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CONTRACT AWARDED MEMPHIS FIRM FOR SCHOOL BUILDING

R. H. Whaley & Co. Submit Bid of \$84,273. Wheatley & Co. Given Plumbing Contract.

R. H. Whaley & Company of Memphis, submitted the lowest bid and were given the contract for the construction of the new High School building here. A total of eight bids was received, ranging from \$84,273, the lowest bid, having been submitted by the Memphis company, to \$97,777, the highest bid, which was submitted by V. E. Weir, of El Paso.

The following are the names of the contracting companies submitting bids together with their respective bids: James T. Taylor, of Fort Worth, \$96,400; V. E. Weir, El Paso, \$97,777; Geo. Parr, Amarillo, \$93,700; Christy Dolph Construction Co., Dallas, \$90,750; Fred Bone, Amarillo, \$88,998; Johnsey & Bean, Memphis, \$85,820.10; R. H. Whaley & Co., Memphis, \$84,273; Walker Construction Co., San Antonio, \$91,787.

Wheatley & Company of Amarillo, were given the contract for the heating and plumbing, having submitted a bid of \$17,579.40, which was only \$420.60 under the second lowest bid. A total of seven bids was submitted, the highest being \$19,800, by a Clarendon company.

R. H. Whaley & Co. purchased the old building for \$1,000, being the highest of six bids submitted. The brick to be used in the new building will be bought from the same Brick Company of Fort Worth, at \$34.50 per thousand.

The old building was vacated Wednesday, and the work of tearing it down will start not later than next Monday. A portion of the material may possibly be used in the constructing the new building.

Two of the grades from the primary department will find quarters in the Library, while the others will go to the High School building, where the pupils in a part of the grades will attend in the forenoon and the others in the afternoon. By beginning early and holding late they will be able to get in the required amount of time.

GOOD SEASON FOR SPRING PLANTING

A slow rain began falling here Saturday night and continued until 5 p. m. Sunday. A little over an inch and one-half inches fell during the time and with the light rains we have had heretofore, gives us a good season for spring planting.

The farmers and citizens in general are good over prospects for a bumper crop in this section of the county. Lots of farmers are sowing oats in Spring, making an effort to get an early feed crop. Some early corn will be planted in time for it to mature early enough to be fed finishing the summer crops.

The blizzard which struck here this morning will not likely be of long duration.

Pre-Easter Campaign.

The Churches of Christ in all the world will begin the pre-Easter campaign next Sunday. The aim of the campaign is to add 1,000,000 members in five years, 200,000 per year. Texas' quota is 20,000.

W. A. Mason of Lone Oak will speak at the Main Street Church of Christ all next week and on until Saturday. A. D. Rogers will go to the Oak for a fifteen-days meeting, beginning April 2. Each member of the church is urged to attend all services Sunday.

STATE WIDE HEALTH WEEK APRIL 2 TO 8

The State Board of Health has designated April 2nd as the beginning for an intensive State Wide Health Promotion Campaign. Print programs, outlining suggested activities, may be obtained by interested parties upon writing the State Department. The program designates April 2, as Health Appraisal Day; April 3, Pure Food Day; April 4, Sanitary Improvements Day; April 5, Child Welfare Day; April 6, Disease Prevention Day; April 7, Health Pageant Day; April 8, Health Day.

Local Power Plant Makes Improvements

Memphis Electric & Ice Company Add Inside Equipment and Improvements; Beautify Grounds.

The Memphis Electric & Ice Company are making extensive improvements in their local power and ice plant.

Their recent additions to the inside equipment have included a 150-horse power engine and a new condenser. They have also placed jackets on the boilers, reducing the cost of fuel about thirty per cent. They are now putting in a concrete floor.

With the new equipment recently installed, their output has been increased to twenty-five tons per day.

The grounds around the plant are being graded. They are also setting out trees and Bermuda grass, which will add much to the attractiveness of the grounds.

This firm is planning to erect a new brick building the latter part of this year, which adds another substantial structure to the 1923 list for Memphis. Their plans for building will enable them to build on the same ground without removing the old building. This can be done by building around the present structure, giving them a considerably larger building.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS PRESENT MINSTREL

The girls' basket ball teams of the Memphis High School, under the supervision of Prof. Paul James, presented a negro minstrel show at the Palace Theatre last Monday and Tuesday. The girls demonstrated considerable talent that is deserving of comment. Their program was appropriately arranged and they gave several minutes of good entertainment.

50-PIECE BAND TO GIVE CONCERT SATURDAY NIGHT

A 50-piece band, under the direction of Prof. Paul James, will give a free concert on the streets Saturday night. This will be the first time for a 50-piece band to play here. An evening of good entertainment is promised.

DO YOU WANT WATER PUMPED TO CEMETERY?

As there have been quite a number of people asking that water be piped to the cemetery, we are taking this means to estimate how many are interested in this movement. The trustees of the cemetery are anxious to pipe water to the cemetery and beautify the grounds as much as possible, and all who are interested in this movement are requested to write the secretary of Chamber of Commerce or see him in the near future stating what you would be willing to contribute, if anything, toward this improvement, as it will be quite a large expense and the water bill will have to be taken care of in the future.

Masonic Lecture.

W. T. Ede of Dallas will give a lecture at the Palace Theatre, March 21, at 4:00 p. m., on the Masonic Service Association. All Master Masons are urged to be present.

BLANTON RESIGNS AS P. P. C. OF C. SECRETARY

Amarillo, March 11.—W. N. Blanton, secretary-manager of the Panhandle-Plains Chamber of Commerce, tendered his resignation to the directors of the organization at a special meeting here Friday afternoon. He resigns to accept the position as secretary of the Shreveport, La., Chamber of Commerce, and plans to leave Amarillo within two weeks.

R. M. Fielder, secretary of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, was unanimously chosen by the directors to succeed Mr. Blanton, and he will assume the duties of the office immediately on Mr. Blanton's departure for Shreveport.

The resignation of Secretary Blanton came as a surprise to the directors as well as to many friends here and over the Panhandle. Through his effective work here and at Waco, where he was secretary of the Young Men's Business League before coming to Amarillo, he has built up a reputation as one of the liveliest chamber of commerce men in the entire South-west.

BILL CREATING NEW JUDICIAL DISTRICT PASSED

Young Bill Creating 100th Judicial District Is Passed Over Governor's Veto Friday.

The bill which proposed the creation of the One Hundredth Judicial District to be composed of Hall, Childress, Collingsworth and Donley counties was passed over the disapproval of Governor Neff shortly after his veto of the bill Friday, March 9. Governor Neff stated in his veto message that he did not consider that a new district was needed.

The announcement of the passage of the bill was received here with much interest and enthusiasm, and is considered as being of more importance to any other action taken by the Legislature.

The need of a new judicial district has been felt here for some time, but no effective action was taken until the meeting of the Thirty-Eighth Legislature, when Representative Young of Collingsworth County, introduced a bill creating a new district to be composed of Hall, Childress, Collingsworth, Donley and Armstrong counties. As citizens of Armstrong county desired to remain in their present district, that county was not included in the bill as engrossed by both houses of the Legislature. It was then sent to the Governor, but met with his disapproval as have all other similar bills, and, as in similar cases, was passed over his veto.

The bill will become effective on June 12, at which time district court will be in session here. Another session, under the new court will be called about the month of September, giving Hall County three sessions of district court for the year. Under the new court, Hall County will have twelve weeks of district court each year, and the other counties included in the district will have ten weeks each.

Judge James V. Leak will make his home in Vernon, where he will remain in his position as district judge of that district.

It is understood that Memphis men will be strong applicants for the position of district judge and district attorney for the new court.

MRS. LORD WILL BE IN HOSPITAL SEVERAL MONTHS

Uncle Joe Grandberry came in Wednesday from Elk City, Oklahoma, where he has been since the automobile accident that occurred near there more than two months ago in which he and Mrs. Jim Lord sustained painful injuries. Mrs. Lord is making some improvement but will not be able to leave the hospital for several months.

HALL COUNTY COUPLE MARRIED AT CHILDRESS

Roy E. Weatherly and Miss Emma Sims of Parnell, Hall County, came to Childress this morning to be married. They secured licenses from County Clerk Burnett. Justice G. W. Ellison said the words that made them man and wife.—Childress Index

UNPAID POLL TAX IS LIEN AGAINST HOME RULING FOR WOMEN

Fort Worth, March 11.—Refusal of a woman to pay her poll tax places a lien in favor of the State of Texas against her community property, according to an opinion handed down Saturday by the Second Court of Civil Appeals in a case that was appealed from the District Court at Weatherford.

NAMES OF HEROES TO BE PLACED ON TABLET

Names of heroes of the Panhandle-Plains country, who sacrificed their lives during the World War, will be placed upon the bronze memorial tablet at Amarillo that is to be dedicated to the honor of the men and women of the Panhandle-Plains country who died in service.

J. S. Forkner is at Lodge this week moving the old school building to Main street, just east of the garage. The Woodmen and Oddfellows have bought the building and are having it moved.

NATIONAL CON- GRESS PASSES CREDITS ACT

Agricultural Credits Act One of Most Important Acts Passed by National Congress.

On the last day it was in session Congress enacted the Agricultural Credits Act. This act is designed to give the farmer the sort of credit he needs to produce efficiently and market in an orderly way the products of the farm. It is an effort by Congress to meet a need which has been felt for at least fifty years. The act may not be perfect. Quite possibly experience will show the need of amendments from time to time. But it furnishes the basis for a system of intermediate credit adapted to farm conditions and farm needs. Also it should bring about a reduction in the interest which farmers must pay for borrowed money.

The act is divided into two parts. In the first, it provides government agencies for handling agricultural loans. In the second, it authorizes the organization of private agencies under government supervision for making loans on live-stock security and on farm commodities on the way to market.

The Government loan activities will be carried on in connection with the Federal land banks. At the present time the country is divided into twelve districts, and in each of these districts there is a Federal land bank which makes land mortgage loans, these twelve banks being directed by a central Federal Farm Loan Bureau in Washington. In connection with each of these land banks is to be established an intermediate credit bank, located in the same city with the land bank and under the supervision of the officers and directors of the land bank. The Federal government supplies each of these intermediate credit banks with a capital not to exceed \$5,000,000. These intermediate credit banks are authorized to discount farmers' notes which have been taken by banks and other financial institutions, and then carry such notes for a term of from six months to three years. The banks may also loan direct to farmers' cooperative associations under conditions set forth in the act.

