REPAIRING OLD SCHOOL BUILD-ING FOR PRIMARY GRADES.

New Furnishings, Modern Heating, Attendance and Interest Grew New Paint and Paper to Make **Building Look New.**

The frame, school building lighted and heated as the new ed hands. building occupied by the pupils The attendance at and interest

Carpenters are at work repairing doors, windows, porches and were many reclamations. other parts of the building, while modern heating apparatus has most successful ever held in been ordered and will soon be Floydada installed. New paint and paper will also be put on the building. Teachers Institute

The need for the additional room became apparent last spring term when the main building became so crowded as to make necessary partitioned rooms in the auditorium.

Separating the smaller from the larger pupils offers an advantage which the separate buildings make easy of accomplishment. The action of the board in remodeling the building and putting it in use with very little additional cost to the G. T. Wakefield Opens district has met with practically unanimous approval of school patrons.

Reagan & Henry Take Studebaker Agency Floyd and Motley. Lakeview School House.

the Studebaker agency in Floyd Four-forty, which they are show- cantile business

essentially the same car as last in population the past two years election holders would probably the market four times within noon at 2:30 by acting chairman ments which should add to its nomenal. popularity. Among these are greatly strengthened front axles Twelve O'Clock Dinner Given and springs, gas tank in the rear with vacuum feed and larger wheels.

most refined cars sold under of Miss Lena Burdett of Chil-\$1000. The four sells at \$875 at dress and Mr. Robert McGiure, Farmers Exchange Officers at the factory.

Reagan & Henry will enter home in Oklahoma. actively into the sale of the Studebaker.

S. T Montgomery, of White right, Texas, is spending the week here with his neighbor of former days, A. J. Womack west of Floydada. Mr. Montger Borner days were days and the form of the Contest of gemery is on a prospecting tour Fort Worth, Boone Hall, Oliver C. Smith vice president, and J. of this section.

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From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies, And we mount that ladder round by round."

ING THAT CLOSED TUESDAY. Culberson and 161 CONVERSIONS IN MEET-

With Each Successive Service.

One hundred sixty-one conerected in 1907, and for the past versions were recorded during five years out of use, is being the Methodist Meeting which re-modeled and thoroughly over- closed Tuesday night following hauled for the use of the primary a three-weeks campaign led by grades of the Floydada Public Evangelist R. L. Flowers of School the coming term, and is Waco, and in which members second. The preference of the expected to be well as equipped, of all churches of the town join- voters is to be decided in the

of the higher grades when all in the meeting continued to grow the work planned has been throughout the successive serv-

Besides the conversions there

The meeting was one of the

First Week of Sept.

The Floyd County Teachers' Institute is to be held this year as a national measure. This the first week in September, beginning Monday the fourth.

son is completing the program issues other than prohibition. for the meeting, which will be ready tor distribution among the teachers by the earlier part of next week.

just opened a grocery store at

John H. Reagan and Ross Mr. Wakefield will gradually and for making returns of the Henry, under the firm name of add to his stock and will at a elections from the various boxes, Reagan & Henry have taken not-far distant date include while patriotism was left to be and Motley Counties, and have other lines looking toward the at this time a 1917 model of the establishment of a general mer- election only the man making

ing. They have the agency for Lakeview has always been one each precinct will receive pay. both the four and the six model. of the best producing communials ocntemplated that in some The new Studebaker, while ties in the county, and its growth precincts the expense of the year has some marked improve- has been nothing short of phe- be met by subscription if the the past four weeks. None of

Sabra Thagard invited a few of tion Law as in the regular The Studebaker in one of the their triends to dinner in honor primary. who leaves this week for his

> and a delicious dinner served. Allen and Levie Lewis.

> > Are the key-notes of

Very few fortunes are

made by chance, some

are inherited, but most

of them are won thro'

persistent effort.

SUCCESS.

Colquitt in Run-Off

Leading Senatorial Aspirants in Primary Will be Voted on Again August 26th.

Senator Culberson and ex-Governor O. B. Colquitt are running the "Run off" race for the United States Senate, following the primary of the twentymajority election Saturday, August 26th.

Ex Governor Colquitt was the only candidate in the six-cornered fight for a place on the sec ond ballot who ran according to form expected by his support-West Texans confidently expected Brooks to be in the second primary with either Colquitt or Henry. Senator Culberson beat Dr. Brooks some six thousand, with Campbell fourth, Henry fifth and Davis a poor sixth.

Texans are thus called upon to take their choice between two anti-prohibitionists, both committed against prohibition will clarify the atmosphere on this measure. For the first time in eight years a campaign of Superintendant E. P. Thomp- state-wide import will be run on

with a peculiar situation when the pancy. assessments for the primary expenses were made against the candidates for office. Either the the children under seven years candidates must be taxed out of age who will be seven not Grocery Store at Lakeview. of all proportion to the emolu- later than January 1st, 1917. ments of the offices being run will be allowed to enter school Indicating the fast development for, or the expenses of the secof the southeast portion of Floyd ond campaign must be materially County, G. T. Wakefield has reduced. The upshot was that term. After that date no pupils the candidates were assessed under seven will be accepted. for the expense of printing ballots and obtaining supplies, the impelling power for the election holders. .Thus in the the returns of the election in Each precinct will be left to de- top. termine its own ways and means, for Departing Friends, the only restriction being that the election must be held under Last Sunday Misses Ethie and strict construction of the Elec-

and Directors Re-Elected.

A very pleasant day was spent the Farmers' Exchange of Floydada, who served last year were Those who enjoyed the day re-elected Saturday afternoon were: Misses Lena Burdett, of at the annual meeting of the

A Grigsby secretary.

J.S. Dickey was re elected manager of the business.

Final Totals Give Submission Lead of 2,855 Votes.

Practically complete returns from every county in Texas show that submission has carsmaller, standing as follows:

gainst submission, 170,979. Ma- S. Posey of Lubbock. jority for, 2.855.

