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Suggestions Concerning Cemetery

In conversation with a friend a few days ago it was suggested that the people of Friona might do more than has been done for the appearance of the Friona cemetery.

While our cemetery is not wholly a dreary, cheerless spot, it is still not what it should be in order to reflect credit on the town and community. There are many touches of beauty and care for the appearance put there by private effort but as yet nothing has been done by the general public to enhance the beauty of the place. And there is nothing, perhaps, that reflects the true sympathetic spirit of a community more than a beautiful and well kept cemetery.

A large number of beautiful shade trees was one of the improvements suggested and this, supplemented by beautiful shrubbery and beds of flowers, with all weeds and superfluous grass kept cut down and removed from the ground, and in order to make this possible a good well should be put in with a storage tank of ample capacity to supply all water needed for the rapid growth and development of the trees and flowers.

Another improvement suggested is a more attractive, and at the same time serviceable, fence for enclosing the ground, and a driveway through the center with a space for turning a vehicle.

Yes, this would cost money, but can you think of any other way of spending money that will reflect as much credit on the community as a whole? Popular subscription is a most creditable way of securing such funds, but when that method has done its utmost there are other and varied ways of securing such funds.

FALLWELL BROS. VISIT SOUTH TEXAS AND "MAGIC VALLEY"

In an interview with C. H. Fallwell, who with his brother, C. W. Fallwell, recently returned from a trip by auto through South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley, he tells us of some of his experiences and the sights he saw.

They were gone fourteen days and passed through many of the larger cities of the south and southwest Texas; among them San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Brownsville and El Paso; and many of the smaller towns.

While in Brownsville during one night they had a rainfall of 10 1/2 inches. The waters fairly flooded the town and utterly destroyed the pavement in many of the streets. Much of this pavement is made of wooden blocks, and the water getting under them lifted them from their places and transformed them from smooth pavements into piles of drift wood.

Mr. Fallwell saw all kinds of products and crops, from cotton and grain to groves of citrus fruits, but he says nothing was in any way worthy of comparison with the crops of the good old Panhandle and plains country. He says that through much of the country they passed there was nothing at all growing, and where there was what was considered good crops the Panhandle beat it a country block. He says it was too hot for comfort in all the places he visited until he again reached the plains. He says he has no desire whatever to exchange his home here for one in any of the places he visited. While in McAllen, Texas, he says the Fallwell boys, who were formerly of Hereford, but now located in McAllen and doing a good business.

DELCO LIGHT MAN DOING GOOD BUSINESS HERE

E. W. Kinney, of Hereford, who handles the Delco Light at that place, was here Saturday installing some of the plants he has sold here.

Mr. Kinney first sold the plant which J. G. Weir placed in his new store building, and since that time has sold three or more plants in Friona and a few in Bovina. He was here Saturday wiring J. C. Wilkison's home preparatory to installing the plant sold to him which arrived Tuesday night.

Mr. Kinney carries an ad in the Star, which may or may not have something to do with his sales here, but read his ad anyway and see what he has to offer.

E. B. McLellan's new home is nearing completion and will be ready to move into at an early date. This will be one of Friona's modern homes when finished.

FRIONA MAY BECOME COSMOPOLITAN IN NEAR FUTURE

The building of a high power electric line through Friona, which now seems an assured probability and within the no distant future will give to our town one more of the modern conveniences.

The proposition of the Texas Utilities Company to build a loop of electric service from Lubbock to Canyon and thence through Farwell to Lubbock again will place Friona directly on the line of this proposed loop, and the probability of the completion of that portion passing through Friona, Bovina and Farwell within the present year is not in the least vague.

We understand that a large portion of this proposed loop between Lubbock and Canyon is already built and in operation and that the new light and ice plant recently completed in Hereford will be used by the company as one of its power stations.

With the probability of this added modern convenience to our town, Friona will have become a more attractive location for people of means to build beautiful and permanent homes and thus add materially to our already progressive community.

Aside from the electric service mentioned in this article, there are at least two other avenues of public improvement open to the people of Friona which the Star intends to mention as soon as time will permit.

BOYDSTUN MAY RETURN.

W. R. Boydston of the firm of Burton & Boydston, blacksmith business, has decided to dispose of his interest in the business to Mr. Burton and return to his farm near Clovis. Mr. Burton informs us that his partner has about changed his mind relative to selling out and is thinking of returning to his blacksmith business here.

MRS. W. R. ATTAWAY PASSED AWAY SATURDAY

Mrs. W. R. Attaway, mention of whose illness was made in the columns of the Star about three weeks ago, died at the hospital in Hereford last Saturday.

Mrs. Attaway was taken sick at her home near Homeland and was taken to the Hereford Sanitarium where she underwent a surgical operation and for some days was reported recovering from the effects of the operation, but other serious ailments developed which could not be mastered by medical skill and after a three weeks struggle for the mastery was forced to yield to the arch destroyer.

The remains were brought to Friona for burial and the funeral services were held at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Rev. I. E. Walker, of Bovina, assisted by Rev. Gilliam of Texico.

The services at the cemetery were in charge of the Eastern Star lodge of Farwell. The attendance at the funeral was said to be the largest ever assembled at a like occasion in Friona.

Mrs. Attaway came to this locality about six months ago with her husband and children and located on a tract of land about seven miles south of Friona near Homeland. The family was said to be happy and contented and prospering in the new home when the sad affliction and separation visited them. The deceased leaves besides her husband, her two children, a son and a small daughter about four years of age. She was 34 years old.

OUR MOVIES.

The picture to be given this week is the last of the series under the management of the Friona Woman's Club and the management will then revert to the school during the school term.

Prof. Buckner informs us that he already has a contract for a list of good shows covering three Friday nights of each month. The other Friday night he has reserved for home talent and other good programs, such as lectures and musical programs. Don't miss any of them.

V. Stambaugh, accompanied by I. J. Merriell, spent two days last week looking over Friona country. While here Mr. Stambaugh bought 640 acres of our land from Mr. Pierce. This land is partly improved. Mr. Stambaugh put in his home place in Abernathy on the deal.

V. C. Weir is on the sick list this week but is reported much better now.

Improvement of Friona School Buss Routes

It seems that some of the patrons of the school do not understand all they should know about the working and management of the school busses and the efforts of the school board to give the patrons the best possible service at the least cost.

It is the desire and intention of the school board to bring each and every child of school age to the school each morning and to return them to their homes each evening, and since many of them do not live on the established highways it is necessary for the buss driver to cross pastures where gates obstruct the way and must be opened and closed. Some of the gates are located where, in wet weather, it is either a pond of water or a mud hole. Again, many others are so constructed that it requires the strength of a strong man to open and to close and fasten them. It requires time for the buss drivers to stop their trucks and get out, open the gate, again enter the buss, drive through, stop, get out and close the gate and again enter and start the buss. When as many as nine or ten gates are found on one route as much as an hour's time will be consumed in passing through these gates. This would mean that the children would be late to school or some of them have to start from home before daylight.

To avoid this waste of time it is the custom for some of the larger pupils to get out and open the gates and close them again after the buss has passed through. In such cases as the mudhole or the unusually tight wire the pupil cannot manage the gate and

is sometimes left open or insecurely fastened so that it falls open and thus allows cattle to pass from one pasture to another, which means extra work and vexation to the owners.

It is not the intention of the school board that such conditions shall exist and the members of the board feel that the patrons of the school and who are the parents of the children, should take as much interest in the welfare and success of the school as do the members of the board, and do their part to remove barriers from such success, by placing gates where they can be reached without wading water or mud and by building gates that can be easily opened and closed.

GOOD COTTON IN THE VALLEY.

N. B. Morton tells the Star of a letter he has recently received from his mother who lives at Anthony, N. Mexico.

Among other things the letter tells that his father is now working at the gin at that place, and in one day they ginned eighty-four bales of cotton. This place is located in the Rio Grande Valley above El Paso and the cotton there is making over a bale per acre.

FRIONA MARKET.

Wheat, per bu.	1.60
Oats, per bu.	.40
Maize, per cwt.	1.50
Kafir, per cwt.	1.40
Bran, per cwt.	1.90
Shorts, per cwt.	2.25
Meal, per cwt.	2.50
Cake, per cwt.	2.25
Butterfat, per pound	.41
Hens, heavy	.15
Hens, light	.11
Fryers,	.17
Old Roosters	.03
Eggs, per doz.	.30

SHORT'S NEW "DRIVE-IN."

A. B. Short has beautified his filling station by building a neat "drive-in" portico in front of his building, which, when completed, will make a real up-to-date drive-in filling station. Bee has a good stock of oils and accessories necessary to the comfort and patience of the autoist or truckman. Give him a call and help along a new enterprise.

MR. AND MRS. R. H. KINSLEY RETURNED LAST WEEK

After an absence of about three weeks, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. (Rube) Kinsley returned to their home.

These three weeks had been spent at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, visiting friends and relatives where their earlier life was spent. They also visited other places in Ohio and Indiana, among them Ft. Wayne, Ind., where Dale McMillan, a former citizen of Friona, now lives. Rube says Mr. McMillan is doing an extensive grain business and he has one of the finest grain elevators he has ever seen. They also saw a Mr. Kell, who was one of the early settlers of Friona.

FIGURES DON'T LIE.

In 1923 the money spent for advertising in this country averaged \$1,722,861 a day. And while it was paid out directly by men and firms using it to give their message to the public, the public really paid it in the long run. Advertising is figured as a part of the cost of everything that is bought or sold, and that advertisers found it profitable to spend almost two million dollars a day for printer's ink ought to convince anyone that it must pay.

ROAD PROGRESS.

In view of the progress now being made in the building of permanent roads it is somewhat amusing to think of the sentiment of some of our citizens along this line only a few years back. When it was first proposed in various sections of the country to spend public money to put a hard surface of brick, cement or macadam on the roads it was bitterly opposed by many of our best citizens, not only by farmers, who saw their taxes mounting to heights that would make their payment almost impossible, but by town and city people who saw in the roads only speedways for those who could own automobiles.

Last year 23,640 miles of highways were graded and surfaced in the various states, and at the end of 1923 there were 111,140 miles of paved highways in the United States. Adding the 1924 mileage and the mileage already done this year, it is possible that more than half of the 231,000 miles embraced in the various state road systems are hard surfaced. And the end is not yet.

The old idea that good roads are only for the rich has been wiped out and we are learning that if we ever get rich we must have good roads.

TWO MORE CITIZENS TO LOCATE NEAR TOWN

J. A. Scott and S. E. Montgomery of Comanche County, Oklahoma, were in Friona Thursday morning.

These gentlemen have each purchased a half section of land about three miles southeast of town and seem well pleased with their purchase. They are planning to build, fence and break out their land and move to it as soon as they can.

