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Neff-for Governor-Club Organized in Slaton

On last Monday afternoon a meet ing was held in the office of Hon. R. A. Baldwin and a Ne-for-Governor

A. Baldwin and a Ne-for-Governor Club was organized with R. A. Baldwin, temporary chairman, and A. E. Howerton, temporary secretary.

On motion the chair appointed a membership committee as follows: Rev. J. H. McCauley, T. J. Abel, W. P. Florence, W. S. Adams, A. E. Howerton, S. A. Abbott, Mrs. S. S. Forrest, Mrs. S. H. Adams, Mrs. Lee Green.

Lists were circulated Tuesday and a large number of members were secured. On Wednesday afternoon another meeting was held and the organization was made permanent. W. P. Florence was elected chairman, and A. E. Howerton secretary.

a few of the membership lists een turned in for publication.

J. I. Messengill, Mrs. C. V. Young, Mrs. E. P. Nix, Mrs. A. I. Kuykendall, Ray Stephenson, T. M. George, Mrs. W. P. Florence, J. B. Stallings, C. V. Young, A. M. Watson, J. M. Olive, Mrs. W. S. Adams, Miss Aura Adams, N. P. Tate, H. Trammell, Mrs. J. W. McDonald, J. L. Trammell, J. W. Nicklas, W. F. Christy, J. W. English, W. W. Smith, Mrs. J. W. Davis, Arbie Joplin, Dewey Stalcup, C. A. Reno, L. Bilbrey, Mrs. Lee Green, Lee Green, Mrs. A. L. Brannon, A. L. Brannon, B. H. Scott, C. A. Cozby, T. D. Taylor, G. H. Orr, J. W. Hood, F. J. Pohl, J. M. Simmons, J. E. Eckert, John Stephens, J. R. Bean, Mrs. Annie Higbee, A. I. Kuykendall, W. J. Anderson, S. A. Abbott, C. T. Trammell, W. T. Wicker, Fred Higbee, J. A. Elliott, George Green, A. E. Whitehead, N. B. Self, J. E. Davidson, Carroll Phillips, B. O. Bailey, L. B. Olive, Frank Matthews, Newton Cantrell, J. E. Knight, E. P. Nix, E. H. Ward, J. E. Latimer, J. H. Brewer, C. J. Russell, E. E. Wilson, Charles H. Lewis, W. L. Jones, E. S. Brooks, C. F. Anderson, J. C. Stewart, D. J. Hubbard, S. S. Forrest, J. W. McDonald, J. S. McDonald.

MRS. PAUL P. MURRAY CHAMPION MELON GROWER

Judge Paul P. Murray brought a Western Giant Muskmelon to the Slatonite office Wednesday that was as large as an average sized watermelon. And my, the flavor was fine. The Judge swiped it from his wife's garden, so we thought, and when questioned closely had to admit that she grew it. Mrs. Murray is certainly the champion melon grower of this section, and everything else that is good to eat is grown in abundance around her home. The Slatonite family certainly appreciate this rare treat from her.

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SPEAKING DATES ANNOUNCED NEFF FOR GOVERNOR CLUB

Petersburg, Saturday, Aug. 14, Geo

Canyon, Monday, Aug. 16, Percy Littlefield Saturday, Aug. 21, Ros-

Becton Saturday, Aug. 21, R. Asaldwin. Shallowater Saturday, Aug. 21, Geo

Meadow Tuesday, Aug. 24, W. I

Carlysle Tuesday, Aug. 24, W. C. Rylander. Hardy Tuesday, Aug. 24, Roscoe

REV. L. W. WILLIAMSON CLOSED GOOD MEETING

Rev. L. W. Williamson, Missionary for the Brownfield Baptist Associa-tion, has recently closed a very suc-cessful revival meeting at Berry Flats, in Borden county. Twenty-one were added to the church.

Movie Theatre

Monday, Aug. 23, "THE COMBAT,"
by Anita Stewart.
Tuesday, Aug. 24, "BLACK CIRCLE" and seventh episode of 'HIDDEN DANGERS."
Wednesday, Aug. 25, "THE GREAT
AIR ROBBERY," by Locklear.
Thursday, Aug. 26, "REACHING
FOR THE MOON," by Douglas Fairbanks.

Friday, Aug. 27, rfist episode of "THE LOST CITY" Serial.

Don't fail to see "The Great Air Robby ry" by Major Locklear, on next Wednesday, the 25th. Two shows, beginning at 7:15. Regular prices.

Our new serial, "THE LOST CITY," starts the 27th. Don't miss the first episode. We have a two-reel Western to run with this serial.

Postmaster Examination.

At the request of the Postmaster General the United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held at Lubbock, Texas, on Sept. 15, 1920, for the position of postmaster at Slaton, Texas. This office has an annual compensation of \$1600. To be eligible for this examination an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must actually reside within the delivery of the office and have so resided at the time the present vacancy occurred. Applicants must have reached their twenty-first but not their sixty-fifth birthday on the date of the examination. Application form 2241 and full informaton concerning the requirements of the examinaton may be secured from the postmaster at the place of vacancy or from the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

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BAPTIST REVIVAL MEETING MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

COTTON CROP IS GOOD OVER SLATON TERRITORY

"THE GREAT AIR ROBBERY" MOVIE WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Theatregoers who have watched the Theatregoers who have watched the progress of the motion picture art are rarely surprised by new thrills in story or startling developments in photography, but it is safe to predict that when "The Great Air Robbery," the new Universal special, starring Lieut. O. L. Locklear, is first flashed on the local screen at the Movie Theatre next Wednesday night, Aug. 25, the most sophisticated theatregoers will open their eyes a bit wider and feel a new tingle.

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"The Great Air Robbery" is the biggest achievement of the film art of the air. Its star, Lieut. Locklear, is famous as the aviator who accomplishes the feat of changing from plane to plane in mid-air, and in this production he has many opportunities to repeat this daring exploit within full view of the camera.

