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MORE EVIDENCE HEARD IN SPANNEL TRIAL

By Associated Press:

San Angelo, Jan. 29.—After hearing more witnesses, court today adjourned the Harry Spanell case until tonight when Mrs. B. F. Jenkins a new witness of El Paso is expected to arrive from Marfa where she has been visiting.

Both sides expect to complete testimony tomorrow. J. H. Yaree, a sixth cavalry veteran said today that Lieutenant Colonel Butler never drank intoxicating liquors and he never had heard him called "Bull" Butler. He further stated that the Colonel's reputation regarding women was good.

San Angelo, Jan. 28.—On the witness stand in the trial of Harry J. Spanell, charged with the murder of his wife, Saturday afternoon Mrs. M. C. Butler of Memphis, Tenn., swore that no insult was offered to or assault committed upon Mrs. Spanell by her husband on that evening in July when Col. Butler stepped into the Spanell car and shortly afterward with Mrs. Spanell was shot to death on the streets of Alpine. The statement was produced by the state in rebuttal of the testimony of Spanell, recited in highly dramatic fashion on Thursday.

More Damaging Testimony
Other testimony, damaging to the defendant, was given by Allen Walton, sheriff of Brewster county. Walton testified that when he met Spanell in the Alpine jail and inquired "My God Harry, what have you done?" the defendant replied:

"I have killed my wife and Maj. Butler. I am ruined. I am ruined. They made me do it."

Sheriff's Testimony Corroborated
Lee Harrington was with Walton when Spanell was placed behind the bars for the first time and he corroborated the sheriff's statement, word for word.

Defendant Shows Puzzled Expression

As on Friday afternoon when R. N. Pittman of Meridian, Miss., testified that he was an eye witness to the killing, Harry Spanell sat yesterday with a puzzled expression on his face. Only a few times did he betray emotion and then such feeling was occasioned by statements of witnesses, referring to his dead wife.

Spanell Closes Eyes to Sight of Gun

When a .32 calibre automatic pistol alleged to have been used to deadly execution on the night of July 20, last, was presented in evidence the defendant closed his eyes and turned his head away.

Boy's Evidence Excluded

The state Saturday afternoon brought onto the stand a nine-year old boy, Elliott Pittman of Alpine. The lad bravely faced the court and was sworn in, but before the examination had proceeded very far, Judge Dubois ruled that Elliott was too young to testify and excused him from service. This was done in sustaining an objection on the part of counsel for the defense and after a hot fight had been waged by the prosecution.

Was to Tell of a Conversation

The boy was slated to testify regarding a conversation which took place between Mrs. Pat Murphy and Mrs. Pittman immediately following the shooting and the action of his parents. Pittman on Friday

swore on the stand that he ran about his sleeping porch into his front yard when the death car approached, while Mrs. Murphy Saturday morning testified that she had been told of Mrs. Pittman that the latter had been carried inside the house by her husband when the shooting began.

Large Crowd Present at Trial

There was a large crowd in the court room Saturday and spectators were treated to a battle royal between the attorneys. Practically every question asked Mrs. Butler relative to what happened upstairs in the Holland hotel just prior to the tragedy was contested by the counsel for the defense, but court overruled the majority of these.

Mrs. Downum Recalled Monday

Before court adjourned yesterday afternoon, the state announced that it would rest its case Monday morning. Mrs. J. W. Downum of Alpine, who was sick yesterday is to be returned to the stand, provided she has recovered; and two other parties, upon whom subpoenas were served during the week end, are expected to arrive by the time court convenes in the morning at 9 o'clock.

Case to Jury on Wednesday

Persons in close touch with the case, believe that Spanell's fate will be left with the jury on Wednesday. It is expected that at least two days will be required for the arguments, which are expected to be masterpieces of legal oratory. Judge Dubois has made no intimation that he will limit the time of the speakers however, and if each is permitted to talk as long as he pleases the arguments may extend over a period longer than two days.

Sheriff Walton's Evidence

Allen Walton of Alpine, sheriff of Brewster county, was first witness to be summoned to the stand Saturday afternoon when court convened at 2 o'clock. At the morning session the defense objected to Walton relating what Spanell had said in the Alpine jail when asked as to what he had done and the court advised that the matter be held in abeyance until authorities could be produced by the defense, supporting its contention. "I Have Killed Maj. Butler and My Wife."

