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"Facilitate"

Webster says that to Facilitate is to make easy or less difficult; to assist.

To Facilitate the business happiness and prosperity of this city and community is the constant aim and purpose of this bank.

We all have financial problems and difficulties occasionally; when those times come we want to help you—to Facilitate, as far as we can and be consistent. A good bank balance will save you form financial embarrassment time and again. Try it.

Farmers National Bank



OF CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

"A Bank of Personal Service"

KILLS INDIAN AND RESCUES BRIDE—TO—BE

Parson Robertson was one of the pioneer preachers of West Texas who rode his circuit horse-back and carried the Bible in his saddle bag. He could preach a sermon or show a sermon as anyone. The Review will publish a story in its Magazine Section Feb. 1st. of how Parson Robertson helped to kill an Indian and rescue a bride-to-be, which the Indians had captured. This is another good and true story among the many good stories which appear monthly in our Magazine Section. No fiction, just clean, wholesome reading for every member of the family. Come in and renew before your subscription expires or you may miss some of this good reading.

M. D. Cochran, who located between here and Coleman the first of the year, was in town Monday buying farm implements. Mr. Cochran is a prosperous and well to do farmer. It is to be hoped that he will make Cross Plains his headquarters.

Yes, it PAYS to advertise.

OPERATIONS CONTINUE HERE NEW WELLS GOING DOWN

The Canyon Oil & Gas Co have started skidding rig from their McDonough No 5, to location 150 feet west, in Cross Cut field, and will drill gas well.

Stone & Co and L. B. Slick have just finished a bad fishing job on their Chess Barr No 1, and are straight reaming at 1625.

The Pennant Oil & Gas Co are plugging their Strickland No 1, failing to find sufficient pay at 3100. East of town on their west Bryson tract they are rigging up for well No 2. On their Albin No. 7, the casing was dropped 500 feet causing a bad fishing job which they have been working on.

C. O. Moore is running 10 inch casing at 1200 feet on his Acker No. 4.

No report from other wells this week. Other new developments expected to start in the near future.

Harry Dibrell who lives near Burkett, was here Monday after lumber with which to build a modern residence on his place.

C. OF C BANQUET BIG SUCCESS; MANY VISITORS

The Chamber of Commerce banquet Tuesday night was a striking success. Approximately 150 members and visitors were in attendance.

Mayor F. M. Gwin acted as toast master, and after all had gathered about the tables which were spread with an abundance of the most appetizing eats that man could desire, Rev. Richbourg gave the invocation prayer—and all proceeded to make merry.

And then came the speakers, each giving the hearers something worth while to think about—and laugh about, too, as short spicy stories were indulged in which brought forth much laughter. A large number of out of town visitors were present. Brownwood was represented by Tom Taylor and Wright Armstrong; Cisco, R. Q. Lee, G. O. Richardson, W. P. Campbell and other prominent men; Judge Gilbert was here from Baird with others. While Rising Star was represented by Messers Robinson and Brown.

The following speakers were called on by the toast master, who responded. Tom Taylor, Brownwood; R. Q. Lee, Cisco; Judge Gilbert, Baird; Mr. Robinson, Rising Star; Wright Armstrong, Brownwood; O. V. Goldrick, Tulsa, Okla.; P. W. Campbell, Cisco; Rev. Collins, city; Mr. Richardson, Cisco, and Rev. Brabham, V. V. Hart, and A. C. Dodson, city.

Mr. Dodson closed, as president of the Chamber of Commerce, with an appeal for greater cooperation of the citizens in the development of the city building, progressiveness, accomplishments of a live Chamber of Commerce and urged that the citizenship support and co-operate with this organization.

But that was not all the program—not by a jug full. The band was there and rendered several splendid selections, all of which was appreciated by everyone. The band was highly complimented by several of the out of town speakers, including Wright Armstrong of Brownwood, leader of the famous Gray Mare Band. At the close, the band boys were given a vote of thanks. The Ladies who did the banqueting were also given a vote of thanks for having prepared and served such a splendid spread.

The toast master announced that the next banquet will be on Feb 21st. These banquets will be monthly affairs. At ten o'clock all went home after spending a most enjoyable evening.

Announcement

To the Voters of Callahan County: In making my announcement for reelection to the office of County Treasurer, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the people who so loyally supported me in my campaign of 1922, and to solicit your vote and influence for a second term. If reelected I shall endeavor to discharge my duties diligently and efficiently.

Again I thank you for the many favors shown me in the past and I assure you that these favors have brought many blessings to my family and myself, for which I shall ever be mindful and grateful to the people of Callahan County.

Yours very truly,
Mrs. Roy Jackson

Messers Joe and G. M. McWilliams and Jim Edgeworth of Atwell were here Monday. While coming in, their car collided with an out going car and did considerable damage to Mr. McWilliams' car he states. Slight injuries were sustained by the occupants, but nothing serious, it was stated.

For Shabby Floors

Below you will find the correct paint, varnish, enamel or stain to use on your floors. These recommendations are taken from the "Household Guide," prepared by the Sherwin-Williams Company as a dependable help in all finishing work. See the complete "Guide" at this store.

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HOUSEHOLD GUIDE

	TO PAINT	TO VARNISH	TO STAIN	TO ENAMEL
FLOORS, Interior (wood)	Use product named below S-W Interior Floor Paint anti-rust and streaking	Use product named below Mar-Nat Varnish water resistant, oilproof	Use product named below Floorstain a varnish and stain combined	Use product named below S-W Enamel Floor Paint the enamel that sticks S-W Concrete Floor Enamel high gloss, durable
Concrete	S-W Concrete Floor Enamel water resistant, oilproof			
Porch	S-W Porch and Deck Paint			

"Happy Homes for Happy People"

This will be our 1924 slogan.



Joe H. Shackelford's Lumber, Paint & Hardware Store

BIG CROWD HERE ON MONDAY, TRADES DAY

People were here, Monday from all directions to attend Trades Day. There were lots of livestock here for sale or trade, and the interest was lively.

The business houses had a good business which goes to prove that folks wore their trading clothes. There were a large number of sales and exchanges reported with the livestock.

W. C. Corley

W. C. Corley, age 40, of Pioneer died last Friday night, leaving wife and three children with other relatives, and friends, to mourn his departure. Death was caused by measles. He was buried at Cook's school house cemetery, Sunday. Ralph Odum undertaker for Higginbotham Bros. & Co. prepared the body for burial.

Mr. Hugh Davanay of Coleman county, has announced for County Superintendent of that county. His announcement appeared in the papers last week. He is well and favorably known here, as former postmaster. He also taught school here.

Announcement

To the People of Callahan County: I am asking for a second term as County Tax Collector, and promise if elected, to give you my best service. I wish, at the same time, to express my thanks to the citizens of this county for the favors already shown me, and I hope to have your support in the next primary and election.

Sincerely yours,
W. C. (Glyde) White

Business Changes Hands

H. A. Buckbeck has purchased the City Tailor Shop from Louis Helms. The consideration involved in the transfer was not stated.

Send in News

The editor would be glad to have friends and readers of the Review send in local news items. Please sign your name to all articles for publication, so that we may know that it is authentic news. Your name will not be published unless you wish it, but we must have some authority for publishing news items sent to us through the mails.

