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### OK-IN PRODUCING AND REFINING COMPANY TO PUT IN FILLING STATION

J. C. Simmons, district manager of the Ok-In Producing and Refining Company of Fort Worth, was in Slaton this week on business connected with his company. Mr. Simmons stated that his company would locate a filling station in Slaton just as soon as they are in operation and a site can be secured. Your attention is directed to their announcement elsewhere in The Slatonite.

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Ok-In Producing and Refining Company of Fort Worth is rapidly following out plans toward the construction of their 1500-barrel capacity refinery.

The company announced a week ago that the contract for grading and filling the refinery site had been allowed and that the arrangements had been completed for the side tracks to be laid by the Cotton Belt railway.

Actual work has now started in full swing and men and teams are working steadily to complete sufficient to allow the Cotton Belt to begin the immediate construction of the necessary trackage. Materials will then be forwarded with the least possible delay for the construction of the first units of the refinery.

The refinery site of the Ok-In Producing and Refining Company is located in the refining zone north of Fort Worth, Texas, adjacent to the Magnolia and Pierce-Fordyce Companies. The site of 36 acres which the company owns in fee, was chosen by competent engineers, who analyzed the refining possibilities thoroughly.

Ok-In's property is between two railways, the T. P. and Cotton Belt,

within the free switching zone, and has direct rail connections with the fourteen trunk lines centering in Ft. Worth.

About one-half mile from the tract the nine principal pipe lines carrying oil from the Texas and Oklahoma oil fields intersect. This assures the Ok-In Company a sufficient supply of crude oil at all times.

In addition to the refining possibilities the Ok-In Company has acquired 4,200 acres of valuable oil leases in the State of Texas, and owns royalty interests in six different tracts.

For further information see W. L. FARMER, Slaton, Texas.

### RAGGED ORPHAN HEROINE OF ROMANTIC DRAMA

Mae Murray brings all her vivacity and charm to the Movie Theatre next Wednesday night, March 31, in "The A. B. C. of Love," a picture that has been styled a "dramatic romance."

In "The A. B. C. of Love" Miss Murray portrays the role of an orphan as innocent and ignorant as she is beautiful. A playwright marries her and finds her adorable in her rustic country setting, but when he takes her to the city and compares her with the worldly Diana, the star of his plays, the little maid suffers by comparison.

The story blends comedy and pathos and also touches highly dramatic spots. The cast is a splendid one with H. E. Herbert playing the husband who is more human than heroic; Dorothy Green most alluring as the actress and Arthur Donaldson a reliable friend in need.

Wind Shield Glasses ground to fit your Ford, and the prices are right.—BIG STATE GARAGE.

## Electric Light Plant Assured for Slaton

Slaton will have a thoroughly modern electric light plant despite the "I-told-you-so" of doubting Thomases.

Several weeks ago Louie Fuller of Austin was here and entered into an agreement with the city government whereby he was to receive a franchise for an electric light system in Slaton provided he met certain requirements. They are being met.

J. A. Elliott has arrived in Slaton from Houston and will have charge of the construction work on this plant and manage its business after completion. Mr. Elliott states that they now have large shipments of poles and wire in transit, some of which should have already been delivered; that the engine, generator and other machinery for the plant have been bought and are ready to ship as soon as a building can be erected in which to house them.

A site has been secured near the Santa Fe tracks and as soon as materials arrive, Mr. Elliott states that he has a force of workmen in readiness to begin work on the building and wiring the town.

The plant is to be in operation by June 1 this year, and will be unless shipments of materials are unnecessarily delayed.

## Movie Theatre

### PROGRAM.

Monday, Mar. 29, "The Girl Women," by Gladys Leslie.

Tuesday, Mar. 30, "Man in the Moonlight."

Wednesday, Mar. 31, "A. B. C. OF LOVE," by Mae Murray.

Thursday, April 1, "WHEN DO WE EAT?" by Enid Bennett.

Friday, April 2, "The Great Radium Mystery" and "Hands Up."

Saturday, April 3, "COUNTRY COUSINS," by Hammerstein.

Show starts 7:15 every night except Friday and Saturday, 6:45 p. m. Two shows.

Wednesday, the 31st, two shows, beginning at 6:45. Prices 20c and 35c.

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In the announcement column of The Slatonite will be found the name of Judge W. R. Spencer of Lubbock, who is asking for re-election as District Judge. In speaking of the candidacy of Judge Spencer, the Lubbock Avalanche has the following to say:

"It is not necessary for us to dwell upon the qualifications of Judge Spencer for this office, for his record is before the voters of this district, and he is perfectly willing for same to be thoroughly investigated at any time. The judge has ruled in many important cases during the years he has sat upon the bench in this district, and his decisions have very seldom been reversed.

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### J. W. BAKER ANNOUNCES FOR RE-ELECTION CITY MARSHAL

In the regular announcement column of The Slatonite will be found the name of J. W. Baker for city marshal in the coming election April 6th.

Mr. Baker has held this important one year, being elected by a good majority over several strong opponents. He has made a very capable officer, always being on the job and looking after his duties in a way that inspires the confidence of the law-abiding citizens of Slaton.