Jacques Jaccard, who wrote and directed this startling photoplay, has conceived a story of the U. S. transcontinental air service. Lieut. Locklear appears as Larry Cassidy, the crack pilot of the air and Allan Forrest as his friend and fellow mail pilot, who has fallen into evil ways and whom Cassidy tries to rescue from his folly. There is a band of sky pirates who plot to overtake and rob the aerial mail plane, and several feminine characters who not only supply the necessary love interest, but who aid Cassidy in breaking up the gang of daring air robbers.

The story is told in a series of seenes that move rapidly from earth to air, always interesting, always startling and often reaching the heights of dramatic and scenic thrill. Among the players are Francelia Billington, Carmen Phillips and Ray Ripley.

Two shows will be given beginning

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LYNN COUNTY MAN STABBED TO DEATH LAST MONDAY

Tahoka Man is Killed in Altercation on Town's Main Thoroughfare.

Monday morning, Dick Car-bed to death Oliver P. Storm,

the military service during the war.
Carter was held in the county jail until the examining trial was held.
Later: The body of P. Storm, who was stabbed to death here Monday

Dick Carter on his farm eleven miles east of Tahoka. The dispute came up over a small debt. Bad feeling had existed between the parties for some time. Storm was stabbed and cut in several dierffent places over the body and head. Physicians stated that either one of the wounds would have proved fatal. After being cut the injured man attempted to reach a document jured man attempted to reach a doctor's office by walking a block, when he became too weak from the loss of blood and fell to the sidewalk and was dead within a few minutes. Carter surrendered to the seriff immediately from the difficulty and was blood in after the difficulty and was placed in the county jail. His attorneys secur-ed bond in the sum of \$5,000 and he was released from custody. The ex-amining trial will be held Friday.

OFFICERS SEIZE QUANTITY OF BOOZE NEAR AMARILLO

Amarillo, Aug. 4.—Another batch of the bootleg whiskey, brought into the city from El Paso last Friday, has been located and two more are in

the city from El Paso last Friday, has been located and two more are in jail in connection with it.

At daybreak Wednesday morning, S. D. Vaughn, living eight miles southwest of the city, discovered a couple of men prowling about his barn. When confronted with demand for explanation of the liberties they were taking about his premises at such an early hour, Mr. Vaughn was informed, he says, that his visitors were deputy sheriffs. As a badge of their authority, Mr. Vaughn reported to Sheriff Roach that his visitors, whose names are given as Irwin Barringer and John Foster, pointed to revolvers buckled about their waists in a way that persuaded him to desist from questioning their authority.

Mr. Vaughn immediately got into his car, he told the sheriff upon arrival here, made a feint as if going in another direction, but swung around to the Amarillo road and came to the city and informed Sheriff Roach. The sheriff assured Mr. Vaughn that the men were not his deputies and made a hurried trip out to the Vaughn place. Barringer and Foster meantime had come into Amarillo, and according to the officers, had found 26

officer, Sheriff Roach is disposed to prosecute the case, and the two men are held in the jail while officers of Randall county, where the impersonation and seizure of the liquor took,

OKLAHOMA WOMAN ROBBED AND THROWN FROM CAR

A young woman from Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, was robbed and thrown from a car on the outskirts of Fort Worth Sunday night, she reported to the police. No wonder, if her story is

The young woman was en route home from Mineral Wells, where she had spent her vacation and stopped in Fort Worth a few hours. At the Santa Fe depot Sunday night, while waiting for her train, she engaged in conversation with a nice appearing young man, according to the story she

conversation with a nice appearing young man, according to the story she told the police.

He suggested an automobile ride to pass away the time and she accepted. A friend of his who had a car was called and the trio started out. The driver drove for some time on the outskirts of town. The girl began to suspect that her acquaintances were undesirable and at a good opportunity, slipped her bills from her purse into her stocking.

The two attempted to assault her when the car reached a lonely neighborhood and threw her from the car. They tossed her hat, which she had lost in the struggle, after her, but kept her purse which contained several dollars in silver, her baggage checks and railroad ticket.

With the aid of the police, the girl secured her baggage Monday morning and departed for Pauls Valley.

LUBBOCK COUNTY PEOPLE ARE LIVING AT HOME

From time to time we mention some outstanding fact showing the progressiveness of Lubbock County people, and only recently we mentioned the fact that they are buying a great deal of labor-saving equipment for their homes, such as steam pressure

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S. McCurdy of Idalou. Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy recently purchased a com-plete canning outfit, together with the

mother has to "make out" the best she can with the home-making and do most of her work by human energy chiefly. Three years ago vegetable canning was hardly practiced in Lubbock County at all. Today, with some thirty-five steam pressure cookers and cannes in the county and with

ers and cannes in the county and with practically every woman in the county familiar with a successful method of intermittent sterilization this year should see a goodly supply of canned vegetables in every home.

People who formerly wasted much time, labor and food canning in glass jars are now beginning to use the cans, especially for vegetables. Six families in the county now have modern sealing equipment and will fill about twelve hundred sanitary cans this season. These cans will be filled with a variety of vegetables, meats, soup mixtures, hominy, sweet corn, tomatoes, pumpkin and sweet potatees. Hundreds of glass jars will be filled, too.

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Besides their interests in the best methods of food preservation, including canning and drying, Lubbock County people are taking more interest in good poultry. They are also finding that it pays to produce infertile eggs through the summer months. Many are preserving eggs for winter use by the water glass method with the result that they will have plenty of good eggs at home when the egg market is running the scale at from fifty to ninety cents per dozen.

Let this utilization of home grown products continue until every family is practically fed at home.

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STORK SPECIAL.