SPECIAL SERVICE AT METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHT

Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Methodist church, family night will be observed. It is planned to have the families to sit together and sing the old familiar hymns. More especially are the fathers and mothers urged to be present. We have been having some fine crowds; but we are planning to make this the best one yet. Special music will be featured in all our services. A service that is filled with life from the word of God.

The pastor Tom W. Brabham will deliver a special message from the theme "The Threatened Reign of Immorality" He will deal with some of the vital problems that confront our town and community of today. If you are interested in a cleaner and better town don't fail to be on hand Sunday night. Services starts promptly at 7:30. Everybody welcome.

Come in and let us explain the Sherwin-Williams Household Guide on painting; we will give you a copy of it and it will furnish you with the desired information on any paint problem. Joe H. Shackelford Lumber, Paint & Hardware Store.

BANDMASTER MACQUAIDE ATTENDS PLAINVIEW CONVENTION

The Cross Plains band is sending Bandmaster, MacQuaide to the State Bandmasters Association, at Plainview this week, which convenes the 25th and running two days. Mr. MacQuaide is a live wire and is preparing to go to Brownwood this summer with the band and take off one of the prizes in the band contest.

W. J. Keith, new market man at Boydstuns, went to Brownwood Sunday after his wife. They will make their home here.

Christian Church

Brother E. A. Landrith of Rising Star, will preach at 11 o'clock Sunday, Jan. 27th, and Saturday night before, at the Christian church here.

F. M. Gwin, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, went to Austin Monday to meet with the State Highway Department officials, to discuss with them the most logical routes for state Highway designations traversing this section.

Results from this meeting will be announced in few days it is thought.



When in these days of painful and mysterious maladies it pays on to avoid colds, coughs and any run down condition. Proper exercise and out-door life will help, but—

as an aid to nature, when you are not feeling just right, come to us for tonics, cold cures or for what you may need in our line. Special attention given each subscription.

Pure Drugs Here

The City Drug Store

When in Need

When a man is physically ill he calls his family Doctor. When in need of legal advice, or if trouble threatens, he calls his Lawyer. For spiritual advise he probably turns to his Pastor. On matters of Finance he needs his Banker.

Our banking facilities and service are at your command and we invite you to call on us and take advantage of these complete facilities.

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The First Guaranty State Bank
CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

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LIVER REGULATOR
for BLOOD-LIVER-KIDNEYS
The BIG 25¢ CAN

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Alleviates irritation, soothes and heals throat and lung inflammation. The constant irritation of a cough keeps the delicate mucous membrane of the throat and lungs in a congested condition, which BOSCHIEE'S SYRUP gently and quickly heals. For this reason it has been a favorite household remedy for colds, coughs, bronchitis and especially for lung troubles in millions of homes all over the world for the last fifty-seven years, enabling the patient to obtain a good night's rest, free from coughing with easy expectation in the morning. You can buy BOSCHIEE'S SYRUP wherever medicines are sold.

THE BEST WAY TO GET YOUR IRON

PHYSICIANS have prescribed Gude's Pepto-Mangan for 30 years because of its supply of iron. They found that it was readily absorbed, did not irritate the stomach and quickly toned and strengthened the system. At your druggist's, in both liquid and tablets. Free Trial Tablets. To see for yourself the health-building value of Gude's Pepto-Mangan, write today for generous Trial Package of Tablets. Send no money—just name and address to M. J. Breitenbach Co., 42 Warren St., N. Y.

Gude's Pepto-Mangan
Tonic and Blood Enricher

Had Enough

On the first night of a new play a man in the front row of the stalls got up toward the end of the second act and began to put on his overcoat. This was too much for the actor-manager, who stalked down to the center of the footlights and addressed the delinquent.

"Excuse me, sir," he observed, "but perhaps you are not aware that there is another act?"

"Yes," retorted the stranger, cheerfully. "That's why I'm going!"

To Have a Clear, Sweet Skin
Touch pimples, redness, roughness or itching, if any, with Cuticura Ointment, then bathe with Cuticura Soap and hot water. Rinse, dry gently and dust on a little Cuticura Talcum to leave a fascinating fragrance on skin. Everywhere 25c each.—Advertisement.

Papa's Version

"Papa, what is a bachelor?"
"An enviable being, my son, but don't tell it to mamma."

The hardest thing in the world is to get possession of a fact.

Mrs. Eva Tidmarsh



Health Brings Beauty

Girls, Read This!

Pueblo, Colo.—"When my daughter, now Mrs. Eva Tidmarsh, was sixteen she suffered terribly at times as many girls do, and did not feel real good at any time. She had pimples all over her body. A friend told me to get her a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, as her daughter had taken it and had derived wonderful relief from it. My daughter took three bottles and now she is perfectly well—never has a headache or backache. We both never forget to recommend Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription."—Mrs. Lula Davis, 103 E. Evans Ave.

Your health is most important to you. It's easily improved.

Obtain Dr. Pierce's Prescription now, in liquid or tablets, from your druggist or send 10c for trial pkg. of tablets to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel in Buffalo, N. Y., or write for free medical advice.



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Canada's Hall of Fame



Sculptors at Work in New Parliament Building at Ottawa

By JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN

THE Dominion of Canada is to have a Canadian Hall of Fame in the palatial new Federal Parliament buildings at Ottawa. The builders have just made way for the sculptors in this national pantheon. There is an impressive marble vestibule, 30 feet wide, leading from the main entrance at the base of the 300-foot memorial tower and running across the entire building to the library at the rear, which adorns the "Lovers Walk," with the Outlines mountains in the distance, and the Ottawa—to which Arthur S. Bournot thus sings:

Great river, flowing broad and free,
Around our city's rock-hemmed base,
O, road, that marches to the sea,
In powerful, rhythmic, pulsing pace,
I hear your voice majestically
Above the strife of creed and place
Chanting a nation's minstrelsy,
O, lyric singer, of our race.

Bold voyageurs have braved thy stream,
Le Caron, Champlain, Verendrye,
Discoverers driven by the dream,
A pathway to Pacific's sky;
Immortally your paddles gleam.
In unison you singest cry
Old chansons and the waters seem
Faint echoes when your voices die.

It is planned that perpetual light shall here shine down on the faithful departed servants of the state and benefactors of mankind while memory lasts. The corner stone was laid by the prince of Wales in 1919. It is flanked on either side by the house of commons and the senate chamber. The high window at the end of the court is called "In Flanders Fields" and shows the sons of the Dominion going into action at St. Julian, where gas was first used by the Germans. A special chamber in the memorial tower will contain the names of the 65,000 who lie in Flanders and of the entire Expeditionary Forces from Canada.