A part of their machinery is already on the way. Mr. Montgomery has an 80-horse gas engine and a 46-inch separator and a large plowing outfit enroute with which he expects to break his sod and help take care of the immense row crop soon to be harvested here.

J. C. Wilkison, J. R. Walker and E. B. McClellan have each purchased Delco light systems of E. W. Kinney of Hereford.

NEW USES FOR GRAIN SORGHUMS

New uses for the grain sorghums have been found by chemists in the United States Department of Agriculture. The grain sorghums are a comparatively new crop in the United States and have been raised in the semi-arid sections as a substitute for corn and other grains that would not do well. They have been used largely heretofore only for feeding farm animals. Chemists now find that they can be utilized in the making of starch, sirup, alcohol, and oil when proper machinery and processes for manufacture have been devised. Feterita and milo, two of the sorghums most widely known, contain on the average 65 per cent starch. They seem to be especially suitable for the manufacture of high grade starch by commercial processes. — Extension Service Farm News.

HEBREWS 13:15.

And yet, outside the camp, 'Twas there my Savior died; It was the world that cast him forth And saw Him crucified.

Can I take part with those Who nailed Him to the tree? And where His name is never praised, Is that the place for me?

Nay, World! I turn away, Though thou seem fair and good; That friendly outstretched hand of thine Is stained with Jesus' blood.

If in thy least device I stoop to take a part, All unawares thy influence steal God's presence from my heart.

More Rain and Then Some

The fellow who thinks it never rains at Friona truly has another guess coming, for truly it does rain here and it does not do it on the "half-way" plan.

On Wednesday afternoon a good shower fell over Friona, and from one to fifteen miles north they got from one to two inches. This was followed on Thursday morning by a general rain covering practically the entire Panhandle, ranging from two to three inches. People from twenty miles south and nine miles west report as heavy a fall as was received in town and to the north.

Soon after the rain the clouds cleared away and the sun shone brightly the remainder of the day, yet at sundown the water was still standing in many places on the level prairie. The ground is now so thoroughly saturated with water that it will be several days before the farmers can start their binders in the row crops, and practically all crops are now ready to be cut.

We now have moisture enough to carry the wheat until spring and it is hoped the weather will be fair, at least until Christmas, for it will take that long to get the heavy crops out of the field.

IOWA MAN PLEASED WITH THE PLAINS

T. F. Orr, of Maquoketa, Iowa, who owns a large tract of land near Star Ranch, arrived in Friona last Saturday morning and remained until Thursday.

While here Mr. Orr disposed of a portion of his holdings, but was so favorably impressed with the country that he was rather in doubt as to whether he wanted to sell the remainder or not. He says the conditions prevailing here are truly a revelation to him, and the beauty of the plains with their bountiful crops give a wonderful attraction for him.

Mr. Orr is a former neighbor of our progressive fat cattleman, Clyde Seaman, an Own acquaintance and friend of G. W. Seaman, both of whom formerly resided or near Maquoketa.

BASEBALL FANS NOTICE

Those of our readers interested in the national game will be interested in a three-column picture of the National on the inside of this week's Star.

We are interested in the readers the best we can get way of national events and sports of the national sports. So don't fail to see this picture that gives you a fair idea of all these famous players.

HOLLENE CLIPPINGS

We are still having some fine rains. Crops are ripening mighty fast. All are wishing that Jack Frost would not call till the last of October.

The largest share of Hollene community attended the big circus of Barnum & Bailey at Clovis Friday.

Will Joubert has sold out and expects to leave soon for Texas where his father is.

John Foster took dinner with Mr. Huntzinger Sunday.

Several young people took dinner with Miss Jouett Sunday.

The Nazerene people organized a young people's union Sunday night.

E. B. Stith has had a light attack of the flu but is better at this writing.

Hollene school children are all busy fixing for the Fair at Clovis this week. Mrs. O'Connell spent the day Sunday with Mr. Stith's folks.

Charles King is helping Buck Harmon on his tractor.

Mr. Artie Vaught, formerly of this place, has taken unto himself a wife. All wish them happiness and prosperity.

Bobbie.

B. F. Lockhart, section foreman at this place, was called to Amarillo Saturday on account of the serious illness of his brother. The brother died and was buried Monday. Mr. Lockhart returned home Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Galloway, who spent last week in Canyon, returned home Saturday. She was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Edith, who is attending school at Canyon.

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Ralph Tedford, who has been in the Hereford Sanitarium for some time, is able to be home now and is doing nicely.



NAMELESS RIVER

VINGIE E. ROE

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HOME

SYNOPSIS.—Kate Cathrow, "Cattle Kate," owner of the Sky Line ranch, on her way to McKane's store at Cordova, seemingly infuriated by the sight of a girl plowing in the valley below, places a rifle bullet near the horse's feet. The girl takes no notice. Kate goes on to town, where her presence brings on a fight between McKane, the trader, and Sheriff Selwood. Nance Allison, the girl on whom Kate Cathrow had vented her spite, is with her widowed mother and crippled brother Bud farming land taken up by her father, killed a short time before in a mysterious accident. Bud is the victim of a deliberate scheme to maim or kill him. Kate Cathrow wants the farm for pasture land, and is trying to frighten the Allisons into leaving. Big Basford, Sky Line rider, desperately in love with Kate, picks a quarrel with a fellow rider, Rod Stone. Kate, to part them, lashes Basford across the face with a quirt. Nance discovers in a cave a fine collie dog, evidently guarding a child. She goes home mystified. Next day Nance returns to the cave with food and makes friends with the dog and the small boy, Sonny. He tells her "Brand" takes care of him and "Dirk," the collie. Selwood is certain Kate Cathrow is the head of a "cattle rustling" gang, with "Agnes Arnold," her partner, who visits the ranch. The Minnie Pines, half-bred at the Sky Line ranch, is in love with Rod Stone. Ranchers complain of cattle-stealing and criticize Sheriff Selwood for his seeming inactivity. Nance, visiting Sonny in the cave, meets and "Dirk" in the cave, meets and Brand Fair, Sonny's protector, and promises to keep their secret. Nance becomes keenly interested in Brand Fair. The girl is relying on a field of corn to pay her debts she owes McKane.

CHAPTER X

The Seventh Sense.

It was as good as their word when Nance rode up the narrow side of the day and hour appointed. They were waiting, fresh and neat as abundant water and their worn garments would permit. Sonny wore denim overalls a shade less ragged and a little shirt with sleeves. His face shone like the rising sun from behind Fair's shoulder as they sat decorously mounted on Diamond. "The out-riders wait the princess," said Fair, "good morning, Miss Allison."

"Did you bring cookies?" queried the boy eagerly, "we've got the fish!"

"Good morning," answered Nance. "Sure I did, Sonny. And other things, too. We'll be good and hungry by noontime."

The sun was two hours high outside, but here between the towering walls the shadows were still blue and cold. The murmur of the stream seemed louder than usual, heard thus in the stillness of the early day. The mystery of the great cut was accentuated, its charm intensified a thousandfold to Nance. There was a strange excitement in everything, a sense of holiday and impending joy. Her face broke into smiles as helplessly as running water dimples, and when the two riding ahead turned from time to time to look back she was fair as "a garden of the Lord," her bronze head shining bare in the blue light, her eyes as wide and clear as Sonny's own.

This was adventure to Nance—the first she had ever known, and its heady wine was stirring in her veins. She did not know why the tumbling stream sang a different song, or why the glow of light creeping down from the rimrock along the western wall seemed more golden than before.

She only knew that where her heart had lain in her breast calm and content with her labor and her majestic environment of hills and river, there was now a strange surge and thrill which made her think of the stars that sang together at the morning of creation. Surely her treasured Book had something for each phase of human life—comfort for his sorrows, divine approval for its happiness.

So she rode, smiling, her hands folded on her pommel, listening to Brand Fair's easy speech, watching his shoulders moving lithely under the blue flannel shirt, comparing him to the sun she knew and wondering again why he was not like them.

They followed the stream sometimes, and again trotted across flat, hard, sandy spaces where the floor of the canyon widened, and passed now and again the mouths of smaller cuts diverging from the main one.

"About two miles from here," she told Fair, "we leave Blue Stone and take up Little Blue to the left. At its head lie Grey Spring and the Circle. We'll make it about noon."

The sun was well down when they reached the gorge when they reached the

of Little Blue, and in this smaller canyon which diverged sharply at right angles, its golden light flooded to the dry bottom.

"Little Blue has no water to speak of," said Nance, "only holes here and there—but they are funny places, deep and full, and they seem to come up from the bottom and go down somewhere under the sand. They have current, for if you throw anything in them it will drift about, slow, and finally go down and never come up."

"Subterranean flow," said Fair; "I've seen other evidence of it in this country. Must have been volcanic some time."

The gorge lifted and widened and presently they passed several of these strange pools, set mysteriously in the shelving floor.

The towering walls fell away and they had the feeling of coming up into another world. Soil began to appear in place of the abundant blue sand, and trees and grass clothed the floor in ever increasing beauty.

Fair drew Diamond up and waited until Nance rode alongside and they went forward into a tiny country set in the ridging rock of the shallow canyon to where Grey Spring whispered at the edge of the Circle.

"See!" cried Nance, waving a hand about at the smiling scene, "it is a magic place—no less!"

The spring itself was a narrow trickle above sands as gray as cloth, a never-ceasing flow of water, clear and icy cold, and beyond it was a round little flat, thick with green grass beneath spreading mushroom-oaks, a spot for fairy conclaves.

"Yes," nodded the man, "it is magic—the true magic of Nature in rapturous perfection, unmarred by the hand of man."

"Are we going to have the cookies now?" came the anxious pipe of the boy, and Fair laughed.

"Can't get away from the deadly commonplace, Miss Allison, with Sonny on the job. Poor little kid—he's about fed up on untrammelled nature. I'm afraid I owe him a big debt for what I've done to him—and yet—I am trying to pay a bigger one which someone else owes him. Let's camp."

They dropped the reins and turned the horses loose to graze, and Fair built a little fire of dry wood which sent up a straight column of smoke like a signal.

Nance untied her bundle from the saddle thong and Fair unrolled a dozen trout, firm and cool in their sheath of leaves. He hung them deftly to the flames on a bent green twig and Romance danced attendance on the hour. He was expert from long experience of cooking in the open, and when he finally announced them done they would have delighted an epicure. Nance laid out a clean white cloth and spread upon it such plain and wholesome things as cold corned beef, white bread and golden butter, homemade cucumber pickles and sugared cookies.

