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NOT MEAT AND DRINK

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and is in the Holy Ghost.—Romans, 14:17.

SWELL FUNERALS

Old-timers can recall when one's social standing in the community never was definitely settled until death. Then the deceased was classified according to the number of hacks in his funeral. For instance, back in the home town, we recall old Socrates Skagaway. He never cut much of a figure socially. But when he died, his family gave him a "30-hack funeral"—thereby assuring his social standing, also the family's, for years to come. For a time, village events were even referred to as so many years before or after "Socrates Skagaway's 30-hack funeral."

Most people like big funerals. When all's said and done, that's probably why King Tut has caught the popular fancy. It wasn't so much that Tut lived a long time ago, or that the unearthing of his tomb had important scientific value but that Tut had the "swellest funeral" in history—costing at least 15 million dollars. That beat even Attila the Hun, dead in year 453. According to tradition, this Chinese conqueror was buried in an unknown spot, in a gold coffin, packed in jewels.

As people get more civilized, funerals become more simple and less expensive. The other day it was revealed that William K. Vanderbilt, who died in Paris in 1929, left an estate of more than \$4 million dollars, but \$3040.54 covered his funeral expenses, including bringing his remains back to America. Henry Clay Frick, who died in 1919, left a fortune of nearly \$3 million dollars. An according in court shows that his funeral cost only \$11,493.

These two multimillionaires were buried at an expense of only \$1 for each \$7150 of the estates they left behind. You can imagine how gorgeous their funerals would have been if they had died in King Tut's time. A considerable part of King Tut's treasure was buried with him. No way of knowing how much, for his tomb was looted by grave robbers a couple of thousand years ago, and they probably carried off the bulk of the gold and precious stones that were sealed up with him.

Today the rich man's fortune, instead of being hidden away in his grave, goes on as an active influence, representing him after his death. His fortune carries on industries he founded. It builds libraries and museums and endows schools and research laboratories—the finest kind of monuments.

Among families of smaller means the tendency still is to spend more on a funeral than can be afforded. This is not so much to gratify vanity as it once was, but as an expression of respect and love for the departed. Then the years slip by—

and it has only a few of them to emphasize the folly and futility of costly funerals.

PRESTO!

Wasserman, German discoverer of the famous blood test for the dread disease that originated in ancient Egyptian temples, has perfected a similar test for tuberculosis germs in the blood. It's a marvelous discovery. And it's announced to the world by another marvel, radio.

At the same time it is announced by the Associated Press from St. Louis that a Washington University doctor has invented an instrument for operating on the valves of the heart.

We live in an age of scientific magic, so much so that it's becoming almost bromidic to comment on it. Each year it becomes increasingly difficult to keep young in thought, up with the parade.

A Real Booze Story.

The Englishmen who make Haig & Haig whisky (remember the pinch bottle?) will go out of business. They quit voluntarily, not in financial difficulties, their reason being that the market for really good booze is nearing the vanishing point.

London sends another interesting hooch story. Rev. James Parr, prominent Scotch minister, checks up and finds that shipments of liquor from Great Britain to United States are very small compared with before the war, when part of America was wet. Some liquor is exported to a phony destination and, at sea, shifted toward our coasts. But we're drinking less and less, and the wets know they are kidding themselves when they argue otherwise.

BACK YARDS.

Our house front may be shining with varnish and with paint, Our windows all may glisten in the sun.

We may sweep and dust and clean 'till ready 'most to faint, And hang up brand new curtains one by one;

But if our back yard's cluttered with rubbish and with dirt, Soiled milk bottles and old tomato cans,

Our neighbors, when they look from their windows, may be hurt By a view of broken glass and rusty pans.

A beautiful green lawn is a charming sight to see.

With robin redbreast tripping here and there, But if the weeds are carried back and thrown down carelessly

In great untidy heaps, our neighbors stare And make unkind remarks about the nice effect and grunt.

At the way things in our back yard appear, They care little how we beautify our property in front.

If it's full of piles of rubbish in the rear, "Always put your best foot foremost," grandmother used to say.

And maybe to a great extent that's true; But we ought to move the other foot as fast along the way,

With no worn spots or run down heels to view, "Love your neighbor as yourself" is a better rule today.