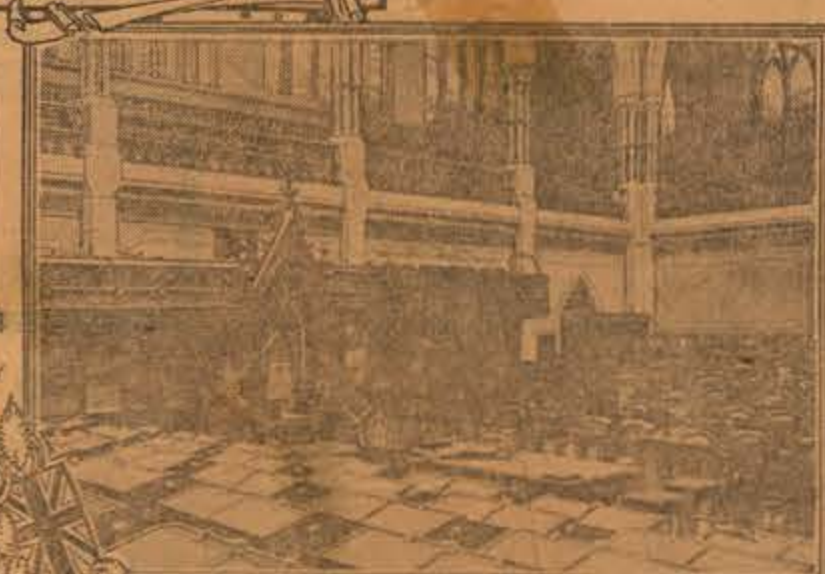
The old Canadian house of commons and senate, opened at Confederation, in 1867, was destroyed by fire mysteriously in February, 1918. It was charged that emissaries of the central powers had sprayed the corridors and floors of the reading room with an inflammable oil. The ministers, speaker and the members had to rush from the building to escape cremation. Had the galleries been crowded, as usual, instead of almost empty, there would have been a great tragedy that would have been added to the long list.

Canadians are proud of the fact that the material for the great new structure on Parliament hill was found exclusively within the boundaries of the Dominion. The only foreign materials are strips of teakwood from India, ebony from Africa and small quantities of Tennessee marble and Ohio stone for blending of colors.

The Canadian Hall of Fame will be open to industrial leaders and inven-

No Time for Ceremony

Sam Lung was busy in one of the great warehouses south of Market street, says the San Francisco Argonaut, when a large motor truck loaded high with burlap came backing slowly through the door. Another Chinaman, who was helping Sam to move a ponderous bale, spotted the truck and, stepping aside, began in the quaint sing-song of their people to inform Sam of the danger:



ors, as well as statesmen and national heroes. Men of wide culture, unerring judgment and high ideal will be chosen to act as a commission to decide who shall and who shall not be among the first to be honored here. Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King is much interested and during his presence at the recent imperial conference in London made a special study of Westminster Abbey. Undoubtedly his ideals are high for here are some fine lines by his friend, Wilfred Campbell, now dead, about the discoverers and explorers of the New World by which he sets great store:

They feared no unknown, saw no horizon dark,
Counted no danger; dreamed all seas their road
To possible futures; struck no craven sail
For sloth or indolent cowardice; steered their keels
O'er wastes of heaving ocean, leagues of brine;
White Hope firm kept the tiller, Faith, in dreams,
Saw coasts of gleaming continent looming large
Beyond the ultimate of the sea's far rim.

Even a man of the United States can give a good guess as to some of the names which will be approved by the commission. Such a tentative list includes Sir Wilfred Laurier, who is in addition to have a great memorial on Parliament hill, Sir John Macdonald, Edward Blake, Sir William Osler, Darcy McGee, John R. Booth and William MacDongall.

It is interesting to know what will be the decision as to several sons of the Dominion who rose to fame on this side of the border. There is, for example, James J. Hill, a son of Wellington county in Ontario, who built and owned more miles of railroad than any Canadian who stayed at home.

And there is Franklin K. Lane—millions of nature-lovers on this side of the line would applaud this selection. He was born in Prince Edward Island and it was for that reason that many of his admirers on this side were wont to salute him a "Mr.

"If you do not care to have your bones rest in the unholy ground of the white devils for a long spell, then in time taken up and removed to the land of your ancestors, you had better—"

Just then as the truck was about to bump Sam his companion finished his warning with the excited exclamation, "Look on!"

Sam jumped just in time to escape being crushed. With a frightened face he turned to his helper. "What for you to talk like Mexican first time?" he

shouted. "Too much Chinese talker!" —Youth's Companion.

President's impossibility." Mr. Law became secretary of the interior in the first Wilson cabinet. He was the first secretary with the vision to recognize the importance of the national park movement, the first to see in the national parks a natural resource of the first rank and a vast economic asset. It was he who formulated a national park policy and it was with his co-operation that the army of nature lovers induced congress to establish the national park service, create new national parks and pass needed legislation.

And the story of the Right Honorable Baron Thomas George Staughton, recently deceased, is interesting. It is inconceivable that he should be left out. Yet he was born in Milwaukee, the son of a policeman—the peer who made Milwaukee famous, as the old joke has it.

Canada's Hall of Fame should be of much interest to the people of the United States. For presumably it will contain "counter-felt presentiments" of many personages who in a large sense are Americans rather than "Canucks" or "Yanks." These Americans are personages of the early days when there was no United States and no Canada, when France was striving to

build up a New World empire along the St. Lawrence and the Mississippi and England was working inland from the Atlantic seaboard, when it was New France against New England—and devil take the hindmost!

Le Caron, named in Bournot's verse, one cannot place. Verendrye National monument in North Dakota is the United States memorial to the explorer who may have been the first white man to see a trans-Mississippi valley. But there are larger figures.

Samuel Champlain for an explorer of the St. Lawrence valley, what he is in the Mississippi valley. He was the first European with Joliet, to travel the Fox and Wisconsin rivers and the Mississippi to the Arkansas. He was the first to ascend the Illinois and make the "Chicago Portage" to Lake Michigan. He taught the Illinois Indians at Peoria. He lived one winter on the site of Chicago. He died in Michigan and was buried there.

LaSalle, a great man with the vision of an empire builder, is another personage of the early days whose fame is based on his activities this side of the Canadian line. In 1682 he explored the Mississippi to its mouth, claimed all of the vast Mississippi basin for Louis XIV and named it Louisiana. The United States in 1803 bought from Napoleon the part of this Louisiana lying between the Mississippi and the Rockies.

Champlain is a third historical personage of the first rank in whom the people of the United States are greatly interested. But his case is more complicated. As every well-read man knows, the French and British struggle for supremacy in the New World lasted from 1689 to the capture of Quebec in 1760.

Now, it was Champlain who unwittingly was in so small part responsible for bringing about the final triumph of the British over the French. The French occupation of Canada began with Champlain, who entered the St. Lawrence in 1603. In 1606 he explored to the south of the present international line, discovered the lake that bears his name and used firearms on a band of Indians from the Mohawk valley in central New York. Thereupon the powerful Iroquois Confederacy swore eternal enmity to the French, carried the tomahawk and scalping knife to the French and their Indian allies along the St. Lawrence, blocked French advance southward and for 150 years was in effect a buffer state in the rear of the growing English colonies of the seaboard. The Iroquois Confederacy was so powerful in the Seventeenth century that it collected tribute from tribes as far east as Massachusetts and as far west as Illinois. Historians are agreed that its geographical location and pro-English activities made the Iroquois Confederacy an important factor in the final outcome of the French-English struggle for supremacy.