They were poor folk all, the nomad man, and boy, the girl who knew so little beyond the grind of work, but they were richer than Solomon in all his glory, for they had health and youth, and that most priceless thing of all—a clear conscience and the eager expectation of the good the next day holds.

They sat cross-legged about their sylvan board and forgot such things as work and hardship and the bitterness of threatened feud, and—mayhap—vengeance.

They talked of many things and all the time Nance's wonder grew at Fair's wide knowledge of the outside world, at his gentle manners, his quiet reticence in some ways, his general freedom in others.

He told her of the cities and the sea, spoke of Mexico, and this and that far place, but mostly he brought her pictures of her own land—the rivers of the Rockies, the Arizona mesas—and the girl, starved for the unknown, listened open-lipped.

They cleared away the cloth and Nance took Sonny in her lap, while Fair stretched out at length smoking in contentment.

The child slept, the sun dropped down the cloud-flecked vault, and it was Fair himself who finally put an end to the enchanted hour, rising and catching up the horses.

"You have far to go, Miss Allison," he said as he stood beside her smiling down into her face, "and Sonny and I must be careful not to work a hardship on you, or you might not come again."

The ride back down Little Blue was quiet. A thousand impressions were molting happily in Nance's mind. Her eyes felt drowsy, a little smile kept pulling at her lips' corners, and yet, she wholly inexperienced was she, she did not know what magic had been done in the green silence of the morning spring.

When Fair pulled his

horse so sharply up that Buckskin nearly stumbled on his heels that she came out of her abstraction. He sat rigid in his saddle, one hand extended in warning, gazing straight ahead to where Little Blue opened into Blue Stone. She looked ahead and understood.

A horseman was just coming into sight at the right edge of the opening, a big red steer was just vanishing at the left—and the man was Kate Cathrow's rider, Sud Provine.

He rode straight across and did not glance up the cut, and the watchers in the shadow knew they were unobserved.

For a long time they sat in tense silence after he had passed, waiting, listening, but nothing followed and presently Fair turned and looked at her.

His lips were tightly set and his face was grave.

"Miss Allison," he said regretfully, "that's the first human I've seen in Blue Stone canyon beside yourself, and it means something to me. It means that Sonny and I must move—at once."

He sat thinking a moment, then raised his eyes to hers again.

"I believe—if you will trust us a little longer—if you can keep him hidden—that I will take you up. I'll give you Sonny for a while. I feel guilty in doing so, for I know how heavily burdened you are already, but some day I shall make it right with you—as handsomely right as possible. Will he be too much trouble?"

"Trouble?" cried Nance, her face radiant, "give him to me this minute!" and she held out her arms.

Brand turned and looked down at the boy, smiling again.

"How about that, kid?" he asked. "Cookies and Miss Allison's lap instead of the cold canyon and lonesomeness—why—why, old-timer—what's the matter?"

He pulled the child around a bit to scan him more closely.

The little face was milk-white, the brown eyes wide.

"You—going to—give me away, Brand?" said Sonny with that curious seeming of maturity which sometimes fell upon him.

"I should say not!" he said reassuringly, "I'm only going to let you stay awhile with Miss Allison—so our enemies won't find you when I'm gone."

Nance leaned forward.

"Enemies," she said sharply. "Enemies, you say?"

"A figure of speech," smiled Fair, "but just the same we don't want any



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one beside yourself to know about us. And by the way, my name is Smith at Cordova—and Sonny doesn't exist."

"I see," said the girl slowly, "or rather I don't see—but as I said before, it doesn't matter."

"You're a wonderful woman. Not one in a million would accept us as you have done—lost walls, ragged, hiding, mysterious. I didn't think your kind lived. You're old-fashioned—blessedly old-fashioned. Why did you accept us?"

"My Mammy says there's something in a woman's heart that sets the stamp on a man for good or bad, a seventh sense. I know there is. A woman feels to trust—or not to trust."

Fair nodded.

"That's it," he said, "instinct—but maybe, some day, you may come to feel it has betrayed you—in our case—my case—I mean. What then?"

Nance shook her head.

"It won't, Mr. Fair," she replied. The man sighed and frowned.

"God knows," he said, "I hope not. But let's get on—it's getting pretty late."

Fair rode to the cave by the pool in silence. There he dismounted and brought from the blankets such poor bits of garments as belonged to the child, rolled them in a bundle and fastened them on Nance's saddle.

"I'm sorry they are so ragged," he apologized.

"It doesn't matter," said Nance. "Mammy has stuff that can be made over. We'll fix him up."

Fair mounted again and rode with her to the mouth of Blue Stone. There he halted and lifted Sonny to Buckskin's rump.

The little fellow whispered a bit and clung to his neck, while the man patted his bony little shoulder.

"There—there, kid," he said, "don't you love Miss Allison?"

"Yes," wailed Sonny at last; "but—but—I just love you, Brand!"

"I've put in two pretty strenuous years for Sonny's sake," he said softly, "but they've been worth while, Miss Allison."

"The service of love is always worth while," said Nance, "it's the biggest thing in this world."

"And now," said Fair, "if you'll buck up and be a man, Sonny, I'll promise to come right down to the homestead some night soon and see you—if Miss Allison will let me?"

Something surged in the girl's breast like a sunlit tide.

"If you don't, we'll come hunting you," she said.

Then Fair kissed the boy, mounted Diamond and sat with hands crossed on his pommel while Buckskin carried his double burden across the little flat and through the belly-deep flood of Nameless whispering in its rattle.

On the other side Nance and Sonny turned to wave a hand and went forward into a new life.

At the cabin door Bud stared with open mouth when they rode up, but Mrs. Allison, who had been watching them come along the flat far down, and who had vaguely understood, came forward with uplifted arms.

"I figured it wouldn't be so long before you brought him home," she said, "a child is what we do need in this here cabin. What a fine little man! An' supper's all hot an' waitin'."

"I knew you'd understand, Mammy," said the girl gratefully, "you've got the seventh sense, all right, and one or two more. No wonder our pappy loved you all his life."

And so it was that Sonny Fair came into the warmth and comfort of fire and lamp-light, of chairs and tables, and beds with deep shuck-ticks, and to the loving arms of woman-kind, after two years of riding on the big black's rump, of sleeping on the earth beside a campfire, and the long lonely days of waiting.

And, faithful as his shadow, Dirk, the collie, sat on the stone that formed the doorstep and refused to budge until both Nance and Sonny convinced him that all was well, and that this was home.

When Nance sat to her gracious hour with the Scriptures that night it seemed a very fitting coincidence that the Book should fall open at the Master's tender words, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

CHAPTER XI

The Ashes of Hope.

It was dark of the moon and Sheriff Price Selwood sat on his horse a little distance from McKane's store at Cordova, his hat pulled over his brows, his hands on his saddle horn.

Inside the lighted store four tables were going.

A bunch of cattlemen from the Upper country were in and most of the Cathrow men were down from Sky Line.

The nine of ten bona-fide citizens of Cordova were present also, and McKane was in high fettle. The few houses of the town were dark, for it was fairly late. All these things the sheriff noted in the quarter hour he sat patiently watching.

When he was satisfied that all the families were represented inside, that the dogs of the place were settled to inaction, and that no one was likely to leave the store for several hours at least, he did a peculiar thing.

He tied his horse to a tree near where it stood and went forward quietly on foot, stopping at the rack where the Cathrow horses stood in a row. They were good stock, Cattle Kate would have nothing else at Sky Line.

Selwood took plenty of time, patting a shoulder here, stroking a nose there, and finally stopped in between a big brown mare and the rangy gray gelding which Sud Provine always rode. He fondled the animal for a few moments, then ran his hand down the left foreleg and picked up the hoof. It was shod, saddle-horse fashion. He placed the foot between his knees, very much after the manner of a blacksmith, and taking a small coarse file from his pocket, proceeded to file a small notch in the shoe.

Then he put the file away, gave the gray a last friendly slap, got his own horse and rode away.

He intended to have a good night's sleep.

Several days later Kate Cathrow came down to Cordova and held a short private conversation with McKane.

"McKane," she said, "who gives you the heaviest trade in this man's country?"

"You do," said McKane promptly, "far and away."

Evidently Sheriff Selwood will know the tracks of Sud Provine's gray when he sees them next. When and where?

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Fight Decided Name

In 1903 the community now known as Barre, Vt., was undecided as to the new name for the town, the original name of which was Wilkesburgh. A change was decided on in 1793. Eventually the prospective names narrowed down to two, Holden, sponsored by Capt. Joseph Thompson, and Barre, offered by Jonathan Sherman, both names being after Massachusetts towns. The controversy developed into a hot fight, Sherman winning. The city fathers and the legislature honored the victor by naming the town Barre.

ROAD BUILDING

COUNTRY REQUIRES MORE PAVED ROADS

With highway traffic constantly increasing in all parts of the United States, means to relieve road congestion are being considered more carefully. The total registration of automobiles at the end of 1924 in this country was 17,700,179, a gain of 16.3 per cent over 1923.

As a matter of fact the 4,000,000 or so automobiles now being built each year are greatly in excess of the annual increase of roadways suitable to bear motor traffic safely and economically. The permanent paved surfaces laid each year would in reality not provide adequate parking space for the cars turned out each 12 months. This is not mere theorization, for from all sections are heard complaints of road congestion, and reports of conferences held to devise methods of relief.

New roads are of course desirable where it is necessary to open additional routes of travel, and in many instances are essential to relieve congestion. But where the problem requires only the provision of sufficient area for machines, and not necessarily separate routes to different destinations, wider pavements on existing rights of way will solve the problem.

In some instances where traffic is not heavy, pavements from nine to ten feet wide may be made to do until funds are available for widening them into two-track roads, although such narrow strips are not without disadvantages. But when there are so many vehicles going in opposite directions that turning out to pass each other is a nuisance and likewise dangerous, double-track pavements of 18 and 20 feet are essential.

Three-track pavements are from 27 to 30 feet wide and will of course carry more traffic than double-track surfaces. However, they have some drawbacks from the standpoint of safety, since cars going in the opposite direction may try to use the center track at the same time.

Repair Streets Without Any Delay to Business

That it is no longer necessary during city street construction or repairs to delay business or traffic has been conclusively proven through the medium of tests and trials by engineers throughout the country.

This innovation in pavements will revolutionize road construction. Formerly a street was tied up for days waiting for the roads or base to cure, and more time and business lost to the merchants waiting for the surface to be laid. Now, with the addition of a little calcium chloride to a bag of cement, a street is ready for traffic within eight hours.

