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FORD PLANT BUILT 108,962 IN JUNE.

Demand Exceeds Output as Ford Breaks All Previous Records.

During the month of June, the Ford Motor Company, thru its Detroit factories and 22 Assembly Plants throughout the country reached the production of 108,962 Ford cars and trucks, setting up a new high record for one month.

Production of Ford cars and trucks has been steadily increasing since early spring, and shows substantial gains over the same period last year. The second quarter of 1921, viz., April, May and June, show an output of 301,795 Ford cars and trucks against 220,878 for the same three months of last year, or a net increase of 80,918.

Despite the fact, however, that the Ford plants have been running at maximum capacity, the demand for Ford cars and trucks is not being met, and at the present time many thousands of unfilled orders have been piled up ahead so that Ford sales are still limited by manufacturing facilities rather

than marketing possibilities. Particularly is this true with respect to enclosed cars, for which the demand has been unusually heavy.

One reason cited by Ford officials for the unprecedented demand for Ford cars is the present tendency toward economy. Many of those whose names have been added to the long list of buyers might well have afforded larger and more costly cars than the Ford, but it is the belief that most prospective motor car buyers are investigating all of the costs incident to motoring much more carefully than at any period during the past five years.

The estimated output of the Ford factories for July calls for 199,000 cars and trucks, or a production of 4360 a day for 25 days. Since the assembling of cars is being handled during an eight hour work day only, the hourly output will be 545 cars. In other words, one Ford car or truck leaves the assembly line every 6 1/2 seconds.

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The Wreckers

By FRANCIS LYNDE

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CHAPTER XIII

What the Pilot Engine Found

For a time after the suicide of the off-trick-dispatcher the wreck epidemic paused. Acting upon Mr. Norcross's suggestion, Mr. Van Britz called his trainmen in, a crew at a time, and gave them the straight tip; and after that the hoodlums died a natural death, and a good many pairs of eyes all along the Short Line were keeping a sharp lookout for the trouble-makers.

In the meantime, Tarbell, still digging faithfully, managed to turn up a few facts that were worth something. In the Petrolite case he found a lone prospector living in a shack high up on the farther side of the canyon who told him that late in the evening of the day preceding the wreck he had seen two men climbing the slope from which the hoolder had been dislodged, and that one of them was carrying a pick. Also, further investigation seemed to prove that the rail which the blow of the rock was supposed to have knocked loose had been previously weakened either by drawing some of the spikes, or by unscrewing the nuts on the bolts at the joints.

In another field, and this time under Ripley's instructions, our ex-cow-puncher had been able to set and bait a trap. By diligent search he had found the man Murphy, the Clanahan henchman, who, under pressure, had given away the Timber Mountain plot which had climaxed in the kidnapping of the boss. This man had been discovered shot in a bar-room brawl and left for dead. But he had crawled away and had got out of town to live and recover at a distant cattle ranch in the Limberton hills.

When Tarbell discovered him he had cut out the booze, had grown a beard, and was thirsting for vengeance. Tarbell brought him back to Portia City, and presently there began to be developments. Murphy knew all the ropes. In a little time, Ripley, with Tarbell's help, was loaded for bear. One chilly October afternoon the lawyer came down to our office to tell Mr. Norcross that the game was cornered.

"All you have to do now is to give the word," was the way Ripley wound up. "You refused to do it on a former occasion, because we couldn't get the men higher up. This time we can nail Clanahan, and a good few of the political gangsters and bosses in the other towns along the line. What do you say?"

The boss looked up with the little horse-shoe frown wrinkling between his eyes. "Can we get Hatch and Henckel?" "No; not yet." "Very well; then you may lock those papers up in your safe and we'll wait. When you can see your way clear to a criminal trial with Rufus Hatch and Gustave Henckel in the prisoner's dock, we'll start the legal machinery; but not before."

By now we were right on the eve of the state election. As far as anybody could see, the railroad had staved free and clear of the political fight. The boss had kept his promise to maintain neutrality and was still keeping it.

At the appointed time the big day dawned, and the political wind-up held the center of the stage. So far as we were concerned, it passed off very quietly. Along in the afternoon the newspaper offices began to put out bulletins, and by evening the result was no longer doubtful. For the first time in years the power of the political machine had been smashed decisively at the polls, and on the following morning the Mountaineer announced the election of Governor Burrell, with a safe working majority in both houses of the legislature for the Independents.

It was on the third day after the election, rather late in the afternoon, that the boss had a call from a mining promoter named Dawes, representing a bunch of mine owners at Strathcona who were having trouble with a smelter. The smelter, one of the few Hatch monopolies which hadn't been shaken loose as yet, was located in the gulch six miles below Strathcona, and it was served exclusively by its own industrial railroad, which it was using as a lever to pry an excessive hauling charge out of the mine owners. Wouldn't Mr. Norcross try to do something about it?

The boss said he'd do anything he could, and asked what the mine owners wanted. Dawes said they wanted help; that they were going to hold a mass meeting in Strathcona the following morning at nine o'clock. Would he, or wouldn't it, be possible for Mr. Norcross to be present at that meeting?

Of course, the boss said he'd go.

Dawes went away, and before we broke off to go to dinner at the railroad club, I was given a memorandum order for a special.

At the club I found that Mr. Norcross had an invited guest—Major Kendrick. For a week or two Mrs. Sheila had been visiting at the state capital, and the major's wife and Mable Ann were with her. So the good old major was sort of unattached, and glad enough, I took it, to be a guest at anybody's table.

For a while the table talk—in which, of course, Jimmie Dodds hadn't any part whatever—circled around the late landslide election, and what Governor Burrell's party would do, now that it had the say-so. But by and by it got around to the railroad situation. "You're putting up a mighty good fight, Graham, my boy," he said over yet—not by a jugful, sub—this isn't just the way the major said it, but it's as near as I can come to his soft Southern drawl with the smothered "r's." "I've known Misteh Rufus Hatch for a good many years, and he has the perseverance of the ve'y devil. With all that has been done, you must never forget for a single hot'ub, that your admirable reform structure stands, as yet, upon the life of a single man. Don't lose sight of that, Graham."