These intermediate credit banks may issue debentures which will have back of them the farmers' notes which the banks have taken. The idea is that these debentures may be sold to people who wish a safe investment. They are exempt from taxation, just as the bonds issued by the Federal land banks are exempt. The interest charged by the intermediate credit banks may not exceed by more than one per cent the interest paid on the debenture issued, and the farmer who borrows must not be charged an interest rate of more than one and one-half per cent above the interest charged by the intermediate credit bank.

No doubt, some time will be required to get the machinery in smooth working order. It will be just like building up a new business. It should not be very long, however, until the benefits will be apparent and the farmer will find that he can borrow needed capital for a period of three years without having to pay an unduly high interest rate, without having to renew notes every ninety days or six months, and without being in danger of having to sacrifice his crops or live stock because of a sudden financial flurry.

The second division of the act authorizes the organization, under a Federal charter, of national agricultural credit corporations, these to be organized by private capital. They will be under the supervision of the Comptroller of the Currency, just as are other national banking institutions. They must have a capital stock of at least \$250,000. They may issue collateral trust debentures up to ten times their capital and surplus. Such corporations will probably be organized in the Western States where the live-stock industry is important and where cattle loan companies are in operation.

In addition to the provisions of the act designed to furnish the farmer much needed intermediate credit, certain changes have been made in the law under which the Federal land banks operate and in the Federal Reserve Act. Provision for the establishment of the so-called pan-

Farmers Bookkeeping School Here Tuesday

Twenty-Two In Attendance at Farmers' Bookkeeping School Tuesday. Well Pleased With Course.

The farmers' bookkeeping school, under Mr. M. M. Daugherty, of the A. & M. Extension Service, attracted an attendance of twenty-two, representing almost every community in the entire county.

County Agent L. M. Thompson who made arrangements for the school here says that those who attended were well pleased with the course and expressed appreciation for the service.

The department has arranged a simplified system that takes but very little time, yet enables the farmer to keep an accurate and intelligible record of his operations.

Mr. Thompson will be glad to give any information possible to any who failed to attend the school but are interested in the matter.

Mrs. R. B. Morgan left Wednesday night for Belton for a visit with her daughters, Misses Ethlyn and Imogene, who are attending Belton College.

PALMER MEMORIAL WILL BE ERECTED

Amarillo, March 10.—At the special meeting of the directors of the Panhandle-Plains Chamber of Commerce Friday afternoon, a resolution was passed favoring the erection of a monument to the grave of Hamlin Palmer, former traffic expert of the organization and also the placing of a bronze plate in the new Municipal Auditorium as a memorial in recognition of his services.

This resolution was passed after Frank R. Jamison had revealed to the assemblage some of the services that Hamlin Palmer had rendered while in office.

Heretofore the maximum amount which might be loaned to any individual by the Federal land banks has been \$10,000. This has been increased to \$25,000. Also the purpose for which mortgage loans may be made has been broadened to include the repayment of any existing indebtedness.

The Federal Reserve Act is amended by broadening the definition of what is called agricultural paper, making it include the grading and processing of agricultural products by cooperative marketing associations. Heretofore the Federal Reserve Banks have not been permitted to discount agricultural paper for a longer period than six months. This period has been increased to nine months.

A large number of the state banks are not now members of the Federal Reserve System, some of them because their capital is not large enough to meet the requirements of the law. An amendment to the Federal Reserve Act is carried in this bill designed to encourage small banks to join the system. A bank which has capital equal only to sixty per cent of the capital required of national banks may now be admitted, if within a reasonable time the capital will be increased to correspond with the capital required of national banks.

The life of the War Finance Corporation is extended up to February 29, 1924, the expectation being that by that date the new credit facilities provided for under this agricultural credits act will be sufficient to meet the needs.

This Agricultural Credits Act of 1923 is one of the most important acts passed by the last Congress. It marks an earnest effort to provide the farmer with the sort of credit he must have to carry on efficiently. It is not class legislation. The results will be helpful to business in general, because the effect will be to stabilize agricultural production and marketing.—Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture.

SISTER CITIES BOOST MEMPHIS FOR COLLEGE

Neighboring Cities Lend Support to Memphis. Childress Index Suggests Jubilee Here.

Since Memphis made her announcement as being in the contest for the location of the West Texas Technological College, neighboring cities, including Childress, Quanah and Wellington, have leagued themselves with Memphis in making the fight for the school. Last Friday's issue of the Childress Index contained the following statements:

"Memphis is going to seek the location for School of Technology, which will be located somewhere in West or Northwest Texas. Memphis is going to make an offer that will make all the towns sit up and take notice."

"Hall County has a variety of soils and can, with small expense, provide a system of irrigation for the college. The climate is ideal and healthful. The only thing lacking is greater rail facilities. The Index will boost her sister city for the location and would like to see a big celebration held at Memphis April 1st. This section of the Panhandle is the most thickly populated and it is possible that every county westward from Wilbarger and north and south through eastern tier of Panhandle counties will throw support to Memphis."

A meeting will be held at the City Hall Friday, 2:00 p. m., for the purpose of discussing, and deciding definitely if possible, the most suitable and attractive location to offer the Locating Board. Every citizen of Memphis and vicinity is urged to attend this meeting and lend his support in making a solid pull for the school. The advisability of holding a jubilee here will probably be discussed.

An effort is being made to arrange a special train to send to Amarillo when they hold their jubilee on April 4. It is the intention of those interested to make an effective impression at this meeting, and we evidently have the goods to deliver.

Memphis' prospects for the college are growing brighter, and she, beyond a doubt, will be one of the strongest, if not the strongest contestant.

Misses Bess Duke and Marzella Gibson, accompanied by Mrs. Howard Leak left Thursday night for Fort Worth to attend the Fat Stock Show. They returned Monday morning.

W. Combest.

Last Friday, 8:45 a. m., W. Combest made answer to the last call. Serious illness for nearly a year, being confined to his room for more than four months and a real Christian life enabled him to make the last mile in peace. Going to sleep in his home surrounded by a faithful and loving wife, children and true friends and awakening amidst the glories of eternity makes us all say in our hearts, "Let us die the death of the righteous," and "Let our last days be like His."

W. Combest was born June 22, 1861, in Casey County, Kentucky. Obeyed the gospel August, 1879. Came to Texas in 1888 and settled in Collin County. Moved from Collin to Cottle County in 1891 and was married on December 16, 1894 to Miss Mary Edna Powell. Of this union, there were four children, one dying in infancy, another in childhood, Curtis D. and Mrs. Ranco, who are citizens of Memphis and Hall County.

Mr. Combest moved to Hall County in 1907 and remained here until his death. He served as County Commissioner of Cottle County for four years and of Hall County two years.

Mr. Combest was a Royal Arch Mason, an Oddfellow and a W. O. W. He was a true disciple of Christ for more than 40 years and a member of the Main Street Church of Christ at Memphis for fifteen years, being a member of the official board and a trustee at the time of his death. Of all those helping in his long illness.

The faithful wife helped most; Of all those losing at his going; The true wife lost most.

May the good Lord and people of Memphis help her and the children bear this bereavement.—A Friend.

MEMPHIS HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Items of Interest Pertaining to The Classes and Departments of Memphis Public Schools.

Home Economics News.

The silk dresses made by the second year Home Economics girls were judged, as worn by the girls, by Miss Esther Johnsey, Mr. Ray Martin and Mr. A. Baldwin. Pauline Goodnight won first place; Lucille Read, third; and Ruth Leary, third.

The same dresses were judged for quality of workmanship by Mrs. Tipton and Mrs. W. J. Walker. In this Pauline Goodnight won first place; Addie Fickas, second; and Hazel Delaney and Ruby Johnson, third.

The children's dresses and romper suits made by the first year Home Economics girls were also judged. Dresses judged on child: Mary Foreman and Helen Kercheville, first; Cleo Hendricks, second; and Rose Johnson, third. Dresses judged according to workmanship: Cleo Hendricks, first; Ruth Keeling and Louise Caviness, second; Helen Madden, third. Mesdames Ball, Kinard, Pierce Goodnight and Walker served as judges.

Freshman Notes.

The candidates for the Freshman class are: Leon Hale, cutest boy; Nova Eiland, best all around pupil.

Chapel Notes.

Last Friday morning Irene Beatty gave a very clever little reading in chapel, and we also enjoyed some special music by the High School Orchestra.

Monday morning, March 12, Mr. Hibbetts made a very interesting talk during the chapel exercises.

Honor Roll, West Ward.

Low Fifth Grade—Jewel Harper, Frances Denny and Dorothy Elliott.

High Fourth Grade—Clara Alexander, Clare Frances Lane, Irene Bernard, Gladys Jones, James Hammond.

Low Fourth Grade—Rebecca Selton, Chloe Johnson, Margaret Gowen, Jeanette Thomas, William Miller, Trebise Davis, Ernestine Walker, Ruth Harrison, J. C. Lampkin.

High Third Grade—Estell Champion, Ollie Ledford.

Low Third Grade—Lena Bayne, Francis Scott, Mildred Jones, Welford Jones, J. W. West, Ferka Burnley, Inez Gable.

High Second Grade—Inez Garner, Mena Thompson, Vivian Kilpatrick, Mary Rasco, Billy Bowerman, Fred Brewer, Darel Grundy.

High First Grade—Gale Greene, Cearly Read Kinard, Frankie Cooper, Robert Lee Ham, Doris Biber, Ollie Merle Bean, Charlotte Fore, Joy Arnold, Ouida Rice, Nell Walker, Winnie Eozary, Dorothy Helen January.

High First and Low Second—J. P. Bolles, Elizabeth Champion, Jennie Wood, Margaret Hawkins, Mary Francis Keeling, A. E. Evans, Virgil Shaw, Fannae Mae Brown, Nell Bradley, Ruby Lee Stringer.

Honor Roll, East Ward.

High Fifth Grade—Lon Webster, High Fourth Grade—Marie Barker, Homer Shankle, Thelma Hopchior.

High Third Grade—Pansy Pierce, Beulah Tribble.

High Second Grade—Everett Bell, Alberta Gerlach.

Low Second Grade—Willie Freeland, Estelle Hays.

High First Grade—Willie Bell, Herschell Founds, James Sparks, Katherine Barber.

Honor Roll, High School.

Senior Class—Mary Foreman, Florence Eiland, Harry Blair.

Junior Class—Mary Nail, Addie Fickas, Chauncey Thompson.

Sophomore Class—Helen Madden.

Freshman Class—Margaret Milam, Zada Bell Walker, Alma Saylor, Carolyn McNeely, Kate Pressley.

