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FIREMAN, HELD AS SLAYER, KILLS SELF

Insane Since Explosion, Doctors Claim. Ends Life At Home of Brother-in-law Leaves Wife And Baby.

The El Paso Times of the 19th says: Charles F. Robinson, fireman accused of murder in connection with the death of William Bohlman, engineer of a G. H. & S. A. train, the engine of which exploded near Marfa July 8, lost his sanity from a blow on the brain just prior to the wreck.

This finding, made by two El Paso physicians yesterday after an autopsy examination of Robinson's brain was an aftermath of the suicide of the fireman yesterday morning at the home of his brother-in-law, George W. Findley, 605 North Virginia street, Judge R. B. Rawlins, county coroner, found that Robinson came to his death by a pistol wound self-inflicted. The family admits it, saying that it is believed Robinson was insane ever since the wreck.

Where Doctors Disagree

Charles Owens, attorney for Robinson, pointed out that the autopsy sharply contradicted the testimony of physicians who examined him after the wreck, and made light of the blows on his head. An Alpine physician said the blow on the forehead from which blood still trickled an hour after the wreck, was no more than would be caused by a man's fist striking against the button of Robinson's cap. He didn't think it sufficient to cause concussion of the brain, he said. The doctor found Robinson's pulse normal an hour and a half after the wreck. He said that if concussion of the brain had been made by the blow, Robinson's pulse would not have been normal for probably 24 hours.

There were two marks on Robinson's head. One was a blow on the temple from which blood flowed; another at the base of the brain. Doctors who examined his brain at 11 o'clock last night had completed their inquiry only as to the forehead blow. They will finish examination of the base of the brain today. Their finding as to the blow near the temple:

"The skull was not broken by the impact. But the pressure upon the skull crushed in brain cells beneath. Cells were destroyed and insanity induced."

Nervous System Shattered

While they declined to make public until further investigation their findings as to the base of the brain blow, it is said by members of the Robinson family that early inquiry indicated this blow affected his entire nervous system.

The state's claim, as made by the county attorney at Robinson's preliminary hearing at Marfa on the basis of doctors who examined Bohlman and Robinson, was an attack upon Robinson's story that he had been knocked unconscious just before the wreck and that was all he knew. They made light of the wounds in his head. They produced medical testimony that Bohlman had been dead 20 minutes or more before the explosion of the engine. They figured from the running time of the train that Robinson must have left the train about 12 minutes before the explosion and about eight minutes after the engineer met his death.

Enters Findley Home

Robinson came into the home of his brother-in-law, George Findley, about 10 o'clock yesterday morning. El Paso and Southwestern railroad, left his gun on his dresser when he retired about 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Robinson met Findley with the remark:

"You are up kind of early this morning, aren't you?"

Then he walked to his wife's room. Findley went back to eat breakfast. In a few minutes he heard a shot.

"Must be one of the boys shooting firecrackers," he said, and that nothing of it. Then he came into his room and found Robinson dead in a chair, a smoking revolver in his hand; one bullet discharged; a hole through his head from the temple back. Doctors said the bullet went all the way through.

He left no note, no word of explanation. Robinson's body was removed to

Peak-Hagedon undertaking parlors, where the autopsy was performed. The brain taken out for examination.

F. M. Robinson, father of the fireman, and George W. Findley, father of the fireman's wife, had the autopsy made.

Depressed Since Wreck

"Charley hasn't been normal since the wreck. He would come in and sit silently staring into space for hours at a time. I saw he was depressed and tried in vain to cheer him up. He would talk pitifully of the embarrassment he said had been brought upon his family and his wife and child. He dreaded the idea of having to sit through a trial."

E. M. Robinson had also noted the change in the fireman. He had consulted with him about it and discussed having an examination made of his mind. The fireman wanted to go to work Saturday. His father persuaded him not to report until next week.

The immediate cause of his despondency, Findley said, was trouble over his bond. Three men signed the \$5,000 bond for him at Marfa after the examining trial recently. One of them told Sheriff Vaughan at Marfa last week that he wished to retire from the bond. The sheriff came here to rearrest Robinson Saturday or obtain another bond. He was willing to give Robinson time to get other sureties. No action was taken Sunday.

New Bond Is Signed

A new bond, signed by local men, was completed yesterday morning before Robinson went to his brother-in-law's home. But the incident served to depress him still more, relatives insisted.

Because Robinson's case had been transferred from Marfa, county seat of Presidio county, to Alpine, where the adjoining Brewster county court house and which has jurisdiction in this case, the new bond was to have been changed yesterday afternoon, so that it would cover responsibility to Alpine authorities.

Earl Stirman, head-end brakeman on the train Bohlman and Robinson were working on, is under \$3,000 bond pending action of the grand jury at Alpine in the fall on a charge of murder against him in connection with Bohlman's death. Robinson's case is legally closed by his death.

The Brotherhood of Railway Firemen will have charge of the Robinson funeral, to be held here probably Wednesday. The funeral will await the arrival of Mrs. John Pichot, a sister from San Antonio.

Robinson is also survived by his wife and a baby daughter, Charlene; his father, F. M. Robinson; Walter a brother; Mrs. T. R. Hamilton and Miss Myrtle Robinson of El Paso, sisters.

He has a home in Sanderson, Texas, where he, Bohlman and Stirman all lived. Robinson was 28 years old. He "fired" on the G. H. & S. A. before the war. He served more than two years in the army, a large part of the time overseas. When he returned he went to work again for the G. H. & S. A. Both he and his wife were friends of Engineer and Mrs. Bohlman. Robinson bought supplies from the Bohlman store at Sanderson on the day before he went out on the fatal run.

ROBINSON'S FUNERAL

El Paso, Tex., July 20.—Mrs. John Pichot of San Antonio, hurrying here to attend the funeral of her brother, Charles F. Robinson, who killed himself Monday while insane, from the effects of a blow on the head, just prior to the boiler explosion of a G. H. & S. A. engine June 8, near Marfa, when Engineer Bohlman's skull was crushed, was delayed for hours by a bridge fire east of Sanderson. The bridge burned out, holding up traffic on the Southern Pacific system for hours.

The funeral of Robinson will be held some time today, probably this afternoon. The Brotherhood of Railway Fireman, an order of which Robinson was a member, will have charge of the funeral.

BLACKLEG VACCINE

By Dr. A. J. Hoffman.

Vaccination season is almost at hand and due to recent range conditions calves are in fine condition, a factor which is favorable to Blackleg.

Now the question arises: What kind of vaccine shall I use this year? You would not even stop to ponder over this question if you could see the O. M. Franklin Blackleg Aggression, as we see it and know it, and understand the effort being made by us in safe-guarding against the possibility of our customers getting a batch that does not possess the potency necessary to properly immunize.

We may be deceiving ourselves in believing as we do, that we are giving the stockmen more for their money in our O. M. Franklin Aggression, than it is possible to get in other products sold for the same purpose, but we know for certainty that we are putting more into it and employing safeguards in the way of extra tests and re-tests that no other company is using. We think the actual field results justify our belief.

To illustrate just one point, will state that we recently received the Laboratory report for June, showing that by reason of Dr. Franklin's method of re-testing he had classed as doubtful and had destroyed nearly 28,000 doses of aggression that had been produced during the earlier months of the year and which had passed the usual tests for purity and potency.

Another of his regular tests which is additional to the usual laboratory tests, is that each and every serial of this product is checked tested with live animals. Judging from the understanding that we have of the methods used by other concerns in the production and testing of the several products put out, we feel justified in stating that our expense for test animals alone, used in checking and testing at our laboratory, is more than is expended by all our competitors combined for a like purpose. Does the result justify the expense? We think it does, even tho it results in our selling price being handicapped.

Now it seems reasonable to the writer to assume that we are either a bunch of boobies for using the extreme care that we do, in using only the dark infected meat of the animals from which we extract the juices to begin with, in the production of our product and in using extreme care in testing and re-testing, ultimately destroying a lot of serum that is classed as doubtful, when we could just as well put our product on a price competitive basis and sell all of it, good, bad and doubtful, making in the end just as much money as at present. Otherwise we are rendering a real service to those who use our product by pursuing the course we are following in trying to produce and deliver a super-product at a price that will permit of delivering protection with each dose of aggression.

It is possible that we may be pursuing the wrong business policy in our efforts to give stockmen a better product, resulting in our price making it impracticable for stockmen to use. We certainly don't believe anyone has a better product or even as good for dependable results. However, if we are, it seems equally reasonable to assume that the man who buys Pure Bred Herefords or other herds instead of just "common cattle" when he wants a foundation herd, is likewise pursuing a mistaken course. Judging from the writer's line of reasoning that would be the natural conclusion. Yet we will all agree that good cattle are more profitable and are an economy in the end for the man who buys.

Certainly Dr. Franklin's experience in the production of aggression covers a much longer period and a wider range than any other man producing blackleg aggression today, notwithstanding claims and advertisements made by some.

We would very much like to have your business and we want you to know that we are using our best efforts to give you and every stockman your money's worth and more.

Consider the reputation the O. M. Franklin Aggression has made and is still holding, coming to your relief some five years ago when a relief was badly in this territory, and is still on the job.

We would be pleased and would feel that our business policies would be vindicated if your business judgment would dictate the economy and wisdom of your using our product during the present season on your herd.

Assuring you of our readiness to serve you to the best of our ability, we are.

KANSAS BLACKLEG SERUM CO.

Dr. J. A. Hoffman, Manager.

F. M. Robinson, father of the fireman, had an autopsy examination of his son's brain made. Final report of the physician's findings, in a signed statement, had been expected yesterday, but was delayed.

Mr. Robinson said his report would be made public in two or three days, together with a detailed statement by the family. Mr. Robinson said that the preliminary examination of the wound on the back of the fireman's head, made when he fell off the train or was struck from behind, indicated that it, too, caused concussion of the brain and affected the entire nervous system.

Announcement Monday night of examination of the wound on the forehead brought a medical verdict that while the skull was not fractured, brain cells below it were crushed. Mr. Robinson said the wound was such as to have certainly produced insanity within nine to 13 days after infliction.

Mr. Robinson expects to file a copy of the findings of the two doctors who made the autopsy at Alpine, Tex., county seat of Brewster county, where the fireman was held to await the action of the grand jury in connection with the death of Engineer Bohlman.

He said that it might be used "not only for clearing up my son's record, but for other purposes."

Tragedy and hard luck have touched every family connected with the explosion and subsequent investigation of murder charges. The toll: Engineer William Bohlman killed. Fireman Charles Robinson a suicide, presumably insane from a fall just before the explosion.

Earl Stirman, head-end brakeman of the train, charged with murder in that connection.

A brother of Earl Stirman's was killed on the border near Marfa some

months ago.

Mrs. Pichot, Robinson's sister, delayed on her way to brother's funeral, by burnt railway bridge.

LADIES AID AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. George Chastain and Mrs. W. A. Richardson are joint hostesses to the Ladies Aid and Missionary Society of the First Christian church Tuesday afternoon, entertaining at the residence of Mrs. Chastain. The societies are entertained in honor of their pastor, Rev. J. S. Stockard's birthday, it being also the regular monthly business meeting. The Aid Society held only a short business session and the meeting was turned over to the Missionary society. The members were very glad to have present their old friend and co-worker Mrs. T. D. Secret of El Paso, who so graciously conducted the devotional period, reading a beautiful Bible lesson on "The New Testament, a Missionary volume", based upon "Where the Book Speaks," by A. McClean, in the World Call; after this she led in prayer. During the social hour Mrs. Richardson con- quized on the New Testament. The reception rooms were handsomely decorated in the seasons flowers. Delicious ice cream and cake was served by the hostesses. One new member was added to the Aid Society.

NOTICE

Reference civilians bathing in the Camp Swimming Pool, it will be necessary until further orders to get permits from the Adjutant, Major P. P. Wheeler.

Jas J. Hornbrook, Colonel 5th Cav

THE MASONIC CELEBRATION

Many Out of Town Visitors--Splendid Speeches--Fine Barbecue--Music by The Band--Mortgage Burned.

The Marfa Masons with many invited guests on last Saturday, July the 16th, had a great day. Undoubtedly one of the finest celebrations ever witnessed in the city.