When Walton told Attorney Lud Williams yesterday afternoon that Spanell was under arrest at the time the statement was made, Williams arose and objected to Spanell's reply being introduced on the grounds that Spanell was in custody and because his statement had been made in response to a question. The court overruled and Walton said:

"Spanell stated 'I have killed Maj. Butler and my wife. I am ruined. I am ruined. They made me do it.'"

Judge Dale Takes Witness

Judge L. A. Dale then took up the cross examination. He asked the witness if it was not true that on the evening of the killing a black cloud arose in the northwest and that after the tragedy a heavy rain fell, excessive thunder and lightning prevailing. The answer was "yes."

Retells Meeting Spanell in Jail

Again relating the meeting between himself and Spanell in the jail building, Walton testified that the defendant approached him

trembling, convulsed with grief and with his hands thrown out in front of his head. He spoke through subdued sobs and his articulation was poor. The witness said at the time he did not know who had been killed, other than by hearsay, and did not learn positively until he had walked four or five blocks to the scene of the shooting.

Hears Better During Commotion

Questioned about the matter, Walton admitted that he had difficulty in hearing through his left ear. He asserted that his hearing was better when there was a "commotion" and also stated that he was able to understand people more easily in the daytime than at night because he had cultivated the habit of reading the lips.

Believes Interpreted Spanell Correctly

"Do you realize in view of your defective hearing, in view of the defendant's condition at the time and the poor opportunity therefore afforded you to read his lips—that you could have mistaken the word 'he' for 'they'?" queried Judge Dale. The state objected but was overruled, and Walton said "I don't think so."

Not Biased Against Spanell

Counsel for the defense then asked Walton why he had declined to inform Spanell's attorneys as to what his testimony would be when on the other had he gave this information to the state. The witness answer was that he didn't think this evidence would be used. Walton was then asked if he was prejudiced against the defendant or biased in favor of the state and he replied no.

Harrington Tells of Trip to Jail

Lee Harrington was the next witness. He told of the trip to the jail with Walton and Lee Hancock and repeated the same words Walton had sworn Spanell had told him as to why Butler and Mrs. Spanell had been killed. He stated to Judge Dale that he did not know any importance would be attached to Spanell's exact words and had simply remembered them. He denied that he had ever been asked as to what his testimony would be regarding Spanell's reply to Walton and said he and Walton had not compared notes.

Boy Called not Allowed to Testify

Elliott Pittman the nine-year-old son of R. N. Pittman, was then called. After being sworn in, he was asked by Judge Wright what became of little boys who swore to lies in the court house and the reply was that they were sent to the penitentiary. Strenuous objections on the part of the defense were necessary before the court ruled that Pittman was too young to testify.

Butler Not Drinking Man

Lieutenant Jos. Aleshire of the Sixteenth U. S. Cavalry, stationed at Camp Wilson, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., said until the time of Butler's death he had known the officer since the fall of 1912, when the deceased was stationed at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. He testified in detail about the transfers both he and Butler had made and asserted that he was with Butler when the latter came from Columbus, N. M., to Alpine in May 1916. He said he did not think Butler drank on the trip and was sober when Alpine was reached.

Aleshire said he roomed in the Holland Hotel, where Butler stopped, for several weeks and recounted an automobile ride on the Ft. Davis road with Col. and Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Spanell. The witness stated that he and Butler had had many mutual acquaintances and testified that Butler's reputation

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Doings With Legislators

By Associated Press:

Little Done

Austin, Jan. 29.—Senator Lattimore today introduced a bill, providing that women may vote in all Texas primary elections. The legislature's fourth week opened today with calendars of both houses congested and little work done. The week's interest center in final vote on submission by House Friday.

WHEAT LOWER

By Associated Press:

Chicago, Jan. 29.—Wheat broke nine and one eighths cents today on peace talk and on the report that England was selling wheat at Winnipeg.

ROBY MAN'S CLOSE CALL

S. R. Garrett, a well known man of near Roby, had a most unfortunate accident last week that came near causing his death. About ten days ago Mr. Garrett left his home for an auto-trip to New Mexico. When he reached Slayton he picked up a young man who wished to go to Lubbock.

In order to prevent any scarcity of gasoline on the trip, Mr. Garrett put two gallons of oil in a five gallon tank for use in case of necessity. When he had reached a point eleven miles this side of Lubbock his car went dead on him. After making an examination, he found the gas all out in his tank. He therefore took his extra can with the two gallons in it and attempted to refill his tank. It seems that the jostling of the oil in the car had generated quite a lot of gas. Just as Mr. Garrett opened the can, the young man with him struck a match to light a cigarette, which, in turn caused the gas to explode.

