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GIVES Mc-PEAK SIX YEARS

Attracts Large Crowds Throughout Proceedings--Verdict Wednesday

Wednesday morning the jury in the case of the State of Texas vs. J. R. McPeak, in which the defendant was charged with the killing of S. D. Bishop on the night of Saturday, December 18th, 1915, at the Woody Drug Store in Floydada, returned a verdict for the state and assessed the punishment of the defendant at six years in the penitentiary. The defense will file a motion for a new trial which will be argued the latter part of this week, and will appeal the case in the event that a new trial is not granted, according to T. F. Houghton one of the attorneys for the defense.

Comparatively few people were in the court room at the time the jury returned their verdict.

Following the judge's overruling of the motion to quash the indictment, and the motion for a change of venue Thursday afternoon examination of special veniremen was begun. This lasted until late Friday afternoon and a total of 119 were examined before the jury was completed.

Taking of testimony was begun Thursday forenoon and continued through Monday. Little evidence developed at the examining was introduced.

The judge's charge was given Tuesday morning and arguments of the attorneys were completed the same afternoon and the case given to the jury. The judge's charge covered murder, negligent homicide, first and second degree, and accidental killing.

The case was a hard-fought one throughout, and attracted attention. The main floor gallery of the district court were packed with crowds watching the greater part of the trial.

The trial of C. R. Blaine, charged with the murder of Blanton Galloway on the night of the 26th of December at Mrs. Blaine's home in north Floydada was begun Wednesday morning. Eight members of the jury were secured when the case was exhausted, and the judge ordered thirty new veniremen summoned, the court continuing until ten o'clock this morning.

The case is expected to proceed rapidly after the jury is completed, as there are only a few witnesses to be examined.

Mrs. E. C. Henry Entertains

A delightful afternoon was enjoyed at a croquet party, by the friends of Mrs. W. R. Ivey on Wednesday afternoon, March 15. Mrs. E. C. Henry assisted by her daughter, Mrs. G. V. Smith, was a pleasant hostess. Mrs. Henry who is loved by all, forgets no one when she deals out kindness.

Mrs. Ivey, who formerly lived in Floydada and is now visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Surginer was the honor guest.

The beautiful home was comfortably and tastefully arranged. The afternoon was spent very informally. Some were interested in croquet while others played "forty-two."—Lucy Lucinda May Peter Buckingham being the recognized champion player. To have been in Mrs. Henry's home and having an opportunity to be with Mrs. Ivey again bespeaks a pleasant time.

Late in the afternoon delicious refreshments were served to fifty guests.—Contributed.

Retail Merchants will Banquet

Members of the Retail Merchants' Credit Association of Floydada and their families plan to banquet themselves Thursday night of next week.

The affair will be an informal one.

Four Carloads Hogs Shipped to Fort Worth Market.

Saturday's livestock shipments included four cars of hogs, one each by John Hammonds and Watt Griffith from Floydada and two by Watt Griffith from Lockney.

The Hammond hogs averaged 240 pounds. The Griffith load 213. The latter were purchased from J. E. Staley.

Daughter of Prominent Stockman to Wed Sunday.

Miss Alma Conner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Conner, who live sixteen miles northeast of Floydada, is to be wed next Sunday afternoon to Mr. Raymond H. Mills, of Ochiltree, Texas. The ceremony will be held at the Conner home at two o'clock.

Miss Conner has been teaching at Ochiltree the past school term returning home last week.

After a short time the affianced couple plan to return to Ochiltree to make their home.

completed, as there are only a few witnesses to be examined.

About eight o'clock on the night of the murder, according to the testimony of Mrs. McNeely, the only eye witness to the tragedy, Blaine entered the tent where she and her two children resided, near the residence of her brother, L. A. Marshall, and engaged in a fight with Blanton Galloway, the deceased, who was stabbed in the femoral artery and expired before he could reach his brother-in-law's home, the home of Mr. Marshall, about two hundred steps distant.

Blaine's home was at Miami, where he has a daughter in school. Two small sons were here with their father who had been in Floydada about two weeks working with one of the thresher gangs. He has been incarcerated in the county jail since his arrest for the killing.

No other cases will be entered into following the Blaine case during this term of court, though several cases, both criminal and civil, remain on the docket.

From this place the court will go to Silverton where a four-week term will be held beginning Monday.

CO-OPERATIVE FARM DEMONSTRATOR EMPLOYED BY THE COMMISSIONERS

Contract entered into this Afternoon will Give Floyd County Services of Competent Western Man Half the Time for a Year

By a record vote of three to two this afternoon at 2:15 the Commissioners' Court of Floyd County, contracted for the services of a competent Co-operative Farm Demonstrator, under the rules and regulations of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The demonstrator will give half of his time to Floyd and half to Hale County, spending alternate weeks in the two.

This action of the court follows the visit of Wm. Ganzer, representative of the U. S. Department and the A. & M. Department of Extension of the State of Texas, Tuesday. Mr. Ganzer addressed the court and left a contract for their consideration.

\$250 of the \$750 appropriated by this county is guaranteed by citizens locally through the efforts of officials of the Chamber of Commerce. \$750 is paid by Hale County and \$700 by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

J. F. Dollar, Commissioner from Precinct No. Two, and R. L. Ormon, from No. Three, opposed the proposition.

K. C. Livestock Report in Detail for the Week

Kansas City Stock Yards, March 13, 1916.—The good cattle market last week dislodged a liberal run today, but prices held about steady at the advance of 30 to 50 cents on beef grades made last week. Stockers and feeders closed last week with part of the advance lost, and sales today are steady to weak.

The supply of 15000 head today includes a good run from nearby territory, as well as many shipments from a distance. Cattle weighing 1512 lbs. sold at \$9.50, the top, and a drove of 1050 lb. steers also brought that price. Steers at \$9.30 today were the tail ends of a drove that sold at \$8.80 three weeks ago. A large delegation from Northern Colorado arrived, and sold quickly at highest prices yet recorded for pulp fed steers, most of them \$9 and \$9.15, with a fine car drove at \$9.25. Good bulls sold around \$7, and two cars of western cows brought \$7.

Beef steers from Nebraska brought \$8.85 to \$9, whose mates sold at \$8.55 in Omaha today. Some Nebraska steers sold to killers at \$8.35, on which feeder buyers bid the same price. Plain Oklahoma twos sold to killers at \$8.90, 1040 lbs. average. Colorado stockers sold early at \$8.50, and feeders \$8.15. Most of the stock steers bring \$7 to \$8, and feeders \$7.60 to \$8.25. Total cattle receipts at all markets is moderate today, and the high range of prices reached on the recent spurt looks like it would stick.

Hogs sold mostly steady today three loads at the top \$9.75, bulk of sales \$9.45 to \$9.70. Packers persisted in bidding lower, and some late sales were 5 lower. Receipts were 13000 head, rather liberal for Monday, but marketing at points shows that it requires an effort to work up a large run now. Canadian concerns bought here the middle of last week, for slaughter before crossing the line, as import duty of 3 cents a pound on live hogs in Canada is prohibitive. Apparently big outlets and shrinking supplies mean firm markets ahead.

Sheep and lambs sold steady to a shade lower, receipts 9000 head. Good lambs sold quickly at \$11.15 equal to the top paid last week, medium lambs down to \$10.75, common ones \$10.40, feeders \$10 to \$10.50, ewes worth \$7.25 to \$8.15. The Mont Vista district is done shipping for this year and the supply is going to run moderate. Firm prices should be the rule.

J. A. RICKART, Market Correspondent

C. L. Kneirim is recovering from a slight attack of blood poisoning which threatened for a time to prove serious. The disease began in the face and was checked within two days of its inception.

Road Tax Election in Precinct One Ordered for May 6th.

The road-tax election petitioned for in Precinct One was granted by the Commissioners' Court on last Tuesday morning, and the date for holding the election set for Saturday, May 6th.

The petition asks for an election to determine whether a tax of not exceeding fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars valuation shall be levied on property in the precinct for the maintenance of roads.

Mrs. Ivey Honoree at Series of Mid-day Dinners.

Mrs. R. W. Ivey, of Amarillo, who is the guest of her mother here this week has been the honor guest at a series of four very charming mid-day dinners, served at the homes of friends. Thursday Mrs. Walker Campbell had as her guests, besides the honoree, Mesdames Slaughter, Umbarger, E. B. Thompson, C. Surginer, and Miss Myrtle Thompson.

Friday Mrs. J. A. Price was hostess to Mesdames Willis, Baker, Ivey, R. L. and E. C. Henry, Slaughter, Childers, Umbarger, and C. Surginer, honoring Mrs. Ivey.

An elaborately planned dinner with Mrs. M. F. Husky as hostess on Monday was to have been one of the prettiest features of the week's social affairs, but the illness of Mrs. Husky's little boy made limiting the number of guests necessary.

On Tuesday Mrs. G. V. Slaughter was hostess Mesdames Baker, A. N. Gamble, Campbell, C. Surginer, G. V. Smith, Felton, Bartley, and Mrs. Ivey were the guests.

Corrected Date for Lyceum Attraction is March 25th.

Geo. A. Lider, secretary for the Lyceum Committee is in receipt of information from the company which booked the numbers for this season's lyceum course, stating that the correct date for the appearance of the Mildred Morrison Company in Floydada is March 25th.

Chillicothe Man Buys Half Section

Fred Gucterslok, of Chillicothe, Texas, spent a part of last week in Floydada, and while here bought the P. M. Felton half-section east of town one and a half miles. The price paid was \$35 per acre.

Mrs. W. B. Dare negotiated the deal.

Plainview Public School Bonds Carry 11 to 1.

Bonds for the construction of new school buildings at Plainview, were voted in that school district last Saturday in the sum of \$50,000.

The proposition carried by a margin of almost eleven to one.

GREER ENTERING YOUNG STEERS IN FAT STOCK SHOW

Maize, Silage and Meal Fed Coming Two's In Fort Worth Competition.

S. A. Greer left Saturday for Fort Worth with two loads of fat young steers for the market, one load of which he entered Tuesday in the Fat Stock Show, which is the biggest event of the week at that market.

Mr. Greer's young steers weigh about one thousand pounds. The entries in the Show are coming twos. He has been winter-feeding them on maize chops, silage and cotton seed meal.

Ex-Confederate Veteran Died at Lakeview Last Thursday.

James T. Walker, 82 years and 11 months of age, 35 years a Baptist, 61 years a Mason and a veteran of the war between the states on the Confederate side, died last Thursday evening at the home of his son-in-law, G. H. Miller, in the Lakeview Community.

The funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Lakeview Cemetery, conducted by Rev. G. W. Tubbs, of Floydada.

Mr. Walker was born in 1833 and was made a Mason 61 years ago at Savannah, Mo.

He had lived with his son-in-law for a number of years.

Greer's Young Steers Bring Good Price at Ft. Worth

The Hesperian received telegraphic information Tuesday which indicates that S. A. Greer's winter-fed yearlings sold well at Fort Worth this week.

Thirty-three of the steers average 1087 pound sold at \$8.25 and six average 948 pounds sold at \$7.25.

The steers were coming two's and threes, and had been fattened on maize chops, maize silage, and cotton seed meal.

"Showers" Worthy of Note.

Every few days for the past two weeks the South Plains have been enjoying some of the rare freshness which are attributes of no other "showers" than those of the Great Southwest.