Mr. Baker also handles the tax assessing and collecting for the city, and takes care of this work in a manner that is satisfactory to both the taxpayer and city government.

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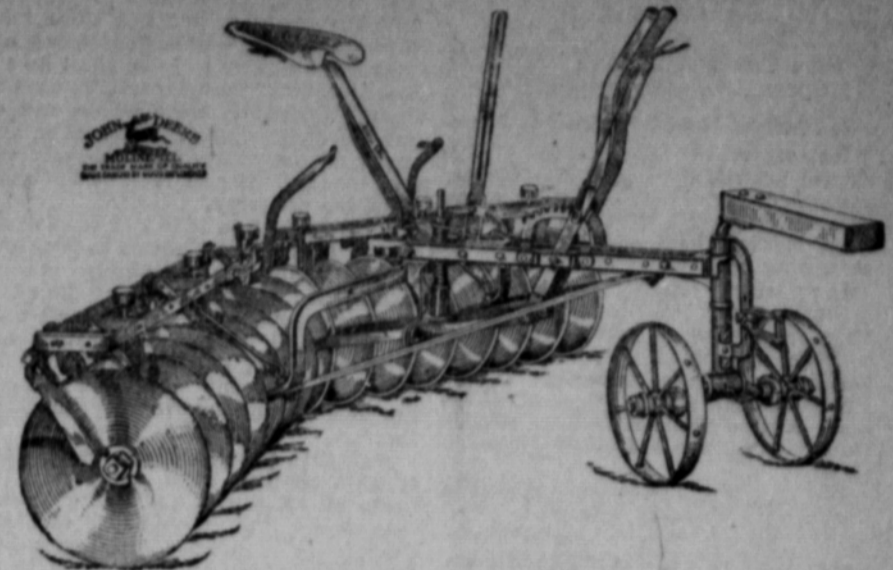
would be there in a minute—my decision that Mrs. Delario was to keep the diamonds and the Emperor William might twiddle his thumbs and whistle. "You took 'em back to her?" "Yes, and she's to keep them." "But—what did she say—" The elevator was rumbling, and I knew who was coming. "But what are you going to tell monsieur?" The bell rang—I hadn't decided what I was going to tell monsieur. I opened the door. Standing behind Claire, his glance to me under his obsequiously lifted hat and across her head, monsieur rapidly prowled my face for the sniff of a hint that I had



**Monsieur Rapidly Prowled My Face.**  
 everything arranged and my diplomacy had been successful. Which hint I'm positive he didn't get. Claire gave a little cry on seeing me, flung herself into my arms and hid her blushes on my shoulder. I ducked my face to hers and bade my visitors enter. I carried Claire forward, leaving monsieur to dispose of his hat and coat in the hall. I presented Billy to Claire, and she shot him dead with one glance and brought him back to life with the next. At the sound of her lovely voice uttering a thrilly "How do you do?" Billy didn't know his own name—the only name he could at the moment have articulated was Claire de Ravenol. Claire forgot him as soon as he stammered out his "awfully glad to meet you," and dropped her little hand. I was the magnet of those lovely eyes! Being middle-aged and proper does sometimes have its compensations! I motioned us to chairs. What was I to tell monsieur! Claire gave me a moment's respite by hurriedly beginning, "Papa says to tell you everything I know—" She glanced at him and he nodded. "Yes—everything—from ze beginning." "You remember Vevey?" I nodded and said "Yes." "Well, papa came to see me there—while I was at school, you know—and he brought me a little box to keep for him—so big." "What was in that little box?" I questioned. Claire's eyes mutely appealed to her father. Monsieur had evidently been waiting for this question and hastily interposed, "She does not know—it was my wish she should know nosing of ze contents—to zis day she does not know—" and his whole face was filled with appeal to Billy and me. I granted the appeal with a jerk of my head that I hoped told him, "All right—I'll keep your secret from her," and he replied to this with, "Tres bien," and a relieved look. But that didn't mean I was through with my questions to Claire. "What did you think was in the box?" I went on. "Papers—very valuable papers." "Valuable in what way? Title deeds