Ferguson's lead ever Morris Saturday. is 64,443. Culberson's lead over and Baggett will probably visit Brooks is 6,731.

other relatives.

FAIR DATES SET FOR OCT. 5, 6 & 7

Yesterday afternoon at a meeting of more than fifty representative citizens an Executive Committee for the Tenth Annual Floyd County Fair was chosen. and the dates for the Fair set for October fifth, sixth and severth.

J. D. Price, A. V. Haynes, S. W. Ross, G. A. Lider and Homer Steen were made committeemen.

Active work on premium lists, attractions and other features of the coming event is being prosecuted with

Public School Opens Sept. 11tl

Floydada Public School will open its 1916-17 term on Monday, September 11th.

This was decided at a meet ing of the school board Tuesday. By that time all work of improv In Floyd County the Democrating both buildings will have ic Executive Committee was faced been completed ready for occu-

The board announces that within the first two weeks of the

Five Loads Livestock Floyd-

yearlings consigned to Kansas City and two loads of hogs to Floydada Saturday.

Floyd County hogs have brought the extreme top of was called for Saturday aftervoters of this county express the hogs shipped have brought their will in the "run off." less than within a dime of the

New Insurance Firm Buys

tion of realty and insurance busi- here Sunday. Scott & Bartley insurance busi- ing through this week. ness was announced.

They will handle all kinds of

In announcing the partnership Mr. Edwards stated that he had definitely determined to make Floydada his home permanently. Both members of the firm are well-known in this section and stand high in business circles.

Their office will be in Room 4 of the First National Bank Building.

Mr and Mrs. Boerner Have Their Daughters as Guests.

ried by a small majority, A Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boerner total of 415,000 votes were cast. have had as their guests at a Reports on 409,471 votes have home-coming during the past been tabulated by the Texas week three daughters who live Election Bureau. The total vote at other points in the state. on submission was somewhat They are Mrs. E. P. Nelson of Mt Vernon, Mrs. J. M. Baggett, For submission, 173,834. A- of Ozona, Texas, and Mrs. W.

> Mrs. Posey returned home Mesdames Nelson here several weeks.

Misses Ora and Aura Clinton, Chas. Livingston, of Wortham, of Putnam, Texas, have been Texas, has been on a visit the visiting here the past week with past week with T. R. Ross, while their aunt, Mrs. R. T. Miller and on a prospecting tour over the South Plains.

•••••• | INSTITUTE ELECTS DELEGATES **PANHANDLE FARMERS CONGRESS**

Department Representative Makes Cotton and Feed Crops Greatly Address at Meeting of Farmers Tuesday Afternoon.

D. C. Dove and T. G. Marks, representing the State Depart which covered Floyd County ment of Agriculture, met a Saturday to Monday, have put number of farmers and people wheat lands in excellent conof allied interests at the county dition for plowing and made a court room Monday afternoon good season in the greater part when the Farmers' Institute was of the county for maturing row reorganized and put on an ac-feed crops and fruiting cotton.

the activities of the department as well. and the manner in which the citizenship may co-operate with Floyd County Republicans it. Marketing the products of the farm is the special activity of the department, and the discussion of marketing and kindred problems formed the greater part of his address. Mr. Dove declared that the producers were entitled to a larger per cent of the profits derived from the farms and that it can be secured if the farmers will cooperate with the department.

The Panhandle Farmers' Congress which convenes in Amar- which meets August 8th. illo on August 24th, 25th and F. Batty, H. L. Puryear, W. F. Baird and R. N. Burgett.

be discussed at this meeting and Senatorial Conventions. ada's Quota of Shipments. which is expected to draw hun. The Convention voted that Five loads of livestock, which dreds of farmers. Experts in copy of these minutes be furnish included three cars of steer all lines will be at that place to ed the Hesperian and Beacon make addresses, including State for publication. Fort Worth, were shipped from Agricultural Commissioner

A meeting of the Institute R. C. Scott.

Meeting at Center.

Scott & Bartley Agency. at Mayview School house 15 will be represented in none J. M. Edwards and R. H. miles east of Flovdada last Fri-the conventions, -State, dist Buckingham formed a partner- day night, returning to fill his or judicial. ship yesterday for the transac-appointment with his church It also developed at the

ness in Floydada, and at the Sunday night he began a meet- two precincts elected precincts The officers and directors of same time their purchase of the ing at Center, which is continu- chairmen. These were Star

Attorney S. D. Tant, of Ver- Maxey. Childress, Grace Dollins of stockholders of the concern. insurance, including life, in- non, Texas, was out the earlier part of this week on business.

GOOD SEASON RESULT OF RAIN OVER MOST OF COUNTY.

Benefitted by Rainfall Saturday to Monday.

Three days of local showers, Grazing land, late feed and late R. C. Scott, secretary, acted cotton were greatly benefitted.

as chairman of the meeting in In some portions of the county the absence of O. F. Battey, the season was not thorough but president. D. C. Dove, as the was of much value. Report departments' representative indicate the rains were general made an address dealing with over several adjoining countie

Elect Delegates to Convention.

Floydada, Tex., July 29, 1916. Republican County Convention called to order by county chairman J. A. Baker. On motion J. A. Baker was elected County Chairman and Homer Howard, County Secretary, N. W. Williams, Temporary Secretary. J. A. Baker and W. C. Kenyon, the latter of Amarillo, on motion. were nominated delegates to the state convention at San Antonio.

P. L. Johnson, and E. E 26th, will be attended by five Diggs, the latter of Childress, delegates from the local institute. alternates. The Delegates and These were elected at Tues- Alternates were instructed to day's meeting: J. W. Pitts, O. vote for Phil E. Bear, of Paris Texas, for State Chairman Otherwise they were uninstruct Problems of panhandle farm ed. The same delegates wer production and marketing will also elected to the Congressions

J. A. Baker, Co. Chairman, N. W. Williams,

Temporary Sec.

