. & B. M. FUND	
Balance last Quarter	\$1,385.09
To amount received during Quarter	\$1,313.75
By amount paid out during Quarter	\$1,549.64
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount received	1,141.77
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount received	\$146.77
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount received	17.19
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount paid out	2.20
Amount to balance	2,525.26
FUND, FOURTH CLASS	
Balance last Quarter	\$2,691.41
To amount received during Quarter	\$2,525.26
By amount paid out during Quarter	\$561.69
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount received	5.83
Amount to balance	\$567.52
FUND, FIFTH CLASS	
Balance last Quarter	\$1,259.41
To amount received during Quarter	\$85.12
By amount paid out during Quarter	\$55.01
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount received	7.38
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount paid out	.84
Amount to balance	1,680.10
FUND, SIXTH CLASS	
Balance last Quarter	\$7,144.53
To amount received during Quarter	\$1,680.10
By amount paid out during Quarter	\$947.96
By amount paid out during Quarter	359.34
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount received	\$41.93
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount received	4.98
By 11-2 per cent commission on amount paid out	63
Amount to balance	499.00
FUND, EIGHTH CLASS	
Balance last Quarter	\$546.51
Amount to balance	\$546.51
FUND, TENTH CLASS	
Balance last Quarter	\$199.00
Amount to balance	\$199.00

Practice Game
 Thursday evening the Fort Davis champions were over for a practice game with Marfa basketball team. Here's hoping that at Alpine next Monday they beat the El Paso team.

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CALL telephone 190 for sellings of pure-bred Barred Plymouth Rock eggs. Merrill Ranch, or leave orders with Rev. J. R. Jacobs

FOR SALE—Hollow-tile cement stucco cottage, about three dozen bearing grape vines, fruit and shade trees, roses and vines; modern little home; one-third cash, balance easy. Mrs. G. H. Hysaw.

FOR SALE—18 young Barred Rock hens and some roosters. J. P. Weatherford.

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Locals and Personals

H. B. Grierson and wife were in the city Tuesday.

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Roy Stillwell of Marathon was in the city Thursday.

Andrew Prude of Fort Davis was a visitor to the city Monday.

None but experienced help at the Singer Shop.

T. T. Neill of Brite, Texas, was in the city on business Tuesday.

Johnnie Grosson, who is in the government service, came in Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Thain of Alpine is in the city visiting her father, John Burgess.

New Taffeta Dresses in blues and blacks, all late models, at "Milady's Shoppe."

D. H. Hunter, the Valentine drug man, was a business visitor at Marfa Tuesday.

New Taffeta Dresses in blues and blacks, all late models, at "Milady's Shoppe."

Election for mayor of Marfa and two commissioners has been ordered for April 3.

New Spring Hats in all the latest modes and styles at "Milady's Shoppe."

Preaching at the Baptist church.

visit to Mrs. Barrett's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Midkiff.

Ivory toilet goods: \$11 mirror, sale price, \$5.50; \$5 mirror, sale price, \$2.50; 50c nail file, sale price, 20c. All ivory one-half price at Anderson's Gift Store—temporarily in Busy Bee Store.

Len Neill, son of Sam Neill, an old-time Presidio boy, who has been for several years in Mexico, was in Marfa Tuesday, shaking hands with his many friends.

Mr. Ritchie, son of J. H. Ritchie, the geologist, was in the city Thursday. He is interested in several oil properties near Bone Springs in Brewster county.

H. W. Schutze returned Tuesday from Joera, where, incidentally, he took in El Paso. He reports being "held up" at the bridge and relieved of several articles of value.

Fine cut glass and china half price, diamonds, watches, pearls and jewelry at prices unheard of at Anderson's Gift Store—temporarily in Busy Bee Store.

Miss Lela Dell Hysaw returned Saturday from a six months trip to Europe, where she, in company with her sister, Mrs. Pettie, visited many of the famous places of the Old World.

W. B. Mitchell, F. A. Mitchell and Ernest Williams are attending the buyers' and sellers' convention being held at Amarillo this week. Joe Espy and R. C. Williams of Fort Davis accompanied them.

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Osteopath.
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by Dr T. V. Neal of Dallas, Friday evening (tonight).

Don't fail to see Nazimova in "Madam Peacock" at the Popular Theater Wednesday, Feb. 23.

In this issue of The New Era is published a notice calling for bids as county depository.

We are equipped to do all kinds of furniture upholstery. See us, Marfa Saddlery Co.

Sam Neill, after being confined to his room with influenza, is able to be out this week.

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Mrs. Oscar Shipman, who has been visiting her parents at Clint, Texas, returned home Tuesday.

Dr. J. Frank Franklin and wife returned Saturday from a trip to Bandera and San Antonio.

William Cresup was in the city Thursday from his ranch near the river in the upper Pecos country.

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C. E. Mead and wife of Marfa were transacting business in Alpine Tuesday.—Alpine Avalanche.

Dr. W. C. Moore was down from Marfa last Friday seeing his Alpine friends.—Alpine Avalanche.

We have a supply of Type-writer ribbons for Remington, Underwood and Oliver machines. Call at The New Era for a new ribbon when in need.

Not many more days to take advantage of sale values at Anderson's Gift Store—temporarily in Busy Bee Store.

Mrs. Gertrude Mead Orgilvie of Houston came in Wednesday on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mead.

The sale at Anderson's Gift Store will only continue while their building is being remodeled and they are temporarily in the Busy Bee Store.

