

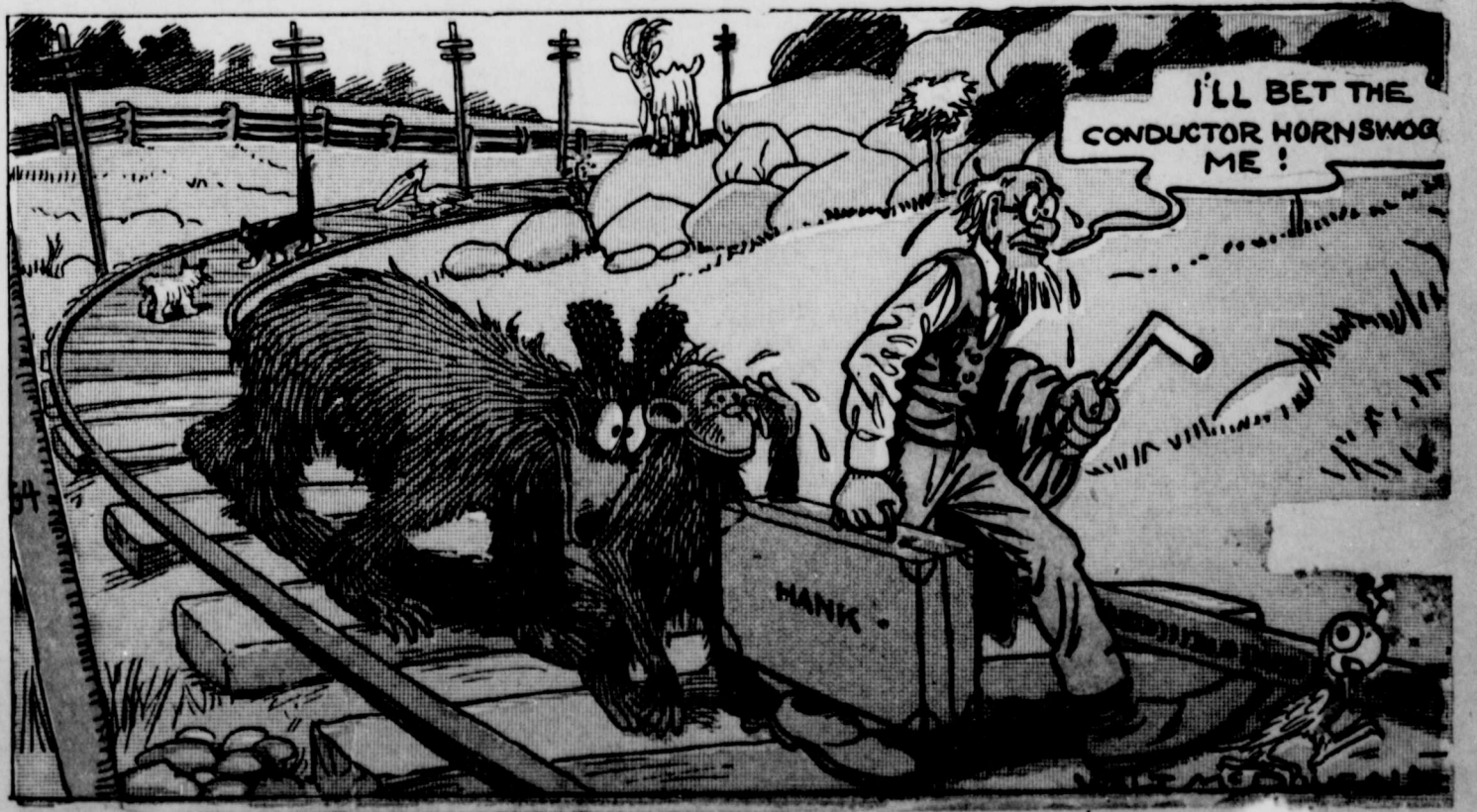
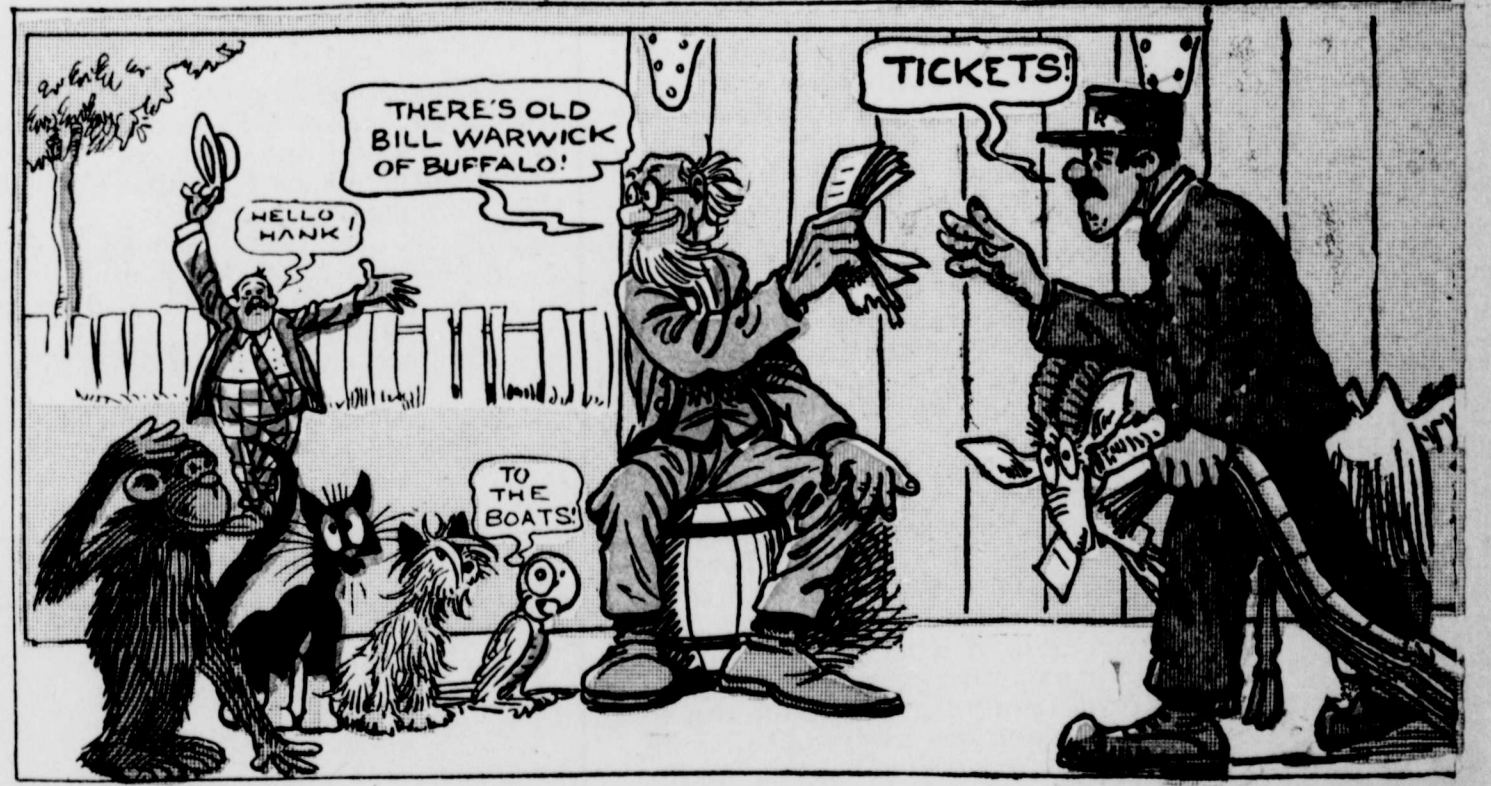
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Duchess Gives Up Rank and Riches To Marry Poor Captain



The Duchess of Westminster

The beautiful, statuesque Duchess of Westminster, recently wife of the richest duke in England and chatelaine of Britain's lordliest castles, has given up all that to be the bride of a modest soldier, Captain J. Fitzpatrick Lewis, who was a hero during the war, but just a plain business man before that.

No social occurrence of recent years has caused such amazement in England as this. It reads more like a fairy story than an event of prosaic modern life—like the story of the poor boy who expected to have his head chopped off but found himself beloved by a beautiful princess.

In order to make this love match the Duchess was compelled to relinquish upon her divorce all her interests in the estates and family heirlooms and jewels of the Westminsters, although, of course, she received a liberal settlement. Among the famous houses and estates she had to give up were:

- Eaton Hall, Chester, one of the largest country houses in England.
- Grosvenor house, London.
- Halkin house, Flintshire.
- Kirriemuir castle, Scotland.
- Rosemary lodge, on the Thames.
- Villa des Papillons, Nice.

The Westminsters possessed perhaps the most famous jewels, including rubies, diamonds and pearls, owned by any family in the British nobility. The Duchess used to find great pleasure in decking herself with all these family treasures.

Those jewels, which belonged to the duke's ancestors, are, by law, kept in the family as heirlooms, in much the same fashion as the entailed estates, and can only be worn by the actual wife of the duke. The Duchess, therefore, was obliged to relinquish these historic treasures.

The Neska Diamond.

Most conspicuous of the Westminster jewels is the Neska diamond, which, cut in a triangle the size of a fifty-cent piece, was worn by the Duchess in the shape of a brooch. Among her other great treasures was a marvelous pliable diamond ribbon forming a true lover's knot, the under side of the ribbon being of rubies. It terminates with diamond tassels picked out with rubies. This exquisite ornament can be worn as a tiara. The Westminster rubies were remarkable, and not long after her marriage she had a great number of old historic rubies belonging to the family set in a tiara.

Considerable piquancy is given to this romance by the fact that the Duchess decided to obtain her divorce after her close association with Captain Lewis during the war.

Another odd feature of the romance is that the Duchess is a good many years older than her modest bridegroom, for she has a grown-up daughter in society 18 years old, while he cannot be much over 30, as he was an aviator in the war.

The Duchess was Miss Constance Edwina Cornwallis West, known to her friends by the Irish name "Shelagh," younger daughter of Mrs. Cornwallis West, who was the favorite hostess of King Edward VII, when he was at the height of his social glory.

This old friendship of King Edward for the Duchess' mother and other circumstances make the present royal family feel a deep interest in her affairs. The king has looked upon her in the past almost as a member of his own family, while the queen happens to be related by marriage to the duke. In any case, the sovereigns would feel concerned in the matrimonial troubles of a ducal couple as prominent as the Westminsters, but in this case there are exceptional reasons.

The Duchess' older sister, Daisy, married Prince Henry of Pless, the richest nobleman in Germany and a particular friend of the fallen kaiser. The princess went through the ordeal of living through the war, an Englishwoman in Germany, with remarkable bravery and tact.

Both sisters were among the most strikingly beautiful women in European high society, each in a different way. The princess was an exquisite picture of blond beauty. The Duchess was darker, more stately, more statuesque, but equally beautiful.

When this young beauty married the young Duke of Westminster, England's richest peer, it was considered the most brilliant event of the day, and the king and queen welcomed it with the greatest pleasure.

The young Duchess, in the early days of her married life, was one of four Duchesses who held a canopy over Queen Mary at the great coronation ceremony.

But all those triumphs and dreams of social splendor have proved to be sad and empty vanities. After a long series of miserable quarrels

with her husband and other unhappy episodes, she finally obtained a divorce.

Now a Happy Bride.

Now she is the happy bride of Captain J. Fitzpatrick Lewis, who made a record as a gallant aviator during the war. Before that he worked for an insurance company, and was just a modest young business man struggling for a living in the great city of London.

He is a good sportsman and athlete, a dashing rider, a clever billiard player, an accomplished skater and an expert in many lines. He is also an amateur actor and singer. These are all useful accomplishments in winning a woman and valuable in many ways.

When the war broke out his athletic abilities helped him to obtain a commission in the air service where he quickly progressed. He shot down five German planes, took part in a successful squadron engagement and performed several other feats.

At last his end came, as to most other aviators. Flying out at dawn over the German lines he was attacked by three German machines which had hidden themselves behind a fog bank. They shot the Britisher's machine full of holes and put three bullets in his leg.

Captain Lewis was barely able to steer his crippled machine to earth within the British lines. There he was picked up unconscious, his rescuers not knowing at first whether he was dead or alive. He proved luckier than most aviators crippled in mid-air, for after a few minutes he opened his eyes and after a drink of brandy he showed a disposition to live.

Now it happened at this time the Duchess of Westminster was directing a war hospital at Le Touquet in France, on the shore of the English channel. She had led an aimless life before the war broke out, quarreling with her husband, wandering from one cosmopolitan pleasure resort to another and indulging in many frivolities. Once she was so disillusioned with life that she left \$100,000 worth of jewels at a railroad station.

The outbreak of the war recalled her to a sense of her responsibilities and the claims of humanity. With her own fortune and her own labors she established her war hospital at Le Touquet, where she cared for 200 wounded British officers and soldiers. There was frequently criticism of the nursing and hospital work done by women of rank, but everybody spoke of the splendid efficiency of the Duchess of Westminster's hospital.

To this hospital was carried Captain Fitzpatrick Lewis. He did not look very heroic then—a small man, battered and bandaged and worn. He was at the point of death then. The Duchess worked long and hard and was finally rewarded by seeing the captain well on the road to recovery.

While her patient was recovering the Duch-

ess discovered that he was a very charming man and they had many interests in common. For instance, they both liked outdoor sports and singing and music. The world became a more attractive place to the Duchess than it had been for years.

Then Came the Armistice.

