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RAIN CAUSES FAIR POSTPONEMENT

Tomorrow and Saturday New Dates Set for the County Interscholastic Contests.

Rain and mud made the Floyd County School Fair last Friday and Saturday an impossibility, and the event was postponed until tomorrow and Saturday, when the contests will be held if the continued inclement weather does not prevent.

Local teachers are of the opinion that unless further rain falls the event can be quite successfully held Friday and Saturday. While the field would be slightly heavy for the athletic events it drains well and would not affect the results to any extent. If the weather continues warm attendance should be good, as the interest is marked in each district.

The program arranged for last Friday and Saturday will be followed on the coming days, including the school parade on Saturday forenoon and dinner on the grounds that day.

Principal and Assistant of Lakeview School Wed.

W. F. Cooke, for three years principal of the Lakeview School and Miss Myrtle Ashton, assistant teacher, were married last Saturday evening at 7:30 by Judge E. P. Thompson, at the latter's residence in the southwest part of town.

Both principals in the wedding are well known teachers in the county and are highly esteemed by many people of their own as well as other communities. They will reside at Lakeview and complete the year's school work in that district.

Lakeview Votes 50 Cents School Maintenance Tax.

The special tax for school maintenance was raised by a vote last Saturday at a special election in Lakeview School District from 45 cents to 50 cents.

The school recently received a portion of the Million Dollar Rural School Appropriation conditioned on the five cent extra tax being levied. There were only two votes in the district against the tax.

W. H. Brimberry, of Silvertown, was in Floydada Tuesday enroute home from an extended trip through Central West Texas.

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FARMERS' UNION ENDORSES FARM DEMONSTRATOR MOVE

Monday's Session of Floyd County Body Well-Attended at Floydada.

The quarterly meeting of the Floyd County Farmers' Union held in Floydada Monday was well-attended by delegates from the various locals in the county and the session was reported to be gratifying in every sense.

J. S. Dickey, president of the union says that the days session was productive of good results.

One resolution was adopted for publication, endorsing the action of the Commissioners' Court in securing the services of a farm demonstrator. It reads:

Resolved that we, the Farmers Union of Floyd County, endorse the action of the Commissioners' Court in employing the farm demonstrator for Floyd County, and be it further resolved that we, as a Farmers' Union cooperate with the demonstrator as much as possible in bettering the condition of the farmers of Floyd County, and be it further resolved that we extend to the Chamber of Commerce of Floydada, Texas our thanks for the interest taken in the matter, also, their assistance in a financial way.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be published in the Floyd County Hesperian.

J. C. Bolding,
J. L. King,
S. O. Adams,
Resolution Committee.

Week's Kansas City Live-stock Market in Detail.

Kansas City Stock Yards, April 3, 1916.—As predicted at the close of last week, repair work was started today on the break of 25 to 50 cents on cattle then receipts here are 9000 head, which was a substantial reduction from last Monday and offerings at the five leading Western markets were 14000 less today than a week ago. This was enough to reverse the bearish situation and advances were 10 to 15 cents on all classes. Veal calves were an exception and sold 50 lower. No choice steers were here today, and the top of \$9.10 does not represent the full strength of the market.

Middle class natives sold at \$8.40 to \$8.80 and the restricted supply of Western fed steers, possibly 25 cars sold at \$8.65 to \$8.85, weights mostly under 1200 pounds. The supply today had rather a small proportion of beef steers, but contained a fair number of cows and butcher grades, which sold strong to 15 higher, best cows and bulls worth up to \$8, yearlings heifers \$9.50. Stocker and feeder receipts were liberal and prices were 10 to 15 above the close of last week, but not quite as high as on last Monday. Choice heavy feeders sold at \$8.50, and stock steers range from \$7.25 to \$8.25. A feature sale was breeding heifer calves at \$9.75. Actions of the general cattle market today confirms the opinion that the situation is well grounded and that the available supply for the next 30 or 60 days can be handled at firm prices.

Hogs started out 15 to 20 higher this morning, and improved through the season, selling 25 to 30 higher at the best time, receipts 7000 head. Top price was \$9.70, bulk of sales \$9.35 to \$9.65, light hogs up to \$9.60. The sharp advance today only lacked 10 cents of eliminating the entire break of last week, and suggests that said break was

DEMONSTRATOR TO BEGIN WORK DURING APRIL

Dr. R. F. Hare, Head of N. Mex. Agricultural School will undertake work.

The Co-operative County Farm Demonstrator employed jointly by Floyd and Hale Counties will reach his work here during the latter part of the month.

He is Dr. R. F. Hare, who has been head of the New Mexico Agricultural School for some years and expects to close his affairs in that state in sufficient time to be with the corps of experts who will visit the two counties beginning the 17th in Hale County and finishing the week with three days in Floyd.

He will spend five days in the field in each county, giving alternate weeks. One day of each week will be spent in office work. His office will probably be with Judge Thompson in Floyd County.

District agent Wm. Ganzer, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture thinks that the two counties were particularly fortunate in getting Dr. Hare as farm demonstrator.

District Scholastic Increase 107.

A healthy growth in population in Floydada Independent School District for the fiscal year closing this month is indicated by the report of Scholastic Census Trustee Will I. Allen, whose report was made Saturday.

This report shows 467 scholastics in the district, an increase of 107 over last year or thirty per cent.

Lockney Theatre will be Re-christened McandY.

J. E. Young, who has recently taken charge of the Happy Hour Theatre at Lockney, was in Floydada Monday afternoon with his family.

Mr. Young will take permanent charge of the Lockney end of the business, re-christening the theatre there the McandY.

Both parties are well-pleased with the outlook for the Lockney house.

Mrs. Dare Buys Bakery.

Monday Mrs. W. B. Dare bought the City Bakery from W. M. Steen, and will take charge of the same on the first of May, following the expiration of the lease of J. B. Fiske.

Mrs. Dare will arrange for a baker to have charge of the business.

Don't forget the Main Garage gas and service station ft.

facd and not a true indication of legitimate market conditions. Rather liberal receipts of hogs are expected at the markets during April, although the supply at the five markets dropped off 26000 head today as compared with a week ago, and the bullish situation has doubtless caused many gilts to be put in the brood sow class. Lambs and sheep sold slowly today, and prices are 15 to 25 lower, the market about 50 cents under a week ago. receipts 9000 head. Killers have given buyers positive orders to reduce mutton cost, based on depressed outlet. On the other hand, available supply for the next month or six weeks is known to be light, and a return to stronger prices may be expected. Best lambs sold at \$11 and \$11.05 today, and fat ewes of choice quality would bring around \$8.25, Texas clipped weathers \$7.25, clipped fat goats \$5.50, clipped brushers \$5.00.

J. A. RICKART,
Market Correspondent.

FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF SUED FOR FALSE IMPRISONMENT

Wichita, Kan., Man Wants \$15,000 Damages--Was Arrested on Writ from Alabama.

Sheriff A. C. Goen, of Floyd County, has been sued by C. A. Saunders, of Wichita, Kansas, for \$15,000 as damages alleged to have been done him by false imprisonment in November 1915. This suit which has been filed in the Federal Court at Amarillo and is to come up for trial on April 17th, arises out of the arrest of the Wichita man together with his traveling companion, H. Billingsley, in Floydada on the 12th of November. The arrest was made on the authority of the Governor of Alabama and Chief Special Agent Irwin, of that state, who want an H. Billingsley on a charge of defaulting with funds of that state. Mr. Goen also had notice from the Governor of Texas that requisition request from the Governor of Alabama had been granted.

Saunders and Billingsley were held four days until their release on a writ of habeas corpus from District Judge Joiner.

Sheriff Goen returned Monday from Montgomery, Alabama and Austin, Texas, where he spent several days and conferred with the officials of the two states relative to the case.

The Alabama officials got the clue from which the arrest of the two traveling men was made in a middle Western State. They were traced through two states to Floydada when Mr. Goen was notified to make the arrest. This notification was followed by a series of telegrams urging that the men not be released until an agent from Alabama could arrive, Saunders and Billingsley were able to prove their identity and innocence, however, and were released the day before the Alabama agent arrived.

.9 INCH RAIN FRIDAY

Good Season Falls in Floyd County --All Sections of the State Report Rain

Nine-tenths of an inch of rain fell last Friday, coming at just the right time for a good spring growth on wheat and oats, as well as putting the land in excellent season following the completion of preparations for the spring planting, some of which will be done soon.

The rain was sufficient to make the bottom and top moistures meet, and being followed by cloudy, damp weather has put the land in most excellent condition. Many farmers had discontinued sod breaking for a week or more previous to the rain. This has also been resumed.

All sections of the state report rains which in some portions proved to be small floods. East and Central Texas rivers are on a rampage, flooding the low lands.

.37 Inches Rain Tuesday.

More rain fell Tuesday over the greater portion of Floyd County extending to several counties adjoining. The rain amounted to .37 inches in Floydada, and was heavier in parts of the country and lighter in other sections.

The Weather Today.

Cloudy weather with some rainfall, and the temperature stationary around 40 degrees marks today's climatic conditions.

The Weather Bureau report for tomorrow is continued cloudy weather. However, no rain is predicted.

AFTON MAN DIES OF HEART FAILURE AT SANITARIUM

Was Recovering from Injuries Received in Automobile Wreck March 17th.

