

Suit To Settle Boundary Question

Federal Court at Amarillo Asked to Adjudicate Block Boundaries for Howards and Settlers.

Howard Brothers, large land owners in northeast Floyd county and adjacent portions of Briscoe, Motley and Hall counties, have filed suit in the Federal Court at Amarillo, by their attorneys, Messrs. Miller and Stephens, of Ft. Worth, for the adjudication of block boundaries in which their land is located.

The boundaries to about 200 sections are involved in the suit. The court is asked to permanently set the lines involved.

The suit grows out of a survey made of this land in 1913 by civil engineer G. A. Lider, at which time it was found that there was a shortage in the lands supposed to be in the blocks affected, as located by the state, and the suit in the main, is a friendly one to determine the location of the lines in order that improvements may be properly located and each holder have his proper proportion of the lands so affected.

About 98 sections of the Howard lands are affected by the suit.

J. A. Bagwell Taken To Lawton, Okla., For Treatment

Last Monday J. A. Bagwell was taken by auto from his home southwest of town to Abernathy where he was placed on the train and carried by his brother-in-law, Dr. Jerry Ashley to a Lawton, Okla., sanitarium for medical attention. His daughter, Miss Grace, also accompanied him.

Mrs. Bagwell's brother's home is in Fletcher, Okla., a place near Lawton. He came in Friday of last week and with Dr. Childers opened and drained one wall of Mr. Bagwell's chest, which had become affected following a long illness with pneumonia and pleurisy.

His removal to Lawton was considered wise on account of the personal attention Dr. Ashley would be able to give him, and it was also deemed best to have him where he could have trained care hourly.

Mrs. Buster autoed the party to Abernathy, returning home Tuesday.

2 good lines of garden seed to select from at Duncan Grocery

Kansas City Livestock Market in Detail.

Kansas City Stock Yards, April 12, 1915—Improved conditions in the cattle market last week were not confined to the advance of 15 to 25 cents secured by sellers, but included a more active demand and keener interest from buyers, giving salesmen the upper hand in making trades. Heavy steers heretofore the weak spot in the market, participated in the better feeling. Receipts today are 9500 cattle, market steady on all classes of cattle, with a little slowness and some weak places on heavy steers. The market started out under the handicap of lower reports from Chicago, due to heavy supply there, but demand was good and the close was the best time. Top heavy native steers brought \$8.25, today, and medium steers sold at \$7.50 to \$8.00, yearlings worth up to \$8.50, possibly more, bulk of the cows \$5.75 to \$6.65, odd head of choice heifers up to \$8.50, bulls \$5.25 to \$6 in most cases, veal calves \$8.50 to \$10.00. A fair run of fed westerns was included, selling at \$7.25 to \$7.85 with feeder ends cut out, and readily disposed of at a slight premium over fat steer prices, a number of lots at \$7.50 to \$7.85. Quarantine receipts were only 3 cars today, low graded mixed stuff. The quarantine market has not been tested since last Thursday, when 27 car loads of fair to good Texas steers sold at \$6.85 to \$7.35. Expert opinion around the stock yards, which however, is sometimes discredited, predicts an advance of one dollar per hundred in fat cattle prices in the next sixty days, which should permit stockers and feeders to remain firm. Hogs have made some good gains since the middle of last week, and the market was 5 to 10 higher today, receipts 11000 head. Order buyers continue active buyers, and receipts have been moderate enough to bring out strong competition from packers. All weights are selling close together, and all buyers are equally anxious for hogs, top today \$7.10, bulk of sales \$7.00 to \$7.10. Packers are in possession of large stocks of product, but they consider it good property, as a continuance of the war will insure a broad outlet, and if the war ends, Germany will want large quantities. Sheep and lambs advanced 35 to 50 cents last week, closing strong. Buyers attempted to secure stuff at low prices today, and were successful in some cases, the market ruling steady to 15 lower, all the good lambs selling at \$10.25 to \$10.35, yearlings at \$9.10, ewes \$8.25, receipts 10,000 head. There is small reserve stock to draw from and very strong prices are expected for a few weeks yet at least.

J. A. RICKART,
 Market Correspondent.

Miss Francis Irene Irick was married on Easter Sunday to Mr. David H. Taylor, of Amarillo, at the Irick home in Plainview.

The bride is a sister to Miss Anna Irick, of Floydada. Miss Irick and J. H. Reagan attended the wedding.

Ask your grocer if he has White Crest Flour, the superb flour, or Maxwell House or Chase & Sanborn's High Grade Coffees, then phone Duncan Grocery Co. Phone 77 or 88, tf.

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Rushing Building Material For New Gin Plant.

A. V. Haynes left Wednesday morning for Dallas, where he will make an effort to have the boiler and engine for the new gin plant being erected here, rushed to this place in order to install them before other operations are too far advanced.

Mr. Haynes stated Tuesday afternoon that two cars of brick and two cars of gravel besides some of the machinery for the gin building and plant, are now in transit. He desires to have the gin completed at the earliest possible date.

City Officials Sworn Wednesday.

The new officials of the board of aldermen, the mayor and marshal have been sworn in. Their commissions were dated Wednesday.

The mayor and council canvassed the results of the election Monday, and the certificates of election were issued immediately thereafter.

The council is now composed of the following members: Mayor, W. T. Montgomery; aldermen, K. A. Childers, N. A. Armstrong, C. C. McMillan, J. N. Farris, A. D. White. Tom P. Steen is marshal.

Junior Missionary Program.

Song.
 Prayer.
 Bible Lesson: A Boy who heard God's Call; 1 Sam. 3:1-10—By Edwin Shearer.

Roll Call: Answered by name of Missionary to China.

Report of Vice-President.
 Story: China's Children, and Children in City Streets.—By Jennie Rushing.

Reading: Mildred Flynn.
 Missionary Story:—Mary Vena Bartley.

Payment of Dues.

J. U. Borum, wife and son and Miss Beulah Sanderson, left Monday for Krum, Denton Co., where they will spend some time on a visit. They made the trip by auto by way of Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Bob Davis returned Tuesday from Lorenzo where she had been visiting with her parents for several days.

P. J. Becker, of Amarillo, District Commercial Manager and E. L. Doland, Plainview Manager, of the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Co., were in Floydada Wednesday with local manager, H. T. Owen.

Says he Had Kick Coming.

Independence, Kan., April 11. Were you ever kicked by a mule? If so, did you attempt to kick back?

Doing the latter is what caused the arrest of Robert Wolton. He is charged by a Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals officer with being cruel to a mule, in that he "kicked it with such force that the animal suffered great physical pain and agony."

Wolton declares the mule kicked first. He said he kicked back in self defense and that the special officer only saw that part of the entertainment and arrested him.

Insane Man Will be Taken to San Antonio.

Eli Barton, declared insane by a commission last Friday in the County Court, will be taken to the asylum at San Antonio at an early date.

Mr. Barton has been living in the southeast part of the county and in Motley County.

West Texas Gets Bad End of Deal

Operations of Full Rendition Law Show Gross Inequalities in Many Counties.

In the Hesperian of several weeks' back date it will be recalled by some of our readers that we gave a tabulated statement of taxes paid the state and received from that source, by two groups of counties of 11 each, and that this tabulated statement from the State Tax Commissioner showed gross inequalities to be existing under the present conditions.

This condition has existed since the time of Governor Campbell's administration. The inequalities have grown from year to year, and the totals have reached enormous figures. The past two years attempts have made to right this wrong but to date nothing definite has been done.

Many counties especially in the thickly settled portions, have been receiving from the state annually thousands of dollars more than they have been paying in as taxes. In the main the burden of this extra taxation has fallen on West Texas counties. Dallas is one county we now recall in North or Central Texas that is having to pay in about the same ratio as western counties. Hunt county, the home of the present attorney general receives much more than they pay out; Anderson, home of former governor Campbell gets a big slice more than their share; Smith County is another, Collins another, and so on indefinitely. That is, the apportionment from the state school fund alone to the upkeep of the schools in these counties is greater by thousands of dollars than the totals of all taxes paid by them into the state treasury. Practically the entire list of Panhandle and plains counties, and numerous counties lying further east are paying this deficiency in these counties.

Only of late have any of the large papers paid any attention to these facts, and this in a small way. The Daily News, at Amarillo, is one paper that is fighting for a more equitable distribution of the taxes. Potter County has paid out upward of \$300,000 more than their share since 1908.

That the matter should be properly adjusted, and without delay, is the belief of people of this county, who are helping to pay the deficiencies of these wealthy counties, and we are of the belief that every good citizen should agitate this proper adjustment of taxation.

It is possible that after the problem of the Appropriation Bill and the relations of the Texas University and A. & M. College are settled, that Redistricting may be taken up and West Texas get her dues in this respect; the taxation matter will be crowded out. But people of this country should be sure that another legislative session does not pass before our section gets the relief in this respect, to which we are entitled.

New Ford Owners.

C. Surginer & Son delivered three new Fords to purchasers this week. These were Nute Nelson, W. A. Shipley and George Fawver.

If you like good biscuits try a sack of White Crest Flour and be convinced. Sold only by Duncan Grocery Co. tf.

County and District School Trustees Elected.

Tuesday the Commissioners' Court canvassed the results of the School Trustee Elections held Saturday, April 3rd. Most of the precincts held elections. Where no elections were held the county judge is required to make the appointments.

County trustees elected were A. J. Blackwell and D. C. Lowe. The board as now constituted is composed of the following members: J. H. Green, J. H. Tackett, J. A. Price, D. C. Lowe and A. J. Blackwell. Judge Thompson is ex officio member of the board.

Precinct trustees were chosen as follows: No. 1, Irick, W. D. Maben and Charles Murphy; No. 2, Pleasant Valley, C. W. Biller and W. A. Knox; No. 4, Pleasant Hill, A. T. Pratt and Joe H. Smith; No. 5, Fairview, W. S. Thomas and S. D. Irwin; No. 6, Starkey, C. D. Thacker and John Stagner; No. 7, Meteor, Homer Howard and H. H. O'Bryant; No. 8, Sunset, R. C. Covington and J. H. Upton; No. 9, Sandhill, J. A. Grigsby and J. M. Bumgardner; No. 10, Harmony, D. T. Scott and L. E. Williams; No. 11, Lakeview, J. W. Wright and Chas. Trowbridge; No. 13, Center, J. H. Tackett and W. V. Phillips; No. 14, Lone Star, Bert Bobbitt and D. Mart Thomas; No. 16, McCoy, G. W. Phipps; No. 17, Roseland, E. L. Thomas and R. B. Brown; No. 18, Mayview, J. Reed and C. C. West; No. 19, J. M. Griggs and C. E. Neil; No. 20, Antelope, J. A. Jones and John Reznicek; No. 21, Providence, Cleve Hartman and C. R. Viegel; No. 22, Blanco, R. E. McCarty and G. S. King; No. 23, Allmon, Gus De Cordova and W. A. Curb; No. 25, Bobbitt, G. H. Carthel; No. 25, Campbell, Earl Rainer and E. R. Rothwell; No. 29, Goodnight, H. C. Kell and U. C. Percell; No. 30 Weathers, J. A. Weathers and R. L. Brown.

Junior Declamation Contest Postponed on Wednesday.

Wednesday night for the second time, the Junior Declamation Contest of the Floydada School, was postponed. The contest was planned to be held on Saturday night last. Bad weather caused it to be postponed to Wednesday night, and again Wednesday evening rain was falling before the hour set for the program.

The contest will be held for the selection of a declaimer to represent this school in the district contest to be held at Amarillo on April 23 and 24.

"JOSEPH IN THE LAND OF EGYPT" HERE SATURDAY

4 reel Bible Story will be given at the Mc and Y Afternoon and Evening.

A faithful portrayal of a Bible story on the screen is a thing that has been attempted by many picture producers, and failures have been common. But after seeing the story of "Joseph in the Land of Egypt" at a private exhibition at the Mc and Y we can truthfully say that this story is one of the most faithfully portrayed of all. From the time that Joseph is herding the flocks of his father Jacob, when the hatred of his brethren begins to grow as the boy tells them of his visions, and the coat of many colors is bestowed upon him by the aged father, the story proves one of gripping interest, though often read and re-read. How Joseph was sold into bondage to the Ishmaelites, the tragic grief of the aged father at the loss of his favored son, Joseph's rise to prominence in Egypt, and his manly scorn of the enchantress, Potiphar's wife just as told in the Bible, only more impressive because one sees with his own eyes.

Then the reconciliation, following the years of drouth, the old father restored to his son,—all the details,—are faithfully and beautifully shown.

The story is given in four reels. James Cruze, as Joseph, and Marguerite Snow, as Potiphar's wife, masters of the silent drama, add to the grip on the onlooker, and the entire plot is played out before your eyes.

Bible students, Sunday school teachers, children and everybody who loves a good story well-told, should see this picture which will be shown at the Mc and Y Saturday afternoon beginning at 2:30, and in evening at 8:00.

Born.—To Mr. and Mrs. Garrett southwest of town, April 9th, a son.

G. G. Liser and J. A. Greenway, prominent citizens of Wolfe City, Hunt County, spent the earlier part of the week in Floydada prospecting. While here they visited with Dr. J. W. Morris and family.

Carbon Paper at Hesperian office

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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 Comanded 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 summon 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 if 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. are defendants, and said petition alleging that plaintiff and said defendants are the joint owners of a certain tract or parcel of land, situated in the County of Floyd, and State of Texas, described as follows to wit: 640 acres of land known as survey No. 75 in block 13, abstract No-321 situated on the waters of Pease River, about nine miles N-70 degrees east from the center of the County, located by virtue of land scrip No.104 issued by the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas to the E. L. & R. R. Ry Co., December 6th 1876 and transtered to Mary A. Newcomb, March 24th 1877, and patented to said Mary A. Newcomb Nov. 28th 1879, by Patent No-145 Vol. 53. Plaintiff avers that he has title to and owns an undivided one sixth interest in and to said tract of land. That the defendants Elmer I Goshen, or his heirs at law, Nellie Rose or her heirs at law, Levi Goshen or his heirs at law, Bell Goshen or her heirs at law and Anna V. Alyard or her heirs at law each have title to and owns an undivided one sixth interest in said tract of land. 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, show-

ing 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.

About the Warehouse Law

The Hesperian is for fair play for everybody all the time. Quite often there are laws passed that are more harmful to some classes of our people than they are beneficial to other classes. The Texas Ginners Association claims the particular feature of the Texas Warehouse law pertaining to them will cost the Association about \$4,000,000 annually and will do nobody good, though the law's supporters claim that this feature of the law is good and should remain on the statute. Without a diligent study of the questions, we are not capable of giving an opinion on this feature of the law. But we have in time past given some publicity to the good points of this law and the opinions held by various prominent men favorable to it, hence we feel it fair to give some what of the view of the ginners who are to bear the extra cost of ginning and we give herewith the contents of a circular letter addressed to the editor, by the secretary of the Ginners Association of Texas. It will be noted that this association offers to discuss the law with anyone through the columns of our paper. This would likely take to much space, and we print this part of their letter merely to show how strong is the belief of the Association in their view point. The letter follows:

My dear Sir:-Should some theorist succeed in getting passed a law requiring you to print your paper only in red ink, causing heavy extra expense to you and being of no benefit whatsoever to your readers, I doubt not you would today be asking the reading public to assist you in getting relief from such an absurd requirement.

Last year at the "Special warehouse" session the Permanent warehouse law was passed. This law affects seriously the entire cotton crop of Texas and especially ginning industry.

The ginners of Texas are calling your attention to the fact that they have studied carefully, and have discussed openly the effect of the requirements of this law and they do not believe they can do the extra work required by this law without being compelled to increase their charges at least one dollar for ginning and wrapping a bale of cotton. This will represent an extra charge against the Texas cotton crop of about four million dollars per year. On the other hand the ginners have challenged any one to show in your columns where in this law's requirements will make the farmers bale of cotton worth even one cent more per bale. The ginners do not wish to charge their customers this enormous amount of money when they know it will be of no benefit to anyone, unless it may be beneficial to the bagging trust, the oil mills and the compresses. We are asking your assistance in getting this matter before the Governor so that he will let the approaching special session remedy the evils of the law.

All we are asking for is a hearing.

Yours truly,
Dabney White, Secretary,
Texas Ginners Association,
Tyler, Texas, April 6, 1915.

Mrs. J. B. Jenkins and children left Friday for Mineral Wells where they will spend a month.

Floydada Trustees to be

Elected on May First

May first three trustees are to be selected in Floydada Independent School District to serve for two years. The notice of the election date has been given by W. M. Colville, president of the board. J. B. Bartley has been selected to hold the election.

The terms of W. M. Colville, E. C. Henry and W. I. Allen expire upon the selection and qualification of their successors.

The hold over members of the board are W. A. Robbins, E. C. Nelson, Dr. V. Andrews and A. L. Bishop.

The Santa Fe Railway company has arranged to make its station here, and every other station on the system, a school for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of its freight service. Trained men, acting under the direction of the general superintendents, will give instruction to station agents, depot employes, trainmen and others having to do with the transportation of freight, regarding modern methods of loading and stowing shipment. In addition to coaching employes, these experts and the agents, also give information to shippers, when asked to do so about scientific methods of preparing shipments for transportation. The station agent will be at the head of the local school. Reports at the regular conference of Santa Fe officials showed that the plan had been tried out successfully in several localities. Where experiments were made shippers took a deep interest in the plan and adopted the necessary rules for co-operation with the railroad company. It was decided therefore, to make the movement system wide. Manufacturing, wholesale dealers and other large shippers have reported that their customers are greatly pleased with the change from the "catch as catch can" system of landing and stowing freight in cars, and more or less careless manner of preparing small shipments for transportation, to the modern methods recommended by the Santa Fe.

Spraying Peach Tees

Peach trees demand three or four sprayings during the year, is the opinion of I. E. Cowart of the department of Horticulture of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, who believes that now is the time to lead" states Prof. Cowart, "Just after the petals fall. Use the following formula for making the solution:

Fresh lime 8 pounds
Sulphur 8 "

Water 50 gallon
Mix the lime and sulphur in a vessel and add a small quantity of water. As soon as the lime has slacked dilute at once to fifty gallons of water and add two ponds of arsenate of lead. Be sure to apply the spray at high pressure and see that every part of each tree is thoroughly covered."

HOW TO HANDLE THE MANURE CROP

Barn yard manure is the farms most valuable crop and care should be taken to prevent its leaching. "Barn yard manure should never be stored in open pens," states Professor J. O. Morgan of the Department of Agronomy of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas "for the reason that large portions of the plant food will be leached out during rainy weather. Keep the following points in mind:—

1. Keep the manure under shelter.
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 County of Floyd }
 By
 Virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Floyd County, on the 30th day of March 1915, by Tom W. Deen Clerk of said court against C. C. Darsey and O. P. Darsey for the sum of Five hundred & seventy five 30-100 dollars (\$575.30) Dollars and cost of suit, in cause No. 913 in said Court, styled The First National Bank of Floydada Texas versus C. C. Darsey, O. P. Darsey and M. B. Sears and placed in my hands for service, I, A. C. Goen as Sheriff of Floyd County, Texas, did on the 30th day of March 1915 levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Floyd County, described as follows, to-wit: Same land described in said order of sale Situated in the Co. of Floyd and State of Texas, and in the town of Floydada, (Floyd City) and known as lot No. 7 in Block No. (111) one hundred and eleven, as shown by the plat of record in Vol. 2 F Page 294, Deed Records of Floyd County Texas and levied upon as the property of said C. C. Darsey, O. P. Darsey & M. B. Sears and on Tuesday, the 4th day of May 1915 same being 1st Tuesday in May 1915 at the Court House door of Floyd County, in the Town of Floydada Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. I will sell said property at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said C. C. Darsey, O. P. Darsey and M. B. Sears, by virtue of said levy and said order of sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Floyd County Hesperian a newspaper published in Floyd County Texas.
 WITNESS my hand, this 30th day of March 1915.
 A. C. Goen
 Sheriff Floyd County, Texas.
 By J. D. Starks Deputy.

"Are We Atheists and Infidels?"
 Under the above caption, the editor of the University Daily Texan, the first collegedaily in the South, editorializes in a recent issue as follows:
 "Are we atheists and infidels? The question is absurd. You might as well ask if the population of Texas was composed of atheists and infidels? Some of us are; most of us are not. We come from Texas homes of all

types and we represent all types of belief that one would find in Texas homes, if we did not, we would not be fulfilling our duty as a state institution which was built for all the people, and for the support of which all the people are taxed.
 "Some people seem to think that coming to this institution transforms a man completely, changing the religious views to which he has held for eighteen or twenty years. Such an opinion is false. This is no monastery, either of atheism or Christianity. As a corporation with a definite religious policy, the University of Texas would compare favorably with the corporations of Victoria Midland or Sherman. We are a heterogeneous mass of people, largely unacquainted with each other, studying all sorts of subjects under all sorts of instructors and thinking all sorts of ways. The student body of the University of Texas is just about as rich, just about as poor, just about as pious, and just about as is the population of Texas. In other words, we are a true university, truly representing the people of Texas.
 "Are we atheists and infidels? Does the Austin fire whistle harder than a West Texas north-er? Do you prefer Swiss, American or green moon cheese with your sandwich? Say, what are you talking about? We are not atheist and infidels, we are young men and women of Texas."
 W. A. Hilton and J. S. Dickey returned Monday from Hillsboro where they accompanied the remains of Mr. Dickey's wife, who was carried there for interment. Mr. Hilton reports that country in not very good shape, the month of Mar. was very dry down there. They were well satisfied with the Plains, but came back better pleased than ever.—Lockney Beacon.

A Literary Note From Baker.
 The afternoon of Friday, the 19th of March, at Baker school was devoted to literary exercises. Stories and readings constituted the first part of the program. The closing exercise was a debate by the ninth grade class on the subject, "Resolved, that the Federal Government should own and operate the railroads."
 The program was very entertaining as well as beneficial to the pupils and also was appreciated by the teacher.
 Watch for the announcement of our program at the close of school.—Contributed.
 Mr. and Mrs. McCleskey and

Mr. and Mrs. Tom B. Triplett spent last Sunday in Hale Center, guests of relatives and friends there.
Panhandle Press People Entertained At Plainview
 Friday and Saturday the Panhandle Press Association was entertained in Plainview, in their annual meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Steen attended the meeting from this place, representing the Hesperian. The entertainment was most thorough, Plainview people doing their utmost to make the press people enjoy their stay.
 The next meeting will be held at Amarillo.
Returned From Globe, Arizona
 L. H. Newell and daughter, Miss Mabel, returned home last Saturday from Globe, Arizona, where they have been spending the past three months.
52 Bales Cotton From 55 Acres
 John Reznicek, who lives southwest of Floydada, is a diversifying farmer who makes cotton his main money crop. He believes, and his experience has shown that this is a good cotton country.
 His last year's crop, which he completed selling this past week has netted him a neat profit, though the low prices have considerably reduced the profit he would have realized.
 He ginned 52 bales of cotton from his 55 acre field, the bales ranging in weight from 520 to 580 pounds. On most of his land the average was above a bale. He and his family handled the entire crop without hiring picking or cultivation.
 Besides the cotton crop he raised a plentiful supply of feed stuffs for his cows, hogs and work stock.
The Dread of Cataract
 The public has a horror of the word "cataract." It is a synonym of irremediable blindness. This is bad for two reasons. In the first place, the patient and his friends are inclined to regard every eye trouble as cataract. Every spot on the eye, every decrease in vision, causes the fear, "I'm going blind from cataract." Frequently, the patients go to the oculist so wrought up that even his favorable opinion fails to relieve them. In this state, they fall an easy prey to quacks, and charlatans, who assure them that their glasses and lotions will affect a cure.

Sometimes there is an actual improvement in the ocular state, as a result of which the remedy to cure cataract is heralded far and wide. On the other hand, they may serve to keep the patient from securing proper treatment until the condition which at first was comparatively harmless, may have progressed beyond the possibility of cure. In the second place, even if the patient has a cataract the outlook is by no means hopeless. It must be explained to him that the nature of the disease is such that there will be a progressive loss of sight until a certain stage is reached, after which it will be possible by a delicate but not especially dangerous operation to restore the sight. In only a very small percent of the cases does the eye become blind. In the great majority of cases, a high degree of useful sight is obtained, and in some a condition approaching normal vision results. In fact, cataract is one of the most favorable of eye diseases which cause loss of sight, and a patient whose failing sight cannot be remedied by glasses, should hail this diagnosis with relief instead of with horror.—Journal of American Medical Association.
1500 Pounds Hens In Tuesday's Express
 In Tuesday's express shipment from Floydada to northern distributing points for poultry, were included 10 crates of hens averaging 150 pounds to the crate.
 The poultry and egg shipments from this point constitute a large part of the daily outward bound express, weekly shipments of chickens running from 10 to 40 crates.
 1920 dozen is the largest single consignment of eggs made this spring.
Alfalfa Hay For Sale.
 Go to H. E. Edwards & Co., for bright, clean alfalfa hay. 1tp

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 Ask your grocer.
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 You don't save money when you buy cheap or big-can baking powder. Don't be misled. Buy Calumet. It's more economical—more wholesome—gives best results. Calumet is far superior to sour milk and soda.



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Free University Education

For Two Texas Girls

University Station, April 8—Two important scholarships for Texas girls carrying \$250.00 per year to defray expenses at the University of Texas will be awarded May 1st. One is called the Shirley Green, and one William L. Prather scholarship and neither involve any financial obligation on the part of the holder. The trustees in charge of these scholarships desire to select girls of high character and bright minds, as shown by ability to do mental work. Of course, an applicant to be considered, must be able to satisfy the entrance requirements of the University of Texas.

The trustees also endeavor to secure girls who, without such financial aid would be unable to

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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From the numerous accidents that are occurring of late from worn steering gears, you had better let us examine your Ford and replace all worn parts. We have all the parts in stock and you will not have to be out the use of your car an unreasonable length of time.

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attend the University.

They have been fortunate in past years in securing girls who have reflected honor upon the University and justified the generosity of the founders of the scholarships.

Any one interested may secure full information by addressing John A. Lomax, University Station, Austin, Texas.

Seed June Corn.

At \$1.50 per bu., mebane cotton seed 75 cents per bu. G. D. French, 3 1/2 mi. S. W. Floydada. 4tp.

Onion Sets and seed Irish Potatoes at Dunca Grocery. tf.

For Sale

A lot of young locust trees, also several tons of millet hay and bundled kaffir. See V. M. Massie, at City Hotel. 3tp.

High Grade Oil

Coleman, Texas, April 8—An oil that yields 60 per cent high grade distillate, something hitherto unknown in Texas, has been discovered in Babington well 3 miles southwest of this city.

The analyses were made by the Bureau of Economic Geology, University of Texas, from sealed certified samples. The director of the Bureau reports that samples sent him burn at ordinary temperature, indicating a product wonderfully pure to be taken directly from the natural supply. It is understood that oil men who have seen the samples tested in the Bureau's laboratory are greatly surprised and interested.

This oil is encountered in the Babington well at a depth of 1080 feet. The yield is still small, but further prospecting will be begun at once upon this excellent showing.

Carnation Club Notes

Mrs. F. S. Truett was hostess to the Carnation Club on Thursday afternoon, April 8.

The business session was followed by "Progressive Rook," which was the diversion of the afternoon, Mrs. W. R. Ivey holding high score.

Delicious home-made candies were served the guests, followed by a salad course as follows: fruit salad, pimento sandwiches, nut bombe, olives, wafers and punch.

Those present were: Mesdames Boerner, Cannaday, Donaldson, Triplett, Jenkins, Farris, Hughes, Starks, Green, Butler, Smith, McKinnon, Snedgrass, Nelson, Truett, Ivey, Childers, and Miss Myrtle Nelson.

Mrs. Butler will entertain the Club April 22.

I will do first class dressmaking and plain sewing at my home in S. W. part of town.

Miss Mollie Crum. 3tp.

Try a sack of "Our Home" High Patent Flour, best for light bread \$1.90 per sack at Duncan Grocery. tf.

FIRST WOMAN TO GET STATUE

Monument Was Erected Fifty Years Ago to a Brave Colonial Dame.

Admiring friends of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson are planning a memorial. Somebody suggests that this take the form of a statue—"the first statue of a woman to be reared in this country."

Only a few weeks after Nordica's death, it was said that a statue should be erected to the memory of that sweet singer. On that occasion it was also said that it would be the first statue to a woman in America.

But 217 years ago another American woman did something which not only deserved a statue, but got it. Haven't you ever heard of Hannah Dustin?

Captured by Indians at Haverhill, dragged from bed, where her one-week-old baby was promptly murdered, this hardy woman walked for days through snow and slush many miles and without shoes. She was destitute of everything except courage.

From a captive white boy she learned how to kill a human being with a single stroke of a tomahawk. So one night she and the lad slew ten sleeping Indians, scalped them, and fed back through the wilderness to their home.

Hannah Dustin carried the ten scalps to the governor of Massachusetts, and she received \$250 for them. Just 50 years ago a statue was reared for her upon the island in the Merrimac river from which she had made her escape.—Philadelphia Ledger.

BATTLES SELDOM LAST LONG

Conflicts Usually Quickly Decided, Although There Are Some Exceptions to Be Noted.

The battle of the Aisne is almost sure to be the longest fight in the world's history.

In fact, most of the famous battles have lasted under a day, as the following list will show:

1813. Leipzig. Lasted three days. French beaten by Russian, Austrian and Prussian armies.

1815. Waterloo. Lasted eight hours. Napoleon finally beaten by British and Prussians.

1854. Alma. Lasted three and a half hours. British and French beat Russians.

1863. Gettysburg. Lasted three days. American Civil war. Indecisive battle.

1866. Sadova. Lasted eight hours. Prussians beat Austrians.

1870. Sedan. Big fighting lasted 12 1/2 hours. Prussians beat the French.

1870. Gravelotte. Lasted nine hours. Prussians beat French.

1905. Mukden. Lasted 18 days. Japanese beat Russians.

1912. Lule Burgas. Lasted four days. Balkan allies beat Turks.—Pearson's Weekly.

Whale Sought Liberty.

Thrills are by no means out of date in the New Zealand of today, and a few weeks back the workers in a sawmill at Whangaparapara were given an exhibition of the vigor that lies in a thwarted whale. One of these monsters of the deep, many of whom are seen about the coasts of the Dominion, where whaling was once a very profitable industry, recently found its way up one of the small harbors, and finally got inside the booms where the logs are kept for the saw mills. It seemed happy enough there for a while, till it suddenly discovered itself in enclosed water, and then the fight began. It lashed round and round in blind fury, sending huge bauls tumbling about like walking sticks, and then cleared a passage and made off full speed ahead for the open sea. Unfortunately for itself, it drove head on against a pile, and the blow stunned it so that it was stranded on the beach.

Not Taught to Spell in Austria.

The search for information on the pronunciation of some of the strangely spelled towns involved in the European situation has brought some facts that throw light on the public policies pursued by the Austrians towards those subject to them. In this city, lately, a well appearing, well-to-do subject of Austria-Hungary was approached by a man who wanted some of these jawbreaking words pronounced for him. The Austrian did not seem to be an ignorant man. He spoke good English, but he confessed that he could give no help. "I might recognize the name of the town if I heard it spoken," he said, "but I cannot identify it by the spelling. You see, we are not taught to spell at home, and I know nothing that will help."—Philadelphia Record.

Interesting If True.

A resident of Westville, Conn., says that last year he took a pumpkin seed before it had dried and cut his name and the year on it. He planted the seed last spring and when a pumpkin formed the name and date were on it in small letters. As the pumpkin grew the date and letters enlarged in proportion. The pumpkin weighs 63 pounds and the letters and date are raised on it.—Boston Globe.

Manufactures in New York.

The manufacturing establishments in the borough of Manhattan number 19,769; in Brooklyn, 55,218; in Queens, 771. These plants employ the following numbers of wage-earners: Manhattan, 399,791; Brooklyn, 123,833; Queens, 23,891.

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Locals And Personals

Pure Dwarf Milo Maize and Kaffir Corn seed, at Duncan Grocery. tf.

For Sale

A few good mares and mules weighing from 1000 to 1300 pounds. broke ready to work. Cash or credit.
Jess Shurbet
3tc

Second hand kitchen cabinet for sale cheap. Mrs. J. B. Jenkins. tf.

Duncan Gro. Co. has the groceries and prices are right. tf.

See J. C. Mason--

For flue building, windmill repairing or plumbing. Good satisfactory work at reasonable price. tf.

Millet and cane seed at Slaughter's 1tc.

He is Doing well

Frank Harmon writes from his new home in Thatcher, Arizona that he is engaged in the tailoring business there and continues to like that country.

With Frank's short letter was enclosed a check to cover subscription to the Hesperian. He says he finds it essential to his happiness.

Lost

Light colored short top coat, Saturday between R. Cardinal's and Floydada. Please return to G. A. Lider. 1tc.

The Texas U. Debating team which met the Louisiana team at Austin Friday night of last week won the decision over their opponents.

The other Texas team which debated the negative side of the question with the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Ark., lost by a decision of 2 to 1. E. C. Nelson, Jr., was one of the latter team.

Millet seed and cane seed at Slaughter's 1tc.

A Card of Thanks

Myself and children are deeply indebted to the neighbors and friends who were so kind to us during the illness and death of our wife and mother, and we want you to know how deeply we appreciate your aid and sympathy.
With heartfelt thanks, Sincerely,
A. H. Manning.

Program of Occident Literary Society

The Occident Literary Society met in the high school auditorium at 2:30 o'clock Friday March 26, 1915. The house was called to order by the president and the minutes were read and approved. There being no business to attend to we proceeded with the following program which was well rendered;

Song—By all.

Roll call—Answered with quotation from Shakespeare.

The members of Senior class of 1915 ten years hence—Allan Coalson.

Piano Solo—May Montague.

Declamation—Chester French.

Quartet—Tom Ross, L. B. Dawson Kate Bullard, Bernice Henry, accompanied by L. E. Steen.

Declamation—Chester French.

Declamation—Vern Nelson.

Vocal solo—Ethrigh Norman.

Debate; resolved that immigrants to the United States who are sixteen years of age should be able to read in some language dependents upon qualified immigrants such as children and aged parents being excepted

Affirmative Negative
Ethrigh Norman R. E. L. McGuire.

Will Burget L. B. Dawson
Laua Kerlin, Ruby King and Willie Slaughter were judges. The affirmative won.

Critics Report Irvin Bishop.
There being no further business to attend to, we adjourned to meet Friday April 23, 1915.

Household Goods for Sale

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Floydada, Texas

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Will make the season of 1915 at my place 6 miles N. E. Petersburg.

M. D. RAMSEY
Petersburg Texas

Redistricting will be Taken up at Special Session

There is a likelihood that re-districting of the State of Texas at least into Congressional Districts, will be put before the Special Session of the legislature by Governor Ferguson after the Appropriation Bill has been threshed out.

Though there are many matters that various interests desire to have put before the legislature at the special session all are agreed that re-districting is one of the things the Legislature ought to have done at the regular session and this will be one of the things that will have the right of way. So far as the governor is concerned though the bill might be killed again as in the regular session by the ambitions of some of the members.

Millet and cane seed at Slaughter's, 1tc.

Born.--To Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bird, April 9th a daughter.

W. M. Nelson, of Waxahachie, Ellis County, left last Friday returning home after spending several days in Baker community visiting with G. R. May and wife. Mrs. May is a daughter of Mr. Nelson.

Typewriter and Carbon paper at Hesperian office.

For marble monuments see S. B. McCleskey.

Wheat Brand and mixed cow feed at Duncan Grocery.

Work Stock for Sale.

For cash or credit, Jake Gamble 3tc.

Lost 5 Cows by Lightning

During the rain of the latter part of last week R. H. Green lost five head of cattle from light-

ning. The cattle were drifted against a fence when the lightning struck a wire with the above results.

At the present value of cows this is quite a loss to be sustained at one stroke.

Harmond Bishop returned home last Friday from Tyler, where he had just completed a course in Stenography and Book keeping in the Tyler Business College.

He has been away for several months and made a thorough study of these branches.

Cotton Statistics

Cotton statistics of counties west of Fort Worth show that Hall Co. on the Deaver produced largest crop of any of the counties. Wilbarger was second in production. Hall County's figures were above 39,000 bales, Wilbarger having over 38,000.

J. W. Cannon, of Pecos, Tex., is visiting here with his niece, Mrs. S. B. McCleskey.

Rev. B. L. Bates is spending the midweek in Amarillo with a cousin, James Allen, who is quite ill. He will return home Friday or Saturday.

Preaching Announcement.

Announcement is made that Rev. B. L. Bates will preach at 11 Sunday morning and again in the evening at 7:45, at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

A. J. Cooper, of Roaring Springs, was attending to business in Floydada Tuesday.

J. W. Blair of Plainview was in Floydada Tuesday on business.

For Sale.

One more good Jersey milk cow. See Earl Rainer. 2tp.

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.

MONEY—Make your Farm Loan with James Brown & Will Maxwell and save Fifty Dollars on the Thousand for getting the money. tf.

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

Address, W. M. Massie & Bro., Floydada, Texas. tf.

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

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On improved lands. Prompt attention guaranteed. E. A. Nolte Loan Agent, Matador, Texas. 4tp.

Cash And Land For Exchange.

160 acres of land 12 miles N E of Plainview, and cash to exchange for 320 Acres near Floydada.

Address T. W. Sawyer, Plainview Tex

Floydada Public School Notes.

The spelling matches Friday were close and interesting. The Freshmen and Juniors winning from the Seniors and Sophomores each by one score. The spelling matches Friday will be held from 2:30 to 4:00. The standing of the class now is:

Class	won	Lost	p. ct.
Senior	7	3	.700
Juniors	4	6	.400
Sophomore	4	6	.400
Freshman	5	5	.500

The High School boys went to Sand Hill to play base ball Tues-

day afternoon. The score was 13 to 10 in our favor.

The High School girls played a game of base ball with the Seventh grade boys Tuesday at noon. The girls won by a score of 6 to 1.

School Reporter.

"Here another 50 Days To Finish Feed Hauling."

W. E. Buckley, of Polytechnic who has been in Floyd County since last October, assisting in gathering the crops on Buckley & Houghton's lands lying on the south line of Floyd County, was in town Monday and Tuesday. When here he had just completed rebuilding their rent houses, granaries and barns and digging wells on their 1800 acre ranch.

Mr. Buckley's intentions, when he came out, were to spend a month or six weeks here, but he found so much to be done and the labor shortage so acute that he had been making a regular hand on the place since his arrival, and is not through with the work as yet. Of course, the improvements have occupied much of his time.

"We have about 1900 bushels of threshed grain yet on the ranch and 25 tons of heads, as

well as some cotton yet in the field, to put on the market, and the spring farm work must be carried on as well, so I hardly see how I can arrange to return home before another month and a half has passed," said Mr. Buckley Tuesday. This was prompted by a question asked in friendly interest as to the probable date of his return to his family.

The Buckley & Houghton ranch constitutes some of the finest farming lands in Floyd and Crosby counties. They raised upward of a hundred bales of cotton this year. They have four renters and about 800 acres in cultivation. Much of their maize threshed 60 bushels per acre. "Yes, we had fine crops," said Mr. Buckley, so much so, that we couldn't get it gathered in season."

W. H. M. Society Program for Monday, April 19th.

Subject: "The waiting world our Opportunity,—China, the cities."

Bible lesson, 2 Cor. 8: 1-15.—

By Mrs. W. M. Massie.

Reports of vice presidents.

Reports of committees.

General business.

Christian stewardship.—Miss Maggie Powers.

Topic.—China, Virginia School.

—Mrs. O. B. Olson.

Sketch of the Amelia McKeown Home at Stamford—Mrs. E. B. Thompson.

Query: What are the signs of the waiting world?

J. W. Pinkin and P. B. Randolph, of Plainview, were in Floydada Tuesday on business.

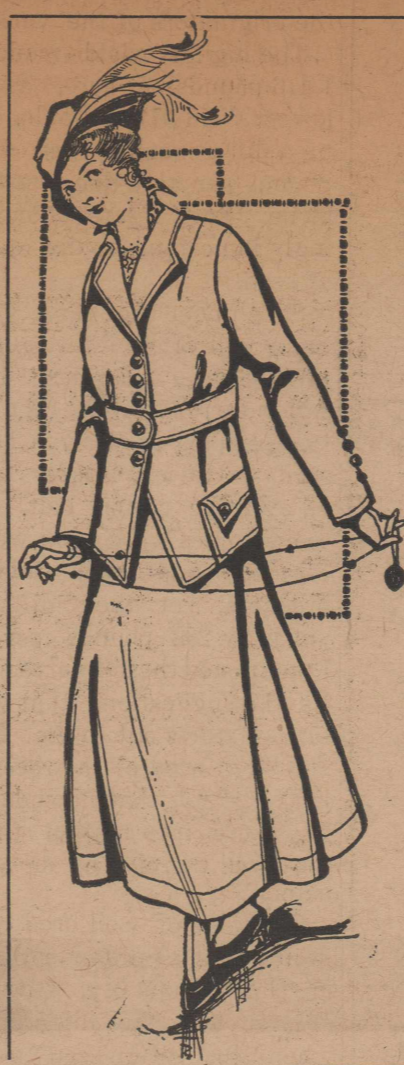
Cannot Keep it Down.

Merit may be kept at the foot of the class for a while, but it will come to the head in its own good time.

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21.00 suits	14.85
22.00 suits	16.85
25.00 suits	18.85

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The labor that went into the building of the Panama canal is symbolized in the Fountain of Energy, by A. Shirling Calder. This heroic sculpture stands in the center lagoon of the South Gardens and faces the main entrance gates. The waters were first released on opening day, February 20, coincidentally with the opening of the portals of the exhibit palaces and by the same means: the electric spark transmitted across the continent when President Woodrow Wilson opened the great exposition at San Francisco by wireless.

New Furniture, Rugs And Linoleum

To the Ladies of Floyd and adjoining counties: We are starting our new building and realizing the heavy cost of moving we are making special prices on our entire line until we get moved. We wish you to know that our store leads in the furniture line. We have a new car bought cheaper than ever before, and will save you money.

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A. L. BISHOP, Manager.

GROWING THE COTTON CROP

What of the chances for profitable returns from this year's cotton crop?

In answering this question we are concerned with three important problems—finance, marketing and production. Our large business interests have concerned themselves in the problems of financing and marketing the cotton in the farmers' hands, in a new way, one that does great credit and gives renewed confidence in the breadth of judgment of "big business," and does honor to their patriotism. Every farmer is looking forward to a new and better business custom of handling cotton.

While these problems are being considered, we farmers should not forget, nor neglect to give even closer attention to the necessity of making a better showing in the production of cotton. Our average production is about one-third of a bale. This is far below what any farmer will admit that it should be.

We have agreed to reduce and have reduced the cotton acreage. Let us strive then to increase the average acreage yield to at least a half bale. This is certainly wise. The movement to reduce the cotton acreage is not so much a program for reducing the total production of cotton as it is to produce more feed stuff at home. It is recalled that long before our finances were disturbed by European Wars, Col. Henry Exall of the Texas Industrial Congress joined with the Corn Grower's Association in preaching "Let Texas Feed Itself." He did not advocate the quitting of cotton, but he did urge and convince all who heard his prophetic pleadings, that it was a poor business policy to continue growing cotton in order to buy Northern grown feed stuffs.

Col. Exall saw how the domin-

ance of cotton in our systems of farming made reforms in cotton financing and cotton marketing a problem of the future. He realized that cotton is the South's heritage only when we grow enough of other crops to be independent of its domination. He pleaded not for more cotton, but for a more profitable cotton crop. The South will continue to grow cotton, and therefore it is important that we strive to make good yields. As a general rule it may be stated that poor yielding seed, careless planting and slighted cultivation result in low yields and financial loss, while good yielding seed, careful planting, and frequent and intelligent cultivation, are associated with good yields and profitable returns.

No ordinary reduction in expenses, or reasonable advances in price, can overcome the losses due to low yields. High acreage yields for cotton and all other crops was Col. Exall's dream. In his compelling way he urged with emphasis the three essentials of good crops:

1. Good, freshly improved, seed of good varieties.
2. Well prepared land before planting.
3. Intelligent cultivation to conserve moisture and make plant food available.

Cotton planting time is here. What then of the seed? For any section there are few good and many poor varieties. Every farmer will admit that good varieties of cotton seed do exist and that such seeds are available, but in the face of this fact the great bulk of the Nation's cotton crop is each year planted to "no variety" but "just cotton seed."

I have before me the result of an accurate test of the yielding qualities of twenty nine different variety samples of well bred strains of cotton seed. For the

breeders, and in most cases from the originators of the varieties.

The highest yield made was 1,416 pounds per acre, and the lowest yield 971 pounds, showing a difference in yield of 545 pounds per acre due just to seed alone. Such figures show strikingly important is the question of seed.

Seed under the same variety name will often differ greatly in their yielding qualities. In the test referred to above there were two samples of Mebane Triumph seed, - a variety largely planted all over the cotton belt. These two samples were from well recognized and bona fide seed breeders, yet they differed in yields by 263 pounds per acre. I mentioned these figures to justify the suggestions that when a farmer starts out to get freshly improved seed of a recognized good variety, that he should ask for more information than is conveyed merely by a variety name.

If strains of well bred seed of good varieties differ so greatly in yielding quality, how much greater will the difference be when "just cotton seed" are used. Much can be done to raise our average up the half bale mark if our farmers will only take a little more than ordinary precautions to get good seed. The extra trouble and cost should not be more than 20cents to 30cents per acre. The results may be a gain of 445 pounds of cotton per acre as reported above.

A. M. Ferguson,
Sherman, Texas

Instructions for Handling Kaffir, Milo Maize, Feterita and Broom Corn

(H. M. Bainer, Agricultural Demonstrator.)

The Agricultural Demonstration Department of the Panhandle and Santa Fe Railroad recommends that its farm co-operators observe, as nearly as possible, the following suggestions in preparing the seed bed, seeding cultivation and general handling of kaffir, Milo Maize, Feterita and Broom Corn.

Preparation of Seed Bed—The ground should be thoroughly and deeply prepared either by plowing or listing. Fall preparation with plow or lister is always preferable to spring preparation. No better method of preparation for planting Kaffir, Milo Maize, Feterita and Broom Corn than early deep fall listing or plowing. Good results have been from running a subsoiler in the deep fall lister furrow, immediately following the lister. The loosened subsoil proves an excellent place for the storing of moisture between the time of land preparation and seeding. Following rains or snows, and as soon as the ridges are sufficiently dry to work between preparation by listing in the fall and planting time, they should be harrowed to break crusts and also to kill any weeds that may come through as the season advances. This harrowing will also be found to conserve the moisture, and is especially to be commended for "tight" lands. It is usually better to cultivate than to harrow the ridges made by the lister in sandy land and especially if there is danger of blowing. When early deep plowing or listing in the fall is impossible, shallow spring listing is preferable to shallow spring plowing. Early spring listing is better than late spring listing for Kaffir, Milo Maize, Feterita and Broom Corn. When possible, always double list. List early; work ridges, when necessary to break crusts for the conservation of moisture and keep down weeds, until planting time, and relist and plant immediately in the lister furrow.

Contouring—All lister furrows and especially those for planting should be run on the contour—directly across the slope and not up and down it. This plan tends

the field, even during or following a heavy rain. The fact that contouring may make rows necessarily crooked or winding in some fields are of minor importance when compared to the conservation of moisture and even of the soil itself, in some instances.

Seeds and Quantity to plant—Seeds of Kaffir, Milo Maize Feterita and Broom Corn should be selected in the head directly from the field and stored during the winter in some dry place secure from depredation of birds, rats or mice. Just before planting time the seed should be threshed by hand and carefully cleaned. From one to two pounds of the seeds from crop named will be sufficient to plant an acre. Most farmers plant too much seed, rather than not enough, and then fail to thin it properly. Kaffir, under South western conditions should be thinned from 24 to 30 inches in the row and Milo Maize, Feterita and Broom Corn should be thinned from 18 to 24 inches apart in the row. It pays to get the best and the pure, regardless of the fact that such seeds may be a trifle higher in price. If these crops are grown for seed, it should be remembered that they all belong to the sorghum family, and hence mix readily, and should be planted as far apart as possible to prevent this underground mixing.

Time to plant—Kaffir under Southwestern time should be planted from April 20 to June 15 for dwarf varieties, while the planting season for other strains would be somewhat shorter. Milo Maize, Feterita and Broom Corn should be planted from May 1 to June 20.

Cultivation—Crust forming in the bottom of furrows following dashing rains after planting and before seeds come up frequently prevent the plant from breaking through. A trough through which large spikes have been driven from the inside will prove an excellent instrument for the breaking the crusts. These spiked troughs may be so arranged as to drag three or four rows at once and may be used in connection with a harrow for the first two or three cultivations with good results. The lister cultivator or go-devil will do excellent work when run once or twice following the harrow, where crop is planted with the lister. Later cultivations should be exercised to prevent throwing too much dirt to the row. The row if possible should be kept lower than the surrounding ground throughout the growing season, as this causes the water to accumulate around the plants instead of between the rows. No cultivation shallower than 3 to 3½ inches is advised at any time. The crops named should be cultivated at intervals of ten days, or more often if necessary. It pays to use a one-horse cultivator between the rows after the crop is too large to straddle with a common cultivator.

Busby's Minstrels Are O. K.

Large and appreciative audiences enjoyed Busby's World's Greatest Colored Minstrel Show this week.

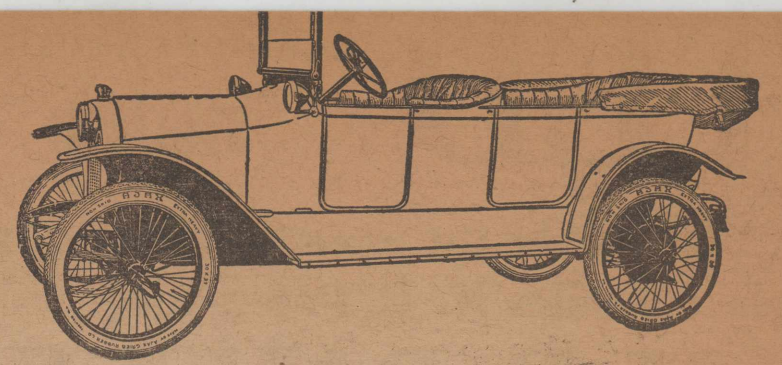
The performance is a clean one as well as being clever.

The way those darkies sang and danced and did juggling tricks drew forth such remarks from the audience as "best show for the money I ever saw in Los Angeles." "They certainly are fun makers, etc."—Los Angeles News.

Floydada Sat. Apr. 17th.

Men are Queer Ducks.

If, when most men went home to their meals they had to click up on a high stool in front of the table on which there was no cloth and eat their meals in that fashion wouldn't there be a roar? Yet a majority of men when they go to restaurants to eat will pick out the high stool and the feed board with no cloth on it in pref-



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erence to a comfortable chair and a covered table. A man will borrow a chew of tobacco and most of them will set their teeth into it where some other man has gnawed out a chew. Offer him a piece of pie at home from which his wife or children had taken a bite and he would hollow his head off.

At home he will not drink out of a glass or cup from which one of the family has been drinking. Call him into a back stall of a livery barn, pull out a bottle and he will stick the bottle half way down his throat in order to get a swig; after half a dozen other fellows have had the bottle in their mouth. A man is a queer duck—Ex.

Busby's Minstrels

Minstrelsy, a la circus style, delighted a large audience of Ogden people last evening, the event being the visit of J. M. Busby's big minstrel show under canvas. The show was given a most liberal patronage, which it

merited in every sense of the word.

Mr. Busby has assembled a big company of colored people who are bubbling over with minstrel songs and music. The show carries its own band and orchestra in addition to a large number of good singers and good dancers. The big minstrel reopert is of course the feature, but the olio is a program of specialties which are most entertaining. While many no doubt can not conceive of a stage production under canvas, they have but to witness a performance such as that given by the Busby company to appreciate not only the possibility but the high grade success which has been attained by this gentleman in his tented minstrel show—Ogden Morning Examiner. Floydada Sat. Apr. 17th.

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

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

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

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without it tiring me, and am doing all my work." If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

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quent battle with the doctor and his accomplices made very interesting reading. Their escape from the hotel, their flight, their encounter with one of the gang in the road, and Florence's blunder into the bed of quicksand, gave a succession of thrills to the readers of the Blade.

And all this while the million accumulated dust, layer by layer. Perhaps an occasional hardy roach scrambled over the packets, no doubt attracted by the peculiar odor of the ink.

CHAPTER XVII.

Setting Traps for Norton.

The Black Hundred possessed three separate council chambers, always in preparation. Hence, when the one in use was burned down they transferred their conferences to the second council chamber appointed identically the same as the first. As inferred, the organization owned considerable wealth, and they leased the buildings in which they had their council chambers. They leased them for a number of years, and refurnished them secretly with trap floors, doors and panels and that apparatus so necessary to men who are sometimes compelled to make a quick getaway.

When the Atlantic City attempt was turned into a fiasco by Norton's timely arrival Braine determined once more to rid himself of this meddling reporter. He knew too much, in the first place, and in the second place Braine wanted to learn whether the reporter bore a charmed life or was just ordinarily lucky. He would attempt nothing delicate, requiring finesse. He would simply waylay Norton and make a commonplace end of him. He would disappear, this reporter, that would be all; and when they found him he might or might not be recognizable.

So Braine called a conference and he and his fellow rogues went over a number of expedients and finally agreed that the best thing to do would be to send a man to the newspaper, ostensibly as a reporter looking for a situation. With this excuse he would be able to hang around the city room for three or four days. The idea back of this was to waylay Norton on his way to some assignment which took him to the suburbs.

All this was arranged down to the smallest detail; and a man whom they were quite certain Norton had not yet seen was selected to play the part. He had been a reporter once, more's the pity; so there was no doubt of his being able to handle his end of the game.

"I want Norton, I want him badly," declared Braine, "and woe to you if you let booze play in between you and the object of this move."

The man selected to act the reporter hung his head. Whisky had been the origin of his fall from honest living, and he was not so calloused as not to feel the sting of remorse at times.

"More," went on Braine, "I want Norton brought to 49. It's a little off the beat, and we can handle Norton as we please. When we get rid of this newspaper ferret there'll be another to eliminate. But he's a fox, and a fox must be set to trail him."

"And who is that?"

"Jones, Jones, Jones!" thundered Braine. "He's the live wire. But he reporter first. Jones depends a lot on him. Take away this prop and Jones will not be so sure of himself. There's a man outside all this circle, and all these weeks of warfare have not served to bring him into the circle."

"Hargrave is dead," said Vroom stolidly.

"As dead as I am," snarled Braine. "Two men went away in that balloon; and I'll wager my head that one man came back. I am beginning to put a few things together that I have not thought of before. Who knows? That balloon may have been carried out to sea purposely. The captain on that tramp steamer may have lied from beginning to end. I tell you, Hargrave is alive, and wherever he is he has his hand on all the wires. He has agents, too, whom we know nothing about. Hang the million! I want to put my hands on Hargrave just to prove that I am the better man. He communicates with Jones, perhaps through the reporter; he has had me followed; it was he who changed the boxes, bored the hole in the ceiling of the other quarters and learned heaven knows what."

"If that's the case," said Vroom, "why hasn't he had us apprehended?"

Braine laughed heartily. "Haven't you been able to see by this time what his game is? Revenge. He does not want the police to meddle only in the smaller affairs. He wants to put terror into the hearts of all us. Keep this point in your mind when you act. He'll never summon the police unless we make a broad daylight attempt to get possession of his daughter. And even then he would make it out a plain case of kidnaping. Elimination, that's the word. All right. We'll play at that game ourselves. No. 1 shall be Mr. Norton. And if you fail I'll break you," Braine added to the ex-reporter.

"I'll get him," said the man sullenly.

Later, when he applied for a situation on the Blade, it happened that there were two strikes on hand, and two or three extra men were needed at the city staff. The map from the Black Hundred was given a temporary job and went by the name of Gregg.

For three days he worked faithfully, abstaining from his favorite tipples. He had never worked in New York, so his record was unknown. He had told the city editor that he had worked on a Chicago paper, now defunct.



Florence Falls into a Bed of Quicksand.

He paid no attention whatsoever to Norton, a sign of no little acumen. On the other hand Norton never went forth on an assignment that Gregg did not know exactly where he was going. But all these stories kept Norton in town; and it would be altogether too risky to attempt to handle him anywhere but outside of town. So Gregg had to abide his time.

It came soon enough. Norton was idling at his desk when the city editor called him up to the wicket.

"General Henderson has just returned to America. Get his opinion on the latest Balkan rumpus. He's out at his suburban home. Here's the address."

"How long will you hold open for me?" asked Norton, meaning how long would the city editor wait for the story.

"Till one-thirty. You ought to be back by midnight. It's only eight now."

"All right; Henderson's approachable. I may get a good story out of him."

"Maybe," thought Gregg, who had lost nothing of this conversation.

It was his opportunity. He immediately left the zone of the city desk for a telephone booth. But as he passed the line of desks and busy reporters he did not note the keen



Norton Was at His Desk.

scrutiny of a smooth faced, gray haired man who stood at the side of Norton's desk awaiting the reporter's return.

"Why, Jones," cried the surprised Norton. "What are you doing all this way from home?"

"Orders," said Jones, smiling faintly as he delivered a note to the reporter.

"Anything serious?"

"Not that I am aware of. Miss Florence was rather particular. She wanted to be sure that the note reached your hands safely."

"And do you mean to say that you came away and left her alone in that house?"

Again Jones smiled. "I left her well guarded, you may be sure of that. She will never run away again." He waited for Norton to read the note.

It was nothing more than one of those love orders to come and call at once. And she had made Jones venture into town with it! The reporter smiled and put the note away tenderly. And then he caught Jones smiling, too.

"I'm going to marry her, Jones."

"That remains to be seen," replied the butler, not unkindly.

"Well, anyhow, thanks for bringing the note. But I've got to disappoint her tonight. I'm off in a deuce of a hurry to interview General Henderson. I'll be out to tea tomorrow. You can find your way out of this old fire trap. By-by!"

The moment he turned away the smile faded from Jones' face, and with the quickness and noiselessness of a cat he reached the side of the booth in which Gregg believed himself so secure from eavesdropping. The half dozen words Jones heard convinced him that Norton was again the object of the Black Hundred's attention. He had seen the man's face that memorable night when the balloon stopped

for its passenger. Before Gregg came out of the booth Jones decided to overtake him and forewarn him, but unfortunately the reporter was nowhere in sight.

There was left for Jones nothing else but to return home or follow when he came out. As this night he knew Florence to be exceptionally well guarded, both within and without the house, he decided to wait and follow the spy.

When Braine received the message he was pleased. Norton's assignment fitted his purpose like a glove. Before midnight he would have Mr. Meddling Reporter where he would bother no one for some time—if he proved tractable. If not, he would never bother any one again. Braine gave his orders tersely. Unless Norton met with unforeseen delay, nothing could prevent his capture.

When Norton arrived at the Henderson place, a footman informed him from the veranda that General Henderson was at 49 Elm street for the evening, and it would be wise to call there. Jim nodded his thanks and set off in haste for 49 Elm street. The footman did not enter the house, but hurried down the steps and slunk off among the adjacent shrubbery. His mission was over with.

The house in Elm street was Braine's suburban establishment. He went there occasionally to hibernate, as it were, to grow a new skin when close pressed. The caretaker was a man rightly called Samson. He was a bruiser of the bouncer type.

It was fast work for Braine to get out there. If the man disguised as a footman played his cards badly Braine would have all his trouble for nothing. He disguised himself with that infernal cleverness which had long since made him a terror to the police, who were looking for ten different men instead of one. He knew that Norton would understand instantly that he was not the general; but on the other hand he would not know that he was addressing Braine.

So the arch-conspirator waited; and so Norton arrived and was ushered into the room. A single glance was enough to satisfy the reporter, always keen eyed and observant.

"I wish to see General Henderson," he said politely.

"General Henderson is doubtless at his own house."

"Ah!"

"Don't be alarmed—yet," said Braine smoothly.

"I am not alarmed," replied Norton. "I am only chagrined. Since General Henderson is not to be found here I must be excused."

"I will excuse you presently."

"Ah! I begin to see."

"Indeed!" mocked Braine.

"I have tumbled or walked into a trap."

"A keen mind like yours must have recognized that fact the moment you discovered I was not the general."

"I am indebted to the Black Hundred?" coolly.

"Precisely. We do not wish you ill, Mr. Norton."

"To be sure, no!" ironically. "What with falling safes, poisoned cigarettes, and so forth, I can readily see that you have my welfare at heart. What puzzled me was the suddenness with which these affectionate signs ceased."

"You're a man of heart," said Braine with genuine admiration. "These affectionate signs, as you call them, ceased because for the time being you ceased to be a menace. You have become that once more, and here you are!"

"And what are you going to do with me now that you have got me?"

"There will be two courses," Braine reached into a drawer and drew out a thick roll of bills. "There are here something like \$5,000."

"Quite a tidy sum; enough for a chap to get married on."

The two eyed each other steadily. And in his heart Braine sighed. For he saw in this young man's eyes incorruptibility.

"It is yours on one condition," said Braine, reaching out his foot stealthily toward the button which would summon Samson.

"And that is," interpolated Norton, "that I join the Black Hundred."

"Or the great beyond, my lad," took up Braine, his voice crisp and cold.

Norton could not repress a shiver. Where had he heard this voice before?

"Murder in cold blood?" he managed to say.

"Indefinite imprisonment. Choose."

"I have chosen."

"H'm!" Braine rose and went over to the sideboard for the brandy. "I'm going to offer you a drink to show you that personally there are no hard feelings. You are in the way. After you, our friend, Jones. This brandy is not poisoned, neither are the glasses. Choose either and I'll drink first. We are all desperate men, Norton; and we stop at nothing. Your life hangs by a hair. Do you know where Hargrave is?"

Norton eyed his liquor thoughtfully. "Do you know where the money is?"

Norton smelt of the brandy.

"I am sorry," said Braine. "I should have liked to win over a head like yours."

Norton nonchalantly took out his watch, and that bit of bravado perhaps saved his life. In the case of his watch he saw a brutal face behind him. Without a tremor, Norton took up his glass.

"I am sorry to disappoint you," he said, "but I shall neither join you nor go to by-by."

Quick as a bird shadow above grass, he flung the brandy over his shoulder into the face of the man behind. Samson yelled with pain. Almost at the same instant Norton pushed over the table, upsetting Braine with it. Next

he dashed through the curtains, slammed the door, and fled to the street, very shaky about the knees, if the truth is to be told.

General Henderson's views upon the latest Balkan muddle were missing from the Blade the following morning. Norton, instead of returning to the general's and fulfilling his assignment like a dutiful reporter, hurried out to Riverside to acquaint Jones with what had happened. Jones was glad to see him safe and sound.

"That new reporter started the game," he said. "I overheard a word or two while he was talking in the booth. All your telephone booths are ramshackle affairs, you use them so constantly. I tried to find you, but you were out of sight. Now, tell me what happened."

"Sh!" warned Norton as he spied Florence coming down the stairs.

"I thought you couldn't come!" she cried. "But ten o'clock!"

"I changed my mind," he replied, laughing.

He caught her arm in his and drew her toward the library. Jones smiled after them with that enigmatical smile of his, which might have signified irony or affection. After half an hour's chat, Florence, quite aware that the two men wished to talk, retired.

At the door Norton told Jones what had taken place at 49 Elm street.

"Ah! we must not forget that number," mused Jones. "My advice is, keep an eye on this Gregg chap. We may get somewhere by watching him."

"Do you know where Hargrave is?" Jones scratched his chin reflectively.

Norton laughed. "I can't get anything out of you."

"Much less any one else. I'm growing fond of you, my boy. You're a man."

"Thanks; and good-night."

When Olga Perigoff called the next day Jones divested himself of his livery, donned a plain coat and hat, and left the house stealthily. Today he was determined to learn something definite in regard to this suave, handsome Russian. When she left the house Jones rose from his hiding place and proceeded to follow her. The result of this espionage on the part of Jones will be seen presently.

Meantime Jim went down to the office and lied cheerfully about his missing the general. Whether the city editor believed him or not is of no matter. Jim went over to his desk. From the corner of his eye he could see Gregg scribbling away. He never raised his head as Jim sat down to read his mail. After awhile Gregg rose and left the office; and, of course, Jim left shortly afterward. When the newcomer saw that he was being followed, he smiled and continued on his way. This Norton chap was suspicious. All the better; his suspicions should be made the hook to land him with. By and by the man turned into a drug store and Jim loitered about till he reappeared. Gregg walked with brisker steps now. It was his intention to lead Norton on a wild goose chase for an hour or so, long enough to give Braine time to arrange a welcome at another house.

Norton kept perhaps half a block in the rear of his map all the while. But for this caution he would have witnessed a little pantomime that would have put him wholly upon his guard. Turning a corner, Gregg all but bumped into the countess. He was quick enough to place a finger on his lips and motion his head toward a taxicab. Olga hadn't the least idea who was coming around the corner, but she hailed the cab and was off in it before Jim swung around the corner.

Jones, who had followed the countess for something over an hour and a half, hugged a doorway. What now? he wondered. The countess knew the man. That was evidence enough for the astute butler. But what meant the pantomime and the subsequent hurry? He soon learned. The man Gregg went his way, and then Jim turned the corner. Jones cast a wistful glance at the vanishing cab of the Russian, and decided to shadow the shadower—in other words, follow the reporter, to see that nothing serious befell him.

The lurker finally paused at a door opened it with a key, and swung it behind him, very careful, however, not to spring the latch. Naturally Jim was mightily pleased when he found the door could be opened. When Jones, not far behind, saw him open the door, he started to call out a warning, but thought the better of it. If Norton was walking into a trap it was far better that he, Jones, should remain outside of it. If Jim did not appear after a certain length of time, he would start an investigation on his own account.

No sooner was Jim in the hallway than he was set upon and overpowered. They had in this house what was known as "the punishment room." Here traitors paid the reckoning and were never more heard of. Into this room Jim was unceremoniously dropped when Braine found that he could get no information from the resolute reporter.

The room did not look sinister, but for all that it possessed the faculty of growing smaller and smaller, slowly or swiftly, as the man above at the lever willed. When Jim was apprised of this fact, he ran madly about in search of some mode of escape, knowing full well in his heart that he should not find one.

Presently the machinery began to work, and Norton's tongue grew dry with terror. They had him this time; there was not the least doubt of it. And they had led him there by the nose into the bargain.

Twenty minutes passed, and Jones



In the Case of His Watch He Saw a Brutal Face Behind Him.

concluded it was time for him to act. He went forward to try the door, but this time it was locked. Jones, however, was not without resource. The house next door was vacant, and he found a way into this, finally reaching the roof. From this he jumped to the other roof, found the scuttle open, and crept down the stairs, flight after flight, till the whirl of a motor arrested him.

Conspirators are often overeager, too. So intent were the rascals upon the business at hand that they did not notice the door open slowly. It did not take the butler more than a moment to realize that his friend and any was near certain death. With an oath he sprang into the room, gave Braine a push which sent him down to join the victim, and pitched into the other two. It was a battle royal while it lasted. Jones knocked down one of them, yelled to Norton, and kicked the rope he saw down into the pit. One end of this rope was attached to a ring in the wall. And up this rope Norton swarmed after he had disposed of Braine. The tide of battle then swung about in favor of the butler, and shortly the fake reporter and his



Up This Rope Norton Swarmed.

companion were made to join their chief.

Jones stopped the machinery. He could not bring himself to let his enemies die so horribly. Later he knew he would regret this sentiment.

When the people came, summoned by some outsider who had heard the racket of the conflict, there was no one to be found in the pit. Nor was there any visible sign of an exit.

There was one, however, built against such an hour and known only to the chiefs of the Black Hundred.

And still the golden tinted bank notes reposed tranquilly in their hiding place!

CHAPTER XVIII.

The Masked Ball.

About this time—that is to say, about the time the Black Hundred was stretching out its powerful secret arms toward Norton—there arrived in New York city a personage. This personage was the Princess Parlova, a fabulously rich Polish Russian. She leased a fine house near Central park and set about to conquer social New York. This was not very difficult, for her title was perfectly genuine and she moved in the most exclusive diplomatic circles in Europe, which, as everybody knows, is the most brilliant in the world. When the new home was completely decorated, she gave an elaborate dinner, and that attracted the newspapers. They began to talk about her highness, printed portraits of her, and devoted a page occasionally in the Sunday editions. She became something of a rage. One morning it was announced that the Princess Parlova would give a masked ball to formally open her home to society; and it was this notice that first brought the Princess Parlova under Braine's eyes. He was at the Perigoff apartment at the time.

"Well, well!" he mused aloud.

"What is it?" asked Olga, turning

away from the piano and ending one of Chopin's mazurkas brokeably.

"Here is the Princess Parlova in town."

"And who is she?"

"She is the real thing, Olga; a real princess with vast estates in Poland with which the greedy Slav next door has been very gentle."

"I haven't paid much attention to the social news lately. What about her?"

"She is giving a masked ball to formally open her house on the West side. And it's going to cost a pretty penny."

"Well, you're not telling me this to make me want to know the princess," said Olga, petulantly.

"No. But I'm going to give you a letter of introduction to her highness."

"Oh!"

"And you are going to ask her to invite two particular friends of yours to this wonderful ball of hers."

"Indeed," ironically. "That sounds very easy."

"Easier than you think, my child."

"I will not have you call me child!"

"Well, then, Olga."

"That's better. Now, how will it be easier than I think?"

"Simply this, the Princess Parlova is an oath bound member, but has not been active for years."

"Oh!" Olga was all animation now.

"Go on!"

"You will go to her with a letter of introduction—no! Better than that, you will make a formal call and show her this ring. You know the ring," he said, passing the talisman to the countess. "Show this to her and she will obey you in everything. She will have no alternative."

"Very good," replied Olga. "And then the program is to insist that she invite Florence and that fool of a reporter to this ball. Then what?"

"You can leave that to me."

"Haven't all these failures been a warning?"

"No, my dear. I was born optimistic; but there's a jinx somewhere in one of my pockets. Time after time I've had everything just where I wanted it, and then—poof! It's pure bald luck on their side, but sooner or later the wheel will turn. And any chance that offers I am bound to accept. Somehow or other we may be able to trap Florence and Norton. I want both of them. If I can get them snugly away, Jones will be forced to draw in Hargrave."

"Is there such a man?"

"You saw him that night at the restaurant."

"I have often thought that perhaps I just dreamed it." She turned again to the piano and began humming idly.

"Stop that and listen to me," said Braine, not in quite the best of tempers. "I'm in no mood for whims."

"Music does not soothe your soul, then?" cynically.

"If I had one it might. You will call on the Princess Parlova tomorrow afternoon. It depends upon you what my plans will be. I think you'll have little trouble in getting into the presence of her highness, and once there she will not be able to resist you."

"I'll go."

And go she did. The footman in green livery hesitated for a moment, but the title on the visiting card was quite sufficient. He bowed the countess into the reception room and went in search of his distinguished mistress.

The Princess Parlova was a handsome woman verging upon middle age. She was a patrician; Olga's keen eye discerned that instantly. She came into the reception room with that dignified serenity which would have impressed any one as genuine. She held the card in her fingers and smiled inquiringly toward her guest.

"I confess," she began, "that I recall neither your face nor your name. I am sorry. Where have I had the honor of meeting you before?"

"You have never met me before, your highness," answered Olga sweetly.

"You came on a charity errand, then?"

"That depends, your highness. Will you be so good as to glance at this?" Olga asked, holding out her palm upon which the talisman lay.

The princess shrank back, paling.

"Where did you get that?" she panted.

"From the head," was the answer.

"And you have followed me from Russia?" whispered the princess, her terror growing.

"Oh, no. The Black Hundred is as strongly organized here as in St. Petersburg. But we always keep track of old members, especially when they stand so high in the world as yourself."

"But I was deceived and betrayed!" exclaimed the princess. "They urged me to join on the ground that the organization was to attempt to bring about the freedom of Poland."

Olga shrugged. "You were rich, highness. The Black Hundred needed money."

"And you need it now?" eagerly, believing that she saw a loophole.

"How much? Oh, I will give a hundred thousand rubles on your promise to leave me alone. Tell me!"

"I am sorry, your highness, but I have no authority to accept such an offer. Indeed, my errand is far from being expensive. All the Black Hundred desires is four invitations to this ball which you are soon to give. That should not cause you any alarm. We shall not interfere with your sojourn in America in any way whatsoever, provided these invitations are issued."

"You would rob my guests?" horrified.

"Positively no! Here is a list of four names. Invite them; that is all

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Wednesday 5th.

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 Meter. For Night

Thursday 6th.

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Friday 7th

Muncy For Night.
 Sandhill 9:00 a. m. 11:00 a. m.
 Allmon 1:00 p. m. 3:00 p. m.
 McCoy For Night

The above is the circuit planned for Mr. Cousins & Marquis, who are going to make a survey of the Rural Schools of Floyd Co. Their purpose is to learn the needs of the schools in order that they may be the better prepared to serve them. Their mission is not one of criticism but one to help and be helped. The above named districts are earnestly requested to aid in making their visit a very profit-

able one. All are urged to be present at the meeting and hear the speeches of these distinguished Gentlemen.

Respt., E. P. Thompson,
 Ex Officio Supt.

Entertained a Number of Friends

Mrs. J. A. Lowery entertained at her home in east Floydada Wednesday of last week in honor of her husband's birthday. Mr. Lowery was 43 years old.

At the noon hour the guests were invited to the dining room where an excellent dinner was served. The table fairly groaned under its weight of good things to eat and the guests did ample justice to the spread.

After dinner the guests assembled in the east room where they enjoyed visiting and crocheting.

Those present to partake of the hospitalities were; Mrs. Clarence Booth and family; Mrs. George Tye and family; Mrs. M. L. Fawver and Mrs. J. A. Altman

The friends wish for Mr. Lowery many more birthdays.

A Guest.

Chinaman Explains the War

We are indebted to L' Echo de

Chine the Shanghai journal which represents French interests in the far East for this very lucid account of the cause of the war. It is the work of a young Chinaman with a limited knowledge of English.

"Now there is a great battle in Europe. This began because the Prince of Austria went to Serbia with his wife. One man of Serbia killed them. Austria was angry and so fight Serbia. Germany writes a letter to Austria, I will help you Russia write a letter to Serbia, I will help you. France did not want to fight, but they got ready their soldiers. Germany write a letter to France You dont get ready or I will fight you in nine hours. Germany to fight them pass Belgium. Belgium say I am a country, I am not a road, and Belgium write a letter to England about Germany to them. So England help Belgium.—Glasgow (Scotland) Herald.

Dallas County Families have Moved Here

O. J. and J. D. Huggins and families, of Carrollton, Dallas County, have moved to their new home in Floyd County, southeast of town three and one half miles. The Messrs. Huggins bought the E. Shepbell section in December. They are said to be excellent families and good farmers and we are glad to welcome them to this country.

To Enforce Ordinance

Relative to Hog Pens.

There is an ordinance on the Minutes of the city of Floydada relative to the keeping of hogs within the limits. This ordinance sets out that not more than four hogs may be kept in a pen within the limits and that there shall be allowed in each pen as much as 576 square feet of space for each hog so kept.

This is an ordinance which the city council desire to enforce, and notice being given owners in order that they may prepare, with out inconveniencing themselves to comply with its requirements before the summer season opens.

This will prove at first some what of an inconvenience to some but the sanitary conditions of the town, it is thought, will be greatly bettered if the provisions of the ordinance are strictly carried out.

CURE FOR NERVOUS PEOPLE

Physicians Have Found Work to Be as Effective as Rest, if Not More So.

Some physicians are finding that work is quite as effective a cure for nervous disorders as rest ever was—if not more so. How one doctor is proving this is told in the Survey. He is Dr. Herbert J. Hall of Marblehead, Mass.

Doctor Hall discovered that the patient must feel "the call of the job" if a cure is to be effected. So in 1895 he established a workshop in Marblehead wherein "patients, supervised and taught by experts, are now making articles that are salable and are getting wages for their products. Weaving, cement work, dyeing and pottery have been the most successful trades. Jewelry and metal work have proved too trying for untrained and unhappy patients to carry through and sell profitably. But in the other occupations about seven thousand dollars' worth of merchandise has been made and sold each year, although the workshop has never contained more than thirty-eight workers at a time, many of whom worked only a few hours a day.

Commenting on this Dr. Richard C. Cabot says: "When Doctor Hall joined his squad of neurasthenics to the ranks of the industrial army he added his contribution not only to therapeutics, but to sociology. He attacked the problem of the sub-standard worker—handicapped in the race of industry, but not necessarily excluded from that inspiring company. He attacked a problem which faces all who deal with the consumptive, the alcoholic, the chronic insane and in fact all chronic invalids, no matter what their disease. Rich or poor, they all need work, for without it they degenerate mentally and morally."

DESERTS NO LONGER KNOWN

How Modern Man Has Successfully Removed Nature's Obstacles to Progress.

Nature has set up four kinds of barriers to man's conquest of the earth—mountains, forests, deserts, rivers, an exchange remarks. The first he cannot remove, so he bores holes through them for railways. The second he has, most unwisely, largely cleared away altogether. The third he is beginning to treat like the forests. The fourth he is shifting to suit his purposes and to regulate their flow at will.

Man flies now over all boundaries. He cuts through isthmuses to remove the barriers between the seas.

Into the deserts man sends railroads, telegraph lines, irrigation engineers. The "Great American Desert" marked upon the atlases of our fathers has ceased to exist. The vast "desert" of northwestern Canada has become a boundless prairie of waving wheat. The Landes of Gascony are now much more than half covered with pine trees. In 1902, 22,000 square miles of the Algerian desert had been made fruitful by artesian wells. The "Australian desert" is rapidly being irrigated and turned into grazing land. Almost 70,000 square miles of "desert" in India has been reclaimed. Sir William Willcocks is now engaged in reclaiming 19,000 square miles of

the delta of the Tigris and Euphrates and more than 4,000 square miles of the Gezireh plain between the Blue and White Nile are being transformed into cotton plantations.

Thus is man, by obliterating natural barriers, improving upon nature.

Wanted a Hook Cigar.

He was a seedy-looking fellow, although he looked as if he had the virtues of thrift and industry. He had just finished paying his tax bill and was standing in the corridor outside of the tax department. His curious manner in looking around induced a clerk to inquire whether he could be of service. The seedy-looking individual hesitated, but apparently gathering up courage confided that he heard and read in the newspapers considerable concerning City Collector Hook and his distribution of cigars.

"I have been anxious to see one of those cigars for a long time," said the taxpayer confidently. "I want one for a souvenir."

The clerk obligingly walked into the collector's office, but he was out.

"I'll come back in a day or two," said the seedy gentleman as he heard for the door. "That cigar will be worth a whole lot to me."—Baltimore American.

Carbon From Gas.

Engineers have long been trying to discover an economical way of producing carbon from natural gas. Under the methods now in use there is such an enormous waste of gas that the process is too expensive. Harry Beacom of Wilsonburg, Harrison County, W. Va., has been studying this matter scientifically and experimentally for many years, and now he announces that he has found a method whereby he produces a black without any ash and far superior to that made under the older processes, and whereby the waste of gas is almost entirely eliminated.

Population of India.

The population of British India is given as 231,085,132. The figures are for some ten years ago, and it would not be far out of the way to put the present population at 235,000,000. One of the Indian princes recently declared that if called upon India could furnish an army of between seven and ten millions of men.

Save the First Molar.

There are many medical men who do not recognize the importance of the first permanent molar. Further than that, I believe many dentists are so unmindful of the importance of that tooth as to advise extraction. We need to educate not only parents but members of the profession that it is as important to preserve these teeth as it is to have a clean mouth.—Dr. W. A. Home of Rochester before the Dental Society of the State of New York.

Aged Man Hangs Self at

Plainview Thursday

Last Thursday W. S. Waddill of Plainview told friends about town that he was tired of living and that night hanged him self from the window of the barn at the home of his son-in-law, H. S.

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