Mrs. C. A. Barrett and twin sons of Temple, Texas, are here on a

LABOR RULES BURDEN COSTS OF R. R. SERVICE

U. S. Railroad Labor Board Asked to Stop Payments for Work Not Done.

WOULD SAVE \$300,000,000

**Lower Cost of Service Can Be Secured
Only by Cutting Expenses,
Attorney Says.**

Urging emergency action by the United States Railroad Labor Board to end "gross waste and inefficiency" prevailing under present working rules and conditions, General W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad, in a statement to the board in session at Chicago said in part:

Many railroads are not now earning, and with present operating costs and traffic have no prospect of earning, even their bare operating expenses, leaving them without any net return and unable to meet their fixed charges.

The emergency presented can be met either by an advance in freight and passenger rates, or by a reduction in operating expenses.

With declining prices and wages in industry and agriculture, the country demands that the solvency of the railroads must be assured by a reduction in operating expenses, and not by a further advance of rates.

The National Agreements, rules and working conditions forced on the railroads as war measures cause gross waste and inefficiency.

Would Save \$300,000,000

I estimate that the elimination of this waste would reduce railway operating expenses at least \$300,000,000. It would be far better to save this sum by restoring conditions of efficient and economical operation than to reduce wages.

We believe that as the wages of railroad employees were the last to go up they should also be the last to come down, but we do insist that for an ample wage an honest day's work shall be given. The public has the right to insist that this must be obtained.

The public has also the right to expect that the railway executives, with the co-operation of the regulatory bodies and the employees, will as rapidly as possible reduce the cost of railway operation so as to insure eventually a reduction in rates. Ultimately a readjustment of basic wages will be required. Meantime it is to the interests of all concerned, including labor, that the rules and working conditions shall be made conducive to the highest efficiency in output per man.

Losses in Income Irreparable

When wages have been too low the harm done has been offset by retroactive increases. Losses of railway net operating income are irreparable. You cannot make retroactive tomorrow the savings that should have been made today.

The board cannot possibly write the rules and working conditions of every railroad in this country and adjust them equitably to varying geographical, operating and social conditions.

It rests entirely with the board to determine whether this whole situation shall drift into chaos, and orderly procedure become impossible except at the price of railroad bankruptcy, financial shock and still wider unemployment.

The Labor Board can prevent this catastrophe by declaring that the National agreements, rules and working conditions coming over from the war period are terminated at once; that the question of reasonable and economical rules and working conditions shall be remanded to negotiations between each carrier and its own employees; and that as the basis for such negotiations, the agreements, rules, and working conditions in effect on each railroad as of December 31, 1917, shall be re-established.

If the board will do this, the Labor Committee of the Association of Railway Executives will urge upon every railroad company a party to Decision No. 2, that no proposal for the reduction of basic wages shall be made within the next succeeding ninety days. This will afford an opportunity to gauge the economies which can be accomplished through more efficient rules and working conditions.

It also will afford additional time in which to realize the benefits of a further decline in the cost of living.

Relief Imperative and Equitable

The course which we are recommending is not only imperative but equitable.

The War Labor Board declared that the war period was an interregnum, to be used neither by employer nor employee for the purpose of bettering or impairing the position of either.

To perpetuate as the normal rules and working conditions on the railroads, the extraordinary provisions of the war period is a distinct violation of all promises. The war has now been over more than two years. The time has come when, if the railways are to be efficiently and economically operated, in accordance with the provisions of the Transportation act, normal conditions of employment and of working conditions must be restored and increased efficiency of labor be secured.

NATIONWIDE FIGHT AGAINST DISEASE

American Red Cross Will Have Health Centers in All Parts of United States.

The American Red Cross has launched upon a nation-wide campaign of fighting disease and physical defect among the American people. A new and unique health institution has come into being as the result of several months' study by the Red Cross Health Service Department at National Headquarters.

Officials in charge of the department predict that before long this new health activity will be in actual operation all over the country, and that the sign—"American Red Cross Health Center"—will become as familiar to the people everywhere as are now the signs of the telegraph companies.

Busy Long Before War.

The interest of the American Red Cross in the fight against disease is not, however, of recent origin. Long before the war the organization began this health service through its medical units in disaster relief work and its department of Town and County Nursing. During the war and following the armistice thousands of American Red Cross officials have been fighting disease in the war-stricken countries. At the same time tens of thousands of local Red Cross officials have been engaged at home fighting disease, notably during the influenza epidemics.

The American Red Cross has determined that all this valuable experience in health service abroad and at home shall not go to waste. So long as there are a half a million people dying yearly in this country from preventable causes, and so long as more than one-third of the American children and young people are victims of physical defects, the Red Cross recognizes the urgent need for continued Red Cross health service at home.

New Organization Works.

The Red Cross Health Center is governed by business principles, applies business methods, and, in its more simple form, can be established and conducted by lay people.

It proceeds upon the demonstrated fact that health is a commodity that can be bought and sold like brooms and soap. Therefore, it establishes itself in a store room in the principal business section of the community. It displays its goods in the form of attractive health exhibits in its show windows. It advertises constantly and extensively. And it uses every business and social device to attract customers.

The Red Cross Health Center is of service to the sick in that it gives out reliable and complete information about existing clinics, hospitals, sanatoria and other institutions for the sick and the defective; about available nurses, both trained and practical; about when to consult a physician and why to shun the quack and his nostrums.

Teaching Disease Prevention.