The war came to an end and the friendship between the Duchess and her patient continued. He proposed to go back to business to earn his living, but she engaged him as her secretary to aid in various public-spirited schemes she was carrying on. She followed up the soldiers she had nursed and tried to help them and their families. She intended, as he has told her friends, to devote the rest of her life to relieving some of the misery and bitterness left by the war.

Then she determined that she would be free from her husband, the duke, free to do as she pleased, in spite of all the conventions. For several years she had been notoriously estranged from her husband. Once he had shut her out of her own house in London. The king and queen had urged her not to seek a divorce because of the bad public effect such a scandal in the highest class of society must have, and for a time she obeyed them.

But rather late in life she found what true love meant, and obeying the imperious dictates of her heart, she sought her divorce regardless of all protests. She had no difficulty in obtaining her freedom, for the duke, noted as the most liberal patron of the musical hall stage in England, had given cause for many divorces.

Six months ago the Duchess began her divorce suit, and now she has been married to her secretary, Captain Lewis. The marriage occurred one month after her divorce decree was made absolute. Most people believe that her interest in him decided her to obtain her divorce. The friends of the couple assert that the Duchess played the leading part in bringing the romance to a climax. A mere captain and private secretary would hardly have dared propose to a Duchess.

One day with absolute secrecy and no sign of any wedding preparations they went away to a little English village, Lyndhurst. There they were married by the "registrar," an English official who performs marriages and registers births and deaths.

The marriage was an absolute surprise and was not discovered by the world until the following day.

This strange, romantic couple spent their honeymoon giving entertainments for the poor in London. The day after the marriage, for instance, they performed in a concert at Canning Town, a miserable quarter of London. The captain is quite a "song-and-dance artist." They gave every outward evidence of being ecstatically happy.

THE OLD LAND LIVES

With its clinging vine, its oak and pine,
Its corn and wheat and its bloom o' rose;
The old land lives in the hearts that love it,

The star-strewn flag of the brave above it,
A land of the sweet and the true and tried,
Of the hero's boast and the freeman's pride!

They come and go, but the old land lives;
It's planted deep and spread afar,
With its red and white and blue, and, oh,
With its splendid field of the golden star;
The old land lives in flame and thunder,
The march and swing of an age of wonder,
They've fought the fray, and the old land lives.

The old land's good for the battles yet;
They've talked and tossed, and the old land lives,
And it stands four square to the foam and fret;
The old land lives in the old, sweet story,
A land of light and a land of glory,
A land of strength and strong endeavor—
It lives, and lives, and lives forever!

They fuss and fume, but the old land lives,
The old land's here till the last trump blows;

A land of the high and the pure and the best,
With the plow in her hand and a rose on her breast!

The old land lives, and that is enough;
The old land's here while the years go by,

The land of the free and the bold and the bluff,
With the singing stream and the dreaming sky;
The old land lives in her light, green beauty
For her sons of trust and her sons of duty.
A land of the joy and song of light
In the bannered bloom of the truth and right!

The old land lives, and it always will;
It's a good land now, as it always was,
When the harvest sings in the far blue hill
Or the May bloom bursts where the wild bees buzz;

The old land lives in the hearts that love it,
With the star-sown field of its flag above it,
A land of dew and a land of dawn,
With the old, old habit of going on!
—Folger McKinsey.



EDITOR FRED L. HASKETT OF CHILDRESS INDEX

Stands by the propeller after landing at Amarillo, Texas, to attend a recent meeting of the Panhandle Press Association. The distance from Childress to Amarillo is 16 miles and was flown in 95 minutes. It is claimed that Editor Haskett has the honor of being the first newspaper man to use an airplane to attend a gathering of Texas newspaper men. A stop of twenty minutes for breakfast was made en route at the home of a relative of Mr. Haskett, five miles west of Childress. The ship was landed within a few yards of the relative's home. The picture clearly shows that the Panhandle country is a birdman's paradise, as the land is almost level and there are no trees or other obstructions to make landing dangerous. The airplane is one of three owned by the Amarillo Aerial Service & Transportation company.

The first marriage of the Duchess and her estrangement furnished a remarkable chapter of recent social history. The duke had been born for a life of luxury, extravagance and self-indulgence, as few persons of modern times. He was the grandson of the previous duke, his father having died in early manhood. Through this accident the present duke inherited as mere boy the entire vast wealth and possession of the dukedom.

An Income of Ten Millions.

The wealth of the duke is enormous. His income is estimated at \$10,000,000 a year, and that in a country where money goes farther than in America. He owns acres of property in the heart of the west end of London, including Grosvenor Square, Belgravia and a large part of Mayfair. One of his country estates, Eaton Hall, is an immense palace containing 20 rooms and stables for 150 horses, a place so large, in fact, that the duke does not care to live in it.

He owns Grosvenor house, a splendid mansion in London, and half a dozen great country estates besides Eaton Hall.

Even while he was engaged to the beautiful Shelagh West the duke showed his unstable character by becoming entangled with the notorious Mrs. Atherton.

After a very few years of married life the conflict between the self-indulgent duke and his high-spirited wife became marked. Strange to say, the duke objected to the innocent social and athletic pastimes of his wife. He thought, beneath the dignity of a Duchess of Westminster to display the shapely figure with which nature had gifted her in various sports. He was displeased that the lady who bore his name should play in amateur performances of French farce.

During the same period he was associated with some of the most brilliant ornaments of the London and Paris music hall stage. Such things, he thought, were the privilege of his rank and position.

When the Duchess first discovered that the duke was staying away from home more than he ought she was naturally deeply hurt. She was one of the most admired young women in society, a Cornwallis West, daughter of a mother noted for her wit and herself possessor of many accomplishments and mental attractions. She was, of course, one of the greatest beauties in society. She had always been a favorite of the Court set. When she was quite a little girl King Edward had told her that she was going to be the most popular hostess in England.

Undoubtedly she thought over all her charms and claims and then wondered that the duke could turn his back on them to pursue some music hall charmer. His idea of happiness was to spend the evening with a noisy party of theatrical people. He didn't care in the least for Court society. He thought Miss Gertie Miller, of the Gaiety Theater, was one of the most entertaining social companions, but he was at all particular or exclusive.

He helped to introduce the late Gaby Desly to the British public. He obtained a position in London for the Polish charmer, Wanda Bancza, who was called the greatest beauty of the day for a brief time.

The Duchess stamped her little foot with rage and then she thought the duke was crazy. An idea struck her—she would bring him to his senses. She would imitate his behavior, with certain important differences, of course. She showed herself in very Bohemian society and acted quite unlike a Duchess. She felt sure that would make him see the error of his ways.

Far from it! It only made him treat her more harshly and coldly than before, while he did not reform his own ways in the least.

The Queen's Sympathy.

Queen Mary showed her sympathy for the Duchess in her wrongs, although the duke was related to her, his aunt having married the queen's brother. There was a great State ball at Buckingham Palace, to which the Duchess was invited by the king and queen, while the duke was pointedly omitted.

When the duke heard of this he was furious and gave orders that his wife should not be admitted to their town house when she came home from the ball. For some years, by the way, he had been accustomed to stay away from the house every night and not to speak to his wife during the day.

As a result of this order the Duchess could not get into her own house when she came home, about 4 o'clock in the morning. She tried the house of a relative of her husband and could not get in there. In consequence all London heard the next day that the Duchess of Westminster had been driving around in the best clothes with no place to sleep.

The Duchess declared that she would have her rights and her divorce and tell all about the duke. Queen Mary, with her customary solicitude for the dignity of society, sent for the Duchess and urged her to bear her wrongs for the sake of her children and the example to others. The Duchess promised to defer any action for a period.

Then the war came and at that time she would not think of bringing her private wrong before the public. A few months after the armistice she gave notice of her divorce proceedings.

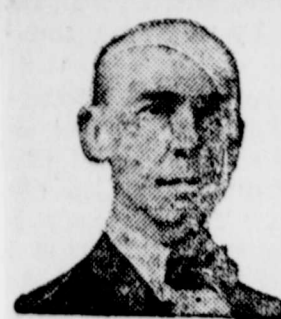
A short time before the case came into court it is understood, the queen sent for the Duchess and made a final effort to dissuade her from her action.

"Remember," said Her Majesty, "that we are not put here to enjoy ourselves, but to do our duty to the best of our power. Think of that and you will be able to forget your grievance by occupying yourself with your children and doing your duty in that rank of life to which you have been called."

"Your Majesty," said the Duchess, "I am determined to live my own life and seek happiness for myself. I don't care a rap for the dignity of society."

And so the Duchess will not only lose all the great houses, estate and honors that go with the dukedom of Westminster, but she will receive the ornament of court festivities any mo-

THINGS POLITICAL



Every two years a gang, or coterie, of men undertake to ruin our government and set up a reign of political unrighteousness. This has been going on since the days of Brutus, Cassius and Mark Anthony—I don't know how much longer, as I never could become interested in history that was made before the days of these notables. I have followed history faithfully from the fateful Ides of arch, when great Caesar was stabbed, up to a presidential election when Samuel J. Tilden was robbed of the executive chair by a seven-six commission. Since that awful time I have no need of history, for I have been on the ground myself and watched the proceedings. It is true that Rome, and would have succeeded had there been no Cicero. The King tempted to ruin Greece, and there would not have been a greasy spot left of Grecian liberty there had not been a Demosthenes. What is true of Greece and Rome is also true of our own dear land. This great federation of states was hardly tied together in the name of freedom, neither had the proud insignia of our country fanned the wrinkles out of itself the glorious airs of liberty, before a band of wicked men entered into a conspiracy to stab liberty and ruin the government. I don't know if this is so, but my reading and my observation convinced me beyond a doubt that where liberty and good government are present the siren to choke liberty and crush the good of government is also present. Looking back over the years I have known I cannot recall a single biennium in which the would-be wreckers of government and destroyers of liberty did not appear, full panoplied, for the work of destruction. These men come forth with their words and fine phrases. Many of them have voices as musical as the falling waters, as powerful as the thunderings of Jove. They know history, they know poetry, they have all the graces of the orator's art, and are cunning in debate as the old serpent that talked Mother Eve. The wonder is that they haven't destroyed everything that's good—that they haven't left only the shell and shadow of our republic mirrored in the waters of the oceans while historians recorded in the den book of America the pale memory of the siren of the government founded by our illustrious fore-fathers.

There's a reason why the wreckers of good government and the stabbers of liberty have succeeded. Left alone in their awful work of destruction these foes of mankind would have made a desolation of our land, as they ally did of Greece. Left alone these fellows would have made short work of our government, just as others of their kind did with the empire of Babylon, the power of Nineveh and the grim fortitude of Tyre, and the glorious party of which we boast would now be numbered with the things that were—"a school

boy's tale, the wonder of an hour." Ancient Egypt had a wonderful government once, but the wreckers were given free rein, and almost in the twinkling of an eye they wiped from the earth that weird and wizzard civilization of the Nile that made Egypt the garden spot of the world. I say there's a reason why these wreckers have not succeeded in putting out the fires lighted upon the alters of liberty in our congenial clime by our forefathers. They were mean enough to do the work, and gladly would they have placed the chains of slavery on our necks and ankles—but happily every time these wreckers have appeared they have been met on the stump and in the printing offices by an army as brave as lions and as unflinching as the martyrs of old. When danger is scented, as it is every two years, these intrepid defenders of political righteousness go forth "as terrible as an army with banners" and sweep the hordes of Mammon out of the country. And so our country has been saved every two years, from its earliest existence until now, and so it will be saved while the cycles of time roll on and on. Even now, as I pencil these lines, the destroyers are busy. They are going up and down the highways of our beloved Texas—they are pelting our pure ozone with the rankest sophistry in their efforts to destroy our country, but, pitted against these apostles of Mammon are the brave defenders of political righteousness, who will face and fight the enemy until their throats are calloused and their tongues are covered with corns. And I say unto you, "fear not; be of good cheer; our country will be saved; it always has, and it always will." It is easy enough for you to recognize these contending forces. The fellows who are trying to stab liberty and destroy the government are the fellows who are against you; the defenders of good government and political righteousness are the fellows who are with you.

It is well to keep in mind the fact that in this great war between those who would destroy and those who would save the country frequent changes are made. The doctrine of final perseverance does not hold good in politics, no matter how firmly it may be entrenched in religion. In the game of politics, as in the game of weevily wheat, or dancing, we must have frequent change of partners. In politics every voter is a free agent. A man may be a destroyer of the country this year and a savior of the country two years from now. Some who two, four, or six years ago, were the meanest and most determined foes of liberty and good government are today fighting valiantly for political righteousness, while some who stood by my side in days gone by and fought nobly for the salvation of the country are today doing their level best to inflict a death blow upon liberty and enthrone Mammon. Glad indeed am I to witness the redemption of the former. I deeply regret the ugly things I said about them in the past, and bitterly do I sorrow over the injustice I did them. They were good men from the beginning, but they had not had opportunity to know the facts, and were victims of the designing enemy. But, if I repent sincerely the injustice I did these,

I bow my head in shame and disgust when I read again the good things I said of the latter. Like Judas, they were devils from the beginning, and were only lined up with the forces of righteousness with the hope of getting office. It is possible that I may change my opinion of both classes again two years from now, and I will do so if those who are now standing for wickedness change and espouse the cause of righteousness, and those who are now lined up with the forces of good government go over to the ranks of the enemy, but for the present I have no hesitation in declaring those who are trying to help me save the country the salt of the earth, and those who are trying to ruin the country the meanest scoundrels unhung.