to property, for instance? Or a will? Anything of that kind?" I wanted to know what sort of a yarn he'd told her. "Oh, no—much more valuable than that! A cipher on tissue paper. Papa said his life depended on it—and the life of the emperor of Russia," she hastily added, and blushed and cast down her eyes. "Ze emperor of Germany," corrected monsieur quietly. "Yes—I forgot—I thought it was the emperor of Russia." "It is of no consequence—continue, my child, wis ze narrative." She seemed a little off the track and I helped her on with another question: "What were you to do with those papers?" "I was to help papa get them to America—so they wouldn't be found. So I hid the papers while I was at school—I wore them in a little bag around my neck that papa bought for me, and it was all arranged with madame that she was to bring me to Paris when papa telegraphed. And she couldn't, you know, so you brought me." "So that was why you were so afraid of being searched at the customs house on the frontier?" "Yes. Papa told me they might—and if they found the papers he would be handed over to the government. But they didn't find them!" She smiled in childish delight. "I got them to Paris with you all right, and then I ran on ahead and told papa and said how kind you'd been, and I said you were just going to America, and he said the governess he'd engaged had been taken sick and couldn't go to America, but the Russian spies were after him and he was afraid he'd be killed, and perhaps you would take me with you." Billy glared at monsieur. Monsieur answered him with a shrug as much as to say, "Well, what would you?" Claire went on, "And then papa asked you to let me go with you, and you—you—couldn't." She was too exquisitely polite to remind me of that stern, uncompromising refusal. "Well, papa found Mrs. Delario, and it was all right." "And now, Claire, what was precisely the plan about that little box? What were you to do with it?" She blushed and grew so embarrassed she could hardly go on, but her father helped her by telling her, "Conceal nosing, my child—you have done only what your fazeur have commanded you to." Thus encouraged, she confessed, "I was to put it in your slipper—if you had one you weren't wearing, because you know you told papa that your baggage wasn't examined—your cousin was an inspector, or something like that. And if I couldn't get it into your baggage I must put it in one of Mrs. Delario's slippers—" "I remember now!" I suddenly exclaimed. "That time I caught you in my cabin—at my suitcase—you were trying to do it then?" Tears came to her eyes. "Yes," she almost whispered. "I was going to put it in one of your slippers—I found you had a pair just like Mrs. Delario's." "Oh!" I said. And at this, monsieur interposed, "It was my plan—ze slipper—if one could be found not worn on ze steamer." Billy charged monsieur's confession to a private account that was growing large. Personally I felt I liked the man the better for it—I read it as the effort to shield the girl and minimize her part in the affair. And in that I was right; Billy looked at it differently. "Conceited cuss!" he later confided, "Wanted to take the whole credit to himself." "Oui, madame," monsieur went on, and all the while I felt him searching my face for a sign of what I had accomplished with Mrs. Delario. "Nosing can be safer—I argue—zan a fancy slipper. It is not worn on ze steamer in ze cold of winter, and madame have so assure me zat her baggage, because of her so good cousin, is pass wisout difficulty. And who would accuse madame of"—he gave me a knowing look and finished ambiguously—"of smuggling zoe valuable papers zat do not concern her? Ah, no—it would be incredible wisout to see zem—and we have take care zat zey are not seen! And to accomplish zis we have put zem where zey are almost but not quite seen. I have explain all zis to Claire and she have understand parfaitement. Oui." The smugness with which he delivered himself of this was really amusing, and I couldn't help a smile, which encouraged him to add—at the same time looking piercingly at me—with a deprecating shrug: "And just at ze moment of beautiful completion madame carries off one of zoe slippers—we know not which." All of us laughed and the tension that had been quite plainly felt in our little company broke. Claire went on to tell us how, in Antwerp, she had occupied a room communicating with Mrs. Delario's the day before they sailed, and how papa had taken Mrs. Delario out to see the great Rubens in the cathedral and

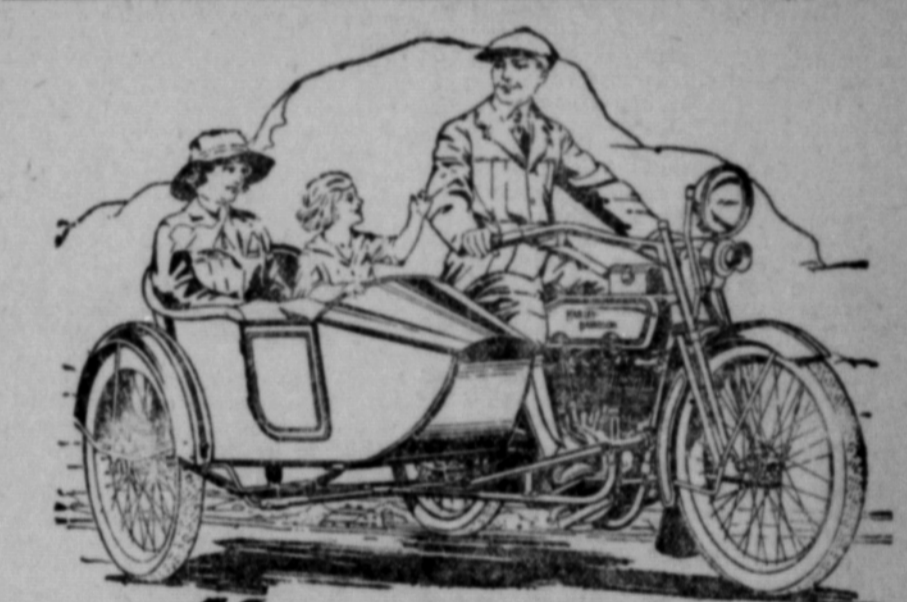
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# DIAMOND CUT DIAMOND

by Jane Bunker

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course not"—I had already taken that into consideration.

"Yes—I grant you that you honestly believe they're yours," I admitted. "But what I've got to know is, how they came to be yours."

She told me then, hesitating no longer, the unbelievable story—unbelievable by every modern standard and from every scientific point of view, explaining why she'd prevaricated in the first instance about her uncle. It wasn't, after all, quite what you'd call by so harsh a name as lying.