A northern Tuesday, of very little intensity so far as temperature is concerned, contributed to the gayety of the nations locally, transferring old papers, cans and rubbish from the fences on the east to their "proper" places on the west. This was more thoroughly demonstrated within the precincts of Floydada than in the country adjacent.

FIRE VOLUNTEERS HOLD MEETING

Chief and other officers will be Selected at Meeting Monday Night.

The organization plans for a Volunteer Fire Department were furthered last Monday night at a meeting in Geo. A. Lider's office, at which some twenty volunteers were present. Mr. Lider presided at the meeting and N. W. McClesky served as secretary.

Following this meeting another one is to be held next Monday night, at which time W. M. Winsor, Clarence Foster, and J. D. Starks, as a nominating committee, will submit names for chief, assistant chief, secretary and treasurer.

At Monday night's meeting members of the city council and the Chamber of Commerce are asked to meet with the Department members, when the completed organization will be entered into, constitution and by-laws adopted and other steps taken to make it an efficient fire fighting organization at the earliest possible date.

The fire-fighting apparatus now available are to be assembled immediately and a practice meeting held at an early date. Fred Brown, C. W. Mitchell and Thurmond Bishop are members of the committee which will call for a practice meeting.

The City Council have under discussion the purchase of further equipment and as soon as they determine the most valuable way in which the available funds may be spent this equipment expenditure will be made. Abundant for the protection of the apparatus and accommodation of "on duty" members is also a part of the near-future policy of the council.

Following are the names of the volunteers of the Department:

C. W. Mitchell, N. W. McCleskey, Wister Ross, Frank Harmon, Dug Starks, Ben Morton, Bill Salisbury, Geo. Lider, Roy Snodgrass, Chas. Nelson, Ott Gamble, T. M. Cox, W. H. Hilton, W. G. McCoy, A. V. Haynes, Glad Snodgrass, Fred Brown, Monroe Windsor, I. C. Surginer, Sam Goslee, Thurman Bishop, Robt. McGuire, Carter Andrews, Homer Steen, Clarence Foster, Ira Gamble, H. S. Haines, J. H. Reagan, Chas. Featherston, Ulmer White.

W. S. McCoy returned home Monday from Kansas points, where he had been on business for the Banana Land & Loan Co., for some ten days.

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CHAPTER XXVI.
Blair Seeks the Document.
 THE reckless, desperate and unscrupulous ancestor, the first Arthur Stanley, who had found the diamond from the sky in the fallen meteor 300 years ago, had a worthy descendant in the equally reckless, desperate and unscrupulous Blair Stanley.

It is to be doubted if Blair Stanley gave any thought of the great wrong he might do the gentle Esther in the furtherance of the cold ambitious schemes of his mother and his own impulsive lawless ones. He cared not a whit whether if he should marry Esther such an alliance would be bigamous and shameful in case his marriage with Vivian should prove subsequently legal and binding.

To get Esther and to get the diamond by such means, not to speak of the Stanley aridom in England, appealed to Blair. The thought of Vivian fighting for her rights as the consort of an earl appealed to Blair's cynical sense of humor.

With a meekness almost puritanical in its sleek hypocrisy he had answered his mother to the effect that he would do as she desired. He prepared himself, at his mother's suggestion, to return to Richmond and make amends with the disgruntled relative and society leader, Mrs. Burton Randolph, for Mrs. Randolph had developed an unselfish fondness for Esther.

Meanwhile Esther had been received with open arms by the gypsy people when she had returned with Quabba when first setting out in search of Arthur with the loyal hunchback. Another search of Hagar's van at the camp had been fruitless. There was no trace or evidence of any wealth that it had always been supposed that Hagar possessed.

Esther announced to the gypsies that, while Hagar gave evidence of eventually recovering, it was necessary that she (Esther) must journey far to seek a friend who could aid her in these days of trial. The generous Romanys of the tribe pressed their lithe hoards of money upon Esther, whom they acknowledged their princess. But Esther refused to accept.

The more canny and practical Quabba, however, accepted all tributes of this kind, unknown to Esther, and secreted them against coming days of need.

Followed far from the camp by the kindly gypsies, and even the little gypsy children who loved Esther with the loyal devotion of their elders, Quabba and Esther set out upon their way. Quabba was further gladdened by a royal gift of a large street piano and cart and pony to haul it.



Quabba and Esther Set Out Upon Their Way.

Starting west and north upon their quest for Arthur, Esther and Quabba with their quaint equipage took their way. They halted at the farm of Farmer Smith, where Arthur had worked, and proceeded on, intending to skirt through Richmond to ascertain Hagar's condition ere going west.

Journeying to Richmond, Blair Stanley beheld Quabba and Esther and the pony and organ cart as his train passed by them. The reckless Blair had no patience to wait till the train reached the next station. He pulled the air-brake cord, alighted, and as the train pulled out he hid by the roadside by the track, and after Esther and Quabba had toiled past him on foot by their pony organ cart, he stealthily trailed them to the outskirts of Richmond.

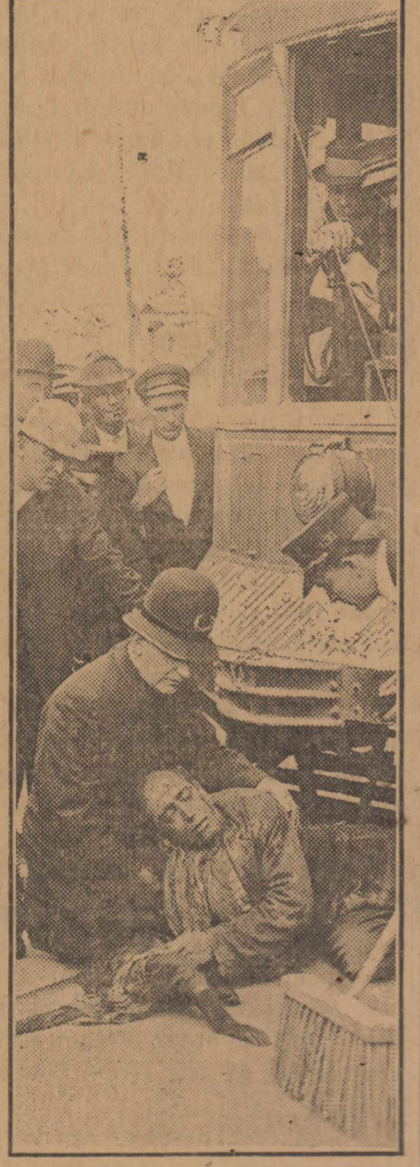
From here he hastened to Mrs. Randolph's, and made his peace and enlisted her sympathy and co-operation

in regard to Esther. With Mrs. Randolph he hurried to the sanitarium where Hagar was, and as he had surmised, they found Esther.

The appeals of the good-hearted Mrs. Randolph had no effect in dissuading Esther from her wild plan of searching for Arthur, journeying even across the continent on foot with a gypsy hunchback to do so, until she appealed to her through her love for Hagar.

"Suppose your mother recovers and needs you?" said Mrs. Randolph earnestly. "Stay with me, and be my little adopted daughter again till your mother recovers. You can see she is improving. Let your gypsy servant go and seek Arthur Stanley. I am sure I do not know what strange reason actuates you in your desire to find him. If he cared for you he would let you know where he is. If he is not guilty of murdering dear old Dr. Lee why should he run away? Don't you see, a nice young girl can't do such delightful, romantic things? It's all right in books, my dear Esther, but in real life a young girl going across the world to seek a sweetheart without a chaperone would be talked about." To be "talked about" was Mrs. Randolph's idea of mundane damnation.

Esther realized the sense and sincerity of Mrs. Randolph's kindly pleading



Quabba Was Struck and Hurt.

and agreed to abide by her advice. Quabba took up his lodgings in the part of the town of Richmond he was familiar with, preparing to start shortly in his search for Arthur, and Esther returned to Mrs. Randolph's.

With his rising fortunes in the west, Arthur kept his secret agent in Richmond, Blake, the detective, well supplied with funds, though cautioned to silence, a caution hardly necessary with the taciturn Blake, the man behind the scene, who seemingly was at the bidding of all and yet was ever the master of his own deep methods.

A bootblack, a well grown youth of twenty, loitered by the Randolph mansion the day of Esther's return with Mrs. Randolph and Blair Stanley. A bootblack hastened to the private office of Detective Tom Blake and breathlessly reported the presence of Esther and of Blair in Richmond. Blake took half a dozen banknotes of large denomination from his wallet and inclosed them in a large plain envelope with a note that read, "Sent by Arthur to be used as necessary."

Twenty minutes later the bootblack furtively climbed the wistaria vine to Esther's window and a moment later dropped unseen down beside the Randolph mansion and hurried away. A little later Esther found on her bureau by the window the large envelope with the banknotes and the mysterious message.

Esther kissed the note because it seemed almost the personal proximity of Arthur. The money, which was \$1,000, hardly concerned her at all except that she realized it would smooth the path of Quabba to the west in seeking Arthur. That Arthur knew where she was and had strong though secret influences working in her behalf was all well enough perhaps to his masculine manner of thinking.

But in Esther the eternal feminine manifested itself in the desire to be near the one she loved. Nothing else mattered.

Just then Mrs. Randolph's maid, the smiling Fifi, entered with a vase of Esther's favorite roses, chattering her happiness at seeing Esther again. Esther, who had secreted the note and the money at Fifi's knock, asked the maid to place the flowers in the window.

It was the old signal for Quabba, and when that faithful soul stole through the street on the watch for some sign from his young mistress he saw the signal, and Clarence, the monkey, was sent up the wistaria for Esther's message.

Clarence clambered down again with half the money that had been in the mysteriously placed envelope and with it a scribbled message requesting Quabba to go at once to Los Angeles to locate Arthur, where Esther had last directly heard of him. Quabba smiled, kissed his hand and doffed his cap to his fair young mistress at the window and hurried away.

But much was to happen ere Quabba left Richmond. Some teasing boys at a street corner annoying Clarence, the monkey, and Quabba, caused the latter to step in the path of a trolley car. Immediately he was struck and hurt, but not badly.

Blair Stanley had seen Quabba turn round the corner of the Randolph mansion and had followed him at a distance, wondering what might be the hunchback's reason for loitering near where Esther was. Blair, the trailer, intent upon his own quarry, did not notice that he in turn was trailed by a bootblack, a well grown youth of twenty. When Quabba was knocked down by the trolley and bruised and dazed Blair was among the first to come to his assistance. Quabba was able to give the address of his lodgings and to refuse to go to a hospital. He and Clarence, the monkey, were placed in a taxi and were driven off, to the cheers of the multitude, who regarded them in the light of heroes for the dangers they had passed.

It was Blair's perverse nature that saw in the accident a reckless way to trap Esther and search for the Stanley document his mother believed that Esther always carried with her.

He scribbled a note and, seeking a messenger, his eyes lit upon the bootblack. The note was to Esther and was written as though by a stranger witnessing the accident to Quabba. It gave the address Quabba had given after the accident and it requested Esther to come to see the injured man, reading as though Quabba had asked the stranger to send the word.

The bootblack bore the message promptly to his employer, Blake, the detective. That astute man behind the scenes calmly assumed the bootblack's guise and delivered the note in person.

Mrs. Randolph plaintively objected to Esther's going alone to such a part of town as the address of Quabba's lodgings. But it was broad day and Esther laughed at her fears.