Mr. Prine and wife, July 31, boy.
A. R. Keys and wife, Aug. 1, girl.
John Steffin and wife, Aug. 3. boy.
S. Martines and wife, Aug. 5, boy.
D. C. Hamilton and wife, Aug. 2,

C. A. (sburn and wife, Aug. 3, girl Mark McCord and wife, Aug. 3, boy Ben Balley and wife, Aug. 4, girl.

FARM BANKS SUSPEND; LOANS UNDER ATTACK; MANY NOW PENDING

by the old-line trust companies to invalidate the Federal Farm Loan Act, and also the act authorizing joint stock land banks, was decided in favor of the banks by the Federal Court at Kansas City, and now the matter is pending before the Supreme Court of the United States. Estes is confident that the farm loan banks will re-

rant County Association aggregated \$169,900. The loans varied in amount from \$500 to \$10,000, the latter figure being the maximum allowed under the law. The notes run thirty-four and one-half years at 5½ per Texas.

Had it not been for the suspension of loans the Tarrant County Association would by now have been very much larger, with a much greater aggregate of loans. When lending is resumed, Estes expects to be hard pressed for time to give attention to all the applications. He has to inspect and appraise personally each tract of ground on which a loan is desired, and to limit the loan to 50 per cent of the appraised value.

Estes declares that the farm loan act is the best law ever passed in the interest of the poorer class of farmers. With its benefits available, there are few farmers who cannot afford to hold title to the land they cultivate. The principal point of attack on the part of the private institutions, it appears, was the nontaxable feature of the bonds of the Government institutions. They held that the competition was unfair.

Estes thinks that the home ownership amendment to the Texas constitution, which carried at the recent primary, is a good thing and will be advantageous to the institution he represents. He is inclined to think its passage will mean the repeal of the homestead law, which has restricted the operations of the land bank.

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main intact.

Since the bringing of the suit, however, operations of the Texas bank at Houston, as well as the other Federal land banks, have been suspended.

At the time of suspension, loans to the seventy-one members of the Tarrant County Association aggregated \$169,900. The loans varied in amount from \$500 to \$10,000, the latter figure being the maximum allowed un-

RUBBING NOSES IS NOT AGAINST THE LAW IN STAID CHICAGO

Chicago, Aug. 5.—There is no law in Chicago against persons of opposite sexes rubbing noses, providing both parties to the ceremony are agreeable and the rubbing is not too vigorous.

This was brought out in the Chicago Avenue Police Court. Patrolman Chas. Bennett arrived at the station having in tow the Misses Torich and Inez Nelson and Edward Neymeyer and Richard Seymour, jackies from the Great Lakes training station. The girls are 17, the "gobs" 19.

"The law," said Policeman Bennett to the deak sergeant, "the law on the municipal pier forbids spooning and indiscriminate kissing—"

"We—" began one of the girls.

"You was too," said the stern policeman. "I saw you."

"We—" began the other girl.

"You was too," retorted the policeman. "I saw you."

"Let her talk," admonished the desk sergeant.

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"We," said both girls in unison "We were not kissing. We were rubbing noses. That's all, just rubbing noses. The boys are soon to sail for foreign lands where rubbing noses is a sort of saluation or religious ceremony and they were showing us how it is done."

"Rubbing noses," said the sergeant, with fine judicial poise, "is not against the law. On your way."

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his looked. I sank into a chair and

hid my eyes.
"How long has this been going on?"
he thundered.

The Iron-Gray-Woman shuddered.
The man kneeling at her side, eagerly drinking in every word, tightened his fingers reassuringly upon her hand.
"I answered never a word. I couldn't," she faltered on. "My breast

was hollow; empty as a gray sky.
"The lady can answer that,' I heard

the voice of the other man sneer.

"There was a cry, and your father prang at him. The maids screamed. I uncovered my eyes, expecting to look upon death. But the—other man leaped through the window and was gone.

"Your father put the maids out of the room and stood over me. I dared not look up. His face—it was ter-rible! Once he raised his great arm to strike. I've prayed a thousand times he had—it would have saved me many a death.

"'You-! But I'll not speak the name that belongs to you.' His voice was hard; hoarse; awful. 'And I belleved you! There's the window-still open! Go, if you want him! I'm through with you!'

"He strode out at the door and slammed it after him. I have never seen him since." The Iron-Gray-Woman shuddered; turned her face Woman shuddered; turned her face toward the strong rocks above the trees. "I remember I took one step after him. I knew nothing more till some time late in the night, when I waked with your crying and found myself lying face down upon the floor. My heart grew hard as I quieted you. He probably thought to find me next morning all tears and repentance—for a sin of which I was as innocent as the babe at my breast. I would show him that my blood was proud as his. Wrapping you in your cradle clothes. I muffled a cloak about me and stole

from the house; stole down to the river. There I loosed a skiff, whose, I never knew, lay down in the stern and set it adrift. There was not a star. Only the moon looked down out of the dull sky, pale and sickly and rimmed with red; the gray sky my bosom; the sickly moon my heart. I rose and tried to row, but a faintness came over me

and I lay down again in the skiff.

"The next I knew I was on a rude bed in a houseboat miles down the river, with a kindly family of pearl fishers. They told me I had been sick fishers. They told me I had been sick for a long time. When I grew strong, I sold my jewelry, all but my wedding ring—that I saved for your sake—bought this houseboat, and became a pearl fisher. You know the rest."

The Irou-Gray-Woman fell silent;

rocked softly back and forth a time or two; allowed the chair to settle still. thoulders and drew her head over upon his breast. The little act of tenerness seemed to touch her deeply. or a long time the tears flowed on while the young man knelt and mar-

"Mother," he said very gently at last, stroking her hair, "we must go back

He felt her quiver at the word. She at for a long time staring down at

"For your sake—we must," she an-wered at length. "But not until you are twenty-one, or-we find the pearl

"But I am twenty-one in June-this June—the twentieth; and this is the thirteenth." The man was trembling with an eagerness he could not conceal. "The time is so near—his name—my father's name!"

He searched her wet eyes for the answer. In all his life, it was the first time the curtain that hid his past had ever raised. It must have been the fever that made her speak now. It was no light matter to unlock that door; to probe a wound of twenty years. She trembled up from her chair, her eyes wide and wild.