Mr. Garrett was so badly burned that it was feared he would die for several days. He was brought down on the south bound Santa Fe Sunday and carried to his home this morning.

KILLING DOGS

City Marshal Johnson got a foul of the dogs in the western part of the city Saturday and as a result Sweetwater has fewer of that breed of animals now.

The writer lost a very fine pup among the dead. The dog was some nine months old when she unexpectedly met death. Poor pup! She never missed a meal in her life, would sleep all day and then bark all night as our neighbors will testify. The poor thing never did much harm in her short life and had no bad traits save eating young chickens, sucking eggs and biting the children. Of course the animal had a few fleas on her but she could not help that.

The whole neighborhood misses our dog. None of us or my neighbors entertain any hard feelings toward the city officer as he no doubt was doing his duty as he saw it.

Mr. and Mrs. George Eatwell and Commissioner Askins of Mary Neal are here today. They report a good breeze Sunday on the Divide.

RURAL SCHOOLS IN FINE SHAPE

By Associated Press:

Prof. L. T. Cunningham of the Department of Education at Austin left on the Texas & Pacific this morning to inspect schools in counties west of here.

He spent Friday and Saturday with superintendent Ellis inspecting Nolan county rural schools and was loud in his praise of the splendid condition he found them in.

WAR NEWS FROM FRONT

By Associated Press:

Bad Weather

London, Jan. 29.—Bad weather prevails on almost all the Europe battle front but fighting continues unabated with neither side gaining any decisive battle.

SOLDIERS STATIONED

By Associated Press:

San Antonio, Jan. 29.—General Funston today announced that General Pershing, fifth and seventh cavalry and sixth and sixteenth and seventeenth infantry will be stationed at El Paso; eleventh and thirteenth cavalry will come to San Antonio; twenty fourth infantry will take the station at Columbus.

BE OUT IN WEEK

By Associated Press:

Washington, Jan. 29.—The last of the American troops are expected to cross the border a week from today, according to the dispatches from General Funston.

ON TRIAL

By Associated Press:

Minden, La., Jan. 29.—Chester Tyson, Mark Peters, Larkin Stewart, Anderson Heard, four negroes on trial today for killing John Reeves, wife and three children Christmas eve.

GERMAN SUB

By Associated Press:

Berlin, Jan. 29.—A German submarine sank an Entente transport shipped loaded with troops in Mediterranean on January 25, Admiralty announced today.

PAY YOUR POLL TAXES

At the close of business Saturday County Collector Howell's office had issued 82 poll tax receipts for the day. This brought the total number in his office up to 1241 for that date.

City Secretary Bartlett issued exactly twenty five city poll tax receipts Saturday, which left that number in his office at 287 when the week closed.

There are only two more days in which to attend to this very important matter. Better pay your taxes today. The office both City and County will be open till you can get there this afternoon.

S. A. Brand killed his meat hog last week and the animal dressed a little over 600 pounds.

BIG LAW SUIT AT SNYDER

By Associated Press:

Snyder, Jan. 28.—Relatives of the late Ed C. Sims, who was recently shot to death in Snyder, have filed damage suits against Banker W. A. Johnson and family for \$100,000 damages. The result of the suit will be watched with much interest.

NEW RURAL ROUTE WANTED

D. H. Ross, a substantial citizen of the Decker community, is the guest of his brother, J. L. Ross, today. Mr. Ross states that the Decker post office is to be discontinued soon and that an effort is being made by the citizens in that part of the county to have a new rural route established which would serve the people in the Decker community.

NEW FIRM ENTERS BUSINESS

Bud Brown and Ed Wilkinson, two well known and popular business men of this city, have bought the Allen Bros. Grover store on West Second street and are taking charge of the same today.

The new store will be known as the City Cash Grocery Company. J. H. Allen will continue in business and be at the head of the West Texas Produce Company with the main place of business in Sweetwater. H. A. Allen has accepted a position in Tyler and will leave for that place soon.

MEXICANS RIOTING

By Associated Press:

El Paso, Jan. 29.—Rioting in Juarez as result of Americans quarantening regulations continued today.

Mexican cavalrymen drove the rioters from the international bridge after two United States soldiers had been hit with missiles.