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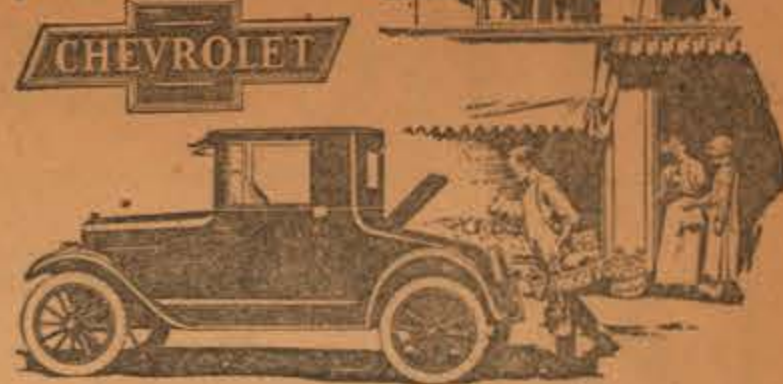
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Chevrolet prices are not the lowest on the market, yet Chevrolet economical transportation averages lowest in cost. This average cost considers the purchase price, interest on investment, depreciation and all operating and maintenance costs.

A detailed comparison with any other car in the low priced field will convince you that Chevrolet is the best buy because of its superior quality and because the purchase price includes full equipment.

More than a million Chevrolets are now in use. Twelve huge plants are now building them at the rate of twenty-five hundred per working day. Nearly one-half million Chevrolets were bought in 1923—far exceeding in number the sales of any other quality car.

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Let any one of our seven thousand dealers show you our seven types of cars and explain how easy it is to get one and enjoy its use.

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SUPERIOR Roadster	1490
SUPERIOR Touring	495
SUPERIOR Utility Coupe	640
SUPERIOR Sedan	795
SUPERIOR Commercial Chassis	395
SUPERIOR Light Delivery	495
Utility Express Truck Chassis	550

Chevrolet Motor Company

Division of General Motors Corporation
Detroit, Michigan

Natives Tattooed Bodies to Protect Themselves

Tradition tells us that the Gionchi, the alleged ancestors of the Annamites, were fishermen and were constantly in danger from marine animals and sea monsters.

To prevent disaster from the genii of the waters the king of Annam directed his subjects to tattoo their bodies with images of sea monsters—afterward with dragons, crocodiles and other reptiles.

Belgian women tattoo themselves with images of animals and stars to keep the evil spirits away. In Persia women were formerly tattooed, believing that would insure happiness and ward off the opposite sex. Tattooing was forbidden the Jews at Biblical times.—Detroit News.

Synthetic Sugar Made by Australian Scientist

An Australian scientist announces that in his laboratory he has been able to produce a synthetic sugar which differs in no way from the product of the cane. Experts, according to the report, have been unable to distinguish between the artificial product and the genuine grown variety.

The actual process of manufacture is at present a carefully guarded secret. The principal difficulty to be overcome was the imitating, in the laboratory and by chemical means, the condensation of carbon dioxide which is effected by sunlight during the growth of the cane in the field. Careful experimentation has solved the problem, and the invention of the process, reproducing perfectly the actual conditions of growth.

It is the business of a business man to see to it that his employees attend to his business.

What We Forget Between 15 and 50

Schools teach, and nearly every home applies the rule against coffee and tea for children.

When middle age comes, a great many people remember the facts about the caffeine drug of coffee and tea, and how its regular use may disturb health. Often they have cause to remember what it has done to them.

How much better it would be not to forget—and avoid the penalties!

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Why not be friendly with health, all the time?

Postum for Health

"There's a Reason"

Your grocer sells Postum in two forms: Instant Postum (in tins) prepared instantly in the cup by the addition of boiling water. Postum Cereal (in packages) for those who prefer the flavor brought out by boiling fully 20 minutes. The cost of either form is about one-half cent a cup.



AN OPEN LETTER TO WOMEN

Tells of Mrs. Vogel's Terrible Suffering and How She Was Restored to Health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound



Detroit, Michigan. — "My troubles were severe pains in my back and terrible bearing-down pains in my right side, also headaches and sleepless nights. I first began having trouble when I was 15, and they have increased as I grew older. A little booklet was left at my door, and I read what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for women and decided to try it. After the first week I could go to sleep every night and I stopped having that nervous feeling and got a better appetite. The doctor had always said that an operation was the only thing that would help me, but I never had any faith in an operation. Since the Vegetable Compound has started helping me I do not suffer the severe pains, feel stronger, and am able to do my own work. I am more than glad to tell my friends that it helps where other medicines have failed." — Mrs. Gus Vogel, 6608 Pelouze Street, Detroit, Michigan.

A record of fifty years service must convince women of the merit of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Suspicious

"Allison's business must be back on a paying basis."
"No, I heard him saying the other day that he had not been able to get it worked up to normalcy."
"Then why is it that my tailor has been saying such nice things about him lately?"

"CASCARETS" FOR LIVER AND BOWELS—10c A BOX

Cures Biliousness, Constipation, Sick Headache, Indigestion, Drug stores. Adv.

A Reference

Prospective Mistress—Can you refer me to anyone for whom you have worked before?
Bridget—Well, mum, I cooked for herself a couple of days last winter.—Boston Transcript.

Best Way to Relieve Pain

Aspirin—The best combination and the most speedy is an Allcock's Plaster—the original and genuine.—Adv.

Youth and Age

Youth never to bear a new tune twice to know it by heart. Elderly folks have to hear it 20 times to merely identify it by its name.

"O Happy Day" sang the laundress as she hung the snowy wash on the line. It was a "happy day" because she used Red Cross Ball Blue.—Advertisement.

Rainous

Flora—Don't you find the hot sun bad for the complexion?
Fanna—It's awful. It melts the rouge and leaves the face all streaky.

Acid stomach, heartburn and gases are corrected with the use of Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills. 372 Pearl St., N. Y. Adv.

It is more important to know a secret of Nature than to make it perform a trick.

Sure Relief FOR INDIGESTION

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FOR INDIGESTION
25 CENTS
6 BELLANS Hot Water Sure Relief
BELLANS
25c AND 75c PACKAGES EVERYWHERE.

CLEAROUT COMPLEXION
Removes all blemishes, pimples, etc. Have a clear, white, healthy complexion. Clearout Complexion. Dr. J. C. BERRY CO., 2275 A Mich. Ave. Chicago, Ill.

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in 24 hours
CASCARA QUININE
Standard cold remedy world over. Demand for bearing Mr. Hill's portrait and signature. At All Druggists—30 Cents.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic
Old Standard Remedy for Chills and Malaria. 60c

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A. H. BARNARD, President, Dallas, Texas
"The School With a Reputation"
The Metropolitan has made good for thirty-five years—its standard has in Texas as well as throughout the United States. Commercial School. Write for full information.

Condensed Austin News

The State Treasurer issued a call to pay 750 State warrants aggregating \$104,637, the high number being 799, which was issued the last of September.

Although Acting Gov. T. W. Davidson has not granted many pardons, the executive office is filled with persons waiting to see him to intercede for someone in the penitentiary.

Dallas County has remitted \$416,000 to the State Treasury, the largest tax payment check of the season. Part of it is for the general fund, part for the school fund and part for the pension fund.

T. H. Shelby, director of the bureau of extension of the University of Texas, was appointed by Gov. Pat M. Neff and represented Texas at the national library conference held in Washington, D. C.

Patrick Maguire, almost 94 years of age, died at his home in Austin recently. He was an early resident. A surviving daughter is Miss Mary Maguire, secretary to the bond assistant in the Attorney General's Department.

W. L. Peterson resigned as Deputy Banking Commissioner to become active vice president of the State National Bank of Denison, an old-established institution, the change to occur between Jan. 20 and Feb. 1.