"Your father-!" The young man. too, had risen. She clutched his arm. 'Your father-!"

The words seemed to choke her. There came a torrent of coughing: and the man gently eased her back into the chair.

As he stooped over her, anxious to do something to alleviate her suffer-ing, yet not knowing what, she raised her face in a gasp for breath, and he saw blood upon her lips. He snatched another cup of water and knelt beside her, but for a long time she humped forward, her shoulders cupped in and her arms locked as if trying to hold ack the cough, until she seemed actually to conquer it by sheer force of rill. Finally she groped with one and for the cup; supped the cool water, straightened, and lay back in her tair. The e was no more blood on

lips, d the man said nothing of tiny k he had seen there.
"Mother. they're getting worse, ese spells. Let me bring the doctor wn from the village."

Her eyes opened; she looked up at im with feverish quickness.

"Tve lived twenty years without the orld. I'll not go back to it now."
"But, mother, if we just keep on this ay, you'll—you'll"—he hesitated at e next word; finally let it fall—"die."
"Die!" she seemed to fondle the ord. "A small thing—to die!"

She sat musing as if she found a selancholy comfort in the thought.
"But I shan't die," she continued,

with a hasty glance up at his face.

"My cough is worse today because my nedicine is gone."

The young man started.
"Your elecampane gone!"
"I took the last of it yesterday."

He went to the cook stove and lifted the saucer from a small jar in which the roots were usually steeped. It was empty and dry. There was a great ten-derness in his voice as he came back and bent over her chair.

"You shall have your elecampane tea," he said. "If the roots are to be found in the Flatwoods; and you shall sleep tonight in the old cabin up there under the cool trees."

A ripple of pleased expectation, of half-awakened interest, broke the drear surface of the weary face-like a faint glow back of a curtain that never raises.

He refilled the cup with cool water, rummaged a spade out of the locker under the forward deck, and was just on the point of leaping to the bank when he heard her speaking. He poked his head back inside the curains, and she repeated what she had just said:

"Isn't the Flatwoods where the Wild Man lives? Seems to me I once heard that there is such a man in these

He felt carelessly along the rusty bit of the spade with his thumb.
"I believe this is the woods."

"Maybe he's-I mean-he's not dan-

"Dangerous! A gray ghost of a man with a pitiful face. They say he goes through the woods as still as smoke, and leaves as little trail."

A minute later he had leaped ashore, climbed the bluffs and plunged into the deep woods.

The root of the elecampane was much esteemed as a remedy for coughs, but it was by no means abundant. No one knew this fact better than the Pearlhunter.

The small stream that feeds the waterfall at Fallen Rock is known as Wolf run. Following up along its course the Pearlhunter presently came to a tiny thread of water that joined it from the west-probably the outlet of some small pond tucked away among the bills. It is along the open margins of swamps and ponds, and never in the thick woods, that the elecampane

Believing from the warmth

grows. Believing from the warmth and duliness of its water that the tiny stream came from a pond, rather than from a spring, the Pearlhunter fol lowed it.

It had grown so small that the Pearlhunter began to fear it would disappear altogether, when there came a break in the forest line just ahead. A scramble through a dense fringe of hazel, and there it lay—a little pond in the midst of a narrow glade in a in the midst of a narrow glade in a pocket of the hills, a delicate inlay in the forest.

The man glanced at the sun; turned, and hurriedly looked about for the elecampane. Along the east edge of the glade, not far out from the fringe of hazel, he found it-a clump of some dozen stalks, three or four of them ready to bloom. The rusty spade was soon at their roots-probably the first ground ever broken on the margin of that pond. Three plants he digged, cut their stems close to the ground, shook the dirt from their clusters of fleshy roots, and hurried down the tiny outlet back to Wolf run.

It was upon the gravelly margin of a pool that the Pearlhunter stopped to wash the elecampane roots, and cut them loose from the clusters in which he had been carrying them. He had finished the task and was storing them away in the pockets of his blousewhen the song of a thrush from somewhere up the stream gradually worked itself across his consciousness

The song puzzled him. There were notes-certain little foreign flights; a leeper witchery-that he could not have believed possible to a thrush's throat. The Pearlhunter had a nice ear for the sounds of the woods. He stole cautiously up the bank. The sound, when he had drawn quite near, did not appear to come from any tree, but from some place down close to the water of another pool—another spot just ahead where the water stopped to

Parting the bushes with the utmost eaution, he crept up to the edge of the pool and peered forth. A woman -a girl-sar on a flat rock jutting out from the opposite bank, her bare feet from the opposite bank, her bare feet swinging in the water, her body bent slightly back and propped on her hands, her face uplifted, her puckered lips pouring forth the song that had drawn him to the spot. A sunbonnet swung from her arm; her shoes and stockings lay upon the rock beside half an armful of wild roses.

A twig flipped back into place as the Penrihunter strained his face a little closer. The song stopped; the girl

SALTS FOR KIDNEYS

Take a glass of Salts before breakfast if your Back hurts or Bladder bothers you.

The American men and women must mard constantly against Kidney trouble, because we eat too much and all our food is rich. Our blood is filled with urice acid which the kidneys strive to filter cut, they weaken from overwork, become sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog acid the result is kidney trouble, bladder weakness and a general decline in health.

When your kidneys feel like lumps of lead; your back hurts or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment or you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night; if you suffer with sick headache or dizzy, nervous spells, acid stomach, or you have rheumatism when the weather is bad, get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate clogged kidneys; to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water beverage, and belongs in every home, because nobody can make a mistake by having a good kidney flushing any time.