The guest of honor was Hon Andrew L. Randell, Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas. He came in on the morning train from the east and was met at the depot by a large delegation of Masons. The military band which furnished splendid music for the day, was at the depot and played some pieces there. The Grand Master was escorted to the local Masonic lodge building and was formally and officially received by the lodge in keeping with the ancient land marks of the craft.

At about 11 o'clock the open meeting for the Masons, their families and guests at the Marfa Opera House was called to order by C. E. Mead who is District Deputy Grand Master of this Masonic District. Practically all the seats in the Opera House were occupied. Besides the speakers of the day there were on the stage the Masters and a number of past masters of the various lodges represented. The invocation was by Brother Stockard, pastor of the Christian church. Telegrams and letters of regrets for inability to attend from a number of distinguished Masons were read. The opening address of Mr. Mead briefly covered the purposes of the celebration, the organization and development of the local lodge, and a few of the fundamental teachings and principles of Freemasonry. He explained that the celebration was to commemorate the happy event of paying off the indebtedness incurred by the local lodge in constructing the Masonic Temple. He stated that this lodge was organized and chartered at Ft. Davis in 1884 and was moved to Marfa in 1886. Mr. S. R. Miller who was present and who was introduced to the audience and received with a rousing cheer, is the only surviving Charter Member of the Marfa lodge. The lodge first held its meetings in Marfa in the second story of the building now occupied by the Livingston-Mahy Co., the lower floor in the early days was a livery stable. The present substantial and commodious lodge building was erected in 1914. When its corner stone was laid, a barbecue was given and a large number of visitors were here. Of this Mr. Mead said: "Seven years have passed by since then. Our lodge has prospered, our city and country have greatly developed many new faces appear among the membership and some of the old ones are gone, and we come now on this happy occasion to commemorate another mile stone in our progress."

He explained that it was the occasion of good fellowship to get better acquainted and to cement the ties of love and affection; that it brings out the best that is in us and makes us "think better of ourselves and everybody else."

Elsewhere in this issue we print the part of Mr. Mead's address which treated with the teachings and principles of the order. The response was made by Mr. John Perkins, an attorney and member of the order at Alpine. Mr. Perkins is a very pleasing speaker and his address was interesting and eloquent. In addition to expressing the pleasure of the invited guests on the occasion, he discussed some of the Masonic principles. He said they were not surprised that the Marfa Masons were giving such a complete, magnificent entertainment because that was the only way that Marfa people knew how to do things. We are sorry that we could not get notes of Mr. Perkins' speech in order to give it further notice.

Mr. Randell, the principal speaker, was then introduced and delivered as eloquent and pleasing address as a Marfa audience or any other ever heard. Mr. Randell is a prominent lawyer of Sherman, Texas and is a son of the Hon. C. B. Randell who served many years in Congress from North Texas. He carries with becoming grace and dignity the great

honor of being the chosen head of the hundred thousand Masons of Texas. A copy of his speech could not be procured and a review from memory would not do it justice. He stated that the three institutions dearest to him in this world were his church, his government and his Masonry and that he was accused sometimes of taking them too seriously. After touching on many of the principles of the Masonic order, he explained that the fraternity in the United States was launching a great campaign to re-dedicate Masonry to some of the old cardinal principles, and especially to five tenets to which they were giving special attention, that is: Preservation of Religious Liberty; maintaining of Equality before the law, demanding Equality of Opportunity, upholding the Dignity of Labor, and encouraging a wider practice of Charity. These were each discussed with their relation to Masonry. He emphasized the need of continued separation of church and state and stated that the public free schools of our country were the greatest assets we have for the best development of our children and warned against any attack that may be made upon them.

He complimented the local Masons for their zeal and enterprise in giving the entertainment and stated that he never saw a gathering where everything had been so completely arranged for the comfort and pleasure of the guests. After speaking, dinner was served with a bountiful feast in the court house yard.

In the afternoon the Grand Master and a few guests were driven about the city and out in the country to get a sweep of the verdant pastures and the majestic hills and mountains. In referring to Marfa and this country, Mr. Randell said: "I think it would be impossible for a man to live among these majestic mountains and wide extended plains and to deal so much with magnificent distances and with things of such large proportions, without being big and broad gauged. He said it would be inexcusable for a man here to hink and act along peanut patch lines on anything."

When he was shown our beautiful Community house and informed that the city owned it, the swimming pool, also a city property, the army camp and radio station, and other interesting things, he said we manifested a civic pride that was not equaled by a city of the size of Marfa in the whole state of Texas.

The swimming pool was open for the visitors and was crowded to full capacity at the evening.

At 7 o'clock in the evening supper was served in the court house yard for all visitors who remained over for the night exercises and 150 or 200 people enjoyed another fine meal. At 8:15 the Grand Master held a Masonic conference at the Opera House for Masons only. He used motion pictures to illustrate his lectures and those present stated that his address was one of the most masterly ever delivered in Marfa. There was a large representation present from Alpine, Fort Stockton, Fort Davis and Pecos and a number of ladies were among the guests. The Marfa Masons furnished accommodations in their homes for all visitors who remained over Saturday night. The festivities closed at a late hour Saturday night when the guests were served with about fifty luscious ice cold watermelons, which were served in the yard of the Episcopal Rectory. All in all the barbecue and celebration was a most pleasant affair and one which not only reflected honor and credit on the Marfa Masons but was a fine advertisement for the city and community.

HISTORY CLUB

The Marfa History Club will meet Tuesday, July 26th with Mrs. W. J. Yates. The lesson will be "The Return of Peter Grimm", by David Belasco.

BULL-DOG DRUMMOND

The Adventures of A Demobilized Officer Who Found Peace Dull

by **CYRIL McNEILE**
"SAPPER"

Illustrations by **IRWIN MYERS**

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and handed him the remainder of the envelopes.

"Go through them, James, while I assault the kidneys, and pick two or three out for me. I see that you will have to become my secretary."

"Do you want me to open them, sir?" asked Denny doubtfully.

"You've hit it, James—hit it in one. Classify them for me in groups. Criminal; sporting; amatory—that means of pertaining to love; stupid and merely boring; and as a last resort, miscellaneous." He stirred his coffee thoughtfully. "I feel that as a first venture in our new career—ours, I said, James—love appeals to me irresistibly. Find me a damsel in distress; a beautiful girl, helpless in the clutches of knaves. Let me feel that I can fly to her succor, clad in my new grey suit-
ing."

He finished the last piece of bacon and pushed away his plate.

Denny was engrossed in a letter he had just opened. A perplexed look was spreading over his face, and suddenly he sucked his teeth loudly. It was a sure sign that James was excited, and Drummond glanced up quickly, and removed the letter from his hands. "I'm surprised at you, James," he remarked severely. "A secretary should control itself. Don't forget that the perfect secretary is an it; an automatic machine—a thing incapable of feeling."

He read the letter through rapidly, and then, turning back to the beginning, he read it slowly through again.

"My dear Box X10—I don't know whether your advertisement was a joke: I suppose it must have been. But I read it this morning, and it's just possible, X10, just possible, you mean it. And if you do, you're the man I want. I can offer you excitement and probably crime."

"I'm bitten against it, X10. For a girl I've bitten off rather more than I can chew. I want help—badly. Will you come to the Carlton for tea tomorrow afternoon? I want to have a look at you and see if I think you are genuine. Wear a white flower in your buttonhole."

Drummond laid the letter down, and pulled out his cigarette case. "Tomorrow, James," he murmured. "That is today—this very afternoon. Verily I believe that we have impinged upon the goods." He rose and stood looking out of the window thoughtfully.

"You think it's genuine, sir?" said James.

His master blew out a cloud of smoke. "I know it is," he answered dreamily. "Look at that writing; the decision in it—the character. She'll be medium height, and dark, with the sweetest little nose and mouth. Her coloring, James, will be—"

But James had discreetly left the room.

TWO.

At four o'clock exactly Hugh Drummond stepped out of his two-seater at the Haymarket entrance to the Carlton. For a few moments after entering the hotel he stood at the top of the stairs outside the dining room, while his eyes traveled round the tables in the lounge below.

Slowly and thoroughly he continued his search. It was early, of course, yet, and she might not have arrived, but he was taking no chances.

Suddenly his eyes ceased wandering, and remained fixed on a table at the far end of the lounge. Half hidden behind a plant a girl was seated alone, and for a moment she looked straight at him. Then with the faintest suspicion of a smile, she turned away, and commenced drumming on the table with her fingers.

The table next to her was unoccupied and Drummond made his way toward it and sat down.

He felt not the slightest doubt in his mind that this was the girl who had written him, and, having given an order to the waiter, he started to study her face as unobtrusively as possible. He could only see the profile, but that was quite sufficient to make him bless the moment when more as a jest than anything else he had sent his advertisement to the paper.

Her eyes, he could see, were very blue; and great masses of golden brown hair coiled over her ears, from under a small black hat. He glanced at her hands, and noted, with approval, the absence of any ring. Then he looked once more at her face, and found her eyes were fixed on him.

This time she did not look away. She seemed to think that it was her turn to conduct the examination and Drummond fumbled in his waistcoat pocket. After a moment he found what he wanted, and taking out a card he propped it against the teapot so that the girl could see what was on it. In large black capitals he had written Box X10.

She spoke almost at once. "You'll do, X10," she said, and he turned to her with a smile.

"It's very nice of you to say so," he

murmured. "If I may, I will return the compliment. So will you."

She frowned slightly. "This isn't foolishness, you know. What I said in my letter is literally true. I want you to tell me," and there was no trace of jesting in her voice, "tell me, on your word of honor, whether that advertisement was bona fide or a joke."

He answered her in the same vein. "It started more or less as a joke. It may now be regarded as absolutely genuine."

She nodded as if satisfied. "Are you prepared to risk your life?"

Drummond's eyebrows went up and then he smiled. "Granted that the inducement is sufficient," he returned slowly, "I think I may say that I am."

He saw that she was staring over his shoulder at some one behind his back.

"Don't look around," she ordered, "and tell me your name quickly."

"Drummond—Captain Drummond, late of the Loamshires." He leaned back in his chair, and lit a cigarette.

"My dear Phyllis," said a voice behind his back, "this is a pleasant surprise. I had no idea that you were in London."

A tall, clean-shaven man stopped beside the table, throwing a keen glance at Drummond.

"The world is full of such surprises, isn't it?" answered the girl lightly. "I don't suppose you know Captain Drummond, do you? Mr. Lakington—art connoisseur and—er—collector."

The two men bowed slightly, and Mr. Lakington smiled. "I do not remember ever having heard my harmless pastimes more concisely described," he remarked suavely. "Are you interested in such matters?"

"Not very, I'm afraid," answered Drummond. "Just recently I have been rather too busy to pay much attention to art."

The other man smiled again, and it struck Hugh that rarely, if ever, had he seen such a cold, merciless face.

"Of course you've been to France," Lakington murmured. "Unfortunately a bad heart kept me on this side of the water. Sometimes I cannot help thinking how wonderful it must have been to be able to kill without fear of consequences. There is art in killing, Captain Drummond—profound art."

He looked at his watch and sighed. "Alas! I must tear myself away. Are you returning home this evening?"

The girl, who had been glancing round the restaurant, shrugged her shoulders. "Probably," she answered. "I haven't quite decided. I might stop with Aunt Kate."

"Fortunate Aunt Kate." With a bow Lakington turned away, and through the glass Drummond watched him get his hat and stick from the cloakroom. Then he looked at the girl, and noticed that she had gone a little white.

"What's the matter, old thing?" he asked quickly. "Are you feeling faint?"

She shook her head, and gradually the color came back to her face. "I'm quite all right," she answered. "It gave me rather a shock, that man finding us here. You've stumbled right into the middle of it, my friend—rather sooner than I anticipated."

"That is one of the men you will probably have to kill."

Her companion lit another cigarette. "What is his particular worry?"

"First and foremost the brute wants to marry me," replied the girl.

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but I am not surprised."

"But it isn't that that matters," she looked at Drummond quietly. "Henry Lakington is the second most dangerous man in England."

"Only the second," murmured Hugh. "Then hadn't I better start my career with the first?"

She looked at him in silence. "I suppose you think that I'm hysterical," she remarked after a while. "You're probably even wondering whether I'm all there."