M. L. Hale, of Afton, Dickens County, 57 years of age, died last Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Childers Sanitarium, following an attack of neuralgia of the heart Monday afternoon, from which he weakened until death came the next morning.

His son, Ernest Hale, who has been with his father since the accident in which he came near losing his life, was with his father at the time of his death. An elder son, Otho Hale, of Afton, came as soon as he learned of his father's condition. Will Stafford, of Spur, a son-in-law, also came up.

The remains were taken to Afton Tuesday evening late where burial services were held Wednesday.

Mr. Hale had been in the Childers Sanitarium since the evening of March 17th, when he was injured seriously in an automobile wreck on the Matador road four and a half miles east of Floydada. He was recovering fast from his injuries and was expected to be well within a short time.

County Court will Convene Monday, April 17th

County Court of Floyd County will convene for its April term on Monday, the 17th.

The court will have a heavy docket in both civil and criminal divisions.

Following are the jurors chosen for the first week: Chas. Massie, H. W. Belden, John Waddell, J. J. McKinney, R. F. Hall, A. A. Jones, F. P. Donathan, S. S. Allcorn, E. T. Green, and J. L. King.

Panhandle Teachers Will Meet at Canyon City San Jacinto Day.

The Panhandle Teachers Association will hold its annual session at Canyon City, April 21st and 22nd, the first day of the meeting being the day set apart for the dedication of West Texas State Normal school building.

On the evening of the 21st Madam Culp will give a recital. The officers of the association for 1916 are James G. Pace, of Amarillo, president; M. M. Dupre, of Lubbock, vice president; Miss Rambo, of Canadian, secretary.

Rev. C. A. Joiner, of Curlew, was in town the latter part of last week transacting business.

DEMONSTRATORS ARE COMING APRIL 20

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Experts will Lecture Three Days in Floyd County.

The corps of farm experts promised by Wm. Ganzer district representative of the U. S. Department of Agriculture to visit Floyd County this month are scheduled to be here about the 20th of the month. The present plan is that the experts will first spend three days in Hale County, spending one day at Plainview, a day at Hale Center and a day at Petersburg. From that point they are to be brought to Floydada, spending a day here, a day at Lockney and a day at Lakeview.

There will be five in the party—four gentlemen and a lady. The gentlemen will talk on divisions of farm and livestock work and the lady will discuss home economics as applied to the farm home.

Following is the suggested program for each of the three days:

9:30 a. m. Wm. Ganzer, Introduction and Demonstration Work.

10 a. m. Miss Bernice Carter, Home Economics.

11 a. m. W. B. Lanham, Horticulture.

1:30 p. m. R. L. Pou, Dairying.

2:30 p. m. Dr. R. F. Hare, Soils and County Agents Work.

Andrews Re-elected; Olson, Beedy, Boerner New Trustees

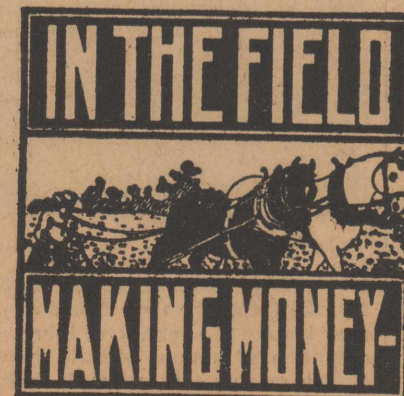
Very little interest was manifested in the trustee election in Floydada Independent School District Saturday, only forty votes being cast. Four trustees were to be elected. V. Andrews, A. A. Beedy, O. B. Olson and W. L. Boerner were elected to the places to be filled. The members held over from the old board are E. C. Henry, W. M. Colville and Will I. Allen.

Fire Boys to Compete.

The two companies of the volunteer Fire Department are to compete sometime during the latter part of this month for the five dollar prize which has been hung up by C. C. McMillan for the fastest work. The competition will be in a run of two blocks to a hydrant, making the coupling, laying 500 feet of hose and throwing water. The company making the best time will be awarded the prize.

J. B. Nance and Reverend Harder, of Plainview, were in Floydada Tuesday on business.

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The Diamond From the Sky

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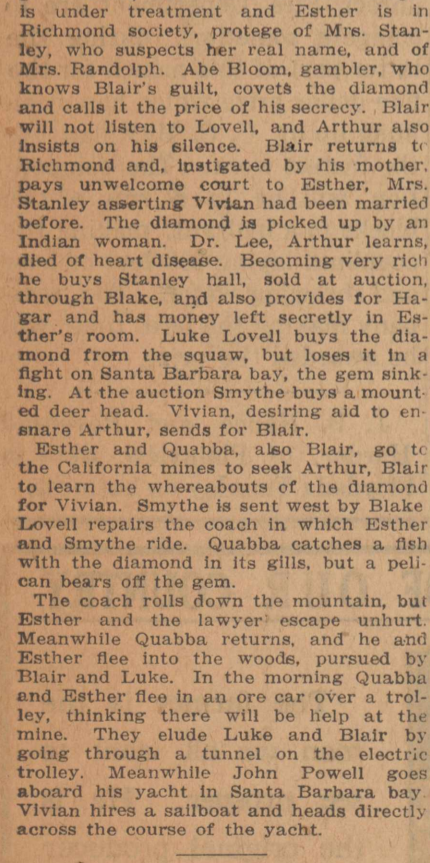
SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

A feud has 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 had no part in this bargain, steals the girl, being reared in secret and leaves her son undetected as the heir. The gypsy has obtained possession of the diamond from the sky, and a document with the Stanley secret. When Esther is grown a beautiful young girl, Hagar, now gypsy queen, returns 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 joins Hagar, who reveals his identity and upbraids him for his wild life. Needing money, he pawn 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 a detector 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. Marmaduke Smythe, the 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, protégée 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. Luke Lovell, Esther and Quabba, also Blair, go to the California mines to seek Arthur. Blair to learn the whereabouts of the diamond for Vivian. Smythe is sent west by Blake Lovell repairs the coach in which Esther and Smythe ride. Quabba catches a fish with the diamond in its gills, but a pelican bears off the gem.

The coach rolls down the mountain, but Esther and the lawyer escape unhurt. Meanwhile Quabba returns and he and Esther flee into the woods, pursued by Blair and Luke. In the morning Quabba and Esther flee in an ore car over a trolley, thinking there will be help at the mine. They elude Luke and Blair by going through a tunnel on the electric trolley. Meanwhile John Powell goes aboard his yacht in Santa Barbara bay. Vivian hires a sailboat and heads directly across the course of the yacht.



Arthur Sees Vivian Go Overboard.

they prevent her reaching Arthur Stanley with the Stanley document that they believe she carries with her. The operation of a mine electric motor is simple enough, but when it balks in the inexperienced hands of Quabba then indeed the dangers of this path of peril grow manifold.

"I don't know what's the matter with him all the time now, Miss Esther," whimpers Quabba. "Some wire loose, maybe? Eh, what you think?"

"We are far ahead of them," says Esther encouragingly. "Even if the motor will only do this well they will not overtake us. It seems to me we have gone miles and miles through this dreadful darkness. The driver of the stage told me about these mines

CHAPTER XXXI.
The Paths of Peril.

THE path of peril leads through the heart of the mountains. The path of peril is across the deeps where the dimpling of the waters shows the footsteps of the wind upon the sea. Through the heart of the mountain, in the dark and dripping tunnel of the mine, goes the dingy little electric motor bearing Esther—beside her the one constant friend and faithful servant, Quabba, the hunchback.

Behind them, blundering through the darkness, relentless as they are desperate and determined, come the Virginia ne'er-do-well and the gypsy outlaw, Blair Stanley and Luke Lovell.

Where the path of peril lies upon the sea Vivian Marston floats, feigning un-

consciousness, by the crushed and cut down sailboat she drove across the course of the great white yacht. Vivian Marston chose the path of peril to gain her purpose and that purpose is her wild wish for the diamond from the sky. It is a desperate chance she takes, but the diamond is the guardian of desperate chances. To Vivian any lawless love she might inspire in Blair Stanley or his cousin Arthur, for whom now she wove her webs, were but a means to the end to her—that end her all consuming desire for the diamond.

At the first cry of danger Arthur had sprung from the wheel of the yacht and run from the bridge to the deck. Hardly had the impact of the yacht's cutwater cleft the little sailboat and crumpled it into a shattered mass and hardly had Vivian sprung into the water with a scream than Arthur dove overboard. There was a hurried rush to the starboard rail, the quick command of the sailing master, the hurried lowering of a boat, the casting over of life preservers, while other daring members of the crew plunged headlong into the sea to aid the gallant young owner, John Powell, in his rescue of the reckless young woman who, through foolhardy daring, had attempted to cross the bow of the swift yacht in her tiny sailboat.

Arthur in his excitement did not notice the fair face of the woman he had plunged overboard to save was a somewhat familiar one—the face of the vivacious Vivian Marston. In fact, until now Arthur's encounters with Vivian had left but the slightest impression upon him. Even when he had first beheld her at the ball in Richmond with the diamond from the sky blazing upon her breast he had no thought for her save to wonder by what strange and mysterious manner the great jewel he had left in the pawn shop the day before had come to gleam upon the neck of this bold, handsome woman.