The Man Flattened and Held His Breath.

feet! The rough shoes she picked up the Pearlhunter uncertain praise to say he didn't look. Besides, it wouldn't be true. He did look. It is but simple justice to him to state, also, that after the one glance-a glance he could no more help than the branch could help flowing-he dragged his eyes away and held them away till he heard the girl scramble to her feet on the rock. As she gathered up her armload of wild roses he had leisure to observe

With the mass of color close to her face, it was hard to tell the one from the other-the flowers from the face; where the roses left off and the face began. Her hair hung loose, soft and wavy—the kind of hair a rogulsh shaft of morning sun can change to spun gold: lips like the song a moment ago upon them; eyes like the little patch of sky at the bottom of the pools—eyes that opened wide; that had nothing to conceal.

She was turning to spring to the bank when the Pearthunter rose and quietly stepped through the bushes. She whirled; and the two stood staring at each other across the pool. The flowers straggled from her arms and dringled down upon the rocks.

The Pearlhunter's eyes were the first to fall. Dragging off his battered

hat, half awkwardly, he bowed his head and strove for a word to justify his intrusion. But he was slow of speech Words came hard to him.
After a sime, his eyes traveled back across the pool; past the patch of sky at the bottom; up the side of the rock where her feet had dangled.

The rock was bare. The girl had

CHAPTER II.

Pearthunter strained his face a little closer. The song stopped; the girl whirled her eyes toward the swaying twig. The man flattened and held his breath.

But the woodland song was done. She slid back on the rock and reached for her stockings and shoes. Such from stone to stone, and went up her stockings and shoes.

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CHAPTER I.

The Iron-Gray-Woman.

A young man stood on the after deck of a small and very dingy houseboat filing a fish spear. Riding at the end of a storm-blackened rope strung from a cleat at the bow to a tree on shore, the boat rose and fell with the pulse of the river, lazy and languid under the beat of the hot afternoon

He was so tall, with such a spread of shoulder, that he seemed out of place upon so small a deck. Windseason and weather wear had worked their will upon him. But there are forces that grave deeper than wind and weather. Youth can hold wind and weather at bay. It is powerless against those other forces-those inner forces that grave the soul. Under the chafe of them his face had become the face of a man who had looked upon life and found it not to his liking. His eyes held the keen, quick hardness that comes to eyes that see only life's sterner side.

The Pearlhunter, they called him, the river men, not that he had found his pearl, possibly because he had not found it. Fallure names men, as well as success, in the wilderness.

The space between the fore and after decks of the houseboat was occupled by a kind of cabin, with a curtained entrance fore and aft and a single small window on each side. The man suddenly stopped filing the fish spear and glanced with quick anxiety toward this cabin. A woman was coughing. He crossed the narrow deck at a stride, shoved aside the soiled and rumpled curtain and entered. A dark. iron gray woman sat humped forward in a rickety old rockingchair of the gindew of the share side. Is if con-scious of his inability to help, possibly sed by long familiarity with simflar scenes, he stood looking down upon her, with no expression of sym-pathy other than a wince of pity in

She straightened after a time, and lay back against the bed quilt spread in the chair, spent and quivering, the trembling shell of what had once been a very beautiful woman. The man crossed the cabin, dipped up a tinful of water out of a bucket by the cook stove and offered it to her. waved it away.

"It's so warm-and flat! It has been long from the spring!

Without a word he set the cup back on the bench, picked up the bucket, passed out to the front deck, crossed the narrow gangplank, and hurried away up the slope toward the cliffs that rose above the trees a few rods back from the river shore.

The spot was known the length of the Wabash, for who has not heard of Fallen Rock, with the broad, thin waterfall pitching over the sharp-edged shelf between its two breasts and lapping the stone-strewn pool at its base? And the spring breaking out from under the shale ledges of the cliff near the west end of the old cabin and trickling its waters down a little sulphur-stained gutter into the pool-who has not heard of it? Not to have druck of its waters was considered a misfortune in the Flatwoods, just as in ancient Greece it was considered a calamity to die without having seen the statue of Olympian Zeus,

Fallen Rock is the highest front of naked stone along the Wabash, At the present day seven towns can be seen from its summit; in the late for-ties, two: Buckeye, a mile up the river, and the City twenty miles farther on.

When the man returned to the houseboat the Iron-Gray-Woman still lay back in the shaky rocking chair. Dipping the battered cup full of fresh water, the man stepped to her side.
"Your cool drink, mother."

The thin lids raised. The eyes she turned toward him must have been wonderfully beautiful in her day— large and deep and lustrous. The cough that wasted her breast seemed werless to dim their luster.

The man crossed the cabin and laid his hand on the rumpled curtain over the doorway, about to return to his task of sharpening the fish spear.

"It looks cool—and calm—up there."

He paused; glanced back over his shoulder at her, and waited for her

"Is that a log house I see up there under the cliffs?"

The floor of the houseboat creaked under the weight of him as he came to the window. He had to stoop lew to bring his eyes level with the open-

"A log house; old and empty." The Iron-Gray-Woman sat musing a moment, her eyes astray among the trees nodding languidly in the serene

"I wish I might live again upon the shore. The sun beats down so hot upon the houseboat, and I grow weary of the eternal throb of the river. If

I should grow strong." "And why not? It's empty, and nobody would care. In these deep woods

I could only live a little while up there

there's nobody to care." A flicker of light crossed her face. "I'd get well up there, under the strong cliffs, with the cool spring so ficar. And I've lived so long—since

you were a child in arms—on the river—the Ohio; the White; the Wabash!"
"Always, mother! Always the houseboat-drifting; drifting-and you so frail, so beautiful!"

The man left the window and knelt by the rocking chair. The Iron-Gray-Woman saw the question in his eyesa hunger for some word out of the past; a word that had never come. All his life she had kept it from himwhatever it had been that happened
back there behind the veil of her silence that left him nameless; a river
waif; a somad in an orderly world; a
fisher of pearls; a pearlhunter. Her
eyes ame back and faltered over him. eyes same back and lancered.
No longer a child; a boy-the reflection startled her. A man knelt at her side—the question written big upon his face. And it was his right to know. Her head dropped back against the quilt that cushioned the chair. It's

a solemn thing to be the mother of a man-glorious but solemn, The lustrous eyes-brighter for the fever wasting them-came back to him after a time. He saw a far-flung thoughtfulness in them; knew they had strayed into that past from which he was barred. The thin lips parted. The man's fingers curled tense upon the chair arm.