The boss looked up kind of curiously. "You and Sheila seem to think that point needs emphasizing more than any other," he commented.

The major's fine old eyes twinkled gravely. "You are mighty safe in payin' strict attention to whatever the little gyarl tells you, Graham, my boy," he asserted. "She has a way of gettin' at the heart of things that puts us meah men to shame—she has, for a fact, sub."

"She has been very helpful to me," the boss put in, with his eyes in his plate. "In fact, I may say that she has herself suggested a good many of the moves in the railroad game. It's marvelous, and I can't understand how she can do it."

They went on for a while, singing Mrs. Sheila's praises over in a good many different ways, and I thought, wherever she might happen to be just then, her pretty little ears ought to be burning good and hard. To hear them talk you would have thought she was another Portia-person, and then some.

The dinner wore itself out after a while, and when the waiter brought the cigars, the boss was looking at his watch. "I'm sorry I can't stay and smoke with you, major," he said, pushing his chair back. "But the business grind never lets up. I'm obliged to go to Strathcona tonight."

I don't know what the major was going to say to this abrupt break-away; the after-dinner social cigar was a sort of religious ceremony with him. But whatever he was going to say, he didn't say it, for at that moment a telegram boy came in and handed him a message. He put on his other glasses and read the telegram, with his big goatee looking more than ever like a dagger and the fierce white mustaches twitching. At the end of things he folded the message and put it into his pocket, saying, sort of soberly:

"Graham, there are times when Sheila's intuhferences are mighty



"Sheila's Intuhferences Are Mighty Neah Uncanny."

neah uncanny; they are, for a fact, sub. This wire is from her. What do you suppose it says?"

Of course, the boss said he couldn't suppose anything about it, and the major went on.

"She tells me, in just seven words, not to let you go to Strathcona tonight. Now what do you make of that? How on top of God's green earth did she know any of yonahet at the capital, that you were meaning to go to Strathcona tonight?"

Mr. Norcross shook his head. Then he said: "There are wires—both kinds—though I don't know why anybody should telegraph or telephone the capital that I expect to attend a mine-owners' meeting tomorrow morning in the big gold camp. That's why I'm going, you know."

"But this warning," the major insisted, "there's a reason for it, Graham, as sure as you are haw'n."

Again the boss shook his head. "Between you two, you and Sheila, I'm due to acquire a case of nerves. I don't know what she has heard, but I can't afford to dodge a business ap-

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We realized that it was impossible for many to adjust themselves to the changed conditions, and now that prospects are Brighter we find it necessary to go on a Cash basis; and hope that those indebted to us will call and settle their accounts.

THE ONLY EXCEPTION WE WILL MAKE TO THIS RULE WILL BE DOCTORS PRESCRIPTIONS.

SONORA DRUG STORE.

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INTERNAL PARASITES AFFECTING SHEEP AND GOATS.

In our issue of July 9th we called attention to Circular No. 27 which was devoted to the Screw Worm fly and Wool Maggot and this week we wish to advise the ranchmen to order Circular No. 28 and Bulletin No. 264 published by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in the interests of the stockmen and farmers.

Under the subject of Stomach worms, Dr. Bennett says:

About two years ago in scattered sections of the southwestern part of the State, lambs and kids became thin and soon died from no apparent cause to the owners.

There was one reason for these losses, it being stomach worms. Favorable weather and range conditions along with the high price of wool and mohair induced ranchmen to increase their flocks to the maximum and sometimes they overstocked.

Animals, especially young, pastured over an infested area pick up the eggs and larvae of the stomach worms with their feed and from stagnant waterholes.

All animals should be watered from troughs which should be cleaned often.

All newly purchased animals should be isolated and given two treatments for stomach worms before they are allowed to mix with the other live stock.

This note gives an idea of the way the matter is handled by Dr. Bennett and how worth while it is for sheepmen to read Circular 28.

Bulletin 264 is valuable as it gives a simple system of keeping accounts and records of the business and is entitled "Farm Records and Accounts" and the ranchman requires only a small journal or single entry ledger in which to keep these accounts or record.

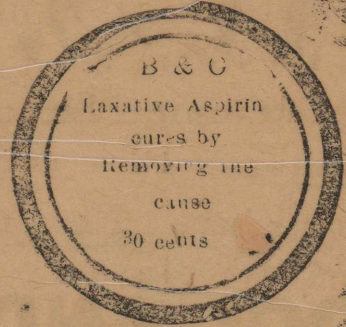
Order these pamphlets from B. Youngblood, Director, College Station, Texas. They are for the asking.

For Sale or Trade.

Some good resident property in Sonora, will exchange for sheep or goats. T. I. BENSON.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Pursuant to the Election Proclamation issued by the Governor of the State of Texas, no election will be held on the twenty-third day of July, A. D. 1921, in the various voting precincts of Sutton County, Texas, for the purpose of voting.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the courthouse in the town of Sonora, in the Sonora Independent School District, on the 23rd day of July, A. D. 1921, to determine whether the Board of Trustees of said district shall have power to annul and collect a tax upon all taxable property in said district.

It is, therefore, ordered by the Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District that an election be held at the courthouse, in the town of Sonora, in the said Sonora Independent School District, on the 23rd day of July, A. D. 1921, to determine whether the Board of Trustees of said district shall have power to annul and collect a tax upon all taxable property in said district.

J. B. Thorp is hereby appointed judge of said election, and J. A. L. and W. E. Hathorn are appointed clerks to assist him in holding the same.

None but property taxpayers who are qualified voters in said Sonora Independent School District shall vote at said election, and the election is in favor of the tax shall write or have printed on their ballot "FOR MAINTENANCE TAX" and those against it on their ballot "AGAINST MAINTENANCE TAX."

In pursuance of said order, I, W. E. Caldwell, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District, issue this notice, the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1921. W. E. CALDWELL, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Sonora Independent School District.

HAS RELIC OF SITTING BULL

South Dakota State Historical Society Presented With Famous Chief's Pipe of Peace.