Three-year tests by engineers show that this method of laying pavement produced a considerable increase in strength at practically no increase in cost.

Even though entire streets are not made of this mixture of materials, small sections fronting on factories, stores and the like may be opened almost immediately.

Where patching is necessary on busy streets this mixture will remove the necessity for passing around barricaded places, which are sources of great danger with modern dense automobile traffic.

Motor Roads in China

Buses operated over newly built motor roads will within the next decade bring about the unification of China, which ten years of fighting has failed to accomplish, predicts a writer in a recent issue of Asiatic Motor. In three years since Red Cross engineers built famine roads in that country the mileage of improved highways, privately built for the most part, has more than doubled. In the 4,000 miles of motor roads now in use or under construction and in the hundreds of buses already in operation the forces at work will wipe out tribal animosities and make for friendly progressive rivalry among cities and sections thus brought together.

Good Roads Hints

Federal highway payments 1917-1925 were but 47½ per cent of total federal excise taxes paid by the automotive industry.

The Yellowstone trail from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Ore., the Lincoln highway from New York city to San Francisco, the National Old Trails road from Washington to Los Angeles, and the Old Spanish trail from Jacksonville, Fla., to San Diego, Cal., are the four coast-to-coast routes most favored by automobile tourists.

All the people ask is that all good, better and best roads begin with the highway commission.

The traffic committee of the Broadway association of New York city has proposed that crossing the street at any place excepting the regular foot paths be made a misdemeanor.

The government has asked the Diet to appropriate \$370,000 for the first automobile road in Bavaria. The proposed road would be 15 miles long, connecting Munich and Starnberg.

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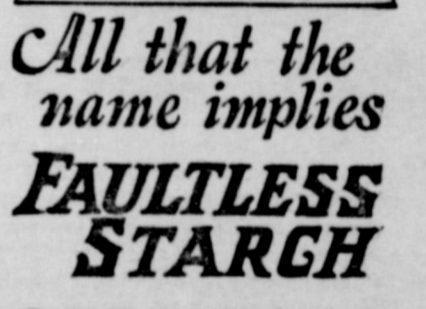
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The man who can't nurse anything better than a grouch had better remain single.

Some folks are pleasant only as an investment. They never waste kindness where they know it won't pay.

An auto is certainly a persevering thing. None of them have ever butted a train off the track yet, but still they keep right on trying to.

THE TIME MAY COME.

We've been thinking it over and we've come to the conclusion that the day may yet come when "old timers" around Friona will not be viewing with alarm the "goings-on" of the younger generation; when modern magazines will find some other way of attracting attention than the use of nakedness in pictures; when a man will actually work as hard as he leads his wife and friends to believe he works; when somebody will not be longing for "the good old days;" when the butcher will return to his former custom of throwing in a piece of liver for the dog, with each purchase of meat; and when all good citizens will lay everything else aside about this time and proceed to make the needed repairs on the streets and sidewalks that they promised themselves all last winter they were going to make this spring.

Happiness is a kind of perfume that you can't put on others without getting some of it on yourself.

Before starting trouble it is always a good thing to look around and see if there is not already enough of it in the world.

BRINGING HOGS AND FEED TOGETHER

The man who has hogs and no feed and the man who has feed and no hogs should manage to get together, advises A. L. Ward, swine husbandman Extension Service. Hogs and feed will make a splendid combination during this emergency. Since it is practical to immunize hogs against hog cholera, they may be purchased from neighbors or in surrounding territory and by having them immunized they may be shipped to any section so long as the sanitary regulations concerning their movement is complied with.

In localities where farmers have an abundance of feed and not enough hogs it might be well to seek localities where they have stocker hogs and no feed and secure the kind of hogs desired.

In 1918, Western Texas, in the grain sorghum belt, went largely into hog raising and lost their crop and were thus forced to ship thousands of hogs to market which were in no condition to be slaughtered. On the other hand the Iowa farmers raised an unusually large crop of corn and a great deal of it was too soft to ship. They took advantage of the situation and purchased several thousand head of hogs.—Extension Service Farm News.

SANITATION IN ERADICATING BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS

The influence of sanitary surroundings in preventing disease is illustrated almost daily in federal veterinary activities. One of the most important lines of this work is the eradication from livestock.

The sanitary conditions under which cattle are kept is so important with relation to their health that the United States Department of Agriculture now pays Federal indemnity for tuberculosis stock only after the premises have been properly disinfected. This is a new ruling based on an interpretation of the federal laws and regulations and on many of the state laws. A thorough clean-up is necessary, of course, before disinfection can be properly performed.

Unless disinfection is properly and thoroughly done following the removal of tuberculosis cattle from a farm, there is serious danger of continued infection which may mean more reactors to pay for at a later date.

Practical livestock sanitation includes such matters as good drainage, removal of manure at frequent inter-

vals, foundation of concrete or other material that does not rot or harbor infection, good light and ventilation, and smooth walls, floors and ceilings that can be easily cleaned and disinfected. The trend of progress is plainly in the direction of better care and housing of farm livestock, since sanitation pays both in a business way and from a health standpoint.—Extension Service Farm News.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of expressing our sincere thanks and appreciation to the people of Friona and vicinity for their many deeds of loving kindness during the sickness and burial of our beloved wife and mother and for the many beautiful floral offerings given as evidence of their sympathy in our great bereavement.

W. R. Attaway and children.

Jackman's
Women and Childrens Wear
Clovis, N.Mex.

A. W. Henschel of the Friona State Bank was a business visitor in Amarillo Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hobbings visited friends and relatives in Abernathy Saturday and Sunday. They were accompanied home by Riner Hobbings, a brother, who will spend this week here.

M. A. Crum was a business visitor in Farwell Saturday.

ALL SUITS

Isn't it about time to be thinking of a Fall SUIT that will cause your friends and neighbors to stop and ask you—

Do you mind telling me just where you got that Suit?

We have Suits of fine quality fabrics
We have Suits that will fit you perfectly—
We have Suits that are Stylish in Patterns—
THERE IS NO NEED OF PAYING MORE MONEY FOR A SUIT THIS SEASON THAN YOU DID LAST.

COME IN and let us show you and convince you that we have REAL QUALITY to the lowest limb of the price tree, so that every Man and Boy can pick the plums.

JONES BARBER AND TAILOR SHOP

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LOOK

NEW CARS FOR OLD ONES.

If you don't buy a new car this fall bring your old one in to be painted.

TWENTY FOUR HOUR SERVICE.

All Work Absolutely Guaranteed

Prices Reasonable

R. C. COX

Friona,

Texas.

"Stop and Gas With Us"

Let us drain your crank case and refill with some of that

Good Motor Seal Pure Pennsylvania Oil

For Tires, Tubes and Accessories,—we have them.

Have your trucks inspected and repaired for fall season.

We Strive to Do the Impossible—

"PLEASE EVERYBODY!"

PAVING OIL COMPANY

J. H. DRAGER
Well Digging

See me for complete job on wells.
Located 1/2 mile north of Rhea school house.

Walter S. Dickey of Kansas City, who made his money out of mud, says:

"The only time I ever used 'snap' judgement on a business deal, I lost a bunch of money, and I deserved just what I got."

DON'T USE SNAP JUDGEMENT

When buying Material for your new home or other buildings, INVESTIGATE, and learn that we have the best line of Building Material on the market.

ROCKWELL BROS. & CO.
LUMBER

O. F. LANGE, Manager, Member Chamber of Commerce

What yo gwine do when de winter winds blow, Phoebe
What yo gwine do when de winter winds blow?
An' nothin' in sight fo' to eat but snow, Phoebe?

—Why, buy one of those sheep-lined leather vests at

WEIR'S

Of Course

BUY IT IN FRIONA AND GET IT AT WEIR'S.

Get Your Winter Barley

For Your Cow Pasture, from

Sante Fe Grain Co.

\$1.50 per bushel

We still have 900 bushels of good seed wheat

\$2.25 per bushel

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas.
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Parmer County, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to summon W. B. Mersfelder; P. D. Mersfelder; E. T. Stevens; C. W. Arthur; R. S. Bell; Jno. D. Terry; H. P. Oliver, and the unknown stockholders of the Parmerton Townsite Company, a cor-

poration, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of District Court of Parmer County, Texas, to be holden at the court house thereof in Farwell, on the third Monday in October, 1925, the same being the 19th day of October, 1925, then and

there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 16th day of September, 1925, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 655, wherein Wallace Good is plaintiff, and Parmerton Townsite Company, a corporation, L. Gough; Norman Wilson; F. W. Jersig; W. B. Mersfelder, W. L. Townsen, F. L. Spring; E. T. Stevens; C. W. Arthur; P. D. Mersfelder; R. S. Bell; J. P. McDonald; Jno. D. Terry; H. P. Oliver, and the unknown stockholders of said Parmerton Townsite Company are defendants, said petition alleging in substance as follows:— That said Parmerton Townsite Company was chartered under the laws of the State of Texas in March, 1907, (having its principal place of business at Parmerton, in said Parmer County; that said Townsite Company acquired a two hundred acre tract of land out of Section 22, Capitol League No. 497, upon which the town of Parmerton was located and temporary court house constructed thereon, and still owns said tract of land, less certain lots and parcels by it heretofore sold; that later the county seat of Parmer County was permanently located at the town of Farwell, in said County, and thereupon the town of Parmerton was abandoned and the purposes of said townsite company having failed, it ceased to operate and failed to pay its franchise tax, thereby forfeiting its legal rights to do business and permitted the taxes to become delinquent on said lands; that said lands are now lying idle and producing no revenues, and no one of the officers or stockholders of said corporation are in charge of said property and looking

after same, and that said property is liable to be sold to pay the delinquent taxes; that plaintiff has paid taxes out of his personal funds on said property to the amount of \$300.00; that said corporation is now legally disqualified from handling and selling said land, and the stockholders have no legal right to take charge of and sell the same; that it is necessary that a receiver be appointed by the court to take charge of the property of said defunct corporation, sell its property to pay its valid debts, including court costs, and distribute the balance among the present stockholders of said corporation, as their interests may appear, all of which shall be done under the orders and direction of the court; that plaintiff and the defendants herein named are the owners of the stock of said corporation. Plaintiff prays for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of and wind up the affairs of said corporation, to make sale of its property, and to distribute the net proceeds among the stockholders.
Herein fail not, but have you before said court on said first day of

the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
Witness B. N. Graham, Clerk of the District Court of Parmer County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at Farwell, Texas, on this 16th day of September, A. D. 1925.
B. N. GRAHAM,
Clerk of the District Court of Parmer County, Texas.
Issued this 16th day of September, A. D. 1925.
(SEAL) B. N. GRAHAM,
Clerk of the District Court of Parmer County, Texas.