For you'd like him to assist you in

your plans; But your neighbor will not love you and will look the other way. If your back yard's full of dirt and old tin cans. —RAY H. GROSS.

AT THE QUEEN.

"The Bonded Woman," Betty Compson's latest Paramount picture, claims distinction by reason of the fact that it has two leading men, John Bowers and Richard Dix being the two contenders for the favor of the heroine.

In this adaptation by Albert Shelby LeVino of John Fleming Wilson's story, "The Salving of John Somers," the interest of the spectator as well as his sympathy for both men is said to be maintained to the very end by the uncertainty as to which one Angela Gaskell will eventually marry. Much of the action takes place of the sea and there are two shipwreck scenes.

John Bowers, who plays the role of John Somers, played opposite Mary Miles Minter in "A Cumberland Romance" and has had important roles in such successes as "The Silent Call" and "The Sky Pilot." He recently finished the leading role of John Ridd in Maurice Tourneur's "Lorna Doone."

Richard Dix, who is seen as the other man, is appearing in his first Paramount picture. After several years on the stage, Mr. Dix entered pictures in "Not Guilty" and was later seen in "Dangerous Curve Ahead." Others who have prominent parts in "The Bonded Woman" which comes to the Queen Theatre Monday and Tuesday, are Ethel Wales and J. Farrell McDonald.

Coleman Man Receives Pheasants.

A flock of mongolian pheasants is something new in this country. J. C. Dibrell received during the week four pheasant hens and two cocks, shipped to him from the State of Washington. The birds are semi-domesticated and will be parked on the Echo Ranch of J. C. Dibrell & Sons.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

RED PEPPER FOR COLDS IN CHEST

Ease your tight, aching chest. Stop the pain. Break up the congestion. Feel a bad cold loosen up in just a short time.

Red Pepper Rub is the cold remedy that brings quickest relief. It cannot hurt you and it certainly seems to end the tightness and drive the congestion and soreness right out. Nothing has such concentrated, penetrating heat as red peppers, and when heat penetrates right down into colds, congestion, aching muscles and sore, stiff joints relief comes at once.

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MAX BERMAN NEXT TO PACE CAFE

The Woman's Missionary Society of Sweetwater District held a very interesting meeting in Lorain March 21.

Delegates from Big Spring, Colorado, Dunn, Hamilton, Roscoe, Stanton, Snyder, Sweetwater and Westbrook, were present.

Mrs. N. G. Rollins of Abilene, president of the Northwest Texas conference, and Mrs. J. G. Merritt of Colorado, Social Service Superintendent were present.

Rev. R. A. Stewart, presiding elder, Revs. Gattis of Hamlin, Jamerson of Snyder, Dixon of Westbrook, Melver of Stanton were in attendance.

Big Spring was chosen for the next meeting in June. A sumptuous basket dinner was served at noon by the Lorain ladies.

NOTICE.

The Roy C. Scudday Insurance Company has moved their office from 301 Oak street to 411 Oak street, two doors north of Wright Furniture Co. Any one desiring insurance or loans on city property, call at new location.—Adv.

WEST TEXAS NOTES.

Standard Bred Poultry For Mitchell County Farms.—J. H. Powell of the McKenzie ranch was in Colorado Saturday to receive a shipment of 33 standard bred Barred Plymouth Rock pullets recently purchased by him. Mr. Powell paid a price of \$7 each for the birds. Powell is specializing in this breed of poultry and announced while here Saturday that he would enter

PUT CREAM IN NOSE AND STOP CATARRH

Tells How To Open Clogged Nostrils and End Head-Colds.

You feel fine in a few moments. Your cold in head or catarrh will be gone. Your clogged nostrils will open. The air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more dullness, headache; no hawking, sneezing, mucous discharges or dryness; no struggling for breath at night.

Tell your druggist you want a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic cream in your nostrils, let it penetrate through every air passage of the head; soothe and heal the swollen, inflamed mucous membrane, and relief comes instantly.

It is just what every cold and catarrh sufferer needs. Don't stay stuffed-up and miserable.

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WITHOUT COUNTRY.

Bob Bates Wanted in Fisher County Also.