COTTON

The cotton market is more than one dollar per bale down again today. Midling basis was worth 16 5/8 cents on the local market.

SEVERAL CATTLE DEALS REPORTED

There have been several cattle deals pulled off in the county during the past few days and other deals are in prospect.

Mitchell and coffee have sold to A. Nusbaumer of El Paso 125 4-year-old steers at \$62.50 per head. Jess Lambert has bought the Grogan herd of cattle, consisting of eighty. The price paid was \$32.50 all around.

Mr. Lambert in turn, sold 40 of these cattle to T. O. SoRelle at \$35 per head.

Stockmen report all cattle being fed now and as a result comparatively no losses are being sustained.

We Are Still Making
Special Prices
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A few Ladies' Plush
Coats left. Worth
\$35, for \$22.50

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Coming to our store Thursday
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EVERY parent should exercise the utmost care when selecting shoes for the little tots. During the formative period their feet are very tender and the bones are easily moulded and quite often are turned from the natural course by uncomfortable or ill-fitting shoes.

Careful shoe fitting is absolutely essential to healthy, well-formed feet—every mother should demand a shoe "built to fit" the child's foot.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Will Davis is reported very sick.

Three large cans hominy 25 cts at Perry's Cash Grocery.

John Eidson was a San Angelo visitor Sunday.

Pure country rendered lard at Perry's Cash Grocery, Phone 71.

Mrs. Chas. Rogers and baby left Sunday for a visit in Midland.

Take your dinner tomorrow at the Evereat Cafe—Only 25 cents.

A. I. Berman is in Cuero, Texas, on business.

Pure country lard in bulk at Perry's Cash Grocery, Phone 71.

Rev. J. C. Moore is home from Mulberry Canyon where he preached Sunday.

Buy your shoes at the Herndon shoe store and get the best.—"The Selz." 9-tf

W. C. Jones of Blackwell is here today to attend the funeral of Grandma Littleton.

Cheaper to eat at the Evereat than, eat at home. Take dinner there Sunday—only 25 cents.

Mrs. T. A. Roberts and baby are home from visiting relatives in Johnson and Hill counties.

Just at little out of the way, but it will pay you to visit Perry's Cash Grocery north of post office.

Mrs. B. F. Shelton, of Caster, Oklahoma, is here to see her sister, Mrs. W. H. Byrd.

Treat yourself to a look at the show window at the Willis Art gallery.

Mrs. L. M. Ready of Thurber is here to see her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Byrd.

The Starr Meat Market delivers meat to any part of the city. Phone 17. 6-tf

W. A. Scott of Trent is here today to attend the funeral of Grandma Littleton.

Kerosene oil 50 cents per five gallons, Perry's Cash Grocery, Phone 71.

H. D. Bowen, who has been confined to his room for some time, is able to be out today.

You should investigate the prices and quality of goods at Perry's Cash Grocery.

Dick Whitt of Oklahoma City is here to see his uncle, A. S. Mauzey and friend, Roy Middleton.

Get the best shoe, at the price, and that will be the Selz.—Herndon Shoe Co. 9-tf

Mrs. Musgrove entertained the Christian Ladies Aid Society this afternoon.

Choice eating apples 20 and 25 cents per dozen and lemons 20 cts per dozen at Perry's Cash Grocery.

Wm. Wight is out on the street today, after being at home sometime with La Grippe and neuralgia.

Plenty of that fine East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup, only 75 cents per gallon at Perry's Cash Grocery.

W. R. Wells will leave tonight for Rochester to do the finishing work on the Orient depot at that place.

Mrs. Myres is hostess for the Central Presbyterian ladies this afternoon in an Auxiliary meeting.

Prof. J. H. Bright was called to Coleman, Okla., Saturday evening to the bedside of his father who is dangerously ill.

Misses Neely of Roscoe were in the city Saturday, shopping and visiting Miss Imogene Neely attended the meeting of the Saturday Club.

C. N. McGaffey, District Manager for the Praetorians with headquarters at Sweetwater, will leave for Hamlin and Stamford tonight.

W. C. Cress, one of the big tax payers of the western part of Nolan county, was here today on business with the County Collector.

I. W. Brashear left yesterday for Dallas where he goes to buy the spring stock of goods for his store at Claytonville.

The funeral party of Grandma Littleton, who died Sunday at Claytonville, all came in today in Autos. Some say that it was the first exclusive auto funeral party that ever took place in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kitchens, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rotan, prominent citizens of the Nolan community are here shopping today.