Drummond flicked the ash from his cigarette, then he turned to her dispassionately. "You must admit," he remarked, "that up to now our conversation has hardly proceeded along conventional lines. I am a complete stranger to you; another man who is a complete stranger to me speaks to you while we're at tea. You inform me that I shall probably have to kill him in the near future. The statement is, I think you will agree, a trifle disconcerting."

The girl threw back her head and laughed merrily. "You poor young man," she cried; "put that way it does sound alarming." Then she grew serious again. "There's plenty of time for you to back out now if you like."

She was looking at him gravely as she spoke, and it seemed to her companion that there was an appeal in the big blue eyes. And they were very big; and the face they were set in was very charming—especially at the angle it was tilted at, in the half-light of the room. Altogether, Drummond reflected, a most adorable girl. And adorable girls had always been a hobby of his. Probably Lakington possessed a letter of hers or something, and she wanted him to get it back. Of course he would, even if he had to thrash the swine to within an inch of his life.

"Admiring My Treasures?" He remarked. "Pretty Things, Aren't They?"

I couldn't speak a word: I just put them back on the table.

"Wonderful copies," he went on, 'of the duke of Melbourne's lost miniatures. I think they would deceive most people."

"They deceived me," I managed to get out.

"All the time he was staring at me, a cold, merciless stare that seemed to freeze my brain. Then he went over to one of the safes and unlocked it. 'Come here, Miss Benton,' he said. 'There are a lot more—copies.'

"I only looked inside for a moment, but I have never seen or thought of such a sight. Beautifully arranged on black velvet shelves were ropes of pearls, a gorgeous diamond tiara, and a whole heap of loose, uncut stones. And in one corner I caught a glimpse of the most wonderful gold chalice cup—just like the one for which Samuel Levy, the Jew moneylender, was still offering a reward. Then he shut the door and locked it, and again stared at me in silence."

"All copies," he said quietly, 'wonderful copies. And should you ever be tempted to think otherwise—ask your father, Miss Benton. Be warned by me: don't do anything foolish. Ask your father first.'

"And did you?" asked Drummond.

She shrugged. "That very evening," she answered. "And daddy flew into a frightful passion, and told me never to dare to meddle in things that didn't concern me again. Then gradually, as time went on, I realized that Lakington had some hold over daddy—that he'd got my father in his power."

After hands were clenched, and her breast rose and fell stormily.

Drummond waited for her to compose herself before he spoke again. "You mentioned murder, too," he remarked.

She nodded. "I've got no proof," she said, "less even than over the burglaries. But there was a man called George Dringer, and one evening, when Lakington was dining with us, I heard him discussing this man with daddy."

"He's dangerous?"

"And then my father got up and closed the door; but I heard them arguing for half an hour. Three weeks later a coroner's jury found that George Dringer had committed suicide while temporarily insane. The same evening daddy, for the first time in his life, went to bed the worse for drink."

The girl fell silent, and Drummond stared at the orchestra with troubled eyes. Things seemed to be rather deeper than he had anticipated.

"There was another case," she was speaking again. "Do you remember that man who was found dead in a railway carriage at Oxhey station. He was an Italian—Giuseppe by name; and the jury brought in a verdict of death from natural causes. A month before, he had an interview with Lakington, which took place at our house; because the Italian, being a stranger, came to the wrong place, and Lakington happened to be with us at the time. The interview finished with a fearful quarrel."

She turned to Drummond with a slight smile. "Not much evidence, is there? Only I know Lakington murdered him. I know it. You may think I'm fanciful—imagining things; you may think I'm exaggerating. I don't mind if you do—because you won't for long."

Drummond did not answer immediately. Against his saner judgment he was beginning to be profoundly impressed, and, at the moment, he did not quite know what to say.

"What about this other man?" he asked at length.

"I can tell you very little about him," she answered. "He came to The Elms—that is the name of Lakington's house—three months ago. He is about medium height and rather thick-set; clean-shaven, with thick brown hair, flecked slightly with white. His forehead is broad, and his eyes are a sort of cold grey-blue. But it's his hands that terrify me. They're large and white and utterly ruthless." She turned to him appealingly. "Oh! don't think I'm talking wildly," she implored. "He frightens me to death—that man; far, far worse than Lakington. He would stop at nothing to gain his ends, and even Lakington himself knows that Mr. Peterson is his master."

"Peterson?" murmured Drummond. "It seems quite a sound old English name."

The girl laughed scornfully. "Oh! his name is sound enough, if it was his real one. As it is, it's about as real as his daughter."

"There is a lady in the case, then?"

"By the name of Irma," said the girl briefly. "She lies on a sofa in the garden and yawns. She's no more English than that waiter."

A faint smile flickered over her companion's face; he had formed a fairly vivid mental picture of Irma. Then he grew serious again.

"And what is it that makes you think there's mischief ahead?" he asked abruptly.

The girl shrugged her shoulders. "What the novelists call feminine intuition, I suppose," she answered. "That—and my father." She said the last words very low. "He hardly ever sleeps at night now; I hear him pacing up and down his room—hour after hour, hour after hour. Oh! it makes me mad. . . . Don't you understand? I've got to get him away from those devils, before he breaks down completely."

Drummond nodded, and looked away. While she had been speaking

he had made up his mind what course to take, and now, having outstayed everybody else, he decided that it was time for the interview to cease. Already an early diner was having a cocktail, while Lakington might return at any moment. And if there was anything in what she had told him, it struck him that it would be as well for that gentleman not to find them together.

"I think," he said, "we'd better go. My address is 60A Half Moon street; my telephone 1234 Mayfair. If anything happens, if ever you want me—at any hour of the day or night—ring me up or write. If I'm not in, leave a message with my servant Denny. He is absolutely reliable. The only other thing is your own address."

"The Larches, near Godalming," answered the girl, as they moved toward the door. "Oh! if you only knew the glorious relief of feeling one's got some one to turn to . . ." She looked at him with shining eyes, and Drummond felt his pulse quicken suddenly.

"May I drop you anywhere?" he asked, as they stood on the pavement, but she shook her head.

"No, thank you. I'll go in that taxi," she gave the man an address, and stepped in, while Hugh stood bareheaded by the door.

"Don't forget," he said earnestly. "Any time of the day or night. And while I think of it—we're old friends. Can that be done? In case I come and stay, you see."

She thought for a moment and then nodded her head. "All right," she answered. "We've met a lot in London during the war."

With a grinding of gear wheels the taxi drove off, leaving Hugh with a vivid picture imprinted on his mind of blue eyes, and white teeth, and a skin like the bloom of a sun-kissed peach.

For a moment or two he stood staring after it, and then he walked across to his own car. With his mind still full of the interview he drove slowly along Piccadilly, while every now and then he smiled grimly to himself, and the whole thing an elaborate hoax? Somehow deep down in his mind, he wondered whether it was a joke—whether, by some freak of fate, he had stumbled on one of those strange mysteries which up to date he had regarded as existing only in the realms of dime novels.

He turned into his rooms, and stood in front of the mantelpiece taking off his gloves. It was as he was about to lay them down on the table that an envelope caught his eye, addressed to him in an unknown handwriting. Mechanically he picked it up and opened it. Inside was a single half-sheet of notepaper, on which a few lines had been written in a small, neat hand.

"There are more things in heaven and earth, young man, than a capability for eating steak and onions, and a desire for adventure. I imagine that you possess both; and they are useful assets in the second locality mentioned by the poet. In heaven, however, one never knows—especially with regard to the onions. Be careful."

Drummond stood motionless for a moment, with narrowed eyes. Then he leaned forward and pressed the bell.

"Who brought this note, James?" he said quietly, as his servant came into the room.

"A small boy, sir. Said I was to be sure and see you got it most particular." He unlocked a cupboard near the window and produced a tantalum. "Whisky, sir, or cocktail?"

"Whisky, I think, James." Hugh carefully folded the sheet of paper and placed it in his pocket. And his face as he took the drink from his man would have left no doubt in an onlooker's mind as to why, in the past, he had earned the name of "Bull-Dog" Drummond.

CHAPTER II.

In Which He Journeys to Godalming and the Game Begins.

ONE.

"I almost think, James, that I could toy with another kidney," Drummond looked across the table at his servant, who was carefully arranging two or three dozen letters in groups. "I've got a journey in front of me today, and I require a large breakfast."

James Denny supplied the deficiency from a dish that was standing on an electric heater.

"Are you going for long, sir?"

"I don't know, James. It all depends on circumstances. Which, when you come to think of it, is undoubtedly one of the most fatuous phrases in the English language. Is there anything in the world that doesn't depend on circumstances?"

"Will you be motoring, sir, or going by train?" asked James prosaically. "I'm going by train."

"By car," answered Drummond. "Paganini and a tooth-brush."

"You won't take evening clothes, sir?"

"No. I want my visit to appear unpremeditated, James, and if one goes about completely encased in boiled shirts, while pretending to be merely going for the afternoon, people have doubts as to one's intellect."

James digested this great thought in silence.

"Will you be going far, sir?" he asked at length, pouring out a second cup of coffee.

"To Godalming. A charming spot, I believe, though I've never been there. Charming inhabitants, too, James. The lady I met yesterday at the Carlton lives at Godalming."

"Indeed, sir," murmured James near-

ly.

"You d—d old humbug," laughed Drummond, "you know you're itching to know all about it. I had a very long and interesting talk with her, and one of two things emerges quite clearly from our conversation. Either, James, I am a congenial idiot, and don't know enough to come in out of the rain; or we've hit the goods. That is what I propose to find out by my little excursion. Either our legs, my friend, are being pulled till they will never resume their normal shape; or that advertisement has succeeded beyond our wildest dreams."

"There are a lot more answers in this morning, sir." Denny made a movement toward the letters he had been sorting. "One from a lovely widow with two children."

"Lovely," cried Drummond. "How forward of her!" He glanced at the letter and smiled. "Care, James, and accuracy are essential in a secretary. The misguided woman calls herself lonely, not lovely. She will remain so, as far as I am concerned, until the other matter is settled."

"Will it take long, sir, do you think?"

"To get it settled?" Drummond lit a cigarette and leaned back in his chair. "Listen, James, and I will outline the case. The maiden lives at a house called The Larches, near Godalming, with her papa. Not far away is another house called The Elms, owned by a gentleman of the name of Henry Lakington—a nasty man, James, with a nasty face—who was also at the Carlton yesterday afternoon for a short time. And now we come to the point. Miss Benton—that is the lady's name—accuses Mr. Lakington of being the complete IT in the criminal line. She went even so far as to say that he was the second most dangerous man in England."

"Indeed, sir. More coffee, sir?"

"Will nothing move you, James?" remarked his master plaintively. "This man murders people and does things like that, you know."

"Personally, sir, I prefer a picture-palace. But I suppose there ain't no accounting for 'obbies. May I clear away, sir?"

"No, James, not at present. Keep quite still while I go on, or I shall get it wrong. Three months ago there arrived at The Elms, the most dangerous man in England—the IT of ITS. This gentleman goes by the name of Peterson, and he owns a daughter. From what Miss Benton said, I have doubts about that daughter, James." He rose and strolled over to the window. "Grave doubts. However, to return to the point, it appears that some unpleasing conspiracy is being launched by IT, the IT of ITS, and the doubtful daughter, into which Papa Benton has been unwillingly drawn. As far as I can make out, the suggestion is that I should unravel the tangled skein of crime and extricate papa."

In a spasm of uncontrollable excitement James sucked his teeth. "Lumme, it wouldn't 'alf go on the movies, would it?" he remarked. "Better than them Red Indians and things."

"I fear, James, that you are not in the habit of spending your spare time at the British museum, as I hoped," said Drummond. "And your brain doesn't work very quickly. The point is not whether this hideous affair is better than Red Indians and things—but whether it's genuine. Am I to battle with murderers, or shall I find a house party roaring with laughter on the lawn?"

"As long as you laughs like 'ell yourself, sir, I don't see as 'ow it makes much odds," answered James.

"The first sensible remark you've made this morning," said his master hopefully. "I will go prepared to laugh."

He picked up a pipe from the mantelpiece, and proceeded to fill it, while James Denny waited in silence.