Special to The Reporter. SAN ANGELO, March 26.—Bob Bates, well known in the San Angelo section, alleged slayer of United States Customs Officer James Wallen, near Del Rio, will be another man without a country or else fact trial in the United States.

Bates was held under two indictments for cattle theft in Fisher county. His trial was to have come up the latter part of February, but he failed to appear for trial and his bond of \$2,000 was forfeited.

UNITE WITH LOCAL CHURCH.

At the regular Sunday evening services last night at the First Baptist church, there were four additions by letter and two conversions.

one, which contained many direct readings of paragraphs in the Bible and of God's word, which was pictured in a masterly manner by the able preacher.

EGG—WELL WE'LL SAY SO!

D. F. Kirby brought to the Times office last Saturday a large egg, measuring four and three-quarter inches around the middle and six and one-quarter inches around the length.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announce their candidacies for City Office, subject to the action of the charter of the City of Sweetwater at the City Election, April 3, 1923:

- FOR CHIEF OF POLICE:— W. R. (Buck) JOHNSON, (re-election.) BRACK MITCHELL, CITY SECRETARY;— W. H. BARTLETT (re-election.) W. H. STAMPS; FOR CITY WATER COMMISSIONER, Place No. 1. L. E. MUSGROVE (re-election) FOR MAYOR JOE H. BOOTHE R. A. RAGLAND; FOR STREET COMMISSIONER:— W. L. SUPULVER, JOHN MEYERS, W. T. TRAMMELL

To The Honorable Mayor And Commissioners, Sweetwater, Texas. Gentlemen:—

I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, covering the period September 1, 1922 to March 1, 1923, and have to report that I find all receipts and disbursements of W. H. Bratlett, Secretary, Assessor and Collector, and L. E. Musgrove, Water Commissioner and Superintendent, properly accounted for.

The Balances in various funds on March 1, 1923, were as follows:—

Table with columns: General, Street, Trammell Land, Sewer water and maintenance, 5M water works, 10M City Hall, 20M street, 25M street, 35M sewer, 50M sewer, 320M water works. Rows show Sec'y and Depository balances.

ASSETS OTHER THAN CASH.

Vendors lien notes as follows:—

Table listing vendors and amounts: J. D. and Geo. R. Pepper, J. D. and Geo. R. Pepper, J. D. and Geo. R. Pepper, J. D. and Geo. R. Pepper, F. H. Davidson, J. H. Meyer, Ed Clendenen, D. Trammell, W. R. Griffith, D. Trammell, Mrs. D. A. Myers, Mrs. D. A. Myers.

INDEBTEDNESS.

Table listing debts: 5M water works, 10 City Hall, 45M streets, 85M sewer, 320M water works.

LEVY 1922

TAX ROLLS

Table showing tax rolls and levies: General, Street, Fire, 5M water works, 10M City Hall, 45M Streets, 85M sewer, 320 water works.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, MARCH 1, 1923.

Summary financial statement table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, including Cash, Securities, Water works, City Hall, Sewer, Machinery and tools, City Park, Other real estate, Delinquent taxes, Fire equipment, Bonded indebtedness, Other indebtedness, and Assets over liabilities.

Classified Section

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—2 furnished rooms, 200 Orange street; clos. in. 39tfdc. FOR RENT—3 furnished rooms downstairs, 407 E. N. 3rd street. Phone 624. 47tfdc. FOR RENT—4 modern houses, furnished, newly papered and painted; small barn; garden spot. Phone 581. 47tfdc. FOR RENT—Desirable southeast bedroom, suitable for two men; private entrance; bath adjoining; also garage. 511 East 2nd street. Phone 66 or 98. 43tfdc. FOR RENT—One 3-room house with bath; second door west of Wright Hotel. Phone 109 and 197. 43tfdc. FOR RENT—2 furnished rooms; close in; no children. Phone 418. 43tfdc. FOR RENT—2 unfurnished rooms, bath connecting; nice neighborhood. Phone 243. 45tfdc. FOR RENT—Large clean furnished room; water and lights. Call at 1002 Walnut street for information. 46tfdc. FOR RENT—3 furnished light house-keeping rooms; bed room, dining room and kitchen, for \$18 per month; close in. Write Post Office Box 387. 46tfdc.