Meanwhile Blair Stanley had proceeded to the lodging house and, aided by the convincing argument of a ten dollar bill, had no trouble in convincing the landlady that he was a detective expecting to trap a shoplifter.

Blair proceeded to Quabba's room and, finding Quabba dazed with pain, bound and gagged him. It was an adventure just to Blair's liking. He had slipped on a mask before surprising and overpowering Quabba, and when Esther's light step was heard at the door, directed by the landlady on the landing below, Blair, still masked, opened the door and dragged Esther within.

If Blair had expected an easy victim he found he had caught a Tartar. Esther fought like a little tigress, and every effort Blair made to search her for the Stanley document was repulsed.

Blair's perverse nature rejoiced in this vigorous defense of the slight but wiry girl. Quabba struggled to free himself to assist Esther, but just then

the door opened and a stout bootblack, who was none other than Tom Blake, the detective, joined in the fray. He owed Blair something on an old score, and right merrily he proceeded to pay it off.

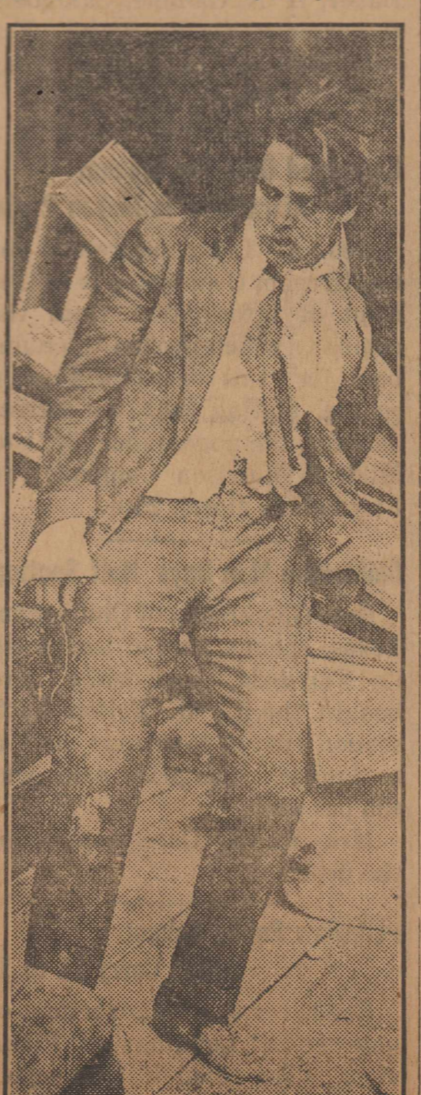
Blair fought like a madman. And then Quabba tore himself loose from his bonds and, forgetting the bruises of his accident, joined in the melee. Blair was young and strong. Physically he was a match for the detective, even though the latter was aided by the active and supple Quabba.

The three sided fight boiled out of Quabba's shabby room and down the rickety old staircase. Halfway down the stairs, the balustrade on the upper landing having already given way, the detective and Quabba, punching, kicking and shoving, pushed Blair out against the rail.

The entire balustrade, banisters and all, broke out and fell over, and Blair went down with them backward and struck with a heavy thud on the landing at the side of the stairs in the corridor below.

Esther, with Quabba and Blake, ran down the stairs through the dust and wreckage beside the huddled insensate form of the masked man.

The detective lifted up the mask and laughed. Then, speaking still as a bootblack, he said: "You recognize the agent? Let's take the lady away before the police come."



Blair Fought Like a Madman.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

A feud had existed between Colonel Arthur Stanley and his cousin, Judge Lamar Stanley, over an heirloom, the diamond from the sky, found in a fallen meteor by an ancestor. Also, the succession to the Stanley earldom in England may come to an American. When a daughter is born to the colonel and the mother dies, the colonel buys a gypsy boy and substitutes him. Three years later the gypsy mother, having returned to Virginia with her, Dr. Lee, the late Colonel Stanley's friend, adopts Esther, but demands that Hagar turn over to him the diamond from the sky. Arthur Stanley, son of Hagar, falls in love with Esther and so does his companion and cousin, Blair Stanley, rightful male heir of Stanley. In stealing the diamond Blair causes the death of the doctor and tries later to put the blame on Arthur, who takes the diamond from him.

The sheriff attempts to take Arthur into custody, but he eludes his pursuers and John Hagar, who reveals his identity and upbraids him for his wild life. Needing money, he pawns the diamond in Richmond. At a ball, at which a supposed New York belle, Vivian Marston, is the guest of honor, Arthur and Blair find the diamond on the visitor. She is an adventuress who has borrowed it.

Luke Lovell, Hagar's gypsy guard, steals the diamond, and to avoid detection drops it into a mail box. Arthur leaves Richmond and goes to the west. The diamond passes into a mail bag, picked up by Quabba, organ grinder. Quabba's monkey steals the diamond. Hagar takes Esther to Stanley hall.

Tom Blake, a detective of Richmond, who is hired by Hagar, produces finger prints convicting Blair. Hagar proposes silence to Mrs. Stanley as the price of Hagar's and Esther's being received in Fairfax society. Blair strikes down Hagar and steals the finger prints, leaving the gypsy demented. The diamond is found by a negro boy and is taken by a tramp. The latter is murdered by Hung Li. It is stolen just as a slumming party enters Hung Li's den. Hagar is again with Esther among the gypsies. Madame Smythe, lawyer, arrives to announce Arthur is heir to the deceased Earl of Stanley. Learning Arthur is a fugitive he seeks Blair instead. To win Vivian, Blair steals the diamond, later marrying her and leaving for the west. Their train is robbed, Vivian losing the diamond, which a slain train robber drops in the desert. The \$100,000 he stole is found by Arthur, now known as John Powell, sheep herder. Vivian deserts Blair, telling him he must regain the diamond for her. Luke Lovell, driven from the camp after learning Hagar's secret, leaves to seek Blair. Hagar is under treatment and Esther is in Richmond society, protege of Mrs. Stanley, who suspects her real name, and of Mrs. Randolph. Abe Bloom, gambler, who knows Blair's guilt, covets the diamond and calls it the price of his secrecy. Blair will not listen to Lovell, and Arthur also insists on his silence. Blair returns to Richmond and, instigated by his mother, pays unwelcome court to Esther. Mrs. Stanley asserting Vivian had been married before, the diamond is picked up by an Indian woman. Dr. Lee, Arthur learns, died of heart disease. Becoming very rich he buys Stanley hall, sold at auction, through Blake, and also provides for Hagar and has money left secretly in Esther's room. Luke Lovell buys the diamond from the squaw, but loses it in a fight on Santa Barbara bay, the gem sinking. At the auction Smythe buys a mounted deer head. Vivian, desiring aid to ensnare Arthur, sends for Blair. The latter is worsted in an attempt to take the Stanley document from Esther, defended by Blake and Quabba.

CHAPTER XXVII.
For Love and Money.
 OUT from the rickety old mansion, long gone to slattern shabbiness as a lodging house, came Detective Tom Blake in his guise of overgrown bootblack. He led the dazed and bewildered Esther by the wrist and following after her, forgetting in his excitement the hurts he had sustained, came the devoted Quabba.

Whimpering inquiries unheeded by Esther as to whether she had been hurt and divided between his worry over his young mistress and the frightened chatter of Clarence, the monkey, who clung desperately to him, Quabba submitted to being hustled after Esther into the waiting taxicab, which drove off as though at command, leaving the bootblack upon the scene.

From the dark and dingy interior of the lodging house came a cloud of dust, raised by the falling of the rickety old stairway and landing in the battle with Blair.

The blowzy and gin sodden landlady, roused now to an acute perception of the trouble to come from the police, stood in the doorway screaming as the idle and shabby population of that mean part of Richmond came

flocking to the scene, wondering if it were murder, robbery or both.

Blake in his bootblack guise mingled with the throng as a spectator, waiting to see if Blair would be brought out from the interior wreckage, living or dead. At the arrival of the police wagon the screaming landlady slammed the door and barred it.

Inside, among the wreckage of the fallen staircase and landing, Blair, revived from the stunning effects of his fall, pulled himself to his feet, rejoicing that beyond a few bruises he was not injured. He scrambled over the debris and down the cellar steps and away, while yet the hysterical landlady held the fort against the battering police outside.

The house had been a fine mansion in its day, and the stout old door held stanchly. But at last it gave way and in poured the police, who could gain no information from the screaming, scratching harridan, who endeavored to bar their way, and so they promptly laid hands on the landlady and such of her lodgers as had not fled, and haled them out to the patrol wagon and bore them off.

Blake, idling with the crowd, did not disclose himself, but, satisfied that Blair had made good his escape and that no notoriety or arrests would stir up matters that Blake, as agent of Arthur, desired to remain quiescent, he returned, smiling inscrutably, to his office.

In a back street the fleeing Blair, noting a standing automobile, whose driver was stooping over by its front wheel finishing pumping up a tire, bowed over the startled chauffeur and drove off in the commandeered car at breakneck speed. He drew his hat down over his eyes and bent low over the wheel as, halfway to Mrs. Randolph's house, he flashed past the taxicab containing Esther and Quabba.

Hailing his car in front of Mrs. Randolph's mansion, Blair hastily donned a linen automobile coat and a driver's cap with goggles on the visor lying in the car seat.

Hiding his own hat and dust covered coat under the seat cushion and wearing the auto togs, he was the first person to greet Esther and Quabba when their taxicab drew up and they alighted.

The taxi driver, evidently in the pay and at the orders of Detective Blake, drove away without a word, and despite the indignant protests of both Esther and Quabba, Blair outpaced them with his declaration that he was innocent of any lodging house encounter, but on the contrary had been riding all day in the car he had borrowed from a friend.

Mrs. Randolph, meeting the excited group in her doorway, promptly fell into "a state of nerves" at the problem that confronted her when the indignant Quabba and the more than indignant Esther breathlessly presented their charges of brutal treachery and

the express car and secured for himself when Esther arrived Los Angeles, also.

Quabba, whose tastes were better if not vagrom, permitted him change of costume so far as it out his earrings and don a straw the very shape and feel of what detested, and immediately sang John Powell.

Under this name Arthur Stanley a leading figure in Los Angeles Quabba soon found himself at the offices of the Good Hope Oil Company.

Here a supercilious office lady, condescending telephone girl, informed the strange looker-quaer that Mr. John Powell had far off into the distant Sierras to quire some mines. It would seem, said John Powell, the new oil millionaire was extensively branching out into other industrial investments.

It was this same information, but more agreeably given, that was vouchsafed to Blair when he called later in the day at the suggestion of Vivian Marston when Blair had joined that vivacious lady, who had married him in haste for the diamond and parted from him in equal celerity at the loss of it.

From the beginning Vivian made their relative positions clear to Blair. "You are a very dear boy," she said, "and there is a refreshing air of youthfulness about your wicked ways. But you are so delightfully incapable of doing the right thing when there is a wrong thing to do at the same time that I cannot be too closely concerned with you in the matters we have in hand."

"I want the diamond from the sky! I don't care where it is or who has it. I would sell my soul for it, and I would not care how many lives stood in the way of my desire; no, not even if your life was one of them, my dear boy!"

Blair's eyes glittered murderously. "You go too far with me, Vivian!" he panted. "No one knows better than you that there isn't anything I wouldn't dare for you!"

Vivian seated herself on the edge of the table, still keeping Blair at his distance with a significant gesture of calm earnestness.