Let him be the rightful heir of Stanley, impoverished by his own prodigality and a fugitive from justice in Virginia, or let him be John Powell, the golden man, as he was known in California. In either case Vivian Marston will have enmeshed him, even as she has enmeshed his desperate kinsman, Blair Stanley. Which of these two got the diamond it mattered not to her now. Vivian felt convinced the great gem would come to her from the hands of either of them. If it came rightfully as a heritage to either she would have it. If it were to be bought for money John Powell had the means to buy it for her. She had done well, she thought, to take the path of peril to find the diamond by throwing herself in the arms of Arthur Stanley, alias John Powell.

So Vivian sighed with vague contentment and clung, seemingly semi-conscious, to Arthur as they were hauled into the lifeboat, and when she was borne up the companionway and into the handsomely furnished cabin of the yacht's owner who had rescued her she could have laughed aloud for sheer joy at the success of her wild plan.

In the mine the path of peril is dark and fearsome to the timid girl who is driven over it, pursued by the desperate men who will stop at nothing so

This is the main tunnel he told me about, I know. It goes straight through the mountains for four miles to the openings at the workings in the opposite valley."

"She stops; she don't go no more!" moans Quabba as the little motor grinds and halts, then goes forward a few feet and stops with a jerk.

"Do you think you can fix it?" asked Esther eagerly.

Quabba's courage returns as he notes in Esther's question a tone of confidence in his ability as an amateur electrical engineer.

"Ha!" he says. "Plenty time I fix the organ. I find what's the matter and fix this." And he jumps from the seat, and under an electric light in a wide part of the tunnel where the motor has halted he proceeds to examine it with the air of one who desires to impress all beholders with his deep



Vivian Marston Lies In the Cabin of the Yacht.

knowledge of electrical mechanics. There was light enough at this point to make any slight repairs, provided poor Quabba was competent to do so. But an intimate knowledge of the mechanism of street pianos is hardly of avail in repairing balky electric motors.

"Do be careful!" cautions Esther. "If anything should happen to you I would never forgive myself. I have heard of men being killed tampering with electric wires. And look!" And Esther pointed to a sign at the side where a new heading from the main tunnel was evidently being driven, for there, plain in the light from the overhead incandescent bulb, was a dingy yet plain sign of warning that read: "Danger! Blast Ready!" Near it was a small black box from which a plunger protruded and to which coils of insulated wire were attached.

Even to Esther's inexperienced eyes the purpose of the grim looking little box and the coils was apparent. It was mechanism to set off a blast, and the blast, as the sign warned, was ready.

Quabba realized the fact as well as Esther and redoubled his efforts to locate the cause of the trouble in the motor and to get out of the danger zone. The young girl and the poor hunchback, fleeing from the peril of human enemies, were now in danger of annihilating death in the deserted mine tunnel at this point. But such a death Esther did not dread as she dreaded the worst fate that might come to her if she fell again into the hands of Blair Stanley.

For Luke Lovell, brutal as he was, Esther had not the fear she had of Blair. Her old association and authority over Luke as the daughter, as she was supposed to be, of Hagar, the queen who ruled the Romany people with strong decision, Esther knew would make the gypsy hesitate in any evil intent he might have toward her. Esther knew, too, that Luke, for all his brutishness, had ever been attached to her. He had protected her in some measure before. Perhaps he would do so again. But dominated as he was by greed and the stronger, wicked mind of Blair Stanley Esther felt no great confidence in Luke Lovell's further protection, if protection it might be called.

While Quabba fussed and perspired in his inexperienced efforts to remedy or find the cause of the balking of the motor Esther sat listening with straining ears to the weird and eerie subterranean sounds of the ceaseless dripping of the water from the mine roof and the occasional rattle and fall of loosened earth and rocks in the dark depths of the tunnel.

Then there came through the darkness from far off behind them the sound of footfalls through the water that covered the tunnel floor. Like moving stars in the distant darkness she saw the lights of the candles borne by the relentless pursuing Luke and Blair. She knew it must be them, for the mine and all its workings had been as deserted as a place of the dead.

"They are coming, Quabba!" she cried. "What shall we do?"

The hunchback's usual kindly face took on a set expression of murderous determination strange to Esther's eyes. "This time I kill them!" he exclaimed. "Wait, you see!"

CHAPTER XXXII.
The Spell of the Pelican.

LEAVING his task of searching for the trouble in the mechanism of the motor, Quabba slipped around to the back of it and pushed the little machine, with many grunts and straining efforts, from the dangerous spot near the set blast and its warning sign.

Pushing and panting, he shoved the heavy little machine over the water covered tracks a hundred yards or more down the tunnel. Then he rushed back under the electric light by the set blast and, seizing the blast battery by its leather handle and uncoiling the loops of wire, the other ends of which were fastened deep down in the blast holes to the detonator in the dynamite, Quabba slipped back through the darkness and called to Esther in a tense whisper to come around behind the shielding bulk of the motor with him. From the blast battery box he carried trailed the length of wire that would carry the vital spark of the forces of destruction.

Now Blair Stanley and Luke Lovell had located them by the single light upon the electric motor. They pressed forward with exultant shouts; then just as they reached the wide space where the blast was set at the new heading Quabba, a hundred yards away and shielded, with Esther, behind the motor, drove the plunger of the battery down swift and hard.

There was a deafening boom and crash, a burst of fire, the sound of showering rocks, a heavy fall of earth and debris that seemed to heave out and groan and rattle and settle—then a choking fog of blast smoke and silence.

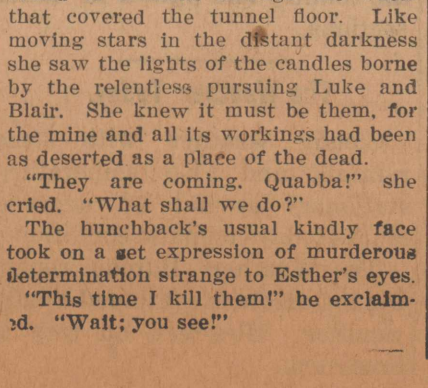
Whatever had been the matter with the motor, the shock and jar of the explosion had settled the loosened wire back in place to a proper contact, for when, shaking with fright and excitement, Quabba had dragged Esther aboard the motor again and turned the lever the little machine moved forward like a living thing, slowly at first and then, gaining speed, glided smoothly and swiftly out of the smoke and on and on, swifter, faster, until the hunchback and the trembling girl felt a breath of fresh air from outside blow upon them and saw a gleam of daylight and sped on and out from the dark mouth of the mine into God's good sunlight!

The men called to this side of the mountain to the new workings were astounded at the appearance of so strange a pair bursting out from the tunnel and speeding down the track on the electric motor that had been left at the other and far off portal of the tunnel. The trackmen dropped their tools. The mine foreman and his wife joined with the throng of miners that surged around the motor and the strange pair that drove it.

They told their wild story to sympathetic ears. Turning Esther over to the ministering attentions of the big hearted sharer of his joys and sorrows, the mine boss and several assistants reversed the motor and drove back resolutely into the mine depths to find the men whom Esther and Quabba told of.

They returned at nightfall, having cleared away the debris of the blast, but finding no trace of Luke Lovell and Blair Stanley. The wicked have luck alike with the good. At the edge of the blast Blair Stanley had been struck down and hurt slightly, and Luke had borne him back through the choking smoke all the weary way, whence they had come, until they, too, reached the daylight and safety, as Esther and Quabba had reached it, but on the far side of the mountain mine.

That night by the fire in the office, shack of the mine boss Esther and Quabba told again such parts of their



Esther and Quabba in the Electric Motor.

story as they cared to tell to the rough but sympathetic new found friends around them. Esther told of her search for Arthur, calling him only by the name that he was known by as oil magnate and owner of these newly acquired mines. She said that he was a friend, a relative, and that for reasons she was unable to solve the desperate men who had tracked her were evidently desirous she should not meet him.

"He is a fine young man, John Powell is, my dear," said the kindly wife of the mine boss. "I will take good care of you, and in the morning my husband will have one of the boys drive you to the railroad station. Mr. Powell has gone to Santa Barbara. They say he has bought a beautiful new yacht, which is there to meet him. He will protect you and take care of you, I know and you know. As for those rascals you got away from, it is fourteen rough miles across the mountain trail from the north portal of the

"So our old friend Vivian is after the diamond?" says the dapper little count as he turns and faces the framed photograph of Vivian Marston that occupies a place of honor in Durand's handsomely furnished apartments. "Vivian was always clever. Remember she wrote about this stone?"

The handsome Durand strokes his close cropped vandyke beard and muses. "I always thought that diamond was a myth," he says finally. "So many of these old and supposedly priceless heirlooms turn out to be junk when an expert gets his hands on them," and Frank Durand placed a peculiar emphasis on the word "expert."

"We have records of this so called diamond from the sky," continued the arch crook, "but nothing much was known of it, except it was supposed to be in the possession of an old Virginia family. But no one knows much of it, only there was an old family tradition glorifying some gimcrack that perhaps would prove worthless even if it really existed."

"Well," interjected the dapper little count, "if Abe Bloom says there is such a stone and that it is worth half a million you can be sure it is a real diamond and worth much more. Abe Bloom and his little brother, Ike, the Richmond pawnbroker, are two of the best judges of diamonds in the country."

"We should know that," assents Durand. "We have paid them well more than once to come on to New York and appraise stones for us when even we were in doubt. And now good night. We start west tomorrow. Pleasant dreams about the diamond from the sky to you, Felix!"

Pleasant dreams about the diamond from the sky!