Demos Have no Convention.

The Democrats of Floyd County failed to hold a County Convention on Saturday, follow-Rev. J. F. Mathews closed ing the meeting of the Execuquite a successful meeting tive Committee, and as a result

> ing of the committee that and Center. Starkey elec-W. J. Berry, and Center, L.

Read it in The Hesperian.



HE hail fellow well met, the man who spends as he goes, is popular just so long as he is a hail fellow well met, so long as he spends as he goes. His fair weather friends leave him the minute he is in financial distress. Don't be one of these kind. If you are making big money plan to set aside a cer-

tain sum in bank. You'll find that if adversity comes a goodly bank balance is your best friend. If you already have a bank account make it a point to keep a healthy balance, a good margin to work on. If you haven't a bank account open one with us today.

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Under the terms of an appro- fever. priation bill recently passed by Congress known as the Bankhead Bill, Texas is to receive one and three-quarters' million dollars for good roads.

The appropriation is made so hat any county appropriating money or veting bond issues for good roads may receive a like amount as voted, from the government until the appropriation is exhausted.

Typewriter ribbon, Call No.

Mrs. T. B. Russell, who has been quite ill the past two weeks, ette smoking habit. The cigaris recovering from an attack of

Fort Smith with her mother, other causes is responsible for Mrs. W. B. Dare.

Miss Sallie Brown, of Ralls, has been visiting here the past several days with her brother. E. E. Brown and wife.

Alfred Slay, of Claude, are here was, "Cigarettes and Cocoa on a visit with H. O. Pope and Cola. We have scores of boys to the point where the tobacco

CHILDERS PRIVATE SANITARIUM a half-dozen glasses of Coca Cola." Follow these boys after



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USBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING

Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.

Catron, Ky.-In an interesting letter om this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four rears, with womanly troubles, and during II. At times, I would have severe pains my left side.

nt relieved me for a while, but I was mend it. Begin taking Cardui today. confined to my bed again. After nothing seemed to do me any good.

Four Years of Discouraging 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 commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its 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 his time, I could only sit up for a little more than a million women, in its 50 while, and could not walk anywhere at years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what he doctor was called in, and his treat- it will do. Ask him. He will recom-

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies'

Courier)

Educational Failure. (Cephas Shelburne in Christian It is my pleasure at every com mencement season to deliver a number of educational address. es. I have recently spoken to high school and college graduates in which the entire classes were girls. In some instances there were three girls to one boy. In one high school class of thirty, only ninelof the thirty were boys. A public man of wide reputation came into our town to deliver a commencement address and had his carefully prepared speech spoiled by facing a class of all young ladies. Not only is it true that the girls excel in the number graduating, but they excel in efficiency, in grades and honors. It is not true that more girls than boys enter the schools. Investigation in our city schools has shown that more boys than girls are found in the schools up to the eighth grade, but that in the high school there are many more girls than boys. Forty our public schools drop out be fore they reach the second year of high school, and the greater majority of the forty per cent who drop out are boys. It is also observed that in our business colleges there are two young women to one young man. Why is this? Our school boards are puzzled over this most serious situation, and have been lege of the Bible, Lexington, making some investigation as to the causes. The prime cause, as every school board and principal and teacher knows, is because these boys form the cigarette, says Dr. D. H. Kress of the Washington (D. C.) Sanita-Mrs. Russell is visiting from rium, more than any half-dozen the boys dropping out of school, and for their failure in grades. Going into a large school of some two thousand pupils I asked a teacher why it was that the grades and not graduating from Bert Slay, wife and child, and the high schools? The reply a half-dozen glasses of Coca has the habit. they leave school and what do you find? A terrible moral, Earl French President of physical end business degeneracy. Large number of our young men, after leaving school, become moral degenerates, physi-

cal wrecks, ambitionless loafers. The Kansas City School Board by a carefully conducted efficienless ascurate than girls, that they make many more errors and that this tendency increases with the age and grades of the pupils. And business men who employ help have found out that young women are far more efficient than young men. thousands of offices young women are employed in preference to young men. A large manu facturer that employs several thousand young people said; 'In our departments where delecate work is done we employ only young women." Mr. Luther Burbank of California says: "I cannot trust men in my business gates from Lockney. who smoke." We could name numbers of great business concerns, railroads and manufacturers that will not employ men who use cigarettes; and both Mr. Ford and Mr. Edison are enemies of cigarette. The judges of juvenile courts and employers everywhere are preaching against the cigarette: Even our statesmen and military men are deploring the downward tendency of our young men from the cigarette habit. One large insurance company has had to reject forty-three per cent of those who applied for insurance,

How much longer may we hope successfully to meet the

and the president of the life

Extension Institute of New York

of its producers and defenders steadily declining?

If we expect to make this other plains lands. Nation superior to the nations of Europe and America we must not allow cur youths in common schools who are to become the fathers and mothers of our country in the near future to

In the face of these facts, when hundreds of young men are falling behind in educational efficiency, dropping out of school entirely; when hundreds of business concerns are putting a ban on tobacco users; when mayors and judges and statesmen and school boards and military men are warning us of the per cent of the pupils entering evils from the habit; and when heathen nations are voting the evil out of their national life can our schools, especially our religious or Church schools tolerate or allow this evil? Can we afford to send our boys to a school where they will learn a habit that makes of them educational failures in life? Milligan College in Tennessee, the Col-Kentucky., our own Midland College, Texas, have recently decided that their students cannot use tobacco. Professor Jones of Midland College, in making the statement for his school, said that they were compelled to adopt this course as a protection of the boys who were sent to them; that numbers came to the college free from the habit and contracted it after entering the school. We do not believe that any Christian college, school or university ought boys in the school were dropping to employ a teacher that uses out by the scores, failing in their tobacco, or permit its pupils while getting an education and preparing themselves for life to

Lancaster, Texas.