I have found it necessary to change my opinion of a few of my countrymen many times, and now I put them on notice that I will change my opinion just as many times as they change from political righteousness to iniquity or vice versa. I have in mind just now one brilliant Texan who has undergone several radical changes in my mind, and said brilliant Texan is none other than Hon. Cone Johnson, one of the intellectual giants of our great state. Mr. Johnson made the first speech against prohibition it was my lot to hear. Before this genial gentleman came through in 1887 I did not believe there was a man on earth so lost to shame and reason that he would speak against prohibition. But Johnson did, and he actually put forth a few arguments that worried me. I denounced him as an agent of the devil and would not have granted him permission to walk through my horse lot, lest he contaminate the Jimson weeds. I went on hating and denouncing Johnson for a long time, but one day I saw in the papers that he had made a speech in the State Senate in favor of the railway commission, and I said to myself, possible there is a spark of good in that man after all. A little later Mr. Johnson took the stump for that great commoner and matchless statesman James Stephens Hogg. I read every line of Mr. Johnson's speech, declared it unanswerable and acclaimed the speaker one of the state's most brilliant men. Some years later Mr. Johnson crossed swords with Joe Bailey in a contest that shook the state from center to circumference, and I not only declared him the greatest orator in the state, but the most lovable man as well. When Johnson came to Honey Grove he got the best room in my house, and there was always within his reach a pitcher of ice water and cold buttermilk.

I cannot mention all others who have seceded between political righteousness and the forces of Mammon these many years, as the list is too long for publication. I recall, however, that I have praised and cursed Cone Johnson, Joseph W. Bailey, James Stephen Hogg, Oscar B. Colquitt, Barry Miller, Charles A. Culberson, M. M. Crane, Cullen F. Thomas, E. G. Senter, Tom Campbell, W. P. Hobby and virtually every other man who has made a race for office or played an important part in Texas politics the last thirty years. And this, dear reader, is through no fault of mine. Through all these years I have been as true to good

government as the big dipper is to the north star, but as yet I have been unable to find a man who would not join forces with Mammon occasionally, and undertake to ruin the country I so dearly love, and stab the liberty I prize so highly. I can't even name a neighbor who has held the correct opinion on every issue and voted right in every race.

POLITICS A BLESSING

You may conclude, after reading what is printed here, that I do not think much of politics, but I beg to assure you that I do. Reviewing the scenes of the past, and looking with prophetic eye into the future, I am convinced that without politics and political races this would be a very dull and insipid world. Without politics we would learn very little of history. Who would tell us of Greece, of Rome, of Carthage, or of the great men these countries produced, if there were no candidates for office on the stump? But for the candidates for office few of us would have learned of the wisdom of Lycurgus or Solon, or the unbending integrity of Epaminodas. Perhaps we would have lived out life's little span without hearing of the glorious stand of the Greeks at Thermopylae or the relief of the British garrison at Lucknow if the candidates for office had not thrilled us with the glory that came to the brows of the brave on these immortal fields. And then, how poor in poetry we would have been if there had been no politics or political races. Goldsmith gave the world the splendid lines, "Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey, where wealth accumulates and men decay," but this gem of literature would have remained hidden away in dusty and musty volumes had not the political speakers dragged it forth to point their morals and adorn their tales. Mr. Holland looked out upon a needy world and wrote the prayer-poem, "God give us men, a time like this demands," etc., but it was left for the politicians to bring us the poet's prayer. We are indebted to politics and politicians for so many good things that I dare not attempt to enumerate the blessings. If we had no politics we'd have no summer picnics nor any of their concomitant joys. Certainly, politics and political campaigns have caused us to do many foolish things, but luckily our whirling Dervish acts were not photographed, and with the close of the campaign have passed as a midsummer night's dream. And, best of all, our country has been saved every two years, and it will keep on being saved biennially until the world finally rolls up as a scroll.

FORT WORTH HIDE AND WOOL MARKET.

Market firm and steady. The following prices were paid for hides, wool, etc., by Nortex Hide & Produce Company, Fort Worth, Texas, May 1, 1920:

Green hides by express	\$.17
Green salt hides by freight	.19
Bulls and damaged, usual reduction.	
Dry flint hides	.33
Dry salt hides	.29
Bulls and damaged, usual reduction.	
Green salted horse hides, large, each	6.00
Green salt horse hides, medium, each	5.00
Ponies and damaged	Half-price
Green salted cow skins, each	50c to 60c
Sheep pelts, each	50c to 1.50
Shearling sheep, small pelts, kids and damaged pelts, usual reduction.	
Furs, according to grade.	
Wool, according to grade.	

Early Times in Texas

OR THE ADVENTURES of JACK DOBELL—By J. C. DUVAL.....

CHAPTER XXVI.

"That story," said Mr. Pitt, referring to Uncle Seth's story about his experience with a mouse in the prison of Matamoros, "reminds me of a little affair I had with a mouse myself, and if it's too soon to turn in yet, I'll tell it you.

"Soon after I came to Texas," said Mr. Pitt, "I went with a party from Houston to Austin. There was some talk of establishing the seat of government at the later place, and I held a leadership in the House of Representatives. I wished to see the locality that probably would be my 'stamping ground' for some time to come. There were ten of us in the party, all well and mounted, for anywhere after leaving the suburbs of Houston we were likely to encounter hostile Indians; and in fact, we had to have a lively skirmish with fifteen or twenty manes, at the crossing of — creek, in which one of our party was so badly wounded he was compelled to leave him at the next settlement. But that has nothing to do with the present yarn.

"A few days after our arrival at Austin, five or six men from Eastern Texas stopped there, and were on their way to the city of San Antonio. I had heard a great deal about the 'ancient city' and was desirous of seeing it before returning to Houston. Finding the men from Eastern Texas had no objection to my joining them I determined to do so. At that time the only settlement between Austin and San Antonio was the village of New Braunfels, and as there was no public house in the place for the accommodation of travelers, my kind old lady, who was aware of the fact and knew I would have to camp out a night on the way, packed up two or three pounds of cold mutton and some biscuits in a napkin and handed them to me just as I was mounting my horse to start. I thanked her, slipped the package in my saddle bags—and forgot all about it until after my arrival at San Antonio. My companions had a pack mule loaded with supplies for the road, and as they insisted I should take care of them when we encamped, I forgot to take care of my saddle bags. It was in the latter part of June, and as usual that season of the year in Texas, the weather was so hot as to render the stereotyped question, 'Is this hot enough for you?' entirely unnecessary, for it was hot enough to suit a Hot-tot. Soon after we started the next morning one of my companions asked me if I did not notice a very disagreeable smell. I told him I did not, and that I had observed it now and then since leaving camp. This disagreeable smell continued to follow us persistently all day,



"At that time the only settlement between Austin and San Antonio was the little village of New Braunfels."

and the same question was frequently asked by others, but nobody could answer it, unless some one suggested there had been a very fatal epidemic amongst the stock in the country.

"About 2 o'clock in the evening we arrived at San Antonio, and put up at the 'Veramendi,' at that time the only public house in the city, kept by a Mr. Lockmar, an Italian. There were no private rooms for guests in the establishment, but one large apartment in which there were sixty or seventy canvas cots, served as a common dormitory for all. Lockmar ushered us into this room and pointing out a cot to each one of us, he told us they were ours as long as we saw proper to stay at 'the best hotel in Texas,' and that dinner would be ready for us in about an hour, when we would have a show at some of the 'best beef and frijoles in Texas.' As we found out subsequently, Lockmar did not exaggerate in the least as to the quality of his fare, but even 'the best beef and frijoles in Texas' will become a trifle monotonous if they are served up three times a day for weeks, without anything else.

"As we wished to take a look at the city while dinner was being prepared, we threw our saddle bags under the cots allotted us, and sallied out upon the streets. I did this without the least fear of losing my 'luggage,' and would have done so even if my saddle bags had contained articles of much greater value than a spoiled snack—which they didn't—for whatever may be said against the 'old Texans' they are not given to pilfering. I admit that they are a little careless sometimes in the way they handle their 'shooting irons,' especially when a Mexican is likely to be shot if they should go off accidentally, but such crimes as robbery or murder for plunder are altogether unknown among them. But, I am wandering from my story, and will 'return to my muttons,' in the saddle bags, albeit they are badly tainted.

"When we supposed we had given the landlord of the Veramendi House time enough to have dinner prepared for us, we turned our

steps towards it. As soon as we came in sight of it we perceived that something unusual was taking place at the hotel, as a crowd was standing around the entrance, and others were seen hurrying out, every one, singularly enough, with a handkerchief pressed tightly to his nose! As I entered the door I met a Frenchman hastening out, and I asked him if the hotel was on fire. Instead of answering my question, he said, 'My fren, vill you be so goot to tella me eef you know vere I find some room in zis house wizeout ze dead dog?' Ah, poff! eet is vorse zan ze turkey boozard's denair.' Utterly mystified by what he had said, I hurried on to the dormitory and just as I reached the doorway an Irishman came bolting through it with his nose closely pressed between his fore finger and thumb.

"What's the row, my friend?" said I. "Row?" said he. 'Faith and bejabbers if you go into that room you'll purty soon find out what the ruction is.'

And he went on without further explanation. I stepped through the door and the moment I did so I was nearly floored by the most villainous smell that ever saluted my nostrils. All the guests who had congregated in the common sleeping apartment to take their evening's siesta (then 'the costumbre del pais') had risen from their cots, and were running here and there, examining closely every nook and corner where it was possible a dead animal might be hidden. Lockmar and all his 'peons' were present also, aiding in the search for the dead dog (or whatever it was). Stepping up to him I asked him if he had any idea what it was that caused such a horrible smell in the house.

"No," said he, 'I haven't—when you and your friends came here, most of my boarders were lying on their cots taking their siesta, and in a few moments after you went out the row began—and as they are all alive yet, and we have searched the room closely without finding even a dead mouse, I am wholly at a loss to account for it.'

Just then one of the boarders, who was peeping under my cot with his nose in six inches of my saddle bags, exclaimed:

"It's close about here somewhere, certain." "What is it? Where is it?" Said everyone as they crowded around my cot.

"At that instant, for the first time, I thought of the snack of cold mutton I had put in my saddle bags at Austin! Think I, it will never do to let all these people know that my snack is at the bottom of all their commotion. But how to get it out of my saddle bags and out of the house without being observed was the question. Fortunately, there was a little caddy in a corner of the room near me used as a receptacle for worthless trash, and peeping into it I exclaimed loud enough for every one in the room to hear me, 'Here's your dead dog at last.'

"In a moment everybody had gathered around the caddy, and taking advantage of their eagerness to get a peep into it, and the general confusion, I slipped through the crowd unnoticed, hurried to my saddle bags, tore them open, seized the snack and—'Ah, pouff' as the Frenchman said, 'eet vas vorse zan ze turkey boozard's denair.'

"Hastily thrusting it under the skirt of a frock coat I was wearing, I sauntered towards the door, looking as unconcerned as I could and as if I had no particular interest in the row that was going on; but like the Spartan youth who kept a smiling countenance while the stolen fox under his toga was gnawing at his vitals, rather than confess the theft, my 'sang froid' was altogether assumed. A number of the guests (refugees from the dormitory) had collected on the street about the entrance to the hotel, and I was compelled to pass through the crowd. As I did so, two dozen noses were simultaneously grasped by as many fore fingers and thumbs, and no wonder, for I bore along with me an atmosphere by no means as fragrant as the breezes 'that blow o'er Ceylon's spicy isle.' As I went through, I heard my Irishman say:

"Begorra, if that mon has any friends they ought to have buried him a wake ago."

"I didn't stop to argue the point with him, but walked on till I came to a cross street, and turning the corner, I threw that snack as far as I could send it into a back yard. When I returned to the hotel 'all was quiet along the Potomac,' and everybody was wondering what could have caused 'that horrible odor' which had disappeared as suddenly and as mysteriously as it came. I could have enlightened them on the subject, but failed to do so."