"A lady may ring up today," Drummond continued. "Miss Benton, to be exact. Don't say where I've gone, if she does; but take down any message, and write it to me at Godalming postoffice. If by any chance you don't hear from me for three days, get in touch with Scotland Yard, and tell 'em where I've gone. That covers everything if it's genuine. If, on the other hand, it's a hoax, and the house-party is a good one, I shall probably want you to come down with my evening clothes and some more kit."

"Very good, sir. I will clean your small Colt revolver at once."

Hugh Drummond paused in the act of lighting his pipe, and a grin spread slowly over his face. "Excellent," he said. "And see if you can find that Water-Squirt Pistol I Used to Have—Son of a Gun, They Called It!"

said. "And see if you can find that water-squirt pistol I used to have—Son of a Gun, they called it. That ought to raise a laugh, when I arrest the murderer with it."

(To be Continued)

B. J. McDowell returned this week from Marfa, Alpine, Fort Stockton, Sheffield, and other points west. He first went to Marfa, where he was recently compelled to leave his Buick on account of rain. The car was gotten, and in it the other towns were visited in the interest of his insurance company. He declares the cattlemen is in better financial condition, so he has concluded, than is either the sheep or goat men. As a consequence, conditions on further west, are somewhat improved over local conditions.—Val Verde Herald.



"That is One of the Men You Will Probably Have to Kill."



"I loathe being obvious," said Hugh,

FIREMAN ROBINSON KILLS SELF

Charles F. Robinson, fireman on the G. H. & S. A. train on which William Bohlman, engineer, was mysteriously killed July 8 near Sanderson, Texas, is dead from a pistol wound through his head.

His death deepens the mystery of the freight wreck on the G. H. & S. A. railroad near Alpine a few days ago, when engineer William Bohlman's dead body was found near the scene, blown some distance from the track when the locomotive exploded. Robinson was under indictment in connection with the engineer's death. His lips are now sealed by his own death. One other man, head brakeman Earl Stirman, is also under indictment.

Justice of the Peace R. R. Rawlins said after an inquest, that Mr. Robinson's death was due to a gunshot wound self inflicted.

Mr. Robinson left the home of his father-in-law, George W. Finley, 604 North Virginia street, Monday morning.

Returning a short while later, he entered the house, said nothing to members of the family and went to his room.

A shot was heard, and members of the family found Robinson in his room, a pistol grasped in his hand, they said, and a wound through his temple.

Mr. Robinson, his wife and baby, whose home is in Sanderson, Texas, came here shortly after the death of the engineer.

Mr. Finley told police who investigated Mr. Robinson's death, that Mr. Robinson has been despondent since the tragedy on the railroad.

The fireman after an investigation by railroad officials and state officers, had been charged with the murder of engineer Bohlman, and had been held on a \$5,000 bond at Marfa.

Railroad officials said today they had offered Mr. Robinson his job back on the road, having made an official report that the engineer was "killed by a party unknown to railroad officials." The fireman, however, had not applied again to go to work, they said.

Robinson was injured the day his engineer was killed. Robinson was found unconscious four miles back of the engine and picked up. The engineer's body was not found until the boiler of the engine had exploded.

Robinson's head was cut, and he was bruised on the body when he fell, or was knocked from the moving train. He reported that he did not remember what had happened.

Earl Stirman, head-end brakeman on the train, also was arrested and charged with the murder of the engineer. He was released on a \$3,000 bond.

Stirman reported that he saw a man run from the train shortly after the explosion. The mysterious stranger he described, however, was never arrested.

Undertakers who examined the body of engineer Bohlman said they believed the wound in his head was made by a pistol. Other undertakers reported, however, that they could not be sure of this point; that the wound could have been made by a flying piece of broken boiler.

Doctors at Alpine declared, however, that the wound indicated that it had been made while there was still life in the body, while the bruises caused by the explosion indicated that they had been made after life was extinct. They formed this conclusion by the color of the blood around the wound.

Railroad employees declared that Bohlman and Robinson had never had a quarrel as far as they had known and that they were friends.

The wife of the dead engineer also said that the two families had been friends for years.

However, in making the arrests officers worked on the theory that trouble had occurred between fireman Robinson and the engineer and that head brakeman Stirman, from the position occupied by him on the train, should have had knowledge of the affair. Stirman set up a denial.

Bohlman lived in Sanderson, so did Robinson, and the latter patronized Bohlman's confectionery store frequently and they always seemed to be friends.

The preliminary hearing for Robinson, after which he was ordered held on bond pending the action of the grand jury, on which a charge of murder was held at Marfa, Texas. The preliminary hearing for Stirman the brakeman, on a similar charge, was held in Alpine.

Mr. Robinson is the son of F. M. Robinson, of El Paso, a former agent of the G. H. & S. A.

OCTOGENARIANS IN TRAMP OVER DESERT SEEK NEW BONANZA

Judge T. R. Owen of Van Horn, Texas, arrived in the city yesterday after a strenuous trip thru the desert region across the Rio Grande, for a month and a half, in company with James Ingle, both old-time prospectors, over 80 years old.

After waiting four days at Candelaria for the return of the Comandante to get passports, they proceeded to the T. D. cattle ranch, 60 miles over the hot, sandy desert, without water. Arriving there they found the ranch house deserted and in ruins, and in it was the body of a dead Mexican. They sent their muzzles to notify the authorities and awaited the arrival of a coroner to hold an inquest.

Next they proceeded to the mountains where they expected to find a spring, near which Owen once found a quartz vein in rich gold. The spring had dried up and every trace of it was obliterated. Their water and provisions having given out, they were forced to return, living on nothing but some beans. The country is desolate and they saw no living creature except rattlers, centipedes and tarantulas; not even a bird or a jack rabbit was seen.

Both men have discovered silver mines of great riches which are well known. Owen having discovered the Hazel mine northwest of Van Horn in 1884; and Ingle the Plancha de Plata at Sabinal, Mexico, in 1883, both of which mines afterward yielded nearly 500,000 ounces of silver. Both have made several stakes in mining only to blow the money in; and now in their old age the lure of desert gold leads them on to find new bonanzas. Such is the life of the picturesque, old-time prospectors, most of whom have passed away.—El Paso Times.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF ENGINEER EVOKES MUCH INTEREST HERE.

Much interest is being shown locally in the developments following the explosion of a G. H. & S. A. freight engine near Paisano Pass last Friday.

It was at first reported that Engineer W. F. Bohlman was killed and Fireman Charles Robertson severely injured by the explosion, which badly wrecked the engine.

The next report was that Bohlman died from a bullet wound in his head, the bullet being found inside the skull; and that Robertson was found unconscious alongside the track, four miles back from where the explosion occurred. Robertson said that he had no recollection of any attack, but was probably sandbagged from behind. Earl Stirman, head brakeman, who started forward just before the explosion said that he saw a tall, slender man in black running from the right of way.

A sensational development came a day or so later when Fireman Robertson was arrested. It was alleged that he was in the habit of carrying a revolver, which was now missing, and that the bullet removed from Bohlman's wound matched cartridges found in the fireman's bag. Robertson was released on \$5,000 bond, and has been offered his same run by the superintendent.

Later reports denied the finding of any bullet in the head of the dead man; but also denied the finding of any injury capable of causing unconsciousness on the head of the fireman.

The case took another turn when brakeman Earl Stirman was arrested at Marfa, it being alleged that he had made conflicting statements concerning where he was and what he saw. There were vague rumors that he witnessed the entire affair and Wednesday's papers carried a dispatch saying two men, J. F. Murphy and J. H. Williams, had been placed under arrest at El Centro, Calif., at the request of El Paso authorities.

Friends of all the parties are reserving judgment until more facts are developed; but the unusual character of the affair, and the absence of any known motive for a crime, render it a fit subject for the unusual amount of discussion it has evoked here.

The deceased engineer was well known to railway men in the West, having been in the service of the G. H. & S. A. Ry. for 23 years. He was highly esteemed by all; and so far as known, had not an enemy in the world. Nor had there ever been any known friction between him and his fireman, or between their families. He leaves a widow, a daughter, and a small son, residing at Sanderson.

Thursday's dispatches from Alpine told of his release of brakeman Stirman on \$3,000 bond, which was immediately signed by prominent citizens of Alpine and Sanderson.—Val Verde Herald.

INSIDE STORY OF ROBERTSON'S REMOVAL IS AIDED AS NEW U. S. DISTRICT ATTORNEY QUALIFIES

It is expected here in Republican political circles that the nomination of John H. Hartman of San Antonio to be United States district attorney for the western district of Texas will be confirmed by the United States senate tomorrow. Attorney Hartman is expected to qualify and take office immediately.

With the change in office, it is said there will be a rearrangement of the force of assistants to the district attorney by which El Paso will have two. The amount of work done by the El Paso division is greater than that of any other division in Texas and according to a recent report, is exceeded by only two district courts in the United States, one in New York and one in San Francisco.

H. R. Gamble and Norman Morrison are understood to be slated for the El Paso positions. It is thought probable that only one appointment will be made at once and that E. B. Elfers will be asked to remain as assistant United States district attorney until Mr. Gamble familiarizes himself with the cases that are awaiting for him to handle.

Mr. Elfers stated yesterday that he had not been advised of Mr. Hartman's plans. He said that his own plans would not permit him to remain with the office for a long period and he had so written the incoming district attorney.

When District Attorney Hugh Robertson refused to tender his resignation at the request of Attorney General Daugherty, alleging that the attorney general was making the demand through a spirit of petty politics, the attorney general carried the situation to the president. President Harding issued an order removing Attorney Robertson.

However, the order of removal specified that it was effective when his successor had been qualified. Senators Culberson and Sheppard then took steps to prevent the confirmation of the president's selection of a successor to Robertson and at the request of Senator Culberson, the judiciary committee of the senate, which had the appointment under consideration, requested the attorney general to furnish the committee with the reason for the removal of Robertson two years before his commission expired.

On Wednesday the committee received the reply of the attorney general, but this reply has not been made public. It is understood that the reply stated that the president had the right of removal without cause and cited an instance in which an officer removed carried his case to the supreme court of the United States, which court decided that the president had the right of removal at any time without cause.

This was accepted by Senators Culberson and Sheppard and further opposition to the nomination was dropped. Confirmation is now expected tomorrow.

Friends of Attorney Robertson assert that the cause of his removal was his prosecution and conviction of Thomas R. Stezie, prohibition agent in charge of the San Antonio office. Stezie was charged with violation of the prohibition law and with conspiring to violate the law. He was tried, convicted and sentenced to Leavenworth. After imprisonment his attorney sued out a writ of habeas corpus before Judge Pollock of the United States district court of Kansas City and he was released on the technical grounds of a defect in the indictment.

Attorney Robertson wished the case appealed from the decision of Judge Pollock. It is stated that an order came from the attorney general in Washington, instructing that no appeal be made.

Stezie is said to be the nephew of Dr. A. L. Sawyer, formerly of Marion, Ohio, personal physician to President Harding. Dr. Sawyer came into prominence shortly after President Harding took office by the announcement, from the White House of his appointment as medical aid to the president with the rank of brigadier general of the army. Dr. Sawyer had never been connected with the army.

This, Robertson's friends assert, is the inside story of the removal.—El Paso Times.

KILLS BIG PANTHER

Last Friday morning Mack Sproul was in the city with a very large panther skin demonstrating to the public how he had managed to capture the vicious and blood thirsty animal.

On Thursday morning he and a ranch hand started out from the ranch, each with a 100 pound sack of salt in the saddle with them, intending to take it to the cattle in the rougher part of the canyon where it could be reached with wagon and team, and upon leaving the ranch decided to take his pack of dogs along to give them some exercise

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and about two miles from the house the exercise began, for the dogs had come upon the trail of the panther, but only ran a short distance where it ran up a tree, but upon the approach of the men it jumped out and ran, going only a short distance before it ran up another tree as the dogs were pressing too close for his safety, this time Mack put a bullet through him and he fell to the ground where the dogs finished him up.

Although there has been quite a number of these animals killed here the past few years, this is the largest in a long time.—Fort Davis News.

GEOGRAPHY AND MODESTY

At Atlantic City there is considerable revolt against what the revolutionists call the old-fogeyism of the beach rules that prescribe considerable skirts and complete stockings for bathers not lucky enough to be males. The tiny tumult calls attention to the fact that the varying standards of propriety in respect to the beach costume of the female of the species are almost wholly a matter of geography.