"To a city on the Wabash, in early purest blood-my family, your father's family, and the family of-of-another

The Iron-Gray-Woman shuddered and was stlent for a moment. The man picked up a wasted hand; stroked it softly between his own, and she went on, strained and slow, like one desperately nerved to a long-dreaded

"My parents both died when I was so small that I can barely remember them, leaving me, their only child, to the care of a distant relative, a greatuncle of my father's. This great-greatuncle-well, as I look back upon my life I cannot remember that he ever gave me a pleasant word.

"My aunt was as different as dawn to dark. She was everything that he was not. A thousand times she loved my hurt away.

"They had a daughter, an only child. almost my age, and of the same name -surname and all. When uncle was away on business trips, as he often was for weeks, it was like sunshine after rain. Such happy times! They are high among the few pleasant memories of my life."

The Iron-Gray-Woman paused, her dark, deep eyes seeming to search back into the dead past, like a traveler training his gaze across a stretch of desert to where the oasis lies. The man shifted to his other knee and she went on.

"My aunt died when we were in our girlhood. After that—the gray days were ever more than the bright. A petulance settled deep upon my uncle. His best word was a growl. The servants moved about the house like silent abadows.

"In this same city upon the Wabash lived two other families, as I have told you—your father's family and the family of—of—another man. Your father and this other man were both my suitors. But my uncle tried every means in his power to turn your fa-ther away from me to my cousin, while he secretly encouraged the at-tentions of the other man to me.

"Your father's blood was of the best in Virginia. A soldier, as the men of his family had always been, he had already won, by conspicuous gallantry, the rank of colonel in the Indian

"What was he like?"

The Iron-Gray-Woman turned her eyes and studied him so long, so intently, that he trembled lest his ques tion—a question that came in spite of him—had startled her into silence.

"Like you," she resumed, "and not like you. His eyes were blue, his hair light. Your hair is dark, like mine. Your eyes are like mine. But he had the same height and breadth of shoulders. der; like you, slow of speech, slow to strike, till the right instant came— then, as the hawk strikes.

"I never liked the-other man; though my uncle made it impossible for me completely to discourage his attentions." Her words dropped back into the memory groove worn deep by the years. "I kept up a show of interest in him, for the sake of my cousin. She really loved him, and it was the only way she could get to see him. He was a very handsome man; though, as it afterward turned out, the black sheep of his family, and deeply involved in debt. It was to repair me wasted fortunes, as I now believe, that he deliberately planned to win my cousin's heart—and hand."

The cough threatened to come back She held her hands tight upon her breast till she had mastered it, and then hurried on as if afraid her strength might not hold to say all that

had to be said. "The very boldness of him fascinated my cousin. Day by day his power over her grew greater. I never realized how great till one night, without taking even me into her confidence, she utterly astonished us all by elop ing with him. I will never forget the day that followed. My uncle disowned her, and sent after ber a message that she was never again to set foot inside his door. He raved and swore; drank himself into drunken madness; and

finally ended by driving me away also. "Your father had already declared himself. My uncle's cruelty hastened our marriage. That same day he took me to his home as his bride-to the beautiful gray mansion overlooking the river. We've sometimes passed it in our wanderings"—there came a wistful pause-"but I never allowed you to know.

"There followed a year of such happiness as I never knew could come to this world-a year that has left barren all the years that followed; that beggared all that went before! One evening, almost a year to a day afterward, as I sat rocked you, a baby in the cradle, and waiting for your father to come in, thinking, strangely enough, of my cousin, whom I had never seen since the night of the elopement, a slight sound at one of the low windows caused me to turn. I was far steadier nerved than I now am, but I could hardly keep back a scream. There stood my cousin's husband. He was speaking in a half whisper. But for the moment I was too startled to make out what he said. He came out from behind the curtains and drew I shrank away. In low w pers, for the maids were just outside the door, he was begging me to leave your father and come to him-that he had never loved my cousin-that I must come-that it was always me. His voice was hot as flame, but it turned me cold. I couldn't move. He came close-stooped over me.

"A step sounded in the hall. Half frantic, I tried to push him back toward the window. At the instant the door opened, and in it-your father; with the maids behind him. I



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e rock. There lay the flowers in attered confusion—a tumbled mass refreshing color; the half an armof pink and white and red wild oses. He picked up three—a pink; red; a white—and stood gazing own upon them. The true woods-an is instinctively a gentleman. He id not know—he did not try to know—that the girl watched his every love from behind a big oak a few up the bank,

"Like her—somehow," he muttered. Wild Rose! It might be her name. name! I wonder what it's like to

A thought shadowed his face—the old thought that always brought the cloud. His eyes narrowed; the lines of his mouth drew tense. Drawing the stems of the three roses through the stems of the three roses through those in his blouse, he strode on the branch back to Fallen

languid eyes of the Iron-Grayan turned toward him as he in over the sawing gangplank, aside the rumpled curtain, and d the tiny cabin of the house-There was not so much fire in yes. The fever was going down the sun. The thought his re-ig step had brought came out in

not like us to move in."

"They can only make us move out ain," was his cheery answer. "And, other, you never saw such a view

as you get from up there. And you can drink right out of the spring."

Something came to the face of the Iron-Gray-Woman that had long been a stranger there. Not a smile—a ripple, like the swath a chance breeze ruffles across still water.

"But you can't carry everything."
"Everything. And the first load shall be you."