Postmaster J. A. Guyer was a visitor in the metropolis of the Panhandle (Amarillo) Monday.

Quite a crowd of Frionaites attended the Ringling Bros. circus at Clovis Friday and report a good show.

Judge E. F. Lokey of Farwell was here Monday looking after business matters and shaking hands with his many Friona Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Maurer and small daughter, June Maurine, visited in Amarillo Saturday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pisco September 24th, a baby girl. Name Elsie Ann.

Butter Fat Now Forty One Cents

Keep your cows producing by feeding them

“COW CHOW”

FRIONA PRODUCE COMPANY

Bring us your Cream, Eggs and Hides.

We Pay Cash

V. E. Hart,

Manager

The Other Fellow-

You have seen what Chiropractic has done for “the other fellow”. If you are sick, it will pay you to investigate Chiropractic, the drugless science which strikes right at the cause of your lack of health.

EXAMINATION FREE

Dr. J. E. HANLEY

CHIROPRACTOR

Rooms at D. D. Meade Home

Friona, Texas

Abstract of Title

We are now equipped to furnish complete or supplemental abstracts of title to all Parmer County land and town lots, promptly. Complete tract index to all real property in the county.

PARMER COUNTY ABSTRACT CO.

E. F. Lokey, Manager.

Farwell,

Texas.

HARNES

Made by us as good as leather can build.

The Best of Shoe Repairing.

R. D. WILLIAMS

Texico

New Mex.

Howdy, Boys-

Having severed my connection with the Friona Oil Company, I wish my friends to know that I am still prepared to serve them at my “New Drive In” Filling Station on Main Street, where I have in stock a complete line of MOBIL OILS.

I have also a full line of AUTOMOBILE ACCESSORIES, TIRES, and TUBES; and anything you may need in this line. I handle also the best grade of OILS and GREASES for your Car, Trucks and Tractors.

A. B. SHORT

Friona,

Texas.

Classified Ads

WANTED—A correspondent for the FRIONA STAR in each community in the county.

WANTED TO BUY—Stock hogs, stockers or feeders. See S. B. Scoggins, 2 miles south of Friona or STAR office.

WANTED—Your subscriptions for magazines and all popular publications. See Geneva Jones, Friona.

FOR SALE—One three-disc plow in good condition. See Floyd Schlenker, 14 miles west of Friona. 2td

FOR SALE—One 12-20 Rumley tractor. Run very little and in good running order. Cheap. See C. M. Clark, 10 miles north of Texico. 4td

FOR SALE—Pure bred Mammoth Bronze Turkeys. Range raised. Toms, \$10.00; hens, \$7.00. These are fine birds. Miss Carrie E. Smith, Box 112, Friona, Texas.

WANTED—A good steam engineer. Apply to Fred Fahsholtz, Friona Texas.

FOR SALE—One International truck in good condition. See Tedford Bros., Friona, Texas.

FOR SALE—160 acres of good plains land. Fenced and in cultivation. Six miles north of Friona. Special long time terms. L. F. Lillard, Friona, Texas.

FOR SALE—Second hand car cheap. See or write Mrs. B. F. Buie, Hereford, Texas.

FOR SALE—25 head of shoats. See M. K. Smith, 12 miles south of Friona.

FOR SALE—Chevrolet Roadster Balloon tires. Two bumpers. First class mechanical condition. J. D. Raymond, Friona, Texas.

WANTED—Girl for general household work. Box B, care Star, Friona, Texas.

WILKISON IMPLEMENT COMPANY

McCormick-Deering Line

Primrose Cream Separators.

P. & O. Tractor Plows

Deering Binders

10-20 and 15-30 McCormick-Deering Tractors

Friona

Texas

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Business Lot in the City of Floydada: Lot, 25x140 feet; Building, 25x 100 feet; Price, \$3,500.00, or would trade in the above described property for land in Parmer or Deaf Smith County.

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REAL -- ESTATE

Friona, Texas

MILL ENDS

Regular 25c Values

Bleached Domestics

at 15c While They Last!

Fancy TICKING, best quality, at 42½ Cents

Fall patterns in Woolen dress goods. Make your Selections NOW.

BLANKETS

Any kind to suit and prices to fit. Compare our prices.

A Full Line of Ladies' and Gents Rubbers

T. J. CRAWFORD

FRENCH DEBT PLAN SUBMITTED

PRESENT OFFER UNACCEPTABLE BY SOME OF THE AMERICAN GROUP

WILL SEEK FINAL AGREEMENT

Intensive Work on the Pact Will be Continued Until Agreeable Settlement is Found, It is Believed by Both Nations.

Washington, D. C.—The long-pending Franco-American debt funding negotiations got under way and the French have submitted an offer for a settlement.

There the conversations looking to an arrangement to fund France's four billion-dollar debt rested overnight. After a brief formal joint session between the commissions representing the two governments and two separate meetings of the American commission had been held.

Announcement that a definite offer had been laid before the Americans was made by Joseph Caillaux, the French minister of finance, head of his government's commission.

Definite Proposal Made.

"I made a definite proposal," he said. "I made it myself coming over on the ship. My colleagues are a unity on this."

Secretary Winston, the American commission secretary, at the second meeting of the Americans, said no "official proposal" was before them, but almost simultaneously there were declarations from other quarters that the French suggestions were unacceptable, at least to some of the Americans.

No Time Wasted

The suddenness of the French offer was forecast, however, in M. Caillaux's statement in greeting the American commission that the French were ready as practical men to go to work on the problem. Secretary Mellon, chairman of the American commission, welcomed the visitors with the declaration that "it is our duty to reach with you a conclusion which is in the estimation of each of us a just, fair and by the practical test to time, workable."

Immediately after the meeting, which lasted only an hour, Secretary Mellon reconvened his colleagues and for themselves, in the conference room for an hour and a half longer. In the afternoon they met a second time.

CHIEFS CALL ARMS PARLEY

Summons Will Be Sounded When Council is Sure Of Security.

Geneva.—The leaders of the assembly of the league of nations, including the representatives of Great Britain and France, reached an accord regarding a future disarmament conference, preparations for which will be begun immediately. But the council of the league of nations will be permitted to decide the moment when preparations for an international economic conference shall be started.

Under the terms of the agreement, the disarmament conference, which will be convoked by the league only when the council is convinced that security has been achieved, will be undertaken by a new organism to be known as "a commission to study for the reduction and limitation of armaments," with the distinct understanding, however, that all states having special interest in the disarmament problems and which are not represented in the council will have places.

OKLA. OIL PRODUCTION UP

14,405 Barrels Gain Shows District up 10,135 Barrels.

Tulsa, Okla.—Mid-continent production averaged 1,125,842 barrels daily for the week ended September 19.

The daily average production of the United States was 2,158,392 barrels, an increase of 6,075 barrels. Light oil showed an increase of 15,275 barrels.

Production in the Oklahoma fields averaged 493,885 barrels, an increase of 14,405. North Louisiana decreased 807 barrels to average 47,825. Arkansas averaged 218,817, an increase of 224,585, a decrease of 4,120. Kansas averaged 111,730, a decrease of 35. Gulf coast (heavy) averaged 101,335, a decrease of 810. Southwest Texas (heavy) averaged 45,065, an increase of 225. Eastern Oklahoma area averaged 112,925, a decrease of 1,050. California production (light) averaged 287,500, an increase of 7,000. California (heavy) averaged 376,000, a decrease of 9,500.

French Flier to Seek Trophy.

Harve De Grace.—Capt. Pelletier D'Osby, hero of the Paris to Tokio air flight, boarded the steamer France for America, where he will take part in the contest for the Liberty trophy to be held at Mineola, Long Island, in October. "I must get a grisly bear before I return to France," he said. "I have shot elephants in India and tigers in Indo-China but I have never met a grisly bear to face. Incidentally, I would like to win the Liberty trophy."

VICTOR D. DAVIGNON



Victor D. Davignon, twenty-six-year-old superintendent and metallurgist of the General Plate company of Attleboro, Mass., has discovered the process of making gold lighter in weight but greater in volume.

AIR BOARD IS INVESTIGATING

DIRIGIBLE CREW WAS CALM WHEN IN DANGER

National Defense Unit With Directing Chief is Opposed By Secretary Davis, but Favored by Patrick

Washington, D. C.—Opening its inquiry into American air power, the president's special air board brought to the public view a wide conflict of opinion in the war department as to the relative importance and position of aircraft to other units of the national defense.

For hours the board heard those charged with administration of the army discuss the policy, fundamental groundwork and prospects for its air service. Acting Secretary Davis said there was no cause for alarm, despite the fact that it was operating with inadequate equipment and was in need of additional funds.

Although Davis and two of his high ranking officers opposed the creation of a department of national defense, with a directing head of all air forces, which has been urged by Col. William Mitchell, this proposal drew the favor of Maj. Gen. Mason M. Patrick, chief of the army air service.

General Patrick said he believed such a department ultimately would be advisable in the system of national defense, but in the meantime the air service should be made "semi-autonomous," with a position similar to that of the marine corps in its relation to the navy.

TO PUSH PLAGUE BATTLE

Protective Belt is Thrown Around Texas Counties; Stock to be Killed.

Houston, Tex.—Renewed action in combating foot and mouth disease south of Houston is begun anew again. The state sanitary livestock commission issued an order throwing a protective belt around Harris, Galveston and Brazoria counties, which are under quarantine. The belt is two counties deep and includes nineteen in all.

The commission's order prohibits movement out of the area of cattle, sheep, swine, wool, pelts, second-hand grain bags and dressed carcasses, all regarded as foot and mouth disease germ carriers. Arrangements also were being expedited to kill diseased and contact cattle in Galveston county, which had been prohibited by an injunction dissolved.

ST. LOUIS GETS NEW RADIO

City Firms to Join Hands in \$110,000 Publicity Idea.

St. Louis, Mo.—Primary plans of organization were completed for the establishment in St. Louis of one of the largest radio stations in the United States. It will be announced as St. Louis' Christmas gift to the nation. The project, which is being undertaken by St. Louis organizations, involves the erection of a \$110,000 super-station, expected to be ready for operation shortly before Christmas. Contracts for the apparatus have been placed with the Western Electric company.

War Veterans' Bureau Improves.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Numerous improvements in the conduct of the United States veterans' bureau in the last year will be noted and praised in the annual report of the national rehabilitation committee of the American Legion, to be presented to the national convention of the Legion at Omaha, October 5-9, National Adjutant James F. Barton revealed.

Kidnappers' Victim is Returned.