She told me—as she had on the steamer—how she'd gone abroad to hunt new psychics for her seances and the circle meeting at her house, of which she was a sort of priestess, and how she had thus come in contact with the Duval girl. This girl had a "wonderful gift of prophecy," and at a private sitting with her had gone into a trance—and had given out that Mrs. Delario was "one of the chosen"—one of the disciples-elect of the Mystic Cult of the Crystal Sphere, whose headquarters were a lamasary in Tibet, and had then predicted that she was shortly to receive the "mystic sign of initiation" and a gift—conveyed through space by spirit influences—of seven blood-red gems, which she was at liberty to dispose of and convert into cash if she desired—the sacred masters not dealing in lucre but only its sublimated equivalents—and apply to her personal needs and the furtherance of her work for spiritualism.

On being pressed by Mrs. Delario to tell more—name the time and place of the gift—the girl had declared that the stones would be in a small oblong box which Mrs. Delario would "discover among her things when the time came," and that she would "receive them suddenly—secretly—without mortal knowledge of how they got there"—and they would probably be given to her in Paris. Beyond this the girl was unable to go.

But Mrs. Delario accepted the prediction and, greatly elated and excited, watched for the hour that was to mark her initiation into earthly wealth and occult glory. The hour did not come in Paris, and she returned to America—her wife disappointed but still expect-

She unpacked. She found a slipper. Where could be its mate? Absent-mindedly she thrust her hand into it and found—her gift!

"And you see the prophecy was fulfilled," she told me. "I had been chosen—as the Duval girl said. Everything came out precisely as she predicted—the diamonds really came to me in Paris, though I didn't know it at the time; there were seven; they were worth enough to make me financially independent, so I can go on with my work for spiritualism; they came without human knowledge; I found them among my things—every detail was correct."

It was a frank, straightforward story, told with a heat of conviction that I think prevented her reading the astonishment that must have kept growing in my face all the time.

It was amazing every way I looked at it; the thing that struck me most was how her memory had slipped one little cog and allowed her belief to roll smoothly off and land her—in Tibet! She thought the box had been sent to her in Paris, but she had worn her slippers on the steamer! I was about to remind her of this as the first step to what I saw was going to be a very painful revelation, when she burst out. "But how could he have known about the diamonds?—that I had them in Paris. The only way I can explain it is that either the Duval girl told him—and she was in a trance and wouldn't have remembered her prophecy—or he's a wonderful psychic himself. . . . But the audacity of the man—saying he put them in my slipper!"

"Claire did," I corrected, by way of beginning.

"It's the same thing. What a lie—to say they're his!"

I hurried on: "Claire did it on the steamer—the night before we landed. That was how she had been set to smuggle them through the customs house. She didn't know what was in

the box—she thought it a tipper on tissue paper to save her father's life, and if it was found on her he'd be put to death; but if it was found on you or me—all right—we couldn't explain, for we didn't know anything."

"And do you believe that?" Mrs. Delario demanded, her face a picture of amazement—at me!

With that I went through the whole story of my experiences with monsieur, adding no comments on her story, but telling only his and Claire's—and the legend of the diamonds.

It took a long time—it took a long nerve. While I talked I did not once look at her—I would not witness the defeat of her deep religious convictions and the dissolution of her hopes. I ended apologetically. "So you see, according to that, the diamonds really belong to the Emperor William," I could not bring myself to come out with it flat-footedly and say they positively did.

"Well?"

Her tone was so peculiar that I looked up quickly. And her face was a study. She was obviously puzzled, but amazement still held its ground—amazement at me; pity at me, too, for my credulity. And a moment before I had been almost ready to shed tears over her!

"He's cleverer than I thought," she commented. "Much. Oh, very much cleverer—if he can deceive you like that."

"And he's much more dangerous than I thought—he must have very powerful occult influences working with him, or very remarkable psychics on the earth plane who can get names and dates. And it all shows how careful I've got to be. . . . I'm glad you told me. I see how I must guard myself."

I experienced a strong revulsion of feeling toward her—her manner of taking what I'd told her gave me a positive shock. I'd wasted both my sympathy and my reasoning powers on her. And I saw the machinations she'd be the center of—the wrath of the Emperor William, that I'd been threatened with, hounding her, perhaps to death. I must save her from her own folly—I must convince her in spite of herself and for her own good. If I didn't De Ravenol would before he got through with her, and I hated to think what he'd do: he had too much at stake himself to care what happened to her.

"But wait a minute," I struck in boldly; "you're forgetting that you wore the slippers on the steamer—that knocks Paris: the diamonds could not have been in the slipper when you bought it—or while you were in Paris."

"Why, so I did," she admitted. And I thought for a second that she wavered—that I had given her belief a serious blow. But if I did it rebounded immediately. "And that makes it only the more wonderful!" she cried, and repeated it with delight at the clenching discovery. She did not notice my dry and somewhat disgusted, "It certainly does," but bubbled on: "It only goes to show their powers—their all-seeing, all-helping powers! They made me the gift in Paris, and then, seeing it might be discovered too soon—at a time the knowledge I possessed such wealth and was smuggling it—though I didn't know I was smuggling it—but I should have felt I ought to say something at the customs house if I had known it on the steamer—"

I cut in with positive violence: "You mean they—whoever they are—put the box in your slipper in Paris, then took it out on the steamer so you could wear the slipper—and then put it back after you had worn the slipper? You mean that?"