At a meeting of the Epworth Leagues of this Methodist Conference held in Plainview on the twenty-sixth of July Earl French, of Floydada, was chosen cy test has shown that boys or president of the Epworth League Conference which meets in Lockney next year. Miss Maude Buys, Sells and Leases Real es-Byington of Lockney was elect-

Earl French and Miss Myrtle Thompson, were delegates from the Floydada League, and Misses Furnishes Abstracts of Robertha Woods, Grace Bagwell, Heard and Edith Williams were delegates from Floydada Mission. Rev and Mrs. J. A. Sweeney, Misses Maud Byington, Ethel Quillan, Josephene Nichols and Messrs, Will Downs, John Visor and Claude White were the dele-

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Brown, parents of Mrs. F. W. Cooksey, accompanied by their daughters, Misses Abbie and Zephia, of Plainview, and Mrs. A. S. Moss, of Memphis, visited last Friday and Saturday at the Cooksey

The Hesperian and Dallas News, \$1.75 a year.

struggle of peace and war, with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Bradley the proportion of inactive. flab and children, of Waco, have by-muscled, low powered Ameri- been visiting the past several cans constantly increasing? How days with the F. W. Cooksey's long can the nation itself sur- southeast of Floydada. Mrs. vive with the physical fitness Bradley is sister of Mr. Cooksey.

J. E. Watson, of Waco, who Japan has passed a bill pro- was out on the south plains hibiting in her Nation the use recently on a prospecting tour, of tobacco in any torm before has bought 990 acres of land bethe age of twenty years. The tween Ralls and Crosbyton. It is possible he will also invest in

> John S. Zant and family, or Stonewall County, returned home last week after a short Shallow Water Steam visit in the Carr's Chapel neighborhood with D. T. Scott and family: Mr. Zant is Mrs. Scott's eldest brother.

W. A. Robbins spent the earlier part of the week at Lamesa, Dawson County, on business.

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ed to attend.

PRICE-FOSTER

Dickens County Democrats are working under the majority rule mine the winners out of the runners off of the election held

In Motley County the following were nominated:

ton; Tax Assessor, Oscar Wil- part of the week prospecting. liams; Treasurer, Jess Hodges; Attorney, Wendell County Johnson.

Clerk, Edgar Allen; Treasurer, several days as their guest. Mrs. E. L. Young; Tax Assessor, W. F. Montgomerv; Surveyor, Moore Hess; County Attorney, R. A. Wallace.

county judge; L. D. Griffin, the latter part of last week. county attorney; J. C. Terry, sheriff and tax collector; Jo W. Wayland, county and district clerk; W. H. Murphy, tax asscounty surveyor.

Judge, J. H. Moore; County its new location on north Main Clerk, Sam T. Davis; Sheriff and Street on the block with the Tax Collector, W. H. Flynn; City Hotel. County Treasurer, Chris Har- Mr. Cope will use the shop well; Tax Assessor, R. C. Burns; vacated for a private garage for County Attorney, John R. Mc- his line cars used on the Roaring Gee: Surveyor, H. G. Guinn,

Swisher County: County Judge, W. S. Tomlinson; Attorney, W. A. Graham; Sheriff and Tax Collector, R. G. Porter; Primary held July 22, 1916: Clerk, J. M. Simpson; Tax Assessor, J. W. Ervin; Treasurer, Foa Representative 122nd Dis-Alma Huckabee; Surveyor, J. W. McGlaun.

Dry Weather.

J. Pluvius turned not the crank that operates his water tank. For Co. and Dist. Clerk. He watched the baking earth below and heard the people wail and woe, but not a bit did he relent; he didn't seem to care a cent. Old Vulcan heard the For County Attorney. peoples wails, where he was making horseshoe nails, and said, "Say Pluve, turn on the drink; those fellows below are on the blink. But Pluve replied, "Gee For Tax Assessor: whiz! You teach me how to run my biz? I tell you Vulc, those mortal men must have a lesson For Sheriff & Tax Collector: now and then. For many years I've sent them rain, and crops For County Surveyor: have grown on every plain. Prosperity was at their door where now the wolf of famines roar. And while I kept their planet wet, there was a carnival For Commissioner Pre No. 4 of debt. Men blew their substance wild and free as though For Public Weigher Precincts, it grew upon a tree. Their stock of luxuries enlarged, they bought fool things and had them charged. Men threw their money at the stars, and traded homes for

Neighboring County Nominations. chug-chug cars, and rioted at every chance, like drunken sailors at a dance And so I cooked their blamed old earth, to teach this year and will therefore vote them what good fortune's worth. again on August 12th to deter- When they have lived on husks a while they'll learn to save their little pile,"-Wolt Mason.

W. H. Truelock, of Rusk County in company with his brother, Judge, A. B. Crane; Sheriff, M. J. Truelock, of Cottle County, Ed Russell; Clerk, Trust Pat- were in Floydada the earlier

Mrs. C. H. Olson, of Mabank, Texas, wife of O. B. Olson's Crosby County: Judge, P. L. brother, is visiting here with the Parrish; Sheriff, B. W. Mitchell; Olson family, planning to spend

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Saunders, of Wilbarger County, are out on a visit with his father, Hale County: Chas. Clements, S. D. Saunders, having arrived

Bosley Moves Shop.

August first H. C. Bosley gave essor, John G. Hamilton, county possesson to W. R. Cope of the treasurer; Otis Shropshire, building and lots on the corner of Missouri and Fifth Streets, Lubbock County: County and finished moving his shop to

Springs Mail Route.

Announcements

Nominees of the Democratic

trict. J. M. BOREN, of Post.

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AUSTIN C. HATCHELL.

TOM W. DEEN.

For County Judge: E. P. THOMPSON.

C. K. HOLLOWAY. For Treasurer Floyd County:

MRS. ADDIE THAGARD.