Leo M. Farrot of Baton Rouge, La., with the General Educational Board has been named by Dr. George A. Works, director of the Texas educational survey, to head the investigation work in the negro schools of Texas and their problems.

Judge H. E. Ball of Gatesville, Coryell County, has been elected chief oil and gas supervisor of the Railroad Commission "by a majority of the commission." It is announced by Chairman Gilmore, to succeed R. B. Walthall appointed a member of the Board of Control.

Three additional Texas insurance companies have obtained licenses for the current year from the Commissioner of Insurance, being the Fort Worth Life, the American Life Insurance of Dallas and the Inevitable Insurers of Dallas. The Southwestern Life of Dallas was No. 1.

Married women in Texas are still submerged in the identity of their husbands when it comes to making contracts or being sued, the Supreme Court has held. The court reversed a judgment for \$5,754 against Mrs. Roy A. Taylor of Wichita County on the ground that her husband was not joined in the suit.

W. V. Howerton, secretary of the Texas Senate, says he will accept the position of collector of the ballots in the Peody-Mayfield election contest, and that he may go to Washington later to aid in the count. The official notice of his selection for this territory has not come to him, though he has been unofficially advised of his designation.

R. E. King of Shelby County has been appointed chief clerk of the State Comptroller's Department to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. T. Gaston, elected chief of the division of budgets and appropriations on the State Board of Control. Mr. King has held a position in the Comptroller's division since the beginning of Comptroller Lon A. Smith's first term, three years ago. More recently he has been secretary to the Comptroller.

At its regular monthly meeting the State Board of Education directed State Superintendent of Public Instruction Marrs to notify the State Prison Commission that the sum of \$85,000 is due the schools from the State Railroad, \$48,000 of it being matured bonds and \$45,000 nine years' interest. Some time ago Mr. Marrs directed the board's attention to this debt and asked that it be paid. The amount now is expected to be paid.

The net deficiency in the general revenue fund of the State has gone over \$5,000,000, the peak point in the present condition. The actual deficiency on the books is \$4,502,979, to which must be added the \$500,000 of the first quarterly payment of the \$2,000,000 appropriation to supplement the available school fund. This last now is in course of being drawn and the warrant will come in the regular order, as outlined in an opinion by the Attorney General.

Copies have been received at the Capital of the News and Observer of Raleigh, S. C., wherein its editor, Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy in the Wilson Cabinet, devotes three and one-half columns to extolling Gov. Neff of Texas as a presidential desirability and quotes from several of the Governor's speeches and legislative messages to show the caliber of the Texas executive. Mr. Daniels describes him as "handsome, eloquent, virile and strong."

JUSTICE SOUGHT FOR ARMY MEN

WAR DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO ASK PROPER RANK ON RETIRED LIST FOR THEM.

By EDWARD B. CLARK
Washington.—It is the known intention of the War Department to recommend to the chairman of the military affairs committee of the two houses of congress that two bills be prepared which shall correct certain injustices of the war-time period and give proper rank on the retired list of the army to certain general officers who exercised commands, or who did work, the assignment to which should have carried promotion with it.

It is believed that it was the intention of the War Department to do this thing a long time ago, but seemingly it felt that nothing that had an army complexion to it would be given consideration by congress or sanction by the people. "Everybody is sick of the army, navy and war," seemed to be the feeling.

Recently a more kindly attitude toward the men who risked their lives to save their country has been manifest throughout the land. Today some of the organizations which have been attacking the services seemingly have come into a state of mind which enables them to look on men who are willing to make the sacrifice of their lives with something a little bit removed from scorn. It is literally true that a year and a half ago in Washington the attitude of some persons toward the armed services made it appear that they considered the uniform of their country a disgrace.

Some of Those to Be Promoted.

If the military committee of the house and senate shall agree to the suggestion of the War Department, it is believed that the list of those who will receive promotion on the retired list will contain these names: Maj. Gen. Hunter A. Liggett, Maj. Gen. Robert L. Bullard, Maj. Gen. Joseph T. Dickman, Maj. Gen. Enoch H. Crowder, Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, and Col. Lloyd M. Brett and Wilds P. Richardson.

Undoubtedly there will be some others, but these are the names of soldiers who, it is known, deserve promotion and will get it if the War Department can succeed in getting congress to do its duty in the case. Liggett, Bullard and Dickman successively commanded corps and armies in France. The command of a corps ought to carry with it the rank of lieutenant general. Such temporary rank was given to Liggett and Bullard, but it never was given to Dickman and no army man or civilian who knew the circumstances in the case ever understood why he was denied promotion, for his fighting work was just as strenuous as that of one of the others named and more strenuous than that of yet another.

These three soldiers, as has been said, not only commanded corps in France, but later armies. An army command is supposed to carry with it the rank of general. Dickman, as a major general, commanded a corps at St. Mihiel and another in the Argonne which fought its way through to Sedan, and later he commanded the first army of occupation in Germany.

Cases of Crowder and Wood.

Major General Crowder, who is now Uncle Sam's ambassador to Cuba, was the man who put the draft through without friction, a work which has been commended not only by this government but by every other civilized government on earth. Crowder, prior to this time, has been recommended for a lieutenant general's rank. He, like the others who have been named, is now on the retired list. Everybody knows how the War Department treated Gen. Leonard Wood during the war. He trained two of the best divisions that Uncle Sam sent overseas, and he suffered the indignity and the injustice of being ordered back from the ship, on which he was to set sail with his division, to train another division in this country.

Col. Wilds P. Richardson, who was a brigadier general in France, and who did fighting and administrative work of the highest order at Archangel, Russia, to which post he had been ordered at a time when things were definitely dangerous with the American forces in that section, was retired as a colonel. He has the Distinguished Service Medal and received all kinds of praise for what he had done as a brigadier general, and yet the rank on the retired list was denied him.

Col. Lloyd M. Brett was a fighting brigadier general in France. His record was one of the finest to go on the books of American achievement on the other side. He went back to the rank of colonel and colonel he is today. Everybody who knew Brett's record was astounded at the action in his case.

Tax Bill May Be Delayed.

Indications are that the country must wait until well into February before it learns with anything like definiteness how much its tax bill is to be cut in the future.
It does not seem at all likely that congress will be able even to formulate amendments to the revenue act for some time to come. Many members, many minds. Of course the fight will come as between the two schools, one of which believes that the cutting of surtaxes is a crime and the other of which believes that such a cutting will release money for industrial pur-

poses and will benefit the people much more than they would benefit through the receipt by the Treasury department of surtaxes as at present imposed.

Nobody in congress is opposed to the cutting of the income tax percentages which are being paid by wage and salary earners, who as for single men, make more than \$1,000 a year, and as for married men make more than \$2,000 a year. Everybody in congress desires or pretends to desire that the man of comparatively small income shall be relieved of a part of his burdens. There are certain elements in congress, however, which insist, as they put it, that wealth shall continue to be taxed at a high rate.

It is an old story, of course, but it may be said that the members of congress who think that surtaxes should be cut are insistent in statement of belief that much money which otherwise would be put into taxes is now invested in tax-exempt securities. This money, they say, if no longer taxed would be put into industries, give employment to men and help to reduce the cost of living.

Senate Debate May Be Long.