LOST—Pair of long brown kid gloves at Armory Hall Saturday night, finder please leave at The Reporter Office and get reward. 47t2dc

WANTED—Rugs to clean; will clean dirt out of and underneath the rugs. Mrs. I. A. Robbins, corner Lelia avenue and West 4th street. Phone 321. 41-5tdp

FOR SALE—Extra good milk cow; fresh. L. S. Howard, Roscoe, Texas. Phone 48. 44t3dp

FOR RENT—Building and machinery formerly known as Sweetwater Machine Shop. Rufus Wright. 45t3c

WANTED—A small platform scale. Hotel Wright. 45t3c

FOR SALE—A Ford touring car and a Nash Chummy roadster, both in first-class condition. Hunter's Paint Shop 45t3c

WANTED—To communicate with party who has three furnished rooms at a reasonable price and close to town, for a permanent citizen. Address in writing to Box Z, care, Sweetwater Reporter.

FOR SALE—Large safe. See it at Sweetwater Dry Goods Co. 45t3dc

WHEN YOU WANT your rugs cleaned and cleaned right, phone 322. G. H. Graves, "Nuf Sed." 45t3dc

MISCELLANEOUS.

FOR SALE—Two modern cottages; easy terms. Burton-Lingo Co. 39tfc SEED POTATOES—Dooley yams \$1.25 per bushel. W. H. Whitely, Clyde, Texas. 21-1 m p

MARTIN AUCTION COMPANY Wants your second hand goods, sales every Saturday. Phone 130 31tfc

EARN \$20 weekly, spare time at home addressing mailing music circulars. Send 10s for music, information, American Music Co., 1658 Broadway, New York City. 39t8dp

FOR SALE—Cheap, 3-burner oil stove phone 301. 43-4dc

TABULAR STATEMENT

Of Gus Farrar, County Clerk, Of The Indebtedness, Expenditures And Receipts Of Nolan County, Texas, For The Quarter Ending February 1st, 1923:

Large tabular statement table with multiple columns and rows for various funds: JURY FUND, 1st Class; ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND, 2nd Class; GENERAL COUNTY FUND, 3rd Class; JAIL FUND, 4th Class; DROUGHT RELIEF FUND; AUTO SPECIAL FUND.

COURT HOUSE BOND SKG. FUND. Balance last quarter \$4,476.86 To amount received during quarter 2,153.30 By amount per ct. commission on amount received \$ 24.04 Amount to balance \$6,606.12

COUNTY ROAD SKG. FUND. Balance last quarter \$6,446.83 To amount received during quarter 1,707.17 By amount per ct. commission on amount received \$ 19.46 Amount to balance \$8,154.00

COURT HOUSE COMPLETION SKG. FUND. Over draft last quarter \$1,059.49 To amount received during quarter \$2,641.25 By amount paid out during quarter 1,669.16 By amount per ct. commission on amount received 20.86 By amount per ct. commission on amount paid out 20.88 Amount to balance 139.14

R. D. NO. 1 SKG. FUND. Balance last quarter \$17,679.43 To amount received during quarter 1,782.09 By amount paid out during quarter \$ 1,000.00 By amount per ct. commission on amount received 19.25 By amount per ct. commission on amount paid out 12.50

R. DIST. NO. 2 FUND. Balance last quarter \$ 40.57 To amount received during quarter 1,086.72 By amount paid out during quarter \$ 298.22 By amount per ct. commission on amount received 12.55 By amount per ct. commission on amount paid out 2.80 Amount to balance \$1,127.29

COURT HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND. Balance last quarter \$1,651.62 To amount received during quarter 228.61 By amount paid out during quarter \$ 608.22 By amount per ct. commission on amount received 3.83 By amount per ct. commission on amount paid out 5.31

COURT HOUSE IMPROVEMENT SKG. FUND. Balance last quarter \$2,804.19 To amount received during quarter 1,367.33 By amount paid out during quarter \$ 456.63 By amount per ct. commission on amount received 15.28 Amount to Balance \$3,690.61

FUNDING WRIT SKG. FUND. Overdraft last quarter \$ 376.56 To amount received during quarter \$1,785.31 By amount per ct. commission on amount received 20.97 Amount to balance 1,387.78