A. A. WHYTE.

J. A. GRIGSBY.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 1 W. E. SMITH.

W. F. WEATHERBEE.

No, and 4: S. B. McCleskey.

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piercing her breast.

miles from the ranch nouse and from the loss of blood. an unknown party stepped in working on the Pursley ranch jury action. Wednesday of this week at front of the car and with a shot several years, was arrested, about seven o'clock in the even- gun fired through the wind- being charged with the killing win was mistaken for Latta by ing Edwin Graham was shot shield, striking Graham in the and shooting, and killed while driving in an head, killing him instantly. An- This killing and shooting at Edwin Graham lived in Spur automobile from Girard to the other shot was then fired at this time is probably the re- until recently, having conduct-Berry Pursley ranch headquar- the woman, striking her in the sult of the killing of Berry Purs- ed a tailoring business here a ters about eight miles from Gi- right arm. Mrs. Pursley then ley by Latta Graham several was known as "the little ta rard. His sister Mrs. Louis walked two miles to a place on months ago. Edwin and Latta while here.—Texas Spur. Pursley was in the car at the the ranch and phoned for a doc- Graham are brothers, and Mrs, time and was also shot in the tor, one going out from Girard Louis Pursley, wife of Berry Send the Hesperian right arm, one of the balls and also one from Jayton. Mrs. Pursley is a sister of the Gra-folks back Ea

Pursley was removed to Jayton ham boys. At the time Berry

The report coming to Spur is for medical attention and at was killed feeling was high in to the effect that while Graham this time it is not known wheth- Jayton and Latta Graham was and his sister were driving er or not she will live, being in removed from the jail to analong the road about three such a weakened condition other point for fear of mob violence. Later he was given just in the edge of the breaks, A Mr. Clark, who has been \$1500 bond to await the grand

> Some think that possibly Edthe party doing the shooting.





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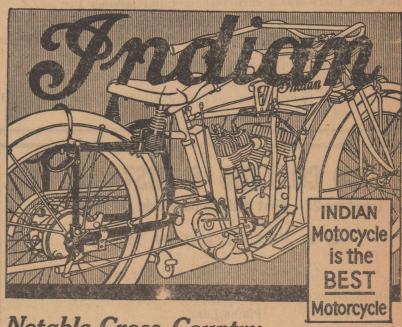
Mrs. G. A. Lider has as her guest this week her sister, Mrs. Will Hale and daughter, Miss Willie, of Gray Horse, Okla. Mrs. Hale and daughter will also See C. H. Featherston for Fire visit relatives at Lockney before returning home:

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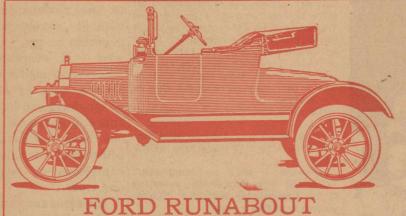
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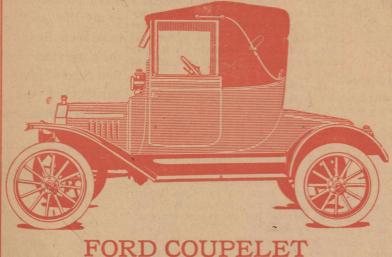
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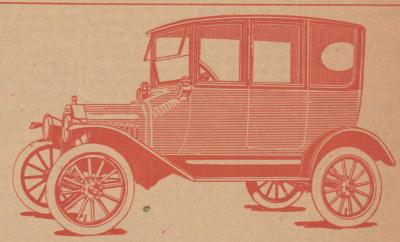


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The Strategy Of Shorty

By REX BEACH.

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T was stage time, and the men sprawled restfully upon the hotel porch awaiting the coming of the mail. Shorty had pre-empted the doorsill, which he held by squatters' right, his thick body, toadlike and short, barring egress, while the idling smoke from his pipe excited apologue within him. A front step in the early evening, with the fullness of supper investing his audience, was solace to the little man-first, because the darkness hid his ungainly body; second, because to every man there comes a garrulous hour when reminiscence is like honey, and, third, because his legs did not dangle in impotent discomfort as when he expended his wealth of shortness upon the edge of made furniture.

"Say, how comes it you ain't drivin' he stage any more. Shorty?" questioned a prospector who had just packed in from the Big Divide. "Get

"Sure! Fired at and into, both." "How's that-shot? You don't say so Who done it?"

"Black Bart." "Well, I'm durned! I didn't s'pose Bart would shoot up a driver; thought he allus played the messengers. How'd

it happen?

"There was a lady with me one trip," began Shorty, blushing at the memory, "an' Black Bart stuck us up on the



"Look a here, you!" growled Shorty
"Don't you get funny with me."

Big Grade. He insulted her-leastways he called her my sweetheart—so I shot at him to spare her feelin's. I don't claim I done just the gentlemanly thing, 'cause it ain't a driver's place to mix with road agents, them duties bein' delegated to messengers an' such passengers as has a genius for disknocked the gun out of his hands, an' he ran for the cutoff down the old sheep trail. He laid fer me there with his guns. When I drove by he got me of a mother and the heartfelt thanks of here. Most well now though."

Peg-Leg spoke unexpectedly from the shadows.

"Look a-here, Shorty, I ain't never figgered out one thing about that fracas. Old Charlie Crane says you come tearin' into his place on the dead run. your hosses plumb beat out, an' you an' the young feller all shot up. "That's right," said Shorty.

Well, who was this young feller? You left here that mornin' with the girl an' the bullion, but there wasn't no young feller along."

Peg-Leg had sprung the question which had excited the camp for months, and the listeners waited breathlessly. From the first the affair had a touch of mystery maddening to the camp, the more so inasmuch as Shorty, the man of splendid simplicity, had suddenly lost his candor and maintained a baffling silence. Speculation had fed upon drifting rumor until Forest Hill wriggled in an agony of curiosity.