At Coney Island and other municipally controlled beaches in the vicinity of New York as well as at many resorts along the New Jersey coast, it is still considered immodest for ladies to go swimming or bathing without encasing their legs in unabridged stockings. The length of skirt is also legally prescribed, and is usually quite sufficient to make swimming a painful effort. North and south of New York and New Jersey the rules are not quite so strict, but the general beach attitude is apt to be somewhat mid-Victorian.

Progressing westward one notes a rapidly decreasing rigidity of beach censorship which we are unwilling to believe denotes a lowering of the standards of morality. In Cleveland for instance, it has been many years since the powers that be have made any attempt to compel girls and women to wear stockings on the municipal beaches, and the exposed knees of a fair bather are considered no more novel or immodest than the bare shanks of her male escort. In Chicago there is still more latitude and the length of a bathing skirt does not greatly concern the municipal authorities. And so on, till the Pacific coast is reached, and there almost "anything goes."—Exchange.

A BREAK

He: "Woman is loveliest in her thirties."
She: "Thank—I mean, do you really think so."

BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be preaching service by the pastor Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m.
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C. S. Harrison, Pastor.

A Blooming Chicken

Little Mary was visiting her grandmother in the country. Walking in the garden, she chanced to see a peacock, a bird she had never seen before. After gazing in silent admiration, she ran quickly into the house and cried out: "Oh Granny, come and see! One of your chickens is in bloom."—The Register.

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MIDLAND TO CELEBRATE WITH THREE DAYS RODEO

Persons who enjoy the thrills of Western of cow boy sports will be interested to know that an affair of this kind with much elaboration, is staged to take place in Midland September 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Also there is to be a big barbecue, free to all, and an auction sale of registered cattle, roping, racing, riding, etc., with cash prizes that will attract the most expert in these sports.

Last year Midland had a two days affair of this kind and it was such a success that it is to be repeated and on a larger, more extensive and expensive scale.

Everybody is wanted for the occasion, being assured of good entertainment and hotel accommodations unsurpassed.—Midland Reporter.

JOE SNOBS

The job snob is a man who thinks himself too good for his work, and wants the world at large to know it. He is one of our worst public pests. The commonest example of the job snob is the public service employe who feels that nature has destined him for high office only and who seeks to prove it by a sneering and fierce discourtesy—especially toward women. Job snobs often succeed in making a lot of noise—but that is because they rattle around inside of their jobs, instead of squeezing them to the edges, as do real workmen. People often wonder why the relatively few polite and obliging public officials seems to disappear so soon. That is because the intelligently courteous man is quickly promoted to a real job, while the loud-mouthed job snob sticks in his own mud. Look over the railroads for instance. Where do their high officers come from, except from their own ranks? Where, do you say, will they get their leaders tomorrow, except from among their own men who are now making good? And not railroads alone—electric and gas companies, waterworks, all the utilities. It's no stretch of fact or imagination to include department stores, offices and every institution that serves the public.—Collier's.

SCARLET FEVER

Scarlet fever, or scarlatina, is justly dreaded. It is dangerous not only in itself but also in what may result from it or follow it. It may attack children of any age and adults. That person only is safe who has had it. It is highly contagious. The child who has been exposed to scarlet fever shows the first symptoms of the disease about five days later. He has headache and fever and a sore throat. His eyes are sore and sensitive to light. Those symptoms, however, do not definitely indicate scarlet fever; the doctor cannot be sure he has it unless other people are sick with it either in his home or at school. If, however, in about two days the child shows a rash of fine lobster-red spots on his neck and chest, and then on other parts of the body, there can be no more doubt. At first the tongue of the sick child is coated, then it peels and turns a strawberry red. His

throat continues to be sore, and sometimes patches appear on it. The inflammation in his throat may spread to the ears and in spite of proper treatment lead to permanent deafness. An ever more serious complication threatens the sufferer in the shape of acute inflammation of the kidneys, which causes marked dropsy and sometimes chronic Bright's disease. If all goes well, however, the child begins in a week or ten days to get well. The fever falls; the sores in the throat disappear. The little patient again takes an interest in his surroundings, grows cheerful and hungry. His rash has now disappeared, and his skin begins to peel in large patches. Such is the course of an ordinary case of moderate severity, ending in recovery.

The disease, however, is sometimes much more severe; sometimes it is actually malignant and ends fatally a few days before the rash can come out. On the other hand the disease is sometimes so mild that it shows only in a slight malaise and a little sore throat. But such light cases are dangerous to the community, for, since they are likely not to be recognized, they spread the contagion. There is no specific cure for scarlet fever; the physician can only watch the child and try to relieve his distress and meanwhile keep a sharp eye out to detect and promptly treat the earliest sign of trouble in the ears of kidneys.—Youth's Companion.

IT IS HIS BUSINESS

Hiram Bender, who keeps a few cows on his farm north of town, came into the city one hot day last week, and after doing some shopping dropped in at soda fountain for a plate of ice cream. The demure young miss who served him laid a slip of paper beside his plate which said, "Please pay the cashier twenty cents."

"Wait a moment," Hiram exclaimed as he glanced at the check. "Haven't you made a mistake? I have had only one plate of ice cream."

"No," the young lady replied, "there is no mistake; that is our regular price."

Then Hiram began to do some figuring, and the more he figured the madder he got. The wholesale price of ice cream he knew was from \$1.10 to \$1.20 a gallon, with a liberal discount for quantity purchases. He knew also that a gallon of ice cream contains thirty-two plates of cream of the size he had just eaten, and that the total weight was approximately four and a half pounds. He put these figures down: One gallon of ice cream, costing \$1.10 and weighing four and a half pounds, or seventy-two ounces, makes thirty-two plates of ice cream with two and one quarter ounces to the plate, selling for twenty cents each—almost ten cents an ounce. A little more figuring showed that he paid at the rate of \$6.40 a gallon, and that the gross retail profit amounted to 482 per cent. Hiram had just cashed a milk check that morning at \$2.40 a hundred pounds for high grade 3 1-2 per cent milk, and that did not make him feel any more amiable.

As he started toward the cashier's desk he murmured to himself in low tones: "The robbers! This is the last time I shall ever buy anything in this place."

The manager of the shop, who happened to be passing, overheard Hiram's remark. "What do you mean robbers?" he cried. "You don't have to trade here. What concern is it of yours what I charge? This is my business and I don't propose to have any hicks come in here dictating to me."

"You ask what concern it is of mine what you charge? You should know what yourself." Hiram volunteered; "but I am going to tell you. This is the period of greatest milk flow. It should be the period of greatest consumption of dairy products, and it would be if you and hundreds like you were content with reasonable profits. Your robber profits are reducing the consumption of milk, and I have a perfect right to object."

As Hiram walked out of the store he felt that his was a case of righteous indignation. He knew the dairymen had lowered their prices to the limit and that the ice-cream manufacturers had reduced their prices correspondingly in order to stimulate trade, and yet the retailers were still charging the old war prices. All the sacrifices the dairymen and the manufacturers had made—and they were heavy—simply went to swell the profits of the retailers. The public was receiving no benefits whatever; trade was stifled.

Not only is this true as regards dairy products, it is true with regard to a great many other commodities. The farmer has taken his losses on hides, the manufacturer has marked down the price of shoes, the factory worker has taken a heavy re-

duction in wages, and yet retail shoe prices still continue high. The retailer is driving people to patronize the shoe-repair men, making people economize in shoes who never economized before and causing misery to thousands of laborers because the great shoe factories are out getting orders.

What is true of dairy products and of shoes is largely true also of candy of clothing and of meats. The retail dealer is a barrier between the public and the great producers. There can be no revival of business and no prosperity until the retail merchant consents to distribute his wares on a reasonable margin of profit. He bars the road to normal business. If he will not reform voluntarily he will compel the public to demand forcible regulation. His business is their business. It is everybody's business.—Country Gentleman.

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All hats 50% off at Milady's Shoppe.

On the 1st of June Mrs. W. M. Weber will open at her home table board by the day, week or month—Phone 74.

The State of Texas,
 County of Presidio.
 In the Justice Court of Precinct No. One, Presidio County, Texas,
 C. E. Mead and H. O. Metcalfe,
 No. 215 versus
 J. C. Dysart.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Justice Court of Precinct Number One, Presidio County, Texas, being an alias execution, issued on the 20th day of June, 1921, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 21st day of March, 1921, in favor of C. E. Mead and H. O. Metcalfe, and against J. C. Dysart, I did on the 9th day of July, A. D. 1921, at two o'clock P. M. levy upon the following described tracts or parcels of land, lying, being and situated in Presidio County, Texas, and described as follows: Section 6, Block 351, Certificate 4629, original grantee G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co., containing 640 acres of land; and the north part of section 16, Block 362, certificate 336, original grantee Martha D. McBride, and beginning at a rock mound the S. E. corner of survey number 14, this block; thence S. 1585 varas to rock mound on the inside corner survey number 8, block 351, thence west 1827 varas to rock mound the W. N. W. corner of survey 8; thence N. to N. W. corner of this survey and the common corner survey 7 and 4 block 351 G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co., thence east 1585 varas to place of beginning, containing 640 acres of land; being situated about 60 miles south of Marfa, in said county; and on the second day of August, the same being the first Tuesday in said month, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M., on said day at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said J. C. Dysart in and to said property.

Dated at Marfa, Texas, this the 9th day of July, 1921.
 J. E. Vaughan, Sheriff
 Presidio County, Texas. 6-3

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Locals and Personals

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S. T. Wood and wife were in from the ranch the first of the week.

Mrs. E. W. King of Presidio was a visitor to the city several days this week.

Fresh Bermuda Onions, 5 cents per pound. Phone 109, 2 rings.

J. W. Bowers of Ashland, Ore., is here visiting his aunt, Mrs. T. A. Childers.

813 is 1000 less 187—or 680 plus 143—813.

Misses Helen Nash and Marie Story of Victoria, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Nash.

C. R. Morrill, Supt. of the G. H. & S. A., was a visitor to the Masonic celebration.

Gingham dresses—great assortment—50 per cent off at Milady's Shoppe

Mr. Dewitt Murray returned Sunday from a business trip to Floresville.

Messrs Felts and Hughes have purchased the Kostermanke Overland Garage.

Get 813 on your mind.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smith came in Tuesday evening from the ranch and will spend awhile in the city.

Mayor Hamie and family left Monday for a two weeks' trip to Glen Rose, Texas and other points in the San Angelo country.

Mrs. F. M. Kennedy returned home Saturday after a pleasant visit with her daughter Mrs. Jack Knight and family at the ranch.

Rev. H. M. Bandy or Alpine accompanied by his grand-daughter, Mrs. Kathleen McGregor, of Ballinger, Texas, spent Wednesday in Marfa, the guests of Mrs. L. C. Britte.

Did you know 813 is \$1.00 plus 25 cents?

There was quite a representative body of Ft. Stockton citizens here for the celebration. Among them were Mr. John Rooney, formerly a District and County Clerk of Brewster county

Dr. Ellen Church is taking a months' vacation and is now in Austin, visiting at the home of her brother. Dr. Ellen will visit her son and family in San Antonio before returning home.

See our bargains for Saturday and all next week. Ladies' Shoes and Mens' Shoes, Ladies and Men's Hose, Remnants of Dress Goods and Domestic. Murphy-Walker Co. The Store of Quality.

Mrs. Meda Smith and Son, Mr. Howell Smith of Los Angeles, Cal., are here visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. B. Mitchell. They will be here for a short time only and will leave soon for Kentucky.

Judge J. B. Brown, a prominent jurist of Florida, stopped over Wednesday in Marfa. He was returning from California where he attended the National Convention of Elks. Judge Brown is now on the Supreme bench in his state.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Howard, Mrs. L. C. Britte and Mrs. R. R. Ellison motored out to the Britte ranch and were present at the preaching services there Monday evening, conducted by Rev. H. M. Bandy of Alpine. They returned home Tuesday by way of the Buena Vista ranch and took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Wells.