The famous old pipe of peace of the Indian chief, Sitting Bull, has been presented to the South Dakota State Historical Society by H. C. Pryor of the Aberdeen Normal school.

On the stem of the relic, burned or inked into the wood, is the autograph of the warrior. The bowl of the pipe is of pink sandstone from the quarries at Pipestone, Minn. The stem is about twenty inches long, and is of ash wood. The pipe was traded to Mr. Pryor's father, I. D. Pryor, now a resident of Los Angeles, by Sitting Bull, at Camp Crook in 1887, for a blanket.

The story goes that Sitting Bull had just been released from prison at Fort Randall, and was making his way northward to the reservation. Always ready to pick up a few dollars, he stopped off at Pierre, S. D., and started a flourishing business selling his autographed cards at \$1 each. It seems that his name was about the only thing Sitting Bull could write in English, and he was very proud of it. Some one induced him to step into the telegraph office there and write his name on a number of harmless looking message blanks.

FAMOUS BOW MAKER IS DEAD

Old English Craftsman Had Helped Many Violinists to High Place in Musical World.

Did you know that "Tabbs of Soho" in London is dead? Perhaps you never heard of "Tabbs of Soho," and yet he was with Giuseppe Tartini, famous in the violin world as a maker of bows, Kreisler, Bottesini, Gompertz, the Strausses, everybody used to go to him for bows. He lived in a little house in the heart of the Soho district, which corresponds in a sense to Mayfair of Paris.

Did you ever realize how much a fine bow had to do with the power of even the greatest violinist to give us the music of the masters in that entrancing manner which carries us out of the toil and toils of life? Ask any of the great ones if they would rather have a poor violin and a fine bow or a fine violin and a poor bow. With a fine bow and nimble fingers I have heard some of the great ones produce from an ordinary, cheap fiddle music that was entrancing.

DID NOT SUFFER MUCH.

Beer was not so plentiful in Germany during 1920 as before the war, not by half, and coffee was used to only one-third of the amount consumed in 1913, says the Nation's Business. The pre-war number of cigars was cut in two, and only cigarettes showed a figure higher than in 1913. Altogether, however, Germany in 1920 spent 23,000,000,000 of her depreciated marks for beer, wine, coffee, tea and tobacco.

FATHER'S POSITION.

"Father," said a budding eight-year-old, "do you know there are 110 in our family?" "Don't be silly, my boy," replied the father. "There are only three." "No! there are 110. Mother is one, I am one, and you come next."

A PROBLEM.

"What do you regard as the most difficult problem before you?" "Selecting one man as postmaster of a town and convincing 20,000 others who wanted the job that they ought to feel grateful and complimented."

MODEST.

Mr. Wiggum (to servant girl)—Is my wife going out, Annie? Anna—Yes, she is. Mr. Wiggum—You haven't heard whether I'm to go along?

LINER USED AS HOTEL.

Visitors to Liverpool recently, owing to lack of hotel accommodations, were housed in one of the big transatlantic liners lying in dock.

SHOULD DIVIDE TASKS.

Jud Tinkins says it doesn't seem sensible for a man to keep so busy mowing the lawn that he can't get time to shave himself.

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REPTILE IS EXPERT ANGLER

"Fishing Frog" Has No Trouble Baiting the Unwary Prey With His Glistening Bait.

There is a hideous reptile, known as the fishing frog, which angles for its game as expertly and with as great success as the most adroit fly fisher. He is a clumsy, awkward swimmer, but nature has compensated him for his unwieldiness by furnishing him with an equivalent for a rod and line, with bait always ready for use, the Indianapolis News declares. Two elongated tentacles spring from his nose, which taper away like actual fishing rods. To the end of them is attached, by a slender filament, which serves the purpose of a line, a bait in the form of a shiny bit of membrane. The hooks are set in the mouth of the fisherman below, and in order to induce the fish to venture within reach of them, the angler stirs up the mud at the bottom with his flaps and tail. This attracts the fish and conceals him from observation. He then plies his rod; the glittering bait glows in the water like a living insect. The dazed fish are taken in great numbers, perfectly circumvented by the trick of the crafty angler.

REMAINS OF VAST ICE SHEET

Beautiful Configurations of Long Island Had Foundations Laid Thousands of Years Ago.

Long Island affords particularly clear evidence as to the history of the great continental ice sheet which covered the northern states many thousand years ago.

The southern margin of this great ice sheet, according to the United States geological survey, extended to Long Island and remained there for a long time, depositing a thick body of intermixed boulders, sand and clay as a terminal moraine, which is now the backbone of the island. The ice moved southward across the area that is now occupied by Long Island sound, and brought these materials from the north, dropping them at its melting edge. This method of deposition developed a very irregular aggregation of hummocks and hollows, which have produced the many beautiful details of configuration that make the higher parts of Long Island so attractive to lovers of nature.

PLAYING FOR SAFETY.

Robert, aged eight, ran in to his father with his nose bleeding. "What have you been doing?" demanded his father, as he rendered first aid. "A boy hit me," was the answer. "Well, and did you hit him back?" "No, father; you see, he was smaller than me." "The father's heart glowed. "And, besides, he was a poor boy." The parental face beamed with pride. "And," added the boy, "you can never tell, father, how strong those poor boys are."—London Tit-Bits.

"FLYING SICKNESS."

Two theories are cited in the Scientific American to account for flying sickness. The French school, headed by Professors Bert and Regnard, holds that it is caused by shortage of oxygen, while the Italian school, led by Professor Mosso, maintains that shortage of oxygen does not of itself account for the sickness, but that collapse is due to lack of carbonic acid in the blood at high altitudes. Up to 9,000 meters, application of oxygen will overcome the sickness, but above that height a mixture containing carbon dioxide and oxygen is necessary.

CITY INSURES EMPLOYEES.

Group insurance to the amount of \$1,500,000 has been taken out by the city of Calgary, Alberta, to cover employees in case of death, sickness, accident or any other cause. Calgary is at present the largest city in Canada providing this form of protection for employees. A feature of the group plan is that many uninsurable persons are thereby included for insurance who would otherwise be denied.