Vivian Marston, 3,000 miles away, dreams of the diamond.

Quabba, a humble hunchback organ grinder, sleeping by a fire in a mine shed, dreams, too, of the diamond. No selfish dream is Quabba's. There is one person on all the earth he loves above all others, and that one is his young fair mistress, Esther. Quabba longs and dreams of the diamond that he has so strangely found and lost twice in his lowly life. He longs for the diamond that he may give it to his fair young mistress as a tribute from her devoted servant. In his dreams Quabba beholds Clarence, the monkey, his next beloved and from whom he long has been parted. And in his black and hairy paws Clarence, the monkey, extends to his master the diamond from the sky. Then Quabba wakes and sleeps again, perchance again to dream.

Since the wreck of the coach down the hillside Marmaduke Smythe, the English lawyer, cursing a fate that led him to lose himself in the wilderness while seeking the heir of Stanley for the Warwickshire earldom, dreams, too, by a dying fire. But his dreams are not of diamonds. He dreams a horrid savage leers at him through a monocle—a savage who is a stickler for the niceties. For even in his dreams the timid London lawyer knows that it is night, and he is impressed by the fact that the savage about to scalp him is attired in a dress coat. The lawyer wakes with a shriek of fear, and on his ears fall the harsh croak-

tunnel. If they escaped with their lives they will hardly make their way over the mountains tonight."

"If it comes this way I promise them a warm reception," remarked the mine boss grimly. "The boys are just naturally pliny to get hold of those two fellows. There will be work for the corner if the boys catch them. And the corner had better bring in a verdict of 'frozen to death' too."

The moon shone on the waters of Santa Barbara bay. It shone down upon the broad white deck of a great yacht that moved majestically across the waters. Beneath the moon the sensuous strains of a love song chanted in a minor key arose. In snowy white, with flower garlands on their breasts, a Hawaiian orchestra played "The Love Song of the Sky Flowers." It is seductively sweet in the vernacular. In English it may be sung: Beloved, the stars are sky flowers in the night! The flowers are ground stars, dear, by any.

And all the air is soft for your delight; Then let us love, sweetheart, while yet we may.

Beneath the moon, a chaplet of flowers in her hair, a clinging white gown of Grecian simplicity setting off her languorous beauty, reclines Vivian Marston. Near her is Arthur Stanley, enthralled, enraptured under the spell of Vivian's alluring charms, the witchery of the Hawaiian love song of the sky flowers and the magic of the moon light over all.

Under the spell of Vivian's languorous eyes Arthur Stanley, John Powell, millionaire now, treads the path of peril in his turn, but the path is not plain to him, for it is hidden by deadly flowers. The flowers on the path of peril seem sweet and fair to him. They may be such as are in the chaplet on Vivian's dark locks, for Arthur bends over these and murmurs, "I would give you anything in the world!"

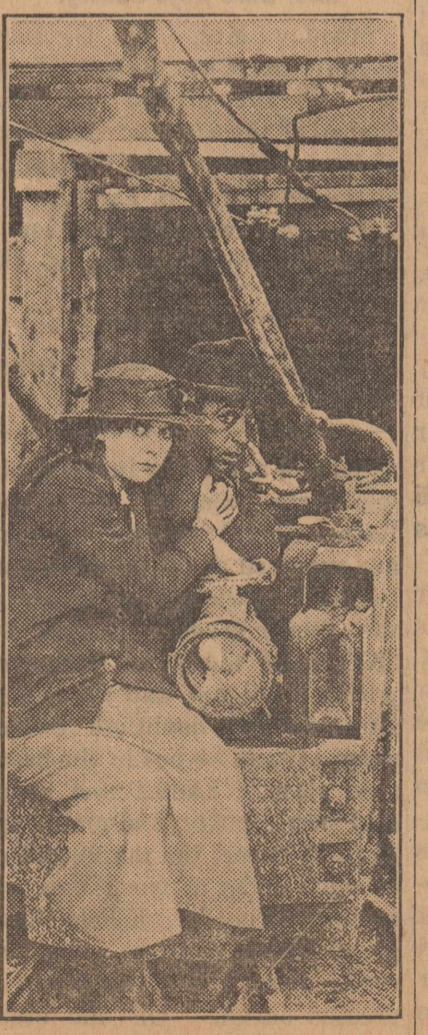
An eager glow comes into Vivian's dangerous eyes, a deeper flush suffuses her fair cheeks. "You would give me anything in the world?" she whispers. "Then get me the diamond from the sky."

"It has disappeared utterly off the earth," answers Arthur. "If it comes to light it may not be mine to give." And he leans over to clasp her in his arms. But, putting like a child denied, Vivian holds him aloof. "You do not care for me," she says with affected plaintiveness, "or you would promise." And Arthur, such is the witchery of this fair woman, such is the magic of the moonlight, promises her.

The magic of the moon casts no spell over Frank Durand. In faraway New York Durand has no dreams or illusions. He is a practical person, known in the sphere that he adorns as the "King of Diamonds," for he is the moving spirit of a band of international jewel thieves and swindlers. Mr. Abe Bloom, prosperous gambling house keeper in Richmond, is almost in despair about the great diamond that slipped through his fingers once. In this half despair and desperation Mr. Bloom has written to Mr. Durand, his New York acquaintance of the upper underworld, Mr. Bloom's letter to the wily Durand is brief and blunt:

My Dear Durand—The last heard of the diamond from the sky was train robbers stole it in California. If you and your bunch of crooks can get it I have a syndicate to pay you your own price. Further details later. Our mutual friend Vivian is after it. Am afraid she will double cross us. This diamond is worth \$500,000 Yours, ABE BLOOM.

In his luxurious bachelor apartments the "King of Diamonds" receives his dapper and alert lieutenant, Felix de Vaux, alias Count de Vaux, and shows him the letter from the sententious Mr. Bloom.



Marmaduke Smythe's Dream.

ings of the unseen enemies who constantly alarm him. Not redskins, as he thinks, but greenskins. Not savages in ambush, but frogs in the marsh. Stirred by the frightful memory of his dreams, Marmaduke Smythe springs to his feet and discharges his shotgun into the marsh. Then all is still. The silence brings back courage to the heart of the British barrister lost in the wilderness.

"Ha," he says. "I must have jolly well exterminated the savage Inuits! I will reconnoiter! But caution, Marmaduke, caution!" he counsels himself. "Perhaps they are endeavoring to draw me into an ambush!"

He creeps forward stealthily and parts the bushes by a marsh puddle. There lies the corpse of his foe, a great green frog extremely defunct. Near by, caught in the low tangle of marsh shrubbery, is a curious gleaming object in the moonlight. The lawyer stoops down and picks it up.

It is the spool the pelican despised when he shook it from the fish that brought it from the depths. Worthless to fish or fowl, the eccentric London lawyer grasps it with a startled cry of wonder and surprise.

Marmaduke Smythe has the diamond from the sky!

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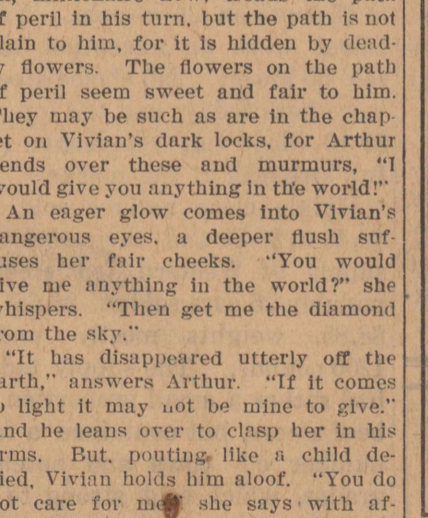


Frank Durand, the "King of Diamonds."

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Floydada, Texas

Villa, Mexican Outlaw, as Seen by a Correspondent

(By Basil Billon Woon, who was a Correspondent with Villa's Army for two years.)

Speaking out of a knowledge of Francisco Villa, gained during two years actual contact with him, I was neither astonished at the Columbus raid, nor am I at a loss to predict what will happen next.

The character of Dorojeo Anago, alias Francisco Villa, presents a curious study. There are two distinct Villas to make it clear; the Villa of victory and the Villa of defeat.

I saw Villa and talked with him after the battle of Torreon, when he, at the head of 4000 Constitutionalist troops took the city from twice as many Huertista soldiers. He was gay, good humored, and had a smile for everyone. He ordered double pay for his men. He gave a banquet that night which I attended, to his officers and his captured officers.

The latter were nervous as they had a right to be. Villa's orders, given long since, were to snoot enemy officers but to spare private soldiers on condition

they change sides. At Torreon, however, Villa showed the magnanimous side of his nature by not only freeing the Huerta officers captured, but by banqueting them besides.

Six weeks later I was again with Villa when he was forced to surrender the town of Jiminez sixty miles south of Chihuahua. His actions on this occasion were exactly the reverse of those at Torreon. He not only executed every prisoner captured, privates as well as officers, but had a number of his own men shot on imaginary charges of desertion, treason, cowardice and so forth. Most of these were innocent as Villa must have known.

Villa's fits of anger are like tropical storms, as a rule—short but terrific while they last. He is capable of lashing himself into a terrible passion and in the next hour becoming as amiable as ever. Long periods of defeat, however, render him sullen and at times ferocious, and on these occasions he is hated by his men and feared by his officers.