Owing to a freight wreck beyond Knox City this morning the south bound Orient did not reach here until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Dr. Tollman, professor of Greek in Simmons college at Abilene spent Sunday night in Sweetwater.

Young Mason, who is attending College in Abilene spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Mason.

Presiding Elder, J. T. Griswold, held the first quarterly conference of the new year for the Roscoe church Sunday. He reports the work there in very fine shape.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Quast and son, P. T. Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thayer and daughter, Winifred, motored to San Angelo Sunday visiting friends that are there from Glenburn, N. D. Mrs. Thayer is a sister of Mr. Quast and she remarked "Think of getting sun burnt on the 28th of January when in North Dakota they have lots of snow and extremely zero weather."

J. M. Neely, a substantial citizen of Loraine is here prospecting today.

The new band will give a free concert in front of the Lyric Theatre tonight at 7:30.

Campbell Winner
Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 28.—Thos. Campbell was declared de facto governor of Arizona by the state supreme court late Saturday afternoon. Justice Cunningham dissented.

RESERVE RECORD FROM ORGANIZATION TO DEC 30 1916

1898	
1900	\$43.36
1903	\$634.95
1906	\$43,657.18
1909	\$149,793.49
1912	\$407,258.23
1913	\$879,191.04
1914	\$1,035,236.62
1915	\$1,181,824.44
1916	\$1,327,246.35
1916	\$1,578,051.64

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W. R. JOHNSON

FOR CITY SECRETARY.
W. H. BARTLETT,
J. L. ROSS

Mr. and Mrs. Slater of Dora were here Saturday. Mrs. Slater thinks the ladies of her community will organize a "Neighborhood Club" in the near future.

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YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE. If we cannot please you, we neither want you as a patient nor do we want your money. Try us just one week and if you are not highly satisfied in EVERY PARTICULAR, we will refund every cent you have paid for your treatment. Demand anything of us that is consistent and we will grant it. Call 581 and our car is at your service.

GROGAN WELLS HEALTHATORIUM

Harry Carey in

"The Passing of Heel's Crown"

Two Reel 101 Bison Feature

Alice Howell in

"Cupid and the Scrub Lady"

One Reel LKO Comedy

Universal Weekly

One Reel

Lyric Theatre Today

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First insertion, per word.....1c
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Money loaned on desirable improved residence property, also improved farms and ranches at prevailing interest rates.—W. Y. Rockwell, Campbell Bldg. Phone 136. 16-1f

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FOR RENT.—My residence furnished. Has six rooms and all necessary outhouses in best part of town.—Mrs. S. W. Crutcher. Phone 77. 20-1f

FOR RENT.—One furnished room for light house keeping. Phone No. 432. 23-6t

FOR RENT.—3 rooms, with private bath, for light house keeping for couple without children. Phone 669. 23-1f

FOR SALE.—One 6 room house 4 lots 50x140 each. Nice barn, good cistern. Located in Orient addition. Blocks 92 lot 9, 19, 11, 12 at bargain address Sweetwater, R. A. Box 82. 23-12td-4td

FOR SALE.—City property. Lots 11 and 12, block 38 original town. 23 and 24 block 80 Orient Add. and 16, 17 and 18 block 20, 5 and 8 block 9, 10 block 8 Min. Add. Write owner for quick selling price.—A. E. Lichty, 53 W. Jackson Bvd. Chicago. 10-1mo-p

ANTED.—Position in Public school, or as governess on a ranch. Five years experience, specialized in primary work. Best of references. Box 51, Bruceville, Texas. 25-6tdp.

FOUR Room cottage in Brownwood for sale or trade for Sweetwater property. For information call on M. T. Bowden at New Second Hand Store. 24-5td-1w

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DON'T.—Let your cattle suffer. Cracked cake at the Sweetwater Seed & Grain Co.'s warehouse. 19-1f.

FOR SALE.—We have some good work horses and mules for sale for cash—or will sell on time and take good notes.—Sweetwater Transfer Co., Sweetwater, Texas, Phone 520. 20-10td-1tw

FOR RENT.—Two unfurnished rooms for light housekeeping. Near Oil Mill.—Phone 111.—A. M. Fryar. 26-6tdp

Pure Mebane Planting Cotton Seed. Get them quick while they last.—Sweetwater Seed and Grain Co. 25-10td-4w

FOR RENT.—Business house, with seven bed rooms on second floor, close in.—H. C. McNeill, at Wagon yard. 27-3tdp

FOR RENT.—2 furnished rooms near High School. Phone 286. 6d

FOR SALE.—At highest bidder lot No. 16 Block 37, in South Side Addition. Mail your bid to Conger Bros. Smithville Tenn. 29-12tdp.