HUMAN INTERCHANGE.

"Hiram," said Mrs. Cornstossel, "what is the new hired man complaining about?" "He isn't really complainin'. Talkin' about his troubles is just a hired man's way of bein' social and friendly."

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ABOUT TEXAS AND FIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

TEXAS—Area 377,073 square miles, (each mile 640 acres). Growth since 1890: Population 1890 711,399; in 1920, 1,662,228 increased 2 1/2 times. School children in 1890 about 210,000; in 1920, 1,271,157 increased 6 times. Foundation laid for public free school fund in 1890. Value in 1920 \$71,892,230. 2. State gave for free education of each child in 1890 nothing; in 1920 \$11.6. Taxable values 1890 \$170,000,515; in 1920 \$3,220,342.1 increased 18 1/2 times.

FOR the amendment to Sections 5 and 21 and 22 and 23 of Article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for Compensation of Executive Officers.

AGAINST the amendment to Sections 5 and 21 and 22 and 23 of Article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for Compensation of Executive Officers.

Salaries now paid the "Executive Officers" are: Governor, \$4000; Attorney General, \$4000; Treasurer, Comptroller and Land Commissioner, each, \$2500; Secretary of State, \$2000. They were fixed under the Constitution of 1866—55 years ago—when living expenses, duties and responsibilities of the officers were much less than now. About every salaried person but these has had a raise in pay since then. Under this proposed amendment the Legislature could pay these Executive Officers not to exceed: Governor \$8000; Attorney General \$7500; Treasurer, Comptroller, Land Commissioner and Secretary of State, each, \$5000 and no more, but the Legislature could pay them less. That proposed raise in those salaries is too small to increase the tax rate because when compared with the total taxable values of the State, printed above it will be seen that the pro rata part of one who pays tax on \$1000 worth of property would be only one half of a cent, or five cents on \$10,000 worth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Luckie were in town Saturday accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Oakley of Lampasas, who is visiting them on the ranch. Miss Oakley taught for them two years and has been in the University or teaching school for the last two years. She will be remembered by many friends.

Claude Sites and Lamar Wilkinson were here Tuesday arranging for the picnic at the Middle Valley on the 20th. This promises to be one of the best attended outings of the season and an interesting program is being arranged. Besides the address by Congressman Hudspeth there will be a polo game with Brady, a baseball between Junction and Eldorado, goat roping and other western sports. Good music and a large platform for dancing.

The people should use the presence of Congressman Hudspeth at the Mayer barbecue to circulate a petition for the establishment of a postoffice at Mayer and Owenville. Probably the new Postmaster General will consider the people living in that territory should have mail facilities. West Texas usually gets better consideration from the Republican Administration than from the Democratic.

For the first time since the new ranch house has been built, a few friends of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bond enjoyed the hospitality of these well-known entertainers on the evening and night of July 7th. The affair was given complimentary to the neighboring brides, Mrs. W. J. White and Mrs. Gordon Stewart and lathing, cards and dancing, to say nothing of the good eats for which the Bonds are noted was indulged in by those present. There is more than 100 feet of glassed in verandas 12 foot wide connected by a 12 foot hall in this ideal ranch home and it is easy for one who has enjoyed a visit to this ranch to imagine the scene. Those present were Messrs and Mes James Louis Stuart, Stealing Baker, Gordon Stewart, W. J. White, Russell Martin, E. C. Beam, E. L. Mayfield, Fred Simmons, Mike Murrill, Thomas Bond, Mrs. Earl Owen of Kerens, Misses Beth and Dasa Elington of V. L. Geraldine and Bonnie Mae French of Corsicana, Mable and Ethel Mears of Menard, Willie Mae Winn, Elma Evans Violet Staley and Messrs Wade Grieland, H. V. Stokes, Geo. H. Neill, Will Miss, Earl Mow, Joseph Vander Stucken, Van Martin, Tommie and Frank so d.

As the Independent School District takes in some of the regular or precinct election boxes and as the voting on the Constitutional amendments are to be voted on the same day it will be necessary for some property tax paying voters to vote in two places on that day. The voting on the school tax levy will be held in the Court House at Sonora while a person living in the Independent School district, but whose general voting box may be at the Mittel Wall school house, will vote there on the Constitutional Amendments and at the Court House on the School tax levy.

Firemen's Meeting.

The Sonora Fire Department was reorganized at the meeting Monday night. The officers elected are: Cal Ory, chief; Neil Roueche, assistant chief; Ralph Trainer, secretary and treasurer; Claude Keene, fire marshal. Those with the following members constitute the department: E. S. Long, Joe. W. Trainer, W. E. Caldwell, D. H. Mitchell, J. G. Barton, W. R. Barnes, Bob Steen, Frank Eaton, Jack Pierce, Woodie Martin, Finis Hamby.

Matters of importance were discussed with Mayor Caldwell and it is hoped that at an early date a truck for the hose and chemicals will be added to the equipment.

Chief Ory will call another meeting at an early date when suggestions will be acted upon.

FOR SALE—Singer Sewing machine, old, needles, belts, etc. J. A. Leach. 90-47

W. A. Kaderli who is in the abstracting business at Stanton was a visitor in Sonora Saturday.

Harvey Walker and Cleve Jones of the Middle Valley country were business visitors in Sonora Monday.

Mrs. Agnes Parker has returned from a visit to relatives at Sanderson.

G. G. Stephenson and Wirt Stephenson, ranchmen of the Pandale country were visitors here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cagle left for their home at Bartlett Thursday. Mrs. A. D. McKnight accompanied them and will remain for a two weeks visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bryson had as their guests this week Mrs. S. A. Duke, mother, and Mrs. James Wigginton of Brady and Mrs. Lou Liles of El Paso, aunts of Mrs. Bryson, and Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Jordan and daughter of Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Luckie were in town Saturday accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Oakley of Lampasas, who is visiting them on the ranch. Miss Oakley taught for them two years and has been in the University or teaching school for the last two years. She will be remembered by many friends.