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The Northwest Texas Oil Field

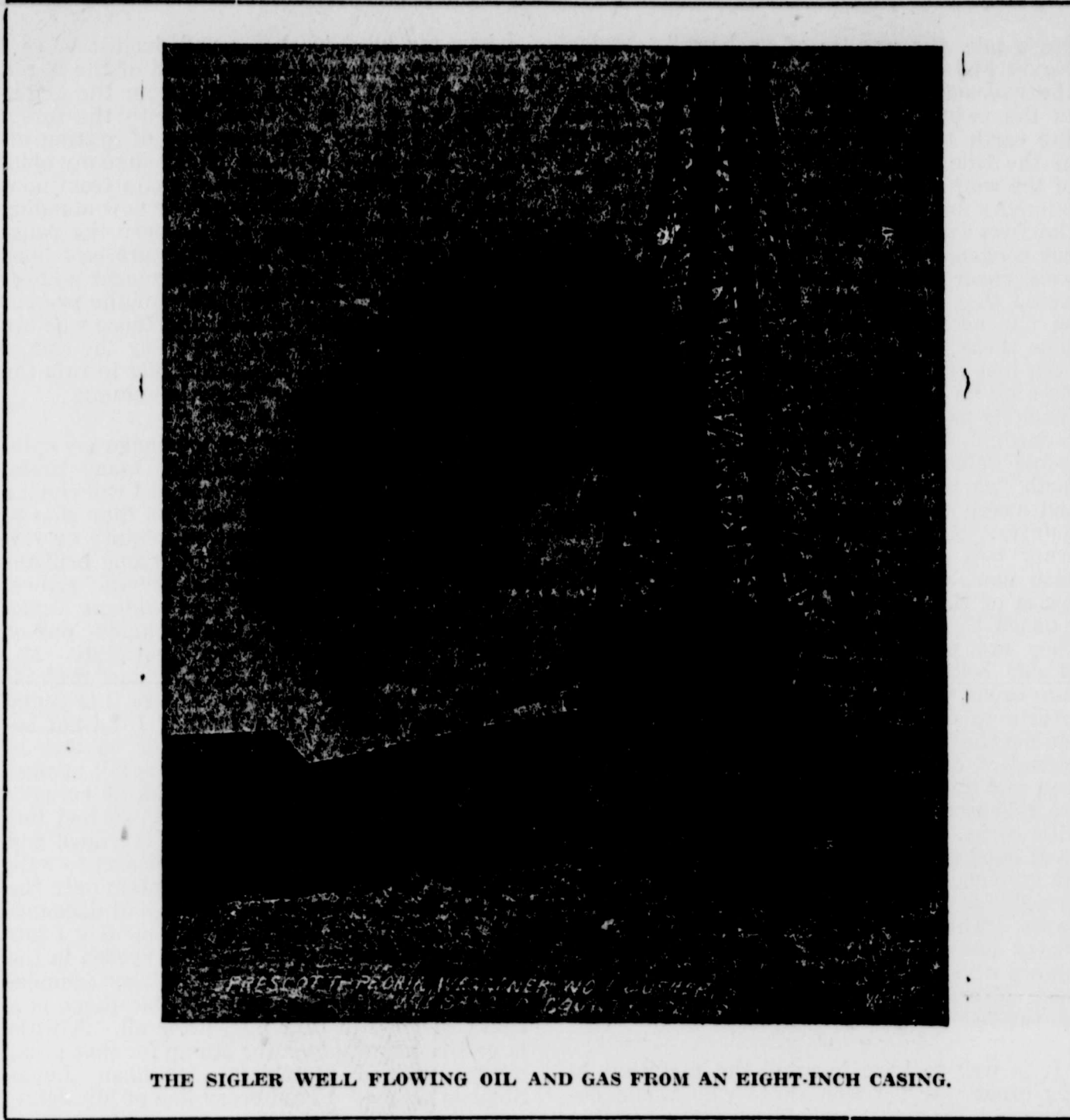
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The proven oil territory of Northwest Texas is parallel with Red River, from Petrolia in Clay County to Burkburnett, Electra and Vernon in Wichita and Wilbarger Counties. The extent of this proven oil territory is about 80 miles in length by 25 miles in width. The geological map of the University of Texas defines this territory as Permian. There are two well defined oil-bearing formations in West and Northwest Texas—the Ranger, Breckenridge and Desdemona formation is called Pennsylvania, and the Petrolia, Burkburnett, Electra and Vernon formation is called Permian. Oil from the Pennsylvanian formation is found in hard limestones and shales, and in the Permian in soft sandstones and clays. The deep wells of the Pennsylvanian are from 3,400 to 4,700 feet, while the deep wells of the Permian are from 1,600 to 2,200 feet. The drillers of the Sigler well, southwest of Electra and Vernon, found the oil sand at 2,040 feet. Sigler well marks the extreme western edge of the Northwest Texas oil field, the shallow wells of Petrolia mark the extreme eastern edge, the Kemp-Munger-Allen well, in southern Wichita County, marks the extreme southern edge, and Red river the northern edge. The oil from the two formations—the Pennsylvanian and Permian—are very similar in gravity and quality, each having a high gasoline and lubricant content. Not only do refineries obtain from these oils gasoline, naphthaline, kerosene and other distillates, but many grades of fine lubricating oils, besides the by-products of vassaline, cup grease and axle grease. In fact, Texas crude oil is about as valuable a product as the crude oil from the famous oil fields of Pennsylvania.

The oil sands of the Northwest Texas field are very prolific—having been classified into as many as ten distinct sands at varying depths. Around Electra, Iowa Park and Burkburnett shallow wells are producing profitably from a depth of 300 to 400 feet. Wells from the 800-foot sands have produced as high as 75 to 100 barrels of oil per day. These shallow wells are pumped usually from a central power station, located near the wells, with lines radiating to the wells. The longevity of some of these shallow wells is very surprising. The first shallow well drilled near Electra in 1918 is still producing oil and is being pumped daily. Electra and Petrolia are the oldest oil fields in Northwest Texas. The big companies own nearly all the acreage in these two fields.

The trend of the Northwest Texas oil field is northwest and southeast, paralleling the meandering course of Red River on the south. Many oil men believe that the south side of Red River, that part of it which touches the boundary line of North Texas, is one continuous oil field. If this be true, then oil exists along this river all the way from a few miles below Amarillo on the west to Texarkana on the east. The wildcatters are betting heavily on Red River and are drilling hundreds of



THE SIGLER WELL FLOWING OIL AND GAS FROM AN EIGHT-INCH CASING.

wells just south of the river, from Electra and Vernon to Quanah, Childress and Amarillo.

Big Business.

Big business follows newly discovered oil fields. Last week I was in the towns of Wichita Falls, Burkburnett, Iowa Park, Electra and Vernon. Intense hustle and bustle were evident in all these towns. Wichita Falls was busy; Burkburnett, Electra and Vernon were busy. The sidewalks were congested with people and the streets with automobiles. Trucks and wagons, heavily loaded with merchandise and oil field supplies, threaded their way through the streets. Everybody seemed to be in a hurry. If a pedestrian jostled you at the turn of some corner, he would apologize and hurry on, without turning to look back. Curbstoners wanted to sell you leases, or stocks in oil companies that were just being "put over." Jitney drivers vied with one another in soliciting your patronage, each one trying to out-shout his rival.

The back ground to this panorama of oil boom activity is the speculator, the man who "looks on" and plays the game of oil at the opportune moment. He buys and sells stocks, leases or royalties, and sometimes production, if a client wants production. He practically sets the price for acreage and should an owner ask more for his acreage than the speculator thinks it's worth he probably does not buy it. In all fairness to the speculator, who is a

much maligned person, it can be said without reservation that if the speculative features were taken out of leases and royalties they would not sell for anywhere near the high prices which are commonly reported.

Men from all over the world come to the oil fields—bearded and unkempt men, smooth-shaved and well dressed men, illiterate men and men with university education—all touching shoulders and all dominated by a single purpose, to make money and make it as quickly as possible. Figuratively, the ships of some of these men will come to port richly laden, while the ships of others will lie stranded on lonely shores. Students of psychology find much food for thought on the streets of oil field towns.

Thrifty Towns

Burkburnett is erecting some substantial business buildings and is gradually emerging from a "shanty town." Following the discovery well, the Fowler gusher, Burkburnett was too busy to erect buildings, except the frame kind that could be built speedily. Mr. Laney, owner of the Burkburnett Star, is now mayor of Burkburnett, and has leased the Star to W. F. Billingslea. Burkburnett is the main distributing and rallying point for the oil fields which surround it. It is headquarters for the northwest extension field, and the Texahoma field. Texahoma is a new little town just a few miles southeast of Burkburnett. Around Texahoma has been discovered a valuable shallow oil sand,

and the drillers are "feeling" for this sand; most the entire distance to Petrolia. It no longer looks as if the Burkburnett and Petrolia oil fields would be connected by one long line of producing wells.

Another thrifty and substantial oil town is Electra. It is almost solidly built of brick and stone houses, and is paved and electric-lighted. Practically all of the big oil companies have branch houses at Electra. The distance between Electra and Burkburnett is about 12 miles and an almost endless chain of oil derricks and wells connect the two towns. There is considerable new development going on around Electra. While Electra is the pure oil field of Northwest Texas, it yet has a great deal of undeveloped oil bearing acreage.

The Burk-Cameron well in block 833, near Red River, is 12 miles north of Electra. It has not been definitely determined as to this well's production, but it is generally believed that it will make around 300 barrels daily.

Vernon, the county seat of Wilbarger County, is a cleanly and well located town. The principal business streets and several residential streets are paved. It was a good business town before the coming in of the Sigler well, for just north of Vernon are the rich valley lands of Red River, which grow wheat, oats, cotton, maize and alfalfa. The valley is tilled by an industrious class of farmers who trade with the Vernon merchants.

The Sigler well southwest of Electra in Vernon, in Wilbarger County, which has attracted so much attention, is possibly an extension of the Electra field. When flowing it shows up strong and fills all available storage tanks. The production of this well is estimated to be between 500 and 3,000 barrels daily.

The territory adjacent to the Sigler well to be thoroughly tested for oil and many derricks are now being erected around this well. The Pendleton-Cowden Oil Company, a local company of Wichita Falls, is preparing to drill on its 40 acres just north of the Sigler lease.

The Prescott-Peoria Oil Company drilled the Sigler well. It is a wildcat well and is located on the Wharton ranch. The company purchased the lease from the Waggoner Ranch Oil Company last January. Mrs. Wharton, daughter of W. T. Waggoner, owns the Wharton ranch, which comprises about 85,000 acres. Several years ago Mr. Waggoner made a will, leaving his daughter, who is now Mrs. Wharton, a Christmas present of this 85,000-acre ranch and 1,000 head of cattle. He also, at the same time, gave to his two sons, Paul and Guy Waggoner, 90,000 acres and 10,000 head of cattle each. Before giving this acreage to his three children the Waggoner ranch was a solid body of 60,000 acres of land, and extended over the greater part of Wilbarger County and partly over Wichita, Foard, Archer, Knox and Baylor Counties. Mr. Waggoner still owns over 30,000 acres of the original 600,000 acres. He is now offering for sale the oil and gas leases of 250,000 of his 300,000 acres.

That the Northwest Texas oil field is a ready a wonderful field is beyond any question of doubt. When completely developed it may prove the biggest oil field in the world. According to the opinion of the best geologists the structure of the Northwest Texas field extends the entire length of Red River and south as far as Clay, Archer, Baylor and Foard counties. When the deeper wells in this field cease flowing and are put on the pump they hold up extremely well. Many of the deep wells in the townsite of Burkburnett, which came in as gushers, are now being pumped and their production goes far toward making up the average run of 80,000 to 90,000 barrels of oil which flows daily through the pipe lines of the Northwest Texas oil field.



"Men from all over the world come to the oil fields."

THE WONDERS OF A MOTHER'S KISS

"A kiss from my mother made me an artist," said Benjamin West, the great American painter. In these words he epitomized the meaning of mother love to the human race—its wonderful creative force.

Hardly a great name that adorns the pages of history has not back of it a mother who had elements of greatness. What motherlove has meant to those more obscure would make an endless history, glorious, beautiful; would explain the most that has made the world worth while.

"I have carried the remembrances of my mother's gentle voice and soothing touch all through my life," was Eugene Field's tribute to his mother, while the words of Abraham Lincoln will be ever famous: "All that I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother."

The mother of George Washington had great strength of mind and physique, character, business ability and deep religious nature. Her children and her step-children revered her. Likewise the mother of Napoleon possessed those qualities that made her son great—

strength of will, foresight, flexibility to circumstances.

Victor Hugo was born a weakling. Every one declared he couldn't live—that is, everyone except his mother, who was determined he should live. He did live. He always will live. He loved that brave mother devotedly and deeply mourned her death.

THE AMERICAN WAY

Here is an incident that is well worth study. A few days ago a Pennsylvania express train bound for New York stopped not long after leaving Philadelphia. The passengers became uneasy and some of them climbed out to find the engine crew trying to make a minor repair on the engine. The job puzzled them. Then from the crowd stepped out a prosperous looking citizen, who said:

"Give me a hammer and I will fix it for you." Without waiting to don overalls, he went to work and in a short time the engine was in running condition.

"Who is that man?" asked a passenger. "That is Sam Vauclean," replied another. The volunteer engine-mender was the presi-

dent of the great Baldwin Locomotive Works of Philadelphia. He worked in the shop when a young boy, learned his trade, came up from the ranks and is now head of the greatest locomotive making plant in the world.

AERIAL BATTLESHIPS DEVELOPED BY WAR.

"Aerial battleships" would have been developed if the war continued another year, declares Lord Weir, the British Minister of Air Forces. Just before the armistice, aviators were successfully using guns which fired shells instead of bullets.

Lord Weir said that aerial photography had been so developed that accurate photographs of the earth were taken from an altitude of four miles. In all, six millions such pictures had been prepared by the Royal Air Forces. The speed of fighting airplanes had been increased from 90 to 141 miles an hour and the engine power from 80 to 300 horsepower.

THE STORY OF FIRE.

We have no evidence of the time when man did not have the knowledge of producing fire.

It is certain that man possessed fire as far back as Quaternary time. In the case of the earliest cavemen we find numerous hearths, ashes and cinders, bone wholly or partly calcined, and fragments of pottery blackened by smoke. As far back as we can go we find man cooking his food. As to how men came by their knowledge of fire there is room for a wide difference of opinion. Its use was probably first known in some volcanic regions, where it was suggested by nature itself. Then came the sticks, and later on the flints, by means of which men could produce the necessary agent at will.

LIVE BY TRAPPING LARKS.

The inhabitants of Heligoland make money by trapping larks while migrating for the winter; 1,000 of these birds have been caught in one night.

WHEN CAMELS WORK.

Camels are fit for work at five years old although they usually live forty years, the strength begins to decline at twenty-five.

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STILL WORSE.