Honor Roll, Grammar School.

Low Seventh—Lone Webster, Oleta Bell Hyder, Morgan Dennis.

High Seventh—Dannie Huffman, Mary Louise McNeil, Mary Lucy Montgomery, Bonnie Bourland, Jack Creager, T. J. Dunbar.

Resolution of Thanks.

Whereas, the Hall County Chapter of the American Red Cross has performed notable service in behalf of ex-service men of the county in obtaining adjustments of compensation and many other matters for their benefit during the year 1922, and

Whereas, E. N. Hudgins of Memphis, Texas, is in charge of this branch of the Red Cross work in Hall County and has been untiring, diligent and faithful in his efforts to render every service possible to the ex-service men, having served en-

tirely without any compensation whatever, and his efforts having been crowned with the most gratifying success,

Now therefore, be it resolved, by the Charles R. Simmons Post No. 175 of the American Legion, that as a slight expression of our appreciation of the services of the American Red Cross and especially of Mr. Hudgins, we take this means of thanking them, and assuring them of our deepest gratitude, and of our willingness to co-operate with them in any worthy cause to the best of our ability;

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be delivered to Mr. Hudgins and to each of the local papers.

CHARLES R. SIMMONS POST NO. 175, AMERICAN LEGION.

M. G. Tarver, Post Commander, W. V. Coursey, Post Adjutant, Frank K. Fore, David Fitzgerald, Jess L. Ballew, Committee.

A Memoir.

Written in memory of Mrs. R. M. Bullock, who died February 21, 1923.

"Gone but not forgotten,"

To her Heavenly home above, To forever be with Jesus

Where all is peace and love.

She died as she had lived, With Jesus as her guide, And in her crossing over

She had Him by her side.

"To know her, was to love her,"

Her council was the best, Although we sorrow greatly

We know she is at rest.

To you, her husband and children, I know how sad your heart,

But wend your way to Heaven

Where from her you'll never part.

I know your hearts are lonely

Your home is lonelier still, But put your trust in Jesus

And be content with His will.

—One Who Loved Her.

Why allow yourself to get old and stiff? Why not take chiropractic

adjustments and keep supple? John W. Fitzjarrald, the Chiropractor. Office in residence two blocks west of Citizens State Bank. Lady in office. Phone 462.

EVERY WEEK HERE BEGAN YESTERDAY

Starting yesterday the big Avery Week agricultural implement display at the Harrison-Clover Hardware Company will occupy the center of interest to the farmers of Hall County and surrounding territory, and with special representatives from the Avery factory present should prove one of the most profitable exhibits of the kind ever held in this section.

L. D. Heysler, special representative from Amarillo, was on hand yesterday morning for the purpose of arranging exhibits, and is expected that a number of farmers will take the opportunity to pay an early visit to the Harrison-Clover Hardware store for the purpose of meeting the out-of-town representatives and discussing matters pertaining to the various implements which are in use throughout the county.

Special letters of invitation have been sent out to the leading farmers of the adjoining territory and in as much as it has been announced by Avery representatives that it is the desire to talk with every one who can possibly get in during the week with the idea in view of finding out how implements can be better suited to local conditions, it is thought there will be a good attendance all during the week.

It is emphasized by Mr. Heysler that this week is not solely for the purpose of putting on a special drive to sell implements but to acquaint every Avery owner, and prospective owner, with the ideas of cooperation and assistance which his organization holds.

One of the unusual features of the exhibit will be the drawing which will take place at 11:00 o'clock on the last morning of the show. Every farmer who has received a letter of invitation with serial number stamped upon it will be entitled to a chance on an Avery implement.

John W. Davis, president of the American Bar Association, said at the association banquet in St. Louis, "Individual liberty is being beaten down, and the right of man to govern himself is being defeated by the threatening encroachment on the Constitution of a code of statutes to control the habits and morals of Americans." He believes there is too much law and a tendency to ignore mandates of the Constitution. A mysterious being called the state should not be set up to the abandonment of the spirit of individual liberty.

See "Nero," in twelve reels, Monday and Tuesday.

Fishing through the ice with gold fish as decoys is increasing in popularity among sportsmen. The anglers place a net over the gold fish globe and lower the globe into the water through a hole in the ice. The gold fish act as a lure to the pike who come rushing to the attack. The pike are speared as they appear under the hole in the ice.

Sale—Army Shoes—Sale.

We have just bought a tremendous stock of Army Muson last shoes to be sold to the public direct. Price \$2.75. These shoes are 100 per cent solid leather with heavy double soles sewed and nailed. The uppers are of heavy tan chrome leather with bellows tongue, thereby making them waterproof. These shoes are selling very fast and we advise you to order at once to insure your order being filled.

The sizes are 6 to 11 all widths; Pay Postman on receipt of goods or send money order. Money refunded if shoes are not satisfactory. THE U. S. STORES CO. 1441 Broadway, New York City.

Sheriff's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Hall County, of date the 5th day of March, 1923, by J. W. Conway, First National Bank of Memphis, Texas, and First State Bank of Lakeview, Texas, for the respective sums on behalf of the above named parties of Twenty-Seven Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$2,790.00), bearing interest at eight per cent per annum from January 1st, 1920, Seven Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and sixty cents (\$765.60), with interest from January 2nd, 1923, at ten per cent per annum, and Sixteen Hundred Fourteen Dollars and sixty-five cents (\$1,614.65), with interest from January 2nd, 1923, at ten per cent per annum, in favor of J. W. Conway, First National Bank of Memphis, Texas, and First State Bank of Lakeview, Texas, respectively, in a certain cause in said court No. 1186, and styled J. W. Conway vs J. F. Forkner, et al, placed in my hands for service, I, J. A. Merrick, as Sheriff of Hall County, Texas, did on the 5th day of March, 1923, levy on certain real estate, situated in Hall County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

All the West one-half of the Northwest one-fourth of Section No. 2, surveyed for the school fund by virtue of Certificate No. 2,801, issued to the T. & P. Railway Co. in Hall County, Texas, containing 40 acres of land, and levied upon as the property of R. E. Thompson, and that on the first Tuesday in April, 1923, the same being the 3rd day of said month at the court house door, of Hall County, in the city of Memphis, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell said above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said R. E. Thompson.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Memphis Democrat, a newspaper published in Hall County.

Witness my hand, this 5th day of March, 1923.

J. A. MERRICK, Sheriff, Hall County, Texas.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale

issued out of the Honorable District Court of Hall County, of the 24th day of February, 1923, by S. G. Alexander, Clerk of said District Court for the sum of five hundred fifty dollars (\$550.00) and costs of suit, under an Order of Sale in favor of G. C. Walkup in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1198 and styled G. C. Walkup vs. J. C. Burk, placed in my hands for service, I, J. A. Merrick as Sheriff of Hall County, Texas, did, on the 27th day of February, 1923, levy on certain real estate, situated in Memphis, Hall County, Texas, described as follows, to wit: All of lots Nos. 15, 16, 17 in Block No. 97 of the original town of Memphis, in Hall County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of J. C. Burk, and that on the first Tuesday in April, 1923, the same being the 3rd. day of said month, at the Court House door, of Hall County, in the City of Memphis, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. C. Burk.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Memphis Democrat, a newspaper published in Hall County.

Witness my hand, this 27th day of February, 1923.

J. A. MERRICK, Sheriff Hall County, Texas.



Protect Your Home With Paint

Paint and property protection go hand in hand. Go without paint and you go without protection.

Lincoln Climatic Paint

improves the appearance, protects your property, and costs you mighty little compared to what it saves. Is your property worth it? Come in and let us explain to you the new kind of insurance—insurance of your buildings against decay and deterioration.

J. C. Wooldridge Lbr. Co.

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The County Federation

By Phebe K. Warner

The first County Federation of Women's Clubs in America grew from a small study club of six members in Armstrong County, Texas. Those members were Miss Laura V. Hamner, president; Mrs. L. A. Wells, secretary, both now of Amarillo; Mrs. E. R. Haynes, now of Lubbock; Miss Katharine Hooks, at that time music teacher in the Claude school; and Mrs. Baucus and the writer, who were mothers by profession.

Not one of these women had ever seen or known the other until we found ourselves and each other in the little village of Claude, which at that time numbered about 200 souls, counting men and all. Neither had any of them ever belonged to a woman's club. Mrs. Haynes, Miss Hamner and Miss Hooks were all teachers in the Claude school at that time. Mrs. Wells was the wife of the Superintendent of the School and a Denton Normal College woman. Mrs. Baucus and myself were next door neighbors, with our hands and our homes full of little children. We could not think of such a thing as going to a club, but as we lived next door to each other, we volunteered to let the children range in our yards together if the women would come to our homes for the meetings. The plan was unanimously adopted and the club was organized.

That was twenty years ago, in the winter of 1903. We remember it all correctly because we remember just how old the babies were when that club was organized. We named our club the Wednesday Afternoon Club, because we did not know anything else to call it and we met after school every Wednesday afternoon. Most of us had never gone to school in Texas, so we knew little of the history of our adopted State. For this reason we voted to study Texas History the first year. The next year we studied United States History. The third year we studied English History. And the fourth year we studied the World's Work magazine. By that time most of our club had moved away and only a few members had dared to join our band. Clubs were not the least bit popular in the small town at that time. But something better had happened in our county.

From the very first year the Wednesday Afternoon Club had felt the urge of doing something for somebody beside themselves. Our motto was, "Not for Ourselves Alone." So we studied history to help ourselves and decided on working for the schools in the county for our social service work. We had all noticed that the only shade the school children had on the school ground in our county was that cast by the friendly posts of a barbed wire fence. Most of those women had come from a wooded country. And they missed the trees more than any other of Nature's gifts. So the first year the club decided to furnish trees for every school that would set them out. Mr. E. R. Haynes, husband of one of our members, was at that time teaching the Lakeview school in the county and he accepted the offer. The trees were set out but they all died in due time. The Claude school accepted the challenge and the trees were planted on the Claude school grounds. But about the time the trees got a good start the trustees decided to build a new school house so they left the trees standing but they tore the school house down and

moved everything to another location.

But during these years of experimenting many new people had moved into our county. One of the most enthusiastic of these new women was Mrs. W. H. Branson, of Iowa, who had moved into the Worthy community. Mrs. Branson was a college woman, a teacher of years of experience and a childhood schoolmate and playmate of the famous Dwight Hillis, one of the greatest preachers of Chicago and New York. The first rural club organized in the county was organized by Mrs. Branson for the purpose of working for a new school in the Worthy community. Mrs. Branson was the mother of rural club work in Texas and the Worthy Club of Armstrong County still lives as a monument of her ideals.