"That is just the trouble," she answered coolly. "There isn't anything you would not dare do for me or for anything else you desire—Esther Harding for instance."

Blair winced. "Ah," continued Vivian mockingly, "I see that shot you home, and it was a chance one. I dare to love me, and you dare to the shy and timid gypsy girl."

"Well, if you have double lives may we not have double loves? Don't scowl, Blair, my dear. You frighten me for one moment, really you are stronger than I am. I have no doubt if you had me some place you might strangle me, you could not frighten me."

"Now listen," continued Vivian, "know how the desire for the diamond obsessed you when you saw it hands of the old doctor who murdered for it. I do not care whether it rightfully belongs to Stanley, and I do not care if your suspicions as to his being way wrongfully are correct or not taken."

"I only know that Arthur Stanley, known out here as John Powell, only know that John Powell has millions and is making more. I cannot expose him, because, after he knows he is not guilty of the death of Dr. Lee, and he knows you that he has tacitly accepted the blame for his flight from Virginia and here under a false name does not care me. I only know that you him and that he is fond of you, minds of those who knew him in Virginia he is believed to be a murderer and he lets this onus rest on his or, rather, the name he wears there, for your sake."

"If the diamond rightfully Arthur Stanley I will marry even as I married you for you say a word I will send you to the gallows. As desperate as you dear Blair, I can see you would go to the gallows. You even to be charged and tried for the murder you are guilty of, although you that Dr. Lee died from when you broke into his the diamond."

"If you are the right diamond and the earldom good. I want the diamond. I would dearly love to have of Stanley estate. Vivian, your very reckless in your present position. You can claim I will think it over, while we had better must not be as you are apt to venture cannot be identified. The diamond appeared, but John is very tangible. do to gain the money you must not intend well we may gain earldom and John together. We hold a secret, and that is a start."

"Now you go and find these mines he has found will be as glad to see in Richmond. He does true character as I do you his manager or generous and will be kinship, if you are boyhood comrade with me."

"On my part I will not let you into his affairs without. We will go well you goes well we will

CHAPTER XXVII.
For Love and Money.
 OUT from the rickety old mansion, long gone to slattern shabbiness as a lodging house, came Detective Tom Blake in his guise of overgrown bootblack. He led the dazed and bewildered Esther by the wrist and following after her, forgetting in his excitement the hurts he had sustained, came the devoted Quabba.

Whimpering inquiries unheeded by Esther as to whether she had been hurt and divided between his worry over his young mistress and the frightened chatter of Clarence, the monkey, who clung desperately to him, Quabba submitted to being hustled after Esther into the waiting taxicab, which drove off as though at command, leaving the bootblack upon the scene.

From the dark and dingy interior of the lodging house came a cloud of dust, raised by the falling of the rickety old stairway and landing in the battle with Blair.

The blowzy and gin sodden landlady, roused now to an acute perception of the trouble to come from the police, stood in the doorway screaming as the idle and shabby population of that mean part of Richmond came



"I want the diamond from the sky!"

perfidy against Blair, who still insistently proclaimed his innocence with an air of half indignation, half puzzled good nature.

"I am sure I do not know what to say!" moaned Mrs. Randolph. "But as for accusing Blair of such dreadful things, hasn't the poor boy told you that you are mistaken?"

Seeing that Mrs. Randolph was utterly unable to believe Blair guilty of his despicable actions and utterly astounded at the cool effrontery of Blair and his brazen denials, Esther dismissed her one faithful, loyal friend and gave him directions to proceed to Los Angeles with part of the money that had so mysteriously come into her hands.

"I will follow you," whispered Esther. "I will not stay in this house, where Mrs. Randolph, as Blair's cousin, cannot or will not see how villainous and despicable he is."

Esther took train to Los Angeles a week after Quabba had departed for the west, taking with him the pony and piano cart, of which he was inordinately proud, together with Clarence, his simian collector of external revenue.

Quabba had hardly superintended the unloading of his traveling outfit from

Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, }
 County of Floyd, } By virtue
 of a certain order of sale issued
 on of the Honorable District
 Court of Bosque County, on the
 9th day of February 1916 by
 Robert Simmons, Clerk of said
 Court against J. W. Golden, T.
 Adams, E. R. York, and
 L. York for the sum of
 ten thousand two hun-
 dred seventy three & 83/100
 (\$10,273.83) Dollars and costs of
 said cause No. 3766 in said
 cause, styled Mrs. Eula F. Rizer
 vs. J. W. Golden, T. P. Ad-
 ams, E. R. York, and B. L. York,
 and placed in my hands for ser-
 vice, I, A. C. Goen, as sheriff of
 Floyd County, Texas, did on the
 6th day of March 1916, levy on
 certain Real Estate, situated in
 Floyd County, described as fol-
 lows, to-wit Abstract No. 365,
 Certificate No. 66, Survey No.
 203, grantee M. E. P. & F. Ry-
 Co., containing 640 acres and lo-
 cated about 12 miles South West
 from Floydada in Floyd county,
 Texas, and known as the J. W.
 Golden section. Also, 53 and
 1-3 acres out of the Wm. Samp-
 son tract of land and described
 as follows; an Undivided 53 and
 1-3 acres out of Abstract 1218,
 Wm. Sampson 160 acre home-
 stead Survey located about 10
 miles west of Floydada in Floyd
 County, Texas, and known as
 the Wm. Sampson tract of land,
 and levied upon as the property
 of said J. W. Golden, T. P. Ad-
 ams, E. R. York and B. L. York.
 And on Tuesday, the 4th day of
 April, 1916, at the Court House
 door of Floyd County, in the
 town of Floydada, Texas, be-
 tween the hours of ten A. M.
 and four P. M. I will sell said
 Real Estate at public vendue,
 for cash, to the highest bidder,
 as the property of said J. W.
 Golden, T. P. Adams, E. R. York,
 and B. L. York, by virtue of
 said levy and said Order of Sale.

And in compliance with law,
 I give this notice by publication,
 in the English language, once a
 week for three consecutive weeks
 immediately preceding said day
 of sale, in the Floyd County
 Hesperian, a newspaper publish-
 ed in Floyd County.

Witness my hand, this 6th day
 of March, 1916.
 A. C. Goen,
 Sheriff Floyd County, Texas.
 41639

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot
 reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local,
 or constitutional disease, and in order to cure
 you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh
 Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon
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 Cure is not a quack medicine. It was pre-
 scribed by one of the best physicians in the
 country for years and is a regular prescription.
 It is composed of the best tonics known, com-
 bined with the best blood purifiers, acting di-
 rectly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect
 combination of the two ingredients is what pro-
 duces such wonderful results in curing catarrh.
 Send for testimonials, free.
 F. J. CHENEY & Co., Props., Toledo, O.
 Sold by Druggists, price 75c.
 Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

To the People of Texas:

In the Annual Report of the Texas Railroad Com-
 mission for 1900, then presided over by that grand
 old commoner, John H. Reagan, after noticing the
 great increase in the amount that the Railroads of
 Texas had to pay in satisfaction of Jury verdicts
 and Court Judgements for personal injuries, the re-
 port says:

"While we have no official information show-
 ing the cause of this great increase, we under-
 stand, in a general way, that it probably results
 in a large degree from the activities of regu-
 larly organized personal injury bureaus. The
 only direct interest which this Commission has
 in this question grows out of the fact that, as
 the amount of these payments are increased,
 the available revenues of the railroad companies
 are reduced thus necessarily operating, to that
 extent, to prevent the reduction of freight
 rates, or it might be, to cause an increase of
 them."

What Judge Reagan and his associates foresaw
 and warned against has actually happened. The
 Railroad Commission of Texas has increased freight
 rates. Not much yet; but it is hoped the increases
 will be sufficiently liberal to relieve the roads of
 their distressing necessities.

The Commission, after the most exhaustive

patient, laborious and painstaking investigation
 ever before undertaken by a state rate-making
 body, in which hearing the Commission was assist-
 ed by able attorneys and experts, in no other way
 connected with the railroads; and with the single
 purpose of learning the truth and doing their duty
 as sworn officials of your choosing, the Commis-
 sioners have found that the railroads are entitled
 to earn more revenue to enable them to pay their
 operating expenses and a fair return upon the value
 of the property devoted to public use.

It would not be fair to charge the entire increase
 to personal injury payments. Such payments had,
 however, a considerable influence in the way of in-
 creased expenses; but there are many other ways
 of unnecessarily increasing the expenses of the rail-
 roads. The legislature can, and in the past has
 done so. And every expense imposed or forced on
 the railroads by the legislature must be considered
 in fixing freight rates paid by the people, and mostly
 by the producers of the wealth of the state.

The last legislature was importuned, by selfish
 interests, to pass wholly unnecessary and expensive
 laws, such as the so-called "full crew bill" and
 others, that would, had they been enacted, have
 increased the expenses of the railroads of the state
 about four million dollars per year. The legislature,

however, refused to place this enormous expense
 on the shippers and producers of this state, and
 you justly owe your lawmakers a vote of thanks
 for thus protecting you. For if the legislature had
 passed these laws, the increased expenses would
 have had to be taken into consideration by the
 Railroad Commission in fixing the advances al-
 lowed, or to be hereafter allowed.

The action of the legislature has saved the ship-
 pers and producers of this state a vast amount of
 money.

The financial condition of the railroads forced
 us to ask an increase in freight rates. We would
 have been glad, had the condition of the roads been
 such, that we would not have had to ask for such
 increase.

The way to protect yourselves in the amount of
 freight rates is to assist the railroads in reducing
 expenses and in preventing their operating ex-
 penses from being further increased. Will you thus
 help yourselves, your neighbors and your friends?

Your state and county officials publish state-
 ments of their public acts for the information of
 the people; while railroads are privately owned,
 they are operated for the benefit of the public, and
 the people are entitled to know how they are af-
 fected by railroad legislation and regulation.

General Managers Texas Railroads

Thoroughbred S. C. Rhode
 Island Red eggs, also White
 Leghorn eggs, per setting, 50c.
 Mrs. N. T. A. Byars,
 5 miles south, Lockney, Tex.
 41p

Farming Tools for Sale.

Including one 14 in. riding
 turning plow, disc harrow, 1-row
 riding planter, and other tools.
 All in fair condition, and some
 as good as new. V. M. Massie,
 3tp.

Rhode Island Eggs for sale,
 50c per setting. Special price on
 eggs for incubators.
 tfe. Mrs. A. A. Beedy.

Frogs Aid Science.

University of Texas, March.—
 There are a dozen common, ey-
 ery day pond frogs who are con-
 tributing more to science than
 any other dozen frogs on the en-
 tire continent. This dozen frogs,
 are occupying a lofty place in a
 jar in the laboratory on the
 main building of the University
 of Texas. Their main work con-
 sists of the manufacture of frog's
 eggs, in which they are rather
 efficient. Day in and day out,
 they put out frog's eggs by the
 hundreds. One student who
 counted a single day's output of
 one frog reported it as 947 eggs.
 The eggs are the size of a mid-
 dle-aged flea, and the students
 magnify these by means of the
 microscope to about the size of a
 walnut. The eggs are then
 watched as the days pass by,
 and as they are developed and
 are going through the different
 stages between a frog's egg and
 a frog. Most of the young frogs
 die, however, when they reach
 the stage of a tadpole, as the
 surroundings in the laboratory
 are not quite sufficient to prolong
 the life of the new creation.