A young colored woman brought suit against her former lover for breach of promise. The Judge was doing everything in his power to reach some sort of an agreement. At last he said: "Lucindy, don't you think it would be punishment enough if the defendant in this case would pay you \$1,000?" "No, sah!" shouted Lucindy. "I don't think dat's punishment enuff: he's gotah marry me."

THEY GET GIDDY.

Charles M. Schwab sat at a luncheon in Pittsburgh, apropos of a young Pittsburgh banker who had eloped to South America with his cashier's wife: "That settles Tom. His rise was rapid. He climbed high. But success spoiled him, and now he is down and out." With a thoughtful smile Mr. Schwab added: "One reason why there's always room at the top is that so many people, once they get there, become giddy and fall off."

HE VOTED, DID ANDY.

Andy, a negro porter at a down-town theatre, belongs to a lodge. The other night the lodge met to vote on the question of changing meetings rooms, but Andy didn't get there. Yesterday we met him on the street and he said the organization was to have new quarters. "Did you vote for a change?" we asked. "I wasn't at de meetin'," replied Andy, "but I voted by peroxide."

ONLY RICH CAN AFFORD SKELETONS.

Frankleigh—I believe, if you'd tell the truth, you'd admit that you have a skeleton in your own closet. Flatholder—Nope, not now. Used to have, but since the last boost in my rent I can't afford to pay for the space it occupied.

COMMON COMPLAINT.

"I have just received a letter saying an old acquaintance died suddenly in the East." "Well?" "My correspondent doesn't state the cause of death. He merely writes, 'Poor Blibbs passed away this morning,' and adds the two letters, 'w. a.'" "He means 'wood alcohol.'"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

SPEAKING OF HENS.

"I guess, Pat, you haven't as good a hen here as we have in the States," said an American on a holiday in Roscommon. "I'll tell you," continued the Yankee, "about a hen my mother had. She went out one day and ate a feed of corn and returned and laid 12 eggs. She went and laid 12 more eggs. She went out the third day and returned and laid 1 more egg. She went out on the fourth day and hatched 72 chicks out of 32 eggs. Now, that is the kind of hen we have in the States."

"Well," said Pat. "I'll tell you about a half blind hen my mother had. She ate a feed of sawdust, thinking it was oatmeal. She went to her nest and laid a plank 12 feet long. She ate more sawdust on the next day and again laid a plank 12 feet long. Again on the third day she ate more sawdust and laid another 12-foot plank. She sat on the three planks and hatched three kitchen chairs, a sofa, one table and a mahogany chest of drawers. Now," said Pat, with a solemn look in his eye, "that is the kind of hen we have in Roscommon."

THEY WERE CHEAP.

Fast and furious had gone the sergeant's tongue as he drilled the latest batch of recruits. One particularly awkward young fellow, however, received the greatest fury of his wrath. At last the sergeant yelled the squad to a halt, and then thrust his nose into his victim's face. "And what were you before you joined the army, me lad?" he barked. "I pack tin soldiers into boxes, sergeant," replied the private, dangerously meek. "But I got sacked." "Oh, you did, did you?" jeered the N. C. O. "And why were you sacked?" "For packing too many blooming sergeants in each box!"

QUEER BEAST.

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He said to her, over the telephone. After his weekly visit: "Dearest, will you marry me?" "Why, yes," she said, "who is it?" —Princeton Tiger.

IT COMES HIGH.

Elihu Root told at a dinner a prohibition story. "It is astonishing," he said, "what a high value has been placed on whisky, now that prohibition has come in. "Two men were out sailing down in Florida. They had a bottle with them, and Jim was taking a drink when a gust of wind capsized the boat. "Tom clung to the bottom of the craft all right, but Jim, handicapped by the bottle, was a good deal knocked about in the seething waters. "After a time his strength began to fail him, and, swimming with one hand and holding the bottle with the other, he shouted despairingly: "Tom, I'm afraid I can't make it!" "Tom shouted back: "Well, Jim, if you can't make it, throw it!"

ADMITTED.

He was an argumentative local councilor, and was crushing an opponent's case. "Gentleman," he said, "You may say, with Councilor Smith, that this is a case of six to one and half a dozen of the other. But I say, No"—pause for emphasis—"No; it is nothing of the sort. It is exactly the contrary."

ONE SPECIAL IN EVIDENCE.

A fish shortage is reported in the New York and Boston markets. But the reports of extravagant buying everywhere certainly do not indicate a shortage of "suckers."—New Orleans Times-Picayune.

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"I do," answered the stranger; "but handsome is that handsome does—what do you do that is worth while?"

"I scratch up worms," answered the rooster. "For your family?" asked the stranger.

"Well, no," answered the rooster, "for myself—the hen scratches up the worms for the family."

"Do you lay eggs then?" asked the stranger. "Well, no," answered the rooster, "the hen does that, too."

"Do you hatch the eggs or take care of the baby chicks?" asked the stranger.

"Well, no," answered the rooster, "the hen does that, too."

"What do you do?" asked the stranger.

"I call 'cock-a-doodle-do!'—you see I make a lot of noise," answered the rooster.

—Tommy—"Pop, what is an incongruity? Tommy's Pop—"An incongruity, my son, is a well, it's like a 'keep off the grass' sign showing above the drifts of a March blizzard."

THE LAST RESORT.

Father—My son, you have studied law with no result. Literature and art have also been blanks for you. At the trade school you were a failure. I don't see anything else but politics left for you.

HE GOT THE JOB.

The colonel of a colored regiment in France charged the adjutant with selecting a suitable soldier to serve as orderly at his billet. The adjutant combed the command for the proper man and finally found one who had been an elevator boy in a hotel—a smiling, graciously dandy, neat and respectful.

When the man reported the colonel impressed upon him the necessity for tact.

"Do you know just what I mean by tact?" he asked.

"Yas, suh. W'en it comes to tact I'se right on de spot. Why, cunnel, jes' las' week I went into the bathroom near mah billet an' foun' one of de madamesses there. I just stepped back an' says, 'Pardon, Monsieur!' Now ef dat warn't tac', den I do'n know what is."

AND CLOTHES ARE HIGH.

On South street west of Broad lived a negro who did not believe in heaven or hell. And he died. As he laid in his casket his friends came to see him, and one of them got the deceased's wife very angry because he started to laugh when he saw the man in the casket all fitted out in a new suit, black tie and white shirt and patent leather shoes.

"What you all laugh at mah husban' for, Mister Brown? Ain't you got no respect fo' de dead?" asked the dead negro's wife.

"Excuse me, Mrs. Tompkins, but when your husband was alive he didn't believe in heaven or hell. Now, there he is all dressed up and no place to go."

A BOY OF METHOD.

It was the week before little Willie's birthday and he was on his knees at his bedside petitioning Divine Providence for presents in a very loud voice.

"Please send me," he shouted, "a bicycle, a tool chest, a—"

"What are you praying so loud for?" his younger brother interrupted. God ain't deaf."

"I know he ain't," said Willie, looking toward the next room, "but grandma is."

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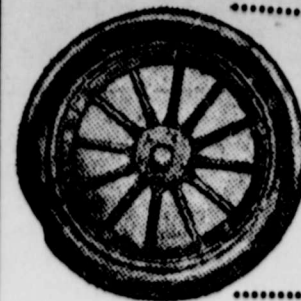
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TEXAS FARM NEWS

J. W. E. Basham, an apirist near Barstow, was compelled this year to pay income tax on earnings from 500 hives of bees, which fed on alfalfa grown in that section. The bee industry is becoming an important one in some parts of West Texas.

Some Collin County farmers are complaining of the loss of pigs that eat young cockle burs. Eating of these poisonous weeds usually proves fatal to pigs in a very short time.

Despite the oil boom which has struck Barstow and Pecos, Barstow's leading crop this year will be cotton, and there has been planted about 6,000 acres in the irrigated district of Ward and Pecos Counties.

S. S. Frazer, Secretary of the Texas Cotton Ginners Association, does not think that the farm labor shortage has resulted in farmers reducing their acreage of corn and cotton to any extent. He thinks there will be a normal amount of these two crops planted. Wheat, however, will be reduced, while there will be an increased acreage of oats.

C. D. Stokes of Lampasas, a big buyer of wool, estimates that the 1920 spring wool crop of Texas is one-third heavier than that of 1919.

It is reported that Mr. W. A. Pettis, who has a large place near Goliad, containing some 5,000 acres, has invited sportsmen and big game hunters of Texas to come to his ranch with their dogs and guns. He wants the hunters to exterminate the wild steers which run over his pasture and which exert an evil influence on young cattle. Mr. Pettis estimates that at least 500 wild steers make their homes in the dense thickets of his pasture and during a hunt recently for these wild animals two dogs were horned to death and one horse ridden by a hunter was badly gored.

The sheep industry of Nolan County is becoming very profitable. Recent census indicates that 20,000 sheep are being raised in that county, which is about 500 per cent more than was raised during the drouth year. Nearly all West Texas farmers are seeing that it pays to keep a few sheep. They will eat grass that no other animal eats, and can be grown to maturity at very little expense.

Colonel John N. Simpson says

that the cattle in West Texas are in better flesh than they have ever been at this time of the year. He attributes this to plenty of forage and the excellent condition of the range.

A great many farmers are holding baled cotton on their farms in West Texas.

State headquarters of the Texas Shorthorn Breeders' Association will be established in Fort Worth July 1st.

In the tomato growing section around Jacksonville it is estimated that half the tomato crop has been lost by freezing. Potatoes and beans are also damaged. Where corn had sprouted, it is considered lost in many places, and replanting has been necessary.

Three million pounds of Texas-Louisiana rice, valued at about \$425,000.00 was recently sold to a firm at Constantinople.

The spring movement of cattle to the Fort Worth market is now well under way. Cattle are fat and many are coming to market in prime condition.

Sad news comes from the Pittsburg and Mount Pleasant section of Texas. The Elberta crop is an entire failure. Hundreds of North, South and West Texas lovers of this fruit will therefore be denied its delicious flavor this year.

The loss to fruit growers of the Tyler section by frost killing the plum, fig, grape, blackberry, strawberry and peach crops, is estimated to be fully \$1,000,000.

The peach growers of the Athens community have cancelled their basket contracts. They do not believe there will be enough peaches left on the trees to ship.

Farmers in Collin County on April 7th replanted corn which was killed by the freeze. Also practically the entire fruit crop of North Texas has been killed.

Tom W. Hines of Venus and Dr. A. T. Bryant of McKinney have purchased the grand champion jack at the last Texas State Fair from the estate of S. L. Green for \$4,400.00.

Hail is not confined entirely to West Texas, as Gregg County, East Texas, was recently visited by a severe hail storm which destroyed crops and fruit and unroofed houses, killing young stock, fowls and birds.

Comanche County farmers will plant a larger acreage to corn and cotton this year than they did in 1919.

The farmers and business men of the Hamlin section met and organized a Farmers' Institute, mainly for the purpose of marketing cotton.

The car shortage in the Panhandle portion of Texas is said to be a menace to the millions of dollars of wheat which has not yet been shipped out of that part of the State, and which is without storage facilities.

The Laredo onion crop, valued at \$2,500,000.00, is threatened with ruin and loss on account of the railroad strike situation and the embargo on perishable goods.

The Texas State Pecan Raisers' Association, at its annual convention in San Saba, went on record as favoring the organization of a State Marketing Association, with a view to securing better marketing facilities for the pecan crop. A meeting of pecan growers to perfect such an organization is called to meet at Brownwood May 20th. Three million pounds of pecans were reported shipped from San Saba this season, more pecans than were shipped from either Alabama, Georgia or Florida.

The San Jose scale and the peach tree borers are destroying some of the best orchards in Texas, according to the annual report of the commissioner of agriculture. Some vigorous action should be taken to fight these pests, or the peach crop industry of Texas will be destroyed.

Lockhart has a Holstein Club of 75 members, and has contracted for the purchase of a carload of registered Holstein cows and yearlings to be shipped from Louisville, Ky.

Plans for one of the best poultry shows ever held in the State are being made by the Dallas County Poultry Association, the members of which will entertain the State delegates on May 14, 15 and 16.

The Wool Growers Central Storage Company of San Angelo recently sold 35,000 pounds of mohair from the 1919 fall clip to Boston parties at prices ranging from 60 to 75 cents per pound.

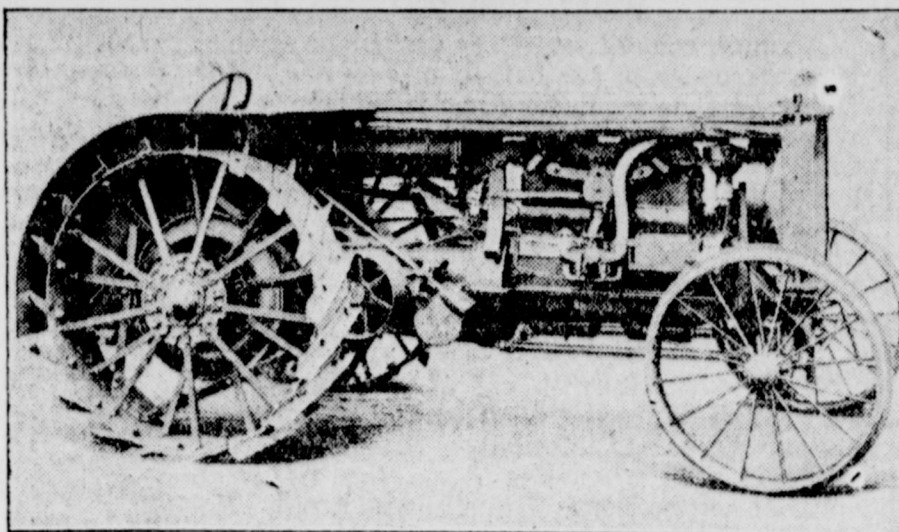
Mr. Sam H. Hill, president of the Central Wool Growers and Storage Company of San Angelo says that the wool clip of Concholand this spring is approximately 6,000,000 pounds and he thinks it will bring 50 cents a pound, which would mean a distribution of \$3,000,000 throughout the section tributary to San Angelo. The clip this year will be much finer in quality than that of previous years.