Claude Sites and Lamar Wilkinson were here Tuesday arranging for the picnic at the Middle Valley on the 20th. This promises to be one of the best attended outings of the season and an interesting program is being arranged. Besides the address by Congressman Hudspeth there will be a polo game with Brady, a baseball between Junction and Eldorado, goat roping and other western sports. Good music and a large platform for dancing.

The people should use the presence of Congressman Hudspeth at the Mayer barbecue to circulate a petition for the establishment of a postoffice at Mayer and Owenville. Probably the new Postmaster General will consider the people living in that territory should have mail facilities. West Texas usually gets better consideration from the Republican Administration than from the Democratic.

For the first time since the new ranch house has been built, a few friends of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bond enjoyed the hospitality of these well-known entertainers on the evening and night of July 7th. The affair was given complimentary to the neighboring brides, Mrs. W. J. White and Mrs. Gordon Stewart and lathing, cards and dancing, to say nothing of the good eats for which the Bonds are noted was indulged in by those present. There is more than 100 feet of glassed in verandas 12 foot wide connected by a 12 foot hall in this ideal ranch home and it is easy for one who has enjoyed a visit to this ranch to imagine the scene. Those present were Messrs and Mes James Louis Stuart, Stealing Baker, Gordon Stewart, W. J. White, Russell Martin, E. C. Beam, E. L. Mayfield, Fred Simmons, Mike Murrill, Thomas Bond, Mrs. Earl Owen of Kerens, Misses Beth and Dasa Elington of V. L. Geraldine and Bonnie Mae French of Corsicana, Mable and Ethel Mears of Menard, Willie Mae Winn, Elma Evans Violet Staley and Messrs Wade Grieland, H. V. Stokes, Geo. H. Neill, Will Miss, Earl Mow, Joseph Vander Stucken, Van Martin, Tommie and Frank so d.

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CHANGE IN STYLE OF PICTURES

Tuesdays A mixed program will be presented, consisting of 2 reels of Western, 2 of Comedy and one of Cartoon—The Gumps.

Fridays Five reels of Adventures.

Saturdays Five reels of Western Feature plays.

I am trying to please the public and hope they will assist by their patronage. Let us know how you like these pictures.

Admission 15 and 30 cents.

Sonora Moving Picture Theatre.

Big Store To Rebuild.

"The Roach McLyMont Company which now occupies a two story building 53 feet wide and 120 feet long, will begin work in a few weeks on the construction of a 75 by 150 foot addition adjoining its present building. As soon as the new building is completed the separating walls will be taken out and the entire building will be opened into two great rooms—one upstairs and one downstairs. The present building has a roof garden for the Company employees which also forms a meeting place for the Roach McLyMonts Boosters Club, a store organization which conducts store projects on a community plan."—The San Angelo Standard.

Attention Ladies.

I am prepared to do hairdressing and manicuring. Give me a trial order. Charges reasonable. Phone 42. 99-24 Mrs. John W. Martin.

John S. Allison came down from San Angelo Monday to attend to some business.

Bill West and Joe Blakeney of Crockett county, were here Thursday on sheep business.

Walter and Will Whitehead the big ranchmen and bankers of Del Rio, were in Sonora Tuesday on their way home from a visit to the Barnheart country where they have stock interests.

SMART BABIES HUNGRY.

Dr. Eugene Rosamond of Memphis read a paper before the Southern Medical association with the following conclusions: (1) Habitual crying in breast-fed babies at a particular time each day—usually late afternoon and at night—is a symptom of hunger. (2) The prematurely smart, wide-awake baby is hungry. (3) Three-months colic is primarily hunger. Starvation, indigestion and milk imbalance, due to the mother's worry, may cause true colic to supervene, but these right themselves if the baby's cries are heeded. (4) Supplemental and supplemental feeding is the remedy. (5) Complementary feeding should be given only with a cup and spoon.

LIVING IN THE PAST.

The director of indigenous arts in Fez, Morocco, told me that he had recently come upon a book written in the fourteenth century and describing Fez as it was at that time. The director compared the statements in the book, item by item, with Fez as it is today—and found the book to be perfectly up to date. Reprint it and it would pass very well as a modern account of present-day Fez. The people of Fez are still doing things just as they did them in medieval times.—Willard Price, in Christian Herald.

CANADIAN TOBACCO.

Tobacco farmers of Canada are preparing for a 60,000,000-pound crop this year, which should have a total value of more than \$15,000,000. Ontario last year produced 21,688,500 pounds on 20,114 acres. Quebec, the premier tobacco province, produced 26,400,000 pounds last year, an average of 800 pounds an acre. It was a 50 per cent increase over the preceding year. The tobacco industry is also flourishing in the Kelowna district of British Columbia.

THE WOMAN JUROR.

During a trial in New Jersey one of the lawyers lunched with one of the woman jurors, and now the other side is trying to upset the verdict. Evidently the ladies of the jury, and counsel as well, must learn that a case in court is not a tea party.—Boston Transcript.

The Best From Texas.

S. E. McKnight, who ranches 14 miles east of Sonora, was in town Saturday. Mr. McKnight is the breeder of Hereford cattle and gives the Flying U brand on the shoulder. He has been marketing some grown steers raised on his ranch in Sutton county and given a finish on his farm near Lohn in McCullough county. He has been shipping from Brady and the freight charges per head has amounted to around \$9 to Kansas City where they were sold. Clay, Robinson & Co., who handled the cattle wrote Mr. McKnight:—"These cattle were a mighty good drove of Texas cattle in fact one of the best bunches of Texas cattle we have seen this year." Choice native corn fed cattle weighing 1100 to 1200 were selling the day the McKnight herd reached the market at \$7.50 to \$7.75. The McKnight steers weighed 1111 and sold for \$7. The first shipment "hung up" so well that Armour and Wilson bought the second consignment. They must have been good stuff for Clay, Robinson & Co., to give them such a high rating as "the Best Texas cattle we have seen this year" and Mr. McKnight says they were White Faces and as good as he could raise.

FOR SALE—High Grade Yearling and two year old Rambouillet Rams (native raised) at ranch near Mertzon. 99-11. W. E. NEWTON.