Me!"
The would set you coughing to climb slope."
The woman dropped her eyes. After weakness is not a pleasant fact to the loss of power, the inability do accustomed things, always her as a shock. Life had brought the Iron-Gray-Woman little enough the Iron-Gray-Woman little enough tifully little enough. But though be ever so bare and gray, no one as to sit helpless and watch it go. Haply the young man sensed nother of this, but was already busy the ering together such of their ter stock of household goods as it and be absolutely necessary to the coming night was to be spent after.

thing remained but the actual ashore. His mother came first, e had said. While packing, he fanned to help her up the hill to oring and leave her there while pt the old cabin, aired it out. the cook stove, and otherwise the place as sweet and inviting the for her occupancy.

before passi... hrough the ed curtain of the houseboat she ed and gazed over the tiny cabin. st one look before I go," she

was astonished at the wistful-

has been my home for twenty she said as she turned away, ne more the voicing of a reflec-

tion than the statement of a fact.

Across the gangplank and up the slope among the trees he led her-carried her-with all the tenderness due from a man to his mother; for the Iron-Gray-Woman had the man-ners and speech of a "lady of high degree;" and she had taught him all she knew. He had brought along a cushion, which he spread for her upon a moss-uphoistered rock. With the spray of the waterfall in the air, with the cup in her hand, the cool spring within reach, he left her and hurried back to the houseboat.

The sun was dipping low toward the distant bend in the river when the last of the moving was done. A purple twilight had given place to dark before he had the cabin put to rights, his mother in her easy chair, and supper on the table; a bass, taken from the nets only that morning; fruit from the woods; baked pota-toes; toast, crisp and brown; and tea, which she had left her chair long enough to draw.

In the contented slience that often falls after the evening meal, the man sat covertly studying her face. The fever had gone. It was a face almost serene. She appeared, as he watched her, to be listening to the sound of the waterfall floating in through the open window upon the pulse of the night. The move had done her good. He thought how beautiful she must have been-how beautiful still.

Her words that afternoon came back to him-the only word that had ever come to him out of the past. The desire to learn more grew in him, and yet he dreaded to speak. The Iron-Gray-Woman was not one to invite confidences. And yet a man ought to know something of the manner of his coming into the world.

The cabin had settled to deep quiet; the lap of the waterfall had swelled to full strength upon the silence; when the cabin door banged open and a man stormed in. The Pearlhunter

whirled up out of his chair and faced

The intruder was a man of forty. possibly more, lacking somewhat of the Pearlhunter's height and massive build, yet still what would be called a big man-tight and well set upsmooth shaven, except for an aggressive mustache faintly shot with gray. He wore a slouch hat, top boots, frock coat, and a very fancy and much-beowered vest. His blue eyes-the kind of blue that turns black when roused—had an uncomfortable knack of seeming to see everything in sight.
They were just now flitting furtively,
a bit contemptuously, over the tall figure of the young man facing him.
"You're the fellow they call the

Pearlhunter?"

The gray eyes of the man addressed were blazing; his fingers manifesting an almost uncontrollable inclination to tuck themselves into his palms; but he held himself and answered

"They do call me that." "What are you doing in this cabin?"
"Is it yours?"
"No difference whether it is or

whether it isn't. It's no place for river

scum to wash ashore." A stranger ought to be pretty sure of himself before he says a thing like that, especially when he says it the way the Man-in-the-Fancy-Vest said it. He didn't know the Pearlhunter —not as the river men knew him—or he would have considered a long time first. Almost any river man along the Wabash could have told him that things would happen. Things did happen. Still, it probably would have been just the same anyhow. A wildcat couldn't have dodged the toil-calloused fist that stabbed across the candlelight. It caught the intruder flat in



the mouth and pitched him back against the door, which slammed to the wall, and thus saved him from going clear to the floor,

He was up in a flash. His hand dropped toward his hip. That is always a dangerous motion to make in the Flatwoods; never more so than just then and there. The Pearlhunter had anticipated such a move. His own hand reached his hip the flash of a second ahead. The two stood eyeing each other, crouched and tense.

There came a scream from the Iron-Gray-Woman. She had risen from her chair. The Pearlhunter dared not look, but he saw the eyes of the man he faced turning irresistibly toward the sound. With the first glance a startling change came over him; his eyes strained; stared; his hand left his hip and went to his face. He straightened and shrank back against the cabin door. The Pearlhunter dared not look around, yet he knew his mother was coming. With a step he would not have believed it possible for her to take she was be-tween them, her face ablaze with imperious dignity; her eyes like the pan-ther before the door of her den. She had shed her weakness as a mantle, The intruder cowered; his lips moved. She raised her hand and pointed to the door. Again he tried to speak. Her body stiffened; her arm grow rigid. Like a man compelled to re-treat before a blaze, he half turned and backed away.

The Pearlbunter followed him, trailed him up the bluffs, through the woods and out to the river road, where it came down from the north, right angled east and led away up the river to the village.

When he hurried back his mother was again in her chair, the imperious outburst over, spent and trembling. She looked up at him curiously. He thought she was about to speak. She hesitated; looked down.

"I haven't seen him for twenty years. He's the-the-other man."

The Pearlbunter started; glanced quickly at her. She was rocking back and forth, the fingers of her thin

hands lacing and unlacing nervously.

The breeze from the door was guttering the candle. He crossed the floor to close it. As he brought it around, it scraped a small packet ahead of it along the floor. He picked it up and, after closing the door, carried it to the candle. It was not bigger than the length and width of a man's two thumbs, and was wrapped in brown paper. He unrolled it. The first glance, as the folds foll apart and a bit of cloth dropped upon the table, brought a startled exclamation from him. It was a red mask.

The Iron-Gray-Woman left her chair and came to the table. The two

Will You Be Away Aug. 28?

Any voter who expects to be away from home on Aug. 28, primary election day, may call on hte county clerk, receive and make out a ballot and leave it with the clerk to be deposited on election day. This can be done only on a day not more than ten nor less than thre days before election day.

Doubtless.

Representative R. A. Baldwin of Slaton was in Lubbock Wednesday. We presume he came up for the purpose of hearing Jos. W. Bailey speak in behalf of his candidacy. Mr. Baldwin is on the speaking list for the Neff Club and will address the people at a number of places in the county during the next two weeks.—Lubbock Avalanche.