Marion, Ark.—Martha Horton, 3 years old, "sold" by alleged kidnappers to a resident of Neuhardt, Ark., was returned under an order issued in Crittenden county court here to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Horton, of Birmingham, Ala. The Neuhardt resident, from whom probation officers secured the child, said she was turned over to them by an automobile for \$2,500. She was in a tub for five gallons of water.

RIFTS AFTER AMERICAN FLIERS

GIVE REWARD FOR AVIATOR DEAD OR ALIVE

\$5,000 Will be Paid For Every Member of the Sheridan Squadron Brought In.

Quezcan, French Morocco.—Abd-El-Krim, the Rifian chief, is reported to have offered rewards totaling \$5,000 for every member of the Sheridan squadron, composed of American volunteer aviators, brought to him dead or alive.

The American fliers participated in a novel maneuver—the "false relief" of Bouanagou fort.

This outpost, topping a mountain seven miles northeast of Quezcan, commands an extensive region, and since it was surrounded by the enemy in April, has been the goal of some of the Rifian's most desperate attacks.

Tribesmen Surprised

Every time the fort was reoccupied and the garrison changed, the French lost scores of men, as the relieving columns were forced to advance along narrow, tortuous ravines between forest-clad hills, thickly strewn with boulders and affording splendid places of ambush for the tribesmen. When the word passed on that the fort was about to be relieved, it quickly reached the ears of Abd-El-Krim, through his spies, and he made the usual preparations to harass the French.

The infantry advanced as usual, but just as the tribesmen were about to deliver their surprise attack, concealed artillery opened a devastating fire, and airplanes dropped scores of bombs upon the astounded warriors.

SHERIFF, 2 BANDITS SLAIN

Gun Battle Near Cache Of Stolen Goods Is Fatal.

Wichita Falls, Tex.—Three men are dead as the result of a gun fight between two officers and three men near a cache of stolen goods in a pasture one mile south of Megargel, Archer county, Texas. Sheriff Harrison Ikard of Archer county and two men identified as Charles Crabtree and Frank Looney were killed. The latter two are said to have come to Texas several months ago from Oklahoma.

Another man escaped while Deputy Sheriff R. Munford, who was unharmed, although he kept up the fight after Sheriff Ikard was killed, seized a large automobile in which he said the thieves presumably had intended to carry away twenty-seven cases of cigars stolen from a store at Graham, Texas. Later a man who said he was at the scene of the shooting surrendered at Megargel and was taken to Archer City.

The officers had traced the stolen goods to the pasture and lay in wait. After three hours, Munford said an automobile drove up to the cache. Sheriff Ikard called upon the three occupants to throw up their hands. The shooting started from the car immediately, the deputy said, and the fire was returned.

SEA LIONS HURT FISHING

Herds Cause Woe For Pacific; Fish Driven Away; Nets Destroyed.

San Diego, Calif.—Enormous herds of sea lions, roaming the fishing banks from San Diego to Turtle bay, in Mexican waters, are not only driving fish away from their usual haunts, but are destroying nets worth large sums, say reports brought to the state fishing commissioner here. Andrew Castagnola, skipper of the fishing boat Caterina M, reported that while fishing near Turtle bay, he hauled in a half-burnt net that contained forty-three baby sea lions. Fishermen are forbidden by law to kill the sea lions in California waters.

COFTON VALUE ESTIMATED

Ginnings to Date Far Ahead Of Last Year, Federal Survey Shows.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Oklahoma's cotton crop will be worth approximately \$206,000,000 to state farmers this year if the estimated yield of 1,471,000 bales, forecast from the government survey of September 16, is fulfilled. The cotton itself, at present prices, would bring \$176,520,000, while the seed crop would sell for \$29,480,000 on the present market.

Condition of the crop dropped from 61 percent of normal on September 1, to 55 percent of normal on September 16, as compared with 64 percent on September 16, 1924.

Forest Fires Threaten Tennessee.

Greenville, Tenn.—Forest fires in the Unaka mountain range, near here, are threatening heavy damage and foresters fear for the water supply, as several rivers which supply eastern Tennessee originate in the range.

Wife Kills Husband after being Beaten

Oshkosh, Wis.—Louis Kramer, 38 years old, was killed when his wife discharged both barrels of a shotgun at his head while he lay sleeping on a cot in front of his shack. Tumble Inn, on Lake Winnebago. The wife, when she surrendered herself to the authorities, bore the marks of a terrible beating. From 8 o'clock until midnight, she told the authorities her husband had her in a corner and knocked her down each time she tried to rise from her chair.

Texas News

The sewer bond election at El Campo Saturday carried by a vote of 157 to 47.

The Texas Hotel Keepers' Association will hold its annual convention in Galveston Nov. 16 and 17.

Teal and sprigg ducks already are arriving in the marshes and low lands in the vicinity of Orange.

The Texas Independent Oil Men's Association is to hold its annual convention in Houston October 23.

By a vote of 50 for and 15 against, the resident voters of Holliday in Archer County voted for incorporation.

The city tax rate of Longview has been reduced 25 cents on the \$100 valuation. The rate is now lower than at any time since 1916.

R. L. Daniel, district attorney of the Victoria district, has been named state insurance commissioner, succeeding Judge J. M. Scott, who retires Oct. 1.

The attorney general's department has approved \$350,000 City of Houston waterworks bonds and \$100,000 paving bonds. Both issued are serial 5s.

Houston is to get the 1926 convention of the American Institute of Park Executives, it was decided last week at the 1925 convention in Rockford, Ill.

About \$1,500,000 worth of rice has been marketed in Bay City so far this season, and it is estimated that this represents about one-half of the total for the year.

Tax rolls of Lavaca County, as certified in delivery to the tax collector, show property of value of more than \$18,000,000, which is an increase over the assessed value of 1924.

Hearing on the proposed revision of freight rates on crushed stone, sand, gravel and commodities taking the same rate has been set for October 12 by the Texas railroad commission.

Work of setting the poles for the electric transmission line from El Campo to Edna was started this week and the work will be rushed to completion. The cost of the line will be about \$40,000.

Peach trees in the orchard of W. W. Shirley, Wood County farmer, are producing a second crop of fruit this year. The first crop of peaches in Shirley's orchard this season was above the average in yield.

A truck growers association has been organized at Cushing with F. J. Pittman as president and W. E. Carnes, secretary. Through efforts of the association it is thought that a larger acreage of truck crops will be planted next year.

Fire insurance companies did \$2,125,226,132 worth of business in Texas during 1924, according to the statement issued this week of annual underwriting experiences by classes, as reported to the state fire insurance commission.

The railroad commission Saturday set for hearing October 13 application of the North Texas Petroleum Traffic Bureau of Fort Worth for a revision of regulations, so as to allow mixing or blending in transit of naphtha and natural gasoline in tank cars at refining points in the state.

The rate on reserve deposits of from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000 of state funds will be increased one-fourth of one-half per cent December 1, when the present 2 per cent contracts expire. Treasurer W. Gregory Hatcher announced, following the meeting of the state rate-making board. The reserve rate is now 2 per cent. This board re-established the 4 per cent minimum interest rate on state deposits in Texas banks, for time deposits.

Exactly 14,748 more automobiles were registered in Texas during the first six months of 1925 than during the year of 1924, when 837,445 automobiles were registered, according to figures compiled by the state highway department. More than a million machines are expected to be registered during this year, highway officials indicated.

Through an error in paving the Beaumont-Houston Road it was found that the County of Jefferson had crossed line lots at Nome belonging to the Texas Townsite Company and had also used Southern Pacific property. This was brought out when the Texas and New Orleans Railroad and Texas Townsite Company filed a claim for damages.

To express their high appreciation for the many acts of executive clemency repeatedly shown Mexican citizens serving prison terms, and whom you were kind enough to pardon," the Mexican Blue Cross, headed by Consul General A. P. Carrillo, presented Governor Miriam A. Ferguson the cross of merit. A huge floral offering was also given to the governor.

Sin's Dread Effects

Look life over from what point you will, and you will find that it has been sin that has tripped men up and held them back and spoiled health and happiness and hope.—Washington Gladden.

Chinese Punishment

The cangue is a heavy wooden collar or yoke, worn around the neck by convicts in China as a punishment. It is sometimes combined with a cage.

CONDENSED AUSTIN NEWS

The Attorney General has approved an issue of \$60,000 of Ennis water system bonds, payable serially and bearing 4 3/4 per cent interest.

Dr. Walter Splawn, president of the University of Texas, predicts that more than 5,000 students will attend the institution this year.

The Attorney General approved a \$500,000 issue of special road bonds of Galveston County maturing serially and bearing 5 per cent interest.

Congratulations on her orders forbidding use of National Guard property in the Ku Klux Klan celebration at Arlington were contained in a telegram received by Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson, signed by several of her Arlington friends.

Big life insurance companies which withdrew from Texas upon enactment of the Robertson insurance law, eighteen years ago, have virtually abandoned the idea of returning to Texas, despite the ruling recently by Attorney General Dan Moody that these companies may return.

Attendance at the teacher's institutes held since the last week in August in different sections of the State has been large, despite the efforts of the Thirty-Ninth Legislature to abolish them. S. M. N. Marrs, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and L. W. Rogers, assistant, reported upon their return to Austin.

L. M. Lee of Austin, who has had cattle in Kentucky and in New Mexico, plans to leave shortly for the State of Durango, Old Mexico, with several cars of Texas cattle, mostly stock cows. Mr. Lee said that the range in Durango is exceptionally fine, with plenty of water, no flies or ticks and no freezing northerns.

The Railroad Commission, according to Commissioner C. V. Terrell, is in receipt of a request from the Texas Grain Dealers' Association, the Fort Worth Grain and Cotton Exchange and others, asking that no further authorities be granted to railroad companies of Texas for half-rate on feed to the drought-stricken areas without first granting protestant hearing.

R. L. Daniel, an attorney of Victoria, has been appointed by Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson to be State Insurance Commissioner, succeeding John M. Scott, resigned. Mr. Scott who is here attending the national insurance commissioners, resigned to become a Fort Worth branch official of the International Life Insurance Company of St. Louis. Ex-Gov. James E. Ferguson announced Daniels' appointment.

After approval by the Attorney General an amendment to the articles of incorporation of the San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railway Company, authorizing that company to extend its line from Edinburg, Hidalgo County, to Harlingen, Cameron County, has been filed in the office of the Secretary of State. The proposed extension would run from Edinburg in a general easterly and southeasterly direction through Hidalgo and Cameron counties to Harlingen.