Chas. Scheiner of Kerrville sold the Ira Shurley clip of long wool at 23 1/2 cents. There were 30 sacks in the clip.

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The Big Lake News reports that the Big Lake Wool and Mohair Association disposed of 124,000 of wool to Boston parties at 8 to 19 1/2 cents.

A number of prominent cattlemen of Texas have formed a company for the sale of Kansas Blackleg Aggregates direct from the laboratory to the user. You may order through the Vander Stucken-Trainer Co, but they are not allowed to keep it in stock. Ernest Abbott San Angelo is district agent.

BUCKS FOR SALE.

I have 200 Delaine Bucks yearly goats. E. M. KIRKLAND, Sonora, Texas.

Rams and Billies for Sale or Trade.

I have several head of Registered Rams and Billies. Will exchange for Cash, wool or Mohair. J. A. WARD, Sonora, Texas.

WOOD WANTED

Sealed bids for 15 cords of 24 inch and 25 cords of 12 inch good dry oak heater wood will be received by the undersigned for the Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District until Thursday 8 p.m. July 28th. Right reserved to accept any or reject all bids. 99-4. W. E. Caldwell, Secretary.

VELASCO CASE GOES TO SAN ANGELO FOR TRIAL.

At a special session of the District court held in Sonora, July 14th, District Judge Cornell on his own motion transferred the J. Velasco case to Tom Green county. The Velasco case was heard here at the last term of court on change of venue from Pecos county.

DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.
MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor.
STEVE MURPHY, Publisher.

Entered at the Postoffice at Sonora as second-class matter.
SUBSCRIPTION \$2 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

Sonora, Texas. — July 10, 1921.

All Resolutions of Respect, Cards of Thanks, Notices of Entertainments where an admission fee is charged, Etc., will be charged for at our regular advertising rates.

Baptist Church, Next Sunday

Sunday school at 9.45 a.m.
Preaching by Pastor at 11 a.m.
There will be a Union Service at the Baptist church Sunday night, Rev. Moreland will preach. All are invited to attend.

For Sale—Singer Sewing Machines, oil, belts and needles by J. A. Leach.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Chalk were in town for a few days visit this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ediph Trainer on Wednesday July 13th, a girl.

Mrs. J. A. Ward and daughters are here from Abilene on a visit to the ranch.

Mrs. Charles Morris of Del Rio was visiting her mother Mrs. J. R. Word this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Strunberg of San Angelo were visitors here Friday guests at the Commercial.

District Judge James Cornell returned Thursday from holding District court at Fort Davis.

Miss Dorothy Smith is home from a three weeks visit to her brother Fred Smith at Eldorado.

Millard Cope visited his parents at Christoval Sunday and reports his father much improved by the baths.

Miss Nell Davis is here from Austin on a visit to her brothers Haynie and Tom Davis on the ranch north of town.

Mrs. Tom Davis and little son of Sonora are visiting Mrs. Davis' parents Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Hoggatt this week—Junction Eagle.

Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken left on Friday for Colorado where she will spend the summer with her son Emile who is attending the law school at Boulder.

Mrs. C. S. Holcomb came in from the ranch near Del Rio and left Friday afternoon for Ballinger in response to a message that her mother is ill.

Miss Dora Lee McKee and cousin Miss Pansy Buckner are here from El Paso and have joined Miss Bill McKee as guests at the L. J. Ward ranch. They were the guests of Miss Velma Savell Friday.

Place your order for Kansas Blackleg Aggregates, made by the Cattlemen Serum Co. of San Antonio, with Vander Stucken-Trainer Co. in plenty of time for it to arrive by Express.

The Cattlemen Serum Co. do not allow their Aggregates to be kept in stock as they want to be sure the stockman gets the goods fresh, then they know the results will be satisfactory. Ernest T. Abbott, San Angelo District Agent.

BUYING AT HOME HELPS.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank of Sonora, at Sonora, in the State of Texas, at the close of business June 30, 1921.

ASSETS

Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, (except those shown on the debit side of this statement)	592,739.01
Total loans	592,739.01
Deposits:	
a. Note and bills received with Federal Reserve Bank (other than bank acceptances sold)	63,410.75
b. Note and bills received other than with Federal Reserve Bank (other than bank acceptances sold)	21,112.83
c. U.S. Government securities owned:	
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1. U.S. Government securities owned:	70,000.00
2. U.S. Government securities owned:	41.09
Total U.S. Government securities owned	70,041.09
3. Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	5,700.00
4. Banking house, furniture and fixtures	2,300.00
5. Real estate owned other than banking house	4,400.00
6. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	27,215.51
7. Cash in a depository other than Federal Reserve Bank and other cash items	61,963.97
8. Set amounts due from banks, bankers and trust companies in the United States (other than included in items 9, 10 and 11)	101.65
9. Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	151.61
10. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	3,500.00
Total	\$448,810.70

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	100,000.00
Surplus fund	50,000.00
Undivided profits	214.01
a. Reserved for interest and taxes unpaid	2,783.51
b. Reserved for other purposes	27,656.92
21. Circulating notes outstanding	7,000.00
22. Cashier's checks on own bank outstanding	10,051.09
Total of items 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25	10,051.09
26. Individual deposits subject to check	301,528.43
Total demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to check	301,528.43
27. Reserve, items 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35	2,167.70
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, items 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35	2,167.70
29. Bills payable, other than with Federal Reserve Bank (including all obligations representing money borrowed, other than rediscounted)	23,000.00
Total	648,810.70

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF SUTTON, ss: I, W. L. Aldwell, President of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. W. L. Aldwell, President.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of July, 1921. [Seal] Roy R. Aldwell, Notary Public, Sutton County, Texas.

Recapitulation.