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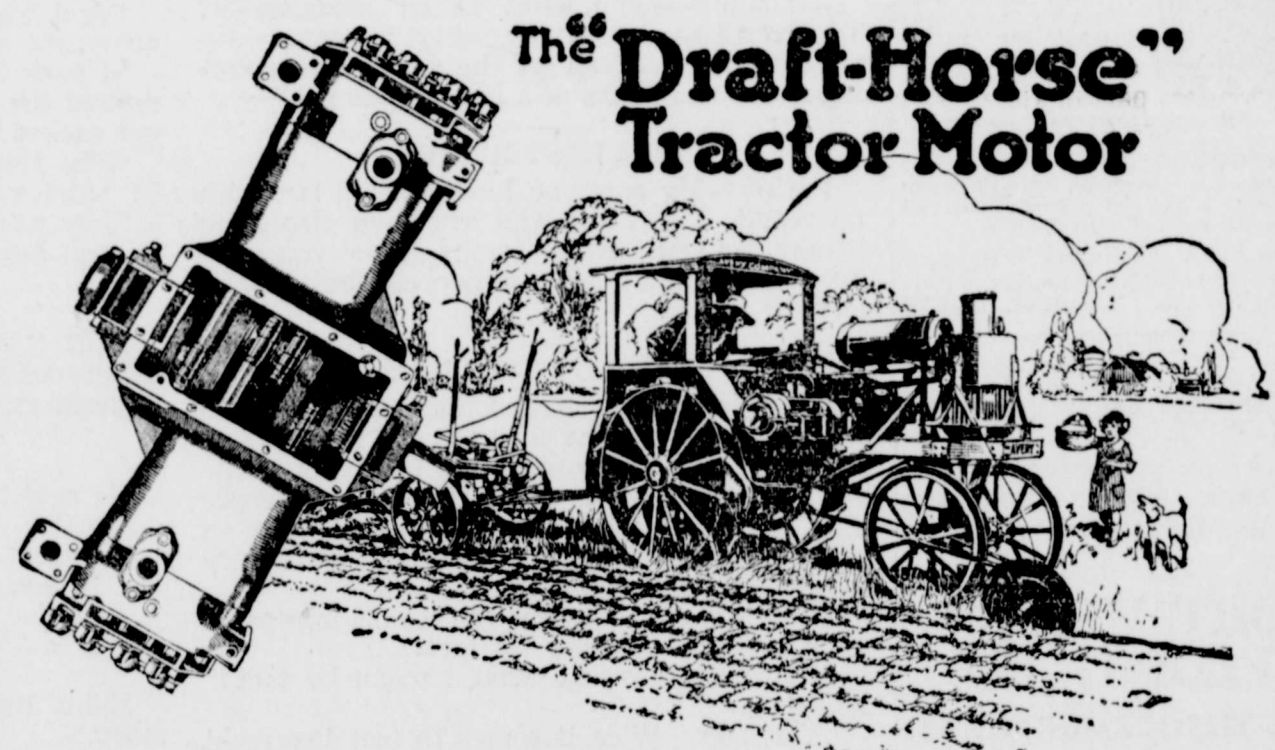
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And here is Robinson Crusoe's gun. All of us, no doubt, have thrilled over the adventures of Robinson Crusoe of fiction, but few of us are acquainted with the story of Alexander Selkirk, the real man upon whose experiences the story was based. What brings a particularly local tinge to the telling is the fact that in March there passed from public exhibition the curious old gun, six feet long, quite two centuries old, with which Alexander Selkirk shot food to eke out an existence while on the lonely isle of Juan Fernandez.

Selkirk was a Scotchman, son of a tanner of Largo, a seaboard town of Fifeshire. Always in trouble when a boy, he ran away to sea to escape the consequences of a youthful prank. He appears to have been as quarrelsome afloat as on shore, for he came to be the original Robinson Crusoe because of a fight with the captain of the ship. He was not wrecked, as the foe causes Crusoe to be, but was sent ashore on this island, with a few personal effects.

For four years and four months Selkirk lived his lonely life on the island. He made clothes from skins when his own were worn to rags. He killed goats with his gun until the powder gave out, and then perforce he killed the goats by hand, becoming so fleet of foot in time that no animal on the island could outrun him. Tiring of his loneliness, Selkirk moved heaven and earth to escape from this island, building fires nightly and keeping close watch for passing ships. Far from the beaten ocean pathways, it was years before a ship came that way to rescue the strange-looking scarecrow in the skin clothes.

Selkirk was the sensation of the day upon his return to England in 1713. He told his story over and over again, and the papers of that day devoted entire pages to his adventures. When Selkirk returned to his father's home the habits of four years' solitude were so strong that he built a cave in the rear of the house and lived almost as a recluse. Long walks along the loneliest part of the coast were his sole pleasure. The lure of the sea "got him" again, and he died an officer of the British warship, Veymouth. He left no children, but many descendants of the original Selkirk family of eight boys still live in Scotland.

On the spot where Selkirk nightly built his island signal fire a tablet has been erected, which reads: "In memory of Alexander Selkirk, mariner, a native of Largo, in the county of Fife, Scotland, who lived on this island in complete solitude for four years and four months. He was landed from the Cinque Ports galley, 26 tons, 18 guns, A. D. 12 February, 1709. He died lieutenant of H. M. S. Weymouth 732, aged 47. This tablet is erected near Selkirk's lookout by Commissioner Powell and the officers of H. M. S. Topaze, A. D. 1868." The "Robinson Crusoe" was published in 1719, seven years after Selkirk's story was first told.

The manner in which this gun came into the hands of Philadelphians is interesting. About 15 years ago, a Miss Huldah B. White, residence then No. 201 North Thirty-fourth street, Philadelphia Penn., was traveling in England. She learned that the famous gun, long an heirloom in the Selkirk family, was to be sold at auction in Edinburgh, Scotland. A collector of curios, she commissioned an agent to attend the sale, and he secured the coveted prize for 32 pounds 11 shillings. Miss White returned with it to America, and the gun was sold to a restaurant man in Philadelphia, who placed it on exhibition in his restaurant, where—until the place was closed last week—this famous relic reposed in a rare and valuable collection of military firearms, now owned by Alexander Van Rensselaer, of Philadelphia, Penn.

ELEPHANTS HAVE STRANGE TRAITS

An elephant lives to a great age and comes to maturity slowly, not being full grown until from 35 to 40 years old. It is a mistake to think an elephant is clumsy because he looks so. In

proportion to its size an elephant is lighter on its feet than a horse and can outrun most horses for a short distance, and there is no one of an elephant's four feet that he cannot strike or kick quickly and accurately with.

An elephant can stand considerable cold if he is kept moving. I have taken elephants, fitted with bags over their ears and tails, and worked them up to their bellies in the snow, pushing cars without doing them any harm, says a writer, in the Saturday Evening Post. On the other hand, I lost a fine elephant once as a result of exposure to the cold.

The elephant is the most affectionate of animals, and will watch over and protect a favorite keeper, and he will also hold a grudge against one for some time, watching for an opportunity to get even with him. But I do not believe those popular stories of elephants that have remembered being cheated by strangers and squirted water over them when they had an opportunity after the lapse of years.

An angry elephant, however, is a dangerous thing and an elephant keeper who is rough is always running a risk. A cross elephant is usually made so by the keeper. Some men are naturally cruel and are willing to do anything to satisfy their desire to show off. This is apt to be a fault of new men around elephants. I knew of the case of a fellow called Boyau Bill, who was with the Jerry Mable show. An elephant put her trunk around his shoulders, pulled him off his horse and before anyone could prevent she put one of her feet on his legs, pulled him in two and threw the pieces over her back. I have also known many instances of men being squeezed to death between a wall and an elephant's head or under its foot. But from a keeper or trainer who treats them properly an elephant will accept punishment and when it has given in the man can do anything with it and the animal will not lay it up against him.

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A Washington scientist recently gained some interesting knowledge concerning the ingenuity of a spider. A stick was fastened upright like a mast in a basin of water and a spider was placed upon it. As soon as he was fairly isolated he anxiously commenced to run to find the mainland. He would scamper down the mast to the water, stick out a foot, get it wet, shake it, run around the stick to try the other side, and then run back to the top.

As it very soon became plain to the spider that his position was an extremely delicate one, he sat down to think it over. Suddenly he seemed to have an idea. Up he went, like a rocket, to the top of the mast, where he began a series of gymnastics. He held one foot in the air, then another, and turned around many times. By this time he was thoroughly excited, much to the perplexity of the scientist, who began to wonder what the spider had discovered. Finally it was apparent that the clever little fellow had found that the draft of air caused by an open window would carry a line ashore whereby he could escape from his perilous position.

Accordingly he pushed out a thread that went floating in the air, and lengthened and lengthened until at last it caught a nearby table. Then the ingenious spider hauled on his rope until it was tight, struck several times to ascertain whether it was strong, then ventured out and worked his way to safety.

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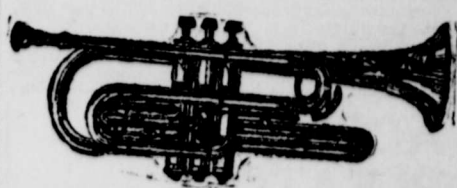
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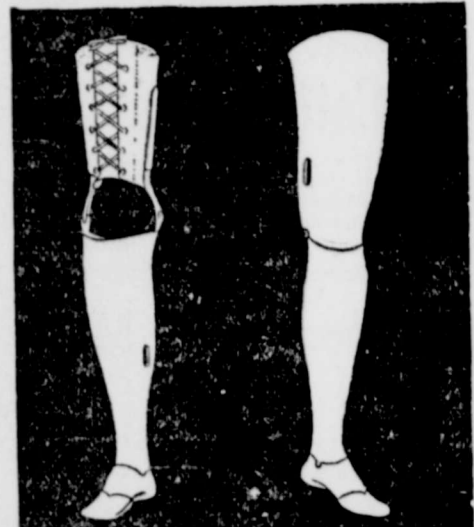
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Cut in 3 sizes: 16, 18 and 20 years. For an 18-year size, it will require 5 1/2 yards of 44 inch material. Width of skirt at lower edge with plait extended, is about 2 1/2 yards.

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Cut in 4 sizes: Small, 32-34; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42, and extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. A medium size requires 5 1/2 yards of 36 inch material. Width at lower edge, is about 2 1/2 yards.

COOKING EXPERTS ADVISES ON CHEAPER CUTS BEEF.
BY MRS. ANNA B. SCOTT.

In its efforts to lower the high cost of food—which has not yet proved very successful thus far—the government now has reached a place where it advises all housewives to make larger use of chuck steak.

The department of justice, which has this matter in hand, makes the absurd statement that chuck steak costs only one-fourth as much as rib roast or porterhouse. This, of course, is not the case, altho it still is, as it always has been, one of the cheaper cuts in the beef. The federal plea for larger use of it includes this paragraph:

Failure to take advantage of the less costly cuts seems due to two factors; lack of knowledge concerning the preparation of the inexpensive pieces and lack of information and indifference on the part of the housekeeper as to the high nutritive value and palatability of such portions.

The writer of the quoted paragraph evidently is not well acquainted with the average housewife, who during the last four years, has learned a great deal about the cheaper cuts of meat and now is making larger use of them than ever before.

At the same time, there are many homes in which these cuts have not been used as they should be. And while I am of the opinion that under the present scale of prices the better grades of meat when properly used are just as economical as the cheaper cuts and far more palatable, I do think it an excellent plan to vary the menu with such meat dishes as can be made from the latter.

It takes a little more time and trouble to properly cook or combine these materials and to flavor them so they will appeal to those before whom they are set. All such time and trouble are well invested, however, when the result pleases those we are trying to serve.

And if the recipes and suggestions here given for the use and combination of chuck and other cheap cuts are carefully followed, I am sure the result will be satisfactory.

- Here is an old and well-tried recipe:
- 1 pound lean stewing beef.
 - 1 quart small or cut potatoes.
 - 1 cup cut carrots.
 - 2 cups small onions.
 - 2 cups cut celery if you have it.
 - 1 tablespoon salt.
 - Pepper to taste.
 - 2 tablespoons flour.
 - Caramel.
- Cut meat in small pieces; sear in frying pan with a little drippings; put in casserole with vegetables, seasoning and water; cover and bake in slow oven 2 1/2 hours. Add thickening and caramel. Serve in dish in which it was baked.
- P. S. If you do not have a casserole, use an earthen dish which can be covered.
- For a change why not try this way when preparing a tough steak?
- 1 1/2 pounds round steak.
 - 2 cups sauce.

Put the round steak and sear quickly in hot iron frying pan that has been brushed with a little dripping. When meat is nicely browned on both sides cover with sauce piquant; cover pan and simmer very slowly 40 to 45 minutes on top of stove, adding a little water if needed.

HOUSEHOLD HELPS.