The Wood woodyard.—Phone 274.

GOOD WOMAN DIED SUNDAY

Sunday about noon the angel of death again visited the Claytonville neighborhood and took from earth Mrs. Maridla Littleton. After a few days illness with pneumonia.

The deceased was 79 years old and was living with her daughter Mrs. J. S. Aldredge at the time of her death.

Interment took place this morning at the City Cemetery in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends of the grief stricken family.

Services were conducted by Rev. O. E. Bonner of the Christian church of which the deceased had long been a faithful member.

In the passing of this good woman a Fisher county loses one of her oldest, best known and most highly cherished citizens.

Fresh country butter, Perry's Cash Grocery, Phone. 71.

In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Texas.

In the matter of S. M. Thompson, Bankrupt in Bankruptcy.

Notice is hereby given that on the fifth day of February, 1917, I will sell to the highest bidder the following described property located in Sweetwater, Texas: Lot No. 8 in Block No. 28 in the South Side Addition to the city of Sweetwater, Texas, as shown by the map or plot of said addition as recorded in Book "Y" pages 494-95 Deed Records Nolan County.

All Bids should be addressed to me at Center, Texas.

J. W. Shotwell, Trustee, S. M. Thompson, Bankrupt. 29-2td.

Our Specialty

Is repairing watches and doing high-class engraving

The kind of of engraving we do adds to the value of the jewelry. Inferior engraving always detracts.

J. P. MAJORS

JEWELER—ENGRAVER—OPTICIAN

Sweetwater Theatre

TO-NIGHT

Vogue Comedy

Rube Miller in

"Treed"

2 Reels

Helen Holmes in

"A Lass of the Lumberlands"

Episode No. 3

"First Blood"

2 Reels

Sweetwater Theatre



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Dr. David White of Hamlin passed through Sweetwater Sunday on his way to see Roy Butler who is very sick in Midland. The doctor will bring Butler in on the night train on his way to the young man's home in Hamlin.

Mrs. J. McAllister Stephenson, Jr., left for Abilene this afternoon to visit her parents Judge and Mrs. Cockrell. She and her father will go to Coleman tomorrow to attend the District Agricultural meeting at that place.

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**MORE EVIDENCE HEARD
IN SPANELL TRIAL**

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had been good.

Mrs. Butler Takes Stand Again

Mrs. M. C. Butler was called to the witness stand for the second time during the trial and testified in detail to the various posts to which her husband had been assigned. When Judge Gillis began asking questions regarding the incident at the hotel on the evening of the shooting, the defense objected on the grounds that such testimony was only "rehearsing" of previous testimony and urged the court to bar such evidence because Attorneys Williams stated: it was placing undue emphasis on Mrs. Butler's statements. This the court refused to do and the defense asked for a bill of exceptions on each question. In the course of the arguments, Williams addressed the court as follows:

"Not Seekers at Feet of Men"

"We are discussing the rule. We know our rights. We have not asked you for anything and we are not seekers at the feet of any men. We are seeking our rights in this court. We are asking no privileges. We are asking no quarter, but we are demanding and contending for our rights."

Mrs. Butler Testified she did Not Go to Toilet.

Mrs. Butler swore that she did not go to the toilet after she and Mrs. Spanell had gone upstairs and before the defendant came to her apartments looking for his wife. The most important of her statements, together with the questions, were as follows:

Questions and Answers

"From the time you went up stairs after returning from Mrs. Gales, from the time you and Mrs. Spanell went upstairs, was there any time, no matter how short, that you were out of the immediate presence of Mrs. Spanell?"

"No."

"Was there any time while you were up there, no matter how short a time, when Mrs. Spanell was in the company of Col. Butler alone, you not being present?"

"No."

"Mrs. Butler state whether or not any insulting conduct or any assault had been offered to or any assault had been committed upon Mrs. Spanell by Maj. Butler after you and Mrs. Spanell went upstairs, on that day and before the defendant came to the room where you and Mrs. Spanell were?"

"No."

"Had there or not been any sort of words or altercations after you all went up stairs that day and before the defendant came to where you and Mrs. Spanell were?"