The Red Cross Health Center is, however, of even greater service to the well. It teaches people how to prevent sickness and disease. This is done in many interesting and attractive ways—first of all, by the distribution of popular health literature and through health lectures illustrated with lantern slides or with health motion picture films. These special exhibits are given, one after the other, on various health subjects. Practical demonstrations are made of health playlets by children to in-struct themselves and their elders. Classes are organized in personal hygiene, home care of the sick, first aid and in food selection and preparation. Health clubs, both for younger and older people, are formed; also Little Mothers' Leagues. Nutrition and growth clinics are conducted for children.

Already more than a hundred of these Red Cross Health Centers are in actual operation throughout the country. Many of them also conduct medical clinics, but the one chief, outstanding feature of the American Red Cross Health Center is its health education service which teaches well people how to keep well.

FRENCH PRAISE FOR OUR RED CROSS WORK

Lauding the work accomplished by American philanthropy for war-stricken France, Andre Tardieu, former high commissioner from that nation to the United States, in a recent article widely commented on throughout the French press, says:

"The American Red Cross has accomplished a work which calls for the heartfelt gratitude of every true Frenchman. In 1918 this great relief organization spent in behalf of France nearly 67,000,000 francs, and in 1919 its expenditures on charitable projects in our country attained the tremendous total of 171,000,000. It has recently turned over to the French relief organizations huge stocks of supplies whose value must be counted in the hundreds of thousands of francs.

"Fifteen million American boys and girls, banded together in the Junior Red Cross of America, are back of a movement to establish the closest ties between themselves and France's younger generation through the charitable works they have financed and are now carrying out among our little war sufferers.

"The bonds of friendship between France and America is cemented with mutual admiration, respect and gratitude."

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MILK GOATS BECOMING MORE NUMEROUS YEARLY

The number of milk goats in Texas is rapidly increasing. Indeed, there have long been more of them in the country than most folks imagined, but for fear of being ridiculed by those who know nothing of the actual worth of the goat as a milk producer, those enthusiasts have preferred to enjoy these benefits in silence and await the time when there was a sufficient number to brave the silly jibes of an uninformed public.

When we started proclaiming nanny as an important supplement to the dairying development of the state, the owners of milk goats began to break their long silence and even became so bold as to admit that they owned one, or more, and every now and then a new one bobs up.

And it is not strange to note that every person who owns a milk goat is an enthusiast on the subject of goat's milk and could not be induced to part with the ones they have.

Quality Getting Better

Instead of trying to dispose of them, they are, for the most part, either seeking others better than what we have, or sending their does to be bred to purebred bucks.

At present there are very few purebred milk goats in this part of the country. This is due largely to the fact that the supply of available purebreds in the United States is limited as compared to the demand, and also the fact that most of the goats now in this state are those bought under protest and simply to fill an immediate and pressing need.

In almost every instance where you find a milk goat you will find that she has been secured as a last resort to supply nourishing food for some unfortunate member of the family. Seldom will you find one that has been bought for use solely as the family milk supply animal.

So nanny has been forced to make good wherever she has gone, having the double duty of furnishing pure, wholesome milk for the invalid already beyond the help of other foods, and of making for herself a place in the hearts of the family. This she has done, and so necessary has she become as a producer and so completely has she won the hearts of her owners that most people would feel much like separating from a member of the family in giving her up.

Can't Help Loving Her

And why shouldn't you? She requires only the plainest of feed, she can do on very little room, she is affectionate and intelligent. She is the cleanest and daintiest of all the great family of domestic animals, and because of her gentleness she makes a dandy playfellow for the children.

Understand that when we speak of a milk goat we are not speaking of the same kind of woolly imp that we used to drive to a wagon and which, at certain seasons, exhaled a perfume second only to that of a fine healthy young skunk. But we are talking about a product infinitely refined, which, through ages of careful breeding, has been rid of both the impishness and the odor. In this breeding process kindness and cleanliness have been among the most effective agencies in the development of the present-day purebred.

Value of Goat's Milk

While goat's milk is good for any purpose that any other milk is used for, it has an added value which makes it superior to any other milk obtainable—and that is its benefit to invalids whose deranged digestive organs rebel at the usual nourishment and are condemned to slow starvation diet.

There are authentic cases on record where infants, children and adults, finding all other foods ineffective, have, as a last resort, been put on goat's milk and have recovered their full, normal nourished condition.

The value of goat milk as a food for children and for dyspeptic patients or persons suffering from tuberculosis has been demonstrated so many times that no further argument is needed. The demand for purebred stock from sanitariums and from individuals who appreciate the nutritive qualities of goat's milk is much in excess of the supply, and there is little danger of over-production.

Tests have proven that goat's milk is superior to cow's milk, because of its tiny fat globules, which remain in union with the casein and are easily digested with it. It does not tend to separate, as does cow's milk. This is true especially in sections of the country where the value of milk to invalids is understood.

Switzerland, the famous home of the Toggenburg and Saanen goats,

produces 20,000,000 gallons of goat's milk a year. As an evidence of the health of goats, particularly as regards tuberculosis, disease so easily contracted by cows, the following statistic are cited: In one year 243,106 goats passed the federal meat inspection and not one was found to have had tuberculosis. In Belgium not one goat out of 300,000 tested had tuberculosis, while 50 percent of the 900,000 cows were affected by the disease.

A Little Goat History

Both the Toggenburg and Saanen goats are natives of Switzerland, having been bred up to their present standard through long years of careful work. The peasant weavers of the Toggenburg Valley have for centuries kept the Toggenburg goat for their milking qualities, owning them in twos and threes and not in large herds. The kids of the best milkers are most valued, and any goat showing a deficiency in milk production is not called upon to increase the herd a second time, but is soon converted into mutton. Owing to the liability of cross-bred animals to revert to an earlier and inferior type, Swiss breeders are very careful to preserve the variety distinct. Consequently the goats have reached a standard of excellence equalled, in all probability, by no other herds in the world; and this with no artificial feeding whatever, for, with the exception of a little coarse hay in winter, the goats are entirely dependent upon the pastures of the mountain side.