SAVORY GREEN SANDWICHES.
Wash about 1/2 cup butter and heat until creamy. Add a very little green vegetable coloring, taking care not to get butter too green. Drain 5 anchovies, wipe perfectly dry, smooth paste. Ad gradually to the colored butter. If desired, add a little finely chopped parsley or cucumber pickle. Use as any sandwich filling. Three sardines may substituted for the anchovies.

PERSPIRATION STAINS.
Rub perspiration stains with soap slightly dampened and lay the garment in the sunlight to dry.

BREAD IN PEA SOUP.
Putting a piece of bread into pea soup prevents the peas from sinking to the bottom of the sauce pan and burning.

BASTING VELVET.
Use sewing silk instead of cotton when basting velvet and there will be no traces left when the stitches are removed.

EGGS SOFTEN THE HANDS.
The yolk of one egg, three drams of glycerine and 15 grains of carbolic acid make an excellent mixture for softening the hands.

GRIDDLE CAKES AND WAFFLES.
Men and boys like griddle cakes and waffles. These two recipes are recommended by a famous chef.

RICE GRIDDLE CAKES.
One cup cold boiled rice, one cup flour, three-fourths cup milk, one tablespoon sugar, two teaspoons baking powder, one-quarter teaspoon salt.
Put the rice into bowl, add the milk and mix well, then add the well-beaten egg, sugar and salt. Sift the flour and baking powder into mixture and stir well (a little ground cinnamon or grated nutmeg can be added if desired). Bake on hot griddle, putting a tablespoonful on and smoothing it oblong. These are very good with fruit syrup.

PRIZE WAFFLES.
Mix and sift thoroughly two and one-half cups white flour, four level teaspoons baking powder and one scant teaspoon salt. Separate three eggs, beating the yolks to a cream and the whites to a stiff froth. Add the yolks and one and one-half cups of milk to the dry mixture. Then add one and one-half tablespoons melted shortening and last of all fold in the stiffly beaten whites. This makes about 12 large waffles.

BAKED APPLE GELATIN.
Four apples, one-half cup syrup, two tablespoons granulated sugar, one teaspoon gelatin, one-quarter teaspoon ground cinnamon, one-quarter cup raisins.
Wash and pare and core the apples; fill core with raisins, place in deep pudding pan, cover with syrup and one cup of water; cover and bake slowly until tender. Remove the apples into glass bowl.
To the syrup in pudding pan add the gelatin which has been dissolved in one cup of boiling water, add the cinnamon, granulated sugar, pour over the apples and set aside to cool. Garnish with red jelly.

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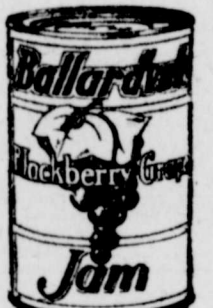
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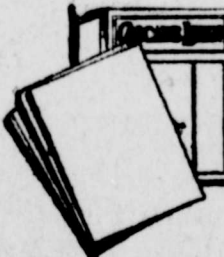
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News From Foch

ew had a glorious rain and it makes everybody smile. Our boys have had several ball games the past week, successful and unsuccessful. Its sport and fun for those who know how. Ask Bob and he will tell you.

Mr. Henry of Desdemona, our telephone man, is here looking after his interests.

Mrs. Taylor of Roswell, N. M., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mayo is here on a visit can't say how long she will remain with us.

Mr. C. P. Nunn one of our live business men, is erecting a warehouse or storage house just in the rear of his store which will be used for general storage.

A young man working on the section for the R. S. & P. R. R. had the misfortune last Saturday of a plug of steel breaking off of a hammer and lodging in his right arm. The plug is still in his arm at this writing.

Messrs. Adams and Leverett are back from a hunt and fishing trip. They report having a good time.

Mr. Hill, traveling salesman for Wooten Grocery Co. comes in quite often. He is a jolly young man.

Our merchants are stocking up nicely in farming implements and are selling right along. We can't see why hen fruit does not go down in price. We are very fond of them.

We firmly believe there will be another good crop for 1920. The farmer has been very wise in not planting as yet for probably a good season is ahead.

We certainly had a glorious rain last night, things looked squally for a while. Looked as if a storm was coming. Quite an electrical display but it did rain for a while.

People should be very thankful for this rain will bring up grain planted now and the oats will put on new vigor.

We notice a change in the management of our up-to-date meat market. Mr. Elmer Gardner assumes full control, Mr. J. V. Popnoe retiring. These young men are very courteous and deserve praise for furnishing us with nice fat beef.

Dad Jenkins still makes his early morning visits to get that letter that may never come. Dad is a jolly old tar.

Bob informs us that another ball game will be put on this evening. Our boys enjoy this sport whether they win or lose.

Mr. Dan Hill had a fine girl to appear at his home the 10th at 9.15 A. M., both mother and baby doing well.

There is to be a lecture at the Hotel Saturday on how much more tax or burden the W. O. W. must pay. We can't see the point of merit in this call, guess it is a joint partner to the H. C. L. It won't go at Foch—nix.

—“Othello.”

The Glorious Rain

Following up the big rain that fell Friday in the north part of the County, there came fine rains Sunday evening and night over nearly all the County and then on Monday night there came a generous downpour. Reports indicate that all parts of the County have had rain and there is rejoicing.

Farm work is rushing. Grain crops and cotton are being planted. There is a good season in the ground and the weather is warm. Stuff will come up and grow off.

Gardens will now begin to show up and Scurry County people will be living at home.

A Big Barber Shop

The Harris building on the north side is being refitted for an up-to-date barber shop. It is understood that the shops of Garrett and Boswell have been consolidated and will occupy the newly fitted up quarters. They are now in the adjoining building but the Caton-Dodson folks will have that after June 1st and the biggest and most complete tourist parlors in West Texas will occupy the Harris building.

Sims Home Sold

Mr. W. D. Sims has sold his splendid home in West Snyder to J. L. Berry of Snyder and Dr. May of Alabama. It is understood Dr. May will locate here and Mr. Berry is already here. Mr. Sims says he may move to Austin for at least a while. He says his house was too large for just two folks to live in.

Cotton Seed

Good planting seed for sale at \$1.25 per bushel.—Farmers Union Gin Co. 48

Leo Simmons, who was at one time a barber at Snyder, and wife are moving from DeLeon to Snyder to make their future home.

Report From Mothers' Congress

The meeting of the Texas Congress of Mothers in Ninth Annual Child Welfare Conference, First District, in Sweetwater, at the First Methodist Church, May 4-5, was a very educational and inspirational gathering. Mrs. E. A. Watters, Fort Worth, State President, who attended each session reported one of the best in interest and attendance for the entire State.

The address of welcome for the city of Sweetwater by Mayor C. A. Engle, and for the local Parent-Teachers' Association, by Mrs. W. W. Beall, President, was given in very cordial and pleasing manner, and had much to do with the splendid spirit prevailing throughout each successive assembly.

A very interesting feature at the close of the first morning's session was the presenting to the Conference by Mrs. Watters, of Little Miss Elizabeth Romina Farrell, the six-months' old daughter of the retiring District President, Mrs. C. J. Farrell, Vernon, in the arms of her charming and talented mother. Little Miss Farrell, the honored guest, is mascot of the District, the first life member for the year. A special message of welcome was given to all children present.

Mrs. Edward Kneeland, Dallas, Chairman State Life Membership Committee, who was present at each meeting secured nineteen new life membership pledges. One of these was a gift from the local Association to their faithful and efficient Superintendent, D. A. Clark.

Mrs. Eugene Bagley, Dallas, State Thrift Savings Chairman, gave splendid report of her work. All reports from Individual P. T. A. showed good work being done, oftentimes under great difficulties, and promise much for the future.

Mesdames Ethel Parsons of the State Health Department; Myron A. Kesner, Department of Justice; Barry of A. & M. College Extension Work; Misses Lillian Peak, of State University; Long and Alexander of C. I. A.; and Annie Webb Blanton, State Superintendent, each gave very interesting addresses.

“The Child Thou Gavest Me,” address by Mrs. Willard Chamberlain, Stephenville, Rec. Secretary, was very fine. “Benefits Derived from P. T. A. in Rural Districts,” discussed by Miss Minnie Fowler, Nolan Co. Many patrons of the rural schools were present. Special music, both vocal and instrumental, and delightful readings were enjoyed at each session. Following the program Tuesday afternoon the motion pictures from the State Department of Child Welfare were profitably enjoyed.

Sweetwater proved herself a most gracious hostess. The refreshing car ride over the splendid system of paved streets and highways, showing visitors the city and surrounding country to the mountains on the south was a very pleasurable event. Also the delicious and beautifully served luncheon in the High School building the first day, supper in the church basement by the local P. T. A. luncheon the following day at Hotel Wright by the Business Men's Club, which greatly aided the better acquaintance of visitors, delegates and twosome.

The newly elected officers for First District are Mesdames John Sims, Clarendon, President; J. H. Hartford Post, 1st Vice-President; Jos. Weaver, Eastland, 2nd Vice-President; H. E. Smith, Amarillo, 3rd Vice-President; D. J. Young, Canadian, Recording Secretary; Walter Booth, Sweetwater, Treasurer. Next meeting to be in Clarendon.

Delegates in attendance from Snyder were Mesdames H. B. Winston, Pat Brown, J. A. Stallings, Mary B. Shell and F. A. Grayum.

Texas, which ranks second with over 21,000 members in the State Congress of mothers will be represented at the meeting of the National Congress of Mothers in Madison, Wis June 4-8 by over 200 Life Members. Mrs. Watters, our State President, has been invited to preside over the National meeting of State Presidents Will also take part on the program.

Advertised Letters

Allen, J.
Brown, Auda Vee.
Carter, W. T.
Ditto, E. D.
Green, Miss Annie.
Richardson, J. C.
Robinson, Miss Bessie.
Taylor, J. M.
Taylor, Viola.
If not called for in two weeks these letters will be sent to the Division of Dead letters, Washington D. C.

E. B. Barnes, P. M.

Born in Snyder, May 8, 1913 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jenkins, a girl.

LISTEN TO THE EVERWELLS



Our hobby is Health - It's better than wealth!

Pa. Everwells
Every man's got some sort of hobby. Mine is health and I find it pays happy dividends. If your hobby's getting your money's worth you should visit this drug store.

Stinson Drug Company

To The School Graduates

The last page in the book of your school life has been finished, and bound therein are its joys, its trials, its pleasant associations and its lasting friendships.

Now, as you are about to enter upon a new chapter, we bid you God-speed and predict for you a full measure of success and usefulness.

The world needs young men and young women like you, and calls you to enter into the duties and responsibilities which your years of training have fitted you to assume. In this age of boundless opportunities, it is indeed a privilege to have a part in world affairs and we have faith that you will amply measure up to the obligation resting upon you.

We are especially interested in you, realizing that the welfare of our community rests in the hands of the young men and young women of today, and we extend you every courtesy and service of our bank in the conduct of your future affairs.

With earnest congratulations and every good wish for your happiness, we are,

Sincerely,

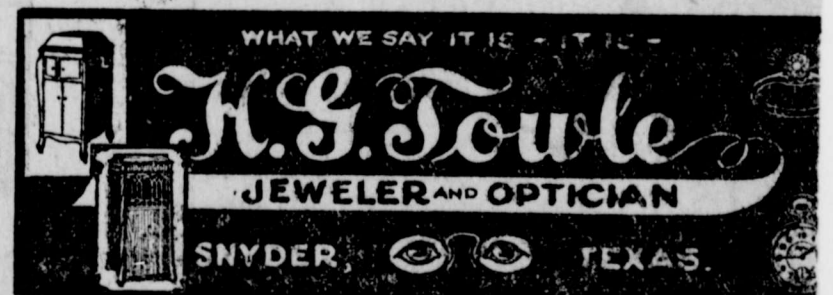
The Snyder National Bank



A gift to be prized need not be elaborate, expensive.

What counts more is the personal thought, the thoughtful care that enters into the selection of it.

If you particularly want the gift to be personal, intimate and endearing, you will find no better place than this store for your selection.



REMOVAL SALES RUSH AT CATON-DODSON'S

The Caton-Dodson Dry Goods Co. advertised special sales week and they have been doing the business this week. They are going to move on June 1st, into their double store. The Faxton and Harpole building, on the north side. Mr. Grimes is tickled over his rushing trade this week and says it is a fact that the people read the ads in the Signal. They had added to their force of sales people and they are all busy all day. Mr. Grimes says it makes him feel glad two ways—one that he gets the business and the other that the people have confidence in the house and its methods.

Cotton Seed

Good planting seed for sale at \$1.25 per bushel.—Farmers Union Gin Co.

Cody Elected Assistant Cashier

At a meeting of the directors of the Snyder National Bank this week Mr. A. J. Cody was elected a cashier. That bank has a good list of officers.

Cotton Seed

Good planting seed for sale at \$1.25 per bushel.—Farmers Union Gin Co.