It is certain now that some tax reduction plan will be put through congress, but it may be the summer's heat will be stilling the city of Washington before the senate gets through with discussion of the matter. It is understood that all but about ten of the Republicans in the senate are satisfied with the Mellon tax reduction plan as proposed, that is, satisfied to put it through as it stands, even if they do not entirely agree with the political wisdom of attempting to legislate on taxes at this time.

The few Republicans in the senate who will fight the Mellon plan, if it shall come over from the house of representatives in the form proposed by the secretary of the treasury, are opponents of reduction of surtaxes. Ten senators can keep a debate running for months if they are so inclined. So long as any man wants to talk on the subject, the senate cannot come to a vote. So it is that compromises may be forced in the senate in order to secure a vote at all, compromises which may change the whole face of the legislation.

Naturally the Republican majority desires to put tax reduction through as a measure approved by all of the Republicans, but it is becoming evident that this cannot be done. The Democratic party is just as anxious to support and pay reduction as is the Republican party. The chances are that when the bill is put to a vote in the senate the majority of the Democrats will vote "Aye."

The Treasury department has many expert accountants in its service. They unquestionably were put to work to supply the material for the outlining of the Mellon plan. Congress is doing a lot of figuring on its own account, but whether it is expert figuring or not is a matter later to be determined.

Senate May Kill Bonus Bill.

While the fate of the bonus bill is undecided the members of congress who are figuring must take account of how much the bonus payments will amount to if the bill shall become a law, and how much tax reduction can be made and yet allow for the payments to the ex-soldiers.

Opinion on the fate of the bonus bill still is on the shifting sands. As has been said in Washington letters many times, the former service men have been certain that their cause had votes enough in the senate to negative the presidential veto of the measure. The leaders of the senate are on record as concurring in this belief of the ex-soldier men. Another change has come over the face of the situation, however, and now it is declared that the senate will sustain the President's veto, a veto which it generally is assumed is certain.

During the holiday season, of course, the majority of the members of congress have been absent from the capitol, a good many of them having gone to their distant homes, but a certain number were compelled to remain here in order to work out the legislative program for the immediate future. It may be that congress will do nothing, but preparation for a do-nothing congress is just about as hard work as preparing for a do-something congress. Proposals for legislation must be given working attention, even if every measure seems to be doomed to failure.

Boy Scouts and the Church.

That the church is the frequent recipient of scout good turns is shown in the scores of reports which reach the National Boy Scout council. Among such good turns are: Conducting the aged, blind and crippled to and from services, leveling off the church ground, caring for the lawns and building, sewing up the carpets, mending hymn books, planting trees and shrubbery, distributing church papers, putting up church notices, recruiting Sunday school pupils, helping as neighbors and at bazaars and socials, and making city-wide religious surveys.

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 under the following program
 28th, 3 p. m. at the home of
 Baker,
 Plan: "Fling out the Banner"
 Business
 Announcements of committees
 Minutes
 Devotional
 Hymn: Hark the voice of Jesus
 calling

able Lesson: "The Task Christ
 Himself and us, Mrs. Chandler
 28th, 7:30 p. m. 9-6-7

Disc 6-8
 Prayer, Mrs. Baker
 Missionary Topics
 Five Minute Talks

Signs of the new day in Brazil,
 Mrs. Hester
 Our Mission Fields in Foreign
 Countries, Mrs. Gehrett
 Roll Call, Mrs. Wilkinson
 Prayer

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Political Announcements

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 stated, subject to the action of the
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 held Saturday, July 26th, 1924.

For County Judge
 Victor B. Gilbert, reelection

For County Clerk
 Rob P. Cochran
 Grady G. Respass, reelection

For Tax Assessor:
 Wm. J. Evans, reelection

For Tax Collector:
 W C White, reelection

For Treasurer:
 Mrs. Roy Jackson, reelection

For Sheriff
 G. H. Corn
 C. E. Bray, reelection

Public Weigher Precinct 6
 J. W. Payne, reelection

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 Robert Gordon & Elinor Fair
 in
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Friday 1st.
 Jack Hoxie, in
"Cupid's Brand"

Saturday 2nd.
"Women Men Marry"
 All Star Cast

Monday, 4th.
 Hoot Gibson, in
"Hook and Ladder"

Tuesday 5th
 Gladys Walton, in
"The Near Lady"

Wednesday 6th
"The Fighting Strain"
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Thursday 7th.
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Children's Union Suits.....	59c	25 per cent off on cost of all Shoes	
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Gold Band Plates, " "	1.39	Ladies Silk Hose, \$3 val.....	2.19
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Sunday School Lesson

By REV. F. B. FITZWATER, D.D., Dean of the Evening School, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

LESSON FOR JANUARY 27

ISRAEL SAVED AT THE RED SEA

LESSON TEXT—Exod. 14:21-28. GOLDEN TEXT—The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation.—Exod. 15:2.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Israel Saved at the Red Sea. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—God's Guidance From Egypt to Sinai.

The tenth stroke from the strong hand of the Almighty, the tenth turn of the screw of Guignepotence, brought Pharaoh to time and made him willing to let Israel go. The Israelites went out on their way to the promised land with a high hand. Through the land of the Philistines the journey would have been comparatively short, but God commanded them to turn from that way, lest, going through the land of the Philistines, they would be discouraged at the sight of war and desire to turn back to Egypt. The way of the wilderness was a long route, but it had many valuable lessons for them. By this they escaped the experience of war, but learned the crookedness and perverseness of their own hearts (Deut. 10:16).

The Lord went before them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. He not only thus indicated unto them the right path, but walked with them in it. At the Lord's direction they turned from their first course and were made to face something difficult. The Red sea was before them and mountains on either side. The stricken Egyptians had recovered from their sorrow and now saw the Israelites in a situation from which they could not extricate themselves. They interpreted this to mean that Moses was unable to lead them out of their difficulty. Therefore, they went in pursuit, hoping yet to prevent them from going out of the country.

I. The Miraculous Escape of the Israelites (Exod. 14:21, 22).

They were in a straitened condition, but had no reason to fear, for the Lord had led them there. There seems to have been a twofold object in leading them into this particular place: to strengthen the faith of the people and to lay a snare for the overthrow of the Egyptians. The people, as usual, displayed their unbelief, even cursing Moses for leading them out of Egypt. Moses replied to their murmurings by saying: "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord." Standing still in such a trial is faith taking hold on God's promises. God said to Moses: "Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." Having had His definite promise, to have prayed longer would have been unbelief. The lifting up of the rod simply served as something tangible upon which their faith could rest. They were to go forward a step at a time, without raising any question as to the outcome, for from the same source from which came the command came the power to obey. The presence of the Lord was adapted to their needs as they went forward. The form of the Divine presence and help is determined by His people's needs. The cloud then passed to the rear and held the enemy at bay. The presence of God had a double effect: darkness and confusion to the enemy and light and guidance to His people. As they went forward the very thing which seemed their destruction became a wall of protection on either side.

II. The Overthrow of the Egyptians (Exod. 14:23-31).

Having seen the Israelites go across dryshod, Pharaoh and his people madly pursued them. They insensibly thought that they, in their unbelief, could follow in the wake of God's children. The Lord looked forth from the cloud and wrought confusion among the Egyptians. He not only looked upon them, but took off their chariot wheels, causing them to realize that God was fighting against them. He then directed Moses to stretch forth his rod and bring destruction upon the Egyptians.