"Certainly. Why not?" she answered calmly.

I declare I could almost have sworn at her! "Why not?" I gasped.

"Why—not?" she repeated, looking at me darkly. "If they can put it there they can take it out—that is simple every-day reason. Why!—you yourself gave me the proof!—you told me it was once in the other slipper—the one you carried off!"

In the face of such arguments, seriously put, I was helpless.

"If they didn't, who did?" she demanded. "Remember—Claire never



It Was Amazing.

told you she did—that's what he says—and he's a consummate scoundrel, capable of any fabrication of the truth to gain his ends and rob a defenseless woman."

Her question and her face both challenged me—demanded the blow direct; but I ducked the issue in a general protest.

"But really, Mrs. Delario, you know—a million dollars' worth of diamonds don't—just happen."

"That's what makes it so wonderful that it did happen—and to me!—to humble little me, who never could have expected it." Her eyes glowed with mystic fire.

"To suspect would have been to doubt God's providence—his promises—everything. How could I? How dared I? I had prayed—the prayer had been answered—" she spoke very solemnly, and added: "I would not let myself doubt."

"But you hadn't prayed for diamonds."

"God—and the masters who carry out the supreme plan—answer prayers in their own way." She said it as if she were admonishing a child, and then snatched the next argument out of my mouth.

"Don't millions of Christian people pray every day, on their bended knees, 'Give us this day our daily bread'—believing they will get it from a divine source, and is it any harder for God to give the diamonds than a crust?"

I was defeated. She went on—in a rather unsteady voice—and told me what she'd thus far held back—the end of the prophecy, not yet fulfilled and that she nightly anticipated: the ultimate revelation and ordination: one of the masters was to wing an invisible flight through the air, straight from Tibet to the room where we sat, and to place upon her bosom the mystic seal—seven blood-red stains, in symbol of seven bleedings of the contrite heart purging itself of its seven deadly sins.

And this, in the last word, is what the diamonds meant to her—the fulfillment of the most passionately cherished aspiration of her life.

"He will come—he will follow his gift—it will draw him like a magnet," she finished joyously.

I was put to rout. The very unreasonableness of her belief constituted for it a sort of dignity. It commanded respect by its isolation and the storms of argument it had withstood.

I got out the box of diamonds and handed it to her. She came out of the inner light in which she'd been silently basking. A shadow crossed her face. She started back—but I thrust them into her hand. And with that I rose.

"You don't mean—" she began.

"I can't discuss it any further today," I said, and I hastened out of the house. It was absolutely the only thing I could do.

## CHAPTER XV.

### An Important Ownership.

When I left her house this was my situation with Mrs. Delario—she'd given birth to the incorrigible belief that a million dollars' worth of diamonds had been presented to her by an unknown lama in Tibet; sent her through the air; glued into the toe of her slipper, and this in answer to prayer. And I had to reckon with it as a fact—a fact that yelled me off the straightforward course I'd been about to pursue and bullied me into taking devious ways.

"No!" I replied to myself ten dozen times. "The Emperor William didn't consult me about what he should do with his old diamonds; why should he expect help from me now? He's got his own machinery to work with—let him get his diamonds back himself. I'm no detective—I'm not his tool."

Billy was an hour late in reaching the house and I interrupted his petulant explanation as to why he wasn't two hours late, or three, to communicate rapidly—knowing that monsieur

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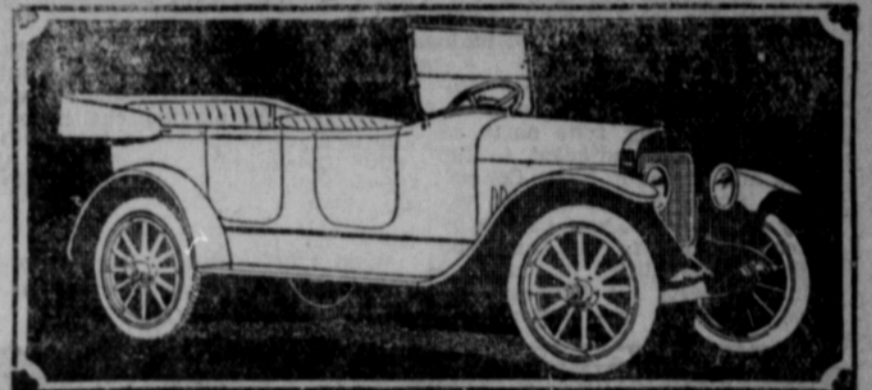
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**Special City Election Plan Is Explained**

At the request of The Slatonite Hon. R. A. Baldwin has prepared the following article regarding the special election to be held in the City of Slaton Tuesday, April 6:

"The special election called by the Town Council for April 6th to vote on the proposition of the adoption or rejection of Chapter 11 of Title 22 of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes relating to permanent street improvements, to determine whether or not the terms and benefits of said statutes shall apply to Slaton, has brought forth from many persons the query as to just what the proposition is to be voted upon.

It is true that a definite and clear understanding of said proposition cannot be had without a knowledge of the provisions of the statutes referred to; and because of the far-reaching importance of this election on the present and future welfare of Slaton, the writer believes that every effort should be made to acquaint the voters with the object of the election and the necessity of adopting the statutes in question and thereby enabling Slaton to acquire the powers and benefits thus conferred.

The chapter of the statutes to be voted on contains twelve articles, being 1006 to 1017, both inclusive. Art. 1006 reads as follows:

"Towns, cities and villages, incorporated under either general or special law, which shall accept the benefits of this chapter as herein provided, shall have power to improve any street, avenue, alley, highway, public place or square, or any portion thereof, within their limits, by filling, grading, raising, paving or repaving the same in a permanent manner, or by the construction or reconstruction of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, or by widening, narrowing or straightening the same and to construct necessary appurtenances thereto, including sewers and drains."

"Art. 1007 defines terms, and Art. 1008 provides that the governing body shall have power to order the improvements of any highway therein, or part thereof, and to select the materials and methods for such improvement, and to contract for the construction of such improvements in the name of the city, and to provide for the payment of the cost of such improvements out of any available funds of the city, or as herein provided."

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Art. 1009 provides that the cost of such improvements may be wholly paid by the city or partly by the city and partly by the owners of property abutting thereon, but not more than three-fourths of any improvement, except sidewalks and curbs, shall be assessed against the property owners or their property, but the whole cost of the construction of sidewalks and curbs may be assessed against the property abutting thereon or the owner of the property."

Articles 1010 to 1015 provide for ordinances fixing lien, notice to property owners, manner of making assessments, etc., and collection of the costs of the improvements, and provide that no lien shall be secured against exempt property, and that the amount of any assessment shall not exceed the benefits to the property abutting thereon.

Art. 1016 provides that the benefits of said chapter shall apply only to those cities, towns and villages that may adopt the provisions of said chapter by a special election called for that purpose, and if a majority of the property tax paying voters shall vote for the adoption of said chapter and make the same apply to the town in question, the governing body of such town shall then have the power, by ordinance, to make and require to be made such improvements.

Art. 1017 makes the provisions of said chapter cumulative of other laws on the subject.

"A careful study of this proposition shows that our Legislature has simply left to each city, town and village in the State the option of being progressive and up-to-date, or otherwise, as it may choose. Slaton will soon be nine years old, and not to this date has a single bond been voted for public improvements, nor any other definite action taken having as its sole object the permanent improvement and beautification of the town. All improvement that has been done has been paid for out of the general revenues of the town, and the property not benefited directly by such improvements is nevertheless taxed to pay for the improvements. The adoption of Chapter 11 limits the cost to the property or individuals directly and chiefly benefited. Furthermore, improvements made increase the value of property owned by non-residents of Slaton, without cost to them, and by this plan their property will stand for the cost of improvements abutting thereon, and require non-residents to bear their just share of the costs of improvements.

The immediate object of this election, if the proposition is accepted, is to enable the town to cause to be constructed necessary sidewalks, but the statute is broad enough that other improvements, when needed, can be constructed in the same manner as sidewalks and curbs, only that the property or property owner will be responsible only for three-fourths of the cost of any other improvements than sidewalks and curbs.

The adoption of the proposition marks a new era of progress for Slaton. The town is already behind the country in point of development. We cannot expect to grow and make a proper impression on prospective settlers unless we provide modern conveniences and show a spirit of progressiveness. The adoption of this proposition will increase the value of every piece of property in the town—it will make the town a more desirable place in which to live.

Some persons have already and voluntarily constructed sidewalks in front of their property, and more are contemplating so doing, but the non-resident will never do so until compelled.

Only male property tax payers can vote. It is a matter of regret that the good women of Slaton, who, as a rule, appear to be more progressive than the men in civic pride and city development, cannot vote at this election.

But they can, and no doubt will, at once inaugurate an active campaign in behalf of the proposition, and if they will do this, its success is guaranteed. Also, wide publicity of the true nature of the proposition to be voted on in all of its details, will, in the opinion of the writer, insure its success.

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**GOOD RAINS VISITED PLAINS SECTIONS THIS WEEK**

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**Pupils Mrs. M. W. Call Appeared in Recital.**

The music pupils of Mrs. Call appeared in a recital at the home of Mrs. H. A. Tait last Saturday afternoon. Parents of the pupils were in attendance. The affair was a most delightful one from beginning to end. In a contest Mrs. L. C. Odom was awarded a beautiful picture as a prize for efficiency. After the program all were refreshed with nut and fruit ice cream and nut cake.