"No."

Mrs. Butler, how long had Maj. Butler been gone from the room before you saw the defendant at the toilet at the north end of the hall?"

"I should say about ten minutes Highsmith Last on Stand Saturday"

John Highsmith was the last witness of the day, testifying that for twelve months he had leased the Holland Hotel at the rate of \$125 per month. He said he drove the Spanell car to the home of Col. Holland the night the body of Mrs. Spanell was carried there. The windshield was intact and the head lights were burning when the death car was found.

Court then adjourned over to Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

**LATE NEWS
OVER WIRE**

To Kill King

Geneva, Switzerland, Jan. 28.—An unsuccessful attempt upon the life of King Alfonso of Spain was made today near Granada, Andalusia.

According to the Spanish authorities an iron beam was placed across the railroad tracks just before the passage of the royal train but the catastrophe was averted.

Kissing Recommended

San Francisco, Jan. 28.—Constant kissing as a panacea for domestic troubles was recommended from the bench by Superior Judge Graham Saturday, whose work as a domestic pacifier has earned him the name of "the great reconciler."

When John Schuler, who is being sued for divorce, complained that he quarreled frequently with his wife, Judge Graham advised him to avoid such fusses by kissing his wife more often.

Later the judge mailed this effusion to Schuler:

When your wife and you fall out, Don't strut about and shout.

Don't growl at her or scowl at her, or hiss her.

You will find it doesn't pay; Try your luck another way;

Just take her in your arms and gently kiss her.

When your wife and you must fight,

Make her think she's in the right. Don't rush off to your club where you will miss her,

Should a fight with wifey start, You will play the big man's part,

If you take her in your arms and gently kiss her.

AN INTRODUCTION

I am a new man here in your little city and in order for me to make this my home and make a good citizen worthy of the acquaintance and patronage of all good, honest citizens and merchants. I take pleasure in coming before you through the medium of your little paper. I am a plaster and cement concrete worker. I build chimneys, pillows, flues, cisterns, silos, cellars, sidewalks, gutters, curbs, columns, retainer walls, steps, yard and lawn walks under pining, foundations, stucco and all interior and exterior plastering. I am a practical machanic and guarantee all work together with a square deal. If you contemplate anything in my line I will be glad to estimate it for you. Please call on me. I am located at Pruitt's apartments. Phone 282. Yours for success.—DAVID H. GROGAN.

CITY BUILDING.—The larger cities of Texas have continued to grow because of the funds available for building purposes. I am now prepared to offer such facilities to the enterprising people of Sweetwater. If your property is well located I can help you to build, buy, or improve a home on easy payments and reasonable rate and with ample funds always available. Also take up and extend Vendor Lien and Mechanic's Liens on city property. Will be in Sweetwater every Wednesday. Sweetwater references: Texas Bank and Trust Co. and First National Bank. Address me at Brownwood, Texas or care of Grogan Hotel, Sweetwater.—B. E. HURLBUT.

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Rich Reward for a Name

Authors have boasted that their literary productions have been sold "by the word," some claiming to have received \$1 to \$2, and in rare instances \$5 per word; but none have reaped the rich reward of \$100 for a single word, which is the prize we are offering for a suitable name that can appropriately be used for our new beverage. The contest is open to all Texans—men, women and children. Every person is limited to five (5) names, and all suggestions must reach our office, addressed to the "Contest Manager," not later than February 5. If several persons should suggest the same name that is accepted as prize winner, the prize will be equally divided between the successful contestants. The name accepted and the name of the prize winner will be announced in this paper. We want our friends to assist in naming the drink that is to become the favorite beverage of discriminating Texans.

Description of Drink

Our drink is a beverage for the entire family. It is not simply a flavored water charged with carbonic gas, nor is it merely a syrup compound. It is void of malt, but is rich in carefully selected food cereals, which, through the processes of manufacture, become the equivalent of predigested food. It is a brewed product, resembling in color and in taste beer, and therefore might aptly be called "a cereal beer." A generous quantity of lactic acid and albumen is contained in the drink—the former is the active food-assimilating agent in buttermilk, while the latter is the food product of the egg. Pure artesian water, boiled and sterilized, is used exclusively in the manufacture of the beverage, and we guarantee it to be scientifically and chemically pure. The color of the drink is amber and upon being poured into a glass it effervesces much the same as ordinary beer or soft drinks. The use of selected hops, through the "lupulin," which the hops contain, gives to the drink an exquisite twang and imparts the vitalizing tonic property in which the beverage abounds. The beverage will be sold in bottles sealed at the brewery, guaranteeing perfect purity.