Reports indicate that the crop from a light sprinkle to non-northwest part of the county

Citation by Publication

STATE OF TEXAS.
 To the Sheriff or any constable of Scurry County—Greeting:
 You are hereby commanded to summon Ed Nelson by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in the newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 32 judicial district, but if there be no newspaper published in the 32 judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to the 32 judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Scurry County, to be held in the court house thereof, in Snyder, on the Fourth Monday in May, A. D. 1920, the same being the 24th day of May A. D. 1920, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 28 day of April A. D. 1920, in a suit numbered on the docket as Court No. 2152, where Grace Nelson is plaintiff and Ed Nelson is defendant, said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were married on the 6th day of January A. D. 1917, in Taylor County, Texas, and continued to live together husband and wife until on or about the 12th day of March A. D. 1917, when the defendant left the plaintiff with the avowed intention of abandoning her and of separating from her and has not lived or cohabited with her since said date. That more than three years have elapsed since said abandonment.
 Plaintiff prays for a divorce and dissolution of the marriage contract, for costs of suit, and for such other and further relief as she may lawfully be entitled to in both law and equity.
 It is herein fall not, but have before the Court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with or return thereon, showing how she have executed the same.
 Witness, Nellie Weems, Clerk of District Court of Scurry County, Texas.
 Given under my hand and seal of said Court in the city of Snyder, this 28 day of April, A. D. 1920, Nellie Weems, Clerk of District Court of Scurry County.
 Witness, Nellie Weems, Clerk of District Court of Scurry County, Texas.
 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stinson visited Abilene.

Brace Up

Do you feel old before your time? Is your back bent and stiff? Do you suffer urinary disorders? Don't despair—profit by Snyder experiences. Snyder people recommend Doan's Kidney Pills. Here's a Snyder resident's statement.
 Mrs. M. Neal says: "About two years ago when I would bend over to pick up something, it was painful for me to straighten up again, as the pain in the small of my back was so severe. I was greatly annoyed by the irregular action of my kidneys and mornings I would feel awfully tired and languid. Doan's Kidney Pills had been used by other members of my family with such good results that I took them. I only had to use one box of Doan's when my back was strengthened and my kidneys regulated. I take a dose of this medicine occasionally now as a preventative."
 Price! 60c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Neal had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Advertising Rates

A number of printers and publishers of Abilene, Baird, Cisco and oil field towns had a meeting last week and resolved that "Under the present high wages and exorbitant prices of news print we find by careful calculation that a newspaper with a minimum circulation of 500 copies cannot be produced profitably and sell advertising space at a rate of less than 30c per column inch."
 The proposed graduated schedule of prices fix a rate of 45c an inch for papers of the Signal's circulation class and 75 cents an inch for papers having 5,000 circulation. Nearly all country papers are running advertisements too cheap in proportion to the cost of production.

Mr. Clower, the land man, is here this week from Cooper. He usually brings some of his neighbors here with him to sell them Scurry county land.

Catarrah Cannot Be Cured

by LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrah is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will cure catarrah. It is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is composed of some of the best known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is what produces such wonderful results in catarrah conditions. Druggists 75c. Testimonials free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Props., Toledo, O.

Have You Discovered Yourself?

In discussing need of grit, ambition and determination in the battle of life, Billie Sunday said: P. T. Barnum failed at fourteen different callings before he found out he was a natural born showman. Goldsmith failed as a physician. Who else could have written "The Deserted Village?" Oliver Cromwell was a farmer when he was 40 years old.
 General Grant was tanning hides at Galena, Illinois at 35 and D. L. Moody was selling boots and shoes in Boston when he was twenty-five. Billie might string out a long list of belated discoveries of adaptability and yet there be some fellows who never find out what they are fit for.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Towle and daughter are at Marlin for a few weeks.

About Rheumatism

People are learning that it is only ninety-nine out of a hundred cases a waste of time and money to take medicine internally for chronic and muscular rheumatism, and about are one or the other of these varieties. All that is really necessary to afford relief is to apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely. Try it. It costs but 35 cents per bottle. Large size 60 cents.
 Mr. Frank Myers was here Monday from Ranger.

ECZEMA
 Money has no question if HUNT'S... RINGWORM... other itching skin diseases. Try a 25 cent bottle... Grayum Drug Company

Suggestion for a Camping Trip

Buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy before leaving home. As a rule it cannot be obtained when on a hunting, fishing or prospecting trip. Neither can it be obtained while on board the cars or steamships and at such times and places it is most likely to be needed. The safe way is to have it with you.

A. Fields has sold his interest in the Kandy Kitchen to Leroy Taylor and that popular business is being conducted by Conwell & Taylor. Mr. Conwell asserts that they are turning out sandwiches and candy that appeals to the appetite of everybody.
 Mrs. W. R. Minor and son, Raymond are visiting at Tahoka and Tulsa this week.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over thirty years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrup. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic and Diarrhoea; allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids the assimilation of Food; giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS

Bears the Signature of

Chas. H. Fletcher

In Use For Over 30 Years
 The Kind You Have Always Bought

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

Windmill Men

We do all kinds of windmill work. All work guaranteed. See us or call Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co.

Terral & Haddow

WRIGLEY'S

For mother, father, the boys and girls. It's the sweet for all ages—at work or play.
 When you're nervous or tired, see how it refreshes!
The Flavor Lasts
 WRIGLEY'S DOUBLEMINT CHEWING GUM
 WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT CHEWING GUM
 SEALED TIGHT—KEPT RIGHT

**LIVER DIDN'T ACT
 DIGESTION WAS BAD**

Says 65 year Old Kentucky Lady, Who Tells How She Was Relieved After a Few Doses of Black-Draught.

Meadorsville, Ky.—Mrs. Cynthia Higginbotham, of this town, says: "At my age, which is 65, the liver does not act so well as when young. A few years ago, my stomach was all out of fix. I was constipated, my liver didn't act. My digestion was bad, and it took so little to upset me. My appetite was gone. I was very weak... I decided I would give Black-Draught a thorough trial as I knew it was highly recommended for this trouble. I began taking it. I felt better after a few doses. My appetite improved and I became stronger. My bowels acted naturally and the least trouble was soon righted with a few

doses of Black-Draught." Seventy years of successful use has made Thedford's Black-Draught a standard, household remedy. Every member, of every family, at times, need the help that Black-Draught can give in cleansing the system and relieving the troubles that come from constipation, indigestion, lazy liver, etc. You cannot keep well unless your stomach, liver and bowels are in good working order. Keep them that way. Try Black-Draught. It acts promptly, gently and in a natural way. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c. a package—One cent a dose All druggists. J. 69

**NEW PERFECTION
 Oil Cook Stoves**



Speedy—No fire to build—no waiting for flame to generate. The Long Blue Chimney burner gives cooking heat instantly.
Clean—The Long Blue Chimney burner turns every drop of Magnolia Safety Oil into clean, cooking heat—no smoke, soot or disagreeable odor.

Steady—Set flame where you want it. Low, medium or high flame drives a steady flow of clean heat against the utensil—stays where set.

Hot—The intense heat of any flame is driven FULL FORCE, directly against the utensil.

Sold by good dealers everywhere. Ask for a demonstration of the Long Blue Chimney burner or write for the New Perfection booklet.



THE CLEVELAND METAL PRODUCTS CO.
 7600 Platt Avenue. Cleveland, Ohio

Dealers Note:—The Magnolia Petroleum Company distributes the New Perfection in your territory. Complete stocks are available at convenient points.

Give Visitors the Glad Hand

The Dallas Trade evangelists will be in Snyder next Thursday to mingle with us for an hour. Every business man in town and possibly 90 per cent of our people will meet some they know in that bunch. There will be a train load, ten cars, of them. Snyder should pull off a stunt and show these men that we are alive. Mayor Fuller and Commercial Secretary Thrane will have the people organized into a big reception committee and show that Snyder knows how to play host to a party of rounders. It will be at the noon hour and will be a good time to have the school here in full force. Those fellows would be glad to see all the pupils in a body just at the closing of the session.

Have you tried our Peace Maker flour? Every sack guaranteed.—Farmers Merc. Co. 49

Land and Home

160 acres, 4 miles west of Snyder, on public road, 90 acres cultivated, balance good grass, best grade of catchlaw land. Practically all tillable.

Not leased for oil, fair improvements, good water, mill and tanks, two miles of school. If a choice location appeals to you, better see this one. Price \$45.00 per acre, crop rent included, or 8 per cent off for cash. If interested write to or see the owner, J. P. Keenon, Snyder, Texas, R. 1. 48pd

Dr. L. E. Trigg was here from Ereckneridge the first of the week to visit his family. He is practicing medicine over there and says he is not taking any chances in the oil game. His family will join him there after the close of school.

Mrs. O. P. Thrane visited relatives in Colorado City this week.

Two Really Big Stars

The Cozy Theatre will show tomorrow for the first time in this city Leah Baird in the first of the Four Star productions, "As a Man Thinks" one of the most absorbing dramas ever presented on the screen. The "four stars" of this production are the lead, the author, the director and the producer.

Leah Baird, in the leading role, is a well known star of the film world, her record dating back to the early Vitagraph days. Augustus Thomas is the author. The greatest of American playwrights, he is responsible for such famous creations as "The Witching Hour," "Harvest Moon," "Arizona," "The Copperhead" and others. "As a Man Thinks," is one of his big dramatic successes creating quite a furore when it was played in leading cities throughout the country.

George Irving is a director with many artistic productions and finan-

cial successes to his credit. With a long career behind him, some of his biggest and most recent pictures are "Jaffrey," "God's Man," "Raffles," "The Witching Hour," "Silver King" and "To Hell with the Kaiser." Harry Raver is the producer who put the motion picture on a competitive basis with the legitimate stage by playing the superfilm "Cabiria" on Broadway at \$2.00 prices.

The story is an intensely dramatic one based on the absorbing subject of the double standard of morals. In the virtue of women rests the welfare of the world, says the author and demonstrates his point in "As a Man Thinks."

Loyd Mountain Country was soaked and the land was considerably washed.

Excuse us while we hoe a few hicks in the garden.

McAdoo and Cox

Bascom Timmons of New York considers it almost certain the Democrats in Convention in San Francisco will nominate McAdoo for President and Cox of Vice-President. It is expected McAdoo will be nominated on the second ballot.

McAdoo has been gaining in favor for several weeks. If these men are chosen to carry the banner we may expect Mr. Bryan to oppose Cox because of his views on prohibition and Mr. Bailey will be against McAdoo because he is a son-in-law of President Wilson and both these down and outs to oppose the ticket because they didn't name it.

J. B. Holcomb was here from Sunday till Wednesday from Cisco.

Rev. J. W. Morton has returned from visiting his family at Waxahatchie.

Mr. Hooper for Weigher

W. D. Hooper of Hermleigh is candidate for re-election to the office of Public Weigher for Precinct 4. Mr. Hooper has made good. He is attentive to his business and keeps his scales properly adjusted. He is expected for a careful consideration of claims and will appreciate your support.

Conservative Socialists prevailed in their convention and the radical element failed to get the platform they wanted.

Miss Lula Chenoweth left Saturday for Mineral Wells where she goes to attend a chief operators conference of the Southwestern Telephone Co.

Get fresh flour. A car of Peace Maker just unloaded at Farmers Merc. Co.

Gifts Appropriate For Graduation Exercises.—H. G. TOWLE, Jeweler

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Smith of Wortham, Texas, are visiting their brother, J. A. West.

Cane seed. Lots of Red Top cane seed at 4 cents a pound.—Farmers Merc. Co. 49

Announcement

WE HAVE OPENED THE PALACE OF SWEETS, A FIRST CLASS CONFECTIONERY ESTABLISHMENT, IN THE BUILDING FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY THE GRAYUM DRUG STORE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE SQUARE, AND ASK A SHARE OF YOUR BUSINESS.

WHILE WE HAVE ONLY BEEN IN SNYDER A SHORT TIME WE ARE HERE TO MAKE OUR HOME WITH YOU AND ASPIRE TO CITIZENSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP ON AN HONORABLE RECORD AND HIGH STANDING IN OUR FORMER HOME. SNYDER WAS SELECTED FROM A GREAT NUMBER OF TOWNS IN THIS SECTION OF TEXAS BY REASON OF THE SUBSTANTIAL APPEARANCE OF THE CITY, THE FINE FARMING COUNTRY SURROUNDING, THE HEALTHFUL CONDITIONS AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, THE FINE TYPE OF GENIAL, ORDERLY AND HOSPITABLE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN AND COUNTY.

WE HAVE HAD YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE CONFECTIONERY BUSINESS AND IT WILL BE OUR PLEASURE TO EXTEND YOU RIGHT VALUES AND SUCH SERVICE AS WILL MEASURE UP TO THE MOST EXACTING REQUIREMENTS.

WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO CALL AND SEE US.

The Palace of Sweets

EAST SIDE SQUARE



LION HATS
The Right Hat for Real Men

THESE FAMOUS HATS, IN A MOST ATTRACTIVE SPRING OFFERING, HAVE JUST ARRIVED. MODERATELY PRICED, LION HATS PRESENT UNSURPASSABLE QUALITY. COME IN TODAY, WHILE OUR SPRING STOCKS ARE COMPLETE. THERE'S A LION HAT THAT EXACTLY SUITS YOU.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.



WE'RE FOR IT

The Big Idea Back of the Overall Club is Economy

THE desire for economy in clothes seem to be widespread. We are for it. It is something we have been trying to encourage in our advertising. We consistently urge economy. We believe that people who do not need clothes should not buy them. There have not been enough clothes in the country to go around and anyone who can get along with the clothes he has, is rendering a public service.

We have also said that if you do buy clothes for reason of self respect or other aesthetic feelings, you should buy the kind of clothes that will be the least wasteful.

Economy in clothes is not simply in paying a low price for them; it is not getting a certain amount of cloth and tailoring, for clothes are something more than a mere covering for the body.

YOU'LL FIND HERE ECONOMY IN HART SCHAFFNER & MARX CLOTHES; WE GUARANTEE THAT THEY'LL GIVE ALL THE VALUE WEAR AND STYLE YOU EXPECT TO GET IN ANY CLOTHES—IF NOT; MONEY BACK.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

The home of Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes