

Meeting Called to Discuss City Ticket

22 Citizens Sign call for Meeting Saturday Night at the Court House.

We the undersigned, citizens and taxpayers of the City of Floydada, on account of our interest in the welfare and advancement of the town, and realizing the benefits to be derived by the citizenship of this City from a business like and progressive administration of the affairs of the City, hereby sign our names for the purpose of calling a meeting of the citizens and tax payers to determine and map out a City ticket for the coming City election: said call meeting to be held Saturday Night, March 27th, 8 P. M. at the court house:

W. P. Daily, L. G. Pool, L. A. Marshall, J. T. Kirk, W. M. Windsor, J. D. Pflce, W. A. Shipley, J. M. Hughes, C. C. McMillan, N. W. McCleskey, C. H. Featherston, A. E. Johnson, J. K. Green, C. Foster, E. T. Green, A. P. McKinnon, C. H. Veale, Jno. N. Farris, F. M. Butler, J. H. Donaldson, E. C. Nelson, J. B. Bartley.

New Plumbing and Tin Shop

C. Surginer & Son are installing a new plumbing and tin shop in the second story of their building, and W. A. Gound is to have charge of this department.

The new equipment is to be thorough, and Mr Gound has had much experience in this particular line.

With the Sick

County Clerk Tom W. Deen is confined to his home on account of rheumatism contracted the first of the week. W. B. Clark, who assisted Mr. Deen during the term of court is remaining in the office with the regular deputy, Miss Walling.

Mrs. W. H. Foster is recovering after a severe case of pneumonia.

Reuben M. Ellerd and Elmer Sanderson, of Plainview, were in Floydada on business Wednesday.

Typewriter and Carbon paper at Hesperian office.

STATISTICS ARE DRY, BUT INTERESTING

In Europe, the number of persons out of every thousand population who have bank accounts is, in the various countries, as follows:-

Switzerland	554
France	346
Germany	317
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Mothers' Club Plans Civic Improvements.

The Mother's Club met Thursday, March 18th, to meet Miss Hamilton and hear the discourse on Home Economics. Several visitors were present.

Miss Hamilton's talk was very interesting, and it appeared to be the sentiment of the members that it would be well to take up the course, provided the required membership could be had. The course will cost each member \$2.

A committee was appointed, composed of Mrs. Frank Butler, Mrs. G. V. Smith and Mrs. J. H. Donaldson, to organize the economics club.

Mrs. McKinnon reported the bids received for boring well at cemetery and she was continued on the committee. Mrs. Liston, Mrs. Husky and Mrs. Buster were appointed a committee to see about building a small house at the cemetery. Mrs. McKinnon and Miss Savage were appointed to get trees and Mrs. Price to see to planting. Mrs. McKinnon and Mrs. Jenkins were appointed a committee to see city council with reference to passing an ordinance to prevent vehicles from crossing private lots. Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Childress were appointed a committee to secure \$25 city voted to the club about a year ago.

Adjourned to regular meeting first Friday in April.

Mrs. McKinnon, Reporter.

Notice.

Sunday is our day for services at Lakeview again. We expect to be there Sunday morning and will have with us Rev. O. P. Kiker, our presiding elder, who will preach for us at that hour. Come out and let's get acquainted.

Also wish to announce that our second quarterly conference will be held here in town Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Bro. Kiker will preach at the 11 o'clock hour here Saturday. Let all who can do so, of Floydada Mission, be present for these services.

B. W. Wilkins, P. C.

Mrs. Allen Cook Had Operation Tuesday

Mrs. Allen Cook was taken to Plainview Tuesday for an operation for appendicitis. Her husband and father, A. H. Manning, and Dr. Childers, accompanied her to the hospital.

Her husband reported her resting well last night.

Bigboll Rowden Cotton Seed for Sale.

Picks a third more and stays in the boll longer than any other cotton. \$1 per bushel. G. W. Kimbell, Gasoline, Texas. 4tp

Seven O'Clock Closing Hour.

The following dry goods and gent's furnishings stores have announced that beginning April 1st, their stores will close in the evenings at seven o'clock: Price-Foster Dry Goods Co., Glad's, Mathis-Martin Dry Goods Co., Haines-King Co., Fair Store, and O. B. Olson.

Money to Loan.

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Do you like good biscuits? Then buy a sack of White Crest soft wheat highest patent and be convinced, \$2.15 per sack, sold only by Duncan Grocery. 2tc

FOUR COMPETITORS FOR PRIZES FROM FLOYD COUNTY

Small Number from this County Enroll in \$10,000 Prize Contest of Industrial Congress.

Information has just been received from the Texas Industrial Congress that only 4 contestants from this county have entered its prize crop contests for the year 1915. The number is unusually small for an agricultural county of our importance and should be greatly increased. In view of the fact that there is no cost whatever attached to entering any of the contests, and not a cent of expense loaded onto the farmer by competing for the prizes, there is no reason whatever except lack of interest or knowledge of what the contests are to account for this small enrollment.

Ten thousand dollars in gold is to be given farmers of this state who raise the best crops, cost of production considered, during the year 1915. There are ten classes. The first class is for four-acre model farms, in which the contestants must grow one acre of kaffir, or milo or feterita, one acre of cotton, one acre of corn and one acre of cowpeas. The first prize in this class is \$500, second prize \$300 and third prize \$200; \$500 will be awarded other contestants making creditable showings.

The Texas Corn Club, the Texas Peanut Club, The Pryor Baby Beef Club, the Frank P. Holland Hog Club, The Henry Exall Special Combination Prize and one section of the garden contests are open only to boys and girls between the ages of ten and twenty years on January 1, 1915. In each of these except the two last mentioned, first prizes are \$200, second prizes are \$150 and third prizes are \$100, \$550 is to be awarded to those making creditable showing according to the findings of the committee on awards.

Competition in the forage crop class and the Kleberg Beef Club is open to all, and the same is true of the grain crops class and a section of the garden contest. Prizes in these classes are the same as those mentioned above. In all the contests except those for fattening animals and those for growing gardens, one measured acre of land must be used. The only hard and fast agreement any one must make to enter the contest is to promise to accept the findings of the committee on awards as final and not appeal from its decisions.

Further, the only agreement is to the effect that crops will be measured or weighed according to the instructions of the Congress. This is necessary in order to determine who are really the winners in the contests.

Bulletins have been prepared by the congress, and many have already been sent to contestants. They deal with such subjects as "Corn," "Cowpeas," "Cultivation of the Soil," "Fattening Hogs for the Market," "Kaffir, milo and feterita," "Small Grains," "The Family Cow," "Peanuts," "Planting time" and "A Garden Bulletin." In addition to sending these bulletins to its contestants, the Congress is preparing to send others. It will also answer, or secure from agricultural experts, answers to any questions that its contestants may propound.

Full information as to how to enter the contests may be se-

Waterworks Bonds Sold Wednesday

Contract let for Construction of System this Summer--- \$19,724 the cost.

SEVEN BIDS WERE RECEIVED.

The city Council opened seven bids for the purchase of the Floydada Water works bonds and the construction of the system, on Tuesday night and on Wednesday night let the contract for the construction of the system to the Sherman Machinery and Iron Co., of Oklahoma City, who are also purchasers of the bonds. The bonds were sold at par with accrued interest, a total of \$21,472, and the waterworks including about two miles of pipe lines will cost \$19,724. The president of the contracting company was present and signed the contract with the city.

The seven bids were from representative companies and the council awarded the contract to the lowest bidder. Construction work will begin as soon as the contractor's attorneys approve the bonds, which have already received the approval of the attorney General's department. Mr. Sherman said before he left that he expected to be able to start work in 30 days. Ninety days is time given for completion after work is begun.

M. G. O'Neil of Dallas, will be supervising engineer representing the city.

Councilman White was asked this morning if the contract price paid and the amount of work to be received for the money paid out was up to the expectations of the council. "Taking everything into consideration," he said, "We are very well pleased with our deal. We had a better representation of bidders than is usual, the contracting company is a thoroughly reliable one. We feel sure everything will go smoothly and that we will get a good job."

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cured from the Texas Industrial Congress, at Dallas, by simply requesting application blanks. The contests are yet open, and may be entered at any time before May 1. As has been said, there is no expense attached to entering the contest other than a one cent postage stamp to send for the application blank and a two cent stamp to return it to the Congress.

A comparison of the yields of corn, cotton, cowpeas, kaffir and peanut made by those in the Congress contests with the average of the state convinces even the most skeptical of the value of the contest. For during the past year, when the average production of cotton for Texas was very slightly more than one third of a bale to the acre, the average for the contestants in the contests was one and one-third bales. The average yield of corn for the state for four years was 19 bushels per acre, while the contestants' average was 60 bushels per acre.

Kansas City Market Report in Detail

Kansas City Stock Yards, March 22. Light receipts of cattle Friday last week arrested the decline in prices, and repair work amounting to 10 to 20 cents was done by the end of the week. Killers claim that the beef outlet is every bad, and say it is further clogged by consignments of dressed beef intended for export which could not secure passage across the ocean, and which have to sell in New York. Foreign beef prices are high enough to pay the exporter but inability to get beef across nullifies the good

Obituary.

Little Weldon Hill Pool, Son of J. S. and Nettie Pool, was born on the 26th of Dec. 1914 died on the 20th of March at 9:20 A. M.

This was a fine sprightly baby and brought much joy and gladness to the home. Weldon's stay was short, he filled his mission in the home, he was the one beloved by every member of the family.

The funeral services were held at the grave in Floydada cemetery by the pastor with a goodly number of friends at 3pm on the 21st. We extend to the family our deepest sympathies in this going of their precious baby Weldon. Let us all find comfort in the fact that he is at home with God, and all the good who have gone home. Tenderly, Pastor Jno. F. Elder.

Mrs Ivey Entertains

A number of young people were delightfully entertained by Mrs. Ivey Saturday evening March the twelfth in honor of Mr. Ivey's brother who is visiting here. That ever popular game 'rook' was the charm of the evening after a series of enthusiastic and spirited games. Mr Ivey was the holder of high score.

At the close the hostess served a most delightful salad course.

Present from out of town were Miss Mary Shipley from Plainview and Mr. Ivey from Hale Center; others present were Misses Slaughter, Felton, Henry, Clark and Moorhouse, and Messrs. Henry, Ross, McGuire, Price, and Holloway.

A. D. White Grocery Co. Moved to West Side

A. D. White Gro. Co. completed moving this week from the store building owned by W. T. Montgomery on north side to the Farris-Surginer brick recently completed on West Side adjoining The First National Bank Building.

prime lambs that sold at the top price \$9.75, others selling at \$8.35 to \$9.65, prime ewes \$7.75, yearling worth \$8.80, wethers \$8.00, bucks around \$5.25. About four thousand Colorado Lambs were included, three thousand of which brought top price, weighing up to 85 pounds.

J. A. Rickart
 Market Correspondent

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New Subscriptions Received at This Office.

Where To Draw The Line

"Our old friends, the politician" says Texas Journalist, "are persistent free space grabbers—when they can get it. Most of us have had experience in boosting certain fellows in to office and then having these fellows, when they have been chemically changed from politicians to state-men, look the other way when they passed us on the street.

"Dr. Talcott Williams, Director of the Pulitzer school of Journalism, in a careful analysis of the subject separating publicity that should run free for the general information and welfare of a news paper's readers and that publicity which should properly come under the head of free advertising lays down the general principle that which involves a profit should be paid for and that which is of public use and advantage should be printed as news."

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City Election Draws Near

Those who do not, as well as as those who do, endorse the official family of the City of Floydada as at present constituted, are reminded that the time for all good citizens to express their preferences draws near and that each man who does not vote is as responsible as the man who does. Your voice is as loud as the fallot box as any other man's.

The ensuing year in the life of the town of Floydada must be one of a critical period in the town's growth. The vexatious questions of more sidewalks, lighting system, water works; are sure to have consideration; the city officials will have a big part in molding the attitude of the town toward these improvements, and the future of the town.

Two vacancies in the council are to be filled. These are the places of J. S. Pool and S. E. Duncan, who are moved outside of the corporate limits. The other three councilmen are E. C. Henry, A. D. White and R. A. Childers; their services have been free the past two years to the town, and they are likely not anxious to succeed themselves. They are good men to succeed themselves if you think they would best serve the town and would accept the commission; there are others who would make good material, according to the view point.

Judge Montgomery has made a faithful servant as mayor. He has always had a substantial backing among voters, as well as a substantial opposition. He will be the candidate of his friends again. The opposition should line up and give Montgomery adherents a run for their money. No good public thing thrives without a healthy interest, and where there are many men various opinions obtain.

The idea we want to express is; choose the men who best fit your ideas of the men for the place, and then vote for them. The next year is to be a momentous one in Floydada; you can have a voice. The time to express it is at the polls.

If you fail to vote, bury your hammer; you're disqualified.

THE NAZARENE

BY IMRI ZUMWALT

There was a man who might have been a king
And ruled in all the earth supreme
He turned his back upon the offered crown
And chose to dwell with humble unknown men
That he might ease the heavy load they bore.
Plant hope and faith in tired human hearts
And lead them up to higher thoughts and lives.
He threw his life away to aid his race
And was condemned at last and sent to death
Like any murderer or common thief,
Yet innocent of any charge of guilt
Save that he lived an honest, fearless life
Denouncing wrong in places high or low.
He died with words of love upon his lips,
Forgiving all his foes and faithless friends.
Men said he was a failure, yes, a fool,
To yield a kingdom for a martyr's wreath.
They died, their names and all their deeds are lost
His name still lives, by multitudes revered
In every land, as deathless as the stars,
And down the centuries still shines the glory
Of far Golgotha and a Roman cross,

SACRED LEGENDS AND TRADITIONS

Most of Those Which Center About the Life of Christ Had Their Origin During the Middle Ages.

THE countless legends which center about the life of Christ while upon earth, came into popularity, for the most part, during the middle ages, and were given unbounded credence by the ignorant, superstitious people of that day, whose beliefs were yet tinged by the influence of paganism. Upon these sacred legends are based many of the most famous paintings in the world, and not a little of its poetry and song.

The traditions concerning the cross upon which the Savior was crucified have come down to us in varied forms. A Greek legend tells that when Adam was expelled from the garden of Eden, he took with him a staff made from a branch of the Tree of Knowledge. During his wanderings he reached the site of Jerusalem, and thrusting the staff into the earth it took root and flourished. And, when, years later, it was cut down, it served as the cross of the crucifixion.

The story of the mistletoe is better known—how once it was a tall, stout, tree but how, after being used for the cross, it became accursed, a mere weak parasite. The legend that the aspen-tree was used for the cross is assigned to the Germans, who believed that, out of remorse and fear, its leaves were made to shiver perpetually.

To cedar were His pierced feet nailed sore;
To beams of sacred palm His outstretched hands;
A cypress tree His tortured body bore,
On olive wood His kingly title stands.

But the legend of the cross most widely spread and most generally believed in the olden time is as follows:

Adam, having lived to a great age, and feeling that death was not far distant, bade his son Seth bring to him either the fruit of life which grew in the garden of Eden, or the oil of mercy which flowed there and which had been promised to Adam upon his expulsion from the garden. Seth made his way to Paradise by the footprints of Adam and Eve, over which no grass had ever grown. The angel to whom Seth made known his errand gave him tree seeds, from the fruit of the tree of which Adam had eaten, and directed that they be placed under Adam's tongue just before his burial.

In the course of time Adam died and the angel's instructions were carried out. Soon there sprang from Adam's grave in Hebron three trees—a cedar, a cypress and a pine tree. These long grew together, forming but one trunk, which came to be regarded as a symbol of the Holy Trinity. This tree, transplanted by Moses and later by David, grew to be very beautiful. But even its beauty did not prevent Solomon from cutting it down in order to complete his temple, for which a beam of enormous size was lacking. But each time that the beam cut from this tree was fitted, it would be either too large or too small, and such a strange circumstance was taken as a sign that it should not be used.

Some time afterward, most versions agree, the beam was buried where the pool of Bethesda was at a later time discovered. During Passion week the wood rose and floated on the surface of the pool, and the Jews used it for the crucifixion cross.

The legend of the Holy Grail has an important place in literature and art. According to tradition a descendant of Adam and Eve found one of the large emeralds from the crown of Lucifer—an angel who had been expelled from heaven—and made from it a beautiful cup. This cup came into the possession of Joseph of Arimathea, in whose house Christ kept the Feast of

the Passover with his disciples. At the crucifixion Joseph received a few drops of Christ's blood into the cup, which thereafter became known as the Sangraal, Sangreal, or Holy Grail, because the blood had not only sanctified it, but had given miraculous powers as well. On every Good Friday morning these powers were renewed—a dove coming down from heaven and depositing in the cup a consecrated wafer. Many a time did the chalice aid and sustain Joseph and his little band of followers, who took it with them to England, where they established the first monastery at Glastonbury. But sin finally appeared among the flock and angels carried the Holy Grail away.

In Palestine there grows a creeping plant with long, hard thorns—the Spina Christi—which may have furnished material for the crown of thorns placed on the Savior's head. One of the legends says that the willow was used for this purpose, and that, in sorrow for causing so much agony, it drooped and wept, its sharp thorns changing into soft leaves, that they might never again cause any pain. And ever since it has been known as the weeping willow. Other legends relate that this change in the willow came because its branches were used as a scourge upon the Savior's back.

In Germany, France and England, it was generally believed that the crown was made from hawthorn twigs. In Italy the barberry, in the West Indies the cashew tree, and elsewhere the prier rose, acanthus, wild hysson and acacia bear this stigma.

A great deal of bird lore is linked with the stories of the Passion. There is a Danish legend that as Christ was suffering on the cross three birds came and alighted upon it. One cried, "Styrrik ham, styrrik ham!" (Strengthen him, strengthen him!), and since that time the stork has been known as a bird of strength and blessing. The second, it was interpreted, cried "Sval ham, sval ham!" (Refresh him, refresh him), and the swallow was likewise thought to be a bird of blessing. But the third cried, "Puen ham!" (Torture him!), and so from that hour the lap-wing has been accursed among birds. The Swedish legend is the same, with the addition of a fourth bird, the turtle dove, which, flying thither, cried, "Kyrie, Kyrie!" (Lord, Lord!) and its voice has ever since been limited to that single word of lament.

An owl, according to the Spanish, was so dazzled by the sunlight it did not perceive that it had alighted upon the cross. But as night came on it saw, and, frightened, called, "Cruz, cruz!" (Cross, cross!) as it flew away. And from that moment the owl has kept repeating this cry and has been able to see only after darkness falls.

The crossbill, in an unsuccessful effort to draw out one of the nails which fastened the Savior to the cross, twisted its beak and dyed its plumage with the Martyr's blood. Concerning the robin there is a similar tradition, expressed in verse, as follows.

To the Savior's throbbing head
She fondly strove, His blood, 'tis said,
Dyed all her tender bosom red,
Since then no hand disturbs her nest,
No prowling beast her young molest—
That sacred bird of ruddy breast.

Some of the early Italian painters have in the foreground of their crucifixion scenes the white wood sorrel, purple-stained, which is said to have grown at the foot of the cross, and to have been colored from the blood which dropped upon it. The fact, as Ruskin points out, that the leaf of this plant possessed the power of quenching thirst, may have been another reason for its introduction into the pictures.

One species of the orchid, which in Cheshire is called Gethsemane, and whose petals are marked with dark stains; the passion flower, symbolical of the crown, the scourge, the spear and the nails; the arum, tiger lily and scarlet anemone—all, it was believed, were mute witnesses of the crucifixion. And the white lily, emblem of purity, has always been connected with the stories of the Virgin and of Christ

Arriving At conclusions

A group of workmen were passing the dinner hour in political argument. An interesting deadlock had been reached, when one of the men turned to a mate who had remained silent during the whole of the debate. "Ere, Bill" he said, "you're pretty good at a argyment. Wot's your opinion?"

"I aint goin' to say," said Bill. "I thrashed the matter out afore with Bob Jones."

"Ah" said the other, "and what did you arrive at?"

"Well," said Bill, "Bob arrived at the hospital, and I arrived at the police station."—National Monthly.

Uncle Sam's Islands

It will probably surprise you to learn that the United States flag flies over eight thousand islands. According to a report received by the National Geographic Society, their population totals ten million. Four hundred millions of Dollars of American capital is invested in these islands, and each year they send to the United States products to the value of ten million. Porto Rico, Hawaiian and Alaskan Islands have shown startling development since coming under the stars and stripes. 15 years ago there was but one school in Porto Rico. To-day nearly two thousand boys and girls are attending school there. Three hundred and sixty five thousand tons of sugar are now produced annually, as against sixty thousand under the Spanish regime. Rawsii has shown a similar prosperity.—The American Boy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burrus moved the first of this week to their farm north of town four miles, which Mr. Burrus has improved the past two months.

Mr. F. M. Butler will occupy Mr. Burrus' residence in west Floydada.

Mrs. Exe — Is your husband still troubled with insomnia?

Mrs. Wye—Well, not so much. Whenever I hear him tossing around nights I tell him I think I hear a burglar down stairs and he immediately dozes off. —Boston Transcript.

Newspaper Reading in Public School

Boston educators are taking up with a vim, encouragement of newspaper reading in schools. Three important contributions to the discussion of the topic have recently been made by representative men in the educational and literary life of the New England metropolis. All speak emphatically in favor of the news paper as a factor in teaching.

Prof. D. L. Sharp of Boston University, says newspapers can not be kept away from live children, and ought not to be.

William Miles a teacher in the Boston public schools, outlines

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These Boston experts have plenty of company in their opinion that reading of good news paper should be definitely established as a part of school instruction. It is our belief that at no distant day this will be done.

—Catskill N. Y. Mail

In Dallas the 1914 record of killings show 67; for London, England, during the same period the number was four. In Dallas there have been a few convictions for the offenses: in London the murderers have either suicided or are serving their time.

Arranging a Duel

Two Irishmen arranged to fight a duel with pistols. One of them was distinctly stout, and when he saw his lean adversary facing him he raised an objection.

"Bedad!" he said, "Im twice as big target as he is, so I ought to stand twice far as away from him as he is from me."

"Be aisy now," replied his second, "Ill soon put that right."

Taking a piece of chalk from his pocket he drew lines down the stout mans coat, leaving a space between them.

"Now," he said, turning to the other man, "fire away, ye spalpeen, and remember that hits outside that chalk line don't count."

—Lippincott's.

Mules for sale.

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 Buys, Sells and Leases Real estate on Commission; Renders and Pays Taxes for Non-Resident Land Owners; Investigates and Perfects Titles; Furnishes Abstracts of Title from Records; Owner of Complete Abstract of all Floyd County Lands and Town Lots; Have had 25 Years Experience with Floyd County Lands, and Land Titles; List your Lands and Town Lots with me if for Sale or Lease; And give me your Abstract of Title Work.
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ARTHUR B. DUNCAN
 Floydada, Texas

The Industrial Relations Commission which is holding hearings at Dallas, relative to the tenant conditions in Texas and Oklahoma, have developed the fact that a reduction of cotton acreage in these two states for the ensuing year are not likely, nor is a large increase in diversified farming likely to occur. This report is put out by Associated Press, which says that an increase of diversification, according to the belief of the committee, will be nearly impossible. This is all the more reason why farmers of this section should diversify more than ever this year. The Plains and Panhandle has been feeding itself and a half a state the past few years, and have found it profitable.

Wars on Careless Remarks.
 From Milwaukee Journal.
 From Albany, N. Y., is reported a Trace-It-Back Club. Some men had been listening to a "they say" story, and one man suggested that were the story traced back to its source, not much of it would be left. Another proposed to trace it back and see. The result was so striking, that the men at once formed themselves into a club for the purpose of tracing such things to their source, and so preventing much serious mischief from careless and unfounded statements. The club now numbers many members.

A club of that sort could find employment and much useful work to do in every community. Members of the Albany Club are exceedingly careful now about what they say. Just a hint of doubt about the matter and they appoint someone to investigate. This is sufficient to cause the recall of all that one was not positively sure about. Rash, hasty talk has been the cause of untold unhappiness and needless misery. It is wise to make no statement without having valid reason for believing it true. It would be no bad plan for everyone to be as careful of his speech as if a Trace-It-Back Club were going to investigate his statements.

A Word of Thanks From Miss Hodge
 The help that many friends gave me in Mr. Triplett's Piano Contest just closed, enabled me to win by a handsome majority, and to these I want to express my appreciation of every vote cast for me. No one could be prouder than I of the handsome piano. Again thanking each one I am,
 Your Friend,
 Clyde Hodge.

The fight the Menace and many members of the Protestant faith have been making on the Roman Catholics and the Knights of Columbus, has reached the point where members of Congress have taken it up and much of the arguments and vilification on both sides has gotten into the Congressional Record.

The latest thing to reach this office on the subject is a speech made by Hon. James A. Gallivan of Massachusetts on February 4th. Mr. Gallivan presents evidence and court records with especial reference to the "oath" required of the Knights when taking the fourth degree of the society. The Record seems to be proof that the blood-curdling "Oath" as published, is spurious and that the real pledge of a member inculcates patriotism and love of country and home.

Triplett's Piano Contest Closed
 Tom B. Triplett Druggist's, piano contest closed last Saturday, and Miss Clyde Hodge was winner of the prize. The contest started in November. The final vote was:
 Miss Hodge 2,660,000
 Miss Henry, for school 2,095,000

For Sale.--Baby cab in first class condition.--cheap. Call Hesperian Office. 1tc

Hagerman, New Mexico Man.
 Miss Ethel Mae Wilson, sister of Mrs. Fannie Montague, for a number of years a student in the Floydada Public School, and well known here, was married on the 11th of this month at Knox City, to Mr. Harrison L. McKinstry of Hagerman, New Mexico. The wedding vow was taken at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gound.

Miss Wilson met Mr. McKinstry while teaching last year in Hagerman. He is said to be a very fine man. Floydada friends extend congratulations and best wishes.

Another Improvement in Oil Refining Process.

University Station, March—Hard upon the announcement by the U. S. Bureau of Mines of the discovery of a method for recovering high grade oils from petroleum which will increase the production of gasoline 200 per cent, comes the news that Letters Patent have been granted A. M. McAfee on an invention which is claimed by the inventor to greatly facilitate and improve methods now in use for taking high grade oils from petroleum to such an extent that a much larger quantity can be obtained from the crude product than heretofore. If the claims of the inventor are verified, the process will result in the cheapening of several of the refined oils. Mr. McAfee is well known at the University of Texas, and the scientific men of that institution believe that there is much merit in the process. The inventor specialized in chemistry while at the University and graduated in 1908, coming to the University from Corsicana. He later took graduate work in chemistry in Columbia University, and subsequently was in the employ of the Texas Company as Experimenting Chemist at Bayonne, N. J. It is stated that the Gulf Refining Company will erect a plant in Texas designed by Mr. McAfee to make a thorough, practical trial of his process. It is such a highly technical subject that chemists of reputation are reluctant to express definite opinions upon the practical value of the process, until a thorough trial under actual working conditions has been made.

From Forest to Printed Page.

The question was asked in Austria not long since how long a time was required to make printed paper from the trees of the forest. As an answer a demonstration was made. Three trees were cut down trimmed and hauled to the pulp factory, put through the paper making process, rolled out into sheets, and a sheet of the paper printed in something over two hours.

Mrs. J. S. Dickey Dead.

Mrs. J. S. Dickey, who lived northwest of Floydada a few miles, died Wednesday of last week at her home. She was the wife of J. S. Dickey, president of the Floyd County Farmers' Union. The body was shipped to Hillsboro Friday for burial in the family burying grounds.

The Governor's Salary.

The Governorship of Texas is not such a poorly paid job. For the year ending August 31, 1914, the legislature appropriated the following amounts for the governor: Salary \$4,000; telephoning and other expenses, \$3,500; traveling expenses, \$1,000; books and stationery, \$500, freight and postage, \$500; ice, \$36; mansion expenses, \$3,500; labor at mansion \$1,000; fuel, lights, water, groceries and incidentals, \$2,000; making a total of \$23,536 for the year.—Plainview News.

See C. H. Featherston for land loans. 2tc.

Above Middling.
 O. F. Battey, of the Lakeview neighborhood, is another cotton-farmer in Floyd County who is a diversifier as well. He raises all the feedstuffs to feed his stock each year. His cotton, however, is his money crop. His 1914 crop consisted of 90 acres from which he raised 66 bales of cotton, and at the present valuations is worth slightly over \$3000 at Houston where he has it stored. He was out a cash outlay of \$670, for picking and marketing.

Probably the most interesting thing about his cotton crop is the grade of the staple. 11 bales graded strict middling, 22 good middling, and 15 middling, while 8 graded 1 point, 7 two points and 3 three points off middling.

Mr. Battey has a four-hundred acre farm, on which he has made a good living for the past several years. He is a thorough believer in Floyd County.

No Congressional Redistricting.

Those whose hopes had been raised by the near-passing of a Congressional Redistricting Bill by the Texas Legislature, lost all hope on the 18th, when two days before the legislature was to adjourn, it was announced that the conference committee could not agree and that it was killed in conference without a vote of the legislature.

The reasons assigned were that there were too many persons in the legislature with political aspirations, whose interests could not be best served by an equitable re-districting.

Texas will have to suffer the consequences until after another Federal census.

Corn, kraut, hominy and large tomatoes, 10 cts. per can. Williams Bros., east side. 2tc

Form Partnership For Floyd County Practice.

Randolph and Randolph, of Plainview and Judge J. N. Stalbird, of Lockney, have formed a co-partnership for the practice of law in Floyd County, in the district court.

Judge Stalbird will continue his office, justice and county court practice individually as heretofore.

Dr. E. O. Nichols and wife, of Plainview, were in Floydada Saturday afternoon.

The doctor was here on professional business. He is a specialist on diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat.

INFORMATION OF VALUE TO FARMERS AND STOCKMEN

A. & M. Extension Dept. Gives practical Ideas for Use in Farm Home and Field.

PLANTING DISTANCE FOR FRUIT TREES.

That a marked increase in the production of fruit will result where the proper system of planting is followed, is the opinion of Dean E. J. Kvie, Professor of Horticulture at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. The distance at which fruit trees should be planted, will of course, vary with the kind of fruit and the nature of the soil, but according to experiment, the following distances have given the best results in the way of increased production per acre, without interference to tree growth:—

Apples, from 30 to 40 feet apart.

Peaches, from 20 to 22 feet apart.

Plums, from 16 to 18 feet apart.

STOCK BEETS FOR GROWING HOGS.

Used as a partial substitute for pasture, for the purpose of

IT'S ALL OFF WITH ME THE EXCHANGE DEALS

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 If you've got any land for sale, that is worth the money considering the times, you had better keep in touch with me.

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 Address me at Abilene Texas

furnishing succulent material, as possible.

SPRAYS FOR BUGS
 Every farmer can make excellent use of the spray calendar, which is being distributed by the A. & M. College. According to Dean Kyle, Professor of Horticulture, at the A. & M. College of Texas, the following general sprays should be used:

1. For insects that eat the foliage use—(Paris Green,) (London Purple,) and (Arsenate of Lead.)

2. For Sucking insects, like plant lice, use, [Whale oil soap].

3. For fungus diseases, like rots, use (bordeaux mixture).

Lots For sale Cheap
 5, Blk. 12; 1/2 of 4, Blk. 21; 6, Blk. 7; 14, blk. 99; 16, blk. 4; 15, blk. 189; 16 blk. 46, and 6, blk. 108. Box-37, Abilene, Texas 4tp

FOUND Gold watch chain, Call at this office, describe and pay for notice if you are owner 1tc.

Coal oil, 5 gallons 60 c. Williams Bros., east side. 2tc

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 Those knowing themselves indebted to the firm of **NEWELL BROS.** either by note or account may find the books of the same at **THE FAIR STORE**. It is desirable that these accounts be settled just as soon as our friends can do so **Newell-Liston Co.**

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 Carload Flour, Carload Stock Salt, Carload cotton seed meal and cake, Still got coal.
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The Plainview News of March 19th states that the friends of R. M. Ellerd are urging him to become a candidate for congressman from this district in next year's campaign.

Another Reason for Trees.

We are familiar with the oft-repeated "Plant trees, beautify your home," and the sentiment in it is sound, for it bears repeating from year to year and doesn't grow old. Trees add greatly to the appearances and are guides often to the civic pride of the people of a town or community.

There is another reason for planting trees on the plains that is quite as good as the one given above, and in fact, is really better from a commercial point of view. Trees aid in the conservation of moisture in the ground. In this country where methods of tillage are being studied to make the fertile soil produce at its best, the greatest thought is the conservation of moisture for the growing crops between periods of rainfall. Marked success along this line has given the plains an enviable position among the grain-producing sections of the country.

Still further increase in the conservation of the moisture and consequent increase of production may be gained by wholesale tree-planting. This statement seems to be borne out by a recent article from a descendant of the Huguenots who in the 16th Century settled Cape Good Hope Colony in South Africa where conditions are somewhat similar to those prevailing here. He says that the rainfall is said to be less,—about 15 inches annually. This resident of South Africa says the first thing his forefathers did was to plant trees to protect their growing crops from the winds which blow each day during the season. All their farms were thus protected. The first few years their crops were failures. Later the trees began giving their protection and at this time South Africa fruits, peaches and similar products familiar in Texas,—are marketed in Northern Atlantic States, grown from lands which receive an annual rainfall of 15 inches annually.

Conditions are somewhat different here. Rainfall is more often plentiful than not. But we have the variable winds that dry the ground and bake it. Likely the planting of trees would be the best solution of conserving the moisture against the dry season.

Citation By Publication.

The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Floyd Co., Greeting:

Oath having been made as required by law You are hereby Commanded to summon Elmer I. Goshen, Mrs. Nellie Rose, James Rose, Levi Goshen, Mrs. Anna V. Alyard and her husband whose given name is unknown, and Bell Goshen. If any one of said parties be dead, then you are hereby commanded to sum-



67 head of Hereford yearling heifers and steers sold by Gook and Gook Live Stock Co. on Feb. 1, 1915. Averaged 501 pounds and brought \$7.75 per cwt. Owned and fed by Coverdale and Armstrong, Floydada, Texas

MILO-FED BABY BEEVES THAT TOPPED THE KANSAS CITY MARKET

The photograph shown above is of the Baby Beeves, marketed by N. A. Armstrong on February 1st, in Kansas City, and which elicited so much favorable comment while in the pens.

The Stock Yards Nugget, an organ of the dealers and commission houses of Kansas City, gave quite an amount of their front-page space to this bunch of calves in their issue of the 11th of March.

The calves were fed ground maize and cotton seed meal. They brought \$7.85, which was the top of the market for the day they sold.

600 head of Baby Beeves and steers have been fattened near Floydada during the winter. The last of these will be shipped during the earlier part of April. Excellent results have been obtained by the feeders in spite of a draggy market, caused by the war and foot and mouth quarantine in the northern states.

mon the unknown heirs of said parties. It not being known whether or not any of said parties be living or dead, it is hereby intended that this citation is to said parties if living and it dead then to their unknown heirs, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 64th Judicial District: but if there be

no newspaper published in the said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 64th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the district Court of Floyd County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Floydada, Texas, on the sixth Monday after the first Monday in August 1915, the same being the 13th day of September A. D. 1915, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 11th day of March A. D. 1915 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 922, wherein Louis Lightner is plaintiff,—and Elmer I Goshen if living, if dead his unknown heirs, Mrs. Nellie Rose and her husband, James Rose if living, if dead, then their unknown heirs, Levi Goshen if living, if dead his unknown heirs, Anna V. Alyard and her husband whose given name is unknown, if living, if dead their unknown heirs, and Bell Goshen, if living, if dead, her unknown heirs.

That the reasonable market value of said tract of land is Ten dollars per acre, or six thousand four hundred dollars.

Plaintiff sues to have his undivided one sixth interest in said tract of land partitioned, and set apart to him separate and apart from the land of the other joint owners of the same, and said interest so set apart, be described by metes and bounds, Plaintiff prays for citation by publication for partition of said land, and for the costs of suit to be prorated, for the appointment of an attorney to represent the defendants, and that the judgment for costs be secured by a lien on their interest in the land and for general and equitable relief.

Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, Tom W. Deen, clerk of the District Court of Floyd County.

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Floydada this the 22 day of March A. D. 1915.

Tom W. Deen, Clerk, District Court, Floyd County.

Myrtle McLain Married to Hale County Man.

March 17th, 1915, was the date of one of the prettiest and simplest home weddings it was ever the privilege of the writer to attend. This was the occasion of the marriage of Miss Myrtle McLain of the Sandhill neighborhood to Mr. Clayton Williams, of the N. E. part of Hale County.

The ceremony was performed in the parlor of the McLain home at 11 o'clock a. m., in the presence of a number of relatives of the young couple and a few intimate friends, by Rev. C. J. Menefee of Floydada.

After congratulations the young people of the wedding party took a short drive, returning in time to do full justice to an excellent dinner served at

high noon.

This dinner deserves especial mention as it was a combination of all the good things both of the old and the modern culinary schools, Mrs. McLain being one of the best old-time cooks and Miss Myrtle having taken a domestic science course at the West Texas State Normal, during 1913-14. This added to her excellent home training gives her a preparation for a home keeper that few girls have.

The bride was dressed in white silk and wore a corsage bouquet of maiden hain fern and white carnations.

Miss Myrtle is one of the loveliest Christian girls it was ever our privilege to know, possessing many virtues and few faults. We heartily congratulate Mr.

Williams on winning such a prize to walk by his side through life.

Mr. Williams is a fine Christian young man, a good farmer and a noble character.

As we had known both from childhood, it was with real pleasure and best wishes from the deep of our hearts that we saw these two young lives united in the holy relationship of matrimony.

May joy and peace ever be theirs is the wish of their many friends.

—Contributed.

Ben Willis, tax assessor, and Tom P. Steen, deputy, are making hay while the sun shines, spending this week over the county assessing taxes.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.



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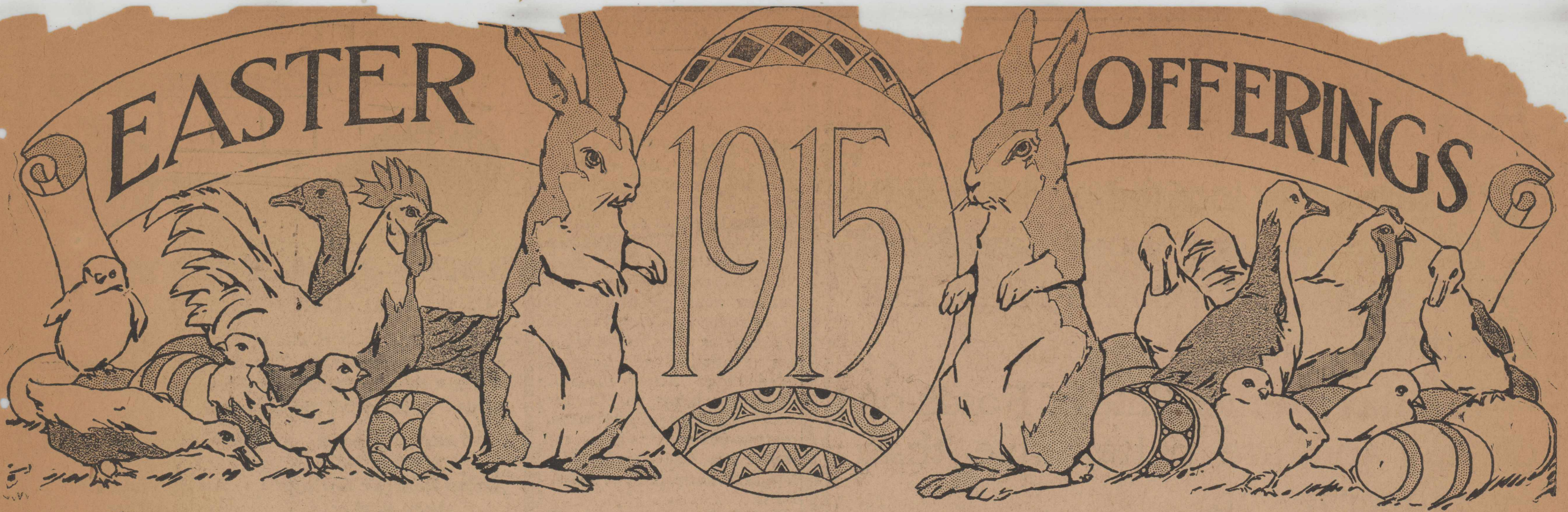
Easter Sunday is Drawing near, and you want to look your best for the occasion.

You will find here the newest Styles and Ideas in Men's Apparel, New Caps, New Hats, New Panama Hats, New Shirts, Collars, Ties, Etc,—in fact, everything to wear.

Call in and take a look through our stock of Men's Furnishings. We are sure to Please you.

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TAILORED HATS--Compelling in the attraction of their novel, though simple smartness.

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We are prepared with the best collection of **MILLINERY** for Women and Children that has ever been shown here, priced from \$2 to \$12.50

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L. H. Dorrell and family returned last Monday from a three-weeks visit in Williamson county, with Mr. Dorrell's father.

Mr. Dorrell says that the snow in Williamson county during his visit there was the biggest they had had in upward of twenty years. More snow fell in that section than here.

For Sale

A few good mares and mules weighing from 1000 to 1300 pounds, broke ready to work. Cash or credit.

Jess Shurbet

"Our Home" Amarillo High Patent flour, best for light bread \$1.90 per sack at Duncan Grocery. 2tc.

Strayed, or Stolen.

1 yearling Branded X on left thigh--Notify Glad Snodgrass. 1tc.

Chas. K. Holloway spent Wednesday in Lockney on legal business.

Cranberries and other good things to eat, at Duncan Grocery. 2tc.

Pure country-made sorghum 65 c gallon. Williams Bros. east side. 2tc.

Wade Roberts, Roy Snodgrass Renfo Creekmore and Austin King were in Plainview Saturday night.

Mrs. Daniels and son, of Tulsa, Okla., who have been visiting Mrs. Daniels' parents. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Biles for some three weeks, left this week for Plainview to spend a short time, before returning to Oklahoma.

See us for flour. White Sells for Less. 2tc.

In order to close out coal we have on hand, we will sell good Colorado Maitland coal, forked delivered, at \$8.00. Phone 114. In case I am out Mrs. Ross will take your order. 2tc.

Frank Ross.

Carbon Paper at Hesperian office

Always has been always will be, White Sells for Less. 2tc.

Judge T. T. Bouldin, of Matador, was in Floydada Wednesday afternoon enroute to Plainview.

Mr. Fred Shell, of Ralls, and Miss Anna Heafner of Cone, were married on Monday of last week.

W. J. Williams, of Amarillo Daily News, but recently returned to the profession of civil engineering, was in Floydada Monday and Tuesday on business.

Joe Biles and wife left Wednesday for Plainview, where they will spend the spring with their son, C. R. Biles and family. They will likely travel this summer for Mrs. Biles' health.

Cotton Farmers' Notice.

Friday, April 2, is the last day we will do ginning for the season. Farmers' Gin Co. 1tc.

Haines-King Co. Have New Pressing Machine.

Haines-King Company this week installed a new Hoffman Steam Press in their pressing department, which increases their facilities for handling this work considerably.

The new machine is of late design.

Threshers Going again

Following the clear weather of the past several days, threshers have again taken the field and are turning out the grain. This work has been stopped for several weeks on the account of the weather.

Two threshers are running in Floydada.

Now is your chance to get your Sewing Machine cleaned and repaired by an old expert. Will trade a new one for an old one. Call or phone H. J. Willis Hardware Co. 1tp.

Buy a sack of mixed feed for your cow, at Duncan Grocery.

We can sell you a real good flour that we guarantee to give perfect satisfaction in every respect for \$3 75 per hundred. See us in our new quarters. White Sells for Less. 2tc.

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Get out your Hammer and give

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a good pounding. We ask you to do it. Then you'll know why so many people use it to wearproof their floors, linoleum and outside piazza floors. It looks better and wears longer than any other floor finish made. We warrant this with a money-back guarantee if it doesn't prove all we claim.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

WE are now located and are selling Ford Cars at our new Ford Building one door south of the Elk Building.

We have a nice line of Fords on display and are better able than ever to serve you.

We will carry an extensive assortment of all Ford parts and accessories and will soon have with us an expert Ford workman who will see to it that your Ford never suffers.

Every Evidence favors the Ford as the motor car for your use

First cost, upkeep in repair, cost of running, access to repairs, service based on every test—service meaning reliability, wear and results—all of these and more you get in maximum amount in your purchase of a Ford.

Just The Point of Expense:

Here's how Uncle Sam found the FORD CAR one of the best by test.

The Burkett Auto-Supply Company of Adel, Iowa, sent us the following record of a FORD car sold to the United States Department of Agriculture, and used by the Bureau of Animal Industry connected with that Department at Adel, Iowa.

The car was run 10,131 miles. Repairs to the car, \$14.15. Purchase of tires and tubes, \$54.83. Miscellaneous repairs, \$12.55. Oil, cleaning and operation, \$13.15. Gasoline, \$103.57. A total of \$198.28.

Cost per mile, .0195

All the time the car lost awaiting repairs during the year was 5 hours; ran 8,866 miles without a puncture or a blow-out. The front casings are the same as when the car was purchased and are in good condition after going 10,131 miles.

We have a pleasant surprise in some new FORD refinements we want to show you.

The bad weather has helped us in catching up on FORD delivery.

Barker & Winn

Agents, Plainview, Texas

FOR CATTLE BRAND

In the interesting people department of the March American Magazine appears a sketch of Lod Calihan a wonderful cattle inspector in the Kansas City stock yards. He examines 2,000,000 cattle a year and has a marvelous memory for brands carrying 15,000 of them in his head. Following is an extract from the article:

"Remembering faces is a big job but how would you like the job of remembering cattle brands and to have established the reputation of knowing more than fifteen thousand brands and being so familiar with them that you could watch over two million cattle a year and save cattle men thousands of dollars by knowing a few markings?"

Lod Calihan inspector in the stock yards at Kansas City bears this reputation, and he lives up to it. It is said that Calihan never forgets a cow brand. He knows the brands of Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico Oklahoma Arizona, and Texas. When the association sends him list new brands, he looks it over, folds it up and forgets all about it—but not the brands, he tucks them away along side of those other brands for future use.

More than a million cattle pass by Calihan annually for inspection at Kansas City, and from three hundred to six hundred of this number is picked out and returned to their rightful owners. Generally the cattle become associated with shipments by mistake, but some times the steers have been assisted in straying. When it develops that the cattle have been stolen the inspector looks it up and brings charge against the rustlers.

Not only does Calihan recognize the brand but he can pick out a stray steer from a bunch of cattle without seeing the brand. The action of the steer gives him a clue and he then looks for the brand.

Calihan has to remember not only the brands of the twenty seven hundred members of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas he must keep posted up to the minute on the sales that have been reported to the Association. These are sent to him each day, and each day he treats it as the records of new ones—looks at them, wads them up and throws them away, but remembers them.

A Tom Green Cattleman sold his holdings in 1911 to a panhandle cattle raiser. The Panhandle man shipped for a long time to the Oklahoma City market, and until 1913 Calihan did not see the brand at all. Then there came a shipment of mixed brands.

Calohan never batted an eye as the cattle passed by him.

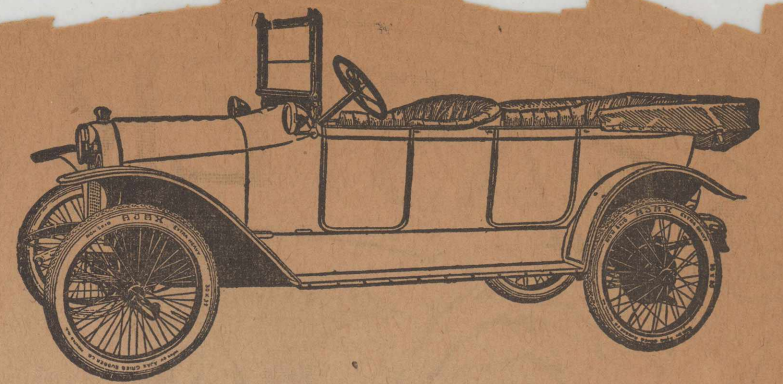
An inspector for another organization noticed the mixture and looked at Calohan inquiringly.

"What the brand, Lod? he asked. 'Looks like they are tangled.' 'Bob Robertson's old brand,' replied Calohan. 'He sold out in June, 1911.'"

Presents From Mother Butler

Brother Editor of the Hesperian I beg space in your good paper to acknowledge the beautiful presents from mother Butler.

While at home sick and feeling despondent Brother Butler came to our home, bringing the prettiest embroidered center piece I ever saw also a very beautiful hand worked Pin Cushion. The work was done by mother Butler, which required days of care and effort. Such token of kindness and love moves my poor heart to cry, 'More love to Thee O' God.' I shall strive to so live that I may at last prove worthy of the Dear sister confidence, For I love the same God that she loves, and we are going to the same good home I take this method to expressing to Sister Butler my appreciation of these beautiful presents.



FLOYDADA---ROARING SPRINGS AUTO LINE

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Connecting Q. A. & P. Ry. at Roaring Springs with Santa Fe at Floydada. The shortest, quickest, and cheapest route between East Texas and South Plains points. A delightful trip for tourists.

Leave Floydada	Leave Roaring Springs
8:00 A. M.	1:30 P. M.
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Rates: \$3.50 One Way,
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FLOYDADA, TEXAS

Devotedly her friend and Sister.
Mrs. J. F. Elder

The products of gold in 1913 was 173 tons. Its value was \$107,503,000.

District Court Adjourned Friday.

Judge Joiner adjourned District Court last Friday afternoon after one of the busiest four-week sessions ever held in the county.

On Thursday afternoon W. D. Clarke decided to accept the verdict of the jury in his case with out appeal, and was accordingly sentenced to the penitentiary for two years. Ben Wheeler was released on his own recognizance and returned Friday to his home in Oklahoma.

Thursday J. B. Garten of Petersburg was given a hearing on a writ of habeas corpus and was granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 which was readily made by the defendant and a dozen friends from Petersburg. His case was not transferred to Hale County, but will come up for trial at the next term of this court, on Monday of the second week. Mr. Garten returned home Friday. T. F. Houghton is his attorney.

In the Swisher County boundary cases, which are to come up for trial at a special session here on May 31st, Judge Joiner is disqualified, having been one of the attorneys in the case. Judge Greever of the Miami District will likely be special trial judge.

The court officials went to Silvertown Monday where the March session of that court was called.

One On 'Em

The report from Panhandle comes that a young man was re-

cently arrested there and placed in jail who was charged with an offence committed in Oklahoma, and awaiting the Oklahoma officers to arrive. Sunday evening a fellow came riding into town and leading a horse which he claimed to be about the worst broncho that ever grazed the plains. He succeeded in bluffing all the would beriders of the city but incidentally mentioned that there was only one man in town who could ride the horse, and that was the fellow in jail. The officers agreed to let the fellow in jail try the bad horse, and he did. After the horse had pitched a short ways, the fellow pulled the horse, waved his hat good-by to the crowd and disappeared at a fast rate over the plains. The two fellows proved to be brothers, and their scheme was very smooth. —Miami Chief

Feeds Whiskey to Stock, Antics Cause Surprise.

San Angelo, March 19 —Until he recalled that he had mixed mash for his hogs in a barrel that had contained whiskey and in the bottom of which was about a gallon of what he supposed to be rain water, Oscar Cain, a ranchman near here, was at a loss to account for the antics of the animals, some of which stood on their heads, turned somersaults, and performed other amusing feats while keeping up a chorus of seemingly happy squeals for more than two hours.

WANTED. —Several bright young ladies to train for nurses. Apply Guyton-Nichols Hospital, Plainview Texas. 3tp

COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst.

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off.

I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I firmly

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After I began taking Cardui, I was greatly helped, and all three bottles relieved me entirely.

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ceiling above. "And some day, my energetic friend, I'm going to pay you back for that bullet."

Count Paroff cleared his voice and laid his plans before his audience.

"To act frankly and in the open, to go boldly to the Hargreave home and proclaim myself Hargreave. I can disguise myself in a manner that will at least temporarily fool the butler."

"Who has been with his master for fourteen years, knows every move, habit, gesture, inflection," interposed Braine. "But proceed, count, proceed. You will remember the old adage; too many cooks."

"Ah," flashed back the count, "but a new cook?"

Olga touched Braine's arm warningly. "You mean, then, that there has been talk in St. Petersburg of disposing of some one?"

"A good deal of talk, sir," haughtily, forgetting that he had bent-humbly enough but a few moments gone.

"Very well; go on."

Thought the man at the peephole above: "There's another adage. When thieves fall out, then honest men get their dues. Yes, yes; proceed, proceed!"

Paroff went on. "I shall, then, go frankly to the Hargreave house and claim my own. Meantime I leave to you the business of luring the butler away. Half an hour is all I need to bring that child here, to break the wall that stands between us and what we seek."

"Is that so?" murmured Braine. "Olga, I want you to play a trick on this handsome delegate-at-large. I'm not very enthusiastic over his talk. I want him humiliated. All you have to do, he says, is to walk into the Hargreave house and walk out again."

Well, let's you and I see that he does that and nothing else. I'll have no one meddling with my own game."

Some one sneezed, and everybody looked at his neighbor. The sneeze was repeated, but muffled, as if some one was desperately anxious to avoid sneezing.

"It came from above!" whispered Olga. "Don't look up!"

Braine was cool. He walked idly across the room to where Vroon sat. "Very well, Paroff; we give you free rein." To Vroon he said: "Some one is watching us from the room overhead. I thought that room belonged to us."

"It does," said Vroon stolidly. "Then how is it that some one is watching from up there? No excitement. I'm going to bid every one good-night, then I'm going to investigate. When I leave you will quietly send men to all exits to the building. I want the man who sneezed, and I want him badly."

Olga departed with Braine, only she immediately sought the taxi that brought her and was driven home. It was always understood that when any serious exploit was under way hereabouts she was to make her departure at once.

Vroon stationed his men at the several exits and Braine went upstairs. The man who had sneezed, however, had vanished as completely as if he had worn that invisible cloak one



Norton Wanted to Kiss Her.

reads about in the Persian tales. As a matter of fact, after the second sneeze he had gone up to the roof, got out by the trap, and jumped—rather risky business, too—to the next roof and had clambered down the fire escape of the second building. He was swearing immoderately. After all these days of care and planning, after all his cleverness in locating the rendezvous of the Black Hundred, and now to lose his advantage because of an uncontrollable sneeze! He would never dare go back, and just when he was beginning to pick up fine bits of information! So Florence Hargreave was going to have a new father in a day or so? There were some clever rogues among this band of theirs; but their cleverness was well offset by an equal number of fools.

Yes, there were some clever rogues, and to prove this assertion Braine secured a taxicab and drove furiously away, his destination the home of his ancient enemy. He dropped the cab a block or two away and presently stowed himself away in the summer house at the left of the lawn. It would have been a capital idea—that is, if the other man had not thought of and anticipated this very thing. So he

used a public pay station telephone; and Braine waited in vain, waited till the lights in the Hargreave house went out one by one and it became wrapped in darkness within and moonshine without.

Braine was a philosopher. He returned to his waiting taxicab, drove home, paid the bill, smiling grimly, and went to bed. It was going to be a wonderful game of blind man's buff, and it was going to be sport to watch this fool Paroff blunder into a pit.

The next afternoon Florence and Norton sat in the summer house talking of the future. Lovers are prone to talk of that. As if anything else in the world ever equals the present! They talked of nice little apartments and vacations in the summer and how much they would save out of his salary, and a thousand and one other things which would not interest you at all if I recounted them in detail. But they did love each other, and they were going to be married; you may be certain of that. They did not care a snap of the finger what Jones thought. They were going to be married, and that was all there was to it. Of course, Florence couldn't touch a penny of her father's money. If he, Norton, couldn't take care of her without help, why, he wouldn't be worth the powder to blow him up with.

"But, my dear, you must be very careful," he said. "Jones and I will always be about somewhere. If they really get hold of you once, God alone knows what will happen. It is not you, it is your poor father they want to bring out into the open. If they knew where he was they would not bother you in the least."

"Have I really a father? Sometimes I doubt. Why couldn't he steal into the house and see me, just once?"

"Perhaps he dares not. This house is always watched, night and day

though you'll look in vain to discover any one. Your father knows best what he is doing, my dear girl. You see, I met him years ago in China; and when he started out to do a certain thing he generally did it. He never botched any of his plans. So we all must wait. Only I'm going to marry you all the same, whether he likes it or not. The rogues will try to impose upon you again; but do not pay any attention to notes or personals in the papers. And it was a lucky thing that I was on the freighter that picked you up at sea. I shall always wonder how that yacht took fire."

"So shall I," replied Florence, her brows drawing together in puzzlement. "Sometimes I think I must have done it. You know, people out of their heads do strange things. I seem to see myself as in a dream. And this man Braine is a scoundrel!"

"Yes; and more than that, he is the dear friend of the countess. But understand, you must never let her dream or suspect that you know. By lulling her into overconfidence some day she will naturally grow careless, and then we'll have them all. I think I understand what your father's idea is: not to have them arrested for blackmail, but practically to exterminate them, put them in prison for such terms of years that they'll die there. When you see a snake, a poisonous one, don't let it get away. Kill it. Well, I must be off to work."

"And you be careful, too. You are in more danger than I am."

"But I'm a man and can dodge quick," he laughed, picking up his hat. "What a horrid thing money is! If I hadn't any money, nobody would bother me."

"I would," he smiled. He wanted to kiss her, but the eternal Jones might be watching from the windows; and so he patted her hand instead and walked down the graveled path to the street.

It was difficult work for Florence to play at friendship. She was like her father; she did not bestow it on every one. She had given her friendship to the Russian, the first real big friendship in her life, and she had been roughly disillusioned. But if the countess could act, so could she; and of the two her acting was the more consummate. She could smile and laugh and jest, all the while her heart was burning with wrath.

One day, a week or so after her meeting with Norton in the summer house, Olga arrived, beautifully gowned, handsome as ever. There was not the least touch of the adventuress in her makeup. Florence had just received some mail, and she had dropped the letters on the library table to greet the countess. She had opened them, but had not yet looked at their contents.

They were chatting pleasantly about inconsequential things, when the maid came in and asked Florence to come to Miss Susan's room for a moment. Florence excused herself, wondering what Susan could want. She forgot the mail.

As soon as she was gone the countess, certain that Jones was not lurking about, picked up the letters and calmly examined their contents; and among them she found this remarkable document: "Dear daughter I have never seen: I must turn the treasure over to you. Meet me at eight in the summer house. Tell no one as my life is in danger. Your loving father."

The countess could have laughed aloud. She saw this man Paroff's hand; and here was the chance to be fool and humiliate him and send him off packing to his cold and miserable country. She had made up once as Florence, and she could easily do so again. The only thing that troubled her was the fact that she did not know whether Florence had read the letter or not. Thus, she did not dare destroy it. She first thought of changing the clock; then she concluded to drop the letter exactly where she found it

and trust to luck. When Florence returned she explained that her absence had been due to some trifling household affair.

Said the Russian: "I come primarily to ask you to tea tomorrow, where they dance. If you like, you may ask Mr. Norton to go along. I begin to observe that you two are rather fond of one another."

"O, Mr. Norton is just a valuable friend," returned Florence with a smile that quite deceived the other woman. "I shall be glad to go to the tea. But I shall not promise to dance."

"Not with Mr. Norton?" archly.



There Was Not the Least Touch of the Adventuress in Her Makeup.

"Reporters never dance themselves; they make others dance instead."

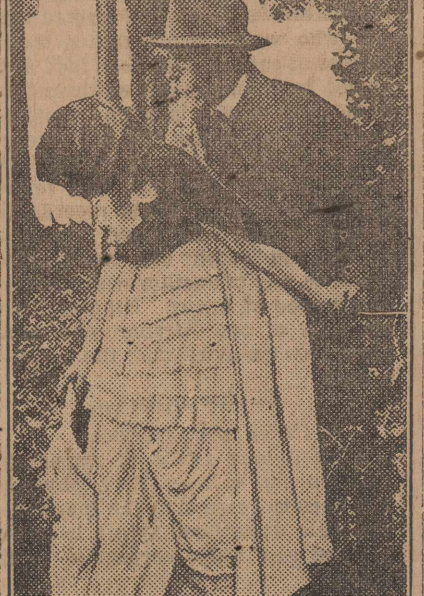
"I shall have to tell that," declared the countess; and she laughed quite honestly.

"Then I have said something witty?"

"Indeed you have; and it is not only witty but truthful. I'm afraid you're deeper than the rest of us have any idea of."

"Perhaps I am," thought Florence; "at least, deeper than you believe."

When the countess fluttered down to her limousine—Florence hated the sight of it—and drove away, Florence remembered her letters. And when she came to the one purporting to be from her father, she read it carefully, bent her head in thought, and finally destroyed the missive, absolutely confident that it was only a trap, and not very well conceived at that. Norton had given her plenty of reason for believing all such letters to be forgeries. Her father, if he really wished to see her, would enter the house; he



"My Child!" Whispered the Man.

would not write. Ah, when would she see that father of hers, so mysterious, always hovering near, always unseen?

It must have been an amusing adventure for the countess. To steal into the summer house and wait there, not knowing if Florence had advised Jones or the reporter. If caught, she had her excuses. Paroff, the confident, however, appeared shortly after. "My child!" whispered the man.

And Olga stifled a laugh; but to him it sounded like a sob.

"I am worn out," he said. "I am tired of the game of hide and seek."

"You will not have to play the game long," thought Olga.

"The money is hidden in my office down town. And we must go there at once. When we return we will pack up and leave for Europe. I've longed to see you so!"

"You poor fool! And they sent you to supersede Leo!" she mused.

She played out the farce to the very end. She permitted herself to be pinioned and jugged; and for what unnecessary roughness she suffered at the hands of Paroff he would presently pay. He took her straight to the executive chamber of the Black Hundred and pushed her into the room, exclaiming triumphantly:

"Here is Hargreave's daughter!"

"Indeed!" said Olga, throwing back her veil and standing revealed in her mask.

"Olga!" cried Braine, laughing. And that was the inglorious end of the secret agent from Russia.

CHAPTER XIV.

Norton Makes a Discovery. Perhaps the most amusing phase of the secret agent's discomfiture was the

fact that neither Jones nor Florence had the least idea what had happened. Florence regretted a hundred times during the evening that she had not gone out to the summer house. It might really have been her father. Her regret grew so deep in her that just before going to bed she confessed to Jones.

"You received a letter of that sort and did not show it to me?" said Jones, astonished.

"You warned me never to pay any attention to them."

"No; I warned you never to act upon them without first consulting me. And we might have made a capture! My child, always show me these things. I will advise you whether to tear them up or not."

"Jones, I believe you are going a little too far," said Florence haughtily. "It might have been my father."

"Never in this world, Miss Florence. Still, I beg your pardon for raising my voice. What I do and have done is only for your own sake. There are two things I wish to impress upon your mind before I go. This can be made a comedy or a terrible tragedy. You have already had a taste of the latter; and each time you escaped because God was good to us. But he is rarely kind to thoughtless people. They have to look out for themselves. I am acting under orders; always remember that."

"Forgive me; I acted wrongly. But I'm so weary and tired of this eternal suspicion of everybody and everything. Can't I go somewhere, some place where I can have rest?"

"If I thought for a single moment it was possible to take you thousands of miles from this spot, it would be done this very night. But this is our fortress. So far it has been impregnable. The police are watching it; and that prevents a general assault

by the scoundrels. If we tried to leave we would be followed; and they play that game exceedingly well. Now, good-night. We'll have you out of all this doubt and suspicion one of these days. There will not be any past; that will be lopped off as you'd lop a limb from a tree."

"Please let it be quick. I want to see my father."

Jones' eyes sparkled. "And you have my word that he wants to see you. But I dare not tell you."

"Do you think he would object to Mr. Norton?" she asked, studying the rug.

"In what capacity?" he countered, forcing her hand.

"As—as a husband?" bravely.

Jones in turn studied the patterns in the rug. "It is only natural for a father to look high for his daughter's husband. But, after all, an honest man is worth as much as anything I know of. And Norton is honest and loyal and brave."

"Thank you, Jones. I intend to marry him when the time comes; so you may as well prepare father for this eventuality."

"There is an old adage—"

But she interrupted him. "If you have a new adage, Jones, I shouldn't mind hearing it. But I'm only just out of school, where old adages are served from soup to pudding. Good-night."

And Jones went to the rear of the house, chuckling.

In the passing it might well be observed that the Hargreave house had a remarkable menage. There was a gardener, a cook, and a maid; and the three of them reported to Jones each night before going to bed. They were all three detectives from one of the greatest organizations in America.

Finding themselves unable to lure Florence away from the environs of the Hargreave home, the Black Hundred set some new machinery in motion. They proposed to rid the house of every one in it by a perfectly logical device. But the first step in this new move was going to be extremely delicate and risky. It was no small adventure to enter the Hargreave home; and yet this must be done. So finally "Spider" Beggs was selected for the work. The man could practically walk over crockery without causing a sound; he could climb a house by the window ledges; and he could hold his breath like those professional tank swimmers.

Three or four nights after the Paroff fiasco, Jones started the rounds, putting out the lights. He left the one in the hall till the last, for it was his habit, after having turned off that light, to stand by the door for several minutes, watching. One never could tell.

On the other hand, "Spider" Beggs never approached a house till an hour after the lights went out. Persons were likely to move about for some minutes later; they might want something to eat, a drink of water. So he remained hidden behind the summer house till long after midnight. When at last he felt assured that all in the Hargreave house were asleep, he moved out cautiously. Both his future and his pocketbook depended upon the success of this venture. It took him ten minutes to crawl from the summer house to the veranda, and to have detected this approach Jones, had he been watching, would have needed a searchlight. Beggs hugged the lattice work for another ten minutes and then drew himself up and wriggled to one of the windows. Here was an operation that needed all his care and skill; to lift this window without sound. But he was an old hand and windows with ordinary locks were playthings under his deft touch. He raised the window, stepped over the sill into the library, and crouched down. He did not close the window; house thieves never do. They leave windows and doors open, because



Here Was an Operation That Needed All His Care and Skill.

sooner or later they have to make their escape that way.

Presently he stood up, flashed his torch, found the library shelves, and tiptoed toward them. He then selected three or four volumes, opened them at random and laid neat packages of money between the leaves. It was not real money, but only a bank clerk could have told that. This done, he moved toward the window again.

"Stop!" said Jones quietly.

"Spider" Beggs gasped, it was so unexpected; but at the same time almost instinctively he plunged headlong through the window, and the bullet which followed snipped a lock of his hair. He threw himself off the veranda and scurried across the lawn, zigzag fashion. But no more bullets followed.

Jones turned on the lights and investigated the room, but he could not find anything disturbed, and naturally came to the conclusion that the intruder had been interrupted before he had begun his work. He turned off the lights and sat up the major part of the night. Nothing more happened. Florence came down, but he sent her back to bed, explaining that some one had attempted to enter the house and he had taken a shot at him.

"Spider" Beggs had a letter to write. He was in high feather. He had tackled a difficult job and had come away without a scratch. But he had the misfortune to write his letter to the secret service officials in a hotel often frequented by Norton. And so Jim, on finishing his own letter, blotted it and casually glanced at the blotter. A single word caught his eye. Being an alert newspaper man, always on the hunt for stories, he examined the blotter with care. It was an easy matter for him to read writing backward, having fooled away many an hour in the composing rooms. The word which had awakened the reportorial sense in him was "counterfeit." He held the blotter toward the mirror and read enough to satisfy himself that the Black Hundred had become active once more. And this was one of the best ideas they had yet conceived.

Hargreave had always been something of a mystery to his neighbors. Where he had lived in other days was unknown; neither had any one the remotest idea from what source his riches had been obtained. And nothing was known of Jones or the daughter. It was a very shrewd method of clearing every one out of the house and leaving it to be examined at leisure. And he had fallen upon this thing; he, Norton, all because his tailor had written him a sharp note about his bill and he had been provoked to reply in kind! Counterfeit money. There was quite a flurry these days over certain issues of spurious paper. It was so good that only experts could detect it. There were two plates, one for a ten and another for a twenty. For a while he was pulled between duty and love. Well, it would only add another interesting chapter to the general story when he published it. He started out to Riverdale to acquaint Jones with the discovery.

"Humph!" said Jones: "not a bad idea this. So that's what the sneak was doing here last night. I've been wondering and wondering. Let's have a look."

He went through the books and at length came across the three volumes. These held a thousand in excellent counterfeit.

"Mighty good work that. What are you going to do?" asked the reporter.

Jones rubbed his chin reflectively. "How long may a counterfeiter be sent up?"

"Anywhere from ten to twenty years."

"That will serve. My boy, this time we'll go and take Mr. Black Hundred right in his cubby hole."

"You know where it is?"

"Every nook and corner of it. Now you go at once to the chief of the local branch of the secret service and put the matter to him frankly. I, Florence, Susan, and the rest of us must be arrested. The wretches must believe that the house is empty. They'll rove about fruitlessly and will return to their den to report the success of the coup. All the while you and some detectives will be in hiding upstairs, dictagraph and all that. When the time comes you will follow. This

will not reach the heads, perhaps, but it will demoralize the organization in such a way as to make it helpless for several months to come. There is a tunnel from the stables to this house."

"What a tunnel?"

"Yes, Mr. Hargreave had it built several years ago. I don't know what his idea was; possibly he anticipated an event like this. You and your men will find entrance by this method. It can be done without exciting the suspicions of the watchers."

"Looks as if my yarn wasn't going to be delayed so long after all. Jones, you ought to have been in the secret service yourself," admiringly.

Jones smiled and shrugged. "I am perfectly satisfied with my lot—or would be if the Black Hundred could be wiped out of existence."

"I'll see the secret service people at once. I stand in well with them all."

"And good luck to you. We'll need good luck."

Norton was welcomed cordially by the chief. The secret service men trusted him and told him lots of tales that never saw light on the printed page. The reporter went directly to the point of his story, without elaboration, and the chief smiled and handed him the original letter.

"Norton, I've been after this gang of counterfeiters for months and they are clever beyond words. I've never been able to get anywhere near their presses. And for a moment I thought this note was from a squealer. I've a dozen men scouring the country. They find the bogus notes, but never the men who pass them. You see, it's new stuff. I know what all the old timers are at; but none of them has had a hand in this issue. Some foreigners, I take it, under the leadership of a man I'd very much like to know. Now, what's your scheme?"

Jim outlined it briefly.

"It all depends," said the chief, "upon the fact that they will be impatient. If they have the ability to wait, we lose. But we can afford to risk the chance. The man who wrote this letter is not a counterfeiter. He's an old yeggman. We haven't heard anything of him lately. We tried to corner him on a post office job, but he slipped by. He may be a stool. Anyhow, I'll draw him in somehow."

"There'll be some excitement."

"We're used to that; you too. All we've got to do is to locate this man Beggs. There are signs of spite in this letter. Very well played, if you want my opinion. What's this Black Hundred?"

"I'm not at liberty to tell just yet. It's a strange game; half political, half blackmail. It's a pretty strong organization. But if they're back of this counterfeiting, there's a fine chance of landing them all."

Here the chief's assistant came in. "Got Beggs on the wire. Says he'll conduct you to the home if you'll



"Stop!" Said Jones Quietly.

promise him immunity for some other offenses."

"Tell him he shall have immunity on the word of the chief. But also say that he must come to see me in person."

"All right, sir."

"I don't believe it would be wise for Beggs to see me here. I gave him a good send-off—Sing Sing—five years ago. He may recollect," said Norton.

"Suit yourself about that. Only, keep in communication with me by telephone and I'll tip you off as to when the raid shall take place. Lucky you came in. I should have honestly gone there and arrested innocent people, and they would have had a devil of a time explaining. It would have taken them at least a week to clear themselves. That would leave the house empty all that time."

Norton did not reply, but he put the blotter away carefully. There was no getting away from the fact, but the god of luck was with him.

"Do you know what's back of it all?"

"I can't tell you any more than I have," said Norton.

"Then I pass. I know you well enough. If you've made up your mind not to talk a man couldn't get anything out of you with a can-opener. And that's why we trust you, my boy."

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SACRIFICE THAT WAS FUTILE

New Yorker Recalls Incident of His Boyhood That May Well Be Called a Tragedy.

"I heard a cynic talking on the futility of self-sacrifice the other night," said a New York lawyer, according to the Christian Endeavor World.

"I did not agree with his conclusions, but his theme recalled an incident in my youth that was certainly a case in point on his side.

"When I was a youngster the dog-faced boy was in his prime. We lived in the county seat of a county up-state. My only sister—always my great pet—and I were intensely excited when we heard that the lad with the canine countenance was to come to our town.

"We had saved up all our pennies, and when the boy arrived we had 25 cents. We figured the admission would be 10 cents and we would have a nickel over for candy—for what's seeing a dog-faced boy without candy to chew while staring.

"Well, the boy arrived, and we went to the tent where he was being displayed. To our horror the admission was 25 cents. We puzzled long, but the tragic conclusion was always the same—only one of us could go in. I drew forth the 25 cents and in a voice husky with emotion I said: 'Here, Dot, you go in. I don't mind, and you can tell me all about him when you come out.'

"My sister protested, but finally went. In five minutes she was back. I was all eagerness to hear every detail of the famed face.

"How was he—how was he, Dot? What did he look like? Is he a really, truly dog? Tell me quick."

"Dot gazed at me and her lip quivered. 'Oh, Jack,' she said, 'When I got in I was so scared I could not look at him.'"

AVERSIONS HARD TO EXPLAIN

Well-Authenticated Cases of Remarkable Dislikes Among Men and Women Otherwise Normal.

A case is related of a monk who would faint on seeing a rose and who never quitted his cell at the monastery while that flower was blooming. Another authority tells us of how da Vinci, the great painter, would swoon upon going suddenly into a room where roses were blooming, even though he did not see them. Valtaid tells us of an army officer who was frequently thrown into violent convulsions by coming in contact with the little flower known as the pink. The same authority also tells of the case of a lady, forty-six years of age, hale and hearty, who, if present when linseed was being boiled for any purpose, would be seized with violent fits of coughing, swelling of the face, and partial loss of reason for the ensuing 24 hours.

Writing of these peculiar antipathies and aversions, Montague remarks that he has known men of undoubted courage who would much rather face a shower of cannon balls than look at an apple! In Zimmerman's writings there is an account of a lady who could not bear to touch either silk or satin, and would almost faint if by accident she should happen to touch the velvety skin of a peach. Boyle records the case of a man who would faint upon hearing the "swish" of a broom across the floor, and of another with a natural abhorrence of honey. Hippocrates of old tells of one Nicanor who would always swoon at hearing the sound of a flute.

With the Scientists.

After a long series of remarkable experiments, a New York physician has demonstrated that the function of the little understood spleen is to supply red and white corpuscles to the blood.

Experiments have been made by the United States Bureau of Mines in combining limestone with coke as a fuel, forming a liquid slag which runs freely and avoids clinker and ash troubles.

Because salts used as adulterants interfere with the passage of electric currents through wine, French scientists have invented a system employing telephones to test the purity of such beverages.

Fish Admired by Anglers.

Members of the salmon family are universally famous for their high jumps. The sea trout, which gladden Devon rivers under the seasonable name of "harvest peal," are untiring acrobats, and a fish of a pound weight will more than once jump several times its own length out of the water when hooked before coming to the net. Unless the fisherman responds by promptly lowering the top of his rod the fragile gut is likely to break, and as it is part of every sportsman's creed to appreciate his pastime in proportion to the difficulties it presents, the sea trout stands high in the angler's estimation.

The Domestic Machine.

Mr. Meek was laboriously hooking up the back of his wife's evening dress just as the clock was striking their dinner hour and their dinner guests were ringing the door bell. Mr. Meek breathed hard; his forehead was damp and his hands shook.

"I do wish to some one would invent a machine to do this kind of work!" he muttered, miserably.

"Why, they have!" replied his wife, brightly, as she applied some powder nonchalantly to her nose. "They have, and you are it!"—Youth's Companion.

Harry Snodgrass and C. H. Featherston made a business trip to Plainview Tuesday.

Dr. M. F. Huskey has been suffering with poison infection in his arms the past week, and has been unable to attend to his veterinary practice. He is better this week and should be all right within a few days.

7 brands of flour in stock, and lowest prices at Duncan Grocery. tf

Two good lines of garden seeds at Duncan Grocery. tf

FOR SALE.—Jno. Deere breaking plow, good as new. See Louie Moore. 2tp.

Onion sets, 3 gallon \$1., Williams Bros. east side. 2tc

BORN.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Landrum, Wednesday, March 24th, a daughter.

J. H. Reagan and Harry McRae spent Saturday night and Sunday in Plainview.

Irish Cobler, Early Triumph and Early Ohio seed potatoes at 2 1/4 cents per pound. Come early before they are all sold. Duncan Grocery. 2tc.

Phone 94 when you need coal. 2tc

Just received a car of fresh White Crest flour, the perfect flour, at Duncan Grocery. 2tc.

Cheap Post.

Bois D'arc and Cedar. 2 car loads just unloaded. tf. A. G. McAdams Lbr. Co.

Lemons 25 c per dozen. Williams Bros., east side. 2tc

For marble monuments see, S. B. McClesky. tf.

Seed Irish Potatoes—Tennessee Triumph, Maine Bliss Triumph, Early Ohio and Irish Cobbler at Duncan Grocery. tf

B. P. Woody made a business trip to Jayton last Friday, returning home Sunday.

Quarterly Conference

Stewards please remember next Monday is the date for regular Quarterly Conference.

The meeting will be held at Judge Thompson's office. Officers please have full reports. G. W. Shearer, Pastor.

Methodist Service Announcement.

The Methodist congregation will hold services at the Southern Presbyterian Church again next Sunday, as it is believed that repairs at the Methodist Church will not be completed by that time.

Rev. G. W. Shearer will preach at the morning service, and Presiding Elder Kiker will preach at night.

E. P. Thompson and son, Raeburn, made a business trip to Matador Monday after noon.

J. H. Tackett left Tuesday for Slaton where he is spending two or three days on business.

Fresh light bread every day, at Duncan Grocery. 2tc.

"Let Texas Feed itself."

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We will chop your maize 10 c per hundred. Williams Bros. east side. 2tc

Mrs. Scarborough of Waco, and Mrs. Mimms, of Dallas, are in Floydada visiting with their father, M. C. Sadler. They will probably visit here several days.

Creamery butter, at Duncan Grocery. 2tc.

A. L. Bishop At Marlin

A. L. Bishop, who has been quite sick from rheumatism during the past two weeks, following a protracted case of lagrippe, was taken to Marlin by his son-in-law, T. M. Cox leaving Floydada last Wednesday morning.

"Peter Piper's Troubles" High School Play

Students of the High School will present "Peter Piper's Troubles" during Commencement Week at the auditorium. This is the play decided upon this week. The cast of characters have been chosen.

Two good lines garden seed to select from at Duncan Grocery 2tc.

FRIENDS:- I'M A B-E-L-I-E-V-E-R

I believe in Floydada and Floyd County for what they are now and have proven to be during the eight years I have been in Floyd County. I believe as well in the future that this will have the name of the garden spot of Texas.

I've traveled some and have seen several different kinds of country; and I came from another country to this. Each time I return home I am more convinced than ever that Floyd County is the county for me to tie to. The most highly satisfactory trade I have had this spring is what prompts me to say these things. Your increasing trade with me has also prompted me to contract for a brick building on the west side Main, Floydada; I'll be in it before another sixty days. I want you to come see me then.

My eight years in this county has also convinced me that I have the best line of farming implements for this dirt that manufacturers produce--the justly famous John Deere Line. Don't forget the John Deere, it's here. You can't beat it. I've got the full line and I want your business, on the basis of right prices, and a fair square deal.

I believe in talking a good thing. That's the reason I talk Floyd County and John Deere.

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