TRAMMELL LAND FUND. Balance last quarter \$4,148.71 To amount received during quarter 231.20 By amount paid out during quarter \$1,500.00 By amount per ct. commission on amount received 1.75 By amount per ct. commission on amount paid out 18.75 Amount to balance 2,859.48

RECAPITULATION. Balance in Each Fund And Its Indebtedness. Jail Fund \$ 30.82 Jury fund, first class 1,133.17 Road and bridge, second class 1,927.57 General County, third class 443.81 Drought relief 1,512.04 Auto special 5,385.21 R. Dist. No. 1 18,429.77 R. D. No. 2 813.73 C. H. Imp. Acct 1,262.87 C. H. Bond Skg 6,606.12 Co. R. Bond Skg 8,124.54 C. H. comp. Overdraft \$139.14 3,690.61 Funding writ skg 1,387.78 Trammell Land 2,859.48 Total \$53,617.51 Less overdraft 139.14 Balance \$53,478.37

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Nolan, The foregoing is a true and correct Tabular Statement of the Finances of said County for the Quarter ending the 31st day of January, 1923. Dated at Sweetwater this 23 day of March, 1923. GUS FARRAR, County Clerk, Nolan County, Texas. Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23rd day of March, 1923. W. T. HIGHTOWER, Notary Public. Nolan County Texas

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Bettie Eldson has her hemstitching machine at 308 Locust street, first house north of the jail. Bring your work, I will treat you right 45t3dp

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown are moving today into the cottage they purchased at 109 Orange street.

Singer Sewing Machine Co. announces the removal to their new place of business, one door north of the Wright Furniture Co.—(Adv.) tf.

The Southwestern Life has over seven hundred thousand dollars insurance in force in Nolan County. Joe H. Boothe, agent. 45-6tde.

Hemstitching and picot work done promptly and accurately. Singer Sewing Machine Co., one door north of Wright Furniture Co.—(Adv.) tf.

Take your lunch with the T. E. L. class at Hubert Toler's March 31st—(Adv.) 47t4de

Hem stitching and picot work done promptly and accurately. Singer Sewing Machine Co., one door north of Wright Furniture Co. 37 tfe.

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Rev. J. H. Campbell is confined to his room, threatened with pneumonia.

The T. E. L. class will hold their pillow slip sale at Hubert Toler's March 31st.—(Adv.) 47t4de

KING INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

Assistant District Attorney to Call Son of Attorney General.

By The United Press. NEW YORK, Mar. 27.—Assistant District Attorney Fred Pecora stated today that he will summons to his office, in connection with the investigation of the murder of Dorothy King, Draper M. Daugherty, son of the Attorney General of the United States.

"My only information concerning Daugherty's connection with the case comes from the press," Pecora said, "but if I can locate Daugherty today I shall certainly ask him to come to my office for a conference," he said.

At the Elks' Club, Daugherty's New York address, he could not be found.

NOTICE.

There will be a meeting of the Royal Neighbors at the I. O. O. F. Hall Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

MORE THAN 15,000 STRIKE.

By The United Press. LONDON, Mar. 27.—More than 15,000 farm hands are now on strike in Norfolk, according to tabulations. The strike, a protest against wage cuts, is seriously curtailing farm production, and great alarm is felt over a possible shortage.

Help Kidneys By Drinking More Water

Take Salts to Flush Kidneys and Help Neutralize Irritating Acids

Kidney and bladder irritations often result from acidity, says a noted authority. The kidneys help filter this acid from the blood and pass it on to the bladder, where it may remain to irritate the bladder, causing a burning, irritating sensation, or setting up an irritating secretion of the bladder, obligating you to seek relief two or three times during the night. The sufferer in constant distress, the water passes sometimes with a scalding sensation and is very profuse; again, there is difficulty in voiding it.

Bladder weakness, most folks call it because they can't control micturition. While it is extremely annoying and sometimes very painful, this is often one of the most simple ailments to overcome. Begin drinking lots of soft water, also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from your pharmacist and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast. Continue this for two or three days. This will help neutralize the acids in the system so they no longer are a source of irritation to the bladder and urinary organs, which then act normally again.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is used by thousands of folks who are subject to urinary disorders caused by acid irritation. Jad Salts causes no bad effects whatever.