Loans and discounts	\$591,975.47
U. S. Bonds	70,041.09
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	5,700.00
Furniture, Fixtures and Other real estate	6,800.00
Cash in Banks and Vault	82,237.13
Revenue and War Saving Stamps	2,167.70
Five per cent fund	3,500.00
Total	\$772,954.70
CAPITAL STOCK	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund and Undivided Profits	114,128.81
Redemption	7,000.00
Debits	257,771.21
Bills payable	23,000.00
Reserve for taxes	2,978.51
Less reserved for other purposes	511.05
Rediscounts	12,538.90
Total	\$772,954.70

BARBECUE

Mayer, Texas

Wednesday, July 20th.

Congressm C. B. Hudspeth

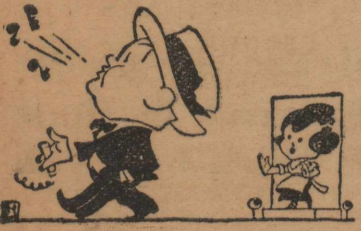
will speak on affairs in Washington, Tariff and Finance and the Future.

Base Ball: Junction vs Eldorado Goat Roping, Dancing, Etc.

Exhibition Game of Polo has been promised S. E. McKnight by BRADY Polo enthusiasts:

Everybody Invited

A bird like this makes a model husband



HER NICE new husband,
 STEPPED OUT of the house,
 WHISTLING LIKE a bird,
 WHICH ALARMED young wife,
 ESPECIALLY WHEN,
 SHE FOUND she'd plucked
 THE WRONG package.
 AND INSTEAD of oatmeal,
 HAD GIVEN him birdseed,
 BUT DON'T think from this,
 THAT EVERY guy,
 YOU HEAR whistling,
 HAS NECESSARILY,
 BEEN ROBBING the canary.
 OTHER THINGS inspire,
 THE ALMOST human male,
 TO BLOW through his lips,
 AND MAKE shrill noises,
 A RAISE, for example,
 OR A day off when,
 A DOUBLE header is on.

OR AN everyday thing,
 LIKE A good drag,
 ON ONE of those smokes,
 THAT SATISFY,
 WHICH CERTAINLY are,
 THE REAL birdseed,
 FOR MAKING men,
 TRILL THEIR pipes for joy,
 SO LADIES, if hubby,
 GOES AWAY whistling,
 YOU NEEDN'T worry,
 ALL'S SWELL.

WHEN you say that Chesterfields "satisfy," you're whistling. You know—the instant you light one—that the tobacco in it are of prime selection, both Turkish and Domestic. And the blend—well, you never tasted such smoothness and full-flavored body! No wonder the "satisfy-blend" is kept secret. It can't be copied.

Did you know about the Chesterfield package of 10?

They Satisfy Chesterfield CIGARETTES

LIGGETT & MYERS TOBACCO CO.

Under Pure Food Laws
 Refreshing Drinks
 Are Bottled
 ALL KINDS AT
THE HORN PALACE
 JACK PIERCE.
 MY CIGARS Are Always Prime

BOB HOLLAND

OF

Holland Auto Company

SAN ANGELO

Is not connected with the Williams Auto Co.,
 now.

He wants your business.

West Twohig Avenue, near San Angelo
 National Bank.

MARKET NOTICE.

We desire to notify our customers and the public generally that we cannot extend the monthly pay plan to those who do not settle their obligations before the 10th of each month. It should not be necessary to specify any reason for the observance of this requirement. Please arrange to pay before the 10th of each month if you desire the monthly pay system.

COOPER & SIMS.

THE DALLAS NEWS

THE NEWEST, THE BEST, THE MOST RELIABLE—THAT'S ALL.
 E. J. PIERCE Circulator at SONORA, TEX. S.

For Torpid Liver

"Black-Draught is, in my opinion, the best liver medicine on the market," states Mrs. R. H. Whiteside, of Kootz, Okla. She continues: "I had a pain in my chest after eating—tight, uncomfortable feeling—and this was very disagreeable and brought on headache. I was constipated and knew it was indigestion and inactive liver. I began the use of Black-Draught, night and morning, and it sure is splendid and certainly gives relief."

Theford's BLACK-DRAUGHT

For over seventy years this purely vegetable preparation has been found beneficial by thousands of persons suffering from effects of a torpid, or slow-acting liver. Indigestion, biliousness, colic, coated tongue, dizziness, constipation, bitter taste, sleeplessness, lack of energy, pain in back, puffiness under the eyes—any or all of these symptoms often indicate that there is something the matter with your liver. You can't be too careful about the medicine you take. Be sure that the name, "Theford's Black-Draught," is on the package. At all druggists.

Accept Only the Genuine.

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pointment. Sheila has merely overheard an echo of the threats that are constantly being made by the Hatch sympathizers. It's the aftermath of the election, but it's all talk. They're down and out, and they haven't the nerve to strike back, now."

That ended matters at the club, and the boss and I walked down to the headquarters. The specter with Buck Chandler was waiting, and at the last minute I thought I wasn't going to get to go.

"There's no need of your putting in a night on the road, Jimmie," said the boss, with the kindly thought for other people's comfort that never failed him. But after I had begged a little, telling him that he'd need somebody to take notes in the mine meeting, he said, "All right," and we got aboard and gave the word to Maclise, the conductor, to get his clearance and go.

A few minutes later we pulled out and the night run was begun. Like every other car the boss had ever owned, the "05" was fitted up as a working office, and since he had me along, he opened up a lot of claim papers upon which the legal department was giving him the final say-so, and we went to work.

For the next two hours I was so busy that I didn't know when we passed the various stations. At half-past nine, Mr. Norcross snapped a rubber band over the last of the claim files lighted a pipe, and told me I might go to bed if I wanted to; said that he was going himself after he'd had a smoke. Just then, Chandler whistled for a station, and looking out of a window, I saw that we were pulling into Bauxite, the little wind-blown junction from which the Strathcona branch led away into the northern mountains.

Waiting a bite of fresh air before turning in, I got off when we made the stop and strolled up to the engine. Maclise was in the office, getting orders for the branch, and Chandler was squatting in the gangway of the 815 and waiting. Up ahead of us, and too far away for me to read the number on her tender, there was a light engine. I thought at first it was the pusher which was kept at Bauxite to help heavy freights up the branch grades, and I wondered what it was doing out on the branch "Y" and in our way.