On Saturday night, July 16, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bishop entertained a crowd of young folks in honor of their visiting nieces, Miss Anna Peters of Luling, Texas and Miss Luella Tyler of Marfa. The color scheme was orange and white. Miss Thelma Mitchell won first prize for the progressive game of bunco; Jimmie Livingston the booby prize, with which he caused a good deal of merriment. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served and a little after 11 o'clock the company separated, saying they had spent a delightful evening.

JUDGE CORNELL MAKES STATEMENT

Your money's worth, plus 813 is the way at Anderson's.

Mrs. S. V. Milner and son Murray, who have been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. R. Nash, left Saturday for Los Angeles, Cal. After an extended visit there they will return to their home in Cleburne, Texas.

Miss Lorena Stille the popular assistant in the county clerk's office after a two weeks' visit to friends in San Antonio has returned home and is again holding down her responsible position with Co. Clerk J. H. Fortner.

The members of the Epworth League gave a delightful picnic last Friday afternoon at Paisano Pass. They were joined by the Alpine Epworth League. A basket supper was spread about 6 p. m., and a most enjoyable time was had by all.

Get your 813 at Anderson's.

W. H. Cardwell has returned from his farm near Gonzalez, and reports a fine corn crop in prospect, but little hope for a cotton crop; that the farmers are making arrangements to feed their hogs and cattle and where one has no stock to feed and plenty of corn, the banks will arrange to supply them with animals.

Miss Mildred Childers entertained with a most charming dance last Friday evening at the Opera House, in honor of her house guest Miss Joy Barber of San Marcus. The hall was effectively decorated with Shasta daisies and ferns, entwined with little electric lights. Beautiful music was furnished by the 5th Cavalry Band. Punch and cake was served throughout the evening. There present 70 guests and a most delightful time was had by all and dancing was enjoyed until the wee-small hours.

BENEFIT DANCE

There will be a dance at the Opera House on June 21st for the benefit of the American Legion base ball team.

MRS. CORNELIA PETERMAN

On last Sunday Mrs. Cornelia Peterman nee Miss Cornelia Montolla, after a brief illness died of uremic poisoning. She was born in Marfa in 1889 and spent most of her life in this city. She was buried Monday, a large number of relatives being present. She leaves a husband, mother, a brother and four sisters.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Sunday 7:45 p. m.
Leader, Miss Love Quick.
Song.
Scripture reading and Prayer.
Song.
The Need of the Young People's Work—W. T. Davis.
Special Music.
What Other B. Y. P. Us are doing.
—Mrs. Kerr and Miss Myrtle Barnett.
Reading—Miss Gladys Johnson.
General Talks—Any who will.

COMPLIMENTARY TEA

Mrs. W. B. Mitchell gave a prettily appointed Tea Wednesday afternoon, at her beautiful home in West Heights complimentary to her sister, Mrs. M. M. Smith of Los Angeles, Cal., who is the house guest of her sister, the hostess; Also, of Mrs. John Livingston who leaves next week for their new home in Dallas. The Tea was in the nature of a farewell for this attractive visitor, who will leave soon for her new home in Kentucky. The spacious reception rooms were attractively decorated with Shasta daisies, the general color scheme being green and white. Presiding at the Tea table were Mesdames J. M. Rosson, J. H. Evans and Frank Roson, and Misses Catherine and Dorothy Mitchell. Assisting the hostess in receiving and entertaining her guests were Mesdames T. W. Snyder, Jessie Hubbard, J. W. Pool, W. W. Bogel, C. E. Pruitt, J. C. Orngain, Tom Mitchell, Arthur Mitchell, M. M. Smith, John Livingston, L. C. Britte, McKie Mitchell and T. C. Crosson and dainty little Misses Laura and Francis Mitchell. The out of town guests were: Mesdames R. S. Bynum and Laurels and Miss Elizabeth Bynum all of San Antonio, and Miss Lucy Daniels of Tucson, Ariz.

Following the killing of W. T. O. Holman, at Del Rio, District Judge James Cornell was indicted, at his own request, by the grand jury of Val Verde county, then in session, and released under ten thousand dollar bond, which he readily gave. The most prominent members of the Del Rio bar immediately waited upon Judge Cornell and tendered him their sympathy and assistance in any way they could possibly act. Many other lawyers and personal friends telegraphed and wrote to him, tendering sympathy and assistance.

He has issued a statement addressed to such friends. He has asked no newspaper to print it, and it is given here simply for the interest the public very naturally feels in such matters, and not from any desire to create and foster prejudice.

The Statement

"Please let this suffice until such time as I may see you or address you individually. I am sure my delay will be understood and excused.

"After the occurrence the officers treated me with greatest kindness and consideration, these including Sheriff Whistler of Val Verde county and State Rangers Miller and Carfa. At my request, sanctioned by Mr. Whistler, the two rangers accompanied me to Brackettville, and I remained at the home of my brother-in-law, Mr. John F. Dooley, until after the signing of the bond. The rangers, together with Mr. R. Salmon, sheriff of Kinney county, remained with me in the meantime. Mr. Salmon's treatment of me was most generous and kindly.

"Examination was waived upon my behalf, and bond given pending action by the grand jury. The District Court was in session and the grand jury, which had previously been discharged, was reconvened by the Court, and met Friday afternoon. At its opening a request upon my behalf was conveyed to the grand jury that an indictment should at once be returned. An indictment was in fact returned upon Saturday morning and another bond signed by me Saturday afternoon. It had previously been executed by the sureties.

"I would have welcomed an immediate trial, and requested that trial be had the week beginning on Monday, June 28. This was believed to be impossible because of the great number who might know or claim to know, something connected with the affair, and because the term at Del Rio draws to a close this week. Therefore, a trial will not be had until the October Term.

"Your kindly offer of assistance was most welcome and appreciated. I did not reply at once for the reason that a number of my friends among the lawyers who were close enough to do so, came to my assistance at once, and I was glad to entrust everything to their care. I am sure you may do something for me, and at the proper time will call upon you. A suggestion was made which seems to have met with approval, and which is satisfactory to me, that a meeting be had within the near future at which a decision may be made as to what attorneys shall appear upon my behalf, and actually conduct the trial; this because the number actually appearing must necessarily be limited to a few.

"Since the occurrence I have tried myself over and over, talking and thinking of nothing else, and pondering over every fact and circumstance preceding and accompanying this occurrence, and I do not reproach myself. My conscience is clear. I have no fear of a trial nor its result. There can be but one verdict. Yet my friends are determined that nothing shall be left undone to make my vindication clear and complete. You will be advised as to what you may do toward accomplishing this.

"Offers of assistance to me have been numerous. This fact does not make an yone the less appreciated. I hardly think any man could be worthy the kindness that my friends have shown me. The term friendship now has for me a new and deeper meaning. I shall live to prove myself worthy, if possible, and to repay, if I may in even a small measure, the kindness shown me.—Ozona Stockman.

DISCHARGED THEN REARRESTED

Brakeman Earl Stirman to Face Trial For Death on Engineer

The preliminary hearing in a case of the State against Earl Stirman, Southern Pacific brakeman, on a charge of causing the death of Engineer Bohlman when the engine blew up near Paisano Pass last week was held Wednesday afternoon, be-

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fore Justice of the Peace C. W. Livingston in Alpine.

Sutton and Montague of this city represented the defendant, prosecution being cared for by County Attorney I. L. Martin, Jr.

Attorneys for the defense attacked the information and entered a motion to quash the same on the ground that the complaint did not state a crime had been committed and contained other fatal errors to it. This motion was sustained and the defendant discharged. But in a short time the state had made another complaint correcting the errors held by the court and Sterman was arrested in the new complaint. He was again arranged before Justice Livingston and no evidence being introduced by either side, the court held the defendant to answer the charge in the sum of \$3,000. The bond was given and the defendant released from custody. The bond was signed by the following: C. W. Livingston, Jack Allen, C. Hord, Walter Garnett, Even Hord, of Alpine, and Tom Parsons and Rufus Sterman of Sanderson.

As in all such cases, public opinion in divided on the question of the guilt of the defendant. It is now a matter for the court to settle, and not for the newspapers or the public. —Alpine Avalanche.

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Marfa Chapter No. 344 O. E. S. meets the third Tuesday evening in each month. Visiting members cordially invited to be present.
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MARFA LODGE No. 596 A. F. & A. M.
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Visiting brethren are cordially invited to be present.
J. Anson Coughran, W. M.; J. W. Howell, Secretary.

TO ENFORCE BEAUTY PARLOR SANITATION

Dallas, Texas.—Preparations to begin the enforcement of the State health law regarding barber shops and beauty parlor sanitation on September 1, are under way. Dr. W. T. Davidson, director of public health announced following the meeting of the board of health Wednesday night. The barber shop and beauty parlor law is the last of the five State laws recently adopted to go into effect. All others are in force now in Dallas.

Three methods of enforcing the law will be employed. They are: will be employed. They are: Registration of each shop, posting of regulations in shops, and instruction in details of the law by sanitary inspectors. It was at first arranged to adopt a uniform method of sterilization of razors and shears and other implements, but this was abandoned as impracticable.

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ADDRESS OF C. E. MEAD, ESQ.

AT Masonic Celebration, at Marfa, July 16, 1921.

(Published by request.) While it would not be expedient at this time for me to enter into a lengthy discussion of the principles of Freemasonry, I do feel constrained to make a few observations in regard to the subject. In view of the antiquity and general spread of masonry, it is rather remarkable that there should be so much ignorance as to what it really is. Probably the secrecy of its ritual and the general mysticism with which tradition has clothed it is responsible for this condition.

Briefly, I will give you some of the fundamentals of the order. The old English lecturers defined Freemasonry as "a beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." A more modern and comprehensive definition defines it as a "science which is engaged in the search after Divine Truth, and which employs symbolism as its method of instruction."

It is generally understood to be a system of morality by the practice of which its members may advance their spiritual interests, and mount the theological ladder from the imperfect and material lodges on earth to the perfect and spiritual lodge in heaven. It recognizes the Holy Scriptures as the corner stone of the institution, and Almighty God as the founder and giver of all things. While its teachings are intensely religious and it is often termed a religious organization, it is more correct to call it the handmaiden of religion. A man can be religious without being a mason in the technical sense, but it is impossible for a man to be a true mason and not be religious.

Masonry teaches the immortality of the soul, the life hereafter and faith in the merits of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, all in keeping with Christian faith, and yet, its doctrines are so broad that non-Christian, if he believes in the existence of a Supreme Being may consistently kneel at its altars and worship at its shrine.

These three principal tenets of masonry are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. By the exercise of Brotherly Love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family, the high and the low, the rich and the poor, all emanating from a common parent who are to aid, support and protect each other. To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, and masons, on a count of the sacred ties which bind them are especially pledged to this noble virtue. Truth is a Divine attribute, and we are taught, in the foundation of every virtue, and as masonry is a science engaged in the search for truth, it naturally follows that this virtue should be the greatest tenet of the order.

The one outstanding purpose of Freemasonry is to serve mankind. It has its arch and its keystone with their hidden symbolic meaning, but if I selected a keyword for the great order, without hesitation I would select the word "Service," and this is more important than the keystone of the arch. The order was born on account of the weakness and misfortunes of the human family, it has maintained itself through all the ages to minister to the needs of the distressed, and when it ceases thus to serve it will have outlived its usefulness and will deserve to die.

We sometimes boast of the antiquity of Freemasonry, but we forget that its age alone is not a virtue. We should rather bear in mind that it is old because it is good and has proved itself worthy to live. It lives and thrives among the wrecks and ruins of thousands of imitations which have sprung into existence since Masonry was organized, and is truly a striking example of the survival of the fittest.

Masonry is not a reformatory and does not profess to be. It does not knowingly accept members who are vicious and corrupt. For this it is often criticised. We do not desire to argue the point nor is defense necessary, but the simple truth is, that we undertake a peculiar work for which we need co-workers for whom we can absolutely vouch, and those who can be depended upon, and those who profess to be morally clean. Our work would be hampered by less worthy members.

Masonry has no axe to grind, no goods to sell, no wares to advertise. It has its all to give and bestows it as freely as the benign sun bathes these glorious hills and plains with everlasting sunshine, and no more thinks of asking anything in return than does the monarch of the skies think of asking toll of the beautiful flowers for the life giving sunshine which they daily receive.