A humorist in a grim way, Villa had a certain regard for the conventions in his attitude toward women. In passing

through a small town in Upper Durango, once, the 'presidente' of the village, anxious to placate him and prevent his troops from looting, offered Villa the choice of the 'two prettiest girls in town.' Villa's answer was a startling question to the presidente.

"You have two pretty daughters of your own," he told the cowering official. "Can I have one of them?"

At the same time he had one of his staff officers level a revolver at the man's head. The 'presidente' looked at the revolver, swallowed once or twice and told Villa he could have both his daughters if he would spare his life.

Villa's answer was an order to one of his lieutenants.

"Take this man out and execute him," he said. "He is not fit to live."

The presidente's daughters remained unharmed.

But this was in one of Villa's happy moods. At other times, though I have never seen him actually harm a woman, he frequently did cruel and barbarous things—such as shooting their husbands and forcing them to witness the execution, taking their boy babies away from them and pretending to kill them and so forth.

Knowing Villa as I do, I would not put anything beyond him when he is in one of his berseker rages. At present he is incensed at the United States and will do anything to gain his revenge for the recognition of Carranza. He is a brave man of the stoic kind and when he is desperate he is dangerous. Added to this, he is acquainted with every mile of the entire country in which he is now operating and has cooperation, though their fear of him, of the Mexicans.

HOG CHOLERA SITUATION SERIOUS IN LUBBOCK CO.

Quarantine Established and Shipments Confined to Inspected Hogs.

That Floyd County is securing the services of a Farm Demonstrator just in the nick of time to be of great aid in fighting an epidemic of hog cholera that is spreading to many parts of West Texas from infected hogs shipped from Central and East Texas, is the belief of many livestock dealers who are fearful that the scourge may appear in Floyd County at any time. At present cholera has made its appearance in every county adjoining except Swisher and Briscoe, making itself most seriously felt at Lubbock.

The Lubbock Avalanche in its issue of the 30th of March had the following relative to the situation there:

"Dr. Jarrell, President of the State department of Veterinary Science, after investigating the hog cholera situation of Lubbock county has decided to place a quarantine on the county, and until the quarantine is raised no hogs may be shipped or driven from the county without being inspected and showing a clean bill of health.

"In talk that Mr. Jarrell made to the farmers in Lubbock Tuesday afternoon, he said that from his investigation he was of the opinion that the cholera was introduced into the county by hogs shipped from Comanche county. After these hogs reached Lubbock and cholera showed in the herd they were reshipped to Wichita, Kansas, where 101 head were found infected and condemned out of a shipment of 356.

"Dr. Jarrell says the cause of cholera is unknown, that it originated in the United States and has been communicated to other countries by shipments from the United States.

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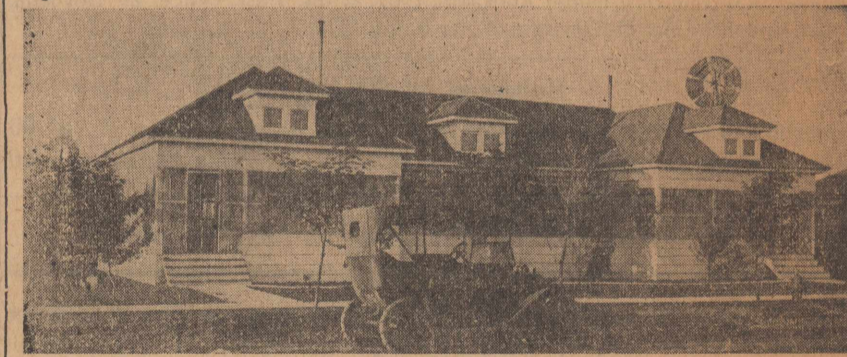
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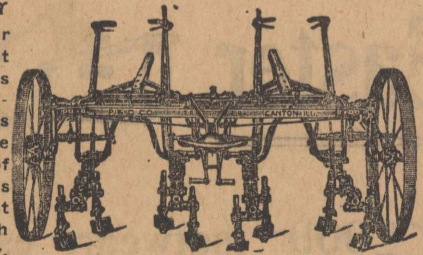
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Nolan County will Have New \$100,000 Court House.

Nolan County, in which is located Sweetwater, voted last week a bond issue of \$100,000 for the construction of a new court house.

The proposition carried by a substantial majority.

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It must be gratifying to the membership of the Floydada Chamber of Commerce, which is composed largely of town business men to have the thanks of the Farmers' Union of the County for their efforts to obtain the services of a Farm Demonstrator in the county. The work done by the Chamber of Commerce was to guarantee, through individual members, \$250 which the officials of the county felt that they were not justified in expending in the Farm Demonstration work. \$500 was appropriated by the county.

As a matter of fact town business men and farming business men are little if any removed in their interests, though it must be admitted that there is, in their minds quite often, a great difference. It is not a far-fetched dream to imagine the citizenship of the county as a unit-organization with the various organizations of business interests as its branches. As co-operators they are of great value. Divided they might do as much harm as good.

The unity of purpose demonstrated augurs well for the future in Floyd County.

Though the rain has stopped sidewalk building for the present it has greatly increased the demand for them. Crossings are also very much-to-be-desired improvements, too, where walks are already laid on private property.

Equitable enforcement of the law can never be made to rest upon the office-holders of the land. It must rest upon the individual. It cannot be said that it is the system of government which is wrong. It is the unjust use of the system. It has not been the use, but the misuse of the powers of government which has produced this discontent in the minds of men.—Vice President Marshall.

The Dallas News announces that Tom Finty, Jr., will write on Anti-Trust Legislation in Texas until the subject is thoroughly exhausted. We had thought the News a strong exponent of conservation.

The rains of this week and the consequent enlargement of the lakes and mud holes in the roads of the precinct will increase the interest in the carriage of the road tax issue, to be voted on May 6th.

LAND PREPARATION FOR SPRING CROPS

H. M. Bainer, Agricultural Demonstrator Santa Fe System, Talks of Practical Methods.

H. M. Bainer, Agricultural Demonstrator for the Santa Fe System, whose practical work in agriculture under southwestern conditions has given him a thorough knowledge of the most practical methods to be followed, addressed a communication this week to southwestern farmers which in view of its practical nature, and the large number of farmers in this section coming from other sections where different methods prevail, is calculated to be of much value. Mr. Bainer says:

"Fall or early spring plowing and listing has always been successful in the southwest, the deeper the better, also the earlier the better. On account of much time being consumed in harvesting the enormous crops of last year, very little fall plowing was done, and by the time winter came on much land was too dry to plow at all.

BREAKING SOD.

"For common crops, best results come from breaking the sod from 2½ to 3 inches in depth whether this be done in the fall or spring. The rod breaker is usually considered preferable to the solid mold board breaker for Southwestern conditions. Freshly broken sod should be packed by rolling, floating and discing with discs set straight, immediately behind the breaker this compacts the furrow slice against the subsoil thereby saving lots of moisture and insuring quicker rotting. Sod that is covered with green grass will rot quicker than that covered with dry grass. For garden, orchard or special crops, which are to be cultivated the first year, the sod should be broken early and shall

low, this in turn should be thoroughly disced and replowed about two inches deeper, thus insuring a fine seed bed which will work like old land.

SPRING PLOWING.

"Demonstrations have proven beyond a doubt that it does not pay to plow old land deep in the spring. Three to five inch plowing, at this time is deep enough, especially when the time for planting is near. Observing farmers know that deep and loose seed beds dry more quickly and fail to produce as good crops as the more firm preparation. Deep plowing must have considerable time to settle or become firm, also to accumulate moisture before planting time. Whether the ground has been plowed or not, all row crops should be planted in furrows and not on the surface; these furrows can be made lister or with sweeps.

SPRING LISTING

"Double listing insures the best results, especially if the first time over the field was done in the fall or early winter. To double list in the spring is not so certain unless there is an abundance of moisture. When moisture is limited and every effort must be made to save it, then double discing for the first operation will give best results, followed later by single listing and immediate planting. It is important to plant at once following the last listing or "busting" do not wait for the field to dry out or for weeds to get a start.

HARROWING.

"Fall listed land should be harrowed in the spring, especially if there is a chance to save some moisture. Land that has been plowed in the fall should be left rough. Spring plowed land requires some harrowing, but should not be worked too smooth or fine, especially if there is danger of the soil blowing."

Goethals Says Canal will Re-main Open After April 15th

Panama, April 3.—Major General George W. Goethals, Governor of the Canal Zone, made an examination this morning of the slide area in the Gaillard cut to satisfy himself regarding conditions, where he said afterward that the situation looked even more favorable to him than he had expected, and that April 15.

would remain unchanged as the date for reopening the waterway.

General Goethals expressed the belief that the canal would not be closed again to traffic on account of slides in the cut.

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H. L. Robinson and Jake Ballard of Dickens Co. Injured.

Texas Spur:
Monday news came to Spur of a shooting affray between H. L. Robinson and Jake Ballard and in which both Ballard and Robinson were wounded, and at the present time Mr. Ballard is not expected to survive. It is reported that the two met about one o'clock in the afternoon at a gate leading out of the W. M. Perrin ranch and about eight miles east of Dickens. Ballard had been trapping and poisoning wolves and other game. As they met at the gate Robinson accosted Ballard and accused him of leaving down water gaps of Matador Ranch fences. Ballard denied the accusation in a forcible manner whereupon Robinson drew his pistol and began shooting at Ballard, firing five or six times, one shot striking his arm and another passing through his lung. Ballard had a shotgun loaded with bird shot and while Robinson was doing his shooting Ballard was endeavoring to get the shotgun from his buggy, and about the time he succeeded Robinson had emptied his pistol and had started to ride away when Ballard opened fire with his shot gun, striking Robinson a glancing shot between his shoulders, Ballard firing about three shots. Robinson came to Spur immediately, having the shot picked out of his wound. Ballard drove to the ranch home of W. M. Perrin where Dr. Blackwell was called. He was later removed to Dickens where he could be given better treatment.