Making X-Rays of An Elephants.

Minnie, the elephant in a Cin-
 cinnati zoo, is an animal with an
 expensive appetite. She has
 shown a propensity for diamonds
 as well as peanuts, and thereby
 hangs a tale. Not long since,
 while eating the proverbial pea-
 nut from the hand of a bystand-
 er, Minnie playfully slipped her
 trunk over his hand and remov-
 ed a valuable diamond ring.
 Worse than that—she swallowed
 it. Puzzle—find the ring. The
 elephant's keeper procured an
 X-ray machine and Minnie's
 picture was taken in seven in-
 stallments. The ring was found
 to be lodged in her throat and
 was successfully removed, while
 Minnie was none the worse for
 her novel experience.—The
 American Boy.

The Aero-Hydro-Mobile.

A machine which will run on
 ground, glide on the water, sail
 in the air and slide on the ice, is
 the invention of William A.
 Sharp, of Detroit. Nothing new
 is attempted as regards the
 steering device, transmission,
 lighting system, gear shift or
 motor. These are all standard-
 ized automobile parts. The new-
 ness of the aero-motor idea lies
 in the adaptation and utilization
 of the force of air resistance to
 moving bodies. The propeller
 blades rotate within the circum-
 ference of a wheel, presenting
 their broad surfaces on the down-
 ward stroke, and their edges
 during the upward strokes. In
 this way every ounce of lifting
 power is conserved for upward
 and forward motion. The aero-
 motor is designed upon lines to
 offer the least resistance and ob-
 tain the highest speed. Much
 attention has been given to the
 elimination of rear end suction.
 The curvature of the body of
 the machine offers the least re-
 sistance to air contact, and avoids
 surface friction. The machine
 is designed to travel two hun-
 dred miles an hour. It will soon
 be marketed on a commercial
 basis at a factory in Detroit,
 Mich.—The American Boy.

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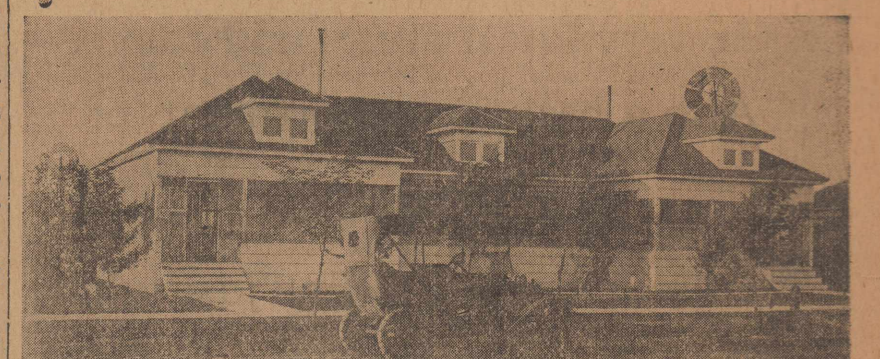
While others are talking low
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 visit our store and examine our
 goods and get our prices, and
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 prices of our goods. Duncan
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 sories at the Main Garage. We
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 Floydada, Texas

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging
 Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave
 Up in Despair. Husband
 Came to Rescue.

Caion, Ky.—In an interesting letter
 from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock
 writes as follows: "I suffered for four
 years, with womanly troubles, and during
 this time, I could only sit up for a little
 while, and could not walk anywhere at
 all. At times, I would have severe pains
 in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treat-
 ment relieved me for a while, but I was
 soon confined to my bed again. After
 that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand,
 and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of
 Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I com-
 menced taking it. From the very first
 dose, I could tell it was helping me. I
 can now walk two miles without tire
 tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly
 troubles, don't give up in despair. Try
 Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped
 more than a million women, in its 50
 years of continuous success, and should
 surely help you, too. Your druggist has
 sold Cardui for years. He knows what
 it will do. Ask him. He will recom-
 mend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies'
 Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special
 Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home
 Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. 1-6c

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 This Lister is known by farmers wherever
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Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep, And don't know where to find them; But she is wise—she will advertise And get the Hesperian behind them.

Floyd County people should not forget that for the good of their schools they should all vote on the selection of trustees for their respective precincts. The personnel of the County Board should also have their thought. Each precinct, except those in Commissioner's precinct No. 1, will vote on a representative from its Commissioners Precinct and also for one member from the county-at-large. Precinct No. 1, will vote only on the member from the county-at-large.

Pot Shots.

The way of the bachelor is hard. In times of peace he is constantly faced by tax for enjoying single-blessedness and in times of war he is the first conscript. In other words he must either marry or go to war.—Douglas (Ariz.) Dispatch.

The Supreme court of the United States has decided that Minnesota can tax membership in stock exchanges. Any tramp could have seen that board seats are "tangible property"; which was the only question at issue.—Brooklyn Eagle.

"We reflect our table habits in our faces; we look like what we eat," says an authority on dietetics. Now some men will go about town claiming that their red noses are due to their fondness for strawberries.—New Orleans States.

O. L. McIlroy, of the brakes country, was attending district court this week.

Would Be Commissioner from Precinct Number One.

G. D. French authorizes the Hesperian this week to announce that he is definitely in the race for Commissioner of this precinct (number one) and that the vote and support of the franchise-holders of the precinct will be greatly appreciated by him.

Mr. French has lived on the plains some eight years, owning land in the precinct five years and being a resident three years. From 1902 to 1906 he was commissioner from his precinct in Bell County, retiring without opposition.

Mr. French is a good citizen and would doubtless make the precinct a good commissioner if given the office he seeks.

His candidacy is subject to the Democratic Primary.

The place to find good eats on short order is at the Eubanks Cafe. South Side Square. ttc.

REUBEN M. ELLERD

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ON PREPAREDNESS

I am with and for our Democratic administration and its splendid policies, and believe that our Nation should take its place as a WORLD POWER and that it should have all facilities and equipments necessary to enforce and properly defend its rights as such, to the end that those who subscribe to the false doctrine that might makes right may be held in subjection and our peaceful progress insured.

I am opposed to militarism and war, believing that the central thought in all government should be the CONSERVATION of human life and resources and promotion of the public good everywhere, and that the Government's greatest asset is her citizenship.

(Political Advertisement)

G. G. Dunn, of Post City, Killed at Slaton Sunday.

Slaton, Tex., March 11—Leonard Darnell, 19 years of age, who shot and killed his brother-in-law, G. G. Dunn, thirty years of age, here last Sunday morning, waived preliminary trial in Justice Loomis' court here yesterday evening and was allowed bond in the sum of \$7,500.

The homicide was the outcome of previous domestic trouble. N. R. Darnell, father of the boy who did the shooting, met Dunn on Main Street, near the Cap's hotel and entered into a discussion which led to blows, when young Darnell stepped to the side of his father and fired two shots into Dunn's body from a .38 calibre pistol. Dunn ran about two hundred yards before falling, and died two hours later at the Singleton hotel. Dunn's wife and little girl and several bystanders witnessed the shooting. Dunn moved here recently from Post City, and was a well driller. The Darnell family moved here a few days ago from Clarendon.

Mules For Sale

21 head of good young mules, coming four years old, 15 to 15 1/4 hands high, all well built and in good flesh, ready to go to work. Tops out of 51 head.

* Terms: Cash or good note. Mules located in the old Newell yard, just across the street from the Farmers' Exchange. Phone 170, or call on Robbins at his office rear First State Bank Building, Floydada, Texas. tf. Robbins & Gamble,

Gin at McAdoo.

Work is in progress on a new gin near McAdoo on the Wooten place. The gin will be of sufficient capacity to handle all the cotton of that territory during the fall of 1916.

Jas. K. Green, Glad Snodgrass and R. E. L. Montague are spending the week in Fort Worth at the Fat Stock Show.

E. B. Lauderdale, whose home is now in Rome, Texas, was here this week attending district court as a witness.

Don't forget the Main Garage and service station. tf.

McCoy News Items

There is little news at this writing on account of busy times. Several have almost prepared their ground and are waiting on a rain.

The moisture in the soil in this neighborhood is good at a depth of a few inches, but the surface is quite hard.

A large crowd attended the Pelphrey auction sale last week.

A. L. Hurst went to town last week.

R. B. Caldwell hauled grain to town last week.

W. E. Smith and family returned from Guymon, Oklahoma, last Thursday where they had visited relatives. Mrs. Pennington, of Amarillo, and Mrs. Carthel, of Lockney, returned with them.

G. W. Phipps attended court in Floydada last week.

W. H. Jackson went to Lockney last Thursday on business.

A. A. Whyte went to Lockney last Friday evening and remained over until Sunday.

A large crowd attended the Union Sunday School at this place Sunday. The majority of the crowd was from Starkey.

Tobe Lincoln, of Floydada, visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln, Sunday.

M. W. Whitlow went to Floydada last Saturday.

Soverign Allen, of Petersburg, made a talk at this place Saturday night in behalf of Woodcraft. A small crowd was present and he will again make a talk tonight in order to organize a camp here.

Soverigns, Browning and Greer of near Petersburg, attended lodge meeting here Saturday night.

Mr. Rhodes, formerly of Wolfe City, Texas, has almost completed a fine two story dwelling near this place and intends to move sometime this week.

A. L. Hurst and son, Russell, went to Floydada this week.

Ed Cox was in town this week on business.

Joe Pelphrey and wife of Floydada were in this vicinity Saturday and Sunday.

Marvin Jones went to Floydada this week.

A. H. Manning was in this neighborhood last week. Stupid.

Notice.

By authority vested in me I make a call for the Floyd County Farmers' Union to meet in the regular quarterly session at the Courthouse at Floydada, Texas, on Monday April 3rd, 1916, at 10 o'clock a. m.

All union members and delegates are requested to be present on time, as there is business of importance to come before the convention.

J. S. Dickey, President.

For Sale.

18 Indian Runner ducks, make me an offer. R. O. Fields, Room 10, First Nat. Bank Bldg. 1tc.

Last Thursday the dwelling of T. J. McNeely in the northeast portion of town occupied by Walter Cheetham and family, caught fire during the early forenoon and came near burning. The fire was due to a defective flue. Passers-by called attention to the fire and aided in stopping it before much damage was done.

TO EXCHANGE—A new separator for a good, heavy low-built buggy, hack, young stock or for grain. John L. West. 1tp.

Among this week's auto sales of Floyd County dealers is the sale by C. Surginer & Son of a Brownie Motor Car to Chas. Smith.

Miss Mollie Crum Spirella Corsetiere and dressmaker. West side town. Phone 141. 4tp.

Movement for West Texas A. & M. College Crystallized.

The agitation for an Agricultural & Mechanical College to be located at some point in West Texas has been crystallized and the first meeting to demand its establishment will be held at Sweetwater on April 5th, when every town and community in West Texas is to be represented.

The fact that instruction is needed for the youths of West Texas in agricultural methods peculiar to our territory is the biggest argument in favor of its establishment.

Notice.

To our Customers, and those who have been and owe us past due accounts:

Please come in and make satisfactory arrangements for we must have our money by the first of April.

After today our books are closed and don't ask for credit.

Yours respectfully, Farmers' Exchange.

Lockney Dwelling Burned.

The dwelling of O. R. McCollum, of Lockney, was burned last Monday night, together with all the contents, both dwelling and contents being a total loss. The fire occurred early in the evening. The loss was covered by \$1600 insurance.