III. The Song of Triumph (Exod. 15:1-21).

Standing on the other shore of the Red sea, they could fittingly sing the song of triumph because of the magnificent deliverance and overwhelming defeat. They attributed all to God. All self was left out. In a glad coming day a similar but larger congregation will sing the same song with an addition, namely, of the Lamb (Rev. 15:3).

Giants in the Way.

It is when we are in the way of duty that we find giants. It was when Israel was going forward that the giants appeared. When they turned back into the wilderness they found none.—Physician Record.

Joy is Strength.

Love finds delight where duty only found distress, and as the soul is always fed by noble pleasure, the joy of the Lord becomes our strength.—J. H. Jewett.

"There's the Rub."

Men will wrangle for religion, write for it, fight for it, die for it, anything but live for it.—Cotton.

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The Great Defeated

Returning from Washington, the lame duck wandered around town for several days. Meeting him in front of the post office, an old friend slapped him on the back and said: "Well, I did my share, John; I voted for you."

The lame duck thanked him feebly and responded: "I'm at a loss to understand how I failed of election."

"Why so?" "I can't find anybody who didn't vote for me."

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After his mother had told him about Jonah and the whale, Tommy asked: "Mummy, do you think Jonah said his prayers when he was inside the whale?"

"Oh, yes, dear." "What an awful bulge he must have made in the whale's back when he knelt up!"

COLDS

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Tormenting

Lots—"So you nearly drowned in the surf? I suppose you were terribly frightened?" Louise—"Heavens, yes! All the life guards I'd ever fitted with flushed before my eyes."—New York Sun.

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Explained

"Pa, what's a 'political dark horse'?" "Frequently, my son, it's a candidate who is willing to pony up."

"DANDELION BUTTER COLOR"

A harmless vegetable butter color used by millions for 50 years. Drug stores and general stores sell bottles of "Dandelion" for 55 cents.—Adv.

The average man cannot tell a wot-an anything, because she would rather talk than listen.

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Judge Davis Shows His Hand.

Winton's proposal of marriage had been in nowise an act inspired by the sense of having placed the girl in a false position. He loved Sheila. When he was away from her he realized the folly of his precipitancy; he knew nothing of her, and his sense of prudence reproached him. But in her presence he felt that without her existence would be hardly endurable.

He loved her, present or absent; only, absent, the conventions of his upbringing fenced in his mood and bade him wait. He resolved to wait, and he was confident that he could win her.

As soon as work began on the Big Malopo he meant to give her father the position of compound manager and to establish them near him. Meantime he moved from the Continental to another hotel of the same type, on the opposite side of the market square, where he slept and took his breakfast and supper. The rest of the day he spent on the claim.

On the day following the meeting in the chamber of commerce Judge Davis formally acknowledged Winton's claim. Winton's first act was to discharge De Witt and to appoint himself purser. He was thus in complete control of the Big Malopo.

Looking through the cost book in Judge Davis' office, he found that of the twenty shares not held by himself, Davis owned eight, and Hanson, the editor of the Chronicle, five. De Witt, who was simply the syndicate's dummy, had one share only. The remaining six were distributed among four local men, one of whom held three and the others a single share apiece.

Banking upon their ownership of the claim, the syndicate had obligingly relieved the purser of a large amount of trouble. They had been incredibly active since the discovery of the big diamond. Machinery had been ordered, the local brick field was turning out bricks for them, and a dozen transport wagons were already on their way from Taungs, loaded with timber. Agents were at work in the native territories securing gangs of laborers.

Winton appointed Ned Burns general overseer under him. The old man was very grateful for the position, which would better than any he had held in his life, and he was of the greatest aid to Winton in posting him as to the details of the work. He cautioned him against Judge Davis' friendliness as much as De Witt's enmity. Neither man would forego his hopes of obtaining the claim on behalf of the syndicate, he said.

Native labor was the chief problem, the pick of the tribesmen being drawn off to the Kimberley fields and the Johannesburg gold mines. However, the syndicate had agents scouring Bechuanaland, and the contracts held good. The compound was being constructed rapidly, not on the claim itself, which was too small and much too valuable, but on about three acres of land which had been acquired just beyond the diamond-bearing tract.

Here the natives would be housed. On either side were the compounds of the larger claims, flanking the diamond clay as far as the eye could see, an endless line of brick cottages and native stores, fenced in with barbed wire, a desolation of refuse, tin cans, dust, and sand.

Just outside the compound Winton was having a cottage for the compound manager constructed, entailing no great labor in a country where plastered interiors and heating are unnecessary and almost unknown. He pictured Daddy Seaton there—and Sheila. But Winton did not let his mind dwell on these dreams overmuch, for he was of a practical nature, and the work in hand engrossed him. Every moment of his day was occupied.

He was building a small brick structure for himself also. It was near the shack in which Burns lived, and was to serve for living quarters and for an office. The diamond, which had been restored by the police, with many apologies for the misunderstanding—though Winton knew the police had

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been quite aware of his identity and privy to De Witt's scheme—now rested in a safe inside.

This might have appeared rash to the uninitiated, but, while there was a good deal of buying of stones conveyed illicitly out of the compounds, there had never been the theft of a recorded stone, except for the pseudo-theft from the bank. Public opinion rendered such an act almost impossible. Diamonds were the one commodity that were safe from robbers in Malopo.

The machinery arrived as soon as the building was finished. Then followed a week of the hardest kind of work, at the end of which Winton had a clear idea of the process of diamond mining. All operations at Malopo were of a crude and primitive kind, even his own, since the grounds had not yet proved themselves sufficiently to justify the introduction of expensive apparatus.

In substance, the clay was simply dug up and sent to the surface in buckets, hoisted by whips, or vertical winches, consisting each of a drum rotating on a shaft, on which the hoisting rope wound. The material was then carried in large barrows to the distributing grounds where, after some disintegration had been effected by exposure to sun and air, it was crushed and fed into the washing troughs, in which the stones and heavy minerals were separated from the lighter deposits by revolving toothed arms. The refuse was then picked over by the natives in the compounds.

Winton entered into a contract with a local concern that controlled the water supply by means of shafts sunk into the river bed two or three miles outside the town. This was the most important feature of the working of the claim. Without water he would be unable to begin operations or to continue them.

At last, stopping to take breath, Winton found that nothing was needed for the beginning of the mining work except the arrival of the natives. Three gangs were expected, and might arrive any day.

He turned his thoughts again to Seaton. A compound manager was, of course, necessary for the overseeing of the workers, and he resolved to offer old Seaton the position which he had recently reserved for him. Seaton was known as a man eminently qualified for the position, but owing to his habits none would employ him.

It was nearly three weeks since Winton had seen Sheila. He did not know for certain that the girl and her father were still in Malopo. He was thinking of inquiring for the old man when he was surprised by a visit from him at an early hour in the morning.

Daddy Seaton was wearing a new suit, he was perfectly sober, and looked almost respectable.

"Mr. Garrett, I don't suppose you'll know who I am," he began; "but everybody in Malopo knows me, and they'll tell you that there ain't a better workman than Stanford Seaton when he leaves liquor alone. That's been my bone—but, then, I've had a heap of trouble, sir."

"Looking for a job?" asked Winton.