H. L. Robinson came to this country several years ago as a Texas Ranger to assist officers in breaking up "cow thefts." He was convicted of killing one or two men in a western county recently, receiving 20 years in the pen, the case being now on appeal in higher courts. We understand that he now holds a position as detective for the Cattlemens Association and also deputy sheriff in the various counties of his territory. Jake Ballard has been living in Dickens County twenty or twenty-five years, and is well known to all the old timers. He was convicted of cow theft two or three years ago for which he served a term in the penitentiary.

Insure your crops against hail damage, with Butler & Donaldson, Floydada, Texas. 2tc

Rumor Says South Side Will Have New Brick Soon.

Rumor has it that another brick building is one of the early probabilities in Floydada, and that the building will be erected on the south side of the square. From information The Hesperian has been able to obtain the rumor has good foundation, though nothing definite toward plans and specifications or purchases of materials has been done. This stage in the progress of the arrangements may be reached, however, within ten days in which event more definite information may be given.

J. M. Hughes has Pneumonia.

J. M. Hughes has a combination of pneumonia and la grippe and has been quite ill during the week. Sunday and Sunday night his condition was considered serious.

This afternoon Dr. Andrews said his lungs was clearing somewhat and that his fever was not high.

Dr. Smith and Bride at Home.

Dr. and Mrs. L. V. Smith are home from Chico, Texas, where they were married Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Smith was formerly Miss Barbara Hawkins.

For accordion pleating see Mrs. W. H. Hilton for the next two weeks. 2tc

THE SHADOWS.
Do not borrow trouble and do not anticipate misfortunes. Were a man's sorrows and disquietudes summed up at the end of his life it would generally be found that he had suffered more from the apprehension of such evils as never happened to him than from those evils which had really befallen him.

"Eating Crow."
The term "eating crow" comes from an ante-Revolutionary story. A soldier of an English regiment stationed in Virginia shot a pet crow belonging to a farmer. The latter entered a complaint with the colonel, who sentenced the soldier to eat the crow. The farmer was left alone with the soldier to see that he did it. After the soldier had consumed a portion of the bird he took his gun, presented it at the farmer and told him to eat the remainder of the crow or he would shoot him. This was the origin of the eating crow story.

Wisconsin.
Wisconsin has from time to time been an annex of various states. After Ohio was admitted to the union, Wisconsin from 1805 to 1809 formed a part of Indiana territory. From 1809 to 1818 Wisconsin was embraced in the territory of Illinois. When Illinois became a state all the country north of it, including Wisconsin, was joined to Michigan. After more than forty years of shifting, Wisconsin was admitted into the Union with her present boundaries in 1848.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

RULES IN THE GAME OF LAW.

A Thousand Volumes on the Conduct of a Criminal Trial.

An eminent American jurist was recently the guest of a foreign representative at a country house in one of the fashionable colonies of New England. After dinner in the library the lawyer noticed a shelf of volumes on chess.

"This must be the most complicated game in the world," he said, "with so many books of rules."

"By no means," replied the host; "the most complicated game in the world is played in your profession."

He indicated the bookshelf. "There are a dozen volumes on the rules of chess, but there are a thousand volumes on the rules for the conduct of a criminal trial in an American court."

This was no exaggeration. There is a rule, with its interminable refinements, for every step in a criminal trial. Sixteen years ago the state library of Pennsylvania contained the works of fifty authorities on the single subject of evidence—that is, on what a witness may say and how he may say it. These works were often in several volumes of from 500 to 1,000 pages—roughly, a hundred volumes of 50,000 pages on the rules for a single phase of a legal trial!

Since that date a great number of volumes have been printed on this group of rules. Wigmore alone has written four volumes on evidence, and he has assembled 34,000 cases construing and interpreting their refinements. The Cyclopaedia of Law and Procedure alone contains 1,300 pages citing 65,000 cases on this one subject.

It seems strange that in our long familiarity with the procedure of criminal trials we have not observed that they degenerated into mere rule ridden events. The counsel for the state plays on one side, the attorney for the prisoner on the other, and the judge is the referee. The object on the part of these players is to win. The interest of the judge is so to conduct the game that he will have made no mistake in the application of the rules.—Melville Davison Post in Saturday Evening Post.

Curiosities About Fish Scales.
The thin silvery coating of fish scales derives its luster from many minute crystals of lime mixed with a peculiar substance called "guanin." This coating of silver crystals is very easily rubbed off the scales, and in the case of a European species of carp known as the "bleak" the crystals are so numerous that a metallic pigment, commercially known as "argentine," is made from them. The large globular glass beads known as "German" or "Roman" pearls are coated on the inside with this substance. In some species of fish with lusterless scales the silvery lining is found on the inside of the body. A well known example of this is seen in the common smelt.

An Eye to His Epitaph.
Edmond de Goncourt, the French novelist, admitted that he worked with an eye to his epitaph, and he wanted the epitaph to endure for a long time. He records in his journal that "the thought that the world may perish, may not last forever, is one which occasionally fills my mind with gloom. I should be defrauded by the destruction of this planet, for I have written only in the hope of eternal fame. A reputation lasting 10,000, 20,000, even 100,000 years, would be a poor return for the pains I have taken, the privations I have suffered. Under these conditions it would have been better to lounge aimlessly through life dreaming and smoking my time away."

Origin of Mythology.
Myths are the result of the natural and unconquerable desire on man's part to know the "reason why" of things. In the early stages of human society this instinct was as strong as it is today, and when in that faraway time man had his attention called to any phenomenon which had to him no obvious reason or explanation he invented and told a story to account for it. In such way all mythology had its birth, from the crudest stories of the lowest race to the splendid mythology of Greece and Rome.—New York American.

The Alarm Clock.
To clean a cheap alarm clock take off the bell and the two feet and unscrew the keys used for winding. Then take the movement out of the case, dip a feather in benzine and with this rub out all the dust and fluff from the little holes where the axle works. Wipe off all dirt and benzine, carefully oil with a drop of pure sperm oil on the feather all the arbors, but avoid letting oil come in contact with the balance spring or the clock will run irregularly.—Exchange.



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Effective April 1st the schedule of the Crosbyton & South Plains trains will be as follows: No. 1 will arrive in Ralls at 8:45 a. m.; No. 2 will arrive at 2:25 p. m.

LIGHTNING STRIKES SILO
During the shower last Thursday afternoon the silo belonging to W. O. Lockwood about nine miles southwest of Ralls was struck by lightning, it and his barn together with the contents being destroyed by the flames which spread rapidly. The barn contained 400 bushels of grain. The loss is fully covered by insurance.
Carbon paper at Hesperian.

First Baptist Church, Floydada.
Program for Sunday, April 9th, 1916, 8 p. m.
Leader—Dr. I. W. Hicks.
Song No. 318—Congregation.
Song No. 210—Congregation.
Song No. 148—Congregation.
Scripture Reading—Travis Du Bois.
Prayer.
Offertory—Miss Pearl White.
Piano Solo—Miss Kate Butler.
Paper—How the church can be made more attractive to the young people—Miss Nora Henderson.
Short Address—Young people's work in the Church—Leland Dawson.
Piano Solo—Tate Frye.
Reading—Miss Featherston.
Address—The contribution of the young to the World's Civilization—E. C. Nelson, Jr.
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Santa Fe Surveyors Working from Lamesa to Seminole.
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There is a corps of Santa Fe surveyors about fifteen in all, working out of Lamesa and the indications are that they are surveying a road from Lamesa to Seminole. They have been working out of Lamesa for about three weeks. If rumors are to be accredited grade stakes are to be placed and the road will be constructed at once. Seminole is about thirty five mile west of Lamesa and ten miles south.

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Of the Floyd County Hesperian published weekly at Floydada, Texas, for April 1st, 1916.

State of Texas, County of Floyd, Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Homer Steen, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is editor and manager of the Floyd County Hesperian, and the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership and management of the afore said publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24,

1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, to wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business managers are:

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Homer Steen, Editor and Manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of March 1916.

T. F. Houghton, Notary Public
 My commission expires June 6, 1916.

Lockney School District Scholastic Increase Eighty-Nine.

Lockney Beacon: Mr. Henry informed the reporter of the beacon that the work of taking the census for the Lockney Independent School District had been completed and that the number enrolled being 451. Last year there was 362 enrolled. This makes an increase of 89 children in the school district in one years time.

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TO INVESTIGATE CAUSE OF ADVANCE OF GASOLINE

Resolutions Pointed at Standard Oil Will Determine if Criminal Conspiracy Exists.

Washington, March 30.—A n investigation by the Attorney General to determine whether a criminal conspiracy is back of the rise in the price of gasoline is directed in a resolution introduced by Senator Martine and adopted today by the Senate. Many senators joined in urging the investigation. They said the sudden increase in the cost of gasoline had brought floods of letters and telegrams of protest from their constituents.