A Strictly Temperance Beverage

The drink is truly a soft drink, a temperance beverage, being so recognized by the UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, which permits its sale without a revenue license. Neither does the State of Texas levy a tax nor require a license for its sale. Our drink will be found for sale, when placed upon the market, in soft drink parlors, cafes, hotels, drug and grocery stores, fairs, ball park and all places where high-class soft drinks are dispensed. The twenty-five years' reputation of this brewery stands behind the beverage as a guarantee that it is all that we claim for it—Delicious, Refreshing, Pure, Invigorating, Nutritious and Safe.

Territory Open to Dealers

We have a limited amount of good Texas territory open to reliable and responsible persons or firms for the sale of this beverage. We are ready to market the product as soon as the name is selected. If interested in territory, wire or write

Houston Ice & Brewing Association
Houston, - - - Texas

**TO PATRONS OF
CITY SCHOOLS**

To Patrons of the Public Schools and Tax Payers of Sweetwater Independent School District:

Gentlemen: There being quite a deal of interest in the present financial condition of the Sweetwater Independent School District and the reason therefor, the board feels that in fairness to itself and to you the following facts should be given to you:

The District has enrolled according to the approved rolls of the State Department, 1378 scholars. The State appropriation for the present year is \$7.00 per scholastic. This gives the District \$9646.00 from the State. The tax rolls show a valuation of \$3,886,675.00 for the District. On this valuation, the District levies 50c on the \$100.00, 20c being for interest and sinking fund to cover the District's indebtedness and 30c for maintenance. 30c on the \$100 with the above valuation gives the District \$9,566.02. This gives the District \$19,212.00 with which to maintain school and pay at incidents.

The principal items of expense are grouped as follows:

Teachers' pay roll, \$17,875.00; Janitors pay roll, \$1,100 (As it is

impossible to give exact figures at this time in the session all other items of expense are estimated and the estimates are made in keeping with the present conditions and past experience).

Items covering power for the shops—gasoline for the domestic science department, supplies and apparatus for the laboratories crayon, toilet supplies, repairs, 'phone rental, 'phone toll expenses freight hauling, telegrams, printing, floor oil, loss on manual train department—water and sewer charges amount to \$1300.

Items covering delinquent tax, fee of assessor and collector, fuel, and cost of taking the census amount to \$2,060.00.

The total of expense items above is \$22,335.00. On the above figures and estimates, it is easy to see that there must be a deficit of about \$3,000.00.

Some analysis and explanations of above may be interesting to patrons of the schools and tax payers of the district.

The largest item, \$17,875.00 is the teachers' pay roll and you are advised that for this sum 27 teachers, including the superintendent, are employed. Dividing the amount paid to teachers by the number of teachers, you will find that the Sweetwater Independent School District pays its teachers an average salary of \$654.63 per year. Again dividing this by the number of months in a year, you will find that the District pays its teachers \$54.55 per month for the year.

These facts show that the teachers are receiving smaller salaries than they received last year, or the year before. The other items of expense are about normal and run uniform with the past several years.

An examination of the income and expenses of the district will show that from 1912 (The time of the erection of the high school building) to the present date the expenditures of the district have exceeded the income from two to three thousand dollars per year but that the excess has been covered by the margin that the district collected before the erection of the high school building. It may interest some to know that while the work done in the schools, the number enrolled, and the teachers employed have very nearly doubled in the past four years the valuations of the district have remained about the same. In 1913 the valuations of the district were \$2,899,750; in 1914—\$3,068,315.00; in 1915, \$2,990,100.00; in 1916, \$3,188,675.00. These figures show

income has varied very little while its work has been doubled.

The board desires to express thanks to the great number who so kindly responded to its call for help and trusts that others will do so and make it possible to continue the schools for nine months.

Very truly,
Board of trustees,
Sweetwater Independent School District.

TO FAR AWAY

MASSACHUSETTS
J. McAlister Stephenson, Jr., will leave Wednesday for Massachusetts to attend the annual meeting of the Mountain Mill Paper Company of which he is the president.

Mr. Stephenson when seen by a Reporter representative today had no statement to make as to the price of paper during the present year. However he does not look for the price to go much lower. He will be away something like a month on business matters.

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