Considering his feroclous habit of reducing to an unfortunate personal basis those questions he found not to his liking, there seemed no advisable method of arriving at the truth, unless perhaps by the exhibition of a curiosity which Shorty would be privileged to regard as morbid and insulting. Time and silence had served to hone the edge of this sharp interest until "Peg Leg," the landlord, had arisen unexpectedly to press the question. The idlers wondered why they hadn't thought of him before. Even Shorty, scorning as he did all recognized codes of warfare, could do no more than take umbrage at a wooden legged man.

"Well, ye see, it, was this way," said the stage driver finally, then amid their sighs of interest there came the throb and rumble of the Auburn stage. "Here comes the mail. I'll tell ye some other time," he broke off, while the opinion of the crowd at this interruption was voiced by Spike Duffy, who

"The which would certainly rasp ye.

cuss his little hide!" After the mild excitement of the stage's arrival had rippled out those who were given to the expectation of big guns." mail disappeared in the wake of the

urning that brought IT.

"What?" The little man's voice held utter, gasping incredulity.

"Sure; from a lady too." Now, it is possible to crowd the limit. funny with me."

"I ain't. Here it is, honest," declared Peg-Leg, hurriedly thrusting upon him a packet. "Look at it yourself."

Shorty came into possession of the object with that measure of familiarity and blitheness with which a man receives his summons to the pillory. Then when he had dazedly entered the lighted room the astonishment of the beholders swelled over bank.

"There's strange doin's here," said 'Peg Leg" gloomily, "not to say suspicious, an' I don't like 'em. I forms my own deductions.'

"Mebbe it's from his sweetheart," Spike Duffy ventured, provoking mirth in those who knew Shorty's terror of the fair sex.

"I'll bet it's one of them newfangled advertisements tellin' how to acquire bodily strength," added Murphy, who bore upon his person indelible marks of Shorty's vigor, due to an inadvertent bibulous remark long past. "Yes, sir, an' he kin outlift anybody on the mountain."

Inside the store, under the effulgence of a soot enameled tin lamp Shorty became aware of the fact that the letter was of a wonderful cerulean tint. Moreover, it was square and ungainly and offered grounds for unlimited conjecture. Plainly it was his, however, for it bore his name in large angular feminine characters.

The sensations of one's first letter are not fleeting, but they do pass finally, so, exhuming from a cavernous pocket what resembled a brass bound 'billy," he pressed a spring, and it clicked into the likeness of a marvel ous hunting knife with unfolding hilt and tapering steel of bayonet length. Shorty tolerated upon his person only ornamentation of the finest. He sliced a long splinter from the table to remove clinging traces of plug and, inserting the point gingerly, slit the epistle after the manner of skinning a tender, baby blue rabbit.

A fleeting perfume came to him, and the blood drummed thickly in his ears at the memory of its owner.

"It's from the little girl," he breathed ecstatically. "It's from the little girl." He spoke of her diminutively. although she had stood head and shoul ders above him.

Seminary characters bear small resemblance to printed speech, nor do they lend themselves to prompt interpretation among the un-Vassared, but finally the following materialized, and ery word stood out in mental bas re-

My Dear Friend-Mother and I wish to thank you for the great service you have | yelled Nate from within the cabin.

all over, so we are very happy.

In view of all you have done we hesitate to ask your further help, but there doesn't seem to be any other way. The money that came from the Golden Fleece turbance. However, there bein' no claim we gave to Lincoln, and now the messenger handy, I flipped at him an' busted his Winchester. My bullet that those men have jumped our mine and pay the balance and refuse to get Mother is awfully worried, too,

> your sincere friend, MILLICENT CUSHING. Shorty untied his silk neckcloth and carefully wrapped the precious note within. The bundle he placed inside his shirt bosom. His large hands made tions thus severed, Shorty wasted no clumsy work of it, owing to their un- more time in idle chatter. Instead, familiarity with billet doux, but his mind worked nimbly.

> So! The Wilkins outfit had jumped her ground—thought she didn't have shortly," he said. "Soon as I get this anybody to look out for her, eh? That chink shot out I'll take the one below." was the worst of them tenderfoot prospectors—they were crooked. They brought their devious eastern methods systematically shot our from corner to out into God's country and thought corner. Bullets are apt to glance erratfolks would stand their work. He'd leally and with puzzling method. never seen them, but they were chicken hearted pups-anybody who would cheat a woman was a quitter. He was kins, as a result of too rash endeavor, for peace, himself, of course; trouble never did look good to him, but a real man was due to step into this affair. Not to use violence. No, sir; just cool, disinterested argument backed up by

equity and a reasonable firmness. Shorty busied himself with the legal aspect of the case. Never was there a clearer. The Wilkinses had failed to make good; ergo, they had another jump coming. There remained only the process-simplicity itself. Reason made a bee line, hurdling certain confusing obstacles in the nature of statutes and common law precepts, fleeing directly along the course of least resistance. Shorty oiled up his six shoot-

His theory of strategy forbade de as it was by the rocky gorge. lay, for a scant measure of military! knowledge demonstrates the value of an attack in the cold gray of the dawn. It is then that the blood moves slothfully and the mind is flaccid from the re-enforcement, so Shorty swung about,

apathy of slumber. "Gi' me your 'gat,' " he said to Hoffmeister, the Canada bar superintendent, as that gentleman was preparing puff of pine needles about his legs.

for bed. "Sure: help yourself."

sights, throwing the gun to shoulder sumed his cooperage on the cabin. tentatively

"I don't. The little guns is best, only postmaster. It was one of these re- I'm goin' bumbardin'. I want 'bout 500 man grinned after them in rare satisrounds too. Also jest witness that." faction The epical deserves the dignity of He spread upon the table a document pitals, and epical it surely was for evidently fresh from the throes of com-'ll conversed upon the position. Hoffmeister read it wonder- the powder stains from his fingers, re- its purport. Striding to Shorty's side, ing himself into his bunk, hid his hope-

preparations.

signatures are there."