A little later, Mrs. D. L. Kerrick, a college graduate from Fairfield, Iowa, moved to the Plains and formed a group of workers in the Lakeview community. Miss Bessie Sneed of Dallas, teacher of the Llano school, organized the women in her school district. And Mrs. Laycock, who had moved to the Plains from Illinois, and Mrs. Ethel Davis Curry, a Texas-grown girl and Clarendon College student, decided they would have a club in their part of the county. And by this time, Mrs. Viola Martin and Mrs. A. V. Warner had organized the Cemetery Association. But one by one the members of the original Wednesday Afternoon Club had moved away or entered into some other form of work until only a few remained to tell the story.

One day the remnants of this little group got together and decided to invite every organization in the county to meet and organize a County Federation. None of us had ever heard of a County Federation but we knew the city clubs had city federations where all the clubs worked together for the bigger and broader needs of the city. So why not have a County Federation and all work together for our county? We had no city. We had no city clubs. Ours was a big, open country and ours were county problems. The plan was put over and the Armstrong County Federation became a reality.

In the Spring of 1913, just ten years from the time the first club was organized, the Armstrong County Federation applied for membership in the State Federation of Women's Clubs. It was accepted and then the discovery made that it was the only county organization of women in the state. The same year the County Federation applied for membership in the General Federation and discovered it was the only County Federation in the United States. Until this time the club work of the nation had kept so close to the cities that not much had been done for the country women.

The following year the Bee County women decided they would try a County Federation. And the same year, Mrs. E. R. Haynes, who was then and is now a member of the faculty of the Lubbock city schools, helped the women of Lubbock County to organize a Lubbock County Federation. But the county work grew slowly because many of the club leaders had their doubts as to whether the country women could or would become interested in the same things. But the State Federation of Texas decided they would test it and a Rural Life Department

was created and added to the State working machinery.

It would make the story too long to tell all the steps in the development of the County Federation idea. The results for the past ten years since the first one was admitted into any State Federation will speak for themselves. Today Mrs. Maggie Barry of College Station, Texas, is chairman of Home Economics in the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Recently she sent out a questionnaire to every State in the Union to learn what was being done in the way of rural life work throughout the nation. The answers received gave the following facts:

Alabama has forty County Federations in her 67 counties. California has 26, Florida has 12, Iowa, 15, Maine 3, North Carolina 10, Michigan 24, Maryland 3, Montana 3, New Mexico 2, New York 3, Ohio 3, Wisconsin 1, Texas 20. Indiana says: "The County Federation is the thing that can be depended on to do local work in a big way. Indiana is specializing in County Federation work." Oklahoma has for her goal a County Federation in every county in the State. A conference on the advisability of the organization of County Federations was a feature of the directors' last meeting in Washington. Beside the County Federation, many counties are doing club work on the county unit plan under other heads. Has your county a County Federation to work for everything good for your county?

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3 to 3:30 p. m.—Closing market quotations, 485 meters.

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SPECIAL FEATURES.
(400 Meters.)

Sunday, March 18.

11 a. m. to 12:15 p. m.—Complete services of the First Methodist Church, Dr. J. W. Bergin, pastor; Will Foster, organist.

3:30 to 4:30 p. m.—Organ concert.

Monday, March 19.

7:15 to 8 p. m.—Concert by Mrs. Sidney Martin and others.

9:30 to 10:30 p. m.—Concert by Sam S. Losh, baritone, and a group of his pupils.

Tuesday, March 20.

7:15 to 8 p. m.—Concert of dance music by the Panther City Six Orchestra.

9:30 to 10:30 p. m.—Concert by the Floydada Novelty Five Orchestra under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, Floydada, Texas.

Wednesday, March 21.

7:15 to 8 p. m.—Concert by The Star-Telegram Stringed Orchestra.

9:30 to 10:30 p. m.—Concert by the Euterpean Club.

Thursday, March 22.

7:15 to 8 p. m.—Concert by the Negro High School, Fort Worth.

9:30 to 10:30 p. m.—Concert by Rex Maupin's Original Texas Hotel Orchestra.

Friday, March 23.

7:25 to 8 p. m.—Concert by Baron James V. Auremma of El Paso.

9:30 to 10:30 p. m.—Concert by the Methodist Church Orchestra, Henrietta, Texas.

Saturday, March 24.
6:30 to 6:45 p. m.—Review of the interdenominational Sunday school lesson by Mrs. W. F. Barnum, leader of the Barnum Bible Class of the First Methodist Church.

9:30 to 10:30 p. m.—On Saturday and Sunday The Star-Telegram observes a "silent night," courtesy to its tube listeners wishing to try for long distance records.

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BURNING OF ROME IS SENSATION IN "NERO"

The latest William Fox master picture, "Nero" has been booked for Monday and Tuesday at the Palace Theatre. According to all accounts, this is a record-breaking production. It was received during its New York run with the highest praise from press and public and has been setting a new high mark on the box office statements around the country. "Nero" is a wonderful spectacle. Written by Charles Sarver and Virginia Tarcy, it follows the historical facts in the life of the last of the Caesars and introduces a beautiful love story in which a Roman general and a Christian princess are the principal characters.

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Local and Personal News

News Paragraphs and Personal Mention of General Interest to Memphis and Hall County Readers

Jet Brumley of Hedley was in Memphis Tuesday.

Miss Beulah Evans was a visitor here last Saturday.

See "Nero," in twelve reels, Monday and Tuesday.

Dr. W. S. Gosdin of Lakeview was in Memphis Tuesday.

Fresh supply of bulk apples and seed potatoes at Dial's.

Chas. Frazz of Turkey was a business visitor here Monday.

J. L. McCollum of Estelline was a Memphis visitor Tuesday.

V. R. Jones was a business visitor at Clarendon Wednesday.

Bill Rowell of Newlin was in Memphis Tuesday on business.

J. B. Goodman left Monday for Huntington Beach, California.

Fred Bone of Amarillo was in Memphis Monday of this week.

See City Feed Store for corn, hay, oats and mill feed. Phone 213.

Rev. John R. Henson of Clarendon was a visitor here Tuesday.

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H. E. Franks of McLean spent Sunday and Monday in Memphis.

L. H. Grant of the Plaska community was a visitor here Tuesday.

M. N. Cohen is in St. Louis this week buying goods for the Famous.

See "Nero," in twelve reels, Monday and Tuesday.

E. Bean returned Friday morning on a business trip to Dallas.

James Swift of Clarendon was a Memphis visitor Friday of last week.

Try a sack of Bewley's Best Flour at Dial's and you will be pleased.

T. D. Gee of Estelline was operated on at Childress on Wednesday of last week.

E. L. Martin of Childress has purchased the Hamburger King Sandwich Shop from J. T. Mashburn.

Memphis Auto Top Works and upholstery. One block North of post office.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Edmonson and little son Jack were here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Prater left Tuesday for Elida, New Mexico, where they will make their home.

Rev. Chas. T. Whaley left Sunday evening for Slaton, where he will conduct a two weeks revival.

By calling 351 you can get chick starter, which will minimize your trouble with little chicks.

J. K. Gibson was in Fort Worth Friday and Saturday attending the Fat Stock Show.

T. B. Norwood of Dallas is here this week looking after business matters.

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W. H. Lindsey returned Sunday morning from Fort Worth where he attended the Fat Stock Show.

L. C. Gober of Memphis returned Sunday evening from a trip to the Plains.

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Judge J. M. Elliott is at Altus, Oklahoma this week looking after legal business.

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F. N. Foxhall came in Friday morning from Fort Worth, where he had been attending the Fat Stock Show.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brewer returned Sunday night after a visit with their daughter, Mrs. E. B. Luce, of Arlington.

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The Sparks Chevrolet Company, report the sale of a Chevrolet roadster to J. E. Whittington of the Churchman community.

O. C. Watson of Clarendon was in Memphis Tuesday morning on his way home from Wellington, where he attended the funeral services of Mrs. Bob Payne Monday afternoon.

Gayle McMurry came in last Thursday night from El Paso for a visit with relatives and friends here. He received his discharge from the Army at Fort Bliss.

W. K. Hollifield of Melrose, New Mexico, came in last week and will spend several days here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Hollifield, and visiting friends in and around Memphis.

Why allow yourself to get old and stiff? Why not take chiropractic adjustments and keep supple? John W. Fitzjarrald, the Chiropractor. Office in residence two blocks west of Citizens State Bank. Lady in office. Phone 462.

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The Asylum Concert

By CLARA DELAFIELD

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The annual concert at the state asylum had been a great success. Scores of sane guests had mingled with the inmates and listened to the performance. Nothing untoward had happened, and if the second violin had been just a trifle erratic nobody could reasonably take exception to that.

After the national anthem had been played, and it had grown dark, two men found themselves in a friendly conversation on the lawn.

"I believe I have the pleasure of having made your acquaintance at some time," said one of them. "I am Governor Jenkins."

"Delighted to have met you, governor," responded the other cordially. "I am District Attorney Smith."

"Very pleased, I'm sure," said the first man. They shook hands.

"Well, governor, what do you think of the proceedings?" asked the district attorney.

"Very fine, very fine," answered the governor. "There's no scandal in this institution, anyone can see that, though I haven't had time to go all through the buildings yet. Would you care to accompany me on my tour?"

"No, no," answered the other hastily. "Do you know I think it would upset me to see the scenes and sights of the padded rooms."

"Why, my dear fellow, you're clean out of date. They don't have padded rooms nowadays," replied Governor Jenkins. "We rely entirely on moral suasion and a little croton oil upon occasions. Why, hasn't it occurred to you what a simple matter it would be for any determined lunatic to get possession of some visitor's card of admission and calmly walk out with the crowd?"

"Yes, yes," replied the other. "It's a tribute to your institution, governor, that nothing of the sort occurs."

"Oh, dear me, no," answered the governor. "Here's the superintendent. Hello, Harry! Allow me to present to you my friend, District Attorney Smith."

"Pleased to meet you, I'm sure," said the superintendent, extending a hand to the other, who took it a little gingerly.

"Well, I'll have to be going," said the district attorney, with rather forced jocoseness. "An important appointment about that Kidridge case. You going my way, governor?"

"Well, as far as the gate, anyhow," answered Governor Jenkins. "We were paying a tribute to your institution, Mr. Superintendent. Everything was a huge success tonight."

"I'm sure I'm very grateful to you," replied the superintendent.

"But, you know, it makes one feel creepy, being in a place like this," said the district attorney. "Don't you know that eerie feeling that one may possibly actually be an insane patient and not know it?"

The stream of visitors was pouring out, each passing under the quick, silent scrutiny of a guard. The superintendent stopped at the gate and faced him.

"Yes, I know that feeling," he answered nervously.

A man stepped quietly forward. "Well, boys, been enjoying yourselves?" he asked. Closing time in five minutes. You'd better get back to your rooms sharp, or there'll be punishment tomorrow."

The district attorney glanced at the two others in sudden alarm. He had suspected the governor, but he had never dreamed that the superintendent.

"Why, I—I'm Governor Jenkins!" exclaimed his companion.

The newcomer smiled. "Why, of course, my dear governor," he answered, laying a hand fraternally upon his shoulder. "But the executive mansion has been cleaned and swept, and we are awaiting your return."

The district attorney stepped forward and confronted him. "See here, you know I'm a visitor," he said. "I'm District Attorney Smith. I—I—"

"Why, bless my soul, my old friend Mr. Smith!" exclaimed the other, wringing his hand. "We were just looking for you, Mr. Smith. There's an important case comes up—most important. You just come back with the governor and our friend here, and I'll get you the papers."

"That'll do, Harry! Don't be late for roll call," said the superintendent.

The newcomer, with a strange, apologetic murmur, suddenly disappeared. Smith and Jenkins stared at each other.

"Aren't you—are you—?" "Insane? No. Aren't you?" "Good God," burst out the district attorney, "all this sort of thing makes one doubt his own rationality."

"Yes," said the superintendent, "we find our guards are apt to go as mad as our patients. Good-night, gentlemen."

Doors of New Design.

One of the oldest forms of human inventions is the door swinging on hinges at one side. Some weaving insects, such as trap-door spiders, employ a similar device. But nothing is too old or too good to escape the efforts at improvement. A Belgian, Joseph Henri Dierick, invented a door of a new type, consisting of two triangular parts which close together on a diagonal line, running from one lower corner of the door opening to the opposite upper corner. The two parts, or leaves, are pivoted in such a manner that when opened they swing into partitions in the ceiling, leaving an entirely unobstructed passage.

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But the customs officers had no instructions to receive it. They must communicate with their superiors. The admiral of the fleet argued, but the port officials were adamant. And while they debated the enemy ships sailed into the bay and settled the matter for all time by sinking the fleet.

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The Palace Theatre Program.

March 16, to March 23.

FRIDAY— Wm. Fox presents Dustin Farnum in "While Justice Waits," with Mutt and Jeff comedy, "Bumps and Trumps."

SATURDAY— Universal presents Hoot Gibson in "The Galloping Kid," with Educational comedy, "Tonerville Trail."

MONDAY AND TUESDAY— Wm. Fox presents "Nero," the grandiose spectacle of ancient Rome, staged in Rome, Italy, by J. Gordon Edmunds, also Fox News.

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Neighborhood News

Happenings of Interest and Personal Mention From Surrounding Communities as Gathered by Democrat Correspondents.

Buffalo Flat Flashes

James Russell has been spending the past week at H. L. Coker's. The largest rain we have had in this vicinity in twelve months fell Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Hodges has returned from a visit with relatives in Amarillo.

The school play, "The Little Clod Hopper," was a great success with a large attendance.

The illness of Mr. Ross' baby has ended in a case of scarlet fever, but is getting along nicely.

The Christian Church was unable to hold meetings last week, but instead they will hold them this week.

The Farm Labor Union meets every Thursday night at the Buffalo Flat school house.

Lakeview Letter

The play, "An Old Fashioned Mother," presented by Hulver Friday night, was enjoyed by all present. Come again! Hulver, you are always welcome.

The showers Saturday night and Sunday interfered with Sunday school and church, although the rain was fine and greatly appreciated.

J. C. Wells is reported much improved.

Roy Blanks of Hedley, is visiting his parents here.

D. H. Davenport has been sick with the flu the past week.

The League social given by Mrs. W. A. Gatlin Friday night was enjoyed by all present.

Mack Baker and wife have the flu.

Dr. C. Z. Stidham and son, Guy, have been to Amarillo having Guy's eyes treated.

Thursday night will be an important one for the Rebekahs. All members are urged to attend.

B. E. and D. H. Davenport Jr. have returned from Dallas and Fort Worth.

Mrs. H. W. Blanks is still on the sick list.

Deep Lake Doings

Deep Lake community has had a fine rain and people are in better spirits.

B. F. Cope and family were in Memphis Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Cox went to Eli Friday afternoon to visit with relatives and attend the play.

Mr. Sublet of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma and his brother of St. Louis, were called to the bedside of their mother, Grandma Summerville.

Mrs. Smith of Swearingen is visiting with her mother, Mrs. J. C. Brewer.

Harry Anderson left Saturday night for Bridgeport, Illinois, where he will visit his parents. His son will return with him.

Miss Fannie Mae Davenport of Lakeview spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Cope.

Tom Luttrell left for Fort Worth Saturday night with a car of cattle.

Bro. Witt of Gasoline is preaching a few nights for us.

Our community looks rather lonely without the oil derrick, which has been torn down.

Mrs. Tom Luttrell and daughter, Fannie Lou, were in Memphis Saturday.

Will Bevers and daughters, Misses Pearl and Eula Mae, were in Memphis last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tolbert Anthony were in Memphis last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Freel and Roma Lee, were in Memphis Saturday.

Hulver Hints

This section was visited by a good rain Saturday night and Sunday, being the first in many months. Farm work will go steadily on now.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McDaniels and sons of Canyon, came down Friday to visit friends. They went by Lakeview for the play presented there.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McCullough of Estelline spent Sunday with Mrs. J. W. Phillips and family.

Hulver presented the play, "An Old Fashioned Mother" at Lakeview last Friday night. They made the big sum of \$19.00. Some turn out!

Mrs. Lloyd Phillips has been real sick with a bad case of tonsillitis, but is up now.

Little W. T. Wheeler of Estelline spent the last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wheeler.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Stevens is real sick at this writing.

The above mentioned play will be presented at Estelline Friday.

Mrs. John McGlocklin and children went to Memphis Monday to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McGlocklin.

OLD SONGS BRING MEMORIES

Forgotten Tunes Often Revive Thoughts of Yesterday That Are Reminiscent of Happiness.

Songs come and go—have their little moments of popularity and are then relegated to the dim recesses of memory. Occasionally one pops up its head, as it were from the grave, and today it is not unusual to hear a medley of old songs played or sung to much applause in some cabaret. They bring their memories, these old songs—moonlit nights and palm shaded corners in dance rooms, an old romance.

The other night the sentimental man was entertaining a friend. He put on a record, an old song from "Maritana."

"Ah," he said, "what memories that brings back to me! Old days, old friends—"

His companion granted: "All I associate with that song," he said prosaically, "is the bathroom and a dull razor. Always when I'm not getting a decent shave I somehow break into 'The Heart Bowed Down.' It's the best bathroom song I know."

The sentimental one grinned sheepishly. "Come to think of it," he agreed, "the first time I ever heard it was when I was a boy, and my father in the next room warbled it, too. I—I," and here he blushed, "I never heard the opera in my life."—New York Sun.

Thoughts During Danger.

For ages persons who have recovered from great dangers have claimed that in a second all their lives flashed before them. Scientists now prove that these persons have not told the truth. Truthful persons who have been in great danger say that their thoughts are entirely on the danger and their minds have no chance to flash unless on things before their eyes.



THE MOON'S HINTS

Mr. Moon heard that the Fairy Queen was going to give a party and he was greatly excited about it.

"I'd like to be present at the party," he said to himself. "I do hope it will be an evening party."

"I like evening parties, I must say. Daytime parties aren't at all in my line. No, they're not in my line at all."

"Well, I must see when the party is to be. Of course, I don't want to hint or anything like that. But maybe I'll suggest to the Fairy Queen that the evening is a lovely time in which to give a party."

"Perhaps she'll take the suggestion and won't see that I'm hinting just a little bit."

"Well, I'll try."

So the next time the Fairy Queen came up to see the Blue Mountain Top Fairies Mr. Moon was just getting up.

"Good evening, Fairy Queen," he said, and grinned his best and most attractive grin.

"Good evening, Mr. Moon," said the Fairy Queen. "How are you this evening?"

"Oh, nicely, ma'am. Nicely, your majesty."

"And how are you this evening, Wonderful Fairy?"

"Oh, I feel splendid," said the Fairy Queen.

"Good," said Mr. Moon.

Then he thought for a moment and then he said:

"These evenings are wonderful evenings for all sorts of things. I don't mean anything special, but they're fine for—well—let us say, entertainments, recitals, possibly illustrated lectures."

He didn't want to say the word "parties" right out for fear the Fairy Queen would think he was hinting.

"Yes," said the Fairy Queen, "these evenings are nice enough for anything."

Mr. Moon was a little sad at that. The Fairy Queen was not thinking of her party, evidently.

"Well," said Mr. Moon after another moment, "I suppose you are quite busy these fine evenings?"

"Not unusually so," answered the Fairy Queen.

"No," said Mr. Moon, becoming a little bolder. "I had an idea you were."

"Oh, no," said the Fairy Queen. "I've not been so busy. But I will be busy from now on."

"Well, this was exciting. Mr. Moon could hardly keep from saying right out, "You mean because of your party?"

But instead he said, "Oh, have you much to do from now on?"

"Yes," the Fairy Queen answered, "quite a lot."

"Well," said Mr. Moon, "I suppose there is a lot of work to be done at this time of the year."

He thought to himself that that was a foolish remark to have made.

Why would any one be so very much busier now than at any other time?



"This is a Surprise."

But still he had said this and so he wouldn't change his speech now or try to improve upon it.

"No, I really couldn't call it work," said the Fairy Queen.

"Well, that's good," said Mr. Moon. "I'm glad it is to be pleasure. I like to feel there is to be more pleasure going on."

He had almost said that he liked to feel there was going to be a party. How nearly he had said that.

He was very glad he wasn't given to blushing, for he knew he would have blushed at that hint of his if it had been a habit of his to blush.

"Well," said the Fairy Queen after a moment, "I love to chat with you, Mr. Moon, but I must be going."

"And one of the things I particularly wanted to say—in fact, one of the reasons I came to the mountain top this evening—was to invite you to my party tomorrow evening."

"Oh, Fairy Queen, this is a surprise!" said Mr. Moon, and then he felt a little guilty and yet it had been a surprise to have been invited like that—all of a sudden. Still he must be perfectly truthful, so he said, "I heard rumors of a party, your majesty, but I didn't know whether or not it was a night-time affair. I am so glad it is."

"So glad you can come," said the Fairy Queen.

But after she had gone Mr. Moon laughed to himself: "She had come to invite me and here I had hinted and hinted and she had not taken the hints because she had meant me to have an invitation, anyway!"

History Continuous.

There are, of course, no beginnings or ends in history. We may walk for a few miles by the side of a river, noting its shallows and its rapids, the gorges which confine it and the plains through which it meanders; but we know that we have seen neither the beginning nor the end of its course, that the whole river has an unbroken continuity, and that sections, whether of space or time, are purely arbitrary. We are always sowing our future; we are always reaping our past.—Dean W. H. Inge, in "Outspoken Essays."

Seller Takes No Chances.

A guest at an up-state hotel recently, making a purchase at the cigar stand, noticed that the clerk before ringing up the cash register laid

however, to use such-and-such a paper (naming the dining room paper), on the front room, and the other paper (the front room paper), on the dining room. The missus reached home on the next train.

More Apt to Be Carried to Female Than Male—Hens Always Take After Size.

Roosters from high-priced layers are more apt to carry these qualities to their young than are hens of the same breeding. This is because in all animal life the male resembles the dam more than it does the sire and the female just reverse.

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\$22.75 values, Pre-Easter Sale	\$17.07	\$44.75 values, Pre-Easter Sale	\$33.57	\$64.75 values, Pre-Easter Sale	\$48.57
\$29.75 values, Pre-Easter Sale	\$22.32	\$49.75 values, Pre-Easter Sale	\$37.32	\$69.75 values, Pre-Easter Sale	\$52.32

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Statement of the Financial Condition of Hall County, Texas, January 1, 1923.

RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand February 1, 1922	\$72,470.21	
Remittances from T. M. Disheroon, Tax Collector	19,219.98	
Collections February 1922	\$ 512.12	
Collections March 1922	1,102.27	
Collections April 1922	269.44	
Collections May 1922	568.93	
Collections June 1922	58.81	
Collections July 1922	38.08	
Collections August 1922	9.90	
Collections September 1922	38.08	
Collections October 1922	1,153.17	
Collections November 1922	3,157.81	
Collections December 1922	12,311.37	
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J. G. Alexander, District Clerk		50.00
Jury Fees	5.00	
Stenographer Fees	45.00	
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M. O. Goodpasture, County Clerk		369.64
Trial Fees	234.14	
Fines	60.50	
Judges Fees	75.00	
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A. C. Hoffman, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1		508.80
Fines	505.80	
Jury Fees	3.00	
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R. E. Tackett, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 3		15.20
Fines	15.20	
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T. L. Colvin, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 4		50.40
Fines	50.40	
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Interest on Bonds	1,052.50	
Highway Collections	1,044.53	
Errors	97.20	
Sale of Supplies	251.85	
W. A. T. Weatherly, Refund	101.35	
Road Time	24.50	
W. A. McIntosh, County Judge	37.00	
Transfer from Estelline State Bank	344.90	
Borrowed Money	7,215.99	
First National Bank	1,715.00	
Citizens State Bank	1,000.00	
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W. B. Morrison on Oak Creek Bridge		260.00
City of Memphis, on paving	1,074.82	
Road District No. 3	1,500.00	
Road District No. 1	500.00	
Returned on Sixteen Thousand Warrants to Texas Bridge Company	2,480.00	
On School Loan, District No. 22	400.00	
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		\$109,067.88

DUE COUNTY

Balance in Depository	\$ 26,250.67	
Due from Insurance Agents for Cancelled Policies	201.21	
Due on Depository Interest	1,871.32	
Due from District Clerk	62.00	
Unpaid Fines	338.00	
Due from School District No. 22 for Interest	95.00	
Liberty Bonds	12,000.00	
School Bonds	5,400.00	
County DEFICIT	303,165.11	
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		\$349,382.71

Distribution of Funds of Hall County, Texas February 1, 1923

General Account	\$ 794.52	
Road and Bridge Precinct No. 1	2,073.38	
Road and Bridge Precinct No. 2	1,137.65	
Road and Bridge Precinct No. 3	1,374.44	
Road and Bridge Precinct No. 4	100.80	
Jury Funds	2,880.87	
Bond Fund District No. 1	9,247.49	
Bond Fund District No. 3	6,296.07	
Paving Account	2,076.84	
State Highway Fund	488.01	
J. M. Willborn, Overdrawn	220.00	
Balance in Depository	26,250.07	
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	\$26,470.07	\$26,470.07

DISBURSEMENTS

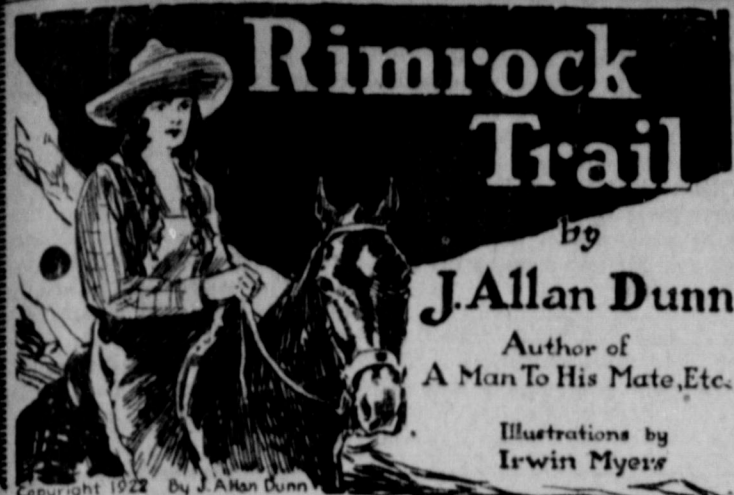
Paid out of General Account		\$27,270.13
For Janitors Salary	\$ 825.00	
For Holding Elections	907.00	
County Demonstrator	733.26	
County Tax Assessor	1,393.07	
County Judge	2,093.00	
Commissioner's Salaries	1,074.00	
County Clerk	492.25	
Court Reporter	247.50	
County Sheriff	2,171.10	
Deputies Bailiffs Travel Expense	710.69	
District Clerk	650.00	
County Health Officer and Doctors	1,330.85	
County Attorney	270.00	
Prisoner's Board	1,167.20	
Telephone, Rent, Postage, Clock	700.28	
Stationery and Printing	2,935.46	
Notes and Warrants	3,425.29	
Interest and Insurance	1,086.45	
Treasurer's Commission	369.49	
Coal, Water and Light	1,085.64	
Red Cross	675.00	
Paupers	478.44	
Jury	24.00	
Typewriter for Collector's Office	112.50	
Making Tax Roll	117.60	
Audit Work	675.00	
Drayage and Refund on Tax	100.60	
Furniture and Fixtures	265.00	
Work on Courthouse and Jail	553.52	
Incidentals	600.94	
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Paid out of Road and Bridge Fund, Precinct No. 1		\$16,194.96
Paid out of Road and Bridge Fund, Precinct No. 2		9,337.89
Paid out of Road and Bridge Fund, Precinct No. 3		10,206.38
Paid out of Road and Bridge Fund, Precinct No. 4		6,517.75
Paid out for Jury Service		4,369.90
Paid out on Red River Bridge		1,878.80
Paid out on Ox Bow Bridge		2,379.52
Paid out of Interest and Sinking Fund Bond, Dist. No. 1		1,296.74
Paid out of Interest and Sinking Fund Bond, Dist. No. 3		2,263.94
Paid out Interest and Sinking Fund Bond, Court House		1,087.68
Commission on Highway Account		5.52
Commission on Paving Account		8.60
BALANCE IN DEPOSITORY		26,250.07
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		\$109,067.88

INDEBTEDNESS

Bonds Outstanding		\$215,000.00
Time Warrants Outstanding		105,860.00
Unpaid Claims Filed		14,504.74
Unpaid Clerks Warrants		5,302.97
Due for Loans at Banks		8,715.00
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		\$349,382.71

The foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. A. BOSTON,
Auditor for County.



Rimrock Trail

by
J. Allan Dunn
Author of
A Man To His Mate, Etc.

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Irwin Myers

SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—To the Three-Bar ranch, Arizona, owned jointly by Sandy Bourke, Mormon, Peters and "Soda-Water Sam." Manning, a dog makes his way, in the last stages of exhaustion. Inscription on the collar says its name is Grit, "property of P. Casey." Scouting a desert tragedy, Bourke and Sam mount and let the dog lead them.

CHAPTER II.—The two find a dying man, Patrick Casey, pinned under an overturned wagon, and a young girl, his daughter. They get him out, but he dies almost instantly, murmuring "Molly—mine." Sandy takes the girl, Molly, to the ranch.

CHAPTER III.—It is agreed that Molly stays as "maecot" of the ranch. Sandy locates, though, that she must have an education. Jim Pillsoll, gambler, visiting the ranch, insults Molly. He claims he grubstaked Casey, which made him the old man's partner. Mormon drives him off.

about mules but not wimmen. No, sir, that feller in the poetry who says, 'I learned about wimmen from 'er,' was braggin'. Now, this gel of Casey's 'pears like what her dad 'ud call a good prospect, but you can't tell. Fool's gold is bright enough, but you can't change it to the real stuff no matter how you polish it."

"Mormon, you warn't calculated to handle wimmen. This 'll gel in game as they make 'em, an' I reckon she's right sweet if she on'y gits a chance. Leastwise, I see several signs of pay dirt this afternoon an' evenin' as I reckon Sandy done the same. She's been trailin' her dad all over h—l an' creation, talkin' like him, swearin' like him, actin' like him. Never see nothin' different. All she needs is a chance."

"What's the idee in pickin' on me?" asked Mormon aggrievedly. "She's as welcome as grass in spring. They ain't no one got a bigger heart than me fo' kids."

"No one got a bigger heart, mebbe," said Sam caustically. "Nor none a smaller brain. All engine an' no gasoline in the tank!"

"She's an orphan," went on Sandy. "She ain't got a cent, that I know of. The claims her old dad mentioned ain't no good because, in the first place, they'd have to be worked if they was; second place, they're over to Dynamite an' the sharps say Dynamite's a flivver. All she has in sight is the dawg. Some dawg! Comes in from the desert an' takes us out to her an' Pat Casey—him dyin'. Ef it hadn't been fo' the dawg, she'd have stayed there, to my notion. Got some sort of idee she'd deserted ship of she hadn't stuck till it was too late fo' her to crawl out of that silt in the mesa. She's fifteen an' she's got sense. I figger we better turn in right now an' hold a pow-wow with the gel tomorrow."