The Railroad Commission granted applications of carriers for reduced passenger rates for the following fairs and conventions within the next two months: Reunion Veterans and Sons of Confederacy, Abilene, Sept. 30-Oct. 1 and 2; Frio County Fair, Pearsall, Sept. 23-26; Texas State Fair, Dallas, Oct. 10-25; Daughters of Confederacy, Marshall, Oct. 5-7; Cotton Palace, Waco, Oct. 25 to Nov. 9; South Texas Fair, Beaumont, Nov. 11-21.

University oil royalty accumulating since April 3 exceeded \$1,000,000, when the Big Lake Company paid royalty amounting to \$113,932, which brought the total to \$1,052,913. The Big Lake's payment covered oil produced on University lands during August, and was \$5,467 less than its payment on July production. The Texon is yet to pay its August royalty, which is expected to be about the same as that of July, when it amounted to \$101,486.

\$2,690,000 has been forwarded to public schools of Texas, the first payment under the apportionment for the scholastic session of 1925-26, it was announced by Prof. S. M. N. Marrs, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. It represents \$2 for each of the 1,345,000 children enumerated within the scholastic age. Another \$1 per child will go forward in October, making \$4,035,000 during the first forty days of the session.

Fifty thousand connected acres in one body lying in the northeast corner of Dallas County soon will be declared a State Game preserve territory and hunting will be prohibited in the area for a period of five years, Turner E. Hubby, State Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner, has announced. Provisions have already been made for the appointment of two deputy game wardens to aid in the protection of quail and other game birds with which the preserve is to be stor.

ALL RUN DOWN, NOW HEALTHY

"Honestly, in all my 15 years of experience as a nurse I have never known of a medicine that compares with Tanlac to the glowing tribute of Nurse M. H. Chappelle.

"I use and again I have recommended Tanlac and always with surprising results. Some time ago my Mother complained of being generally run down and on the verge of a nervous breakdown. She had no appetite, her stomach was disordered, digestion weakened and her bowels were most irregular.

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How It May Have Happened

"Halt, there! Dod-blast you, halt!" yelled Constable Sam T. Slackputter, the faithful guardian of the peace and dignity of Petunia, "what, the Sam Hill d'ye mean, rushing through the main street of our progressive little city like forty dogs after a cat?"

"I didn't notice it, and—" returned the offending motorist.

"Didn't notice it?"

"No. I've got hay fever, and must have passed along Main street while I was sneezing."—Kansas City Star.

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Greenland Hygiene

Tuberculosis is reported to be "making serious ravages among the natives of Greenland, where the knowledge of the principles of hygiene is primitive," says the United States Department of Labor. The Danish ministry of the Interior and Danish health service are assisting the local government in the installation of a 20-bed hospital for tuberculous children. Measures for the protection of orphans in Greenland are also being undertaken.

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Many English Prisons Sold

More than twenty prisons in England have been entirely closed since 1914 and the 40 remaining in use are only partly filled at any time. The total prison population today in England is less than 60,000 against 107,000 ten years ago. Prisons that are no longer needed are being sold by the prison commission.

Every department of housekeeping needs Red Cross Ball Blue.

Equally good for kitchen towels, table linen, sheets and pillowcases, etc.—Advertisement.

Siam's Highways

Improvements in the railroads and motor highways of Siam are expected to bring great prosperity by getting to the markets the products of fields, mines and forests that heretofore have been inaccessible.

Desk mottoes are usually too exacting. One has yokes enough without that.

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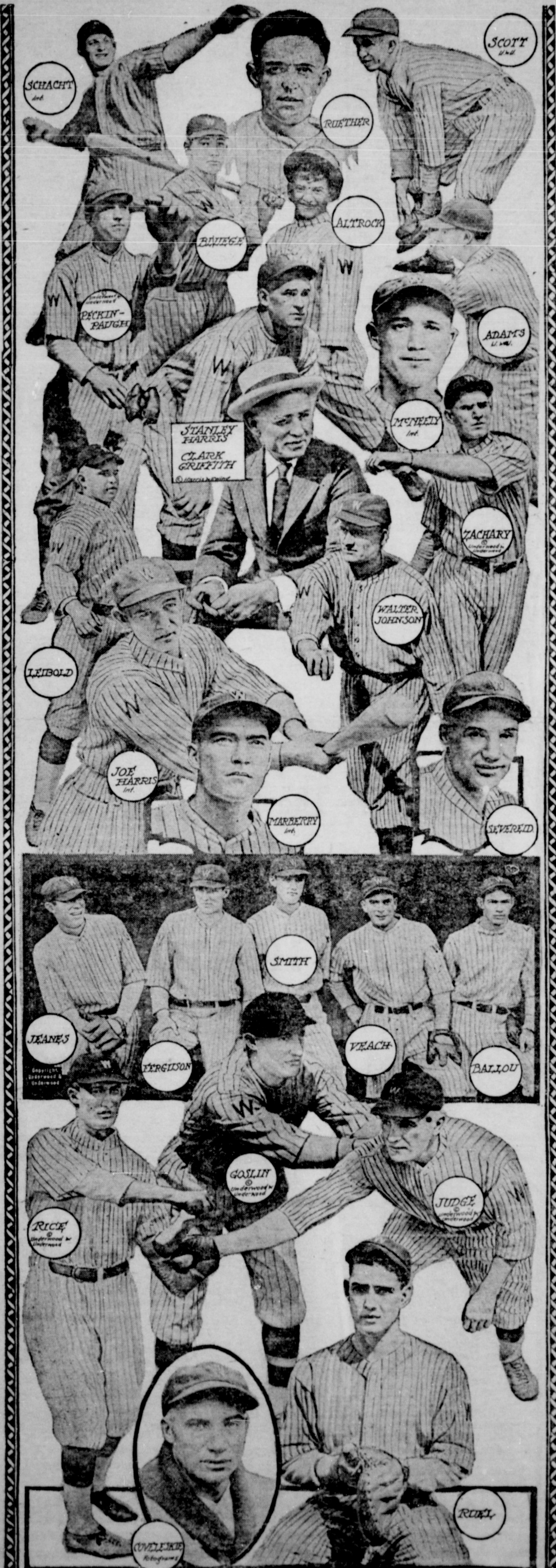
"I had 30 running sores on my leg for 12 years, was in three different hospitals. Amputation was advised. Skin grafting was tried. Was cured by using Peterson's Ointment.—Mrs. F. E. Hunt, 217 Michigan Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

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THE MYSTERY OF SALLY

By CHARLES S. REID

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SALLY was a hired girl, the seventeenth since the baby came, about thirteen months before. But we realized that at last we had found a treasure. Sally was inventive. The kaleidoscopic repertoire of amusement which she furnished for our tootsy-wootsy was something to command the admiration of the most callous-brained pessimist of the never-smiles.

This aggregation of inventive genius had been purchased at a weekly installment of four dollars. Cheerfully, we should have made it five on demand, within a week after her arrival.

But Sally seemed to be devoid of the graft contamination and, indeed, she spent her money like a lord, more than half of her weekly pay going for gimcracks of one kind or another for the amusement of our little one. A car ride to the park each day for the pleasure of our baby formed one of her personal extravagances. Baby soon became so much attached to her that "Mamma" was no longer interesting, except at certain periods during the day, and these periods Sally managed so cleverly that no disturbance came to the household serenity through baby's impatient demands.

One thing soon became apparent: Sally had the going habit. She wanted to be away from the house more than half of the time, but as our little one always came back from these little excursions in excellent spirits, and, barring the harassing fears that Baby might contract some of the many contagious or infectious diseases of childhood—such as measles, chicken-pox, whooping-cough or some other horrifying thing—this habit of Sally's was not at all inconvenient to the household.

Another thing which recommended Sally was the habitual neatness of her person, and what became an interesting mystery to us was the matter of how she could spend from two to three dollars per week solely and unselfishly for the amusement of our little one, and dress herself with such taste on the remainder.

Finally, we decided that Sally must be getting credit somewhere, and that we should raise her wages, in order that she might be enabled to meet her obligations.

But about this time I saw Sally emerging from a bank one day. I had been some distance away and unobserved by her.

"Ah," I exclaimed under my breath, "she is borrowing of the bank."

The cashier of this bank was a particular friend of mine, and I determined to learn something of Sally's financial operations. This I had no trouble in doing, and soon learned to my amazement that Sally was not a borrower, but a depositor, to the extent of forty or fifty dollars a week.

My wife and I held a consultation over the matter, for the mystery had deepened. Why one who could indulge the daily extravagances of Sally, and yet deposit forty dollars per week, should hire herself out at a wage of four dollars per week was amazingly mysterious—and yet, Sally was not a thief. Not the smallest item of anything of value had been missed from the house, and no coins or bills ever were kept about the place.

So the mystery of Sally deepened. But, notwithstanding this, Sally was by incalculable odds the best nurse we ever had possessed, or ever could hope to have, and we determined that nothing should dispossess us of her services—no, not if it became necessary to raise her wages to ten dollars per week, which extravagance I could of course ill afford.

So Sally remained, keeping up her usual program, only inventing new means of amusement each day. How long we should have kept her I do not know. But accident plays a large part in the movement of human affairs, and it was an accident which led to the separation of our Sally from us.

An employee from our mills had been seriously crushed in a dray collision over on the East side, and I had gone over to investigate the responsibility for the accident. This matter being soon concluded, I was returning to the office, when I met Jenkins, a friend of mine. Jenkins likes a faker, or a side-show performance better than anything, and the East side was noted for its attraction for fakers and showmen of one kind or another.

"Hello, old man!" called Jenkins from across the street, "wait a moment."

I waited, and Jenkins came over. "Do you know," he began, "I have found one of the smoothest artists in the show line down here that I've seen in a long while."

"What's his class?" I asked.

"Wild animal tamer, and he has been playing to crowded houses here for the past six weeks. You want to see this, especially the afternoon performance, at which time he gives an extraordinary feature."

He was lending, and we soon came to the entrance way of a large tent which occupied a portion of the area usually taken up by the showmen. Outside were a number of big posters announcing, both by word and illustration, the wonderful feats performed by the man inside, among them being one which was especially horrifying—

this being announced in big letters as the special afternoon feature. Jenkins had secured tickets and was hurrying me inside.

Our seats proved to be in a good position, and we had not long to wait for the beginning of the show. The performer soon appeared in the caged arena, and the various features of the program soon were passing before us. Tigers, leopards and lions, one after another, had been introduced, and at last King Leo, a tremendous lion, stood beside his master in the arena. "Now we get the star performance," whispered Jenkins.

The showman advanced to the front of the cage, where he opened a small wicket window.