Never mind all them technicalities. "Look a-here, you!" growled Shorty, If this here cannon don't get het up on rising threateningly. "Don't you get | me I'll have plenty of signatures on there by breakfast time.'

With much reluctance Hoffmeister attached his name. He had learned that the road to great unpleasantness lay in thwarting his undersized friend.

"Peg-Leg." less versed in the intricacies of legal formulae, lent his name without discussion and without reading. So soon after midnight Shorty hit the trail.

The Golden Fleece lies picturesquely in a narrow gorge overhung by wooded hills, and its cabin squats in an open glade among the pines. It is a quaint spot. The log house with its oratory. He read the letter, as was his mud daubed walls is encircled by a tiny clearing, beyond which is a forest of whispering, smooth barked trees. The gravelly trail winds up along the frothing river, and over all is the pulsing, cooling song of the stream.

As day broke sounds became audible from the shack. Smoke drifted from the pipe and there occurred the rattle of breakfast preparations. Nate Wilkins appeared, shirt sleeved and yawning prodigiously, water pail in hand. As the door swung inward under his hand he started, then gazed with astonishment at what met his eyes. On the outside of the door, pinned thereto by a huge clasp knife, was a written document. As he scanned its opening lines the yawn left his face, and he spoke quickly to the men asleep.

"Hey, boys! Wake up! Look here,

At the tones of his voice they came scrambling out en deshabille, and as they stared at the paper the slumber fled from their eyes. It ran as follows: QUIT-CLAIM DEDE

For valu rec'd and to avoid trubble we 3 Wilkins Boy sell asine and pass up for keeps this here Golden Fleas Claim to Miss Millicent Cushing or her airs. Now and forever world without end. Amen Yours truley

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Appended to this model of brevity

was a note: Deer Sir and Friends.—Pleas sine at y'r erly convenc and duck out or I will do bizness soon as it get lite enuf to shoot. The writer is respectfully hid out in the bresh and has got you covered at the present date. Wishing you a pleasant lourney. Yours sincerely, SHORTY.

Something in this unusual notice excited risibilities in the older Wilkins. He guffawed hoarsely, reaching to pull it down.

"Ain't that a hit?"

The laughter broke in his throat, however, when he felt the swish and he absorbed it so completely that evel thud of a bullet in the door, followed by the wicked bark of a rifle among the pines.

"Hey, what's the matter with you?"

thank you for the great service you have rendered us, and we wish you to know that in saving my brother, Lincoln, from his wicked associates and the consequences of his folly you have won the blessings of two women.

We had to send him away at once, as he was recognized. He writes from Honolulu that he is safe and has begun his life all over so we are very happy.

As he ceased speaking fire spurted As he ceased speaking fire spurted from the cabin window and a bullet glanced from the bowlder behind



They Stared at the Paper

sighting closely, he began to shoot the chinking out of the cabin.

"Guess I'll have 'em under the bed glances.

It is embarrassing to cower in a one roomed log hut while its chinkings are months, you little hunchback.'

Shorty exposed nothing of himself for target, whereas the "middle" Wilreeled from the window minus the use of one arm and shoulder. Later a flattened ball ricocheted into and about four inches along a floating rib necessary to the economy of the elder brother, and, although a thin man with ribs but sparsely hidden, he proved a free bleeder, and the sight of red in such demoralizing quantities did the trick.

"For God's sake let up! You've killed Bud!" yelled a voice.

"Thanks," replied Shorty, continuing his activities. "You ain't"—bang!— "signed that"—bang!—"treaty yet." "I'd love to finish that second crack before quittin' time," he thought, while the roaring of his rifle made confusion in the early morning quiet, multiplied A stranger appeared running excited-

ly down the trail, summoned from the claim above by the fusillade. He presented the repugnant possibility of a and his first shot sang a tune of cold unwelcome over the man's head, while his second stirred up a discouraging The newcomer stopped with set brakes and, all inquisitiveness satisfied, fled Shorty carefully tested ejector and silently back up trail, while Shorty re-

Singleness of purpose will work won-"What's up? Thought you didn't like ders. As the Wilkins brothers vanished limpingly among the trees, vowing vengeance of a fearful type, the little

Having stormed the cabin, he uningly, gazing with amazement at the read it. So far he was exactly on he shook it before his eyes, quivering less face in his arms.

"Hey, Shorty! Here's a letter for little man, who gravely continued his schedule, but he had not planned be in his passion, while his voice was still reparations.

"Look here. What the deuce does problem was still complex. The wothis mean? I can't witness that till the | men needed money, not an idle placer | Cushing's alive-in Honolulu." mine, but quick money-"eats" money for all he knew.

> As the days passed worry preyed upon Shorty. It was not fear of the Wilkins' return, but that letter staring at him reproachfully from its shrine over the table.

He produced his strong box, a baking powder can, and estimated his cleanups

"Thunder an' mud! Here I've grubbed dirt like a steam drudger an' there ain't enough to buy the girl a stack of white chips," he said aloud.

On the seventh night he inspected the pile. It was pitifully small, and despite his bodily weariness his disappointment found vent in unspeakable



"For God's sake let up!" yelled a voice nightly custom, and fell dejectedly into his bunk. As a miner he was not a suc-

Some men sleep sluggishly in a lethal coma which requires bodily violence to break; others, accustomed to the alarms of life in the open, maintain a tenseness of certain nerves which a mere unfamiliar presence will disturb. In this class Shorty had considered himself, but tonight his exhaustion and discouragement dulled him, and so it was too late, however. He had been pinned to his couch as he lay and now in his struggles felt the heavy weight and writhing muscles of a large man crushed upon his arms and chest, while a hot breath beat into his face.

"It's the big Wilkins," he thought. "and the others is waitin' 'longside for the finish.'