"Second the motion," said Sam. "Third it," said Mormon. And the Three Musketeers of the Range went off to bed.

CHAPTER III

Molly.

Molly came down next morning in the faded blue gingham. Sandy marked how worn it was and marked an item in his mind—clothes. He smiled at her with the sudden showing of his sound white teeth that made many friends. She was much too young, too frank, too like a boy to affect him with any of his womanishness.

Molly had a snubby nose, a wide mouth, Irish eyes of blue that were far apart and crystal clear, freckles and a lot of brown hair that she wore in a long braid wound twice about her well-shaped head. She was a combination of curves and angles, of well-rounded neck and arms and legs with collar-bones and hips over-apparent, lamature but not awkward.

Grit, entering with her, divided his attentions among the men, shoving a moist nose at last into Sandy's palm and lying down obedient, his tail thumping amiably.

"Fo' a sheepsdawg," said Mormon, "he sure shapes fine."

Molly's eyes flashed. "He don't know he's a sheepsdawg," she protested. "He's never even seen one, less it was a mountain sheep, 'way up against the skyline. Don't you like him?"

"I like him fine," Mormon answered hurriedly. "Fine!"

"Ef you-all didn't, we cud shuck on somewehers. I cud git work down to the settlements, I reckon. I don't aim to put you out any. I've been thinkin' 'bout that. Less you should happen to want a woman to run the house, I don't know much about business, but I cud 'farn. It's a woman's job, chasin' dirt. I can cook—some. Dad used to say my camp-bread an' biscuits was fine. I cud earn what I eat, I reckon. An' what Grit 'ud eat. We don't aim to stay unless we pay—someaway."

There was a touch of fire to her independence, a chip on the shoulder of her pride the three partners recognized and respected.

"We'll take the buckboard, with a tarp to stow him under. Up to you to knock together a coffin an' dig a grave under the cottonwoods an' below the spring. Git Joe to help you. No sense in lettin' the gel see you, of course."

Mormon rounded up the half-breed Joe, to help him dig the grave, first locating Molly in a hammock he had slung for her in the shade of the trees by the cistern. The soil was soft and clear from stone. An hour sufficed to sink a shaft for Pat Casey's last bed. Mormon carefully adjusted the headboard he had fashioned from a thick plank, to be carved later when the lettering was decided upon. This done, he buckled on the belt he had discarded, from which his holster and revolver swung. Sandy carried two guns, his partners one, habits of earlier, more stirring days, totting them as inevitably as they wore spurs, though there was little occasion to use them on the Three Star, save to put a hurt animal out of misery, or kill a rattlesnake.

Moisture streamed from Mormon's face, patched his clothes as the heat and his exertions temporarily melted some of his superfluous adiposity. He wiped his face with his bandanna. Suddenly his big body stiffened. He heard Molly's voice from the cistern, frightened, then storming in anger. Mormon ran at a sprinter's gait from the cottonwoods, along a side of the corral, through the trees bordering the cistern. The girl was out of the hammock, facing a man in riding breeches and puttees, his face contorted for the moment by his hands. A sleeve of the girl's frock was torn away, the outworn fabric in streamers. The man's hands came down and Mormon recognized him for Jim Pillsoll, owner of the Good Luck pool parlors, in the little cattle town of Hereford, where fare, chuckluck and craps were played in the back room, owner also of a near-by horse ranch. There was blood on his face, the marks of finger nails.

Pillsoll jumped for the girl, caught her by one arm roughly. She strug-



Pillsoll Jumped for the Girl—Caught Her by One Arm Roughly.

gled fiercely, silently, striking at him with her free fist. Mormon's gun flashed from its sheath as he shouted at the man. Pillsoll wheeled, releasing Molly. His dark face was livid with rage, a pistol gleamed as he plucked it from beneath the waistband of his riding breeches. The turf spat between his feet as Mormon fired.

"Got the drop on ye, Jim! Nex' shot'll be higher. Showe that gun back. Now, then," as Pillsoll sullenly obeyed, "what in h—l do you figger ye're doin'?" Mormon's jovial face was tense, his voice stern and cold.

"Keep still," he ordered, walking toward the pair, his gun covering Pillsoll, the cheery blue of his eyes changed to the color of ice in the shade, the pupils mere pin-pricks. Molly glanced at him once, fingers caressing her bruised arm.

"He kissed me while I was asleep, the d—d skunk!" she flared. "I'd sooner hev rattlesnake-pizen on my lips!" She stopped rubbing the arm to scrub fiercely at her mouth with the back of her hand.

"It ain't the first time I've kissed you," said Pillsoll. "Yore dad didn't stop me from doin' it. I didn't notice you scratchin' like a wildcat, either. Where's your dad? And where do you come in on this deal between old friends?" he demanded of Mormon.

"Her dad's dead," said Mormon simply. "Molly is stayin' fo' a spell at the Three Star. Sandy Bourke, Sam Manning an' me is lookin' out fo' her, an' we aim to do a good job of it, Sabe?"

Pillsoll's thin-lipped mouth sneered with his eyes.

"Gone in for baby-farming, have you, or robbin' the cradle? Who's playin' the king in this deal? I—" The beer suddenly vanished from his face, the tip of his tongue loked his lips. Mormon's gun was slowly coming up level with his heart, steady as Mormon's gaze, finger compressing the trigger.

"The law reckons you a man—so fur," said Mormon. "Yore pals 'ud pack a jury to hang me fo' shootin' the dirty heart out of you, but—ef you ever let out a foul word or a look about that gel, I'll take my chance of there bein' enough white men around here to 'quit me. There ought to be a bounty on yore scalp an' ears. You hear me, Jim Pillsoll, I'm talkin' straight. Now git, head yore huss-

le! The short trail to Hereford an' keep travelin'. Pronto!"

Pillsoll's pony was standing under the trees and the gambler turned and, with an attempted laugh, swaggered toward it.

The threat to his personal safety, his desire to fling a sneer at Mormon, seemed to have halted any correlation of the statement concerning the death of the girl's father until now.

"It that's true about your dad," he said, "I'm sorry. How did he die?"

Sensing the hypocrisy of the shift to sympathy, the girl took a step forward. Mormon's pupils contracted again; his finger itched to press the trigger it touched.

"It's none of yore business," said the girl. "You git."

"None of my business? I don't agree with you there, you little h—l-wensel. Your father and me had more than one deal together. You and I may have to do business together yet, Molly mine!"

Molly's teeth showed between her parted lips, her fingers were hooked. Mormon anticipated her indignant leap. His gun spurred fire, the expensive Stetson broadrim seemed lifted from Pillsoll's hair by an invisible hand. With the report it sailed forward, side-slipped, landed on its rim, perforated by a steel-nosed .38-caliber bullet.

"I give you last warnin'," roared Mormon.

Pillsoll sprang ahead like a racer at the starter's shot, snatched at his hat, missed it, let it lie as he ran on to his horse, mounted and went galloping off. Mormon holstered his gun and swung about to Molly, standing with crimson cheeks, blazing eyes and a young bosom turbulent with emotions.

"I wish you'd killed him. I wish you'd killed him!" she cried. "I wish I had a gun—or a knife! I hate him! When he says he was ever in a deal with Dad, he lies. Dad stood for him and that was all. He pertended to be awful strong fo' Dad, pertended to be fond of me, jest to swarm 'round Dad, for some reason. Brought me a doll once. I was thirteen. What in h—l did I want with a doll?" she panted. "I burned the d—n thing that night in the fire. He kissed me an' Dad seemed to think I owed it him for the doll. I nigh bit my lip off afterward. I wish yore first shot had been higher, or yore second lower, Peters."

"Call me Uncle Mormon, Molly. He's sure some snake. But we'll take care of Jim Pillsoll, yore Uncle Mormon, with Sam an' Sandy."

Patting Molly's shoulder, Mormon smiled at her with his irresistible grin, and she reflected it faintly as she tucked in the remnants of her torn sleeve.

"That's the on'y dress I got till Sandy Bourke wins me some money," she said.

His arm around her shoulder, purposely chatting away, Mormon led Molly toward the ranch house. Pillsoll's horse was stirring up a dust-cloud on the way to Hereford, other puffs, far away toward the range, proclaimed that the buckboard was on its way with its funeral freight.

The body of the old prospector was lowered into the grave with the last of the daylight. Molly Casey walked away alone, her head high, the corner of her lower lip caught under her teeth, eyes winking back the tears. It was the headboard that had forced her struggle for composure. Mormon had marked on it, with the heavy lead of a carpenter's pencil.

PATRICK CASEY

lies here where the grass grows and the water runs. He looked for gold in the desert and found death. Buried June 10, 1920.

"Ef that suits you," he told Molly, "they's a chap over to Hereford who's a wolf on carvin'. My letterin's punk. When yore mines pay you cud have it in stone."

"You-all are awful good to me," was all she could trust herself to say. Each of the Three Musketeers of the Range felt a tug to take her in his arms and comfort her. Instead they looked at one another, as men of their breed do. Sam pulled at his mustache. Mormon rubbed the top of his bald head and Sandy rolled a cigarette and smoked it silently.

Molly ate no supper that night. Before dawn Sandy thought he heard the door of her room open and soft foot-falls stealing down the stairs. When he went later to the spring he found the grave covered with the wild blooms that the girl had picked it the dewy dawn.

CHAPTER IV

Sandy Calls the Turn.

It was a week after Pillsoll's dismissal from the Three Star premises that one of the riders, coming back from Hereford with the mail, brought rumors of a new strike at Dynamite. The man said that Pillsoll had stated that he expected to go over to the mining camp in the interests of claims located by Patrick Casey in which he had a half interest, by reason of having grubstaked the prospector.

"There's the thorn under that saddle," said Sandy to Mormon. "That's what Jim Pillsoll meant by his 'deal.' I don't believe he'd stir up things unless he was fairly sure there was something doin' oveh to him. Molly sees her dad never mistaken. She 't lie an' she 's done to the man Mo' h—l here to 'quit me. There ought to be a bounty on yore scalp an' ears. You hear me, Jim Pillsoll, I'm talkin' straight. Now git, head yore huss-

le! See "Nero," in twelve reels, Monday and Tuesday.