The program for the afternoon follows:  
Duet, "Charge of the Uhlans" Bohm Margie Harris and Mrs. Call  
"Fairy Wedding Waltz" Turner Dilla Young  
"Sweet Melody" Ascher  
Herbert Tait, Cornet  
Garland Tait, Clarinet  
Duet, "Dancing Flowers" Holst  
Vyola Mae Bollinger, Mrs. Call  
"Humming Bird Waltz" Schiller  
Vyola Mae Bollinger  
Vocal solo, "Felice" Lieurance  
Mrs. H. A. Tait  
Duet, "The Sleight Ride" Waters  
Mrs. Odom, Mrs. Call  
"Rustic Dance" Howell  
Audrey Marriott  
Fantasia from "William Tell" Dorn  
Margie Harris  
"The Anvil Chorus" Il Trovatore  
Mrs. Todd  
Vocal solo, "Sonora" Nathan  
Mrs. H. A. Tait  
With clarinet and cornet accompaniment by Garland and Herbert Tait.

**Culture and Civic Club Program.**

The Culture and Civic Club will meet with Mrs. S. H. Adams Saturday afternoon, March 27, with Mrs. Lee Green as assistant hostess. Topic for the afternoon will be "Culture of Flowers." Answer roll call with a flower, and how to plant. Dahlia, and how to grow them, Mrs. Maud Wallace. Culture of sweet peas, Mrs. Eddie Johnston. Roses, Mrs. J. H. Brewer. Discussion, led by Mrs. J. G. Levey.

**Federated Societies.**

The federated meeting of the Ladies' Aid Societies will be held at the Methodist church Monday, March 29. The following program has been arranged:  
Topic, "Christian Stewardship." Leader, Mrs. C. V. Young. Devotional, Leader. Roll call responded to with Bible quotations on Stewardship. Can a woman tithe, Mrs. L. W. Williamson. Reading, Mrs. Carl Greer. Piano selection, Mrs. Joe McDonald. How to tithe and why, Mrs. Lee Green. Duet, Mesdames R. G. Shankle and Smith. Reading, Mrs. L. M. Brewer. Paper or talk on tithing, Mrs. H. W. Ragsdale. Solo, Mrs. Herbert A. Tait. Reading, Mrs. R. J. Murray. Song, Claudia Anderson. Piano selection, Mrs. Call. How many tithers do we have—an appeal to others, Mrs. S. H. Adams. Sentence prayers. Blessing song and dismissal.

**High School Notes.**

Mr. Hall attended the Panhandle Teachers' Association meeting in Canyon last Friday. Miss Parker has resumed her work after a week's absence on account of illness. The Lamesa boys basketball team will play the Slaton boys on the home court Friday, the 26th, at 3 o'clock. Be sure and see it. On Tuesday another portion of the laboratory equipment for the chemistry department arrived. We suppose, if we wait long enough, it will all be here by and by. Melvin Cade was absent from his classes the latter part of this week. The girls' basketball team has reorganized with the determination to make a star team. A match game will be played with Post in the near future. We are all pleased to know that

very few pupils have dropped out of school because of the tuition. Only about fifteen out of the entire school have stopped.

Just think! There are only seven more weeks of school. Then three short months of play will be ours. Oh boy! but ain't it a g-r-r-and glorious feelin'?

**THE SENIORS.**

Soon our H. S. life will be over, Now comes the parting of the ways, Soon we'll make the decision What we'll be in life's future days.

Some will enter college in the fall, The rest contented as we are, But here's hoping that we'll all Hitch our wagons to a star.

REPORTER.

**Baptist Ladies.**

The B. W. M. W. met at the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon in their study of Home and Foreign Fields, led by Mrs. L. W. Williamson. Each one present enjoyed the able discussion of "Veterans of the Cross."

Although some of the regular attendants could not be present, the number was larger than usual. The Missionary Society seems to increase in interest with each service.

The importance of the business session at the close of the program will be found in the following:

To all our friends, both far and near, We crave your kind attention. So please to us lend now your ear, While we a subject mention.

The Missionary Society will hold On a day not distant far, If we have been correctly told, An Easter market and bazaar.

So this then, is the plan in brief: To help our enterprise, Each send a rabbit, eggs or handkerchief, Of any kind or size.

Everyone's wishing for cap or bonnet To be ready for summer's heat. From every member let one be sent, Or something else, just so it's neat.

If an apron you can't make, Then cake or pie we'll gladly take, Or candy, or chicken, if you'll send one We'll thank you till our race is run!

The date of bazaar and market is April 3rd.

On next Monday, March 29th, we will meet with the societies of the other religious organizations, at the Methodist church in a federated service.

**Good Friday Program, Methodist Missionary Society.**

The following program will be rendered by the Methodist ladies at the church Friday afternoon, April 2: Mrs. R. J. Murray, leader. The Cost of Discipleship. (John 12:24, 25; Luke 14:26, 27.) Hymn: "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go."

Prayer: That fathers and mothers may realize the stewardship of parenthood and not put hindrances in the lives of young people offering themselves for missionary service at home and abroad.

Topics: "Christian Workers Needed in the Centenary Program," Mrs. Joplin.

"The Educational Standard for Home and Foreign Workers," Mrs. S. H. Adams.

Prayer: That the young people of our church may answer the need for workers by offering themselves for service.

Hymn: "Saviour, Thy Dying Love Thou Gavest Me."

Season of prayer by all present that the Holy Spirit may breathe upon the Church and bring young people to a decision in regard to the investment of life.