Masonry is co-extensive with civilization and was intended to be from its inception. It is always found in company with the church

and the school and labors with them to a common end. As a matter of fact it has always been a pioneer in advancing civilization and often precedes both church and the school, blazing the way for law and order and for civil and religious liberty.

Masonry is the only great moral or religious organization which has never in its existence resorted to violence and bloodshed to carry forward its designs or to thwart its enemies. In all its glorious history its only weapons of defense and offense have been the truth, its only argument an appeal to the consciences of men. It has been persecuted many times, its devotees have been imprisoned and foully murdered, and it has been forced to seek the seclusion of caves and hidden places in the mountains to erect its altars, and yet, with all this, it has steadfastly followed the precept and example of our Lord and Savior and refused to strike back with the cruel weapons used by its enemies.

"Masonry stands for law, order and patriotism. Anarchy and Bolshevism can not hatch their vile plots against civilization around the holy altars of Freemasonry nor in the precincts of its sacred temples. These things can not live in such an atmosphere. It loves architecture and all things orderly, it loves geometry and all things symmetrical, it loves music and all things artistic and beautiful, it loves holiness and all things good.

"These are a few of the things for which masonry stands. We confess with humiliation that we have not in the past even approximately lived up to these noble principles, but we beg you to remember that perfection on earth has never been attained; that our order is composed of mortal men, erring and weak. We are proud, however, that our ideals are pure and our standards are high. Our backs are turned to the past with its mistakes and failures, and we now face the future with its needs and responsibilities and as long as we honestly strive to attain the noble ends in view we need not be discouraged even though we fall far short of the coveted goal."

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS HERE TO ADDRESS MEETING

Grand Master Andrew L. Randell of Sherman, head of the Masonic order in Texas, arrived in El Paso yesterday afternoon from Marfa, accompanied by J. D. Reeder, senior warden of El Paso lodge, No. 130 who is expected to be a busy one for the Masonic chief and a program covering morning, afternoon and evening has been arranged.

Upon his arrival yesterday Mr. Randell was met by a delegation of Masons, consisting of George F. Morgan, who was grand master last year; W. W. Scott, master of El Paso lodge No. 130; E. P. Rhodes, master of El Paso lodge No. 111; J. J. Schee, master of Five Points lodge No. 137; W. W. Evans and E. P. Morgan.

Following an informal reception at the Masonic Temple yesterday afternoon Mr. Randell was taken for a drive on his roadway and down the valley. This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock there will be a great meeting of the Masonic Temple. Every Mason in El Paso, from the youngest apprentice to the oldest Master Mason is expected to be present. Mr. Randell will deliver a message to all Masons in this section. This meeting is one of the Fort Worth meeting, which will be held at the El Maida Shrine band. This and other high in Masonic circles in that state will attend.

This evening at 7:30 a concert will be given at the Masonic Temple by El Maida Shrine band. This, and especially to Mr. Randell's illustrated lecture, which is scheduled for 8 o'clock, all Masons are invited.—El Paso Times.

BOLL WORM BILL TO BE SUBMITTED

WILL PROVIDE COMPENSATION TO FARMERS AND RESTRICTIONS ON BORDER

Austin, Texas, July 19.—Governor Neff has consented to submit the subject of boll worm legislation to the special session of the Legislature, with the view of satisfying the Federal Horticultural Board and thereby preventing a Federal quarantine. The bill has already been drawn.

Final touches on the bill were made today at a meeting here of the

central boll worm committee, composed of 17 members, and representing the agricultural and commercial interests. The bill has been in course of preparation since last May according to W. D. Ferris of Ennis, chairman of the committee, and he gave the opinion that it will meet every demand made on the State of Texas on the pink boll worm question.

"While our bill will greatly strengthen the present pink boll worm statute, it is not too drastic," said Ferris. "We believe it should be enacted into law at this session of the Legislature, its delay will surely bring on a Federal quarantine, which will be disastrous to all business interests in Texas."

The committee planned to have a conference with Governor Neff tomorrow morning at which time the bill will be submitted to him for his approval.

Full compensation to cotton growers who are prevented from planting cotton and whose crops are destroyed, is provided for in the bill. Final passage of a bill now pending in the National Congress will mean that the State of Texas will only pay two-thirds of such compensation, the other one-third to be paid by the Federal Government. This bill has passed the Senate and has been favorably reported by the House.

Another bill is for the enlargement of the power of the Governor for control of the Mexican border. This is necessary, it was pointed out, in order to prevent the pest from over-running Texas from Mexico. Over the provisions of the bill the Governor would have the power to declare non-cotton growing zones along the border when the pink boll worm shows up in Mexico across the Rio Grande. It also provides for guards to be stationed at border points whose duty it will be to inspect shipments coming into the State from infested points in Mexico.

Senators Darwin and Dudley declared today that this special session should enact some additional pink boll worm legislation. Senator Darwin said that the State quarantine rules now in effect against this pest are ineffective and valueless and predicted that unless the Legislature took action soon in declaring of a non-cotton growing zone, Texas would soon be quarantined by the Federal Government.

BLOWN UP "ANKLE GAZERS"

Former Mayor J. N. Beasley has just returned from a stay of two months in the Pacific coast. In conversation with a group of friends he said: "The Pacific bathing beach is no place for a mere 'ankle gazer.' This bird is as much out of place as a safety razor is at a nigger ice cream social. He simply is overstocking his pasture. In order to fully appreciate the wondrous beauties of the placid Pacific's bathing stretches, one must have put behind him the possibility of being shocked. He must go to the task of 'seeing' with his mind made up to see it through regardless."

It is not improbable that the lessons gained, first hand, by Mr. Beasley, will be of worth to some other Amarillo and Panhandle-Plains citizens who are yet to make their California cost trips. The moral of this whole thing is: Don't worry about the things that cannot be avoided; take your place in the grandstand, and watch the crowd go by, as you've already paid the price of admission.

From the Guymon Tribune. It is clipped a little quaint, delicate, yet suggestive, written by F. D. Tripp of Pueblo, for the newspaper in the Texas county metropolis: "Mary had a little eskirt."

The latest style, no doubt; But every time she got inside.

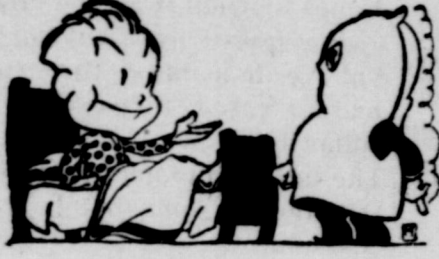
She was more than half-way out."

Man's unkind, and often times un-fair remarks about the fascinating style of women's wear, but evidence that he is dabbling with something for which he exerts not the least intelligence. Men who worry over the winds, the sunshine, the cold, and the cold, have been called rain, un-mixed fools. Does not the man who worries his poor brain with things suits, short skirts, flimsy, shimmering, silk hose, only make himself more conspicuous when he frots in the opposition of the wind, never treads a musical note that could be heard in the absence of the wind, in which he is as much as a dead weight.

Just plain, the man who covers scant his body and diaphanous, near-invisible, himself ridiculous, for reform? The blade and branch to, changes its current, but, real, enchanting whistle, sense of the interference, only the blade and the bran, like manner, the criticism, the former, but intensifies the with which the women display these so-called abbreviated, gauzy, luring and tantalizing bits of feminine wear.

Seriously, there is far too much of the kind of criticism that is being offered. It is not constructive, and does more harm than good, perhaps. —Amarillo Daily News.

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OF A familiar. AND DELICIOUS smell. WHICH TIPPED me off. SO I gave the ghost. THE HORSE laugh. AND SAID "Ed. YOU FAT guys. MAKE BUM ghosts. BUT BEFORE you fade. LEAVE WITH me one. OF YOUR cigarettes. THEY SATISFY."

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Twenty-one Years Ago

(New Era, July 1900.)

Mr. Morris P. Kirk is up from Shafter for a few weeks.

Mr. L. D. Bunton and wife have returned from a visit to El Paso.

Messrs. Kilpatrick and Boynton are fitting up an elegant law office in the county treasurer's room at the court house.

The Messrs. Melvor, Miss McCormick and Messrs. Kelly and Armstrong had a very pleasant visit to Fort Davis yesterday.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church will meet at Mrs. O. N. Turner's on next Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The hunting and fishing party consisting of the Mitchells and Gilletts, returned home Wednesday night after a pleasant and enjoyable trip.

Mr. Gaither Anderson, who has been up in the Roswell country for the past two months looking about, has returned home. He says this is plenty good enough country, anyway.

George, the youngest son of Mr. S. E. Walker, had the misfortune to fall a few days ago, while playing on the lawn, and breaking his left arm just above the wrist.

Rev. M. Galbraith, rector of the Episcopal church of Kerrville, will hold services at St. Paul's church, Marfa, on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend.

Miss Mary Cratzenberg spent last week very pleasantly on the Bogel ranch and Miss Annet Humphreys has been having a good time out there this week.

Gen. Anson Mills, president of the U. S. boundary commission, and J. A. Happer, a prominent real estate man, both of El Paso, passed thru yesterday on their way to Shafter on business.

Wil Day, whom many old timers in this place will remember, he having been a section foreman here, and

who married Miss Lida Roan, got in-
to an altercation with some of his
men at Monterey, Mexico, on June
12th and was stabbed. He died from
the wounds on July 11th.

Ignatz Kleinman imported 404 head
of she cattle at the sub-port of Pre-
sidio, and the same have been sold
to McCamey at Fort Davis. Mr.
Kleinman will bring over 400 more
about the 10th of August and he also
has these sold. Deputy Collector
Jackson was up Thursday remitting
the duties to headquarters.

Mr. Bogel and the boys got on the
trail of a big panther at the ranch
last Monday morning and got his
scalp, after running him several
miles. The panthers have been very
bad this year, and a great number
of young colts have been killed in the
ranches. It is said Normand & Morgan
have suffered greatly from these
pests.

The campmeeting at Converse pas-
ture will commence on the night of
August 1st and continue about the
usual time. Dr. Little, Rev. A. F.
Bishop and Rev. L. R. Millican will
be there by invitation to preach.
Other ministers will be present and
assist. Everyone is cordially invit-
ed to attend at the services.

Thursday evening at half past
eight o'clock Mrs. Rosa Heebe and
Mr. Nicolous Fred Wilkins were
married. Judge Kilpatrick officiat-
ing.

This came as a shock to the many
friends of the bride. The matter
was kept so quiet that no one ever
suspected it until an hour before
it occurred. The ceremony was per-
formed in the presence of about a
dozen of the bride's friends and
neighbors, and after it was over an
hour was spent very pleasantly in
congratulating the happy pair and
consuming a dainty and most ex-
cellent lunch. The New Era wishes
them a long and prosperous journey
through life.

A hunting party-consisting of Hi
Kelley, Tray Childers, Jim Alexan-
der and Calvin Robinson went out to
Bogel's pasture the other day and
bagged 102 wild doves.

The second annual campmeeting at
Paisano will commence on the eve-
ning of August 8th. Rev. J. T. French
of El Paso, and several other minis-
ters will be present. All are invited.

The telephone line between Marfa
and Alamito, via Bogel's and Nor-

mand's ranches, will soon be com-
pleted. The scheme is to then con-
nect Alamito with Terlingua, which
will give up direct connection with
the mines.

Hon. James L. Slyden, congress-
man from this district, arrived here
this morning from the east and will
leave tonight for El Paso. Congress-
man Slyden is making a trip thru
the district, looking after his fences.
There has been little opposition de-
veloped against him for the demo-
cratic nomination for congress, and
he will no doubt receive the nomi-
nation by acclamation when the con-
vention meets.

Dame Rumor, the old hag, is busy
these days, and every day some un-
expected tale can be heard on the
street. George Newton has sure
enough sold out his interest in the
jewelry business here and expects to
locate in Carlsbad in the near future.
It would not be much of a surprise
either if he did carry off one of our
fairest daughters with him. There
is no telling what kind of luck some
men will have. George is drawing to
a single pair and he will just about
catch a 'full house' or a set of 'fours'
Big "jack pot," too.