A. N. Gamble has returned from east Texas and Louisiana where he has been some two months with live stock. Mr Gamble says the portion of the states visited by him are passing through a dry period.

Ben Oats and son, of Waco, Texas, have been out the past week on a prospecting tour. They spent a short time while in the country with M. T. Sanders and family east of town, friends of long acquaintance.

Farm & Ranch Loans

Henderson & Perry Plainview, Texas

Can make you a Farm Loan at Reasonable Rate Money ready as soon as Title is approved. Write or See Them

Announcements

Subject to the action Democratic Primary, 1916.

For District Attorney, 64th District:

AUSTIN C. HATCHELL. GEO. L. MAYFIELD. KENNETH BAIN.

For Co. and Dist. Dierk. TOM W. DEEN.

For County Judge: E. P. THOMPSON

For County Attorney: C. K. HOLLOWAY.

For Treasurer Floyd County: MRS. ADDIE THAGARD.

For Tax Assessor:

FRED A. GRIFFITH. A. A. WHYTE. ROBT. E. JONES. T. F. CASEY. B. C. WILLIS.

For Sheriff & Tax Collector:

J. B. JENKINS. J. A. GRIGSBY. SAM I. FARNSWORTH.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 1:

W. E. SMITH. G. D. FRENCH.

For Commissioner Pre No. 4:

W. F. WEATHERBEE.

For Justice of Peace, Pre. No. 1:

T. J. MCNEELY. J. C. GAITHER.

For Public Weigher at Floydada:

W. M. COLVILLE.

LOOK!

Don't Be Astonished THESE ARE FACTS

Beginning Saturday, March 18th and lasting 10 days we will sell:

Table listing various goods and their prices, including Mountain Peak Flour, Cream of The Plains, Happy Day Blend Flour, etc.

Everything Goes Regardless of Profit.

WILLIAMS BROS.

East Side - - - Phone 94.

Hardware at Wholesale Cost.

Just received a pretty line of New Shapes

the very latest styles and colors.

Also a beautiful assortment of

Flowers.

You will not fail to find just what you want. We want you to come in and see our line.

Newell-Liston Co.

A. G. McADAMS LUMBER COMPANY

At the bat with Service and Building materials of all Kinds, at all Times.

POSTS, PAINTS, CEMENT, BRICK, LUMBER, ETC.

We are after your Business and have a large, well-balanced stock of Building Materials for your inspection at all times.

A. G. McADAMS LUMBER COMPANY

Your Typewriter Ribbon

Where did you get it and why do you continue to use it after its worn out? Impertinent?

Well, the question leads to the main idea, which is none other than that you can get another one--and a good one, too--just across the street "at the Printin' Offis."

If this is your busy day, just telephone No. 8 and save the trip. We'd welcome the excuse to come to see you, anyhow.

Remington, Underwood, Royal, Oliver and other ribbons in all colors of Record and Copying grades. 75c each.

Hesperian Pub. Co.

Tepephone No. 8.

For Sale.

35 Acres, one mile Southwest on Route 1 at a bargain and on easy terms; also 40 acres old land and 15 sod to rent.—R. C. Scott, tf.

Brown's business has doubled. 1tc.
Phone 77 or 88 for clean, fresh groceries. We have the goods and our prices are right. Duncan Grocery. 2tc.

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Covers the range of the market, served in the most sanitary way in a clean, bright eating room. Visit us and bring your wife.

Clean, Attractive Rooms and Beds in connection.

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To Cream Shippers

We call your attention to our unexcelled facilities for handling your Cream business. We ship to one of the best Companies dealing in the Southwest and are sure we can give you the highest cream test and best prices you can obtain.

Let us have your cream shipments; we can handle them to your entire satisfaction.

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PHONE 42.

W. A. SMITH

The TAILOR

Cleaning, Pressing, Alterations and Repairs

Agent For
Rillo Steam Laundry.

Phone 67
And Wagon Will Call.

Lakeview School Building Bonds Sold to State

Judge Thompson and the trustees of Lakeview School District No. 11 received drafts from the State Comptroller this week for the purchase by the state of the \$6200 school building bond issue of Lakeview District, voted last year. All the issue was bought by the state, and the draft covered the price of the bonds as well as \$155 accrued interest.

Chas. Trowbridge, secretary of the school board, wired Sam Dace, who has contracted to erect the building, of the sale of the bonds. Materials for the building will be enroute at an early date.

Big Street Sale Saturday.

I will sell six (6) Fancy water Glasses value 60c for only 25c. 8 piece Kitchen set val. 3.50 for only \$1.50—7 piece beautiful Lemonade set val. \$3.50 only \$1.50 and many other useful articles at your own price. Sale begins at 2. p. m. South west corner square. 1tc. R. O. Fields.

F. W. Cooksey, accompanied by his wife, children and Roy Perry, drove through country to Waco recently trying their new Chevrolet, visiting Mr. Cooksey's father. They were accompanied home by his sister, Miss Nora Cooksey, and cousin, Mrs. J. W. Tinsley of Waco.

A New Jeweler and Optician.

A. W. Clark a Jeweler and Optician of 25 years experience has opened up for business in the Woody Drug Store, he solicits your patronage on the merits of 1st class work at reasonable prices. He spent 3 year's in the finishing department of the Elgin Watch factory. Call and see him. 1tc.

Children's Band Program.

Song No. 61.
Prayer.—Bro. Baits.
Scripture lesson—Ephesians sixth; by leader.
Song No. 49.
Reading.—A children's day in South America.—Beatrice Dodson.
Sentence prayers.
Reading.—Anna King, Psalms 23.
Reading.—Lillian King.
Talk by visitor.
Song No. 94.
Closing prayer.—Mrs. J. L. King.

R. E. Edwards, of Osage, and S. P. Warren and Dr. A. J. Baird, of Gatesville, Texas, spent the past week in Floydada as character witnesses in the McPeak case.

Competition don't worry Brown much, his expenses are light. 1tc

An Appreciation

We wish to thank the good people of Floydada for their kindnesses and hospitality extended us during our stay in Floydada the past several days.
J. J. Hays, And Others

For Sale.

A good new buggy and harness and a good young driving horse. J. D. Ratliff. 1tp

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Faust, of the north part of the county, March 11th, at the Childers Sanitarium, a daughter.

Take your eggs to Brown's. He pays more sometimes, never lower. 1tc.

Mrs. Clarence Foster returned Monday from Plainview, where she has been several days the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clark.

FOR SALE—Small bunch of cows and yearlings, including some good milk cows. Will sell any or all. See Roy Curry. tf.

Otis Shropshire, County Surveyor of Hale County, was in Floydada last Monday on business.

Rev. Britain Preaches for Local Baptist Congregation.

Rev. G. I. Britain preached at the Baptist Church last Sunday night for the local congregation, coming in the afternoon from appointments in the southern part of Hale County.

A large number of people heard the former pastor of this church.

Try a block of "Triple B" stock salt, a superb stock salt, at Duncan Grocery. 2tc

Eggs for Sale.

Barred Plymouth Rock eggs per setting \$1. Mrs. W. M. Massie, Phone 63. 1tc.

At the Christian Church.

"Line up Day" services at the Christian Church were well attended, and the first of the series of sermons by the pastor, J. F. Mathews, on financial problems of the Church was delivered. The second of the series will be given next Sunday.

Does Brown's ad ring true?

Brown makes a good profit on hardware, and then sells lower than any one in town. 1tc

W. W. Pace, who has been spending the past nine months at Cherry Tree, Pa., returned home recently to spend some six weeks on a visit with his parents. He will return to his work in Pennsylvania in April. He is preaching at Cherry Tree.

Brown's stock of goods is increasing, come see what he has. 1tc.

N. A. Armstrong left Wednesday for Fort Worth to spend a short time at the Fat Stock Show.

Eubanks Cafe for Good Eats and good service. South Side Square. 1tc.

Quick service is our motto at the Main Garage Tin Shop. H. O. Pope. tf.

Cow and Calf For Sale.

Also two young mares four and five years old. See Scott King. 2tc.

P. H. Flynn who has been ill the past few days and threatened with pneumonia, is recovering. T. R. Ross has been managing the City Market during Mr. Flynn's illness.

THE PALMER GARMENT



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Dry Goods Co.

"The Store With The Goods"

Good Texas rust proof oats for sale at 50 cents per bu., 4 miles southwest of Floydada. 2tp.

G. D. French.
BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Boswell, city, Saturday, March 11th, a son.

Wheat Bran, Rich Shorts and Crushed Maize Heads at Duncan Grocery. 2tc

See Tye for Fish and apples at the little icebox east of Surginer's. Fish on Monday and Friday afternoons. 4tc.

Notice to Laundry Patrons.

There are two Laundry wagons running here now, and if you want good service, guarantee against loss, and perfect satisfaction in every respect, you had better give it to the Panhandle Steam Laundry. I will be there sometime Monday, so just keep it until I come. 1tc

D. E. Pitts, Agent.
Seed Irish potatoes Tennessee Triumph and Irish Cobler 3/4c per pound at Duncan Grocery. 2tc.

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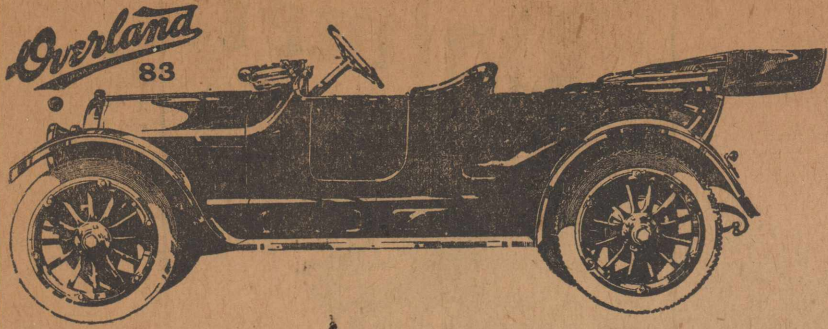
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Beauty, Comfort, Economy embodied in one car. Demonstrations and literature on request.

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Rhode Island Red Eggs for sale 50 cts. per setting. Special prices on eggs for incubators.
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tfc. Phone 185 12

W. C. Watson, of San Angelo, is visiting this week in Floydada, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Watson.

RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.
To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and 1/4 oz. of glycerine. Apply to the hair twice a week until it becomes the desired shade. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Full directions for making and use come in each box of Barbo Compound. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and removes dandruff. It is excellent for falling hair and will make harsh hair soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off.

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(Formerly the old F Ranch.) Easy terms. 6 per cent interest. In small or large quantities. Located in Floyd, Motley, Briscoe and Hall Counties. Rich plains and Fertile Valleys.

A variety of soils and locations in a country fast growing famous for its productiveness of cotton, maize kaffir and many other crops.

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For Cotton Planting Seed.

See A. V. Haynes. Car furnish most any of the standard varieties. See samples and leave orders at the First State Bank. 2tc.

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We have Flour both soft and hard, wheat Brand, Cotton Seed Meal and Cake, Seed Oats, Feed Oats, Hay, Maize Heads and the best Coal you ever burnt.

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Leave Floydada 8:00 A. M. Arrive Matador 2:10 P. M.
Arrive Roaring Springs 6:00 P. M.
Arrive Floydada 11:30 A. M.