Here you have a pleasant, effervescent lithia-water drink which may quickly relieve your bladder irritation. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.

RECALL EARLY DAY LAW BEYOND PECOS

Roy Bean, Saloon Keeper, With Tattered Volume of Statutes Once "Rewled" in His Own Way.

WAS AN UNIQUE CHARACTER

He Was Nothing if Not Original in His Decisions in Days Preceding Courts.

From Fort Stockton Pioneer.

Do you remember way back when— The law west of the Pecos River was a saloon keeper with a tattered volume of statutes of Texas and a little note book?

Roy Bean, saloon keeper, notary public, self-elected "judge" was the "law" and he has furnished material for one of the most picturesque chapters in the history of West Texas.

A photograph of "Judge" Bean holding court in Lantry in 1900 has been preserved by E. J. Adams, secretary of W. R. Pyron of the Gulf Refining Company.

The picture shows Bean trying a man for horse theft. Seated on a beer keg, six-shooter slung at his side, the judge holds court in comfortable style on the front porch of his saloon, a whiskey jug at his side. "Law West of the Pecos" is the sign placarded across the saloon entrance.

Real Courts Displaced Bean. The march of civilization eventually reached Langtry and Bean adjourned his court. He later moved to San Antonio and died in that city 12 years ago.

Bean opened a saloon in the village of Vinegarroon in the early days. He soon named himself "Judge," and became famous for his unique decisions. For instance, read a ruling in his notebook.

"Rewled"—In all kinds of games, from poker to kights, robbery, everybody caught drifting loozers. "There ain't no law against killing a Chinaman. The law is against killing a reasonable being, but nothing out a Chinaman."

Bean fined Dead Man \$40. Once a body was found under a Southern Pacific trestle near Vinegarroon or Langtry, as it was later named. The "law" was summoned and asked to conduct the inquest, or "sit on the body," as courts term it.

Bean literally sat on the body. Examination showed the dead man had \$40 and a pistol in his clothing.

Bean fined the dead man \$40 for carrying a weapon. There were no objections offered and the fine was collected.

Bean went to the West before the railroads, but the Southern Pacific soon followed him.

Lily Langtry is Visitor. Lily Langtry, famous actress, passed over the Southern Pacific from San Francisco to New Orleans. She had heard of the "Law West of the Pecos" and insisted on stopping at Vinegarroon. Bean was so captivated with his fair visitor that he rechristened the town "Langtry" in her honor.

His fame as a jurist still lives, and oldtimers of the West tell tales of the "judge." His decisions were usually final and only one matter where his authority was questioned is recalled. Bean officiated at many marriage ceremonies and not infrequently granted divorces to the same couples later.

PROTESTS.

Secretary McCurdy Writes Letters to Towns Along Bankhead Highway.

The road report broadcasted by a certain automobile association recently via a Dallas broadcasting station have advised automobile tourists to El Paso and other points west to take the northern route from Mineral Wells through Plainview and on to Clovis, then down to El Paso.

Or as an alternative, to take the southern route via Brownwood, San Angelo, Fort Stockton, etc. Tourists making the trip through from El Paso say the Bankhead highway from Sweetwater west is now in the best shape it has ever been.

Secretary McCurdy of the Board of City Development is writing all interested towns along the Bankhead Highway asking them to protect against the broadcasted misinformation.

Q. J. GOULD'S CONDITION GRAVE. By The United Press. MENTON, Mar. 27.—The condition of George J. Gould, who is ill at his villa here, continues to be serious. There has been no change and it is feared that he will not live.

Brownwood to Erect Pecan Laboratory.—To counteract the order of removal of the Brownwood pecan insect laboratory to Georgia, the City of Brownwood has offered to the United States Department of Agriculture a lease on its property along the Pecan Bayou and in addition a number of public spirited citizens backed by the Lions Club have promised to erect a suitable pecan laboratory by public subscription.

Among the numerous telegrams flashed to the Honorable Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, was one by Dr. Joe E. Dildy, president of the Rotary Club, inviting the Secretary to lay the cornerstone of this laboratory building during his visit to Texas.—Brownwood Bulletin.


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We have always given our customers the best that there was in Cleaning—
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This completely does away with that disagreeable odor. We are proud of this new achievement.
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