"Now," he began, "if some mother in the audience will bring me her baby for a few moments, I will show you that Leo will hold the little one in his great mouth as tenderly as its mother can hold it in her arms. Trust me, some mother—your little one shall receive no harm whatever."

"We have only to wait a moment," declared Jenkins. "There is a young woman in the audience who furnishes the baby each afternoon; and Torrell, the showman, pays her ten dollars on the side after each performance."

"Horrors!" I exclaimed. "And just at this moment the young woman arose from somewhere near the front and advanced, with the baby in her arms. I got one glimpse of them—and the next instant I was on my feet, though almost transfixed in my indignation. The woman was our Sally—and the baby was our boy."

I summoned strength enough to draw my revolver, and the man who was not afraid of the whole African jungle covered before my aim. In the meantime I somehow reached the side of Sally and seized the boy in my arms, allowing Sally to make a precipitate exit.

No doubt she is now working her scheme in some other city where Torrell is showing. And we—well, we are not requiring the services of a nurse any more. Also, we are seriously thinking of calling our boy Daniel, the little one having been delivered from the lion's mouth, you know.

Small Point About Game Jane Didn't Understand

Jane always insisted that she wanted to share all my pleasures. I was not quite so sure about it, but diplomacy has its uses, so I said nothing.

At length it became impossible to postpone again taking her to the ball game. I drew a long breath, muttered a prayer for guidance, and gave in.

"That man out there on the mound is called the pitcher. He pitches," I began.

"That man with the bat—with the club—is the batter. He hits the ball."

"Why?" asked Jane.

"It doesn't matter," I continued. "He didn't hit it. If he had succeeded, however, he would have run toward that sack, which is called first base, and if he gets there before the ball he is safe."

"But I thought you said this game was not dangerous," Jane objected.

"Only to otherwise happy marriages," I responded.

"Oh!" said Jane.

"If a man gets to first base," I resumed, "the succeeding batters try to advance him by hitting the ball. If he goes all the way around, past second and third bases, and reaches home plate without being put out, a run is scored for his team."

"When three men are put out, the other side comes to the bat, and when each side has had nine turns at bat the game is over. The team that makes the most runs wins."

"Is that clear?" I asked.

"Perfectly," Jane assured me. "But one thing I don't understand."

"What is it?" I inquired.

"Why is it," Jane queried, "why is it that the men wear mittens only on one hand? It seems so silly."

A senile judge decided that my subsequent remarks constituted mental cruelty.—"J. K. M." in Kansas City Star.

Vain Gratitude

Walter Damrosch said at a dinner in Chicago:

"Musical conductors always find it hard to get enough orchestra rehearsals. Saint-Saens was once rehearsing some of his own pieces for a concert to Lillie. There were seven rehearsals, and Saint-Saens noticed that the kettle-drummer was the only member of the orchestra who attended them all. Of the other members one on this occasion was giving private lessons, another on that occasion was playing at a theater, and so forth and so on.

"Saint-Saens at the seventh and final rehearsal said gratefully to the faithful kettle-drummer:

"I thank you, friend, for your steady attendance, and good work at all these rehearsals of mine."

"Oh, that's all right," the kettle-drummer answered carelessly. "At your concert, though, another chap will take my place. I have to drum at a ball."

Was Taking No Chances

An art dealer had a chance to place a few dining-room pieces. So he asked an impecunious artist to paint him a still life of a salad in oil. The artist, being unusually hard up at the time, wanted to know if the dealer would furnish the salad. The dealer said he would.

"And the oils?"

"Yes, but no vinegar. I want you to paint this salad. I don't want you to eat it."

SICK WOMEN SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED

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In a recent canvass, 98 out of every 100 women say they were benefited by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.



Peddling Pays
Two hundred and fifty of New York's East side street vendors who peddle via pushcarts, everything from shalices to watermelons paid \$5 a plate for the privilege of attending a testimonial dinner to members of their profession. The invitations, were gold-inscribed, and the meal was of the best variety. Mrs. Molly Barusch, "queen of the peddlers," wore her diamond diadem and a white lace dress.

Mrs. Carnegie Welcome

Merchants and people in general of Sutherlandshire, Scotland, are pleased that Mrs. Andrew Carnegie will continue her summer visits at Skibo castle, for her coming means the spending of a great deal of money in the district.

Save Work in Household

Because of the great number of women in Germany who are unused to housework and are compelled to care for homes since the war, there has been a marked increase in the use of labor-saving household articles.

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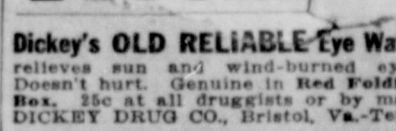
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REPORT OF FRIONA WOMAN'S CLUB

written by Mrs. Crawford:
History of the Friona Woman's Club.
 One bright afternoon early in September, 1909, a group of progressive minded women met on the front porch of the Friona Drug store to discuss the organization of a Woman's Club. Friona was then in its infancy, a small village set down on the plains of West Texas. These women were all representatives of an older and more developed section of the country who had come with their husbands and families to begin the up-building of this new and promising country.

and culture who would have adorned and strengthened a woman's club anywhere.

The drug store occupied the building which is now Weir's Cafe. It was owned by Dr. Rohrabach, who, with his genial wife and two children, made their home in the rear of the building. So here it was, with Mrs. Rohrabach as hostess on the shady front porch, that this group of ladies met and made their plans which resulted in the club we take such pleasure in upholding.

Mrs. Todd, a wide-awake, intellectual lady and accomplished musician, was most active in suggestions and plans. She was chosen the president. Others present were Mrs. D. Ferguson, who possessed a beautiful, well trained voice and was leader of our church choir; Mrs. McMillen, a quiet, refined lady, whose husband had charge of the new bank; Mrs. Jefferson, a wide-awake, energetic little person; Mrs. Jessie Letton; and the writer of this chronicle, the new young "school marm", Floy Knode, who does not take any of the credit to herself for the organization of this club, but, had she not been there, you may never have known how it all happened!

I shall quote here the minutes of that first meeting which will tell concisely the object and aims of this little club:

"The ladies met Sept. 10th to organize a Domestic Science Club. First was discussed a name for the club and 'Friona Woman's Club' was decided upon. The program for the coming year was read for the benefit of club members. Mrs. Letton was appointed chairman of the program committee.

"It was moved and seconded that our club study vital questions. The decision was made that the hostess should serve refreshments, limiting herself to three things. It was also voted that we meet every second and fourth Wednesday in each month at 2:30 p. m., prompt."

The first regular meeting was held on Sept. 17th when the program committee reported programs ready for printing.

Of the original membership only four reside in our town, three of whom, Mrs. Kinsley, Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Goodwine, are active workers and advocates of our club.

The aims and ideals as discussed and set down at that first meeting, were incorporated into the constitution which has always been our guide and has formed the policies carried out by officers and members of the succeeding years. It was deemed necessary to revise the constitution a few years ago, but only minor changes were made.

That the founders of the club felt a responsibility to their community is evidenced by the fact that a box supper was held the first year to raise money with which the Congregational church yard was fenced and trees planted. This being a union church and the only one in the town, the club took great pleasure in this undertaking.

They also had a committee to correspond with the Santa Fe officials in regard to beautifying the grounds near the station. They had dreams as we still have, of a community club house. To quote again from the minutes: "Business was discussed first, most all being in favor of trying for a chapter house through the American Woman's League."

These women were all busy home makers and mothers, so the programs of the first few years were pertaining to topics on the home and the welfare of children, interspersed with entertaining readings and music. The number of members did not exceed twenty or twenty-two.

Mrs. Jessie Letton finished the unexpired term of Mrs. Todd as president who moved away.

Officers for the ensuing years were as follows:

1910-11—Pres., Mrs. J. E. Overfelt; Vice-Pres., Mrs. R. Kell; Sec-Treas., Mrs. G. F. Jefferson.

1911-12—Pres., Mrs. Goodwin; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Jefferson; Sec-Treas., Mrs. Allen Stuckey.

1912-13—Pres., Mrs. R. H. Kinsley; Vice-Pres., Mrs. L. Fertsch; Sec-Treas., Mrs. T. J. Crawford.

1913-14—Pres., Mrs. J. C. Winn; Vice-Pres., Mrs. A. W. Henschel; Sec-Treas., Mrs. Crawford.

1914-15—Pres., Mrs. Crawford; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Elsie Clennin; Sec-Treas., Mrs. L. F. Lillard.

1915-16—Pres., Mrs. Elsie Clennin; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Henschel; Sec-Treas., Mrs. L. F. Lillard.

1916-17—Pres., Mrs. Henschel; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Ralph Lee; Sec-Treas., Mrs. Crawford.

1917-18—Pres., Mrs. G. L. Livings; Vice-Pres., Mrs. H. Hughes; Sec-Treas., Miss Winnie Warren.

In 1918 the club disbanded one year and did Red Cross work.

1919-20—Pres., Mrs. J. C. Wilkinson; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Goodwine; Sec-Treas., Mrs. Kinsley.

1920-21—Pres., Mrs. Adeline Reeve; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Crawford; Sec-Treas., Mrs. Wright (resigned and filled by Miss Ruth Livings).

1921-22—Pres., Mrs. D. W. Hanson; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Mary Dorcas Clennin; Sec-Treas., Mrs. Wilkinson. (To be continued next week)

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Winkison and small daughter, accompanied by Mrs. O. F. Lange and Miss Marie and Bobbie Conewan, motored to Amarillo Monday.

Robinson Crusoe was first published as a newspaper serial.

A barleycorn in England has no reference to John Barleycorn, it being an old British measure of length, one-third of an inch.

In 1924 the walrus, alone, in the London zoo consumed 9,500 pounds of cod.

Auto fatalities in 1924 were only 11 per 100,000 inhabitants as compared with 13.2 in 1923, in spite of the increase in the number of automobiles.

Bronze exhibits in the Metropolitan Museum are undergoing a new electric acid bath treatment which restores originals and exposes fakes.

Walking stick farms are not uncommon in England. To obtain a right-angled handle, the growth is pegged down along the ground, and from this reclining stalk the sapling shoots upward vertically.

But 64 per cent of the 1,406 students examined in arithmetic for entrance to New Jersey's normal schools managed to obtain averages sufficiently high to gain admission for the next school term.

met at the home of Mrs. Ford, Sept. 30th, fourteen and three guests being present to roll call. A short business meeting a program on "Home" was rendered. An interesting paper was given by Mrs. J. M. Teague on "How Home Conditions React on the Family." Mrs. Crawford and Miss Carmen Brewer both played beautiful piano solos, which were enjoyed very much by all. The following is the "Club History"

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