RATES: Floydada to Roaring Springs or Matador, \$3.50. Round Trip \$6

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FLOYDADA, TEXAS

Facts About U. S. Coins.

The director of the mint is called on to answer such a wide range of questions concerning the value of old and new coins and medals that he has found it necessary to issue circulars covering matters of this sort.

Mutilated or uncurrent United States gold and silver coin is purchased as bullion. The mint has no pattern pieces for sale. The government pays no premium for the return of any of its coins or paper money. New coins cannot be struck until authorized by an act of congress. The mint supplies United States coins only, and not of any past date.

The coinage of the following coins ceased in the years named. Half and one-cent, copper, in 1857; one-cent, nickel, 1864; half dime and two cents, silver, and two cents, bronze, in 1873; twenty cents, silver, 1878; trade dollars, 1883; one dollar and three dollars, gold, and two cents, nickel, 1889. The Columbian half-dollar was coined in 1893. The Lafayette dollar was struck in 1899, the date on the coin (1900) being that of the unveiling of the memorial.

There are certain markings on every United States coin that enable the place of its coinage to be located. Those struck at Philadelphia mint have no mark, but those struck at all other mints are distinguished by a small letter on the reverse, near the bottom. These letters are C, for Charlotte, N. C., discontinued in 1861; CC, for Carson City, Nev., discontinued in 1893; D, for Dahlonega, Ga., discontinued in 1861; O, for New Orleans, and S, for San Francisco.

The coins of the United States now authorized by law are: In gold, double, eagle, half-eagle and quarter-eagle; in silver, half-dollar, quarter dollar and dime; minor, five cent, nickel, and one-cent, bronze. A person may buy a proof set of gold coins from the mint for thirty-eight dollars and fifty cents, and a proof set of silver and minor coins for one dollar and fifty cents. When the business of the mints is slack, medals may be struck from dies furnished by individuals, public institutions and incorporated societies, at a charge sufficient to cover the cost of the operation and the value of the metal.—The American Boy.

Peanut-Getting Publicity.

Austin, Texas, March.—The humble "peanut" is enjoying perhaps larger publicity in Texas papers than any other thing or person at the present time, and this in spite of the fact that various political campaigns are in full blast. People are being told to plant peanuts. The A. & M. College of Texas is telling farmers and gardeners just how to plant and care for the peanut in order to secure the largest yield, and diversification propaganda is urging more peanuts and less cotton.

It is not a good plan to count chickens before they are hatched, but it may be of interest to many farmers to know what uses may be made of the peanut, before he begins planting them extensively. This information is clearly in Bulletin No. 13 (1915) of the Extension Department of the University of Texas. A detailed statement, elaborately illustrated, of the food value of the peanut is also included therein. Copies are furnished free by the Department to anyone in Texas.

WHY YOU ARE NERVOUS

The nervous system is the alarm system of the human body. In perfect health we hardly realize that we have a network of nerves, but when health is ebbing, when strength is declining, the same nervous system gives the alarm in headaches, tiredness, dreamful sleep, irritability and unless corrected, leads straight to a breakdown. To correct nervousness, Scott's Emulsion is exactly what you should take; its rich nutrient gets into the blood and rich blood feeds the tiny nerve-cells while the whole system responds to its refreshing tonic force. It is free from alcohol. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

Another Robbery at Childress.

Childress Index: One of the boldest and biggest hauls made by burglars in this section of the state was made here Sunday night when the store of Reid B. Scott was robbed.

The burglars made their entrance by springing the lock on the rear door. They evidently knew the ground well for they only sought the jewelry case, leaving the "dope" case alone at the prescription counter. By not taking any drugs the officers believe it was a carefully planned job.

The robbery was made between 9 and 10:30 o'clock. Night Watchman McCraw went down the alley at the latter hour and found the door open. He went into the store and called Mr. Scott. When Mr. Scott notified the officers it was twenty minutes of eleven. The officers began telephoning and officers down the road were requested to watch the southbound passenger train which left Childress at about 10:30.

The burglars made away with ten watches, six small diamond rings, a number of band rings and merschaum pipes. The loss amounted to over \$600, stated Mr. Scott.

The tailoring place of Kid Turner was also broken into and a suit of clothes stolen.

The Face of Davenport, Iowa.

They are doing things in Davenport, Iowa, in the way of beautifying their city, that may well make other communities sit up and take notice. Three years ago the Rotary Club of that city offered 47 cash prizes, from \$2.50 to \$25.00 to those who would clean up and beautify the yards of their homes. They got many persons interested; and there were 2000 entries. Last year there were 7000 persons interested and 7000 entries. As there are only 8000 homes in Davenport with yards attached to them, seven homes in every eight are busy cleaning and beautifying. Each autumn the award of the prizes is an event in the largest opera house in the city. With private homes starting to make their yards blossom with vegetables or flowers, business houses became interested, and last year there were over 7000 feet of flower boxes in the windows of the leading business firms. Two large corporations caught the fever and transformed properties adjacent to their plants into flower gardens and miniature parks. And so, in three years, the face of a city has been transformed. What Davenport has done other cities can do. All that it needs is a little initiative on the part of some person or club or organization, and some thing has been started that will take hold of the imagination of everyone in the community.—Ladies Home Journal.

Notice of Limited Partnership.

We, the subscribers, have this day entered into a limited partnership agreeably to the provisions of the Revised Statutes, Title 102 relating to limited partnership, and do hereby certify that the name of the firm under which said partnership is to be conducted is Jones & Mitchell; that the general nature of the business to be transacted is the buying and selling of all kinds of hardware and furniture, and the same will be transacted in the city of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas; that the names of the general partners of the said firm are C. S. Jones and C. W. Mitchell both of the city of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas; and the special partner is R. B. Mitchell, who resides in the country about 14 miles from Plainview, Hale County, Texas, that the capital contributed by the said special partner is \$2000.00 in cash; that the period at which said partnership is to commence is the 8 day of February A. D. 1916 and that it will terminate on the 1st day of February A. D. 1921.
C. S. JONES
C. W. MITCHELL
General Partners.
R. B. MITCHELL
Special Partner.

MONEY.—Making farm loans with James Brown saves the agent's Commission. He also buys Vendor's Lien notes. Office City Hotel. tf.

Poultry Products.

A. M. Hove.

The new settler often overlooks the value of a flock of good chickens and turkeys. There are usually chickens on every place, but not always of the profitable kind. Good poultry, well cared for is a material aid in supplying a living for the family until the broad acres and larger livestock yield returns.

But poultry is always a part of a well conducted farm. Egg form a very important commodity of commerce and are always salable. Just now the trade is making a survey of the entire country to learn what the spring egg production has in store. The report from about forty Texas points indicate no material increase over last season either in egg or poultry shipments.

The total shipment of eggs from Texas last season was 1,000 cars. Nearly one third of this amount was produced in the spring, several hundred cars going into storage in March, April and May. Texas, though the largest state, stands fourth as a producer of poultry products. The quality of poultry products has improved much of late years. The size of the eggs is larger. The case now weighing around fifty four pounds as against forty-eight to fifty in former years.

The entire plains country is as well adapted to poultry raising as to the growing of cattle, sheep and hogs. In proportion poultry returns larger profit for labor and feed than any other livestock. The forage grains are especially good poultry feeds. Many cars of kaffir corn have been shipped to exclusive poultry growers in California the past year.

This is a reminder that this is poultry time now. It costs no more to raise good chickens and turkeys and now is the time to start out with the best for this season.

Speedoline—More miles on less gas. W. R. Cope. Panhandle Distributor, Floydada, Texas.

Three good lines of garden seeds to select from, also flower seed at Duncan Grocery. 2tc

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Where Our Nanes Came From.

Once upon a time given names
were the only names in use. One
was Tom, Dick and Harry, and
that was all there was about it.
Our present surnames arose from
nicknames. Thus Tom the Tail-
or became in time Tom Taylor,
and his descendants used Taylor
as a family name. The most fa-
miliar of our surnames were
taken from the occupation of our
forefathers, as Smiths, Bakers,
Brewers etc. Many men moving
to new towns had the names of
the place from which they had
come fastened upon them. Oth-
ers took names like Pope, King,
and Bishop, from playing those
parts in plays. Hog and Bacon
are simple. Purcell developed
from porcel, meaning little pig.
Galt and Grice are old dialect
words of the same meaning.
Some of the nick names were
originally distinctly uncomplim-
entary, as Seely for silly, Cam-
eron for crooked nose, and Ken-
edy for ugly head. Grace de-
veloped from gras or fat.—The
American Boy.

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The Southwestern
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Government Crop Report.

Washington D. C., March 8.
1916.—A summary of the March
crop report for the state of Tex-
as and for the United States, as
compiled by the Bureau of Crop
Estimates (and transmitted
through the Weather Bureau),
United States Department of
Agriculture, is as follows:

WHEAT ON FARMS.

States Estimated stocks on
farms, March 1, this year, 2,
520,000 bushels, compared with
1,547,000 a year ago and 1,365,
000 two years ago. Price on
March 1 to producers, \$1.19 per
bushel compared with \$1.39 a
year ago and \$0.90 two years
ago.

United States: Estimated
stocks on farms March 1 this
year, 242,000,000 bushels, com-
pared with 152,903,000 a year
ago and 151,795,000 two years
ago. Price on March 1 to pro-
ducers \$1.03 per bushel, com-
pared with \$1.34 a year ago and
\$0.83 two years ago.

CORN ON FARMS.

State: Estimated stocks on
farms March 1 this year, 52,500,
000 bushels, compared with 23,
704,000 a year ago and 48,960,000
two years ago. Price March 1,
to producers, 76 cents per bush-
el, compared with 96 cents a
year ago and 87 cents two years
ago.

United States: Estimated
stocks on farms March 1, this
year, 1,140,000 bushels, against
910,804,000 a year ago and 48,
960,000 two years ago. Price
March 1 to producers, 68.2 cents
per bushel, compared with 75.1
cents a year ago, and 69.1 cents
two years ago.

CORN OF MERCHANTABLE QUALITY.

State: The percentage of the
1915 crop which was of merchant-
able quality is estimated at 85
per cent, compared with 74 per
cent of the 1914 crop and 74 per
cent of the 1913 crop.

United States: The percent-
age of the 1915 crop which was
of merchantable quality is esti-
mated at 71.3 per cent, compar-
ed with 84.5 percent of the 1914
crop and 80.1 per cent of the
1913 crop.

OATS ON FARM

State: Estimated stocks on
farms March 1, this year, 9,760,
000 bushels, compared with 4,
725,000 a year ago, and 7,150,000
two years ago. Price March 1
to producers 53 cents per bushel
compared with 60 cents a year
ago and 50 cents two years ago.

United States: Estimated
stocks on farms March 1, this
year, 597,000,000 bushels com-
pared with 379,369,000 a year
ago, and 419,481,000 two years
ago. Price March 1, to produc-
ers, 42.7 cents per bushel, com-
pared with 52.1 cents a year ago,
and 38.9 cents two years ago.

BARLEY ON FARMS.

State: Estimated stock on
farms March 1, this year, 48,000
bushels, compared with 60,000
a year ago and 25,000 two years
ago. Price March 1, to produc-
ers, 45 cents per bushel, com-
pared with 71 cents a year ago
and 73 cents two years ago.