He fought till the blood thrummed dizzily in his ears and the breath wheezed from him, but amid cracking joints his arms were noosed by his sides, and a moment later he lay panting within the coils of a riata.

Then speech frothed out of him, and he roared imprecations at the tribe of Wilkins, rich in imagery and marvelous in western word structure. The object of his obloquy worked impassively and with marvelous dexterity for one task completed, struck a match, light-

ing the shelf lamp. bulky awkwardness of the junior Wilkins, Shorty beheld the silhouette of a tall, clean waisted, wide shouldered man with the long black hair of an Indian. He turned and the light gleamed yellowly on the sallow, sinister face of Black Bart, the road agent.

The sounds from the prisoner ceased sharply, and he lay rigid, following the other's movements with blazing

"My turn tonight, eh?" the outlaw spoke sneeringly. Shorty nodded. "I've been on your trail for two

Blood rushed to the dwarf's face till it grew black and congested, then faded until he lay white and silent, shaking in the rigors of suppressed

"Nobody ever took a shot at me and got off with it, but I might have let you go if you hadn't killed the Kid. "Did he die? Tell me! Tell me!

'Twas his first job, and he got so rattled he let you plug him. The papers don't say what becomes of him, but I want to know. Quick." He shook the dwarf.

It was not fright that silenced the little man, but a blinding, speechless rage. Never had such an insult gone uneaten. Bart had gibed at his deformity, had gouged roughly at his one most painful spot-and that unjustly, too, for no one back in California carried less of a hunch than Shorty's. Nobody had firmer, cleaner muscles than his, albeit the legs beneath were odd. Speech refused him. Instead, he spat viciously, spat unerringly at his captor, and a sentence shot forth with it:

"I ain't no humpback!"

At the act Bart's excitement froze, and he glided to the table where the great haspknife lay. He tested the point with his thumb—an unpleasant sight.

"I'll knife you for that!" said he. As he picked up the weapon, however, his eye caught the blue better hanging above. It lighted on the signature, and, being a man of son culture, its contents became quic' 7 absorbed. He snatched at it, and t this sacrilege Shorty writhed insanel, finding his voice at last.

"Take your nasty hands off'n that

letter!" he yelled. Bart did not heed him, but eagerly

"What does this mean? It says Link

"Drop it, I say!" shouted the prisoner, kicking savagely. "You le'me up an' gi'me one belt at you with a pick handle-that's all I want-jest one wallop. I'll learn ye to read letters."

Bart forced him roughly back. "Shut up, or I'll slit your gullet!"

The other only bounced on his bed in paroxysm of abuse, his one intelligible sentence running, "I ain't no humpback!

"The boy did me a good turn up Emi- in the race just closed. grant Gap way once," said the road agent, "and I took him for a partner. When you dropped him the day of the

At the lady's mention Shorty spoke again, sullenly at first:

now?" said he. "I came near killing

yelled the little man loudly, reverting and trust. to his unspeakable indignity. "Le'me up and fight like a man."

The other regarded him strangely, almost in wonder, but no hint of amusement lay in his eyes. At last he apologized: "I beg your pardon, Shorty. I and I pledge the best energies didn't mean it. You sure ain't a hump- of my life to the people who back. We've been too good enemies not to be good friends. You saved that have seen fit to call me into boy, and I'd like to shake on it. I've heard considerable about you, off and

He cut the lacings, and Shorty rolled out, feeling his many bruises gingerly. "I never went back on a partner," and the whole people. continued Bart, "but you've done more for the boy than I ever could, and when you need any help let me know. feel like I owed it to you.

Shorty's mind acted quickly, "I'll take some right now. Ye notice that letter says they're plumb busted -the girl an' the old lady. Well, I've tore this flat all up lookin' for gold. I've wallered in work disgraceful to a was that he awoke suddenly to find section gang till I've wore blisters on himself fighting with desperation. It every shovel handle around the place. For results look at this an' weep.

He displayed his tin can, with its meager yellow contents. "Now, s'pose you blow in with some of that ill gotten wealth of your'n."
"Bet I will." heartily replied the tall

man, and from each pocket he produced much currency, tossing it upon the table until the watcher's eyes grew round and wondering. As each exploration resulted in an added roll, the dwarf remarked: "You remind me of that passage in the good book about the Widder Cruse's oil-you never seem to run out. Seems like your business

has its redeemin' features." "Yes; there's easy money in it for nervy men," said Bart. "I need a part-

"Wouldn't wish any, thanks," quickly replied the other.

"Well, I guess you're wise." The reared east of the Missouri; then, his dark man sighed wearily. "It's a fast life. They'll get me some day. Don't let the women know where that money As the darkness fled, instead of the came from." He stepped outside, then added shrewdly, "And, say, I hope you

marry the girl.' The little man stood a moment dumbly, then leaped savagely at the

"Here, you"- But Bart had melted into the night, and there came only the echo of his laughter and a rustle across the carpet of pine needles.



Each Exploration Resulted In an Add-ed Roll. Shorty closed the door, trembling so

that the latch rattled beneath his

touch. A strange new light had flooded him, as if from a sudden whipping off of many bandages. He felt himself in the grip of some sweet wild passion, no inkling of which had approached him until now. Its intensity, its volume, swept his mind whirling into a drunken tumult, delightful, distracting, acutely painful. "Marry the girl." Ah, marry her! Yet why not? Why not? He loved her, for this must surely be love, and what else mattered? His great chest swelled to bursting. He stretched his long, iron muscled arms. He picked the blue page tenderly from the floor, and as he did so its dying incense reached his nostrils. Moreover, as he stooped he saw himself-saw his distorted figure-and at the vision the frenzy in him died icily. With a despairing cry he crushed the letter to him: then, as if jealous of the wrapped the blue letter and, wiping reread the missive, attempting to grasp light, he shattered the lamp and, hurl-

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