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FOSTER'S WEATHER BULLETIN.

Late great improvements in my forecasts will begin with the first of November next. Warm wave will reach Vancouver, B. C., near Aug. 26 and temperatures will rise on all the Pacific slope and over the middle and northern Rockies. Its center will move southeastward, reaching St. Louis about 28th. Its path will be by way of Salt Lake. It will continue southeast from St. Louis, reaching Atlanta about 29th, then northeastward, reaching Ottawa and eastern sections about Aug. 30th or 31st. Very warm weather will prevail along and south of this central path; cooler north of it.

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The central part of the low or storm center will follow the warm wave path, about one day behind and the cool wave center about two days behind. This disturbance will have greater than average force; will be larger than usual; more rain is expected from it than past averages of this summer. My forecasts have said August would bring more rain than July.

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July.

I am expecting very destructive frosts in our northern States and the Canadian provinces east of Rockies' crest during the week centering on Sept. 11. Much of the corn crop is late and, as I see it, will be badly damaged. These frosts will also damage some of the late crops in Canada. I am expecting the most severe storms of the year immediately followed by a cold wave and killing frosts during that week.

Soft corn would be fed to cattle and hogs and that would bring down the price of beef. The average dates of killing frosts in our northern tier of States si from Sept. 15 to 25 and the earliest dates Sept. 1 to 10. I expect killing frosts in northern parts of the cotton belt during the week centering on Oct. 5.

Following editorial was clipped from the "Sunspot," a science maga-zine published by Prof. Ricard, head of the astronomical observatory of Santa Clara, near San Francisco, Cal. Prof. Ricard is the foremost advocate of forecasting the weather by observ-ing Sunspots and interpreting their effects. Prof. Ricard's editorial fol-

ing Sunspots and interpreting their effects. Prof. Ricard's editorial follows:

"The striving to solve the greatest and in practice the most important problem of the ages and one which is quite solvable, namely, how to forecast the weather long in advance, is now ten times greater than ever before. The bases used are the Moon, the planets, the Sunspots, the Sun's rotation, the solar output of heat, each taken separately and exclusively. Foster's own would seem to be a sort of combination system which is in part related and in part unrelated to most of the above. It certainly takes in the Sun, the planets and the Moon. As, beyond all doubt, our planetary system is an intricate network of interrelations, one feels inclined to award the palm to Foster. He has been longest in the field and must know what he is talking about.

"There is one thing about longrange forecasting which has ever been a puzzle and it is the determined opposition it has ever met at the hands of our professional forecasters for the day that comes after today. Were it not well for these opponets to settle once for all whether forecasting long in advance is possible or impossible? If possible, opposition becomes irrational; if impossible, it is scientific folly to strive after it."

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C. A. HOLCOMB. (For re-election second term.)

For Tax Assessor: R. C. BURNS. (Re-election.)

County and District Clerk: SAM T. DAVIS. (Re-election.)

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For Commissioner Precinct 2: H. D. TALLEY. (Second Term.) Justice of the Peace Precinct 2: PAUL P. MURRAY.

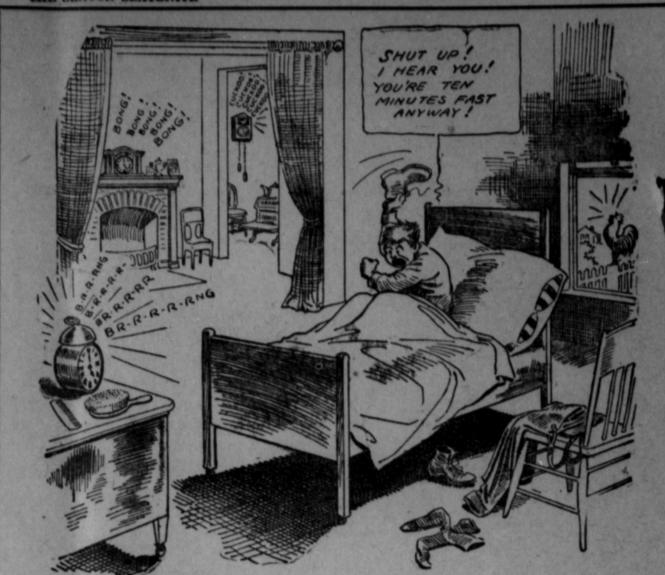
For Public Weigher, Precinct 2: T. W. COVINGTON. (Second term.)

REPUBLICAN PAPER SUPPORTING J. W. BAILEY

San Antonio, Aug. 18.—Local republicans are discussing with considerable interest an editorial announcement by the Texas Republic (republican) of this city in favor of former Senator Bailey for governor. The Republic says it would be to the advantage of Texas republicans to support Mr. Bailey, rather than attempt to put out their own nominee, because should Bailey be elected, they would have a friend in the governor's office. The Republic's view is not shared by George Pridgen of Houston, who is visiting in the city, and who says that a republican candidate will be placed in the field.

R. B. Creagor of Brownsville, one

R. B. Creagor of Brownsville, one of the original Texas Harding men, also is in favor of a republican guernatorial nominee.



A CLOCK STORY

HOW CAN YOU EXPECT TO KNOW THE TIME, OR BE ON TIME WITHOUT A GOOD CLOCK? SPEAK-ING OF TIME REMINDS US OF A STORY WE HEARD THE OTHER DAY: A TRAMP HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF STEALING A WATCH. THE JUGD EASKED HIM IF HE HAD ANYTHING TO SAY AS TO WHY HE HAD COMMITTED THE CRIME. THE TRAMP SAID HE WANTED TO KNOW THE TIME. THE JJUDGE TOLD HIM IT WOULD BE TWO YEARS. NOW, IF YOU NEED A CLOCK, OR NEED ANOTHER CLOCK, OR NEED A BETTER CLOCK, WE HOPE YOU WILL TAKE THE TIME TO COME IN AND LOOK AT OUR CLOCK STOCK.

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