A preamble to the resolution which declared that the oil market was controlled and fixed by a trust, the Standard Oil Company, aroused vigorous opposition and finally went over until tomorrow without the final vote. A motion to table the preamble was defeated 35 to 23.

When the morning hour expired Senator Chamberlin insisted on taking up the army bill and would not yield for a vote on the preamble. Senator Martine intends to press for a vote on it tomorrow.

Senator Stone said he believed there was an unlawful combination between all manufacturers of gasoline.

"Nobody but the Attorney General believed that the Supreme Court's decree would dissolve the Standard Oil Trust or give any relief to the people," declared Senator Pomerene.

"I do not think anyone doubts Standard Oil is a monopoly," said Senator Husting of Wisconsin. "but if there is anyone in whom such a doubt lingers, I would suggest that he read the testimony before the Indian committee of this Senate and learn how the Standard Oil Company is in absolute control of the development of the oil fields in Oklahoma."

Senator Smoot inquired if the Texas Company was independent, Senator Husting understood it was.

"Today I telephoned the Standard and they gave a quotation of 24 1/2 c a gallon," said Senator Smoot. "The Texas Company gave me the same quotation. Tomorrow, if I telephone, the prices will be identical. I was wondering if the Texas produced enough gasoline to affect the price, or if it just follows Standard Oil."

English On Fire Prevention.

Spasmodic efforts at reform immediately following disasters and conflagrations, such as have recently occurred in Texas, are not sufficient to place our house permanently in order for the prevention of similar visitations. Each city and town in Texas should adopt and rigidly enforce a building law prohibiting the erection of combustible structures particularly in or adjacent to the heavy value districts, and one that will permanently banish from the corporate limits the tin and brick-on-edge flue, and the wooden shingle roof.

—State Fire Marshall English.

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Dr. R. A. Childers and J. H. Reagan last Thursday night drove overland to Abilene to be with Dr. Childers' father who suffered a stroke of paralysis, but was however considerably improved by Saturday when Mr. Reagan returned home.

Read it in The Hesperian.

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Grand and Petit Jurymen Chosen for Federal Court Term

Grand and petit jurymen have been chosen for the Federal Court term of April which begins on the 17th. Floyd County men on the list of petit jurymen are: B. M. Cotton, of Lockney, L. B. Maxey, C. Surginer, and J. F. McCarty, Floydada.

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

Abernathy Bank Increases Capital.

On March 30th an amendment to its charter was filed by the First State Bank of Abernathy, increasing its capital stock from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

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

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

Automobile repairs and accessories at the Main Garage. We want your work, H. O. Pope. tf.

Our sale is still on. White Sells for Less. 1tc.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Butler, Saturday, April 1, a daughter.

Ben Dodson and family, Frank Dodson and family and John Fry and family returned Saturday from Charley, Texas where they went to attend the funeral of their mother, Mrs. M. E. Riley, who died at the Johnson Sanitarium in Fort Worth Tuesday morning March 21st. The funeralservices were held at Charley, Clay county the old home of the deceased on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. —Lockney Beacon.

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Whiskey Flows in Hereford Sewer.

Hereford, Texas, March 31.—

Whiskey was turned in the Hereford sewer last night for the first time in history. Two Mexicans came in on yesterday mornings train from Texico with twenty full quarts of whiskey in their suit cases. The officers intercepted them and marched them up to jail on arrival of the train. Over 500 Mexicans are at work here on the Santa Fe track and, pay day being at hand, the supply was brought in for other than medical purposes.

The whole consignment was dumped in the sewer and the men given to understand that any further attempts to bring in liquor would meet with the same fate.

Canadian Moving Picture Shows Hit Hard by War Tax.

Winnipeg, Can., March, 27.—The kibosh was thought today to have been put on the movies here. A tax of 20 cents for every seat occupied during any amusement performance in Winnipeg has been officially ordered. Theatres in other towns in the province pay 10 cents a seat. War revenue and compulsory economy on the part of the public are the cause.

Wilson's Physician To Marry.

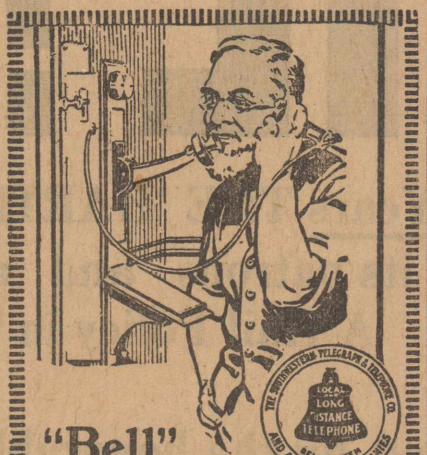
Washington, March 30.—Dr. Cary T. Grayson, President Wilson's physician and naval aide, and Miss Alice Gertrude Gordon of this city, Mrs. Wilson's most intimate friend, will be married within the next two months. The announcement of the engagement was made today. The wedding may be solemnized in the White House. The President and Mrs. Wilson will attend. Miss Gordon and Mrs. Wilson were close friends before either entered the White House circle. Miss Gordon, who is twenty-five years old, is an orphan and the daughter of the late General J. J. Gordon of this city who left her a large fortune.

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SAYS BLACKLEG IS CAUSED BY THE HEELFLY

H. A. Halbert, of Coleman, Gives Ideas of Cause and Prevention of Disease.

An immense loss is sustained every year by owners of cattle from a disease called blackleg. This loss is among young cattle. Much money and scientific investigation has been expended to find a remedy for this disease, with no pronounced success. Like all great discoveries they are made by some one who lives close to nature, rather than one who is a student of books, for books are sometimes misleading. Mr. W. H. Parks, a close observer and practical cattle raiser of Plemons, Texas, has written an article to a leading farm paper, in which he expresses the opinion and gives some practical experiments to show that the heelfly causes the blackleg.

Having studied this troublesome fly for thirty years from nature, more than from books, I am prepared to endorse his opinion, which I want to emphasize in this article, and give my reasons for so believing.

In first place we must be convinced of such a fly and know its true history before we can take intelligent steps to combat its ravages. Much to-do is being made about the tick and its eradication, which is all well enough, but the heelfly is by far the most destructive pest. A tick remains on a cow a few days only, while the larvae of the heelfly remains under the hide of a cow for ten to twelve months. The tick is comparatively local, the heelfly is universal. Hence the losses from the heelfly greatly exceeds that of the tick. These losses in a single year is estimated by the Year Book issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, for year 1912, to be more than \$173,000,000, from the heelfly independent of the blackleg. This same article however, found on page 388 of above issue, is very misleading in its life history of the heelfly. It teaches that the fly lays eggs on the cow's hairs, which gets into the mouth when licking herself, where the grub hatches in the throat and stomach and bore through the muscles to its nest under the hide in the back. I will pay \$5 for every heelfly egg laid on the hair of a cow and made this offer fifteen years ago, but no one has claimed as much as a single \$5 yet. I must drop this discussion for want of space and go direct to the discussion of blackleg and give my reasons for believing it is caused by the heelfly.

First: As the tick causes the Texas fever, while another variety of tick causes a fatal disease to man known as spotted fever; the mosquito causes the yellow and the malarial fever; the rat flea, the bubonic plague; another species of fly scatters, if it does not produce the Charbon, a disease similar to the blackleg, then is it far fetched or unreasonable to attribute the cause of the blackleg to the heelfly?

Second: It is chiefly, if not altogether, the early calves born before April 1st that die the next year with the blackleg. Calves that come after this date, when the heel flies depredate little or none, are not affected with blackleg. If those that die are skinned and examined, their backs will be full of warbles, or where warbles have been. Again they die at that date when the warbles are mature and at the most aggravating stage from December to March as a rule. If a calf

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lives over the disease or is only infested partially it becomes immune by the second year. Hence, old cattle never have the blackleg.

Third: These warbles cause clotted blood and putrid matter to form around where they make their nest and while in a growing stage the warbles consume this as their food and keep it from entering the blood circulation. But when the warbles become mature and begin to crawl out of the back in great numbers in late winter and early spring, they leave behind them masses of this clotted blood and putrid matter which causes blood poison when nature endeavors to absorb and remove this putrid mass. If the effort is too great for nature to accomplish, the calf dies and we call it blackleg.

I am so thoroughly convinced that the heelfly brings on the blackleg, that I will unreservedly say that if every stock raiser will get the warbles out of his cattle as soon as they begin to make their appearance during July, August and September, he will never have another case of the blackleg.

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Aiken Farmers Organize Company to Import Oil.

Farmers of the Aiken Community organized a stock company Wednesday evening for the importation of fuel oil for use in engines for irrigation pumping. Seventy farmers were in attendance. A contract was signed to fill the 1916 requirements of the people with the Pierce-Fordyce Oil Association. The company will probably be capitalized at \$5,000. Temporary officers are F. T. Frieberghouse president; H. A. Percy, vice president; A. S. Barber, secretary and treasurer.—Plainview Herald.

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The Old Reliable Tailor



Sam Holland, of Paducah, Killed by Negro at Wichita Falls

Wichita Falls, Texas, April 3.—Sam Holland, 35, of Paducah, died here tonight as the result of a pistol wound in the abdomen. J. W. Battle, a negro cook, is in jail in connection with the affair, being arrested after a hard chase through the railroad yards. According to eyewitnesses, Battle another negro were quarreling over 20 cents, when Holland came to the door and good naturedly told them not to get mad. The shooting followed.