The Toggenburg is attractive and striking in appearance, the color being a peculiar shade of brown with white markings.

The Saanen goat was produced under very similar conditions to the Toggenburg. They have been carefully bred and selected and have been kept entirely separate from other breeds in the Swiss valleys.

Goats from Switzerland have been shipped to all corners of the world. Many shipments have been made to Africa, to South America and to the United States. In South America it is believed that the goat has a great future, while in South Africa they are becoming very popular. The breeding of milk goats in America has progressed less rapidly than in some other sections of the world, but as previously stated, their value is being recognized in many localities and it is believed that they will increase more rapidly the next few years than they have in the past. The scarcity of purebreds which prevails at the present time will eventually be overcome.—Tom Mann in Farm and Ranch.

EXORBITANT RENTS BRING ON A STRIKE

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 22.—A tenant's strike, organized by the Chicago Tenants' Protective Association, was launched today and campaign meetings planned for all sections of the city to enlist the assistance of 100,000 tenants in refusal to pay increased rents.

Refuse to Pay

Secretary A. E. Jesserum of the association said striking tenants would be encouraged to refuse either to move or pay exorbitant rentals, and the assistance of municipal judges would be sought to have eviction cases placed in their regular turn at the bottom of the court calendar. This would bring them to trial not earlier than next year. Signs were distributed reading:

"Unfair, landlord demands advance. This apartment will not be vacated May 1. Do you want to buy a law suit."

SENTRY WHO KILLED U. S. OFFICER FREE

Tokio, Japan, Feb. 22.—A finding of not guilty has been rendered by the court martial which tried Toshigora Ogasawara, the sentry who shot Lieutenant Langdon of the United States steamship Albany at Vladivostok last month, it was officially announced by the war department today. The trial was on the charge of accidental murder.

The Cabinet Probably

The new cabinet as selected by President-elect Harding, will be: Secretary of state—Charles Evans Hughes of New York. Secretary of the treasury—Andrew Mellon of Pennsylvania. Secretary of war—John W. Weeks, Massachusetts. Attorney general—Harry M. Daugherty of Ohio. Postmaster general—Will H. Hays of Indiana. Secretary of the navy—Edwin Denby of Michigan. Secretary of the interior—A. B. Fall of New Mexico. Secretary of agriculture—Henry Wallace of Iowa. Secretary of commerce—Herbert Hoover of California. Secretary of labor—James J. Davis of Pennsylvania.

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OLD TRAIL DAYS MAY COME BACK, SAY CATTLEMEN

Will the old trail days be revived? That is the question prominently discussed by cattlemen. Many of the old trail drivers speak reminiscently of their early experiences in the west and would make believe they were the happy days.

They think it not impossible that the trail route for transporting cattle to feed and to market will be utilized again. Not from choice altogether, but from force of circumstances. They say that freight rates are getting prohibitively high.

Nearly as Cheap to Drive

J. D. McGregor, stockman, said that even so short a while ago as 1912 the maximum intrastate haul on an immigrant stock car was \$68, and that one could get a carload of cattle hauled from Texarkana to El Paso for \$68. Mr. McGregor quotes modern rates from El Paso to Finley, Texas, a distance of 66 miles, as being \$53, just \$15 less than a cross state haul cost 10 years ago.

Tom D. Love, who, with a brother, Dick Love, has extensive cattle interests at Sierra Blanca, said that the cost of shipping a car of cattle to the feed lots at Snyder, a distance of 320 miles, is \$106. They maintain that during dull seasons, when there is little work on the ranch, the cattle could be driven across the plains, as in the old days, at a saving to the producer.

Transportation "Prohibitive"

E. W. McKenzie, who operates at Fort Stockton and at San Simon, Ariz., said that freight rates not only make shipments of cattle prohibitive, but that they almost prohibit the transportation of feed. He said last fall he got quotations on 50,000 pounds of ear corn to be shipped from Clovis, N. M., to San Simon, a distance of about 500 miles, and this rate was 88 1/2 cents per 100 pounds.

He said he would buy the corn in Clovis for 45 cents per bushel of 70 pounds. At the rate of 88 1/2 cents per hundred pounds, it would have cost him 64 cents a bushel to transport a bushel of corn from Clovis to San Simon. That would have been 144 per cent of the value of the corn. He didn't buy the feed, he said, because the cost of transportation was prohibitive.—El Paso Times.

A FEW THOUGHTS OF GREAT MINDS REGARDING LIBERTY

God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it.—Daniel Webster.

They that can give up liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.—Benjamin Franklin.

The people never give up their liberties but under some delusion.—Burke.

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.—Curran.

None can be free who is a slave

to, and ruled by, his passions.—Pythagoras.

New and radical measures are being advanced every day. Some revolutionary national economist now suggests solving the government's financial troubles by reducing expenses instead of increasing taxes.—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

The way for a young man to rise is to improve himself every way he can, never suspecting that anybody wishes to hinder him.—Lincoln.

What you sow you reap. Start trouble and it will pursue you like a wasp.—Whitman.

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What's the answer? Pure-breds. That town is famous as a pure-bred center—to cattle men it's one of the most important spots on the map.