"And employers fight shy of me because of my weakness," continued Seaton frankly, determined to put his story in his own way. "But I can say there isn't a man in Malopo understands the natives better. I heard you wanted a compound manager, and if you'll give me a chance you won't regret it. I shall never touch drink again. I've had enough of it, sir."

"I'll try you, Seaton," answered Winton. "Report for work tomorrow morning; and you can move into that cottage as soon as you like."

It was on the tip of his tongue to add "and your daughter." But Winton cautiously refrained. When he set about a thing he had all the method and prudence of his father, who had been a financial power in New York before a combine broke him. Winton was resolved either to win Sheila or to probe the situation and discover the secret of the girl's fascination over him.

His heart cried out for her, but his head warned him of his unwisdom. And Winton, like most men, was swayed by both; only with him they were in unusual equipoise.

He unlocked the cottage door and left Seaton inspecting the inside, returning to work in his office. About an hour later, seeing the cottage door wide open and supposing that Seaton had left the key in the lock, he went over to close the place. He looked inside and saw the old man lying upon the floor hopelessly drunk, an empty bottle of trade gin beside him.

Seaton had certainly not had the bottle about him when he arrived. There was only one place where he could have got it, and that was on the adjoining claim.

The syndicate offers to cooperate with Winton—or smash him.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

There are hundreds of ways for a fire to start that are not incendiary.

"I LOVE YOU"

SYNOPSIS.—Vinton Garrett, twenty-five and just out of college, calls for a certificate on Aaron Garrett, his New York cousin and executor, to receive his inheritance of \$100,000. A white, honest, easy mark and a fool for job, assures Winton that he is practically a millionaire, as he has invested all but \$10,000 in rubber plantations in either the East or West Indies and in a controlling interest in the Big Malopo diamond mine, the Big Malopo or other in South Africa, sold him as a special favor by Dutch promoter named De Witt. Winton, en route to his mine finds the town of Taungs wilder excited over a big strike at Malopo, including the 35-carat "De Witt diamond." Two coach passengers are a respectable old prospector, Daddy Seaton, and his daughter Sheila. On the journey a passenger who turns out to be De Witt himself, insists Sheila, Winton's father's De Witt and knocks him out. Sheila tells him to turn back. She says that her father is a broken English army officer, who has killed a man, and is therefore in the White's secret, that De Witt is all-powerful, being backed by Judge Davis, president of the diamond syndicate, and also the resident magistrate and judge of the native territories. Winton finds Malopo in a turmoil, both over the strike and the theft of the De Witt diamond.

He discloses his identity. The father, Sheila, is visiting in a restaurant. She declines his friendship. De Witt's men seize the De Witt diamond in his pocket. He flees from arrest. Sheila takes him into her home, binds his wounds and sees him from his pursuers. He convinces her that he is president of the Big Malopo company. The next morning he breaks into the company meeting and declares himself.

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A tall old man, looking much like Judge Davis, stepped forward. He was Van Beer, the head of an association of independent claimholders, and at the sight of him the noisy crowd became silent.

"I don't know what this is about, Mr. De Witt, but I take issue with you on the point you raise," he said. "You know that the great of the diamond companies rests on the belief that Colony law is valid here. If you are basing any action upon a negative of this belief, it will send diamond shares shooting down to—Well, Judge Davis, you know how low they'll fall if you take away the security of Colony law from Malopo. Is there any other basis of credit, here, judge?"

"Gentlemen," cried Judge Davis in a tremulous voice, "what is all this quarrel about? Whether or not Colony law runs here has yet to be passed on by the Colony courts. We care nothing for that. We act according to our lights, believing in justice and fraternity."

"Then why don't you allow Mr. Garrett's vote?" shouted Ned Burns.

"If this gentleman is Mr. Garrett, let him produce proofs of his identity," quavered the judge.

Winton took his certificate and letter of introduction from his pocket, and handed them to the judge, who donned a pair of spectacles and examined them, finally handing them back to Winton. He approached De Witt and murmured something in a low voice.

"Speak up, judge!" shouted a man in the crowd.

"I think the meeting had better be adjourned pending a private conference," said Davis.

"I adjourn this meeting!" yelled De Witt furiously, and began to make his way through the crowd, which broke into ironical applause.

Ned turned to Winton.

"You see, Mr. Garrett," he said, "and you've got the best diamond claim this side of Kimberley."

Winton gripped the old man's hands, and his voice broke as he tried to thank him.

"That's all right, my boy," he answered, "it was along about midnight when I got the message that you'd be in danger this morning at the meeting. So I opened the book, and, sure enough, there it was written down in black and white about Eglon, King of Moab, being stabbed in his summer house. So I saw you were Eglon, and this was the summer house, and you can bet I didn't sleep too much last night from worrying over it."

The crowd, which had increased until it filled the room and the greater part of the passage, showed in unmistakable ways where its sympathies lay. It surrounded Winton, patting him on the back and throwing out promiscuous invitations to drink. De Witt went up to Winton.

"This has been a very unfortunate misunderstanding, Mr. Garrett," he quavered. "I wish to tender you my fraternal regrets for the mistake due to the unceremonious manner of your appearance in the board room. I trust you will not feel any prejudice against the Diamond Fields Syndicate on account of it. We aim at the harmonious development of all local interests, for the common good. It is my ambition, and the ambition of our fellow citizens



Winton appointed Ned Burns general overseer under him.



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Macon Freeman received a letter this week from Sam Carson, who is now at Dallas, stating he was doing nicely and improving some.

Mrs. W. J. McGowen of Baird is visiting her son, W. A. McGowen and family.

Uncle Jim Coffman is spending the week with relatives in Cisco.

Mrs. Sam DeBusk of Burkett was shopping here this week.

Tom Ray Wilson, who is in school at Coleman, spent Sunday here with homefolks.

M. C. B. Gregory and children of DeLeon spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wilson.

Tom Bryant left this week for a business trip to Tulsa, Okla.

Mrs. John Ellis of Cisco, was visiting relatives here Saturday.

Mrs. Brightwell and Miss Gilliland, were here Monday from near the Bayou, doing some trading.

Obituary

January 18th, there died three miles east of Cross Plains, Mr. W. A. Corley. The deceased was 40, was married to Miss Laura Thomas 17 years ago, last October.

To this union were born 8 children 5 of whom are deceased. Funeral Sunday, by B. G. Richbourg.

Mr. Corley professed saving faith in Christ, united with the Baptist church 17 years ago. He left a widow and three children to mourn his death, and live in happy hope of seeing him again to part never more forever.

Time comes to all finally when not anything but death pays the debt. Mr. Corley was known by many friends as being a plain, honest hard working man, and good provider for the family all his own.

The man who directed Mr. Corley's work for several years remarked to the writer that he had never heard one profane word uttered by our departed brother.

Hard would it be to leave a more beautiful record of plain honesty, simple simplicity and face God more hopefully. God bless the dear wife and children, and may the bright light of heaven shine away their every darkness.

The body beautifully undertaken and so nicely incased now lies 15 miles northeast in Union cemetery, undisturbed beneath a bed of flowers for unobserved visitors, the changing seasons, the triumph of the gospel thru the churches - and then the coming of Christ for judgment, the glad reunion of the redeemed, and the lost eternally forgotten by all heaven.

The family expresses thanks to all who helped, sympathized, realized and hope.

B. G. Richbourg.

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