Holland had been here about three weeks, employed as repairer of gin machinery. He was formerly a fireman on the Rock Island and on the Q. A. & P. He was unmarried. A sister resides at Grapevine, Texas.

Never Burn Anything That Can Be Plowed Under.

There's nothing burned on Rosedale Farm that can be turned under with a two-horse turnplow, and there are some things that we cannot turn that we haul to a poor or galled spot to decay, and after a year or two we have a fertile spot there. We turn cane fodder under and such like early, in order that it may decay before planting time.

The way we manage cane bagasse is to take a middle burster and lay off rows the width desired for corn and fill furrows half full of the bagasse and list on it, burying it deep. When spring comes we run the narrow over it and plant the corn in the water furrow, or list two furrows back and plant. In cultivating corn we run plows shallow and never plow into the litter, lay by level, and we have a fine crop of corn, as the decaying matter gets saturated with water and holds moisture for the growing crop. The bagasse is well decayed by the next year, and has never been in the way of the plow.—Progressive Farmer.

S. L. Rushing is in town from Plainview this midweek transacting business.

BLANDER.

The many persons who are always quick to spread evil reports about other persons should ponder these words of Henry van Dyke: "Never believe anything bad about anybody unless you positively know it is true and never tell even that unless you feel that it is absolutely necessary."

Animal Peculiarities.

All animals, hens included, have peculiarities, and to obtain the best results in working with them we must take this fact into consideration. Not only is it true that each class of animals has its peculiarities, but individuals in the same class have their distinctive traits. To illustrate this take for example two horses. One is a heavy work horse, and when you speak to him it is quite awhile before he obeys. Yet he may be as willing and obedient as the other horse, which is of driving stock and quick in its thoughts and actions. In fact, it is wrong to both to drive such horses together—Farm and Fireside.

All in Fifty Years.

Generally speaking, a man fifty years of age has slept 6,000 days, worked 6,500 days, walked 800 days, amused himself 4,000 days, eaten 1,500 days and has been sick 500 days. He has eaten 17,000 pounds of bread, 16,000 pounds of meat and 4,600 pounds of vegetables, eggs and fish and drunk in all 7,000 gallons of liquid.

Passports.

Passports are a very ancient institution. Some of the old monkish chroniclers mention an achievement on the part of King Canute that he obtained free passes for his subjects through various continental countries, on their pilgrimages to the shrines of the Apostles Peter and Paul at Rome. Each pilgrim was furnished with a document in the nature of a passport called "Tracturia de Itinere Peragente." Hall in his "Chronicle" makes reference to a system of passports in the time of Edward IV. and the enforcement of this system is known to have been very strict in the reigns of Elizabeth and James.—London Chronicle.

"Goodman" and "Goodwomen." A pleasing form of address that was common in the seventeenth century has gone quite out of use, probably because of its restriction to "inferior persons." The "Mr." was then a prefix to which only gentlemen were entitled, and among the Puritan fathers of New England the deprivation of the right to be so addressed was inflicted as a punishment. "Goodman" or "Goodwoman," by contraction "Goody," was the address of those low in the social scale. The term is preserved in some old songs.

Dallas Reserve Bank Leads in Dividend Payments

Washington, April 3.—Texas and South Carolina discounted more commercial paper with the Federal Reserve Banks than any other states during February, according to a statement of the Federal Reserve Board. Texas lead with \$1,357,600 and South Carolina came next with \$1,246,300. The earnings of the New York Bank were the greatest, totaling \$37,495. Earnings of the other centers are in the order named: Chicago, \$28,340; Boston \$22,057; Richmond \$21,860; Dallas \$18,990; Cleveland \$16,846; San Francisco \$10,159.

The Dallas bank earned the largest dividend, its rate being 4 per cent and Richmond was second with 3 66 per cent.

Read it in The Hesperian.

Risser is Elected Mayor of Plainview

Plainview, Texas, April 4.—454 votes were polled at the city election here today. W. E. Risser being elected mayor, John Vaughn, marshal, B. L. Spencer, city secretary, and E. H. Humphreys, J. J. Ellerd, W. R. Simmons, J. B. Maxey and J. T. Waller, alderman.

Dreams As Omens.

From the earliest times recorded in history men have believed in the prophetic character of dreams. So far as we know, the first to deliberately and systematically attempt the interpretations of dreams was Amphyctyon of Athens, who lived about the year 1400 B. C. The Bible mentions dreams in many places, and we are entitled to conclude from the Biblical references that there were professional interpreters of dreams who were not infrequently resorted to by the dreamers.—Exchange.

Floydada Camp No. 1175 Woodmen of the World.
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Miscellaneous Shower.

Mrs. R. L. Henry invited friends to her home last Thursday from three to five for a miscellaneous shower honoring Miss Maggie Power, whose marriage to Mr. Robert Shearer is announced for Eastertide.

Mr. Shearer is to be congratulated upon winning the promise of Miss Power's love and devotion.

Miss Power is quite a practical young lady. She has many friends in Floydada who wish them well.

Mr. Shearer is a brother of Rev. G. W. Shearer, of Tulia. He is now living at Tatum, New Mexico, where he has a barber shop.

Following is a list of presents received: One counter pane, two pair pillow slips, two pair towels, one set spoons, one roaster, one aluminum cake pan, one stewer, one potato masher, spoons and forks for dishing meats, two oval platter doilies, one table cloth, one pair blankets, one pair silk hose, one bath set, one egg beater.

After all enjoyed an hour of conversation we were invited into the hall where the table was bedecked with fragrant blossoms, and the hostess assisted by Mrs. W. L. Sawyer served us with delicious refreshments.

The toasts to the bride were splendid, and we all felt that we were glad to have a part in making these young people happy.

A Guest.

MONEY—Making farm loans with James Brown saves the agent's commission. He also buys Vendor's lien notes. Office with Banana Land and Loan Co. 2f.

Good Prices For Old Rags.

Good prices are being offered in Dallas for old rags and paper of every description, and Dallas women who are collecting such articles for sale should obtain at least \$4 per 100 pounds for white cotton rags, \$3.50 per 100 pounds for woolen rags and 80 cents per 100 pounds for magazines and other periodicals. Richard Haughton, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturers Association said yesterday:

While the prices named do not cover everything, they are sufficient to give an idea of the prices paid in Dallas for such material. Colored and dirty rags naturally are not worth as much to the paper factories and therefore command lower prices.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Junius Heights Congregational Church notified the Chamber of Commerce that the members of that organization had, within the last few days, collected more than 5,000 pounds of magazines and other good paper stock. They were enthusiastic over the plan as a means of raising money.

"Great care should be taken in seeing that all magazines made of glazed paper are kept separate from those on poorer paper," President Louis Lipsitz said, giving instructions as to how the paper and rags should be collected. "Each class of paper, such as wrapping paper, ledger paper, and newspapers, and woolen and cotton rags, white and colored, should be kept separate, as each brings a different price."—Dallas News.

Lakeview News Items.

Lakeview, April 4th.—Farmers may go to work again, following the good rain for which we are all thankful. I notice that in this community the rainfall was heavier than at Floydada. There was about an inch and a half of rain Friday and Saturday.

John Lloyd of Clay County, was in this community last week looking for a location. He returned home Sunday.

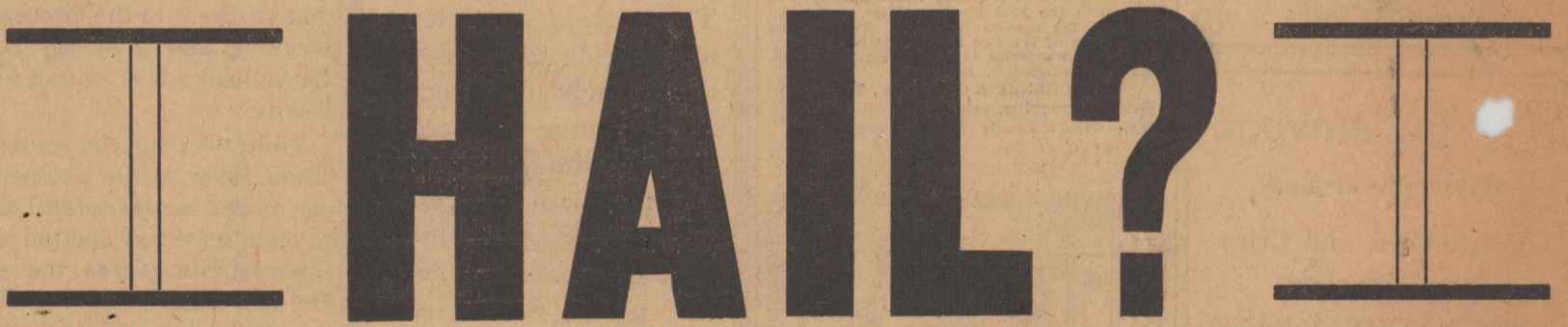
J. D. Hopper was called this week to the bedside of his father in Oklahoma, the information stating that his father was at the point of death.

Julish Norman, of Anso, Jones County, is in this community this week hunting maize heads. He desires to buy two car loads. Guess Who.

A. L. Bishop returned Monday afternoon from Walnut Springs where he had been to accompany his father to his brother's home. Mr. Bishop left his father in slightly improved health.

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