Pure-breds can do as much for your community. They offer the easiest, quickest and most profitable program for building up a community—a program which has pulled whole counties out of the rut, put towns on the map and brought financial independence to thousands of farmers. It is becoming clearer every day that the future of cattle raising as a profitable industry depends upon an economical operation possible only with pure blood. The beef growers who survive in the face of high feed

costs, high freight rates, scarce labor and tight credit will be the pure-bred farmers. And the communities that are ready to supply the breeding stock are sure of a lasting prosperity. Yours can be one.

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"PERSONAL CONTACT"

(Continued from Page Three)

run over us if we don't get out of the way. They ain't so much! I can remember when some of these fellows were wearing the same kind of overalls I wear."

North laughed, to ease the tension. "Do you care if I convert your daughter?"

A softer expression came into Post's eyes at the mention of his daughter.

"Maybe she don't need to be converted," he said. "She's down there in that Chamber of Commerce office where she comes in contact with the fellows who think they're running this town. Sometimes I think she is ready to turn against me and all the rest of us laboring men. But she's tolerably level-headed herself. And she's her own boss. So long as she's earning a living I believe in letting her have her own way. She's been talking some of this new stuff, since you came. It listens good, but it don't get anywhere."

Next morning John North found a visitor waiting for him when he arrived at the office.

"Webster is my name," he announced, as he offered his hand. "I just stopped off here while some repairs are being made on my car. I'm president of the Giant Plow Company, Chicago. Suppose you've heard of us. At least we try to be known all over the country and then some. I like the looks of this place. It has good railroad connections. I see we're going to establish a branch factory somewhere in this territory and the location interests me. It's close to the center of distribution and it's close to raw materials. You've got coal mines not far away and other advantages that attract a factory owner. Now I won't make you any proposal today because I'm on a little pleasure jaunt, but in ten days or two weeks I'm coming back and go into this thing with you. We don't intend to ask for a bonus, a stock subscription or anything of that character. We will buy or site, erect our buildings and bring in most of the men we need. We've trained them in the business and they are too valuable to lose in a labor turnover. We'd have to have houses for them—good houses because they are good people. We'd need some other things, all regular and ordinary, but we can talk about that when I come back. The main thing I have in mind is a little city like this with the proper spirit. If you've got a good Chamber of Commerce you've got a good town."

North sat down, when Webster had gone, and thought it over. No, he admitted, there wasn't a chance. If Webster looked over that membership list and talked to a few of Central City's prominent captains of industry he would pass by on the other side. Yet the chance was too good to lose if there was any way out of the difficulty.

Alice Post came in and he told her about his caller.

"It's Central City's great opportunity," she said, her eyes alight, "and yet you'll find that when opportunity knocks there will be so much other knocking in progress here that nobody will be able to distinguish between the different knocks. If every man in this town who has his hammer out was a blacksmith Central City could shoe all their horses in the state and all the mules in Missouri."

"Yes," North admitted, "that's all true enough, but as General Grant or Jack Dempsey or somebody said, 'I've just begun to fight.'"

North did not call a meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce. He did not speak of Webster to the committee on industries. He did not speak of Webster to the committee on industries. Instead he confided the tale to the editor and publisher of the Central City Tribune.

"I want you to run a story," he told Phillips, "calling a mass meeting in the city hall, telling the people a matter of vital importance to the welfare of the city is to be discussed. Don't say a word anywhere in your tale about the Chamber of Commerce. I want everybody there who has any curiosity, and I don't want this thing killed before it has had a little chance for life."

People were curious in Central City. They went to the city hall in response to the Tribune's announcement carefully and adroitly written. There was a lure about the story, something that hinted at sensational developments. Nothing more was needed to draw a crowd.

When 8 o'clock came John North took the platform. He spoke of his recent arrival in Central City, complimented the place on its appearance, and gave the usual Chautauqua-speaker introduction. He explained that it had been impossible for him to meet everybody personally, but already he felt that he was

a part of the community, and that as he knew of no enemies made he had a right to assume everybody in Central City was his friend.

"I had you people come here tonight because I wanted to talk a little while, and I must apologize for the method used. I feared an announcement of a meeting in the interest of the Chamber of Commerce would not be sufficient to draw some of the very people I want to reach. We've other things to talk about tonight, but before we do that I ask your indulgence for a moment while I speak briefly of a Chamber of Commerce and what it should be—not our organization, not the one over at Jennings, the organization at Monroe, or at any other—but an ideal Chamber, built upon faith, hope and unity."

North was an easy talker; not an orator and not eloquent, but plain and forceful. In a little while he was telling his audience what a real Chamber of Commerce should be.

"You men and you women know," he said, "that every wheel must have a hub, and so it is with every community. The various interests in the town are the spokes. We may say that one spoke represents capital, or the factory-owners. Another represents the men who work in these factories—who make them possible and profitable. Let's assume that another spoke is the banks—another the retailers. Let's bear in mind the necessity for spokes that represent the schools, the churches, the fraternal organizations, the men, women and children. Let's include the women's clubs, the Red Cross, the newspapers and so on. And while we're about it let's remember one of the most important and valuable spokes in the whole wheel—the one that stands for the farmers who live all around us and without whom we would have no city at all."

"Now, I am assuming that in the ideal plan of things the Chamber of Commerce is the hub of this wheel. There must be some central organization around which the town's activities radiate. There must be some directing force that has for its goal the real betterment of the community, no of any particular class in the community. If the Chamber of Commerce lives and prospers it is because of united, not class, support. These spokes I have mentioned must be of the same size, else the wheel will be poorly balanced. There must be no dead weight on one part of the wheel and a defective, weakened spoke in some other part."