Last Monday, while working with
a fractious horse on the ranch,
Galley Bogel, the third son of Mr. W.
W. Bogel, was struck with a heavy
well rope, with which the horse was
tied, and thrown over, breaking his
left leg just above the ankle. It is
thought the ankle may also be in-
jured. The boy was brought to
town by his parents and the broken
leg set by Dr. Landegren. He is now
doing nicely, but will have a month
or two of absolute quiet, which will
be very trying on a boy like Galley,
especially so now during vacation.

Mr. John Townsend has secured
the services of a most excellent bar-
ber, Mr. Tom Smith, and he will take
a lay-off for a month or six weeks.
John and family left Thursday morn-
ing for Spofford, where Mrs. Town-
send and the children will visit Mrs.
Townsend's mother, while John will
go fishing on Devil's river. John
Townsend has been an industrious
and faithful worker in his barber
shop here for a number of years,
and if anyone deserves a little rest
and recreation he certainly does.
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enjoy their outing.

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THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE

Austin, Texas, July 18.—The first flurry of the special session came this afternoon when Moort of Hunt, Cox of Taylor, Wright of Archer and Henderson of Marion offered a resolution calling on Governor Neff to furnish evidence in his possession to substantiate charges made by him in speeches that there is graft, udding of accounts an d wasteful expenditures in state departments. It is stated in the resolution that he charges made by he governor are of such serious nature that they demand the attention of the legislature.

Ought to Be Referred to Grand Jury
Without debate, upon motion of Burmeister, the resolution, by a vote of 70 to 18, was referred to the committee on state affairs. Representative Newt Williams of McClennan, just before the vote was put, made this remark on the resolution: "It ought to be referred to the grand jury instead of to a committee of the house."

Both branches held brief sessions this afternoon, adjourning until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. The senate passed the first bill of the session, it providing for an appropriation of \$65,000 for mileage and per diem of members. Another bill, appropriating \$20,000 for contingent expenses, was also passed by the senate.

Lieutenant Governor and Speaker Join in Harmony Plea

Both Lieut. Gov. Lurch Davidson, president of the senate, and Speaker C. G. Thomas of the house, in opening the respective branches of the thirty-seventh legislature, in the first called session at 9 o'clock today urged the lawmakers to give immediate attention to the general appropriation bills and suggested that in view of the financial depression final adjournment be taken after these bills have been disposed of. Both went on record as being opposed to any act that will result in increasing the tax burden of the people and both entered pleas for harmony and co-operation between the legislative branch and the executive branch of the government.

There was a quorum present in both branches, and, being already organized, indications were that no time would be lost in getting down to business, the uppermost of which is the general appropriation bills, of which the judiciary and educational are ready for consideration. This is the first time in the history of Texas that a session of its legislature has been convened at the early hour of 9 o'clock on the opening day.

No Time For Quarrelling
Immediately after a quorum was announced present in the senate Lieut. Gov. Lynch Davidson made a plea for harmony in the session. He said in part:

"It is no time for crimination and recrimination between the different departments of state, while he people of Texas stand by and suffer. It is no time for one branch of government to say that the other is at fault. It is no time to engage in the practice of passing the buck. If one is wrong, both are wrong. The executive branch has wisely been vested with the constitutional power of veto and if the legislative branch has failed or fails in his solemn obligation to give the people an administration of economy and lessen the tax burden the chief executive should courageously use this constitutional power.

"The finance committee of the Texas senate, in the regular session, of my own knowledge, gave great consideration to the distressing economic situation in the state, was careful in every respect, and its chairman again and again repeatedly refused to be pushed headlong into hasty appropriation measures for the mere sake of expediency. But if we erred we should be none too proud to admit that fact and correct the error. If extravagant appropriations have been made it is a very simple and easy matter to unmake them and there should be no hesitancy on the part of this body in doing so.

Governor's Economy Program
"The governor's program of economy, without doubt, meets the view of nearly every citizen of this state, and I know it accords with the desire with every senator here present. But, gentlemen of the senate, whatever may have been said pro and con, it calls for no ill feeling, crimination or recrimination between the executive and legislative branches of the government. To the contrary, it should emphasize the necessity for unanimity of effort and co-operation in every particular, that the interests of this great state and its citizenship may be best served.

"Permit me to remind you that whom the gods would destroy they first make mad. Strife and discord can only complicate the state's financial difficulties; and I bespeak for the people of Texas, for yourselves,

for your governor and for every body interested in the welfare of this great state, harmony, co-operation, good will, intelligent endeavor, all working together for the general good."

Speaker Thomas in his opening address to the house declared that "this is no time for extravagance. It is the time to economize. It is no time to raise the present ad valorem tax limit of 35 cents. No apology is due at my hands as your presiding officer for the appropriations made by the regular session. Much has been said throughout the state lately, by both the press and from the forum, about extravagance; yet no one has said they would not have appropriated the \$3,000,000 for the public schools of Texas. We must educate our children, if we hope for an intelligent and enlightened future generation."

State Treasury Not Bankrupt

Speaker Thomas said he was not one of those who believes the state of Texas is going to the bow-wows. "This same talk was made two years ago, but recent calculations furnished by the state treasurer shows there will be several hundred thousand dollars balance on hand September 1, 1921," said the speaker.

"I have confidence in the appropriation committee that they have given due consideration of the income of the state and will fit the budgets to them. And I am advised by the chairman of that committee that with the reductions they have made that the total appropriations for the two years will safely come within our income. So why be alarmed?"

Too Much Loose Talk

Speaker Thomas referred to Gov. Neff's charges of graft in certain state departments in this way:

"Many charges and statements have been made about graft, extravagance and the like in the expenditures of the public school money, in the departments and institutions. It is high time that if such is true that the person making such statements should furnish the legislature with such information as will enable us to properly investigate instead of so much outside talk."

The speaker added that he made this statement not in the spirit of criticism of and certain state official, "but to remind you that it is necessary to have complete co-operation between all the branches, executive and legislative. We should counsel together, not lambast each other."

Speaker Thomas beseeched the lawmakers to lay all prejudices aside.

Applause frequently interrupted Speaker Thomas during delivery of his address, the greatest outburst coming when the speaker declared that this is no time to raise the tax rate.

Only One Senator Absent

When the house convened there were 117 members present and answering the rollcall. Absentees numbered only 25.

All senators except Carlock of Tarrant answered rollcall in the senate. Three new senators were sworn in. They are J. art Willis of Dallas; W. E. Doyle of Freestone and Joe Burkett of Eastland. The senate unanimously elected Senator John H. Bailey of DeWitt county president pro tem and practically all of the staff of employes serving in the regular session were retained for the special session.

New members sworn in the house today are E. G. Lustergeon of Bexar and Sam D. L. Law of Washington, former member of the prison commission, who recently resigned.

Thirteen bills were introduced at the initial session of the house and two in the senate. The judiciary appropriation bill was introduced in both branches.

Senator Dudley introduced a bill appropriating \$65,000 to pay mileage and per diem of members and \$20,000 for contingent expenses of the special session.

Would Strengthen Dean Law

Bill No. 1 in the house was introduced by Morris and provides for amending of the Dean prohibition law as recommended by Gov. Neff, who desires the liquor law made more strict and strengthened so as to be made operative. Melson introduced a bill for the entire repeal of the suspended sentence law. Other bills introduced in the house include To create an agricultural livestock and industrial board; to abolish the industrial welfare commission; to abolish sub-experimental stations; to abolish the state mining board; senatorial and representative redistricting bills; educational appropriation bill; to merge warehouse and market departments with department of agriculture; to appropriate funds for canvassing reports on scholastic census, and to repeal the suspended sentence law.

A resolution introduced in the senate providing for appointment of a joint committee to probe charges of

padding of scholastic rolls was referred to committee on education.

Governor's Message

Governor Neff did not appear in person before the legislature to present his message; he sent the document in by his private secretary. Most of the message was devoted to an elaboration of the governor's legislative program as enunciated on the stump two weeks ago. Not once in the entire message of 27 pages appears the personal pronoun "I."

"Our government is top heavy," the governor said in his message. "The departments overlap each other. We have too many departments and too many employes. Within the few days a special message will be sent to you dealing with this phase of our state government."

Increase in Taxes Unthinkable

Considerable space was given the financial question. On this subject the governor said: "Our government is in no easier circumstances financially than are the people who compose it. In the logic of a square deal we should apply to the public service the same rigid rule of economy that necessity forces those to live under whose tax money supports the government. The time has come to call a halt upon unnecessary expenditures of the public revenue. Any increase of the tax burdens, either upon property or industries, is, in the face of circumstances that now confront us, unthinkable. Nothing in the scope of legislative authority will rebound in greater benefit or prove more welcome to our people than an era of strict adherence to the plain mandate of our state constitution, which declares: "The legislature shall not have the right to levy taxes or impose burdens upon the people except to raise revenue sufficient for the economical administration of the government."

"Not a dollar should be appropriated for any purpose unless the dollar is available with which to pay it. There should be no raise in the tax rate. No additional burdens should be placed against real estate, farm land or city property. No tax burdened industry now producing in part the wealth of the country should feel anew the heavy hand of taxation. Any bill that comes to my desk that has for its purpose the placing of additional taxes against property, enterprises or institutions above mentioned will be promptly vetoed. If in the sound, collective judgment of the legislature additional revenues are to be had for worthy purposes, especially rural education, it should be raised by taxation on the pleasures and luxuries and the non-essentials of life, most of which are now practically free from taxation.

Law Enforcement Program

The governor in his message recommended amendment to the prohibition law so that a purchaser of intoxicating liquor will not be guilty of an offense under the law, content being made by him that this part of the law is operative for the reason that no prosecution so far as has come to my knowledge has yet been had in this state against any person for buying intoxicating liquor, yet under the law every person who buys intoxicating liquor is guilty of violating the law. The law should be amended in this respect. This change is recommended, not for the benefit of the buyer, but in order that the law can be more easily and effectively enforced. When this change has been made in the law, then the buyer will be qualified to testify as other witnesses against the seller.

Further recommendations include repeal of the suspended sentence law, passing of the so-called law enforcement bill authorizing the attorney general to remove officers who fail to enforce the laws, and appropriation for aid to the rural schools of the state. The governor also urged redistricting of the senatorial and representative districts.

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Austin, Texas.—All appropriations for new buildings at the John Tarlton Agricultural College and for the Grubbs Vocational School were stricken from the appropriation bill, the same as was done to the normal colleges and which will be done when the final line in the bill has been written, said Chairman R. M. Dudley of the Senate Finance Committee in giving out the results of the executive session with the House Appropriations Committee in further considering the educational budget. This is accepted to mean that there will be absolutely no new buildings at the State institutions during the next two years. Mr. Dudley declared he did not think a single new building will be allowed except those as the nucleus for the Stephen F. Austin Normal at Nacogdoches, for which \$175,000 was voted by the

committee in executive session.

Besides eliminating new building appropriations, the committee sealed the maintenance allowances for the two institutions to the extent of about \$25,000 each year. Tarlton College was denied \$9,500 to purchase additional land and \$200,000 for new buildings.

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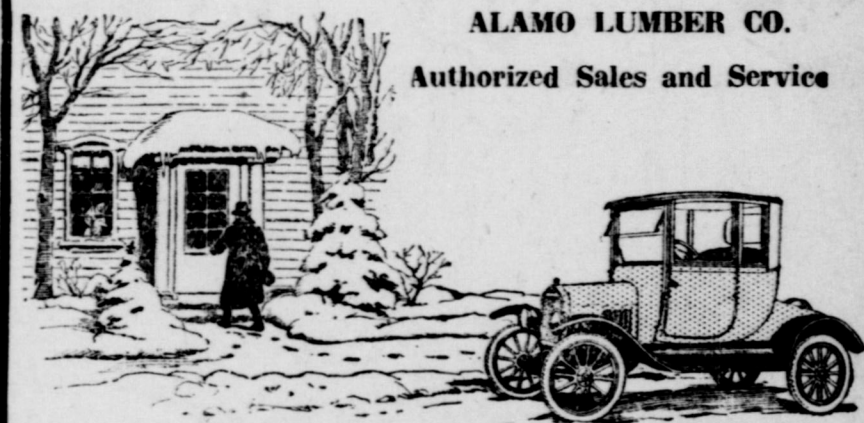
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