That pastors may realize their responsibility for the missionary cultivation of young people in the church. That the leaders in missionary work may be instrumental in aiding young people to prepare themselves for missionary service.

Meditation: Ephesians 3:14-21. Hymn: "Consecration." (To be sung kneeling.)

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she—Claire—pleading a headache, had remained behind and had gone through Mrs. Delario's things so she could tell her father what there was they could use; had discovered the slippers and had taken them to her room and shown them to her father that night and he said they "would do admirably," and she had got them back while Mrs. Delario was asleep.

But it wasn't easy to put the box into the slipper when it came to the point. Mrs. Delario keenly felt the obligations of her charge and proved a far too devoted chaperon. At last the chance arrived and the box was stowed. What, then, was the poor child's consternation to hear me twitting Mrs. Delario into wearing the slippers!

"She nearly had me then!" Claire confided with noticeable glee at her own ability to cope with the situation. "I got the box out just one minute before she came into our stateroom. But this fright made me so ill I couldn't stay at table that night."

"I should think so," said Billy, and gave a sly glance in my direction that said, "I take back all I said about her last night—she wasn't really in it at all. It was all the old scoundrel of a 'mossoo.'"

Claire seemed ready to end here, but I wasn't ready to have her. What was I to tell monsieur? My turn was coming in a minute, and what was I to say? I kept on with Claire. "Then so far as you know, the box came through the customs house in one of those slippers? And what were you to do after that?"

The words were hardly out of my mouth when the front bell rang and George handed in a telegram addressed to monsieur.

Monsieur tore open the yellow envelope and rapidly scanned the message; frowned; hesitated; started to speak and stopped; looked at me inquiringly; asked me to get the paper; and then he handed it to me.

gent reply" and instructed Claire to answer every question I might care to put and with that he hurried off with the curt ceremony of one who expects to be back on the quarter-hour stroke.

There was, however, but little more I needed to discover from Claire; still there was one thing, and I asked her bluntly, "Your father came over ahead of us on a faster steamer? He was on the wharf in disguise when we arrived?"

She blushed furiously and stammered, "Y—yes—he was there," and added hastily: "But I didn't know he was there. He told me there would be someone—to take charge—when I gave the signal that everything was all right—"

"Oh, there was a signal!"

"Of course. I had to let the other one know who had the box—"

"You mean you had to let your father know?"

"It was papa—but I didn't see him."

"What did you have to let him know?"

"Whether it was you or Mrs. Delario."

"How did you manage that?"

"I set my little handbag on top of the suitcase—that said the box was there. Then I drew off my glove—that said, 'in a slipper.' It wasn't very hard to remember."

"And you had given the signal when I picked up the slipper?"

"Yes—and I was so frightened. I didn't know but papa would be killed."

"And you went home with Mrs. Delario and tried to see if she had the right slipper?"

"Yes—but I never found out—"

She looked at me as if she were dying to ask, "Have you found out?"

I was so afraid she would that I ended the cross-examination hastily by asking her what she heard from her mother and signaled Billy to chip into the conversation and make talk as fast as he could; and after she'd replied about her mother—that her grandfather was still dying and her mother dared not leave—she turned to Billy as though she had really only just then become aware of his presence, and they soon were chattering away like magpies and the blushes were mostly on Billy's cheeks. For which he might be forgiven. He was just twenty-two and she was just sixteen; but in three years—dear me, what a beauty she was going to be—what a man-killer!

I left them to themselves, going to my bedroom on some pretext or another while one quarter of an hour followed another, and still monsieur did not return. At nine Claire began to be restless; at quarter after she blurted out, "Do you suppose anything has happened to papa?"

I had been supposing it for half an hour—he'd had time to make twenty trips to the telegraph office and back—but I managed to say reassuringly, "Why, what could happen?" and Billy supported me with a fine courageous, "Nothing could have happened—he's a man—he knows how to take care of himself," and was rewarded with a

look. Even at sixteen Claire's looks were valuable—Billy wouldn't have sold that to another fellow for a ten-dollar bill.

The elevator rumbled up, and I cried, "There he is—I think."

George presented me with two notes and the information that an automobile was downstairs waiting.

I handed one note to Claire, tore open the one addressed to me, and read:

"I'm sending a car for my daughter. Will you ask Mr. Rivers to escort her to the hotel? It is necessary that I say some few words to you alone. I beg you to await me."

It was signed, "H. de Ravenol."

I had barely finished this when I heard Claire give a cry, "Mamma is dead!" and I looked up just in time to see her throw out her arms and swoon away at my feet.

People faint away in this story like the heroines of a mid-Victorian romance, but I can't help it. Anyway, I warned you there was another faint coming, which faint was, under the circumstances, natural enough.

To be exact, Claire swooned at my feet via Billy's arms. The intention



Claire Swooned at My Feet.

was all on his side, however—he caught her as she was regardlessly going and let her down. A light burden.

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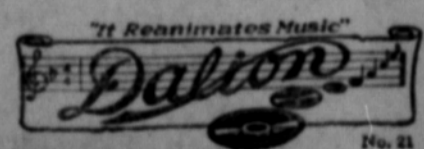
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