"What's the pusher out for, Buck?" I asked.
 Chandler grinned down at me.
 "You ain't so much of a railroad man as you might be, Jimmie," he said. "That ain't the pusher. It's our first section, runnin' light to Strathcona."

Maybe Chandler was right, that I wasn't much of a railroad man, but I savied the Short Line operating rules well enough to know that it wasn't usual to run a light engine, deadheading over the road, as a section of a special. Also, I knew that Buck knew it.

With that last little talk over the club dinner-table fresh in mind, I began to wonder, but instead of asking Chandler any more questions about the engine out ahead, I asked him if I might ride a piece with him up the branch; and when he said "Sure," I climbed up and lugged myself on the freman's box.

Maclise got his orders in due time and we pulled out. I noticed that when he gave Chandler the word, he also made motions with his lantern to the engine up ahead and it promptly steamed away, speeding up until it had about a half-mile lead and then holding it. That seemed funny, too. Though it is a rule that is often broken on all railroads, the different sections of a train are supposed to keep at least five minutes apart, and our "first" wasn't much more than a minute away from us at any time.

Another thing that struck me as being funny was the way Chandler was running. It was only sixty mountain miles up the branch to the big gold camp, and we ought to have been able to make it by one o'clock, taking it dead easy. But the way Buck was negotiating along it looked as if it might be going to take us all night.

Just the same, nothing happened. The first ten miles was across a desert stretch with only a slightly rising grade, and it was pretty lurch all tangent—straight line. Beyond the ten-mile station of Nippo we hit the mountain proper, climbing it through a dry canyon, with curves that blocked off everything fifty feet ahead of the engine, and grades that would have made pretty good toboggan slides. The night was fine and starlit, but there was no moon and the canyon shadows loomed like huge walls to shut us in.

On the reverse curves I could occasionally get a glimpse of the red tail lights of the engine which ought, by rights, to have been five full minutes ahead of us. It was still holding its short lead, joggling along as leisurely as we were.

With nothing to do and not much to see, I got sleepy after a while, and about the time when I was thinking that I might as well climb back over the tender and turn in, I dozed off right there on the freman's box—which was safe enough, at the snail's pace we were running. When I awoke it was nearly one o'clock in the morning, and we had worried through the thirty-miles of canyon run and were climbing the steep talus of Slide mountain.

While I was rubbing my eyes, the eight-wheeler gave another little jerk, and I saw that Chandler was slowing for a stop; saw this and got a glimpse of somebody on the track ahead, flagging us down with a lantern. A minute later the brakes had been set and Buck and I were off. As we swung down from the engine step, Maclise joined us, and we went to

meet the man with the lantern. It was the freman of the engine ahead and when we got around on the track I saw that our "first section" was stopped just a little way farther on.

"What is it, Barty?" said Maclise when we came up to the freman.
 "It's them h—l-fired wreckers again," was the gritting reply. "Rail joint disconnected and sprung out so's to let us off down the mountain."

I thought it was up to me to go back and tell the boss, but there wasn't any need of it. The stop or the slow running or something had



We Went to Meet the Man With the Lantern.

roused him, and he was up and dressed and coasting along beside the engine. When he came up, Maclise told him why we were stopping. He didn't say anything about the rail break, but he did ask, sort of sharp and quick, what engine that was up ahead.

I don't know what Maclise told him, Chandler turned to go back to his engine, and the rest of us were moving along the other way, the boss setting the pace with Maclise at his elbow. Three rail-lengths ahead of the stopped light engine we came to the break.

The head engineer and another man were down on their hands and knees examining it, and when they stood up at our coming, I saw that the other man was Mr. Van Britz.

"What?" said the boss; "you here?"
 Our only millionaire nodded. "I ride the line once in a while—just to see how things are going," he returned crisply.

The boss didn't say anything more, but he knelt to look at the break. It was a trap, all right, set beyond all question of doubt, to catch the private-car special. The fish-plates had been removed from a joint in the left-hand rail and the end of the down-hill rail had been sprung out to make a derailing switch, which was held in position by the insertion of one of the fish-plates between the rail-ways. If we had hit the trap, going at even ordinary mountain-climbing speed, there would have been nothing left to tell the tale but a heap of scrap at the bottom of the thousand-foot dump.

Under Mr. Van Britz's directions the engineer and freman of the pilot engine brought tools and the break was repaired.

While they were doing it the boss stood aside with Mr. Van Britz, and I heard what was said. Mr. Van Britz began it by saying, "We don't need any detectives this time. You are on your way to Strathcona to put a clamp in the snifter squeeze—the last of the Rex Tower monopolies—so Dawes told me. He was probably foolish enough to tell others, and the word was passed to scrag you before you could get to it. This trap was set to catch your special."

"Evidently," barked the boss; and then: "How did you happen to be here on that engine, Upton?"
 "I've been ahead of you all the way up from Portal City," was the calm reply. "I thought it might be safer if you had a pilot to show you the way. I guess I must have had a lurch."

The boss turned on him like a flash. "You had something more than a lurch; what was it—a wire?"
 Mr. Van Britz grinned; his teeth a little, but he told the truth.

"Yes; a friend of ours tipped me off—not about the broken track, of course, but just in a general way."
 The break was repaired and the men were taking the tools back to the engine. As we turned to follow them, Mr. Norcross said: "Just one more question, Upton. Did your wire come from the capital?"

But at this Mr. Van Britz seemed to forget that he was talking to his general manager.
 "It's none of your d—d business where it came from," he snapped back; and that ended it.

Notwithstanding the slow run and the near-disaster on Slide mountain, we had our meeting with the Strathcona mine owners the following morning; and that much of the special train trip served its purpose, anyway. The boss met the miners a good bit more than half-way, and gave them their relief—and the Hatch-owned smelter its knock-out—by promising that our traffic department would make an ore tariff to the independent smelter on the other side of the range low enough to protect the producers.

It was nearly three o'clock in the afternoon before we got away for the return to Portal City.
 We had seen nothing of Mr. Van Britz during the day, and until we came to start out I thought maybe

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