United States: Estimated
stocks on farms March 1, this
year, 60,500,000 bushels, com-
pared with 42,859,000 a year ago,
and 44,126,000 two years ago
Price March 1 to producers, 59.6
cents per bushel, compared with
67.7 cents a year ago, and 51.1
cents two years ago.

Cash paid for poultry, eggs,
and hides. Rucker Produce Co.,
at Williams Bros. tf.

J. D. Starks, Floyd County
Distributor for the Overland,
went to Amarillo last Saturday
by train, returning the same
afternoon overland in an auto se-
cured from the general agency,
for N. A. Armstrong. Mr. Arm-
strong bought the Model 88.

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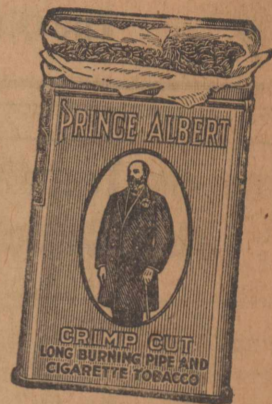
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On the reverse side of this tidy red
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smoked before!

KENNETH BAIN WANTS DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Silverton Attorney Announces Candidacy Subject to the Democratic Primary.

Kenneth Bain, of Silverton,
well-known young attorney, is
the latest addition to the circle
of candidates in the district.
This week he announces for Dis-
trict Attorney of the 64th Judi-
cial District, subject to the Dem-
ocratic Primary, and authorizes
The Hesperian to use his name in
our announcement column.

Mr. Bain is a native Texan, 28
years of age, and has spent the
greater part of his life in this
district, having lived in Hale,
Swisher and Briscoe counties.
His legal education was obtained
at the State University, and he
has been in the active practice of
law in this district for six years,
four years of which time he was
county attorney of Briscoe Coun-
ty.

He is an attorney of no mean
ability and his candidacy should
have the thorough consideration
of the voters of the district when
they come to make up their bal-
lots.

Mr. Bain now plans to spend
sometime seeing the voters of
the district during the campaign
and will doubtless call on the
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fore primary day.

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Bring your work and give us a
trial. We think we can please
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O. R. Eastwood. tf.

To the Public.

We have been notified by the
Comptroller's Department of the
State of Texas that the \$100,000
Appropriation made by the last
legislature for the payment of
bounty on rabbits and other
wild animals, has a very small
unexpended balance, insufficient
to pay all claims for the March
term. We believe therefore, it
would be to the best interest of
the county to cease payment of
Wild Animal Bounty, and in
view of the facts, payments
will therefore cease after this
date.

Respectfully,
Commissioners' Court of
Floyd Co., Texas.
By E. P. Thompson, Judge.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that
original Letters of Administra-
tion upon the Estate of F. and
L. J. Pelphrey, Decd. were
granted to me, the undersigned,
on the 15 day of February, 1916,
by the County Court of of Floyd
County Tex. All persons having
claims against said Estate are
hereby required to present the
same to me within the time re-
quired by law. My residence is
Abernathy, Hale County, Texas.

V. Stambaugh.
Executor of the Estate of F. and
L. J. Pelphrey, Decd. 4tc.
Fresh vegetables at Duncan
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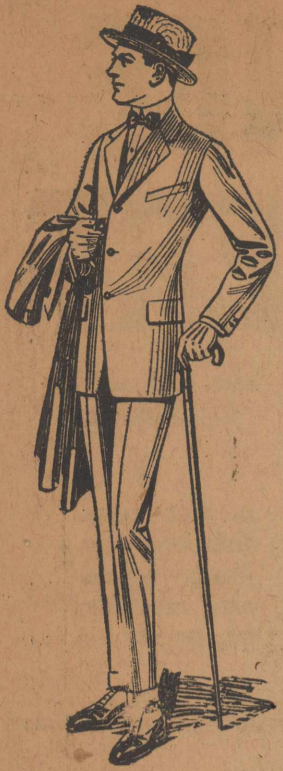
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Plans and Tentative Program for the Floyd Co. School Fair March 31--April 1.

By E. C. Nelson, Jr.

During the Floyd County Teachers' Institute which met at Lockney during the first week in September, it was decided to hold a County School Rally or Fair, under the auspices of the State Interscholastic League, of which Dr. E. D. Shurter, of the University of Texas is chairman, and it was decided to hold the fair this year at Floydada.

In order to perfect the organization, officers and committees were chosen as follows:

President of the Fair Association, D. M. Hopper; secretary, Miss Jewell P. Moorhouse; committee on arrangements, F. E.

Savage, Chas. Rose and Miss Ruth Dimmick.

Officers of the Interscholastic League, as follows:

Director General, E. C. Nelson, Jr.; Director of Debate and Declamation, W. F. Cook; Director of Athletics, J. T. Hale; Director of Spelling, J. A. Bell; Director of Short Story Writing, Miss Ruth Wakefield.

These committees and officers have met several times and have selected March 31 and April 1st as the time for holding the Fair, and have arranged a tentative program for those days as follows:

Friday afternoon, beginning at One o'clock:

1. School Parade, participated in by all the schools of the county.
2. Basket Ball Games; Junior Division, Boys and Girls.
3. Field and Track Events, including Potato Race; Thirty Yard Dash; One Hundred forty yard relay, etc.

Friday night, Eight o'clock.

1. Junior Declamation Contest, Boys; First prize \$3.00; Second prize, \$2.00.
2. Junior Declamation Contest, Girls, First Prize \$3.00, Second prize \$2.00.
3. Senior Declamation Contest, Girls; First prize, \$5.00, second prize \$3.00.
4. Senior Declamation Contest, Boys; First prize, \$5.00; second prize, \$3.00.
5. Debate; Prize of \$10 to each member of winning team.

Saturday Morning, 9 O'clock:

1. Other Track and Field Events.
2. Senior Basket Ball, Boys.
3. Senior Basket Ball, Girls.

Saturday afternoon, 1 O'clock.

1. Base Ball Game.
2. Spelling Contest; Prize for best individual speller, \$5.00; for second best \$3.00. Each school is allowed two spellers.
3. Awarding of prizes.

Besides the above mentioned prizes, there is a prize of \$5.00 for the best short story, and a prize of \$3.00 for the second best story written by a pupil. This contest is under the direction of Miss Ruth Wakefield, of Lockney, Texas, and the stories for the contest should be mailed by the teachers of the various schools so as to reach Miss Wakefield by March the 20th. Also, for the community having the best exhibit, consisting of map work, drawings, construction work, etc., there is to be awarded a prize of \$10.00; and for the second best exhibit, a prize of \$5.00.

The winning of each contest or event shall be considered a

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certain number of points, and a banner is to be given to the rural school making the largest number of points. Also, it is probable that a prize will be offered in the name of the Floydada school to the otherschools in the county having the largest number of pupils in the parade Friday afternoon. Blue and red ribbons will be awarded the winners of track and field events. The prizes are cash and have been provided for by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce.

It is desired that every school in the county be represented in these contests. While the contests are held under the auspices of the State Interscholastic League, no school that is not a member of that League will be debarred; but only pupils from schools which are enrolled in that League, and only those winners who are eligible to enter the contests under the rules of the League, shall be permitted to go as representatives of this county, to the district meet to be held at Lubbock a short time afterward. Sixteen schools in the county have already enrolled in the League, and it is hoped that all the others will enroll within the next ten days. The membership fee is one dollar, and should be sent at once to E. C. Nelson, Jr., Floydada, Texas, to be forwarded to the state chairman at Austin. Let it be understood, however, that the county contests are open to all the schools whether members of the Interscholastic League or not, and all are welcome and are urged to participate.

A list of all the contests and events to be held has been mailed to every school in the county and every teacher who has not informed the secretary, Miss Jewell P. Moorhouse, Floydada, Texas, of the different contests his students will enter, should do so at once. This should not be delayed.

Other prizes than those named may be offered. Let all the teachers and all the schools work together to make the School Fair a great success. The time is short but great things may be done.

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\$300 IN PRIZES OFFERED BY T. I. CONGRESS ON PEANUTS

Adults as Well as Boys and Girls May Contest in R. M. Johnston Peanut Club.

The Texas Industrial Congress contest in peanut growing has been changed to allow adults to enter with crops of any size. The terms are as follows:

SECTION 1.—Competition in this section is open only to boys and girls ten years of age or over and under twenty on January 1, 1916.

For the best yields from one acre of merchantable peanuts and peanut hay, cost of production considered.

\$700 in prizes. First prize \$100; second prize, \$75; third prize \$50; three prizes of \$25 each; and \$400 to be awarded in the discretion of the Committee on Awards.

SECTION 2.—Competition open to all.

For the best yields per acre of merchantable peanuts (nuts only) cost of production considered, grown on one or more acres.

\$300 in Prizes, First prize, \$100; second prize \$75; third prize \$50, and three prizes of \$25 each.

Contestants entered in Section 1 of this class will be enrolled also as contestants for the prizes in Section 2.

The yield of nuts and vines in Section 1, and of the nuts in Section 2, must be determined by actually weighing them, when fully matured and thoroughly dry, in the presence of witnesses.

Under these conditions boys and girls are competing for prizes aggregating one thousand dollars and the adults for three hundred dollars, and peanut growing with ordinary conditions and unlimited acreage is placed in active competition with boys' and girls' cultivation on single acres.

In recognition of the public-spirited interest of R. M. Johnston, of Houston, in promoting

peanut production in Texas as a staple field crop, the peanut section of the Texas Industrial Congress contest has been named the R. M. Johnson Peanut Club. The Congress has issued a bulletin of suggestions as to the planting, cultivation, marketing, feeding value and other points of interest of the new crop, which will be furnished on request.

EIGHTEEN BLUE RIBBONS at the Panhandle Fair—

The Oriental Milling Co., manufacturers of the Famous SEAL brand of flour, competed with four other States at the Panhandle Fair at Amarillo, for the blue ribbons. Of the 30 prizes awarded, SEAL flour won 18 BLUE RIBBONS.

Each mill had beautiful decorated booths, and attracted much attention and comment. When it came to the real test, the judges from the five States decorated the SEAL booth with 18 out of 30 blue ribbons for the BEST BISCUITS, Best Cakes, Best Lightbread.

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Trainmen Demand Wage Increase.

The average yearly compensation of all engineers on the railroads in the United States in 1914 was \$1,771; of all conductors, \$1,533; of all firemen, \$1,037; of all other trainmen, \$1,023. These employees number 309,000.

The 1,381,000 other employees averaged \$685 a year. (From Statistics of Interstate Commerce Commission.)

John Hammonds left last Saturday for Fort Worth to spend a short time at the Fat Stock Show. From that place he goes to his former home near Olustee, Okla., for a week or ten days visit.

Wash Day Drudgery

Is a thing of the past for the Housewives who have learned to turn their troubles over to the laundryman, whose washday is every day, whether it's cold, windy or cloudy.

The work of the Panhandle Steam Laundry has stood the test of Floydada users for many years. Delivery both ways and a guarantee against loss or poor work goes in the bargain when you deal with us. Let us have the clothes Monday, we return them clean and bright Friday.

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Phone 159 Floydada.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Massie and children returned home the latter part of last week from a visit of several weeks with relatives at Weatherford, Mineral Wells and other north Texas points.

Carbon paper at Hesperian.

AN APPRECIATION---We wish to thank The Good People of Floyd County for their Loyal and Liberal Patronage during the past several years of our business dealings with them, especially for the good business given us during our Cost Sale, and hope to deserve your continued Good Will.

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