"Friends, what you need in Central City is contact. The trouble here is conflict. The two words sound a trifle alike, but three the similarity ends. I do not mean the sort of contact where fist meets fist, but where palm meets palm in friendly, neighborly, helpful co-operation. Without this you might as well set fire to your town and then collect the insurance. It's a total loss at present, because so many different elements are pulling so many different ways. That's just so much lost motion, so much vital energy gone to waste. If we can have the proper hub and the necessary spokes, why not bind them together with a rim of real civic pride, a rim so welded and fastened that nothing can wear it out, tear it off or deflect it wheel from the pathway of progress. Maybe I have been a little too enthusiastic, folks, but when I get to preaching this doctrine of civic righteousness I'm a regular evangelist. And now let me tell you something more."

He told them then about the Webster visit and the proposal that would soon be made. He sawed how little chance there was of Webster locating his big branch factory in any city where the interests were at loggerheads. Suddenly he decided to play his biggest stake and trust to luck.

"I am going to appoint a committee to work with me in this matter," he said, "and it will not be essential that members of that committee are members of the Chamber of Commerce. The organization has entrusted me with certain powers, and here is where I use them. If higher authority objects, it won't take long to write my resignation. I want on his committee men of Central City, not merchants or bankers or manufacturers. I don't care a hang about the taxable property owned by the men who serve on this committee, but I do care a hang about the dispositions of the committee members."

Some of the prominent and influential citizens were in danger of marring their usually calm and placid brows, due to the frowns that were gathering there like storm clouds on an August afternoon. Some of the laboring men wore sneers instead of frowns. A few of them left as soon as North finished speaking. Nevertheless, he appointed his committee. Luke Page, of the Page Wheel Company, had a place on it,

but he was not the chairman. Norman Phillips, the newspaper editor, was forced into that position. The frowns deepened and the sneers gave way in numerous instances to chuckles of amusement. Louie Dunn, of the Dunn department store, was on the committee. So was Jason Post, Matt Essex, Henry Lowden and some other factory employes. In truth, the committee represented Central City, even if it did not represent the Chamber of Commerce.

North called a meeting of the committee for the following night in his office and the city hall gathering melted away.

When the members of the committee gathered he scored his first victory. Alice Post had been fearful, her father would not come. But she had pleaded with him and won him over. He, in turn, had urged the other workmen to join him.

"Let's see the inside of the darned place once," he suggested. "We are not going to catch any contagious disease there or anything like that. We haven't joined the Chamber of Commerce, and we haven't violated any of the union rules. Let's don't have it said that we backed out or they'll be blaming us with something new."

"Gentlemen, if we land this factory," North declared to the committee, "it's going to be through united effort and because you help me do it. There's too much dissension in this town. No outsider would move in and bring a large force with him if he knew real conditions. All we need to do, to get him and those who move with him is to change conditions. You men—some of you, at least—have known each other all your lives, and yet you have been acting like spoiled children. There are no real differences between you. I want you fellows to get right and then, gradually, we'll all get right. Don't you think there's a chance for the entire community to be happier if you'll bury the hatchet and forget the burial place?"

The talk became informal. Jason Post made some suggestions and—wonder of wonders—Luke Page agreed with them. Post called Page "Luke" and Post was "Jason" to his fellow townsman. Louie Dunn had an extra cigar and handed it over to Matt Essex, who furnished the match that lighted both.

A vacant lot in the center of Central City, owned by a railroad company and not for sale, could be leased, so North announced. It covered an entire block and would make an ideal little park. North had caused the lease to be prepared and asked for its sanction. He asked this committee to go before the city council and insist upon an appropriation for band concerts. He made plans to have the school board buy equipment for a public playground. He was so full of enthusiasm that it became contagious. Jason Post and Matt Essex caught something after all. And so did the so-called capitalists who were their committee mates.

"I'd like to get into the same room with that Luke Page," declared Rod Paka at the factory next day. "They tell me, Jason, that you and Matt Essex and some of the other boys was down to the Chamber of Commerce to a meeting last night. What's the union going to do about that? Ain't that a violation of the rules? Are you fellows lettin' a little mahogany furniture and cheap cigars pull the wool over your eyes? I wish they'd appointed me on that committee. I'll bet Luke Page would have been huntin' a doctor to fix his face if he'd give me any of his lip."

"Well, now, Rod," Matt Essex began, "you're addressin' your remarks to Jason, but you're talkin' to me also. I was there with Jason and the only thing I'm sorry for was that you wasn't there too. This here Luke Page ain't such a bad kind of a feller. Maybe we didn't understand him, and maybe he didn't understand us. We got along right well last night. Me and him is on a committee together to try and get the council to give up enough money for the band boys so we can have some free concerts. Luke overtook me this noon in his automobile and rode me home. It was ut of his way, but he said he wanted to ask

me what I thought about some things. We got along right smart, I'd say. Now, Rod, I kind of look at it this way. Me and you are just as good as Luke Page or Louie Dunn or any of them other fellers. If we are as good as them, why then we got just as good a right to help run things. And if we don't, it's our fault, ain't it? If them guys run that Chamber of Commerce it's because we don't butt in and insist on havin' our share. That's what this here John North told me, and dogged if I don't believe he told the truth."

It was a sort of infiltration system. A little of the talk trickled here and a little more there. The leaven was working. There was something in the Tribune about all of it. Workmen saw their names coupled with the names of men who usually monopolized the space. Committees met and met again. Progress was made. It worked because John North was sincere in what he was trying to do. Little by little the feeling that existed between two classes of men was worn away. North had converted one of the vacant rooms in the Chamber quarters into a kitchen, and begged enough equipment to make it a real workroom. He asked the Woman's Club to serve a banquet. That meal was a representative affair. Men broke bread together who had been happy at the thought of breaking bones a month before. John North was tired but happy. He had just received a telegram from Webster saying the latter would arrive the following day.

"I don't ask you to take my word for anything," North explained to the plow magnate next day, "because I may be more or less prejudiced. You see, it's my business to believe in Central City, and I do believe in it. But you can easily get at the truth by talking to some of the men who live here. Somewhere along the line you'll learn the real facts. Suppose you take this list and a guide I will furnish you, and after you have interviewed these men come back and talk turkey with me."

The list had been prepared with care. It was a balanced affair, evenly divided between capital and labor. It likewise included Norman Phillips, the editor. His pessimism had vanished. He, too, had caught the new contagion. It was easy for him to paint a rosy picture of the future. It was easier still to show a file of his newspaper for recent days with the headlines and stories—telling all the numerous things Central City planned to do.

Webster talked to the bankers, the merchants, the factory-owners and others. Among the others were the laboring men John North had listed.

"It's sort of like this," said Matt Essex. "There was a time here when the town was sort of pulling apart, you might say. But all that's changed now. There was some differences between the men and the owners, but that's ironed out. We've got no kick comin' about hours, wages, or workin' conditions. We've satisfied, Mr. Webster, and if workin' men are satisfied they're gettin' a square deal, well that's about all any fair-minded man can demand."

"One of the things I hope you've noticed, Mr. Webster," Luke Page announced, "is the spirit of unity we have here. You'll find that in all classes, if I may be permitted to use the word. Of course, we have no classes here. We're all citizens of Central City, working as hard as we can to advance the city's interests, but what I mean is that there is no friction here for any reason. We see things pretty much alike in Central City."

"How have you done all this?" Webster demanded of John North when he returned to the Chamber of Commerce office. "It looks to me as if somebody had performed a miracle. I never saw a town where there was such unity of purpose. I can't find a knocker anywhere."

"I guess you might call it contact," North replied, a little wearily. "I don't care what you call it," said Webster. "but whatever name you apply will hardly fit the situation. I feel like sinking that old song about this is the place I long

have sought and mourned because I found it not. By branch factory is going to be located in Central City. Now let's get down to details.

It was long past quitting time, but Alice Post remained at her desk. She had been taking dictation from North and Webster. She had written a formal agreement, and North had told her that would be all. The girl noticed how tired he looked as she left his private room. There was a little catch in her throat, because she wanted to cry and did not realize why. She was so happy for him because he had been able to revolutionize things. What a fight, and what a victory!

Then Webster and North came out and the manufacturer took his leave. John came over close to the stenographer and slumped into a chair. "Lord, but I'm tired," he said. "And Lord, but I'm happy."

She looked across at him, a mist in her eyes. "And all this business has been completed by one method"—he seemed to be talking half to himself. "All of it is due to contact."

"Do you know that is a great word?" he demanded, getting up and standing over her. "What word?" she queried. "What word? Why, that word contact. I've been sitting over there, thinking about what we've accomplished through contact, and when I say 'we' I mean both of us. When I felt like quitting you bucked me up. Yes, contact is one fine little

word, and I've just realized a new use for it. I need more contact. I've a notion that in about ten seconds I'm going to experience contact that will be the greatest thing."

Alice was out of her chair, her desk between them. Something in his eyes told the story before words could be uttered. He walked around the desk and took her in his arms. Their lips met. Ditto, ditto some more. Eventually she looked up and he looked down. In that glance was a whole volume of mutual understanding. His voice was a trifle husky, but it was a happy huskiness. "That was the sort of contact I needed," he whispered.

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POST NEWS

Camp Headquarters

Capt. Colwell was granted leave of absence and left Camp Marfa on Monday, Feb. 21. Captain Colwell will proceed to New York, where he will take a steamship for Panama March 15 for duty with the Twelfth Cavalry. Troop A presented the captain with a beautiful, engraved gold watch.

Capt. Hollman is now making a garden in front of his residence. He got in a whole day with a pick and shovel and says his hands look entirely different now since he has done some work.

Lieut. Rundell left Camp Marfa Wednesday, Feb. 23, on a leave of absence, prior to his departure for the Panama canal, where he is to report for duty with the Twelfth Cavalry.

Warrant Officer Wendt and Staff Sergeant Woods are now taking their early morning riding exercises. We are wondering whether or not they are going this on account of getting into shape for the coming baseball season. Sergeant Woods says that he will try to outplay Wendt at shortstop this year.

Staff Sergeant Simon Legree Hynes says that the Blue Law Sunday just suits him, as he now has nothing to do on Sundays but eat, sleep and loaf.

First Sergeant Fitzpatrick of the Machine Gun troop said that he thought his time was up for retirement. He had Sergeant Koperwitch (our most efficient military police officer) figure his time up for him, but Charley says that Fitzpatrick is mistaken about his double time in the navy, as Fitz put in eight years on a canal boat, which does not count for double time.

The American Legion in Marfa is coming strong and has some of the most popular men in camp and town as its members. The Legion will make a petition to the Chamber of Commerce of Marfa for authority to play baseball on Sundays between the hours of 3 and 5 p. m. Practice for this team will begin about March 25.

The Enlisted Men's dance came off with success as usual last Saturday night, but with a rather slim attendance, which we believe was on account of Lent. Refreshments were served by Troop H. These dances will continue as usual and we have been informed that a large crowd will attend the coming Saturday night.

Supply Troop

Private Special Fifth Class Harry Moseman and Clarence Pierce are again out of the hospital, and Moseman is now ready to box a few rounds. Bill Pierce is now marked quarters so you see Bill must be sick.

Master Sergeant Traxler and Private Kuykendall have left this station for a short stay with the bird men down to Sanderson, Texas, but we see that they are mounted on a donkey and taking no chances.

Troop A

Capt. Colwell has left the troop to join the Twelfth Cavalry at Panama, and all the boys feel it very much, but they hope that Lieut. Fitzgerald will be as good a football player as the old troop commander.

Troop C

The troop basketball team scored another victory Tuesday when they played Troop M. Score, 13 to 2.

Our troop commander, Lieut. Palmer, has been on the sick report for the last few days but will soon be back with the troop.

Troop E

The basketball game between Troop E and the Supply troop, which was to have been played Sunday, Feb. 20 was postponed, due to unfavorable weather and no available referee.

Troop F

All members of this organization are preparing to go on a full pack picnic that is going to be held near this camp Thursday, all members of the Fifth Cavalry are welcome but please do not forget to bring your mess kits, sliced bacon, Sunshine biscuits and one snud (no limit to the size of the snud). No hogging allowed.

The basketball team made a general police up on the Pill battery Sunday, Feb. 20, and now the troop

commander is taking the necessary steps to make his bargain good.

Troop G

Private Button is on sick report (sore foot). Privates Moore and LaValley walked to Fort Davis last Friday. They say that the roads are in good shape.

Troop H

Sergt. Wills left for New York recently for 30 days of soft living, and we all hope that he gives the Statue of Liberty the once-over for us. It seems as if, just as soon as one member of the troop gets discharged from the hospital another is admitted. Corp. Petschow has transferred his belongings to the little building up on the hill. The members of this organization have taken a lot of interest in the bouts that are going on at the Service Club lately and it is hoped that more interest will be taken in the future.

Troop I

Private Irwin has been returned for duty from sick in the hospital. Troop I defeated Troop D in a basketball game Feb. 22 by a score of 60 to 0. Shroust and Johnson starred for Troop I.

Private Weaver has at last been returned to duty from sick in hospital. Better luck next time, Weaver. Keep up the good work.

Nanny, our pet goat, presented the troop with a daughter Feb. 20. Mother and daughter are doing well.

First Lieutenant Adamson, Jr., has succeeded First Lieutenant Rundell in command of the troop, as Lieutenant Rundell has been ordered to the Twelfth Cavalry, at Panama, for duty.

Troop K

Sergt. Dill just returned from El Paso, Texas, where he spent 15 days on a vacation, and we are glad to see him back with us, as it gives another man for duty.

Troop M

We are pleased to announce the return of Private Odion, from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he has been the past two months.

Private Dewfalla has been relieved from recruiting duty at Nashville, Tenn., and is now taking advantage of a two months' furlough.

Our cook, Private Rambo, returned yesterday from the wilds of Arizona.

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To the Sheriff or any Constable of Presidio County, Greeting:

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J. H. FORTNER, Clerk County Court, Presidio County, Texas.

where he has been spending a 20-day furlough.

Camp Ordnance

Sergt. Kegerise has returned from a furlough in the Penn state and is sporting a new Lizzie.

We are wondering how the Blue Law will affect the discharged soldiers.

Camp Signal Detachment

Lieut. Heywood has taken command of the Camp Signal detachment in addition to his other duties.

Station Hospital

Second Lieutenant W. Harvey Kernan, medical administrative corps, reported for duty at the hospital Feb. 17.

Private First Class Frank J. Franklin, medical department, reported for duty from a 60-day furlough, Feb. 20.

Privates Hayes and Mayberry returned to duty from sick in hospital.

Quartermaster Detachment

A certain member of the Quartermaster Corps athletic squad desires to announce that he has discovered a new method for removing pinfeathers from fowl. The directions follow: Immediately after severing "La Cabeza" take the unfortunate bird to the camp infirmary and request the medical officer in command to bind the above mentioned bird with hot adhesive tape. Let the tape remain 24 hours, and then remove same by a series of sudden jerks. Nuff Sed.

It is rumored that "Judge" Russell has purchased a Studebaker Six, and if the rumor is true we may expect to see some smoke in the near future, for the "Judge" still has a good supply of "pop."

Sergt. Smith was seen trying out his racing machine Washington's birthday, and she is some speed boat. When wheezing by the Officers' Club, the sergeant's hot flew off (not a breath of air stirring), and amid a shrieking of brakes he succeeded in stopping his car before arriving at the turn near camp headquarters. It was a Dodge too, but even they are some useful of times.

Although it can hardly be said that spring is here, it must be very

near, as several "love bugs" have been seen in the quartermaster's office and we are anticipating a collection in the near future for the usual gift.

Corporal Walker opened the season Washington's birthday by personally conducting the first of a series of sightseeing trips. We have been informed that the trip was a huge success, the party enjoying refreshments at Fort Davis and Alpine, and the corporal says that the "thirst quenchers" were especially fine, and the only ill effects noticeable is a slight drooping of the corporal's shoulders, which he says is caused by constantly pulling on those big black cigars.

Several members of the quartermaster detachment are feeling a bit blue this morning, due to the disbanding of the pack trains as they had planned on several "fishing" trips. "It is an ill wind that blows no one some good," and the fish will sure be thankful.

It is far more important to preserve an unblemished conscience than to compass any object, however great—Channing.

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Failed to Indict

The grand jury in Brewster county at the last term of the district court, failed to indict Sheriff Townsend for the killing of Hatley Van Sickle.

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