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Two buffalos from the Wainwright Park herd in Alberta will be supplied by the Canadian Federal authorities to the Montreal Winter Carnival Committee for the big barbecue which will be held there some time in late February.

More than one-third of the total area of Holland lies below the level of the sea which is kept back by means of dikes.

The American Bible Society believes materialism is giving way to spiritual victories. The Bible is published in 770 languages and dialects and great staffs of experts in America and Europe are busy revising the text. The society in America alone plans to print and distribute for one cent a copy between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 Bibles this year.

The world's record obelisk has been unearthed at Assuan, Egypt. It is 113 feet long, 14 feet at base, and eight feet at narrow end, and weighs 1,200 tons. Cleopatra's needle is 68 1/2 feet high and weighs 180 tons.

A poll of sixth grade pupils in St. Louis revealed that of 5,375 children questioned 40 per cent had never seen a sheep, and 17 per cent had never looked upon a pig. Of every hundred children, 12 had never seen a cow. It has been suggested that a cow and a pig be placed in the municipal zoo.

In Berlin the dance mania is so intensive that the government has closed all cabarets where dancing and drinking of cheap wines went on from 5 p. m. until after midnight.

A million or more square miles of what is, at present, unproductive land in the arctic and sub-arctic regions of Canada are to be used as a permanent grazing area for musk ox, if plans of the Royal Commission of Canada mature. The musk ox grazes on lichen, moss and willow shoots and unlike the caribou is not a migratory animal, but grazes in much the same way as do domestic cattle, moving only as food conditions render this necessary. The flesh of this animal is nutritious and palatable and similar to beef.

Alfred Bernhard Nobel, the founder of the Nobel Peace Prize, was a Swedish inventor and philanthropist. He invented dynamite and other deadly explosives serviceable in war, but his heart was all for peace. His will provided for five annual prizes to be awarded to persons who, in different fields of activity, had made the greatest contributions toward the progress of the world and the welfare of humanity.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U. No. 1.

Study for March 18, 1923, "A Giant Slain by a Shepherd Lad." Song. Prayer. Song. Business and Records. Group No. 3 in charge of program: (1) Prayer. (2) David's Early Days—Alvin Baldwin. (3) David and Saul—Thelma Walker. (4) Goliath, the Giant Champion.—Jodie B. Merrick. (5) David Overcomes Goliath—Ben Walker. (6) Scripture Reading Psalm 121—Mrs. Whaley. (7) David and Jonathan—Prentiss Hyder. (8) The Story Complete—By Leader. Leader's ten minutes. Closing song and prayer. Come and be with us. A blessing in store for all. A special program is planned; come, help us make it a success. —Leader.

Main Street Church of Christ.

Number 24 made 840 miles and number 25, 715 miles last Sunday. This was great considering the storm they had to travel through. On time counts ten miles and the time to start is 9:45 a. m. We must make San Francisco next Sunday. The Bradleys will be looking for us.

Preaching 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject: "Rooted and Ground in Love." Evening subject: "Answering the Greatest Question of the Hour."

Preaching at Friendship 3:00 p. m. Junior C. E. 3:00 p. m., Wayne Hull, leader.

Intermediate C. E. 4:00 p. m., May Nell Elliott, leader.

Senior C. E. 7:00 p. m., Orville Goodpasture, leader.

Services all next week, 7:45 p. m. Preaching by Rev. Jesse A. Mason of Lone Oak. Bro. Mason is one of the most successful pastor-evangelists in Texas. He is also a church builder, having completed one of the best buildings in Lone Oak within the last year.

First Presbyterian Church.

Last Sunday was a fine time to manifest the spirit of gratitude to God for the splendid rain which came like a benediction on the earth. It is never amiss to say "Thank you" even to God for favors received.

Notwithstanding the down-pour there was a goodly attendance. All the services were helpful. Self-sacrifice always brings its reward. At the evening service the pastor gave

a Bible-reading on the theme: "The Betrayal of Jesus."

Easter Sunday.

At the morning service on Easter day the Knights Templars will meet in this church, and the pastor will preach a sermon suitable for the occasion. The vesper service will be in the hands of the choir who are preparing to render an Easter cantata.

Next Sunday.

On account of the weather conditions, the Every Member Canvass was deferred until next Sunday afternoon. This matter is worthy of earnest meditation and prayer. Let us pay God what we owe Him, and supplement that with free-will offerings as God has prospered us. The hours of the canvass will be from 2 to 5 in the afternoon. 9:45 a. m. Sunday school. 11:00 a. m. Sermon. Theme: "On Wings to the Infinite."

4:00 p. m. Junior C. E. society. 6:00 p. m. Intermediate C. E. society.

7:30 p. m. Sermon. Theme: "The Nightmare of the Ages." Mid-week services every Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. The study will probably be the last part of Luke 7, and a portion of chapter 8. Study and bring your findings with you.

On Monday afternoon the Ladies' Missionary Society had an interesting meeting in the pastor's study. The Westminster Guild met with Mrs. T. E. Noel on Monday night. This is said to have been one of the best meetings held since the Guild was organized. It is made up of a set of live young women who aspire. —Eugene B. Kuntz, pastor.

Church of Christ, Seventh and Brice.

Meats each Lord's Day at 10:00 a. m. for class work and worship. Preaching on the first and third Lord's days in each month. Prayer-meeting, song drill and Bible study every Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. The women's Bible class meets from house to house every Monday at 2:30 p. m. You are invited to meet with us. You are always welcome.

I was at Quail last Lord's Day, but owing to the rain we had no preaching until at night, when we had a good meeting. —C. H. Kennedy, Minister.

First Baptist Church.

Although it rained all morning, we had a goodly number at Sunday school and church. The pastor left Sunday night for Slaton, where he will conduct a two weeks' campaign. Let every one interested in the salvation of lost souls, pray for a great revival.

Dr. E. B. Atwood, president of Wayland Baptist College at Plainview, will fill the pulpit both morning and evening next Sunday. Don't miss this opportunity of hearing Dr. Atwood.

Sunday school 9:45. Preaching 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Sunbeams and Junior B. Y. P. U. meet at 3:00 p. m.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U. No. 2. 5:15 p. m.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U. No. 1. 6:15 p. m.

W. M. U. Monday 3:00 p. m.

Prayer-meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

Choir practice Thursday 7:30 p. m. Y. W. A. will meet Monday 7:30 p. m. with Miss Virginia Thompson.

—Chas. T. Whaley, pastor.

Money to loan, good real estate security, at 8 per cent. T. C. Delaney.

Card of Thanks.

We can not find words to express our heart-felt thanks to our many friends for their untiring efforts to help us during the illness and death of our dear husband and father. We shall always remember the many beautiful flowers that were sent to comfort and cheer him through his trying hours.

May God, in His mercy be as kind to each of you in time of trouble as he has been to us, is our prayer. MRS. W. COMBEST, Curtis Combest, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Rasco.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank my many friends who visited me during my illness and for the many acts of kindness shown me while confined to my room. MRS. ELLEN EWEN.

For Sale—80 tons of kaffir corn, hand headed, well matured dry stuff. Price, \$26.50 at the rick, or \$27.50 on cars at Lelia Lake. W. A. Tomlinson, 3 miles Northeast of Lelia Lake, Texas. 36-2*

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If you want the best of extracts, spices, toilet articles, home remedies, or anything in the Watkins line on Saturday night or Monday, phone 491. W. T. Hightower. 36-4*

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Caldwell and children, of Graham, visited Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Carroll the first of this week. Mr. Caldwell sold screens, for the new court house, to the Commissioners' Court while here.

Why allow yourself to get old and stiff? Why not take chiropractic adjustments and keep supple? John W. Fitzjarrald, the Chiropractor. Office in residence two blocks west of Citizens State Bank. Lady in office. Phone 462.

CASH AND CARRY

Crackers.

Cheese Tidbits, dainty, appetizing and nourishing, cupful5c
Butter Thin Biscuits, pkg.15c
Saratoga Flakes, thin wafers20c
Vanilla Sandwiches, excellent to serve with Tea or Salads, lb.50c
3 1/2 lbs. fresh N. B. C. crackers 50c

Relishes.

Heintz midgit pickles, best, bot. 50c
India Relish, aromatic, bottle45c
Mission sweet pickles, mixed, bot. 25c
California sweet pickles, mixed, quart50c
Heintz small white onions, bot. 50c
White Swan catsup, small size 20c

Side Dishes.

Cooked brains, per can20c
Tuna Fish, white meat, meat20c
Swift's breakfast bacon, glass 40c
Chile Con Carne, no beans, can 10c

Wash Day.

8 bars white laundry soap25c
Twisted wire clothes lines25c
Best wire spring pins, dozen5c
Well buckets for cisterns50c
Wash tubs, large size85c

Dishes.

Gold Band cream pitcher50c
Gold Band oatmeal bowl25c
Gold Band sugar bowl1.00
Heavy white sugar bowls75c
White cups and saucers, set1.50
Gold Band dinner plates, set \$1.85

Pop Corn.

A source of pleasure and home comfort. Pop some. Perhaps you like goobers. Also walnuts, almonds, nigger toes and shelled pecans.

T. R. GARROT

In Norway the shark is caught and utilized. His head is made into glue, his teeth into "ivory" ornaments, his flesh into fertilizer, his liver into "cod-liver" oil and his hide into leather of the finest quality. With millions of sharks in North Pacific waters there is no reason why marketable and needful products could not be made from them by the cities of that coast.

Italy leads the world in the manufacture of violin strings.

The Ruhr River valley is an oblong basin of coal-beds, about 30 miles wide at the Rhine, narrowing

to about 15 miles beyond Dortmund, and 50 miles long. It is the heart of the coal and steel industry of Germany.

Professor Herman Lundborg, of Sweden, says, "There is grave doubt whether a people really gains anything when millions of money pour into the country. Luxuries are demanded, lassitude sets in, and the interest in work and production falls off. Women avoid maternity, and these processes, beginning in the middle and upper classes, gradually work downward and in time destroy the race."

FOR EASTER

We will have Carnations for Easter and would suggest that you place your order now and we will be glad to reserve them for you.

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Dress Hats, Tailored Hats and Street Hats, in colors of Purple, Rose, Sand, Red Orchid and Grey.

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\$10.50

We will feature in this sale, Coat Suits, Coats, Wraps and Taffeta Dresses at Pre-Easter sale prices. We will have some very attractive prices on all the items listed above. We will be glad to show you the many other values not mentioned here. Extra help will be added to our sales force and it will be a pleasure to show you.

Come to the Interscholastic League meet, March 30-31.